

# 2007 Mercer Bears Baseball

## 2007 Schedule & Results

Overall: 0-0      A-Sun: 0-0  
Home: 0-0      Away: 0-0      Neutral: 0-0

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Feb. 2	at Miami, Fla.	7 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Miami, Fla.	7 p.m.
Feb. 4	at Miami, Fla.	1 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Bethune-Cookman (DH)	1 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Bethune-Cookman	1 p.m.
<b>Feb. 14</b>	<b>Georgia State</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
Feb. 16	at South Alabama	6 p.m.
Feb. 17	at South Alabama	1 p.m.
Feb. 18	at South Alabama	1 p.m.
<b>Feb. 21</b>	<b>Georgia</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 23</b>	<b>Florida A&amp;M</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 24</b>	<b>Florida A&amp;M</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 25</b>	<b>Florida A&amp;M</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Feb. 28	at Georgia State	6 p.m.
<b>Mar. 2</b>	<b>Samford</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
<b>Mar. 3</b>	<b>Samford</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>Mar. 4</b>	<b>Samford</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Mar. 7	at Western Carolina	3 p.m.
Mar. 9	at Florida A&M	4 p.m.
Mar. 10	at Florida A&M	1 p.m.
Mar. 11	at Florida A&M	1 p.m.
<b>Mar. 16</b>	<b>*Campbell</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Mar. 17</b>	<b>*Campbell (DH)</b>	<b>noon</b>
Mar. 20	at Georgia	6 p.m.
Mar. 23	*at Stetson	7 p.m.
Mar. 24	*at Stetson (DH)	1 p.m.
<b>Mar. 27</b>	<b>Auburn</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Mar. 30</b>	<b>*Jacksonville</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Mar. 31</b>	<b>*Jacksonville (DH)</b>	<b>noon</b>
Apr. 4	at Georgia State	6 p.m.
<b>Apr. 6</b>	<b>*Lipscomb</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Apr. 7</b>	<b>*Lipscomb (DH)</b>	<b>noon</b>
Apr. 10	at Auburn	7 p.m.
Apr. 14	*at Belmont (DH)	3 p.m.
Apr. 15	*at Belmont	2 p.m.
<b>Apr. 17</b>	<b>Georgia Southern</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Apr. 21	*at North Florida (DH)	1 p.m.
Apr. 22	*at North Florida	1 p.m.
<b>Apr. 24</b>	<b>Savannah State</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Apr. 27</b>	<b>*Kennesaw State</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Apr. 28</b>	<b>*Kennesaw State (DH)</b>	<b>noon</b>
May 10	*at Gardner-Webb	4:30 p.m.
May 11	*at Gardner-Webb (DH)	1 p.m.
May 15	at Georgia Southern	6 p.m.
<b>May 17</b>	<b>*ETSU</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>May 18</b>	<b>*ETSU (DH)</b>	<b>noon</b>
May 23-26	A-Sun Tournament (DeLand, Fla.)	
*Atlantic Sun Conference game		
DH-Doubleheader		
All times are Eastern		
Home games are <b>bold</b>		
Schedule is subject to change		

## Games 1-3 Mercer vs. #2 Miami (Fla.) Feb. 2-4, 2007 Mark Light Field

The Bears open the 2007 campaign with a challenging series at ACC foe Miami at Mark Light Field in Coral Gables, Fla. Miami comes into the series ranked No. 2 by Baseball America, No. 3 in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll, No. 5 by the National College Baseball Writers Association and No. 6 by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper. The Hurricanes return five position starters and their top four starting pitchers from a 42-24 squad that earned a berth in the 2006 College World Series and was eliminated by eventual champion Oregon State. The Hurricanes received two first-place votes and were tabbed to finish second in the ACC's Coastal Division behind North Carolina.

Mercer returns seven position starters and staff ace Brantley New from last season's 34-26 team. The Bears had four players named to the Atlantic Sun preseason all-conference squad including preseason Player of the Year Josh Thompson, Mike Armstrong, Billy Shaughnessy and New. The Bears finished third in the A-Sun preseason poll behind last season's regular season champion Jacksonville and the 2006 A-Sun tournament champion Stetson. The Bears have ample experience to make a run at the conference title this year as eight of the nine projected position starters are juniors and seniors. Also, the top two pitchers in the rotation to open the season, New and Blake Quarles, are seniors. Junior college transfer Cory Gearrin will take over for all-conference closer Andrew Urena. Gearrin enjoyed a successful summer in the prestigious Cape Cod League, earning a spot on the summer league's All-Star team.

### Mercer Probable Starters

#### Probable Batting Order (2006 Statistics)

Pos.	Name	Yr.	Avg.	2B	3B	HR	RBI	
RF	John Dortch	Jr.	.293	5	0	4	25	
2B	Tyler McCarty	So.	.309	11	0	0	25	
DH	Tyler Brown	Jr.	Middle Georgia Junior College					
C	Josh Thompson	Sr.	.332	16	0	15	53	
1B	Mike Armstrong	Jr.	.368	11	0	9	30	
CF	Eric Renfroe	Sr.	.324	10	1	4	40	
SS	Billy Shaughnessy	Jr.	.294	11	0	2	34	
LF	Jason Lowey	Sr.	.209	8	0	1	18	
3B	Josh Lowey	Jr.	Red-shirted					

#### Probable Pitching Rotation (2006 Statistics)

Pos.	Name	Yr.	ERA	W-L	SV	IP	SO	
SP	Brantley New	Sr.	3.60	9-3	0	100.0	95	
SP	Blake Quarles	Sr.	5.23	4-2	0	74.0	60	
SP	Justin Boyette	So.	Okaloosa-Walton Junior College					
SP	Boone Webster	Jr.	Young Harris Junior College					
RP	Cory Gearrin	Jr.	Young Harris Junior College					

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No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
2	Nick DiMauro	INF	R/R	5-9	160	Fr.	Boca Raton, Fla./Boca Raton HS
3	Casey Stuart	C	R/R	6-2	180	So.	Warner Robins, Ga./Houston County HS
4	Jason Lowey	OF	R/R	5-10	170	Sr.	Ft. Walton Beach, Fla./Okaloosa-Walton JC
5	Thomas Carroll	OF/LHP	L/L	6-2	210	Fr.	Albany, Ga./Deerfield Windsor HS
6	Blake Quarles	LHP	L/L	6-3	188	Sr.	Augusta, Ga./Young Harris JC
7	Michael Langley	INF	R/R	5-11	160	Fr.	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview HS
8	Steven Karwatt	INF	R/R	6-0	210	So.	Sarasota, Fla./Sarasota HS
9	Billy Shaughnessy	INF	R/R	5-11	180	Jr.	Roswell, Ga./Lassiter HS
10	Josh Lowey	INF	R/R	5-11	180	Jr.	Ft. Walton Beach, Fla./Okaloosa-Walton JC
11	Tyler McCarty	INF	S/R	5-10	190	So.	Griffin, Ga./Spalding County HS
12	Josh Thompson	C	R/R	6-3	210	Sr.	Pineview, Ga./Fullington Academy
13	Matt Crawford	OF	S/R	6-0	164	Jr.	Waycross, Ga./Gordon JC
14	Mike Armstrong	INF/C	R/R	6-4	225	Jr.	Evans, Ga./Evans HS
15	Tyler Brown	INF/C	L/R	6-0	210	Jr.	Monroe, Ga./Middle Georgia JC
17	Brantley New	RHP	R/R	6-3	205	Sr.	Dublin, Ga./Dublin HS
19	Andrew Einert	INF	L/R	6-2	210	Sr.	Kennesaw, Ga./North Cobb HS
20	J.C. Daugherty	LHP	L/L	6-2	220	Sr.	Clearwater, Fla./North Florida CC
21	Mark Jarvis	OF	R/R	6-2	205	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./Westminister HS
22	Eric Renfroe	OF	L/R	6-2	205	Sr.	Macon, Ga./Tattnall Square Academy
23	Andy Campbell	RHP	R/R	6-2	200	Jr.	Whitesburg, Ga./Alexander HS
25	John Daugherty	INF	L/L	6-2	180	Jr.	Athens, Ga./Clarke Central HS
26	Cory Gearrin	RHP	R/R	6-3	210	Jr.	Dayton, Tenn./Young Harris JC
27	John Dortch	OF	R/R	6-2	180	Jr.	Tallahassee, Fla./Chiles HS
28	Justin Boyette	RHP	R/R	6-1	195	So.	Beaumont, Texas/Okaloosa-Walton JC
29	Joe Winker	OF	L/L	6-1	190	Fr.	Orlando, Fla./Bishop Moore HS
30	Michael Shaw	RHP	R/R	6-3	230	Fr.	Cumming, Ga./North Forsyth HS
31	Mike Narveson	RHP	R/R	6-3	191	Sr.	Savannah, Ga./Savannah Christian HS
33	David Harden	RHP	R/R	6-4	210	Fr.	Marietta, Ga./Kennesaw Mountain HS
34	Scott Patterson	RHP	R/R	6-0	170	Fr.	Cumming, Ga./North Forsyth HS
35	Richard Bentley	OF	R/R	6-3	195	Jr.	Marietta, Ga./Young Harris JC
36	Kyle Bedrosian	LHP	L/L	6-0	185	So.	Sharpsburg, Ga./East Coweta HS
38	Boone Webster	RHP	R/R	6-2	201	Jr.	Alpharetta, Ga./Young Harris JC
39	Jerod Northcutt	RHP/OF	R/R	6-2	190	Fr.	Cochran, Pa./Cochran HS
40	Justin True	OF	R/R	6-1	190	So.	Macon, Ga./Tattnall Square Academy
42	Travis Peyatt	C	R/R	6-2	225	Fr.	Byron, Ga./Mount de Sales
44	J.T. Odom	OF	R/R	6-0	180	Fr.	St. Mary's, Ga./The Bolles School

**Head Coach:** Craig Gibson (Fourth season, Mercer '85)

**Assistant Coaches:** Tim Boeth (Second season, Central Florida '98), Danny McMurtry (First season, Louisiana-Lafayette '03), Ty Megahee (Second season, Mercer '05)

## Pronunciations

2 Nick <b>DiMauro</b> .....Di-Mar-oh
6 Blake <b>Quarles</b> .....Kwarles
8 Steven <b>Karwatt</b> .....Car-wat
9 Billy <b>Shaughnessy</b> .....Shaw-nes-ee
19 Andrew <b>Einert</b> .....I-nert
26 Cory <b>Gearrin</b> .....Gare-in
27 John <b>Dortch</b> .....Door-ch
28 Justin <b>Boyette</b> .....Boy-et
36 Kyle <b>Bedrosian</b> .....Buh-droh-shun
38 <b>Boone</b> Webster .....Boon
42 Travis <b>Peyatt</b> .....Pie-ut
Tim <b>Boeth</b> .....Booth
Danny <b>McMurtry</b> .....Mc-Mer-tree
Ty <b>Megahee</b> .....Muh-gay-hee

## Roster Breakdown

By State	
Georgia	.....25
Florida	.....8
Pennsylvania	.....1
Tennessee	.....1
Texas	.....1

By Year	
Seniors	.....8
Juniors	.....12
Sophomores	.....6
Freshman	.....10

By Position	
Pitchers	.....12 (9 RHP and 3 LHP)
Catchers	.....3
Infielders	.....10
Outfielders	.....11

## Game Notes

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## The Last Time...

**Mercer scored 20 or more runs in a game** - March 23, 2001, in Atlanta, Ga., when Mercer pounded out 21 hits in a 23-7 win over Georgia State.

**Mercer had 20 or more hits in a game** - April 27, 2001, in Birmingham, Ala., when Mercer had 23 hits in a 16-8 win over Samford.

**A Mercer player hit a grand slam** - April 14, 2006, in Johnson City, Tenn., when Josh Thompson delivered a second-inning jack to center field in a 10-8 win over ETSU.

**An opponent hit a grand slam** - April 15, 2006, in Johnson City, Tenn., when ETSU's Matt Traylor blasted a fourth-inning shot over the right-field fence. The Bears went on to defeat the Bucs, 10-7.

**A Mercer player hit two grand slams in a game** - February 23, 2001, in Macon, Ga., when Chris Connelly hit grand slams in the fourth and sixth innings of the Bears' 32-0 victory over Howard University.

**Mercer players hit two grand slams in an inning** - February 23, 2001, in Macon, Ga., when Luke Jackson and Chris Connelly both hit grand slams with two outs recorded in the Bears' nine-run sixth inning against Howard University. The Bears went on to win 32-0 in the seven inning contest.

**Mercer players hit back-to-back home runs** - May 21, 2005, in Macon, Ga., when Daniel Hurst and Josh Thompson hit back-to-back solo home runs in the sixth inning of the final game of the season. Mercer would go on to defeat UCF, 8-7.

**A Mercer player hit two home runs in a game** - April 14, 2006, in Johnson City, Tenn., when Josh Thompson recorded a grand slam in the first inning and added a solo shot in the fourth inning of a 10-8 win over ETSU.

**A Mercer player hit a walk-off home run** - May 1, 2002, when Kurt Levensgood ended a match-up against Florida A&M in the bottom of the seventh with a two-out, three-run shot to give the Bears a 5-2 victory.

**A Mercer pitcher struck out 10 or more batters** - February 20, 2004, in Macon, Ga., when Brian Jones struck out 13 Albany State batters in his complete-game, nine-inning shutout, which the Bears won 1-0.

**A Mercer pitcher threw consecutive shutouts** - February 7, 15 and 20, 2004, when Brian Jones threw three consecutive shutouts against VMI, Florida A&M and Albany State. His consecutive shutout innings streak would last 30.2 innings before falling in the first inning against Savannah State.

**A Mercer player stole home** - February 11, 2006, in Macon, Ga., when Mike Armstrong and Billy Shaughnessy successfully pulled off a double steal. Armstrong broke from third as Shaughnessy left first to draw a pick-off attempt, and Armstrong beat the throw to the plate. The Bears went on to defeat VMI, 9-4.

**A Mercer player had a hitting streak over 15 games** - In 2006, junior Josh Thompson registered a 21-game hitting streak from March 24 until April 28.

## 2006 Team Almanac

Longest winning streak	. . . . .4, Twice
Longest losing streak	. . . . .4
Most runs scored	. . . . .12, (2/18 and 3/14)
Fewest runs scored	. . . . .1, (2/25, 3/5 and 4/29)
Most runs allowed	. . . . .19, (3/18)
Fewest runs allowed	. . . . .0, (3/3 and 3/22)
Average runs scored	. . . . .6.2
Average runs allowed	. . . . .5.8

## 2006 Record by Month

February	. . . . .9-4
March	. . . . .10-9
April	. . . . .10-8
May	. . . . .5-5

## 2006 Record by Game

Non-Conference	. . . . .13-13
Atlantic Sun	. . . . .19-11
Tournament	. . . . .2-2

## 2006 Record by Day

Sunday	. . . . .2-4
Monday	. . . . .0-0
Tuesday	. . . . .2-4
Wednesday	. . . . .3-3
Thursday	. . . . .1-1
Friday	. . . . .12-7
Saturday	. . . . .14-7

## 2006 Record vs. Conferences

<b>Mid-Eastern</b>	. . . . .5-1
Florida A&M	. . . . .2-1
Bethune-Cookman	. . . . .3-0
<b>Big South</b>	. . . . .2-1
VMI	. . . . .2-1
<b>Southeastern</b>	. . . . .1-2
Florida	. . . . .1-0
Georgia	. . . . .0-1
Auburn	. . . . .0-1
<b>Atlantic Coast</b>	. . . . .1-3
Florida State	. . . . .0-1
Clemson	. . . . .1-2
<b>Southern</b>	. . . . .0-2
Georgia Southern	. . . . .0-2
<b>Conference USA</b>	. . . . .1-2
UAB	. . . . .1-2
<b>Ohio Valley</b>	. . . . .1-0
Samford	. . . . .1-0
<b>Metro Atlantic</b>	. . . . .1-1
Rider	. . . . .1-1
<b>Colonial</b>	. . . . .1-1
Georgia State	. . . . .1-1



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## 2006 Atlantic Sun Standings

Team	Conference				Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.
Jacksonville	23	7	.767	-	43	19	.694
^UNF	20	10	.667	3	34	21	.618
<b>Mercer</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>.633</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>.567</b>
*Stetson	16	14	.533	7	38	24	.613
ETSU	14	16	.467	9	31	27	.534
FAU	14	16	.467	9	30	28	.517
Campbell	13	17	.433	10	19	38	.333
Gardner-Webb	12	18	.400	11	24	31	.436
^Kennesaw St.	12	18	.400	11	24	32	.429
Belmont	11	19	.367	12	24	31	.436
Lipscomb	11	19	.367	12	22	32	.407

\*-Winner of 2006 A-Sun Tournament

^-Not eligible for postseason during reclassifying years

## 2007 Preseason Poll

Pos.	Team (First-place votes)	Pts.
1.	Jacksonville (5)	91
2.	Stetson (4)	91
<b>3.</b>	<b>Mercer (1)</b>	<b>80</b>
4.	North Florida	72
5.	ETSU	60
6.	Kennesaw State	42
7.	Belmont	41
8.	Campbell	27
9.	Gardner-Webb	25
10.	Lipscomb	21

**A-Sun Tournament Champion:**  
Stetson

**Preseason Player of the Year:**  
Josh Thompson (Mercer)

## 2007 Preseason All-Atlantic Sun Team

Pos.	Name	Team	Cl.
SP	*Matt Dobbins	Jacksonville	Jr.
SP	Chris Ingoglia	Stetson	Sr.
SP	Brad Johnson	North Florida	Sr.
<b>SP</b>	<b>Brantley New</b>	<b>Mercer</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
RP	Robbie Elsemiller	Stetson	Jr.
<b>1B</b>	<b>Mike Armstrong</b>	<b>Mercer</b>	<b>Jr.</b>
2B	Chad Knight	North Florida	Jr.
3B	Braedyn Pruitt	Stetson	Sr.
<b>SS</b>	<b>Billy Shaughnessy</b>	<b>Mercer</b>	<b>Jr.</b>
OF	Pete Clifford	Jacksonville	Sr.
OF	Shane Jordan	Stetson	Sr.
OF	Wilson Tucker	Belmont	Sr.
<b>C</b>	<b>Josh Thompson</b>	<b>Mercer</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
DH	Travis Martin	North Florida	Jr.
DH	Jay McConnell	Gardner-Webb	So.

\*Unanimous Selection

## This Week in the A-Sun

### Feb. 2

Mercer at Miami (Fla.) - 7 p.m.  
Jacksonville at Bethune-Cookman - 4 p.m.

### Feb. 3

Mercer at Miami (Fla.) - 7 p.m.  
Jacksonville at Bethune-Cookman - 1 p.m.

### Feb. 4

Mercer at Miami (Fla.) - 1 p.m.  
Jacksonville at Bethune-Cookman - 1 p.m.

### Feb. 7

Florida A&M at Jacksonville - 3:30 p.m.

### Feb. 9

Creighton at Gardner-Webb - 12:30 p.m.  
Evansville at Lipscomb - 2 p.m.  
Charlotte at Campbell - 2 p.m.  
ETSU at Citadel - 3 p.m.  
Virginia at UNF - 3:30 p.m.  
Southern Illinois at Stetson - 5 p.m.

### Feb. 10

**Mercer at Bethune-Cookman - 1 p.m. (DH)**  
Maryland at Gardner-Webb - 4:30 p.m.  
Evansville at Lipscomb - 2 p.m.  
Charlotte at Campbell - 2 p.m.  
ETSU at Citadel - 3 p.m.  
Virginia at UNF - 3:30 p.m.  
Southern Illinois at Stetson - 5 p.m.

### Feb. 11

**Mercer at Bethune-Cookman - 1 p.m.**  
Gardner-Webb at Winthrop - 2:30 p.m.  
Southern Illinois at Stetson - 1p.m.  
ETSU at Citadel - 1 p.m.  
Evansville at Lipscomb - 2 p.m.  
Elon at UNF - 3:30 p.m.

All Times are Eastern



# 2007 Mercer Bears Baseball

## A Look at the Hurricanes

### Season Outlook

The Hurricanes are led offensively by second baseman Jemile Weeks, younger brother of Milwaukee Brewers' phenom Rickie Weeks. He is one of the most dynamic players in college baseball, possessing a rare combination of power and speed. First baseman Yonder Alonso, the top prospect in the Valley League last summer, adds another big bat to the Miami lineup and has the potential to lead the nation in home runs. Miami is expecting big things from outfielders Blake Tekotte and Dennis Raben, as both have the tools to be all-conference selections and early round draft picks in 2008. Freshman Mark Sobolewski will step right in at third base, and his bat is drawing comparisons to former Hurricanes' star and another Brewers' youngster, Ryan Braun. Richard O'Brien will open the season as Miami's starting catcher, but freshman Jason Hagerty has a solid bat and could push for playing time.

On the mound, Miami has a stellar one-two punch to anchor the staff in Scott Maine and Danny Gil. Freshman Eric Erickson is one of the top incoming pitchers in the country and will give Manny Miguelez a run for the Sunday starter spot. The Hurricanes will miss closer Chris Perez (4-1, 1.79, 12 saves), but Enrique Garcia seems to be the answer head coach Jim Morris is looking for. Miami is outstanding defensively up the middle, as Tekotte covers plenty of ground in center and Ryan Jackson is a premier defensive shortstop. Jackson and Weeks will be a dynamite double-play combination, and senior Roger Tomas gives the squad depth in the infield.

## 2006 Individual Statistics Leaders

### Batting Leaders

Name	Avg.	2B	HR	RBI	R
Jemile Weeks	.352	18	6	40	69
Yonder Alonso	.295	18	10	69	48
Blake Tekotte	.286	6	4	30	36
Dennis Raben	.285	12	8	32	32
Roger Tomas	.283	5	16	50	28

### Pitching Leaders

Name	ERA	ERA	SO	SV	IP
*Danny Gil	2.66	4-3	59	0	67.2
*Manny Miguelez	4.31	8-4	78	0	104.1
Carlos Gutierrez	4.40	9-7	62	0	88.0
*Scott Maine	4.57	12-3	76	0	106.1

\*Probable Starters for this weekend's games

## Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Hometown
32	Raudel Alfonso	RHP	So.	Hiialeah, Fla.
19	Yonder Alonso	1B	So.	Miami, Fla.
46	Kyle Bellamy	RHP	Fr.	Davie, Fla.
37	Kevin Diego	OF	Fr.	Miami, Fla.
7	Dave DiNatale	OF	So.	Parkland, Fla.
17	Eric Erickson	LHP	Fr.	Sarasota, Fla.
49	PJ Fisher	LHP	Jr.	Las Vegas, Nev.
4	Nick Freitas	OF	So.	Honolulu, Hawaii
31	Enrique Garcia	RHP	Jr.	Mechanicsville, Md.
27	Danny Gil	RHP	Sr.	Miami, Fla.
44	Carlos Gutierrez	RHP	Jr.	Miami, Fla.
47	David Gutierrez	RHP	Fr.	Miami, Fla.
22	Jason Hagerty	C	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.
40	John Housey	RHP	Fr.	Davie, Fla.
8	Ryan Jackson	SS	Fr.	Miami Springs, Fla.
41	Teddy Kaufman	RHP	Fr.	Miami, Fla.
45	Alex Koronis	RHP	Fr.	Miami, Fla.
24	Scott Maine	LHP	Jr.	Palm Beach, Fla.
16	Gus Menendez	3B	Sr.	Coral Gables, Fla.
35	Manny Miguelez	LHP	Jr.	Miami, Fla.
43	Anthony Nalepa	RHP	Fr.	Miami, Fla.
10	Richard O'Brien	C	Sr.	Little Rock, Ark.
30	Chris Petralli	1B	Sr.	El Dorado Hills, Calif.
18	Dennis Raben	1B	So.	Hollywood, Fla.
39	Michael Rudman	RHP	Fr.	Miami, Fla.
36	Jason Santana	RHP	So.	Miami, Fla.
13	Mark Sobolewski	3B	Fr.	Sarasota, Fla.
9	Blake Tekotte	CF	So.	Columbia, Mo.
0	Roger Tomas	SS	Sr.	Miramar, Fla.
38	Ben Vazquez	C	Fr.	Miami, Fla.
2	Jemile Weeks	2B	So.	Altamonte Springs, Fla.
34	Jonathan Weislow	OF	Fr.	Vienna, Va.

**Head Coach:** Jim Morris (29th Season, Elon '73)

**Assistant Coaches:** J.T. Arteaga (Third Season, Miami '02), Gino DiMare (11th Season, Miami '98), Joe Mercadante (Third Season, Florida '03)



## Game Notes

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## 2006 Individual Statistics

### Hitting

No.	Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT
9	Shawn Barrett	.371	55-55	210	40	78	16	0	3	32	103	.490	23	11	13	2	.457	1	3	2-3
14	Mike Armstrong	.368	53-43	171	30	63	11	0	9	30	101	.591	17	1	20	1	.429	0	0	1-4
12	Josh Thompson	.332	60-60	223	47	74	16	0	15	53	135	.605	35	8	40	3	.433	4	0	2-2
22	Eric Renfroe	.324	60-57	225	46	73	10	1	4	40	97	.431	27	1	34	3	.391	5	7	11-14
11	Tyler McCarty	.309	54-44	175	29	54	7	0	0	25	61	.349	19	4	23	1	.387	1	7	3-5
5	Billy Shaughnessy	.294	58-58	201	33	59	11	0	2	34	76	.378	11	8	25	5	.347	5	16	10-12
27	John Dortch	.293	56-53	188	29	55	5	0	4	25	72	.383	10	5	26	3	.340	3	3	14-21
8	Sean McCahill	.268	58-58	228	48	61	17	0	5	28	93	.408	25	11	52	0	.363	3	12	12-16
4	Jason Lowey	.209	53-39	153	21	32	8	0	1	18	43	.281	8	4	23	0	.262	3	4	5-9
21	Mark Jarvis	.289	40-31	97	14	28	5	0	2	18	39	.402	12	5	29	1	.391	1	2	3-3
19	Andrew Einert	.212	34-16	52	5	11	2	0	0	5	13	.250	18	2	7	0	.425	1	0	0-0
18	Steven Karwatt	.208	40-20	77	11	16	2	1	2	10	26	.338	11	4	17	1	.337	0	0	0-2
30	Matt Manning	.188	25-2	16	6	3	0	0	0	0	3	.188	2	0	4	0	.278	0	0	5-5
3	Casey Stuart	.080	24-4	25	3	2	1	0	0	1	3	.120	5	0	4	0	.226	1	0	0-0
33	Justin True	.000	4-1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0
29	Stephen Snyder	.000	5-0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0
32	Edwin Rivera	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0
34	Drew Raynor	.000	2-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0	.500	0	0	0-0
7	Kyle Johnston	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0
<b>Totals</b>		.297	60-60	2052	362	609	111	2	47	319	865	.422	223	65	319	20	.379	28	4	68-96
<b>Opponents</b>		.296	60-60	2115	356	627	98	10	42	315	871	.412	224	54	409	13	.375	20	46	49-66

### Pitching

No.	Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP
17	Brantley New	3.60	9-3	16	16	1	0/1	0	100.0	100	52	40	40	95	11	3	7	385	.260	11
2	Hunter Abercrombie	4.41	7-4	24	10	0	0/0	2	81.2	112	52	40	19	35	15	2	6	328	.341	2
20	J.C. Daugherty	5.22	3-1	22	7	0	0/1	0	60.1	73	43	35	26	41	11	2	5	241	.303	13
6	Blake Quarles	5.23	4-2	18	14	1	0/1	0	74.0	86	55	43	35	60	7	1	5	298	.289	2
23	Andrew Urena	1.30	4-2	30	0	0	0/2	15	48.1	36	8	7	27	59	2	0	2	181	.199	3
28	Lath Guyer	2.70	1-0	7	0	0	0/1	0	10.0	10	7	3	6	12	5	0	1	40	.250	3
26	Andy Campbell	5.19	0-1	7	0	0	0/0	0	8.2	12	10	5	3	7	1	0	1	40	.300	1
7	Kyle Johnston	5.47	0-3	18	0	0	0/2	0	24.2	30	16	15	12	11	6	0	1	94	.319	7
31	Mike Narveson	6.39	1-1	23	0	0	0/1	0	31.0	46	28	22	12	22	11	0	2	134	.343	5
15	Josh Young	6.44	2-4	24	3	0	0/1	0	50.1	61	40	36	22	37	14	1	7	201	.303	2
9	Shawn Barrett	7.90	3-5	10	10	0	0/0	0	41.0	58	42	36	20	29	15	1	5	169	.343	5
35	Tyler Finley	81.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.1	3	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	4	.750	0
<b>Totals</b>		4.84	34-26	60	60	2	2/2	17	530.1	627	356	285	224	409	98	10	42	2115	.296	54
<b>Opponents</b>		5.03	26-34	60	60	1	0/0	8	524.2	609	362	293	223	319	111	2	47	2052	.297	56

## Game Notes

# 2007 Mercer Bears Baseball

## 2007 Mercer Bears Preview

The Mercer baseball program will look to build off an impressive 2006 campaign in which they finished 34-26, came in third-place in the Atlantic Sun Conference and clinched a two seed at the A-Sun Championships in DeLand, Fla. Mercer came up just short of a conference championship last year, but due to a solid core of returning players and a list of impressive newcomers, head coach Craig Gibson and his staff have reason to be optimistic for the upcoming year.

Last season, the Bears were eliminated by host Stetson in semifinal action at the A-Sun tournament, 5-4. The Bears showed the type of resiliency they displayed all season in the final game against the Hatters. Trailing by four runs entering the bottom of the ninth, Mercer put together a late rally but fell just short to the eventual tournament champion. Highlights of the 2006 season included the Bears upending regular-season Atlantic Sun champion, Jacksonville, at the conference tournament, defeating No. 1 Florida, 3-2, in Gainesville, Fla. on Feb. 15 and taking a game at No. 1 Clemson, 3-2, Feb. 25.

Stellar pitching and timely hitting carried the Bears last season. Closer Andrew Urena was selected as an All-American and tabbed first team All-Atlantic Sun. Urena finished second in the nation with 15 saves and was selected by the Chicago White Sox during the 11th round of the June major league baseball draft. The loss of Urena will hurt, but Mercer returns seven key position players along with staff ace Brantley New. Blake Quarles and J.C. Daugherty will be counted upon in the middle of the rotation and highly touted newcomer, Corey Gearrin, will take over for Urena at the back end of the bullpen.

### Pitchers

Senior Brantley New made waves as a starter last season, earning first team all-conference honors, compiling a record of 9-3 with a 3.60 ERA and 95 strikeouts in 100 innings of work. New was also selected during the amateur draft in the 27th round by the Boston Red Sox, but decided to return to Mercer for his senior season. New's return will provide stability at the front of the Bears' rotation. Solidifying the starting rotation this season will be seniors J.C. Daugherty and Blake Quarles. Daugherty finished the year 3-1 with a 5.22 ERA and 41 strikeouts, and Quarles went 4-2 sporting a 5.23 ERA and 60 strikeouts. Also in the mix for the starting rotation are junior college transfers Justin Boyette and Boone Webster. Boyette joined the Bears from Okaloosa-Walton, and Webster comes by way of Young Harris. During his freshman and sophomore seasons at Young Harris, Webster helped his squad win the Region XVII Championship and a pair of second-place finishes in the East Central District. He posted three wins and picked up four saves as a freshman, and won five games with one save in his second season at Young Harris.

"With New, Quarles and Daugherty returning to anchor the staff we have answered our weekend questions," said head coach Craig Gibson.

Replacing Urena's closer role will be no easy task for Gibson, but incoming junior college transfer Cory Gearrin will make the transition a smooth one. Gearrin performed admirably during the prestigious Cape Cod League, earning all-star honors

and a top-30 prospect distinction. He finished the summer 2-1 with a 1.67 ERA, picking up eight saves and registering 41 strikeouts in 27 innings. Gearrin gives hitters fits with his low, three-quarters delivery and quality slider. Providing depth in the Bears' bullpen will be senior Mike Narveson, junior Andy Campbell and sophomore Kyle Bedrosian. Last season, Narveson struck out 22 batters in 31 innings, while registering a 1-1 record. Campbell enters the season on a roll as he was named most valuable pitcher for the Winter Pines Warhogs of the Florida Collegiate Summer League. He posted a 2-2 mark and a 3.83 ERA over the summer. Bedrosian was sidelined last year due to an injury, but has the tools to come back strong.

"We must continue to develop quality relievers and give Gearrin the opportunity to close out games," said Gibson.

Newcomers David Harden, Scott Patterson and Michael Shaw will also be in the mix. Harden earned All-Cobb County honors following his junior and senior seasons at Kennesaw Mountain High School. He was also named Cobb County Pitcher of the Year as a junior. Patterson brings a long list of accomplishments with him to Mercer. During his senior year, Patterson was named the Atlanta Journal Constitution Northside Pitcher of the Year, Gainesville Times Pitcher of the Year and to the Metro Atlanta All-Star Team. During his North Forsyth career, he set school records for wins (21) and strikeouts (197). In 2006, Patterson set single-season records for wins (12), strikeouts (96), innings pitched (78) and ERA (0.99). In 2005 and 2006, he was named to the All-County and All-Region teams. Shaw is a big, strong right-handed pitcher from North Forsyth High School. During his senior season, he threw 21 innings, racking up 10 strikeouts, with an ERA of 2.66. This past summer, Shaw put his talent on display for the Midland Redskins out of Ohio. Shaw had a stellar summer going 9-2 with a 1.90 ERA in helping Midland to the CABA National Championship.

"Harden, Shaw, Boyette, Patterson and Webster give us more velocity than we have had in awhile," added Gibson.

### Catchers

Leading the Mercer offense this season will be all-conference selection Josh Thompson. Thompson hit .332 last season, led the Atlantic Sun in home runs (15) and finished fourth in the conference with 53 RBIs. Thompson finished in the top-10 in several A-Sun categories, including slugging percentage (.605), on-base percentage (.433) and total bases (135). In order for the Bears' offense to be successful in 2007, Thompson will be relied upon to produce runs.

Adding depth behind the dish will be sophomore Casey Stuart and freshman Travis Peyatt. Stuart made 24 appearances last season for the Bears and earned all-star honors over the summer in the Florida Collegiate League. Peyatt earned all-region honors in 2005 and 2006 for Mount de Sales. As a senior, he was also selected to the GISA All-State team and named All-Middle Georgia.

"With Thompson and Stuart returning we have two front-line options behind the plate," said Gibson. "Tyler Brown and Travis Peyatt provide quality depth."

# 2007 Mercer Bears Baseball

## Infielders

Complementing Thompson in the middle of the lineup is All-Atlantic Sun selection Mike Armstrong. Armstrong will move from behind the plate to first base this season. He finished second on the team in batting average (.368) and home runs (nine) in 2006. Senior Andrew Einert along with sophomore John Daugherty will provide many options at first base.

Setting the table for Mercer's power-hitting tandem will be junior Billy Shaughnessy and sophomore Tyler McCarty. The slick-fielding Shaughnessy improved his offense steadily over the course of last season, finishing the year with a .294 batting average. McCarty is coming off an All-Freshman team selection, making an immediate impact in his rookie campaign, hitting .309 with seven doubles and 25 RBIs. This season McCarty will shift to second base, and make room for junior Josh Lowey and sophomore Steven Karwatt to battle it out at the hot corner.

Lowey red-shirted last season, but had two successful seasons at Okaloosa-Walton Junior College, batting .318 with 59 RBIs. Junior Tyler Brown, a transfer from Middle Georgia College, is expected to fill the designated hitter role this season and can play first base. He was selected as an all-star and named to the all-league team in the Valley Summer League. Brown batted .292 with five long balls and 29 RBIs. He will add another power source in the Bears' lineup.

Freshman Michael Langley, out of Parkview High School in Lilburn, Ga., will add depth to the infield. He played for Junior Team Georgia in 2005 and was selected to play for Team Georgia in 2006. He was twice selected to the Georgia Dugout Club Top 80, and was invited to play with the Top 20 in 2005. Langley was an honorable mention all-county infielder in 2005 and was named to the AJC first team last year.

"We must replace our entire right side of the infield this year," said Gibson. "How quickly McCarty, Langley, Einert, Armstrong, Brown and Daugherty come together will determine how we play early. With returnees Shaughnessy, Karwatt and Josh Lowey, we feel good about the left side of the infield."

## Outfielders

The Bears return their top four outfielders from last season in seniors Eric Renfroe and Jason Lowey, and juniors John Dortch and Mark Jarvis. Renfroe had a breakout year in 2006, putting up career-bests in eight different offensive categories. He batted .324 and collected 73 hits, 46 runs, 40 RBIs, 27 walks and 11 stolen bases. Dortch took over in right field last season and never looked back. He led the squad with 14 stolen bases and due to a tremendous arm, recorded eight outfield assists. He also hit .293 with four home runs and 25 RBIs.

Defensive guru Jason Lowey and Mark Jarvis platooned in left field last season, and both will battle for significant playing time in 2007. Last season, Lowey hit .209 and garnered eight doubles, 18 RBIs and five stolen bases. Jarvis batted .289 with five doubles, a pair of home runs, 18 RBIs and went 3-for-3 in stolen base attempts. Newcomers Matt Crawford and Richard Bentley will add depth to the outfield.

"An outstanding returning group is anchored by four-year starter Eric Renfroe," added Gibson. "This group brings a lot

of game experience to play in 2007. The returnees along with our newcomers can really "shrink" the field, giving us one of the best outfields in the league."

## Schedule

The 2007 schedule features a challenging mix of non-conference games to go along with competitive conference action. The slate is highlighted by a three-game series at Miami (Fla.) to open the season, home-and-home series against Georgia and Auburn, and a tough Atlantic Sun schedule.

Mercer opens the season with nine of 10 games on the road. Following its trip to Miami, the Bears head to Daytona Beach, Fla. for a weekend series at Bethune-Cookman, Feb. 10-11. Mercer's home opener is scheduled for Feb. 14 versus former conference foe Georgia State at 4 p.m. and after a trip to South Alabama, the Bears return home for an early-season test against Georgia on Feb. 21.

Georgia State and Georgia are part of five home-and-home series this season for Mercer, a list that also includes Auburn (March 27 and April 10), Georgia Southern (April 17 and May 15) and Florida A&M (Feb. 23-25 and March 9-11). The Bears will take on the Panthers in Atlanta, Feb. 28, and travel to Athens to battle the Bulldogs on March 20.

Claude Smith Field will host Samford (March 2-4) and Savannah State (April 24), and a trip to Western Carolina (March 7) round out the non-conference opponents.

Campbell will invade Macon to open conference play, March 16-17, and A-Sun action continues the following weekend as the Bears travel to DeLand, Fla., the site of the 2007 conference tournament, for a three-game series with Stetson.

Jacksonville (March 30-31) and Lipscomb (April 6-7) are set to visit Claude Smith as April and May make way for trips to Belmont, North Florida and Gardner-Webb, and home series against Kennesaw State and ETSU.

The Bears longest home stand of the season is four games and will take place three times during the season. Mercer's longest road trip is six games to open the season. The schedule features a stern test as Miami and Georgia advanced to last season's College World Series. Conference rivals Stetson and Jacksonville, along with Bethune-Cookman and South Alabama also advanced to NCAA regional play.

"One-third of our schedule advanced to regional play last year," said Gibson. "To accomplish our goals of getting to the next level we must not only play this kind of schedule, but we must have success against these teams."

# 2007 Mercer Bears Baseball

## Craig Gibson Head Coach - Fourth Season



Mercer head coach Craig Gibson has helped put the Bears among the elite squads in the Atlantic Sun Conference heading into 2007. Last season, Gibson led Mercer to its best finish since 1999, earning a 34-26 mark and a third-place finish in the conference. Highlighting the season were victories over No. 1 Florida and No. 1 Clemson. Closer Andrew Urena finished second in the nation in saves with 15, and earned All-America honors from several publications. Urena was chosen by the Chicago White Sox during the 11th round of the June major league baseball draft. Brantley New was also drafted last June in the 27th round by the Boston Red Sox, but elected to return to Mercer for his senior year. The Bears also finished over .500 in back-to-back seasons for the first time since 1982-83. Due to the recent success, Gibson has been able to land top-flight recruits, as *Collegiate Baseball* tabbed Mercer's 2007 recruiting class among the nation's top tier.

In 2005, Gibson guided the Bears back above .500, marking the first time Mercer had finished the season with a winning record since 1999. In the process, the Bears set a new school record with eight shutouts and defeated Southwest Missouri State, who finished the season ranked in the Top 25.

Gibson became the third head coach at Mercer University since 1948 at the start of the 2004 season. Barry Myers hung up his spikes after 26 years at Mercer and the Bears did not have to go far to find their new leader.

In his first campaign as head coach, Gibson led his young squad to a 20-35 record, a nine-win improvement from the previ-

ous season. The 2004 Bears had just three seniors on the roster, and of the eight juniors on the squad, only one had played for Mercer in 2003. The rest of the junior class had transferred to Mercer looking for a chance to win.

Mercer opened the 2004 season with a victory over Florida A&M for Gibson's first career win on January 24, 2004. On March 20, 2004, the Bears defeated Jacksonville 2-0, for Gibson's first Atlantic Sun Conference victory. The Bears won two of three games against Troy on April 23-24, 2004 for the first conference series win during the Craig Gibson Era.

Gibson started his career at Mercer as a player. His junior year, the hard-hitting first baseman earned Atlantic Sun Conference Player of the Year honors, while leading the Bears to the Atlantic Sun Tournament and a second-place finish in the regular season.

Following his playing career, Gibson served as a graduate assistant coach on Myers' staff. He then took over as the head baseball coach at Jupiter Community High School in Jupiter, Fla., for two years before moving over to Suncoast Community High School in Riviera Beach, Fla., for one season. Gibson wrapped up his high school coaching career in 1993 as the head coach at Palm Beach Gardens High School in Palm Beach, Fla.

In August 1993, Gibson got the call to come home and serve as an assistant under Myers. With his strong ties to Mercer and a wealth of coaching experience, it made Athletics Director Bobby Pope's choice an easy one when he elevated Gibson to the head job following Myers resignation.

During his time as an assistant, Gibson coached four players who were drafted by the Major Leagues and helped lead Mercer to two A-Sun divisional titles. The Bears also advanced to the A-Sun Tournament three times, finishing as high as third in 1999. The 1999 team was one of the best Gibson worked with, finishing in a tie for third place in the A-Sun at 19-11 and going 36-24 overall.

Since 1994, he has also been involved in helping fundraising for Mercer athletics, serving as director of the athletic department annual fund.

On top of his victories on the field, Gibson was a winner in the classroom, earning a bachelor's degree in history and health, physical education and recreation, and a master's of education in social science from Mercer.

A native of Macon, Ga., Gibson and his wife Diane have two children, Tyler and Lindsey.

### *The Gibson File*

#### *Coaching Experience*

**Mercer University**

**Head Coach**

**2004-present**

**(Fourth Season)**

**Assistant Coach**

**1994-2003**

**(10 Seasons)**

**Graduate Assistant**

**1986-87**

**(Two Seasons)**

**Palm Beach Gardens HS**

**1991-93**

**(Three Seasons)**

**Suncoast Community HS**

**1990**

**(One Season)**

**Jupiter Community HS**

**1988-89**

**(Two Seasons)**

#### *Playing Experience*

**Mercer University**

**1981-85**

**(Four Seasons)**

#### *Education*

**Mercer University**

**B.S. history and health,  
physical education and  
recreation**

**M.S. education in**

**social science**