

A black and white photograph of a female basketball player in a dark jersey with 'MED' and an American flag patch. She is smiling and celebrating, with another player in the foreground also smiling. The background is a blurred outdoor court.

*2005-06 Season Review*

# 2006-07 Mercer Women's Basketball

## Statistics

Player	GP-GS	Min-Avg	TOTAL		3-PTS		REBOUNDS		PF-FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts-Avg
			FG-FGA/Pct	3FG-FGA/Pct	FT-FTA/Pct	Off-Def-Tot/Avg								
Russell, Sarah	28-27	841-30.0	130-358/.363	11-33/.333	63-84/.750	54-138-192/6.9	43-0	42	65	9	31	334-11.9		
Kessenich, Tanya	29-29	711-24.5	110-220/.500	0-1/.000	39-76/.513	69-99-168/5.8	67-1	16	59	39	22	259-8.9		
Keller, Erin	29-22	664-22.9	64-202/.317	22-75/.293	59-94/.628	33-54-87/3.0	82-6	58	62	7	44	209-7.2		
Hall, Courtney	29-2	565-19.5	58-188/.309	45-153/.294	19-28/.679	20-55-75-2.6	38-0	18	42	3	32	180-6.2		
Davis, Rosanna	1-1	15-15.0	3-5/.600	0-0/.000	0-0/.000	2-1-3/3.0	1-0	0	2	0	3	6-6.0		
Skeldon, Sally	26-26	912-35.1	32-92/.348	16-33/.485	54-78/.692	11-76-87/3.3	64-0	179	112	3	71	134-5.2		
Lewis, TaShera	27-10	345-12.8	45-98/.459	0-0/.000	28-46/.609	16-41-57/2.1	51-0	12	40	16	8	118-4.4		
Owens, Rhonda	29-2	537-18.5	43-129/.333	4-20/.200	34-48/.708	26-62-88/3.0	56-0	63	50	0	40	124-4.3		
Lewis, Megan	29-7	424-14.6	41-131/.313	10-35/.286	26-42/.619	41-43-84/2.9	49-1	11	44	0	12	118-4.1		
Leonard, Nicole	29-4	299-10.3	40-106/.377	0-0/.000	14-22/.636	22-37-59/2.0	27-0	9	37	3	15	94-3.2		
Seabron, Chelsea	28-1	201-7.2	24-65/.369	1-7/.143	12-22/.545	14-31-45/1.6	27-0	3	20	6	9	61-2.2		
Swindle, Claire	1-0	1-1.0	1-1/1.000	0-0/.000	0-0/.000	0-0-0/0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2-2.0		
Flucker, Zsaquez	28-13	257-9.2	20-48/.417	0-0/.000	13-23/.565	27-35-62/2.2	50-1	0	15	15	14	53-1.9		
delaRosa, Megan	24-0	77-3.2	5-22/.227	5-20/.250	8-9/.889	4-6-10/0.4	10-0	0	9	0	3	23-1.0		
Bedingfield, Chereese	18-0	23-1.3	0-4/.000	0-0/.000	0-0/.000	2-2-4/0.2	1-0	3	2	0	0	0-0.0		
Hickman, Karen	2-1	3-1.5	0-1/.000	0-1/.000	0-0/.000	0-0-0/0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0-0.0		
Team						71-66-137/4.7	0				9			
Total	29		616-1670/.369	114-378/.302	369-572/.645	412-746-1158/39.9	566-9	414	568	101	304	1715-59.1		
Opponents	29		591-1623/.364	162-476/.340	459-672/.683	413-745-1158/39.9	520-0	373	551	118	308	1803-62.2		

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Mercer	756	929	30	1715
Opponents	839	947	17	1803

## Results

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTEND	HIGH POINTS	HIGH REBOUNDS
11-18-05	at Wake Forest	56-85 L	758	(16)RUSSELL, Sarah	(7)LEWIS, Megan
11-21-05	CAL POLY	66-74 L	263	(11)HALL, Courtney	(11)KESSENICH, Tanya
11-25-05	\$ vs. Vermont	43-64 L	2113	(12)HALL, Courtney	(11)RUSSELL, Sarah (5)HALL, Courtney (5)KELLER, Erin (5)KESSENICH, Tanya
11-26-05	\$ vs. Pacific	W 55-52	2147	(16)HALL, Courtney	(8)RUSSELL, Sarah
12-03-05	* at Campbell	47-54 L	412	(11)RUSSELL, Sarah	(7)RUSSELL, Sarah
12-05-05	* at Gardner-Webb	49-74 L	923	(11)RUSSELL, Sarah	(7)KESSENICH, Tanya (7)RUSSELL, Sarah
12-15-05	at Southern Miss	W 51-49	633	(18)KELLER, Erin	(9)RUSSELL, Sarah
12-19-05	NEW ORLEANS	WOT 70-62	352	(14)RUSSELL, Sarah	(10)RUSSELL, Sarah
12-29-05	at Florida A&M	54-66 L	157	(12)RUSSELL, Sarah	(8)KESSENICH, Tanya (12)KESSENICH, Tanya
01-02-06	* FLORIDA ATLANTIC	W 70-60	279	(14)RUSSELL, Sarah	(8)RUSSELL, Sarah
01-05-06	* at Stetson	W 53-44	376	(12)OWENS, Rhonda	(8)RUSSELL, Sarah
01-12-06	* LIPSCOMB	W 50-46	538	(11)HALL, Courtney	(6)SKELDON, Sally
01-14-06	* BELMONT	WOT 64-62	683	(20)RUSSELL, Sarah	(6)RUSSELL, Sarah
01-19-06	* at Jacksonville	W 66-59	304	(15)RUSSELL, Sarah	(13)RUSSELL, Sarah
01-21-06	* at North Florida	61-66 L	575	(14)LEWIS, TaShera	(10)RUSSELL, Sarah
01-26-06	* KENNESAW STATE	W 69-55	867	(16)KESSENICH, Tanya	(8)RUSSELL, Sarah
01-28-06	* ETSU	W 61-57	717	(12)KELLER, Erin	(9)FLUCKER, Zsaquez (9)RUSSELL, Sarah
02-02-06	* at Belmont	55-66 L	340	(15)RUSSELL, Sarah	(6)RUSSELL, Sarah
02-04-06	* at Lipscomb	47-58 L	787	(10)RUSSELL, Sarah	(8)KESSENICH, Tanya (8)OWENS, Rhonda
02-10-06	* STETSON	W 60-55	919	(11)KESSENICH, Tanya	(7)HALL, Courtney
02-12-06	* at Florida Atlantic	75-82 L	430	(26)KESSENICH, Tanya	(10)OWENS, Rhonda
02-16-06	* CAMPBELL	58-68 L	546	(13)RUSSELL, Sarah	(7)LEWIS, Megan
02-18-06	* GARDNER-WEBB	74-77 L	558	(17)RUSSELL, Sarah	(8)KESSENICH, Tanya
02-23-06	* at ETSU	47-62 L	345	(13)RUSSELL, Sarah	(10)KESSENICH, Tanya
02-26-06	* at Kennesaw State	65-75 L	257	(24)KESSENICH, Tanya	(11)RUSSELL, Sarah
03-02-06	* JACKSONVILLE	W 76-64	563	(19)RUSSELL, Sarah	(6)KESSENICH, Tanya
03-04-06	* NORTH FLORIDA	W 49-41	486	(12)KELLER, Erin	(13)RUSSELL, Sarah
03-09-06	! vs. ETSU	WOT 59-56	561	(15)KELLER, Erin	(12)KESSENICH, Tanya
03-10-06	! vs. Florida Atlantic	65-70 L	711	(14)SKELDON, Sally	(12)FLUCKER, Zsaquez

### Notes:

Home games are in CAPS

\* = Atlantic Sun Conference game

\$ = Oneida Casino Holiday Tournament (Green Bay, Wis.)

! = Atlantic Sun Tournament (Dothan, Ala.)

# 2006-07 Mercer Women's Basketball

## Exhibition Mercer 68 Georgia College 67

Nov. 14, 2005  
Macon, Ga.  
University Center

MACON, Ga. - Mixing eight freshmen with eight returnees is never an easy task, but the Mercer women's basketball team took the first step in blending the old with the new tonight. Mercer defeated Georgia College & State 68-67 with all 14 healthy players seeing the court for the Bears.

Georgia College jumped out to an early lead, leading by as much as nine at the 11:16 mark in the first half. The Lady Bobcats used pressure and took advantage of some Bear fouls to gradually build their early lead.

Mercer mounted a comeback behind Chelsea Seabron. Lay-ups from Courtney Hall and Rhonda Owens, along with two 3-pointers from Seabron gave the Bears a three-point lead with seven minutes left in the first half.

The Bears continued to expand the lead by playing tough defense and converting on their scoring chances, and took a 10-point lead into halftime. "I thought we played very well in the first half," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols. "Our freshmen, specifically Courtney Hall and Megan Lewis, settled in and stepped up for us."

Mercer saw its lead grow to as much as 13 during the second half, but poor shooting and GC&SU's press kept the Lady Bobcats in the game. LaWanna Leon hit a lay-up with 4:56 left in the game, giving GC&SU its first lead since the 8:29 mark of the first half.

The teams traded baskets down the stretch until Hall found a wide-open Tanya Kessenich in the lane with 15 seconds remaining, putting Mercer up for good. Erin Keller made the second of two free throws to give the Bears a three-point lead, which was good enough for the win after a Leon lay-up with just seconds remaining.

Kessenich led Mercer in scoring with 12 points off the bench, while Keller also finished in double digits with 11. Sally Skeldon and Sarah Russell shared the rebounding lead with seven apiece.

Leon led all scorers with 18 points, while Lindsey Smith pitched in 11 and Marquita Driskell added 15 for the Lady Bobcats.

"The most important part of the game is that we never gave up. We just kept fighting," said Nichols.

### GEORGIA COLLEGE

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	MIN
LEON*	9-20	0-0	3-4-7	3 18 0 2 1 3 27
MILLNER*	2-5	1-2	4-6	2-1-3 3 9 3 5 0 3 20
BRANTLEY*	5-11	2-3	3-5	1-5-6 4 15 1 1 4 1 24
DRISKELL*	0-3	0-0	2-2	1-2-3 1 2 3 0 0 0 20
DAWSON*	2-4	0-0	0-0	0-1-1 3 4 0 2 0 1 15
HOLSENDOH*	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0 0 0 1 0 0 0 2
SMITH	2-8	0-1	7-11	2-3-5 3 11 21 0 0 5 28
ROYSTER	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0 1 0 1 3 0 1 1 5
LOMAX	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0 0 0 0 0 0 1 6
WILLIAMS	2-9	0-3	2-2	2-3-5 3 6 0 1 0 4 26
POWERS	0-3	0-1	0-1	1-0-1 1 0 1 1 1 0 15
BIXLER	0-1	0-0	2-4	2-3-5 2 2 0 1 0 1 12
TEAM			3-0-3	1
TOTALS	22-64	3-10	20-31	17-22-3924 67 1227 6 20 200

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	8-29, 27.6%	1-5, 20.0%	12-13, 92.3%
2ND HALF:	14-35, 40.0%	2-5, 40.0%	8-18, 44.4%
GAME:	22-64, 34.4%	3-10, 30.0%	20-31, 64.5%

### MERCER

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	MIN
LEWIS, M.*	0-1	0-1	2-2	1-1-2 0 2 1 2 0 1 17
RUSSELL*	3-8	0-0	3-5	1-6-7 4 9 0 3 1 1 26
DAVIS*	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0 0 0 2 0 0 0 4
HICKMAN*	1-4	0-0	5-6	0-1-1 3 7 1 2 0 0 16
SKELDON*	0-1	0-0	2-2	1-6-7 2 2 3 8 0 5 28
LEWIS, T.	1-3	0-0	2-2	0-0-2 3 2 0 1 0 1 6
BEDINGFIELD	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1
DELAROSA	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0+
OWENS	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-2-3 0 2 1 2 0 1 11
KELLER	3-11	0-3	5-6	1-2-3 4 11 2 4 0 4 20
LEONARD	3-5	0-0	0-0	2-2-2 1 6 0 3 0 0 13
HALL	3-7	1-4	0-0	1-0-1 3 7 2 1 0 3 17
SEABRON	3-5	2-3	0-0	1-3-4 2 8 2 3 2 0 14
KESSENICH	4-7	0-0	4-8	2-4-6 1 12 2 0 2 0 27
TOTALS	22-55	3-11	21-31	11-27-3826 68 1532 5 16 200

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	14-29, 48.3%	3-5, 60.0%	8-10, 80.0%
2ND HALF:	8-26, 30.8%	0-6, 0.0%	13-21, 61.9%
GAME:	22-55, 40.0%	3-11, 27.3%	21-31, 67.7%

OFFICIALS: DAWN MARSH, JOE CUNNINGHAM, MARK HINTSON  
TECHNICAL FOULS: GEORGIA COLLEGE-DRISKELL, MERCER-NONE.  
ATTENDANCE: 278

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
GEORGIA COLLEGE	29	38	67
MERCER	39	29	68

## Game 1 Wake Forest 85 Mercer 56

Nov. 18, 2005  
Winston-Salem, N.C.  
Joel Coliseum Annex

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. - Unable to find its shooting touch and struggling with ball control, the Mercer women's basketball team dropped its season opener 85-56 to Wake Forest Friday.

Wake Forest (1-0) came out on fire in the first half, jumping ahead with an 11-0 run. As a team the Demon Deacons shot 51.4 percent from the floor and nailed 10-of-18 3-point attempts. Cotelia Bond-Young and Liz Strunk led the charge with 16 and 13 first-half points, respectively.

Mercer (0-1) committed 16 first-half turnovers and was unable to find its offensive rhythm despite using eight players off the bench, shooting only 31 percent from the floor. Megan Lewis led the Bears at half with nine points and six rebounds.

"We couldn't shoot in the first half, and that's why we fell behind," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols.

After opening the second half with a 6-0 spurt, the Bears were unable to significantly close the gap as the Demon Deacons answered back each time. Wake Forest shot only 34.6 from the floor in the second half, but played well enough in stretches to maintain its lead.

Bond-Young led all scorers with 24 points, while Strunk contributed 23. Three players grabbed five rebounds for the Demon Deacons.

"We settled in during the second half and kept making runs at them," said Nichols. "I'm proud of the way the team played because they never gave up."

Sarah Russell led the offensive charge in the second half and finished with 16 points and six rebounds. TaShera Lewis scored 11 off the bench and Megan Lewis finished with 11.

The Bears return to action Monday against Cal Poly at home. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the University Center.

### MERCER (0-1)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	MIN
DAVIS*	3-5	0-0	0-0	2-1-3 1 6 0 2 0 3 15
RUSSELL*	6-15	0-0	4-6	5-1-6 1 16 3 3 0 3 30
KESSENICH*	1-3	0-1	0-0	0-1-1 1 2 0 0 0 0 18
SKELDON*	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-3-4 4 0 6 7 0 2 35
LEWIS, M.*	4-12	1-3	2-3	3-4-7 5 11 2 3 0 3 26
LEWIS, T.	5-7	0-0	1-2	2-0-2 4 11 0 1 0 0 18
BEDINGFIELD	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0 0 0 0 0 0 2
DELAROSA	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0 0 0 0 0 0 2
OWENS	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0 0 0 1 0 0 0 3
KELLER	2-5	0-3	0-0	0-0-0 1 4 2 1 0 1 10
LEONARD	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-1-1 1 0 0 3 0 1 8
HALL	1-6	1-6	0-0	1-2-3 1 3 0 4 0 1 18
SEABRON	0-3	0-1	1-2	0-2-2 1 1 0 0 0 0 9
FLUCKER	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1-1 0 2 0 0 0 0 6
TEAM			1-1-2	
TOTALS	23-60	2-15	8-13	16-17-3320 56 1325 0 14 200

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	9-29, 31.0%	1-11, 9.1%	2-3, 66.7%
2ND HALF:	14-31, 45.2%	1-4, 25.0%	6-10, 60.0%
GAME:	23-60, 38.3%	2-25, 13.3%	8-13, 61.5%

### WAKE FOREST (1-0)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	MIN
STRUNK*	7-12	4-8	5-5	0-2-2 4 23 3 2 0 1 26
GROVES*	1-2	0-0	2-2	3-0-3 1 4 1 3 2 0 19
JONES*	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-1-2 0 0 3 0 0 0 6
BOND-YOUNG*	8-16	5-11	3-4	3-2-5 1 24 5 0 0 2 27
NAUGHTON*	5-9	1-3	0-0	0-5-5 0 11 2 1 1 3 28
TCHANGOU*	0-4	0-3	2-2	1-2-3 0 2 0 3 0 3 17
LAVENDER	1-4	1-2	1-2	0-3-3 0 4 1 5 0 2 17
GOOD	0-3	0-2	0-0	1-0-1 2 0 1 2 0 1 8
TATE	3-5	2-4	0-0	1-0-1 0 8 4 0 0 3 16
BROWN	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0-0 0 2 0 2 0 1 7
EVANS	1-1	0-0	1-1	2-3-5 1 3 1 3 0 2 18
BENNETT	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-1-2 1 0 0 1 0 0 5
WASHINGTON	1-1	0-0	2-4	2-0-2 3 4 0 1 0 1 6
TEAM			3-3-6	
TOTALS	27-61	13-34	18-22	18-22-4013 85 2123 3 19 200

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	18-35, 51.4%	10-18, 55.6%	4-4, 100%
2ND HALF:	9-26, 34.6%	3-16, 18.8%	14-18, 77.8%
GAME:	27-61, 44.3%	13-34, 38.2%	18-22, 81.8%

OFFICIALS: TOM BALDINELLI, DIANA DEPAUL, CAROLYN JONES  
TECHNICAL FOULS: MERCER-NONE, WAKE FOREST-NONE.  
ATTENDANCE: 758

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
MERCER	21	35	56
WAKE FOREST	50	35	85

## Game 2 Cal Poly 74 Mercer 66

Nov. 21, 2005  
Macon, Ga.  
University Center

MACON, Ga. - After a tough road loss, the Mercer women's basketball team was hoping to take advantage of the friendly confines at the University Center. Cal Poly's deadly 3-point shooting in the second half sank Mercer, as the Mustangs prevailed 74-66.

The teams battled back and forth in the first half, as the teams exchanged the lead 11 times until the 7:18 mark when Cal Poly (2-0) took the lead on a jumper from Sarah Grieve. The Mustangs pushed their lead to as many as eight before halftime, and took a six-point lead into the locker room.

Mercer (0-2) battled back in the opening minutes of the second half, cutting the Cal Poly lead down to one with 17:24 remaining when Chelsea Seabron made the free throw on a classic 3-point play.

The Mustangs responded by scoring the paint and using the open space to hit 3-pointers. Grieve scored nine of 11 points during a three-minute span, while Jennifer Dooley hit a pair of treys to pad the Poly lead.

Mercer shot 59.1 percent from the floor in the second half, while Cal Poly only shot 41.7 percent. The difference was the Mustangs going 5-for-10 from 3-point range, while the Bears went 1-for-5. "We didn't keep our hands up," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols. "We beat ourselves on defense tonight, and Cal Poly took advantage of our mental lapses."

Grieve had 21 points, and grabbed eight rebounds for Poly. Sparkle Anderson finished with eight points and seven assists, while Michelle Henke has eight points and six assists.

Three Bears finished in double digits, led by Courtney Hall and Sarah Russell with 11 while TaShera Lewis put in 10 points. Tanya Kessenich had 11 rebounds, and Sally Skeldon led the squad with six assists.

"It's tough with the injuries to Rosanna Davis and Karen Hickman," said Nichols. "We have become a very young team on the court, and we're still learning and improving our communications."

Mercer returns to action Friday at the Oneida Bingo & Casino Holiday Tournament in Green Bay, Wis., against Vermont at 5 p.m. CT.

### CAL POLY (2-0)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	MIN
RAVN*	4-7	0-0	1-2	1-1-2 1 9 2 2 0 4 24
GRIEVE*	9-14	0-0	3-5	3-5-8 3 21 0 0 2 3 29
ANDERSON*	3-11	1-1	1-4	0-1-1 3 8 7 1 0 2 29
EGGLESTON*	3-5	1-1	0-0	0-2-2 2 7 4 2 1 4 25
CAMERON*	2-10	2-8	0-0	0-3-3 0 6 0 1 0 1 20
MCBRIDE	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2
DOOLEY	0-4	0-0	0-0	1-1-2 1 0 0 1 0 0 8
DOOLEY	3-3	2-2	0-0	0-1-1 0 8 1 1 0 1 11
CARRIE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0 0 0 0 0 1 0 2
BRENNAN	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0 0 0 1 0 0 0 3
KELKER	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0 2 0 1 2 0 0 5
YARWASKY	2-3	0-0	0-0	1-0-1 1 4 0 0 0 0 5
HARRISON	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-1-1 5 2 1 3 0 1 8
NEWMAN	0-2	0-0	1-2	0-2-2 2 1 1 1 0 2 8
HENKE	3-6	2-3	0-0	0-4-4 2 8 6 3 0 1 21
TEAM			4-2-6	1
TOTALS	30-70	8-16	6-13	10-23-3322 74 2418 4 19 200

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	15-34, 44.1%	3-6, 50.0%	3-4, 75.0%
2ND HALF:	15-36, 41.7%	5-10, 50.0%	3-9, 33.3%
GAME:	30-70, 42.9%	8-16, 50.0%	6-13, 46.2%

### MERCER (0-2)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	MIN
LEWIS, T.*	3-4	0-0	4-6	0-1-1 1 10 0 1 2 0 18
RUSSELL*	5-13	0-0	1-2	0-5-5 3 11 2 6 0 0 26
KESSENICH*	2-6	0-0	1-2	4-7-11 2 5 0 1 2 0 25
SKELDON*	1-1	0-0	4-4	0-3-3 1 6 6 8 0 2 36
LEWIS, M.*	3-6	0-0	2-3	0-4-4 0 7 2 4 0 1 22
DELAROSA	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1 0 0 1 0 0 0 3
OWENS	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1
KELLER	2-3	1-1	1-2	1-2-3 4 6 2 2 0 0 17
LEONARD	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-0-1 0 2 1 3 0 0 7
HALL	4-9	3-7	0-1	0-2-2 2 11 2 3 0 1 26
SEABRON	3-6	0-1	1-1	2-3-5 0 7 0 2 0 0 11
FLUCKER	0-2	0-0	1-2	0-2-2 1 1 0 0 0 1 8
TEAM			2-4-6	1
TOTALS	24-53	4-11	14-23	10-34-4415 66 1532 4 5 200

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	11-31, 35.5%	3-6, 50.0%	5-8, 62.5%
2ND HALF:	13-22, 59.1%	1-5, 20.0%	9-15, 60.0%
GAME:	24-53, 45.3%	4-11, 36.4%	14-23, 60.9%

OFFICIALS: RAY MCCLURE, ALICIA WALKER, JOSE REYES JR.  
TECHNICAL FOULS: CAL POLY-NONE, MERCER-NONE.  
ATTENDANCE: 263

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
CAL POLY	36	38	74
MERCER	30	36	66

# 2006-07 Mercer Women's Basketball

## Game 3 Vermont 64 Mercer 43

Nov. 25, 2005  
Green Bay, Wis.  
Resch Center

GREEN BAY, Wis. - The Mercer women's basketball team struggled to find its offensive rhythm and shooting touch, as the Bears fell 64-43 to Vermont in the first round of the Oneida Bingo & Casino Holiday Tournament.

Foul shooting and turnovers were the difference in the first half, as both teams shot just above 30 percent from the field. Mercer (0-3) shot 100 percent from the line, but had only two opportunities at the charity stripe. Vermont (2-2) went 13-for-16 from the line, giving the Catamounts a 13-point halftime lead. The Bears turned the ball over 11 times, leading to 15 Catamount points.

The teams played a scoreless opening four and a half minutes before UVM's Alexis Castro broke the drought with a jumper at the 15:27 mark. Mercer scored on the next possession, but was unable to find a consistent scoring. The Bears shot 26.9 percent in the second half.

The Catamounts took advantage of Bear miscues in the second half, as Vermont scored nine points off Mercer's 14 turnovers. The Bears managed only 15 points off 18 Catamount turnovers during the entire game.

Vermont's Amy Rosenkrantz led all scorers with 20 points. Alexis Castro came off the bench to score 13, while grabbing seven rebounds. Jill Rademacher finished with 12 points and five rebounds for the Catamounts.

Courtney Hall led the Bears with 12 points and five rebounds off the bench, while Tanya Kessenich pitched in 10 points and five boards.

"Our lack of intensity and turnovers were our biggest problems. We only had one person consistently rebounding," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols. "The difference ultimately was our mental mistakes, which sent them to the foul line."

Mercer plays tomorrow in the consolation game against the loser of the Pacific-Wisconsin-Green Bay contest later tonight. Tip-off is scheduled for 5 p.m. CT at the Resch Center.

### MERCER (0-3)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
LEWIS, T*	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-3	2	0	3	0	0	12			
RUSSELL*	2-7	1-2	0-0	1-3	4-0	5	3	6	0	0	22			
KESSENICH*	4-9	0-0	2-2	0-5	2-10	1	1	2	0	29				
SKELDON*	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-4	2	6	2	0	1	35			
LEWIS, M.*	1-4	1-1	0-0	2-2	4-3	3	0	1	0	1	14			
BEDINGFIELD	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	3			
DELA ROSA	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-0	1-1	2	0	2	0	0	5			
OWENS	2-6	0-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	4	0	4	0	2	13			
KELLER	0-7	0-2	0-0	3-2	5-2	0	1	3	0	3	14			
LEONARD	0-2	0-0	1-2	0-1	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	11			
HALL	4-9	2-6	2-2	1-4	5-2	12	0	2	0	2	26			
SEABRON	0-4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	1	0	2	12			
FLUCKER	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	2	0	0	1	0	4			
TEAM						4-15								
TOTALS	16-54	4-14	7-8	14-22	36-20	43	11	25	3	11	200			

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	9-28, 32.1%	2-7, 28.6%	2-2, 100%
2ND HALF:	7-26, 26.9%	2-7, 28.6%	5-6, 83.3%
GAME:	16-54, 29.6%	4-14, 28.6%	7-8, 87.5%

### VERMONT (2-2)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
BROWN*	0-5	0-0	3-4	2-5	7-1	3	1	2	0	3	20			
RADEMACHER*	5-10	0-0	2-4	1-4	5-4	12	0	3	0	0	27			
CUNCIC*	2-11	1-6	0-0	4-2	6-0	5	2	0	0	1	38			
CROSS*	1-8	0-3	6-6	0-4	2-8	3	4	1	1	34				
ROSENKRANTZ*	6-8	2-2	6-6	1-3	4-4	20	1	2	1	5	37			
MADEY	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	3	0	1	0	0	4			
JANOUSEK	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	6			
CIHAL	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	3			
TROTT	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	3			
CASTRO	4-8	2-3	3-4	2-5	7-2	13	3	6	2	2	28			
TEAM						4-26								
TOTALS	19-54	6-16	20-25	16-25	41-16	64	10	18	4	12	200			

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	9-27, 33.3%	4-10, 40.0%	13-16, 81.3%
2ND HALF:	10-27, 37.0%	2-6, 33.3%	7-9, 77.8%
GAME:	19-54, 35.2%	6-16, 37.5%	20-25, 80.0%

OFFICIALS: BECKY BLANK, JERRY GIBBONS, TODD KAPATAUSKAS  
TECHNICAL FOULS: MERCER-NONE. VERMONT-NONE.  
ATTENDANCE: 2113

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
MERCER	22	21	43
VERMONT	35	29	64

## Game 4 Mercer 55 Pacific 52

Nov. 26, 2005  
Green Bay, Wis.  
Resch Center

GREEN BAY, Wis. - Tough defense and a second half surge carried the Mercer women's basketball team to victory over Pacific, 55-52, in the Oneida Bingo & Casino Holiday Tournament consolation game.

Foul shots were the difference in the first half. Mercer (1-3) went to the line just five times, while Pacific had 11 shots - shooting 81.8 percent - from the charity stripe.

The early give-and-go combination of Sarah Russell and Sally Skeldon, who fed Russell on four of Mercer's first five scores, kept things close in the opening minutes. Courtney Hall gave the Bears a boost later in the half, going 3-for-4 from behind the arc, as Mercer trailed 30-25 at halftime.

The teams continued to battle in the second half, as Pacific (1-3) continued to use the post. Julie Melcher finished with 13 points, while Carolina Ruiz grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds and poured in nine points.

Despite being down no more than four points, Mercer was unable to get over the top until just under nine minutes remaining. Sarah Russell converted on a traditional three-point play, giving the Bears a 46-44 lead they would not surrender.

"After last night's game, we said there were three things we needed to win today: hustle, attitude and defense," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols. "We did all of those things, and that's why we won the game."

Hall led the Bears with 16 points, while Russell finished with 15 and a team-high eight rebounds. Nicole Leonard provided a spark off the bench, finishing with a career-high 13 points and grabbed six rebounds. Skeldon finished with a game-high eight assists.

"I thought this was a total team win. We did a very good job of rebounding and everybody on the court was hustling," said Nichols.

Hall was also named to the all-tournament team after averaging 14 points in the two games and leading the team in shooting with a .563 percentage from the field.

Mercer opens its Atlantic Sun Conference schedule next Saturday, Dec. 3, on the road against Campbell. Tip-off is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Carter Gym.

### MERCER (1-3)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
RUSSELL*	7-14	0-0	1-1	0-8	2-15	3	4	2	2	31				
FLUCKER*	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0	0	2	1	13				
KESSENICH*	1-3	0-0	0-0	2-1	3-5	2	0	0	1	21				
SKELDON*	0-4	0-2	1-2	1-3	4-1	8	3	1	3	36				
LEWIS, M.*	0-3	0-0	0-0	2-1	3-3	0	0	3	0	12				
LEWIS, T.	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-2	2-3	0	1	1	0	9				
DELA ROSA	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	3	0	1	0	0	4			
OWENS	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	2-1	0	0	0	0	1				
KELLER	1-7	0-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	2	0	0	1	10				
LEONARD	5-11	0-0	3-3	3-6	1-13	13	2	0	0	20				
HALL	5-7	5-6	1-2	0-2	2-16	0	4	0	1	24				
SEABRON	1-4	0-0	1-2	1-2	3-2	3	0	0	0	17				
TEAM						3-25				1				
TOTALS	21-58	6-11	7-11	13-27	40-22	55	14	19	7	8	200			

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	9-29, 31.0%	3-5, 60.0%	4-5, 80.0%
2ND HALF:	12-29, 41.4%	3-6, 50.0%	3-6, 50.0%
GAME:	21-58, 36.2%	6-11, 54.5%	7-11, 63.6%

### PACIFIC (1-3)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
RUZ*	2-8	0-0	5-6	3-10	13-3	9	1	6	3	30				
SANERIVI*	2-9	0-0	2-6	0-1	1-2	6	1	1	1	28				
JONES*	2-8	0-0	0-0	3-6	0-4	2	0	0	3	25				
LAVENDER*	2-9	1-7	3-4	0-2	2-2	8	0	2	0	3	34			
FREEMAN*	3-8	0-1	1-1	1-0	1-5	7	1	6	0	1	27			
ROBERTS	1-6	1-5	2-2	2-2	1-5	0	0	0	1	21				
ZIMMERMAN	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	2-2	0	1	1	0	7				
MORAN	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	0	1	1	0	3				
DAWKINS	6-7	0-0	1-3	1-3	4-1	13	0	1	3	0	22			
MELCHER	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	3			
TEAM						5-27								
TOTALS	18-56	2-14	14-23	15-26	41-17	52	8	18	7	13	200			

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	10-32, 31.3%	1-8, 12.5%	9-11, 81.8%
2ND HALF:	8-24, 33.3%	1-6, 16.7%	5-12, 41.7%
GAME:	18-56, 32.1%	2-14, 14.3%	14-23, 60.9%

OFFICIALS: DAVID PETERSON, KIM HOBBS, TODD KAPATAUSKAS  
TECHNICAL FOULS: MERCER-NONE. PACIFIC-NONE.  
ATTENDANCE: 2147

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
MERCER	25	30	55
PACIFIC	30	22	52

## Game 5 Campbell 54 Mercer 47

Dec. 3, 2005  
Buies Creek, N.C.  
Carter Gymnasium

BUIES CREEK, N.C. - Streaky shooting and poor ball handling led to the Mercer women's basketball team dropping its Atlantic Sun opener against Campbell, 54-47.

Campbell (3-3, 1-1 A-Sun) took a 5-0 lead to open the game, but the Lady Camels were unable to pull away. Both teams struggled offensively in the first half, as Mercer shot 27.6 percent while Campbell shot 20.6 percent.

Chelsea Seabron led the Bears with eight first half points, as Mercer (1-4, 0-1 A-Sun) battled back from a 17-8 deficit to tie the contest heading into halftime. Tomika Tomlinson started off hot for the Lady Camels, hitting a pair of 3-pointers and finishing with 10 first half points.

The Lady Camels opened the second half with a barrage of 3-pointers, pushing their lead out to nine points off treys from Amber Graham, Tomika Tomlinson and Letitia Dickson.

Down 11 with 3:54 left in the game, Mercer cut the deficit to four with 2:07 left but was unable to tie the game. The Bears missed two of their final three field goal attempts, while Campbell converted on six straight free throws to seal the victory.

"Our defense was OK, but our offense suffered," said head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols. "We just couldn't get into an offensive flow."

Adrienne Rieley finished with her second consecutive double-double, grabbing 15 rebounds and pouring in 13 points. Tomlinson cooled off in the second half, but finished with 16 points and eight rebounds.

After going 1-for-8 in the first half, Sarah Russell had a strong second frame. She shot 4-for-7 to finish with 11 points and seven rebounds. Sally Skeldon tied a career-high with 10 assists, which she set against Jacksonville on Feb. 26, 2005.

"The team played hard and fought the entire game," said Nichols. "We just fumbled the ball too much in the post."

The Bears return to action Monday against Gardner-Webb in Boiling Springs, N.C. Tip-off is scheduled for 6 p.m. at Paul Porter Arena.

### MERCER (1-4, 0-1 A-SUN)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
LEONARD*	3-9	0-0	0-0	2-4	6-3	6	1	3	0	1	26			
RUSSELL*	5-15	0-0	1-2	2-5	7-2	11	1	1	0	35				
KESSENICH*	1-1	0-0	1-2	0-2	2-0	3	0	2	0	14				
SKELDON*	1-4	0-2	0-0	0-4	2-2	10	3	1	4	37				
KELLER*	3-9	0-3	0-0	1-2	3-4	6	1	1	0	23				
BEDINGFIELD	0-0	0-0												

Game 6  
Gardner-Webb 74  
Mercer 49

Dec. 5, 2005  
Boiling Springs, N.C.  
Paul Porter Arena

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. - The Mercer women's basketball team dropped the second of its two A-Sun road games this weekend, falling 74-49 to Gardner-Webb.

Despite shooting 26.1 percent from the field in the first half, Mercer (1-5, 0-2 A-Sun) only trailed by seven, 36-29, at halftime. The Bears capitalized at the free throw line, going 14-for-16 from the charity stripe.

Gardner-Webb (2-5, 2-0 A-Sun) could have had a larger lead at the half, but missed opportunities with its foul shooting. The Bulldogs shot just 60 percent (12-for-20) from the line.

The Bears struggled to find their offensive rhythm in the second half, while the Bulldogs capitalized at the foul line and from behind the arc. Gardner-Webb pushed its lead out to 21 on Jessica Bryant 3-pointer with less than nine minutes remaining in the game.

While Mercer usually has steady production from its bench, Gardner-Webb's subs made the difference. GWU scored 41 points off the bench, while Mercer scored 14.

Six players finished in double digits for the Bulldogs. Shameka Smith finished with a double-double despite fouling out with almost five minutes remaining, she grabbed 12 rebounds and added 12 points. Brittany Harmon also had a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Sarah Russell led the Bears in scoring with 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Tanya Kessenich added 10 points and seven rebounds on 4-for-5 shooting from the field.

After a break for final exams, Mercer returns to action Dec. 15 at Southern Miss when Nichols will take on her mentor, Joye Lee-McNelis. Tip-off is schedule for 5 p.m. CT at Reed Green Coliseum.

MERCER (1-5, 0-2 A-SUN)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
LEONARD*	1-7	0-0	1-2	0-3-3	1	3	0	2	1	1	0	25
RUSSELL*	3-12	0-1	5-6	1-6-7	2	11	1	1	0	3	0	27
KESSENICH*	4-5	0-0	2-4	4-3-7	3	10	0	1	0	0	0	16
SKELDON*	0-3	0-0	0-0	1-3-4	1	6	6	6	0	2	36	
KELLER*	1-7	1-2	2-2	1-1-2	5	5	1	4	0	0	0	20
BEDINGFIELD	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
DELAROSA	0-5	0-4	2-2	0-0-0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	9
LEWIS, M.	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1-2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
OWENS	3-8	0-0	1-2	1-1-2	2	7	1	1	0	2	16	
HALL	0-5	0-4	0-0	1-1-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
SEABRON	2-6	0-0	1-3	1-3-4	2	5	0	2	1	0	10	
FLUCKER	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2-2	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	8
TEAM				4-1-5								
TOTALS	14-60	1-11	20-27	15-25-4024	49	9	18	2	11	200		

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	7-31, 22.6%	1-5, 20.0%	14-16, 87.5%
2ND HALF:	7-29, 24.1%	0-6, 0.0%	6-11, 54.5%
GAME:	14-60, 23.3%	1-11, 9.1%	20-27, 74.1%

GARDNER-WEBB (2-5, 2-0 A-SUN)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
SMITH*	4-8	0-0	4-4	6-6-12	5	12	1	0	0	0	0	21
POVILONYTE*	0-3	0-1	0-0	0-4-4	0	0	0	1	1	0	14	
HARMON*	3-8	0-0	4-6	7-4-11	1	10	0	2	5	1	27	
BENNETT*	2-5	2-2	4-6	0-1-1	0	10	4	3	0	0	24	
WILKINSON*	0-4	0-2	1-2	0-2-2	3	1	1	2	0	1	25	
HONEYCUTT	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	
KELLY	4-9	2-3	3-6	0-6-6	1	13	4	2	0	2	29	
BRYANT	3-8	3-5	3-6	4-0-4	2	12	2	2	3	20		
GARRETT	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
STURDIVANT	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	
ANDERSON	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1-1	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	
JOHNSON	1-3	0-0	1-2	1-2-3	1	3	0	1	0	2	11	
SANDERSON	3-6	2-3	5-6	4-4-4	1	13	0	2	0	0	17	
TEAM				1-3-4								
TOTALS	20-55	9-17	25-38	21-34-5516	74	13	19	8	9	200		

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	10-28, 35.7%	4-9, 44.4%	12-20, 60.0%
2ND HALF:	10-27, 37.0%	5-8, 62.5%	13-18, 72.2%
GAME:	20-55, 36.4%	9-17, 52.9%	25-38, 65.8%

OFFICIALS: BRYAN BRUNETTE, MARY THORN, LARRY WRAY  
TECHNICAL FOULS: MERCER-NONE, GARDNER-WEBB-TEAM.  
ATTENDANCE: 923

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
MERCER	29	20	49
GARDNER-WEBB	36	38	74

Game 7  
Mercer 51  
Southern Miss 49

Dec. 15, 2005  
Hattiesburg, Miss.  
Reed Green Coliseum

HATTIESBURG, Miss. - In a contest pitting pupil against teacher, the student came out on the winning end. Three players finished in double digits, as the Mercer women's basketball team defeated Southern Miss, 51-49.

Down by four at the 6:28 mark in the first half, Mercer (2-5) took the lead on an 11-0 run over the next four minutes. Zsazquez Flucker hit a jumper in transition to get things started and Courtney Hall hit a pair of 3-pointers to push the Bears over the top. Sarah Russell hit a jumper with 2:28 remaining to cap the run.

Southern Miss (3-6) trimmed the lead with three-consecutive points from Kendra Reed in the final 23 seconds, as Mercer led 24-20 at halftime.

The Lady Eagles pushed ahead, 31-30, with a 6-0 spurt early in the second frame. A pair of treys from Erin Keller put the Bears ahead with 11:21 left in the game, 37-36.

After desperation 3-pointer from Ashley Harrell cut the Mercer lead down to one with 1.8 seconds left, Sally Skeldon sealed the deal. She converted her first foul shot and grabbed the rebound after missing the second, giving Mercer the two-point victory.

"I can't describe the feeling after this win," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols. "I have mixed emotions because [USM coach] Joye Lee-McNelis taught me so much, but it brings me great joy for my team to come out of this with a win."

Ashley Boehnel, who got the Lady Eagles back in the game with her 3-point shooting, led USM in scoring with 17 points. Amber Eugene pitched in 10 points, while Liz Biland led all rebounders with 12.

Keller led the Bears in scoring with 18 points, going 3-for-5 from 3-point range. Hall finished with 10 points off the bench, while Russell narrowly missed a double-double with 11 points and nine rebounds.

"My team outwitted, outplayed and outlasted them," said Nichols. "Being able to play with the lead was huge. It showed our girls that we could truly win this game."

Mercer returns to action Monday, Dec. 19, against New Orleans at noon. Admission is free to fans who donate a toy, which will go to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

MERCER (2-5)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
LEONARD*	0-2	0-0	1-2	0-2-2	4	1	1	3	0	1	14	
RUSSELL*	5-15	0-0	1-3	3-6-9	3	11	2	1	1	34		
KESSENICH*	0-4	0-0	0-2	1-2-3	4	0	0	3	0	0	16	
SKELDON*	0-2	0-1	2-4	1-2-3	1	2	6	2	0	2	39	
KELLER*	5-12	3-5	5-8	1-5-6	2	18	1	1	4	31		
LEWIS, T.	3-4	0-0	1-2	0-4-4	2	7	1	2	1	15		
DELAROSA	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	0	0	0	0	0	2		
LEWIS, M.	0-2	0-0	0-0	2-1-3	1	0	0	3	0	12		
OWENS	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2-3	2	0	1	1	0	1	8	
HALL	3-8	3-7	1-2	1-2-3	0	10	2	0	1	21		
SEABRON	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	2	0	0	0	0	6		
FLUCKER	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-0-0	0	2	0	0	0	2		
TEAM				3-1-4								
TOTALS	17-51	6-13	11-24	14-27-4121	51	12	20	3	12	200		

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	10-28, 35.7%	2-5, 40.0%	2-6, 33.3%
2ND HALF:	7-23, 30.4%	4-8, 50.0%	9-18, 50.0%
GAME:	17-51, 33.3%	6-13, 46.2%	11-24, 45.8%

SOUTHERN MISS (3-6)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
REED*	1-4	0-0	7-10	2-2-4	4	9	0	3	0	1	35	
BOEHNEL*	6-16	5-5	0-0	0-2-2	3	17	4	3	0	1	37	
BILAND*	3-9	0-0	0-0	3-9-12	4	6	0	4	3	3	34	
EUGENE*	2-6	0-0	6-8	1-6-7	5	10	0	2	0	2	26	
CHANEY*	1-6	0-2	0-0	0-4-4	1	2	3	4	0	1	30	
HARRELL	1-5	1-3	0-0	0-1-1	2	3	1	0	0	0	19	
GURGANUS	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	2	1	0	0	13	
MANUEL	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	1	2	0	2	0	0	6	
TEAM				3-1-4								
TOTALS	15-48	6-10	13-18	9-27-3620	49	12	20	3	8	200		

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	6-27, 22.2%	2-5, 40.0%	6-8, 75.0%
2ND HALF:	9-21, 42.9%	4-5, 80.0%	7-10, 70.0%
GAME:	15-48, 31.3%	6-10, 60.0%	13-18, 72.2%

OFFICIALS: KELLY JOHNSON, LESLIE CLAYBROOK, JOHN FLETCHER  
TECHNICAL FOULS: MERCER-NONE, SOUTHERN MISS-NONE.  
ATTENDANCE: 633

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
MERCER	24	27	51
SOUTHERN MISS	20	29	49

Game 8  
Mercer 70  
New Orleans 62

Dec. 19, 2005  
Macon, Ga.  
University Center

MACON, Ga. - In a game that featured seven ties and 12 lead changes, foul shooting made the difference. UNO's LeDella English made two free throws with six seconds left to force overtime, and Mercer made two of its final three foul shots to secure the 70-62 victory.

Mercer (3-5) jumped out to a 4-0 lead to open the game, but New Orleans (2-7) responded and took a one-point with 16:56 left in the game. The Bears took a five-point lead into halftime after Megan Lewis hit two free throws and Courtney Hall sank a 3-pointer with four seconds left in the frame.

The teams battled back-and-forth in the second half, as Mercer could never extend its leads beyond six. Up four with 1:25 left, the Bears went 2-for-6 at the foul line which allowed the Lady Privateers to slip back into the game. A lay-up from Ashley Sentimore brought UNO within two, and English's two free throws tied the game at 57. Sally Skeldon was unable to connect on a lay-up as time expired, sending the game into overtime.

Overtime was a different story for the Bears, as Sarah Russell scored six of her 14 points in the extra frame. Nicole Leonard poured in four with a jumper and two foul shots. This time Mercer wouldn't let the lead slip away, as Erin Keller converted on her free throws with 24 seconds left to give Mercer an eight-point lead.

Chereese Bedingfield sealed the deal when she grabbed a rebound off Andrea Williams' missed jumper with 16 seconds remaining.

"It was a total team effort," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols. "It gives the players some confidence after winning an overtime game."

Three players finished in double digits for Mercer, led by Russell's 14. She also grabbed 10 rebounds for her first double-double of the season. Keller had 11 points with seven coming from the foul line, while TaShera Lewis poured in 10 points off the bench.

New Orleans had three players finished in double digits, too. English led all scorers with 16 points, as Ashley Sentimore added 13 and Talishia Young finished with 11 points.

Mercer returns to action Dec. 29 against Florida A&M at 1 p.m.

NEW ORLEANS (2-7)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
YOUNG*	5-8	0-0	1-1	1-7-8	5	11	1	2	1	0	22	
SENTIMORE*	4-11	0-0	5-5	3-2-5	1	13	0	5	0	0	28	
ALEXANDER*	2-5	0-1	0-0	1-1-2	2	4	1	1	0	0	19	
ENGLISH*	6-15	1-10	3-4	2-3-5	3	16	4	1	0	2	38	
ROGERS*	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2-2	2	0	1	3	1	0	9	
FRAZIER	1-7	1-5	1-2	0-4-4	2	4	1	2	1	1	20	
BLEDSoE	0-1	0-1	2-2	1-3-4	4	2	1	0	0	3	18	
KASSABIAN	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-1-1	3	0	0	1	0	1	20	
JOHNSON	2-8	2-8	3-4	0-3-3	5	9	1	1	0	1	33	
WILLIAMS	1-3	0-0	1-2	0-2-2	2	3	2	3	2	2	18	
TEAM				1-4-5								
TOTALS	21-61	4-26	16-20	9-32-4129	62	12	20	5	10	225		

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	8-24, 33.3%	2-11, 18.2%	7-8,

# 2006-07 Mercer Women's Basketball

## Game 9 Florida A&M 66 Mercer 54

Dec. 29, 2005  
Tallahassee, Fla.  
Gaither Gymnasium

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - The Mercer women's basketball team struggled to find its groove in the second half, dropping its non-conference finale to Florida A&M, 66-54.

Florida A&M (3-6) opened the first half clicking, as Q'Vaunda Curry scored 13 points on 5-of-8 shooting. Mercer (3-6) got solid play from its post players in the first half, as Sarah Russell and Tanya Kessenich led the team with eight first-half points each.

The Lady Rattlers stretched their lead to as many as 12 in the second half, but the Bears rallied back each time. Curry left the game with a little over four minutes remaining and Mercer down eight, but the Bears were unable to cut the lead below eight in the final minutes.

The Bears struggled throughout the second half to find their offensive rhythm and were unable to put together a consistent stretch as time wound down. Mercer shot 28.1 percent from the floor in the second half, including 3-of-12 on 3-point range.

"We've got to hit our foul shots when we're given the opportunity," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols. The Bears went 11-for-19 from the charity stripe.

Three players finished in double figures for Mercer. Kessenich and Russell each had 12, while Erin Keller finished with 10. Rhonda Owens led the team with six assists, as the Bears were without Sally Skeldon.

Curry led all scorers with 15 points, while Deidra Jones has 12 and Taniyah Dawson added 10 for the Lady Rattlers.

"We had too many turnovers and couldn't generate a positive flow after the mistakes," said Nichols.

Mercer hosts Florida Atlantic Jan. 2 at 3:15 p.m. in the Bears' Atlantic Sun home opener.

### MERCER (3-6)

PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBS		PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T	O-D-T									
SEABRON*	1-4	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	2	2	0	0	0	1	17		
RUSSELL*	5-13	0-1	2-2	2-3-5	2	12	2	2	0	1	30		
KESSENICH*	5-8	0-0	2-3	4-4-8	1	12	0	3	1	1	23		
OWENS*	1-7	0-0	1-2	1-4-5	4	3	6	3	0	1	34		
KELLER*	2-5	1-3	5-6	0-0-0	4	10	3	0	0	1	23		
LEWIS, T.	1-1	0-0	1-2	1-2-3	1	3	0	2	0	1	14		
DELA ROSA	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+		
LEWIS, M.	2-10	2-5	0-3	4-3-7	4	6	0	3	0	1	26		
LEONARD	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5		
HALL	2-9	2-9	0-1	0-4-4	0	6	1	4	0	0	27		
FLUCKER	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1		
TEAM				6-2-8									
TOTALS	19-58	5-19	11-19	18-23-41	19	54	12	18	1	7	200		

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	10-26, 38.5%	2-7, 28.6%	6-10, 60.0%
2ND HALF:	9-32, 28.1%	3-12, 25.0%	5-9, 55.6%
GAME:	19-58, 32.8%	5-19, 26.3%	11-19, 57.9%

### FLORIDA A&M (3-6)

PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBS		PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T	O-D-T									
TATE*	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1-2	0	0	1	0	0	0	9		
ALEXANDER*	2-5	0-0	4-7	3-5-8	3	8	1	0	1	0	25		
JONES*	4-8	1-4	3-3	0-3-3	2	12	3	3	0	1	27		
DAWSON*	4-5	0-1	2-2	0-0-0	1	10	2	1	0	2	25		
CURRY*	5-11	2-4	3-4	2-3-5	1	15	0	0	0	1	31		
HUGHES	2-3	0-0	2-2	3-4-7	2	6	1	3	0	0	18		
YOUNG	0-3	0-2	2-4	0-3-3	4	2	5	3	0	2	27		
FOSTER	1-4	0-3	2-2	0-1-1	1	4	0	2	0	0	10		
KINDRED	3-10	0-1	3-3	0-4-4	1	9	0	1	0	2	28		
TEAM				1-1-2									
TOTALS	21-49	3-15	21-27	10-25-35	15	66	13	13	1	8	200		

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	12-26, 46.2%	2-10, 20.0%	9-12, 75.0%
2ND HALF:	9-23, 39.1%	1-5, 20.0%	12-15, 80.0%
GAME:	21-49, 42.9%	3-15, 20.0%	21-27, 77.8%

OFFICIALS: CARLA FOUNTAIN, MARCUS SMITH, ANGELICA SUFFREN  
TECHNICAL FOULS: MERCER-NONE, FLORIDA A&M-NONE.  
ATTENDANCE: 157

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
MERCER	28	26	54
FLORIDA A&M	35	31	66

## Game 10 Mercer 70 Florida Atlantic 60

Jan. 2, 2006  
Macon, Ga.  
University Center

MACON, Ga. - The running theme throughout Mercer's season has been foul shooting, and it rang true in this afternoon's contest against Florida Atlantic. Mercer hit 36-of-46 free throws, including 21-of-28 in the second half, to defeat Florida Atlantic, 70-60.

Florida Atlantic (3-7, 2-1 A-Sun) opened the game quickly with a pair of 3-pointers from Shontavia Williams. Mercer (4-6, 1-2 A-Sun) slowly rallied and tied things with a pair of free throws from Tanya Kessenich with 9:30 left in the first. A pair of free throws from Courtney Hall gave the Bears an 18-16 lead they would never surrender.

The Bears struggled to find their offensive groove in the first half, but led 27-21 at halftime behind a 15-of-18 performance at the charity stripe, strong defense and a 26-15 rebounding edge. "Coming into the game, our two goals were to go to the line and rebound," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols.

Mercer stretched its lead to as many as 10 with 4:05 remaining in the game, when Erin Keller converted the back end of a conventional 3-point play to give the Bears a 59-49 lead. The Owls whittled the lead down to three after four consecutive fouls shot from Glaser, but the Bears responded in kind.

Rhonda Owens scored four points from the line in the final two minutes, while Mercer shot a combined 7-of-8 from the line down the stretch. "I thought Sarah [Russell] did a good job today, and Rhonda [Owens] was huge down the stretch with her foul shooting," said Nichols.

Florida Atlantic had three players finish in double digits. Williams led all scorers with 24 points, including 9-of-11 from the foul line. Glaser finished with 11, going 9-of-10 from the line, and Demina Anderson pitched in 11 of the bench.

Russell led Mercer with 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds and collected three steals. Owens finished with a season-high 11 points, getting all of them from the foul line. Seven other players scored for the Bears, as Mercer got 39 points from its bench. TaShera Lewis had nine, Megan Lewis had seven and Chelsea Seabron added eight. The Bears face Stetson on the road, Thursday at 6 p.m.

### FLORIDA ATLANTIC (3-7, 2-1 A-SUN)

PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBS		PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T	O-D-T									
N'DIAYE*	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	3	2	1	0	0	0	12		
RIEKEBERG*	0-3	0-0	0-1	0-5-5	3	0	1	4	3	0	20		
GLASER*	1-8	0-3	9-10	1-2-3	3	11	1	1	0	3	32		
BRAYBOY*	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-4-5	2	2	4	0	3	24			
WILLIAMS*	6-12	3-4	9-11	5-1-6	3	24	1	3	0	0	25		
YOUNG	1-7	1-5	1-2	1-0-1	3	4	1	0	0	2	21		
RANDOLPH	0-3	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	2	0	0	0	0	1	3		
BEAUZIL	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10		
CRENSHAW	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	6		
COX	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-1-2	1	0	2	1	1	0	7		
LIZAMA	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5		
ANDERSON	4-6	0-0	3-10	2-5-7	5	11	0	4	3	1	18		
BULIN	2-5	0-1	0-0	1-1-2	3	4	1	3	0	2	17		
TEAM				2-2-4									
TOTALS	17-55	4-15	22-34	14-22-36	32	60	10	20	7	12	200		

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	9-28, 32.1%	2-8, 25.0%	1-6, 16.7%
2ND HALF:	8-27, 29.6%	2-7, 28.6%	21-28, 75.0%
GAME:	17-55, 30.9%	4-15, 26.7%	22-34, 64.7%

### MERCER (4-6, 1-2 A-SUN)

PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBS		PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T	O-D-T									
RUSSELL*	5-13	0-0	4-6	4-4-8	0	14	1	4	0	3	36		
FLUCKER*	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	9		
KESSENICH*	1-3	0-0	3-4	2-5-7	4	5	0	1	0	2	25		
SKELDON*	1-1	1-1	1-2	0-1-1	3	4	6	3	0	2	31		
KELLER*	2-6	0-1	4-5	0-3-3	5	8	0	4	0	1	23		
LEWIS, T.	3-6	0-0	3-4	1-1-2	3	9	1	2	0	0	13		
BEDINGFIELD	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+		
HALL	0-5	0-4	4-4	2-2-4	1	4	1	0	0	0	14		
DELA ROSA	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-1-2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0		
LEWIS, M.	2-3	1-1	2-2	1-0-1	4	7	0	0	0	0	14		
OWENS	0-4	0-1	11-13	0-1-1	4	11	2	2	0	4	18		
LEONARD	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-3-3	1	0	2	0	0	0	7		
SEABRON	2-3	0-0	4-6	2-3-5	1	8	0	0	1	1	9		
TEAM				3-6-9									
TOTALS	16-49	2-9	36-46	16-30-46	28	70	11	20	1	13	200		

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	5-22, 22.7%	2-4, 50.0%	15-18, 83.3%
2ND HALF:	11-27, 40.7%	0-5, 0.0%	21-28, 75.0%
GAME:	16-49, 32.7%	2-9, 22.2%	36-46, 78.3%

OFFICIALS: TERRI MADDOCK, JAMES DINSMOOR, J.T. TURNER  
TECHNICAL FOULS: FLORIDA ATLANTIC-NONE, MERCER-NONE.  
ATTENDANCE: 279

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
FLORIDA ATLANTIC	21	39	60
MERCER	27	43	70

## Game 11 Mercer 53 Stetson 44

Jan. 5, 2006  
DeLand, Fla.  
Edmunds Center

DELAND, Fla. - In a defensive battle against the defending Atlantic Sun Tournament champions, the Mercer women's basketball team came out victorious over Stetson. The Bears made some clutch free throws in the final minute, securing a 53-44 win.

Mercer (5-6, 2-2 A-Sun) jumped out early with a 16-2 run, holding an 18-5 lead midway through the first half. The Bears' tenacious defense kept the Hatters at bay, as Stetson shot 14.8 percent from the floor and made just four field goals in the first half.

Stetson (2-8, 0-3 A-Sun) battled back in the opening half, cutting the lead down to seven with 2:28 left in the half. A Sarah Russell lay-up with seven seconds left put the Bears up 24-11 heading into halftime.

Down as many as 16 in the second half, the Hatters slowly battled back behind Nefertiti Walker. She had five points in a two-minute span late in the game, bringing Stetson within six with 2:01 remaining.

On three consecutive Mercer possessions, the Bears hit key free throws. Tanya Kessenich hit a pair of free throws with 1:01 remaining, giving Mercer a 49-43 lead. Rhonda Owens hit both of her free throws to give Mercer an eight-point lead with 43.1 remaining. Sally Skeldon sealed the deal with a pair from the charity stripe with 31.1 seconds left.

Walker, who was limited to five points in the first half, led all scorers with 20 points. Janene MacLin had a double-double for Stetson with 10 rebounds and 11 points.

"Everybody contributed," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols. "Our defensive match-ups were really the key, as we limited Walker's points in the first half."

Skeldon and Owens both tied career-highs with 11 and 12 points respectively. Skeldon also had five assists and four steals, as the Bears forced the Hatters into 18 team turnovers.

"Sally shooting was the offensive key. Stetson wasn't prepared for her to contribute like that and it helped the rest of the offensive," said Nichols.

The Bears return to action next Thursday when they host A-Sun foe Lipscomb at 7 p.m.

### MERCER (5-6, 2-2 A-SUN)

PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBS		PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T	O-D-T									
RUSSELL*	3-15	0-0	0-0	2-6-8	1	6	2	2	0	2	32		
FLUCKER*	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	2	0	0	0	0	1	7		
KESSENICH*	3-6	0-0	3-5	2-3-5	1	9	1	3	2	1	30		
SKELDON*	3-5	1-1	4-4	2-4-6	1	11	5	7	0	4	33		
KELLER*	3-8	0-2											

Game 12  
Mercer 50  
Lipscomb 46

Jan. 12, 2006  
Macon, Ga.  
University Center

MACON, Ga. - With strong defense and good foul shooting, the Mercer women's basketball team extended its winning streak to three tonight. The Bears defeated Atlantic Sun preseason favorite Lipscomb, 50-46.

Lipscomb (3-9, 2-3 A-Sun) opened the game with a 12-2 run over the first 5:32, taking advantage of its size in the post and executed an inside-outside game plan. Catie Woods hit two 3-pointers and Rachel Viehmann hit a pair of jumpers, while Penny Jones added a pair of foul shots.

The Bears (6-6, 3-2 A-Sun) clawed their way into the game and cut the Lady Bisons' lead down to five, 16-11, midway through the first half after TaShera Lewis converted the back end of a classic 3-point play. The teams swapped buckets afterwards, but Lipscomb was never able to pull away and Mercer was unable to tie things up.

"With 3:38 left in the first half, I told the players we needed to be up at halftime," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols. "I think that was really the turning point of the game. We focused on defense and our offensive came from that."

A pair of treys from Courtney Hall brought new life to the Bears, who took a one-point lead with 18 seconds remaining on a Sarah Russell lay-up. The Lady Bisons countered with a foul shot, sending the teams into halftime tied at 28.

Lipscomb took a six-point lead nearly four minutes into the second half, but Mercer answered with a 12-point swing and led 44-38 with 8:35 remaining. The rest of the game became a defensive struggle, but the Bears held their ground and held the Lady Bisons scoreless for six-minute streak late in the game.

Rhonda Owens connected on some crucial free throws to ice the game and sealed the deal when she picked Woods' pocket with fractions of a second remaining.

Woods led all scorers with 14, and Katie Beth Pate was held to just two points.

Tanya Kessenich finished with 10 points and four blocks, while Hall had a team-high 11 for the Bears. Sally Skeldon had seven assists, four steals and a block.

Mercer returns to action Saturday against A-Sun foe Belmont. Tip-off is slated for 2 p.m.

LIPSCOMB (3-9, 2-3 A-Sun)

PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBS		O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FT-FTA										
MCALISTER*	3-3	0-0	1-2	1-1	2	7	2	6	1	1	26			
GOSSMAN*	2-6	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	2	4	0	2	1	19			
PATE*	0-2	0-0	2-4	0-5	0	2	1	3	5	0	22			
CARRIGAN*	0-6	0-5	1-2	1-2	3	2	1	1	0	5	30			
WOODS*	4-8	4-8	2-2	0-3	0	14	1	4	0	2	33			
HEAD	1-4	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	2	0	1	0	1	11			
PARTIN	2-5	1-2	0-1	0-1	1	5	0	1	0	1	14			
OSBORN	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	1	0	0	0	0	7			
JONES	0-4	0-0	4-4	2-2	4	0	2	0	0	12				
ROLLINS	1-2	1-1	0-0	2-4	6	3	0	1	1	0	8			
VIEHMANN	2-7	0-0	0-1	0-2	2	4	0	3	1	0	18			
TEAM					5-2-7									
TOTALS	15-47	6-19	10-16	12-26	38	46	6	24	9	11	200			
		FG		3-PT		FT								
1ST HALF:	9-27, 33.3%	3-12, 25.0%	7-12, 58.3%											
2ND HALF:	6-20, 30.0%	3-7, 42.9%	3-4, 75.0%											
GAME:	15-47, 31.9%	6-19, 31.6%	10-16, 62.5%											

MERCER (6-6, 3-2 A-Sun)

PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBS		O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FT-FTA										
LEWIS, T.*	1-6	0-0	1-1	0-1	1	3	0	1	1	0	14			
RUSSELL*	1-9	0-0	1-2	1-4	2	3	2	2	1	0	25			
KESSENICH*	5-10	0-0	0-0	2-3	5	10	1	2	4	0	30			
SKELDON*	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-6	3	0	7	3	1	2	36			
KELLER*	0-7	0-3	1-2	4-1	5	1	3	3	0	4	27			
HALL	4-6	3-5	0-0	0-2	2	11	0	0	0	1	15			
LEWIS, M.	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	0	2	0	1	0	8			
OWENS	2-5	0-1	4-4	1-3	2	8	1	2	0	5	20			
LEONARD	3-12	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	6	1	1	0	2	14			
SEABRON	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	2	2	0	0	0	6			
FLUCKER	1-5	0-0	2-2	4-1	5	1	4	0	0	1	5			
TEAM					4-2-6									
TOTALS	19-64	3-9	9-11	19-25	44	50	15	15	8	14	200			
		FG		3-PT		FT								
1ST HALF:	12-36, 33.3%	2-6, 66.7%	2-3, 66.7%											
2ND HALF:	7-28, 25.0%	1-3, 33.3%	7-8, 87.5%											
GAME:	19-64, 29.7%	3-9, 33.3%	9-11, 81.8%											

OFFICIALS: DOCK SISK, DARRELL MITCHELL, CURTIS BERRY  
TECHNICAL FOULS: LIPSCOMB-NONE. MERCER-NONE.  
ATTENDANCE: 538

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
LIPSCOMB	28	18	46
MERCER	28	22	50

Game 13  
Mercer 64  
Belmont 62

Jan. 14, 2006  
Macon, Ga.  
University Center

MACON, Ga. - Despite trailing by as many as 13 in the first half, the Mercer women's basketball team was able to claw its way into the game and force overtime. Sarah Russell and Sally Skeldon combined to score seven of Mercer's nine points in overtime, as the Bears defeated Belmont, 64-62.

Belmont (8-5, 4-2 A-Sun) started slowly, but built a 10-point lead midway through the first half behind Alysha Clark's strong foul shooting. The freshman got seven of her 13 points from the free throw line during the first half.

The Bears battled back, but could never find an offensive groove during the opening stanza. Mercer trailed 32-20 at the half. The second half was the different story though.

Mercer (7-6, 4-2 A-Sun) quickly cut the Belmont lead down to two with 15:34 remaining in the frame. "The team played with a lot of heart and determination in the second half," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols. "We played with a lot of enthusiasm, emotion and effort in the second half."

The Bears took a 43-42 lead midway through the half after Erin Keller converted on both of her foul shots. Mercer extended its lead to as many as four on multiple occasions, but was unable to seal the deal late.

Clark forced overtime on her lay-up with 37 seconds remaining, as Mercer failed to convert on its next possession. In overtime, Russell and Skeldon took charge.

Russell hit a lay-up with 1:07 remaining to give Mercer a one-point lead. Belmont answered with a lay-up from Clark, going up 62-61 with 51 seconds left.

Skeldon's two steals with under 30 seconds remaining closed the door, as she hit three of the four foul shots to secure the victory.

Belmont had three players in double figures, as Clark pulled down a double-double with 27 points and 18 rebounds. Laura Cowley had 12 and Jenny Conkle finished with 10.

Russell had a career-high 20 points and grabbed a team-high six rebounds, while Keller finished with 13 points while going 7-for-9 at the foul line.

BELMONT (8-5, 4-2 A-Sun)

PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBS		O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FT-FTA										
CLARK*	8-17	0-0	11-17	10-18	27	3	6	0	3	38				
BOBBITT*	3-12	0-0	0-0	2-5	3	6	1	2	0	2	32			
JONES, A.*	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	2	0	1	0	0	25			
CONKLE*	2-5	2-4	4-4	1-3	4	10	1	5	0	4	39			
JONES, T.*	0-9	0-4	3-4	4-3	2	3	4	6	0	2	36			
MYERS	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3			
BUNCH	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
COWLEY	4-7	2-4	2-2	1-3	4	12	0	3	0	1	22			
BOCKEY	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-1	2	1	0	1	0	0	8			
SUNDAY	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	2	1	2	1	0	12			
HOLIDAY	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	0	0	0	9			
TEAM					2-1-3									
TOTALS	19-57	4-13	20-27	22-25	47	62	10	28	1	12	225			
		FG		3-PT		FT								
1ST HALF:	9-26, 34.6%	4-7, 57.1%	10-15, 66.7%											
2ND HALF:	8-25, 32.0%	0-6, 0.0%	7-9, 77.8%											
OVERTIME:	2-6, 33.3%	0-0, 0.0%	3-3, 100%											
GAME:	19-57, 33.3%	4-13, 30.8%	20-27, 74.1%											

MERCER (7-6, 4-2 A-Sun)

PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBS		O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FT-FTA										
LEWIS, T.*	2-2	0-0	3-4	0-2	4	7	1	4	1	0	20			
RUSSELL*	9-13	1-1	1-2	3-1	6	20	3	0	1	38				
KESSENICH*	3-6	0-0	1-2	3-4	3	7	1	7	3	1	27			
SKELDON*	0-3	0-0	4-6	0-4	3	4	4	0	4	39				
KELLER*	3-7	0-1	7-9	1-3	4	13	4	4	0	2	30			
HALL	2-7	2-6	1-2	0-0	1	7	0	0	0	2	20			
DELAROSA	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3			
LEWIS, M.	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3			
OWENS	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-3	4	0	1	1	0	2	19			
LEONARD	1-5	0-0	0-0	2-0	2	1	2	0	1	1	17			
SEABRON	0-5	0-0	1-2	0-1	2	1	0	1	0	0	9			
TEAM					0-1-1									
TOTALS	21-51	3-8	19-28	9-19	28	64	11	21	5	12	225			
		FG		3-PT		FT								
1ST HALF:	7-25, 28.0%	0-3, 0.0%	6-10, 60.0%											
2ND HALF:	11-23, 47.8%	3-5, 60.0%	10-14, 71.4%											
OVERTIME:	3-3, 100%	0-0, 0.0%	3-4, 75.0%											
GAME:	21-51, 41.2%	3-8, 37.5%	19-28, 67.9%											

OFFICIALS: DOUG CLOUD, MELISSA LEWIS, BILL YOUNG  
TECHNICAL FOULS: BELMONT-NONE. MERCER-NONE.  
ATTENDANCE: 683

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	OT	TOTAL
BELMONT	32	23	7	62
MERCER	20	35	9	64

Game 14  
Mercer 66  
Jacksonville 59

Jan. 19, 2006  
Jacksonville, Fla.  
Swisher Gymnasium

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Expecting a challenge on the road, the Mercer women's basketball team stepped up and knocked off its first opponent on its two-game road trip. Three players finished with double digits, as Mercer defeated Jacksonville, 66-59.

Mercer (8-6, 5-2 A-Sun) struggled to find its offensive groove in the first half, committing 10 turnovers but didn't fall too far behind as the teams swapped buckets most of the half. Jacksonville (3-11, 0-7 A-Sun) took an eight-point lead at the 1:59 mark off a 3-pointer from Regina Omoite. The Bears countered with a trey from Megan Lewis, but trailed 33-27 at halftime.

After a slow start to the second half, Mercer went on a 10-0 run to take a lead midway through. Courtney Hall tied things at 40 with a trey, while Sarah Russell and Erin Keller each contributed with a pair of free throws that sandwiched Hall's classic 3-point play conversion as the Bears took a 47-40 lead.

Ashley Williams cut the lead to one for JU when she converted the back end of a 3-point play with 3:18 left. Megan deLaRosa stepped in for Rhonda Owens and made a free throw with under two minutes, giving Mercer a two-point lead. Keller made a lay-up and hit two free throws to give Mercer a six-point lead, putting the pressure on the Dolphins.

JU was unable to mount a serious offensive counterattack, despite Sheena Carpenter's desperation 3-pointer with four seconds left.

Williams led all scorers with 21 and grabbed nine rebounds for JU, while Carpenter finished with 15. DaV

# 2006-07 Mercer Women's Basketball

## Game 15 North Florida 66 Mercer 61

Jan. 21, 2006  
Jacksonville, Fla.  
UNF Arena

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - In its first meeting against Atlantic Sun newcomer North Florida, the Mercer women's basketball team couldn't hit its stride offensively in the second half and fell to the Lady Ospreys, 66-61.

North Florida (6-10, 4-4 A-Sun) opened the first half quickly with a 7-2 run with Jackie Beik hitting a trey and lay-up for the Lady Ospreys. Mercer struggled to find its offensive groove early in the opening frame, and trailed by as many as nine twice.

The Bears (8-7, 5-3 A-Sun) picked up their defensive intensity, which lead to its offense firing on all pistons. After Megan delaRosa's 3-pointer tied the game at 24, Mercer scored four of the final six points in the first half to take a 28-26 lead at the break.

The Lady Ospreys opened the second half with a 9-2 run, taking a 35-30 lead they would never surrender. North Florida eventually pushed its lead to 11 with five minutes remaining, but Mercer rallied.

TaShera Lewis helped the Bears cut the lead down to three after a lay-up with 44 seconds remaining in the game. Unfortunately, Mercer was unable to trim the lead any further.

Three players finished in double digits for UNF, as Beik led the team with 14 points. Tamara Hubbard and Andrea Dill each had 11, while Jennifer Bowen grabbed seven rebounds.

Mercer had three players finish in double figures, too. Lewis had a career-high 14 points, while Tanya Kessenich had 11. Sarah Russell collected her second straight double-double, grabbing a game-high 10 rebounds and adding 10 points.

"We played good defense, but couldn't knock down any shots and get into an offensive flow," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols. "Our defense has kept us in games, but we need to keep working to find the offense that suits us."

Mercer returns to action next Thursday when it hosts A-Sun newcomer Kennesaw State at 7 p.m.

### MERCER (8-7, 5-3 A-Sun)

PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBS		PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T									
LEWIS, T.*	4-9	0-0	6-7	2-2-4	3	14	1	1	0	0	0	23	
RUSSELL*	4-12	0-1	2-3	3-7-10	1	10	2	1	0	2	29		
KESSENICH*	5-6	0-0	1-3	1-1-2	1	11	0	4	0	0	20		
SKELDON*	1-5	1-4	1-2	1-2-3	3	4	9	1	0	3	32		
HALL*	1-8	1-8	0-0	1-3-4	1	3	0	2	0	2	28		
BEDINGFIELD	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
DELA ROSA	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0-1	3	0	0	0	0	5			
LEWIS, M.	3-5	0-1	2-2	1-1-2	1	8	0	1	0	0	14		
OWENS	0-4	0-0	0-0	1-1-2	4	0	4	0	0	2	26		
KELLER	2-4	0-2	0-0	1-2-3	3	4	0	1	0	0	13		
LEONARD	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	2	1	1	0	0	4		
SEABRON	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	2	1	0	0	0	3		
FLUCKER	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2		
TEAM				1-1-2									
TOTALS	23-58	3-18	12-17	12-23-35	18	61	18	14	0	9	200		

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	12-28, 42.9%	2-6, 33.3%	2-2, 100%
2ND HALF:	11-30, 36.7%	1-12, 8.3%	10-15, 66.7%
GAME:	23-58, 39.7%	3-18, 16.7%	12-17, 70.6%

### NORTH FLORIDA (6-10, 4-4 A-Sun)

PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBS		PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T									
GULDAGER*	2-4	0-0	2-2	1-4-5	3	6	4	1	0	2	29		
DILL*	3-6	1-2	4-4	1-1-2	3	11	1	1	1	0	13		
BEIK*	6-9	2-3	0-0	2-5-7	2	14	3	2	1	1	33		
HUBBARD*	2-6	0-1	7-8	0-1-1	1	11	3	1	0	1	25		
SHELDON*	2-5	0-0	2-4	1-4-5	2	6	4	3	0	4	25		
KNUDSEN	1-5	0-3	0-0	0-0-0	2	2	1	2	0	0	8		
BOWEN	2-4	0-0	0-0	1-6-7	0	4	1	2	0	0	23		
MOUNTFIELD	2-5	2-2	1-2	0-0-0	3	7	1	0	0	1	10		
REAMES	1-2	0-0	0-2	3-2-5	0	2	0	1	2	0	11		
HABERLEIN	1-5	1-2	0-0	0-1-1	1	3	0	2	0	0	10		
WOOLFOLK	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	1	0	1	0	0	0	13		
TEAM				1-2-3									
TOTALS	22-51	6-13	16-22	10-27-37	18	66	19	16	4	9	200		

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	10-30, 33.3%	4-9, 44.4%	2-2, 100%
2ND HALF:	12-21, 57.1%	2-4, 50.0%	14-20, 70.0%
GAME:	22-51, 43.1%	6-13, 46.2%	16-22, 72.7%

OFFICIALS: KEN DRAYTON, CRAIG MILLER, JAMES ROWLAND  
TECHNICAL FOULS: MERCER- KELLER. NORTH FLORIDA-SHELDON.  
ATTENDANCE: 575

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
MERCER	28	33	61
NORTH FLORIDA	26	40	66

## Game 16 Mercer 69 Kennesaw State 55

Jan. 26, 2006  
Macon, Ga.  
University Center

MACON, Ga. - After seeing its five-game winning streak snapped last weekend, the Mercer women's basketball team shot a season-high 52.9 percent from the field to defeat Atlantic Sun newcomer Kennesaw State, 69-55.

After a slow start, the Bears used a 12-4 run over two-minute streak in the first half to take a 22-11 lead midway through. The Lady Owls trimmed the lead down to five with 7:19 remaining in the half off a Shavonder Clarke jumper, but Tanya Kessenich pushed the Bear lead back to nine with consecutive layups.

Mercer (9-7, 6-3 A-Sun) continued to dominate the paint in the second half, as Sarah Russell and Kessenich got a steady stream of balls to start the second half. The Bears took advantage of the Lady Owls collapsing on the paint, as Sally Skeldon hit back-to-back 3-pointers to give Mercer a 10-point lead with 13:24 remaining.

Kennesaw State (2-14, 2-8 A-Sun) cut the lead to seven twice, but were unable to get any closer. Both teams mishandled the ball at times, but neither could capitalize on the offensive end. Mercer had just 10 points off 18 KSU turnovers, while the Lady Owls had 17 points off 25 Bear miscues.

Clarke tried to carry Kennesaw State on her back, shooting 5-of-8 from the field and grabbing seven rebounds in the second to finish with a game-high 21 points and 11 rebounds. Danielle Bates added 12 for the Lady Owls.

Kessenich tied her career-high with 16 points while shooting 8-of-9 from the floor and grabbing five rebounds. Sarah Russell shot 4-for-5 and grabbed six rebounds in the second half to finish with 12 points and a team-high eight rebounds. Skeldon earned her first career double-double the hard way with 10 points and 10 assists.

"This is our house and we wanted to defend it," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols. "We had players step up big for us tonight. We played a lot better offensively and kept things under control, but we need to be more responsible with the ball because turnovers could have hurt us more than they did."

Mercer completes the A-Sun newcomer trifecta when it hosts East Tennessee State Saturday at 2 p.m.

### KENNESAW STATE (2-14, 2-8 A-Sun)

PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBS		PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T									
BATES*	3-10	2-6	4-8	1-1-2	0	12	4	3	1	0	31		
GAYE*	2-3	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	2	4	0	1	0	0	14		
MIESZKOWSKA*	1-7	1-5	0-0	1-2-3	3	3	1	1	0	1	22		
BAKER*	4-10	1-3	0-0	6-1-7	2	9	1	4	0	3	28		
JOHNSON*	1-6	0-2	2-2	2-2-4	3	4	5	2	0	2	38		
GALBIATI	0-3	0-2	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	1	0	0	6		
ROBINSON	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	2	2	0	0	0	2	13		
GURLEY	0-6	0-4	0-0	1-1-2	4	0	0	1	0	3	18		
CLARKE	8-17	1-4	4-9	4-7-11	4	21	0	4	0	6	27		
LUJAN	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3		
TEAM				2-2-4									
TOTALS	20-64	5-26	10-19	18-18-36	21	55	11	18	1	17	200		

### MERCER (9-7, 6-3 A-Sun)

PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBS		PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T									
LEWIS, T.*	0-3	0-0	1-4	1-3-4	1	1	2	0	1	1	18		
RUSSELL*	5-13	0-1	2-3	3-5-8	3	12	1	4	0	2	26		
KESSENICH*	8-9	0-0	0-1	3-2-5	1	16	1	1	0	1	25		
SKELDON*	3-4	3-3	1-2	0-5-5	1	10	10	7	0	3	38		
KELLER*	2-6	2-3	1-3	2-2-4	1	7	0	4	1	0	26		
BEDINGFIELD	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	2	2	0	0	3		
DELA ROSA	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2		
LEWIS, M.	3-3	0-0	2-4	0-1-1	2	8	0	0	0	1	11		
OWENS	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	2	0	5	0	0	0	11		
SWINDLE	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1		
LEONARD	4-5	0-0	0-0	1-4-5	1	8	1	0	0	0	16		
HALL	1-4	1-4	0-0	1-1-2	1	3	0	3	0	1	11		
SEABRON	0-1	0-0	2-4	0-0-0	0	2	0	1	0	0	8		
FLUCKER	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-0-1	4	0	0	0	0	1	4		
TEAM				3-4-7									
TOTALS	27-51	6-12	9-23	15-29-44	17	69	21	25	1	10	200		

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	14-30, 46.7%	2-6, 33.3%	4-11, 36.4%
2ND HALF:	13-21, 61.9%	4-6, 66.7%	5-12, 41.7%
GAME:	27-51, 52.9%	6-12, 50.0%	9-23, 39.1%

OFFICIALS: TERRI MADDOCK, COURTNEY WALKER, MATT BINET  
TECHNICAL FOULS: KENNESAW STATE-NONE. MERCER-NONE.  
ATTENDANCE: 867

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
KENNESAW STATE	25	30	55
MERCER	34	35	69

## Game 17 Mercer 61 ETSU 57

Jan. 28, 2006  
Macon, Ga.  
University Center

MACON, Ga. - Despite jumping out to a 12-2 lead to open the game, the Mercer women's basketball team wasn't able to run away from first-place East Tennessee State. Down two at half-time, the Bears battled back for a 61-57 win over the Lady Bucs.

A pair of 3-pointers from Erin Keller book ended the opening run for Mercer, as Tanya Kessenich, Sarah Russell and Zsuzsanna Flucker all contributed during the stretch. Michelle DeVault sank a trio of treys during a 14-4 run for Lady Bucs, jumping out to a 16-12 lead.

East Tennessee State (12-6, 8-3 A-Sun) typed out to an eight-point lead to open the second half, as DeVault hit a pair of 3-pointers and B.J. Banjo added a trey and layup.

The teams seemed to trade buckets almost every time down court, as Mercer (10-7, 7-3 A-Sun) was unable to take the lead and ETSU was unable to pull away. Rhonda Owens kept the Bears in the game late, scoring eight of her 10 points in the second half with all five of her rebounds coming in the second stanza.

Owens put the Bears ahead with a jumper at 3:04, and assisted on Russell's jumper a minute later to give Mercer a three-point lead. Candace Gibson brought ETSU within one after hitting a jumper at 1:57.

Sally Skeldon went down hard after a foul from Gibson, and was unable to shoot the foul shots with 47.1 seconds remaining. Megan delaRosa came off the bench and calmly sank both shots, giving Mercer a three-point lead. ETSU failed to score after Gibson's bucket, and Owens iced the game after hitting the front-end of a 1-and-1 with 27.2 seconds left.

"It was a great win for us," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols. "Rhonda and Sarah strapped on the boots and came to play in the second half."

DeVault led all scorers with 21 points, shooting 5-for-10 from 3-point range. Banjo had a double-double with 17 points and 11 rebounds, while Gibson grabbed five boards.

Keller led the Bears with 12 points on 4-for-4 shooting from behind the arc, while Owens finished with 10. Russell narrowly missed a double-double with 11 points and nine rebounds, while Flucker grabbed a career-high nine rebounds.

The Bears return to action next Thursday when they travel to Nashville to face Belmont. Tip-off is slated for 5:30 p.m. CT.

### ETSU (12-6, 8-3 A-Sun)

PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBS		PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T									
DEVVAULT*	5-13	5-10	6-8	2-4-6	1	21	1	1	0	1	36		
AKERS*	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-1-2	3	2	2	2	0	1	14		
GIBSON*	1-10	0-0	3-4	6-4-10	4	5	1	2	1	0	31		
AZUBUIKE*	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4		
BANJO*	6-16	5-9	0-0	1-10-11	17	2	3	0	1	37			
MORING	2-8	0-3	0-0	0-0-0	0	4	1	0	0	15			
WILHOIT	1-3	0-2	0-0	1-3-4	1	2	4	3	0	30			
HOLMES	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	2	3	1	0	20			
NORMAN	2-4	0-0	0-1	1-3-4	3	4	0	1	1	11			
TURMAN	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-									

# 2006-07 Mercer Women's Basketball

## Game 18 Belmont 66 Mercer 55

Feb. 2, 2006  
Nashville, Tenn.  
Curb Event Center

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - After knocking off the Atlantic Sun's first place team last Saturday at home, the Mercer women's basketball team knew it would be difficult to defeat first-place Belmont on the road. The Bears were unable to pull off consecutive wins against the league's top teams, falling 66-55 to the Bruins.

Belmont (13-5, 9-2 A-Sun) went on a 10-2 run midway through the opening half, taking a 17-9 lead with 8:45 left. The Bruins extended their lead out to 14 twice, but the Bears battled back to enter halftime trailing by 12. Alysha Clark led the way for BU in the first half, scoring 14 of her team's 23 points.

After shooting 30.8 percent in the first half, Mercer (10-8, 7-4 A-Sun) was unable to get its offense on track in the second stanza until late in the game. The Bears trailed 46-30 with 11:05 remaining in the game, as the Bruins opened the half shooting 40 percent from field.

The Bruins pushed the lead out to 24 with 7:17 left, but Mercer was never able to trim it into single digits. The closest the Bears got was 11 with 14 seconds remaining after Rhonda Owens hit a foul shot.

Clark led Belmont with 24 points and eight rebounds, while the nine other Bruins seeing action contributed at least three points. Brooke Sunday grabbed seven rebounds.

Sarah Russell led the Bears with 15 points and six rebounds on 7-for-13 shooting. Tanya Kessenich had nine points and five rebounds. Owens provided a spark off the bench with eight points.

"We just didn't have that pep in our step defensively," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols. "We got a lot of good play from different people tonight, but we need better ball rotation."

Mercer returns to action Saturday against Lipscomb. Tip-off is slated for 2 p.m. CT.

### MERCER (10-8, 7-4 A-Sun)

PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBS		O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FT-FTA										
RUSSELL*	7-12	1-2	0-0	0-6	1	15	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	32
FLUCKER*	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	8
KESSENICH*	4-6	0-0	1-2	3-2	5	2	9	0	0	2	1	24	0	24
LEWIS, M.*	2-8	1-2	2-4	2-1	3	0	7	1	2	0	0	23	0	23
KELLER*	2-9	0-5	2-2	1-3	4	1	6	3	4	0	2	29	0	29
LEWIS, T.	0-2	0-0	1-4	1-0	1	4	1	2	0	0	0	14	0	14
BEDINGFIELD 0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DELA ROSA	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
OWENS	2-6	0-1	4-5	1-2	2	3	0	3	0	1	22	0	0	22
LEONARD	2-5	0-0	0-2	1-1	2	4	1	1	0	3	11	0	0	11
HALL	1-6	0-4	0-0	0-2	2	3	2	1	0	2	20	0	0	20
SEABRON	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	6	0	6
TEAM				3-14										
TOTALS	21-57	3-15	10-19	13-20	33	20	55	11	19	3	10	200	0	200

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	8-26, 30.8%	1-7, 14.3%	6-8, 75.0%
2ND HALF:	13-31, 41.9%	2-8, 25.0%	4-11, 36.4%
GAME:	21-57, 36.8%	3-15, 20.0%	10-19, 52.6%

### BELMONT (13-5, 9-2 A-Sun)

PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBS		O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FT-FTA										
CLARK*	10-14	0-0	4-5	4-4	8	24	0	2	0	1	27	0	0	27
BOBBITT*	0-1	0-0	6-9	0-5	2	6	0	0	2	0	16	0	0	16
JONES, A.*	1-2	0-0	1-2	0-0	2	3	1	2	0	0	19	0	0	19
CONKLE*	1-6	1-5	0-0	2-1	3	0	3	2	3	0	1	27	0	27
JONES, T.*	1-7	0-4	2-2	1-4	5	2	4	7	4	0	2	28	0	28
MYERS	1-3	1-3	0-0	0-1	1	2	3	1	1	0	0	10	0	10
COWLEY	3-7	2-4	0-2	0-2	0	8	2	0	0	2	23	0	0	23
BOCKEY	1-5	0-3	2-2	1-1	2	4	2	1	0	0	15	0	0	15
SUNDAY	3-8	0-0	0-0	2-5	7	2	6	2	5	2	3	23	0	23
HOLIDAY	1-3	1-2	2-2	1-2	3	2	5	2	2	0	0	12	0	12
TEAM				5-16										
TOTALS	22-56	5-21	17-24	18-26	44	17	66	19	20	4	9	200	0	200

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	11-31, 35.5%	3-13, 23.1%	10-10, 100%
2ND HALF:	11-25, 44.0%	2-8, 25.0%	7-14, 50.0%
GAME:	22-56, 39.3%	5-21, 23.8%	17-24, 70.8%

OFFICIALS: PHILLIP FREELS, ANDREA HAMPTON, COURTNEY WALKER  
TECHNICAL FOULS: MERCER-NONE, BELMONT-CLARK.  
ATTENDANCE: 340

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
MERCER	23	32	55
BELMONT	35	31	66

## Game 19 Lipscomb 58 Mercer 47

Feb. 4, 2006  
Nashville, Tenn.  
Allen Arena

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Rebounding and foul shooting were the difference as the Mercer women's basketball team fell to Lipscomb, 58-47. The Bears remain winless in four road games against the Lady Bisons.

Lipscomb (6-13, 5-7 A-Sun) slowly built a seven-point lead before Mercer made its first bucket. Nicole Leonard's layup from Courtney Hall at the 13:08 mark and Hall followed up with a 3-pointer on Mercer's next possession, bringing the Bears within two.

Cold shooting plagued both teams throughout the opening half, allowing Lipscomb to take a 21-15 into the break. The Lady Bisons shot 29.2 percent from the floor, while the Bears connected on just 17.6 percent of their shots and never made it to the foul line.

Mercer (10-9, 7-5 A-Sun) struggled to find its offensive groove to open the second half, as Lipscomb sprinted out to a 27-15 lead before Mercer answered back. The Bears trimmed the lead down to two twice, but each time the Lady Bisons answered with a 3-pointer or some foul shots.

The Bears cut the lead to three with 5:34 remaining, but the Lady Bisons answered with a 10-2 run over the next four minutes to put the game out of reach.

Sarah Russell was the lone Bear to score in double digits, finishing with a team-high 10 points. The bench provided a scoring spark, as Courtney Hall added nine off the bench on 3-of-4 shooting from behind the arc while Rhonda Owens grabbed eight rebounds and added six points.

Catie Woods led all scorers with 18 points with all of her field goals coming on 3-pointers. Katie Beth Pate added on four points, but grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds as Lipscomb out-rebounded Mercer 49-40.

"Our defense was awesome," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols. "The girls played hard, but every time we got close something negative happened. Every time we got into a rhythm it got disrupted."

Mercer returns to action next Friday when it hosts Stetson during homecoming. Tip-off is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

### MERCER (10-9, 7-5 A-Sun)

PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBS		O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FT-FTA										
RUSSELL*	3-14	0-4	4-4	0-5	4	10	1	0	0	3	31	0	0	31
FLUCKER*	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	0	1	1	16	0	0	16
KESSENICH*	2-9	0-0	0-1	4-4	8	4	4	0	1	4	20	0	0	20
LEWIS, M.*	1-9	0-1	0-0	1-1	2	3	2	0	1	0	20	0	0	20
KELLER*	3-13	1-5	0-0	3-1	4	5	7	4	3	0	26	0	0	26
LEWIS, T.	0-3	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	3	0	0	4	0	12	0	0	12
BEDINGFIELD 0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
DELA ROSA	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	1	3	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	8
OWENS	3-9	0-1	0-0	2-6	2	6	5	5	0	5	31	0	0	31
LEONARD	3-7	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	6	0	1	0	10	0	0	10
HALL	3-4	3-4	0-0	2-1	3	0	9	2	1	0	20	0	0	20
SEABRON	0-4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	4
TEAM				4-37										
TOTALS	19-74	5-17	4-5	17-23	40	26	6	13	200	0	200	0	0	200

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	6-34, 17.6%	3-5, 60.0%	0-0, 0.0%
2ND HALF:	13-40, 32.5%	2-12, 16.7%	4-5, 80.0%
GAME:	19-74, 25.7%	5-17, 29.4%	4-5, 80.0%

### LIPSCOMB (6-13, 5-7 A-Sun)

PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBS		O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FT-FTA										
MCALISTER*	1-5	0-0	5-8	2-7	8	2	7	2	4	1	2	31	0	31
GOSSMAN*	3-7	0-0	3-4	2-2	4	9	1	3	0	1	25	0	0	25
PATE*	1-4	0-0	2-4	2-13	15	4	2	3	7	0	27	0	0	27
CARRIGAN*	4-8	3-7	1-4	0-4	2	12	4	0	3	33	0	0	0	33
WOODS*	4-10	4-7	6-8	0-1	0	18	2	2	0	6	33	0	0	33
HEAD	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	1	0	0	11	0	0	11
OSBORN	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	11
JONES	2-5	0-3	4-5	1-5	6	2	8	0	5	0	18	0	0	18
ROLLINS	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
VIHMANN	0-2	0-0	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	9
TEAM				3-58										
TOTALS	15-43	7-18	21-35	11-39	49	58	11	24	8	12	200	0	0	200

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	7-24, 29.2%	3-11, 27.3%	4-7, 57.1%
2ND HALF:	8-19, 42.1%	4-7, 57.1%	17-28, 60.7%
GAME:	15-43, 34.9%	7-18, 38.9%	21-35, 60.0%

OFFICIALS: JIM VASTINE, RUSTY CAMPBELL, KIRK PAITSEL  
TECHNICAL FOULS: MERCER-NONE, LIPSCOMB-NONE.  
ATTENDANCE: 787

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
MERCER	15	32	47
LIPSCOMB	21	37	58

## Game 20 Mercer 60 Stetson 55

Feb. 10, 2006  
Macon, Ga.  
University Center

MACON, Ga. - After seeing a halftime lead quickly gobbled up in the second half, a shooting surge led the Mercer women's basketball team to a 60-55 victory over Stetson on Homecoming.

Stetson (5-16, 3-11 A-Sun) jumped out to an early lead, as Nefertiti Walker scored eight of the Hatters' first 13 points. Mercer slowly responded with a jumper and trey from Courtney Hall, cutting the lead down to four midway through the first half. The teams battled back and forth heading into halftime, but Mercer (11-9, 8-5 A-Sun) methodically built 27-23 lead at the break behind a pair of jumpers from Megan Lewis.

The Hatters opened the second half on fire, going on an 18-4 run. Walker hit a pair of treys, while Janene MacLin worked the post for five points during the run. Trailing by 10, the Bears woke up from their slumber and pounded the paint. Tanya Kessenich and TaShera Lewis combined to score eight points during a six-minute stretch, as Mercer closed the gap to two.

Rhonda Owens tied the game on a layup with 4:42 left. Kessenich provided Mercer with a scoring surge down the stretch, scoring on three consecutive possessions to give the Bears a 58-54 lead with 1:15 remaining.

Walker was unable to provide any heroics for the Hatters down the stretch, as the last Stetson field goal came with 8:08 left in the game. The senior led all scorers with 31 points and grabbed nine rebounds.

"Our defense was a little shaky at times," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols. "Our fans stepped up and made some noise, which gave our girls a spark."

Kessenich led the Bears with 11 points, while Hall added 10 along with seven rebounds. After missing last weekend due to an injury, Sally Skeldon made a difference with the offense as she had nine assists.

"Our offense finally started clicking late in the game. Tanya did a great job in the post," added Nichols, as Mercer shot 51.9 percent from the field in the second half.

The Bears return to action Sunday when they travel to Boca Raton, Fla., to battle second place Florida Atlantic. Tip-off is slated for 2 p.m. at FAU Gym.

### STETSON (5-16, 3-11 A-Sun)

PLAYER	TOT-FG		3-PT		REBS		O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FT-FTA										
MACLIN*	1-4	0-0	5-10	3-3	6	4	7	0	2	0	3	29	0	29
PILOTO*	2-4	0-0	2-6	1-2										

# 2006-07 Mercer Women's Basketball

## Game 21 Florida Atlantic 82 Mercer 75

Feb. 12, 2006  
Boca Raton, Fla.  
FAU Gym

BOCA RATON, Fla. - Second half foul shooting and untimely offensive errors cost the Mercer women's basketball team as they battled Florida Atlantic. As the Owls went 15-for-25 from the line in the second half, the Bears fell 82-75.

After Mercer opened the game shooting 5-for-9 and holding a six-point lead, Florida Atlantic battled back. Florida Atlantic finished the half on a 9-3 run to lead 38-30 at the break. Tanya Kessenich led Mercer with 10 first half points, as she worked the paint and went 6-for-6 at the free throw line.

Florida Atlantic (12-9, 11-3 A-Sun) was unable to pull ahead in the second half, as the teams battled back and forth. Mercer (11-10, 8-6 A-Sun) cut the lead down to three with 7:26 off a jumper from Sarah Russell, but the Bears committed five consecutive turnovers without a shot over the next two minutes as the Owls pushed ahead.

FAU gradually added to its lead, as the Owls pounded the paint with Demina Anderson. She scored six straight points for FAU, while Shontavia Williams three more straight to give the Owls a 73-63 lead with 2:14 remaining.

The Bears answered down the stretch with an inside-outside game between Kessenich and a variety of players. Kessenich registered four straight points before Russell's 4-point play with 1:44 remaining brought Mercer within three. Mercer was unable to knot things up, as FAU made 6-of-8 free throws in the waning minutes of the game.

Kessenich finished with a career-high 26 points on 9-of-12 shooting, including 8-for-9 at the foul line. Russell added 13 points, completely in the second half on a perfect shooting night. The junior was 4-for-4 overall from the field, 2-for-2 from 3-point range and 3-for-3 at the foul line. Sally Skeldon narrowly missed a triple-double, as she had 10 assists, eight points and seven rebounds. Courtney Hall also added 12 off the bench on 4-of-9 shooting from behind the arc.

"We played hard, but didn't put it together for a whole game," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols. "Our bench post players didn't step up when we needed it."

The Bears return home to host Campbell next Thursday at 7 p.m.

### MERCER (11-10, 8-6 A-Sun)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	FG	3-PT	FT	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
FLUCKER*	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-1-1	2	1	0	0	0	0	12
KESSENICH*	9-12	0-0	8-9	1-4-5	4	26	2	3	0	34	
SKELDON*	2-4	2-2	2-2	0-7-7	1	8	10	3	0	2	35
OWENS*	1-4	1-3	1-2	3-7-10	4	4	8	0	1	36	
KELLER*	2-5	1-3	0-1	1-2-3	5	2	4	0	1	17	
LEWIS, T.	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0-1	3	0	2	0	0	4	
LEWIS, M.	1-7	1-4	0-2	2-1-3	2	3	1	1	0	19	
LEONARD	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-2	0	0	2	0	0	2	
HALL	4-11	4-9	0-0	0-3-3	4	12	3	2	0	25	
SEABRON	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	2	0	0	2	
RUSSELL	4-4	2-2	3-3	0-2-2	2	13	2	1	0	14	
TEAM			1-1-2								
TOTALS	24-48	11-23	16-23	8-28-36	27	75	22	27	3	6	200

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	8-21, 38.1%	4-10, 40.0%	10-14, 71.4%
2ND HALF:	16-27, 59.3%	7-13, 53.8%	6-9, 66.7%
GAME:	24-48, 50.0%	11-23, 47.8%	16-23, 69.6%

### FLORIDA ATLANTIC (12-9, 11-3 A-Sun)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	FG	3-PT	FT	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
CRENSHAW*	2-7	0-0	1-3	2-0-2	2	5	0	1	0	1	15
BULIN*	0-1	0-0	3-4	0-3-3	1	3	1	2	0	0	25
GLASER*	1-7	1-6	2-2	0-2-2	2	5	3	0	0	30	
BRAYBOY*	2-2	0-0	2-6	1-2-3	3	6	8	3	0	5	29
WILLIAMS*	7-12	2-5	8-10	4-4-8	2	24	0	2	0	3	31
YOUNG	1-3	1-3	0-0	0-0-0	1	3	1	0	0	0	7
RANDOLPH	3-6	2-5	2-2	1-1-2	0	10	0	1	0	0	14
BEAUZIL	0-1	0-1	0-0	2-2-4	0	0	2	0	0	0	9
COX	3-6	0-0	0-1	0-3-3	4	6	1	1	0	2	9
N'DIAYE	2-6	0-0	1-2	2-1-3	1	5	1	1	0	1	13
RIEKEBERG	2-3	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	4	1	0	0	1	9
ANDERSON	4-7	0-0	3-6	1-0-1	4	11	0	0	0	1	9
TEAM			2-1-3								
TOTALS	27-61	6-20	22-36	15-20-35	20	82	18	16	0	14	200

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	14-37, 37.8%	3-13, 23.1%	7-11, 63.6%
2ND HALF:	13-24, 54.2%	3-7, 42.9%	15-25, 60.0%
GAME:	27-61, 44.3%	6-20, 30.0%	22-36, 61.1%

OFFICIALS: SHANE GRIFFIN, ROBERT CORTNEY, TROY KARR  
TECHNICAL FOULS: MERCER-NONE, FLORIDA ATLANTIC-NONE.  
ATTENDANCE: 430

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
MERCER	30	45	75
FLORIDA ATLANTIC	38	44	82

## Game 22 Campbell 68 Mercer 58

Feb. 16, 2006  
Macon, Ga.  
University Center

MACON, Ga. - After shooting 29 percent in the first half, the Mercer women's basketball team was unable to overcome its halftime deficit against Campbell. The Lady Camels shot a scorching 56.3 percent for the game, winning 68-58. The loss is Mercer's first Atlantic Sun home loss of the season, the Bears had been 6-0 entering the contest.

Mercer (11-11, 8-7 A-Sun) opened quickly with a 4-0 lead, but Campbell responded and pushed its lead out to as many as 20 in the first half on 14-of-25 shooting. Tomika Tomlinson led the Lady Camel explosion, shooting 5-of-7 with two treys for 12 first-half points.

"Defensively we didn't put it together in the first half," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols.

An 8-0 spurt early in the second half, brought the Bears back within 11. The Lady Camels responded by feeding the post, as Maggie Rich, Marlena Murphy and Adrienne Rieley scored seven of nine points in a row.

Mercer cut the lead to nine with 4:45 left, but Lauren Arthur hit consecutive jumpers for Campbell (10-14, 9-7 A-Sun) to push the lead back to 13. Amber Graham hit the final Campbell field goal with 2:08 remaining, but Mercer was to connect offensively as CU held on for the win.

Campbell head coach Wanda Watkins earned her 400th career victory with the win, as the Lady Camels had four players finish in double figures. Murphy had a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds, while Tomlinson was held scoreless in the second half to finish with 12. Graham and Arthur also added 10.

Sarah Russell led the Bears with 13 points, while Megan Lewis tied a career-high with seven rebounds. Sally Skeldon tied a career-high with five steals while finishing with eight points, nine assists and five rebounds. Tanya Kessenich added nine points, but Nichols felt she could've had more.

"We got the shots we wanted, but we didn't feed the post like we should have. We just weren't together. We seemed mentally out of it at times," she said.

Mercer returns to action Saturday at noon against Gardner-Webb.

### CAMPBELL (10-14, 9-7 A-Sun)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	FG	3-PT	FT	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
MURPHY*	5-10	0-0	2-3	2-9-11	2	12	5	3	0	0	34
RIELEY*	3-6	0-0	1-2	2-3-5	1	7	0	3	1	1	35
DICKSON*	3-4	1-1	0-0	0-2-4	7	2	4	0	0	21	
BLACKWELL*	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-3-3	2	2	6	4	0	0	27
GRAHAM, A.*	4-7	2-4	0-1	0-6-6	2	10	2	5	0	3	27
GRAHAM, K.	1-1	1-1	0-1	1-0-1	0	3	0	1	0	0	8
TOMLINSON	5-10	2-5	0-0	0-2-2	2	12	2	0	1	20	
ARTHUR	3-5	0-0	4-4	0-3-3	0	10	2	1	0	3	19
OCHOGU	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
RICH	2-3	0-0	1-2	0-1-1	0	5	1	1	0	0	7
TEAM			3-1-4								
TOTALS	27-48	6-11	8-13	8-30-38	14	68	19	25	1	8	200

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	14-25, 56.0%	4-7, 57.1%	6-9, 66.7%
2ND HALF:	13-23, 56.5%	2-4, 50.0%	2-4, 50.0%
GAME:	27-48, 56.3%	6-11, 54.5%	8-13, 61.5%

### MERCER (11-11, 8-7 A-Sun)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	FG	3-PT	FT	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
LEWIS, T.*	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	2	1	0	1	2	17
RUSSELL*	6-14	1-4	0-0	3-2-5	1	13	2	1	0	0	29
KESSENICH*	3-5	0-0	3-4	1-3-4	1	9	1	3	2	0	22
SKELDON*	2-7	1-2	3-4	0-5-2	8	9	5	0	5	37	
KELLER*	3-8	0-2	1-2	1-1-2	4	7	2	3	0	3	20
BEDINGFIELD	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
HALL	2-7	2-7	0-0	0-1-1	4	6	1	0	0	2	14
DELA ROSA	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
LEWIS, M.	1-7	0-2	2-4	7-0-7	2	4	2	0	0	19	
OWENS	2-8	0-1	1-2	0-1-1	1	5	0	0	0	18	
LEONARD	2-6	0-0	0-0	1-1-2	0	4	0	0	0	1	10
FLUCKER	0-3	0-0	0-0	3-0-3	1	0	0	0	0	1	7
TEAM			3-2-5								
TOTALS	22-70	4-20	10-16	20-17-37	16	58	16	15	3	15	200

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	9-36, 25.0%	1-8, 12.5%	2-4, 50.0%
2ND HALF:	13-34, 38.2%	3-12, 25.0%	8-12, 66.7%
GAME:	22-70, 31.4%	4-20, 20.0%	10-16, 62.5%

OFFICIALS: DOCK SISK, SHAWN GOODE, MARCUS SMITH  
TECHNICAL FOULS: CAMPBELL-NONE, MERCER-NONE.  
ATTENDANCE: 546

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
CAMPBELL	38	30	68
MERCER	21	37	58

## Game 23 Gardner-Webb 77 Mercer 74

Feb. 18, 2006  
Macon, Ga.  
University Center

MACON, Ga. - Despite three players finishing in double figures, the Mercer women's basketball team came up just short against Atlantic Sun foe Gardner-Webb. The Bulldogs led by as many as 13 in the second half and held on for the 77-74 win.

Shameka Smith put GWU on the scoreboard first with a jumper in the paint, but the teams battled back and forth throughout the first half. The opening stanza featured seven ties and six lead changes, as Gardner-Webb (10-14, 9-8 A-Sun) led 33-32 at the break.

Mercer (11-12, 8-8 A-Sun) made its first two field goals of the second half to take a 37-35 lead, but hit a dry spell afterwards. Gardner-Webb went on 14-3 run over the next three minutes to build an 11-point lead.

"We weren't driving to the basket," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols. "We were penetrating around the cattle guards instead of through the cattle guards."

Down 12 with 3:37 left, the Bears started making a push. Sarah Russell drained back-to-back 3-pointers to bring Mercer within three with 15 seconds left. A missed free throw from Candysie Kelly put the GWU lead back to four, but Rhonda Owens trimmed it to one with a trey with 7 seconds remaining.

Jessica Bryant made two free throws at the other end after being fouled before the inbounds pass, giving the Bulldogs a three-point lead. The Bears were unable to get off a desperation basket, as GWU swept the season series for the first time ever.

Kelly led GWU with 16 points while Smith added 14 and Brittany Harmon contributed 12 and a team-high nine rebounds.

Russell led all scorers with 17 points while Tanya Kessenich added 15 and a team-high eight rebounds. Courtney Hall added 10 points off the bench, and Sally Skeldon tied a career-high with 10 assists.

"We just ran out of time," added Nichols. "We had some defensive mishaps that cost us some baskets."

The Bears return to action next Thursday on the road against East Tennessee State. Tip-off is slated for 7 p.m.

### GARDNER-WEBB (10-14, 9-8 A-Sun)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	FG	3-PT	FT	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
SMITH*	7-11	0-0	0-3	4-2-6	4	14	2	0	0	1	28
POVILOYNTE*	2-6	1-3	3-4	1-3-4	3	8	1	3	0	1	22
HARMON*	4-9	0-0	4-5	3-6-9	2	12	1	1	4	1	35
BLACKMAN*	3-10	0-4	2-2	0-3-3	5	8	4	6	0	4	29
KELLY*	3-8	3-4	7-10	1-5-6	2	16	2	3	0	0	31
BENNETT	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0-1	3	2	2	0	1	12	
BRYANT	1-4	1-2	2-2	0-0-1	5	1	0	0	0	14	
GARRETT	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
STURDIVANT	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
WILKINSON	3-4	1-2	1-1	0-1-3	1	8	0	1	0	1	14
SANDERSON	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-1-1	2	3	2	1	0	0	10
TEAM			3-3-6								
TOTALS	25-54	8-17	19-27	12-27-39	77	15	17	4	9	200	

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	12-28, 42.9%		

# 2006-07 Mercer Women's Basketball

## Game 24 ETSU 62 Mercer 47

Feb. 23, 2006  
Johnson City, Tenn.  
Memorial Center

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. - Despite leading by one at the break, the Mercer women's basketball team was unable to hold onto the lead for the win. East Tennessee State had four players finish with double digits, as the Lady Bucs prevailed 62-47.

Mercer (11-13, 8-9 A-Sun) trailed by as much as eight in the opening minutes of the game, but methodically trimmed the ETSU lead and tied things at 15 with 4:39 left in the half. The Bears took a 21-20 lead into halftime on a breakaway basket from Sarah Russell with just over a minute remaining in the opening stanza.

After some cold shooting in the first half, East Tennessee State (16-8, 12-5 A-Sun) opened the second on fire. The Lady Bucs opened the half with a 9-2 spurt on shooting 4-for-7 after going 9-for-30 from the floor in the first half.

ETSU continued to build its lead in the second half, as the Lady Bucs made up their cold first half with a scorching second half. After shooting just 30 percent in the first half, East Tennessee State shot 57.7 percent from the field and made 10-of-15 free throws.

The Bears struggled to find their offensive rhythm in the second half, shooting 36.7 percent on 11-of-30 shooting and 1-of-7 from 3-point range. After cutting the lead to five on a 3-pointer from Russell, Mercer never scored in the game as ETSU finished on a 10-0 run.

Four of ETSU's starters finished in double digits led by B.J. Banjo who had a game-high 21 points. Kelly Turman added 14 points with Brooke Wilhoit contributing 10 points and nine rebounds. Jenny Norman added 10 points and seven rebounds.

Sarah Russell led the Bears with 13 points while grabbing five rebounds. Tanya Kessenich was big on the boards collecting 10. Rhonda Owens and TaShera Lewis added seven points and six points off the bench respectively, but Mercer got just 17 points from its reserves.

Mercer returns to action on the road Sunday against Kennesaw State at 1 p.m. The game will be televised throughout the Southeast on Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast (CSS).

### MERCER 11-13, 8-9 A-SUN

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	FG	3-PT	FT
RUSSELL*	5-15	1-3	2-2	32.3%	14.3%	0-0
FLUCKER*	1-2	0-0	0-0	14.3%	0.0%	0-0
KESSENICH*	3-9	0-0	0-1	33.3%	0.0%	0-0
SKELDON*	1-5	0-1	0-0	20.0%	0.0%	0-0
KELLER*	3-8	1-2	0-0	37.5%	14.3%	0-0
LEWIS, T.	3-3	0-0	0-0	100.0%	0.0%	0-0
BEDINGFIELD	0-0	0-0	0-0	0.0%	0.0%	0-0
DELA ROSA	0-0	0-0	0-0	0.0%	0.0%	0-0
LEWIS, M.	0-5	0-3	0-0	0.0%	60.0%	0-0
OWENS	3-5	0-1	1-1	60.0%	14.3%	0-0
LEONARD	1-2	0-0	0-0	50.0%	0.0%	0-0
HALL	1-8	0-4	0-0	12.5%	50.0%	0-0
SEABRON	0-0	0-0	0-0	0.0%	0.0%	0-0
TEAM			5-16			
TOTALS	21-62	2-14	3-4	33.9%	14.3%	0-0

1ST HALF:	10-32, 31.3%	1-7, 14.3%	0-0, 0.0%
2ND HALF:	11-30, 36.7%	1-7, 14.3%	3-4, 75.0%
GAME:	21-62, 33.9%	2-14, 14.3%	3-4, 75.0%

### ETSU (16-8, 12-5 A-SUN)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	FG	3-PT	FT
NORMAN*	5-10	0-0	0-0	50.0%	0.0%	0-0
TURMAN*	7-14	0-0	0-0	50.0%	0.0%	0-0
WILHOIT*	4-6	2-3	0-2	66.7%	66.7%	0-0
BANJO*	5-14	2-5	9-13	35.7%	46.2%	2-2
AKERS*	2-4	0-0	0-2	50.0%	0.0%	0-0
AZUBUIKE	0-1	0-0	0-0	0.0%	0.0%	0-0
MORING	0-2	0-0	0-1	0.0%	0.0%	0-0
HOLMES	0-1	0-0	1-4	0.0%	0.0%	0-0
GIBSON	1-4	0-0	0-0	25.0%	0.0%	0-0
TEAM			0-1-1			
TOTALS	24-56	4-10	10-21	42.9%	40.0%	47.6%

OFFICIALS: PHIL FREES, TOM BALDINELLI, VICTOR LEWIS  
TECHNICAL FOULS: MERCER-NONE, ETSU-NONE.  
ATTENDANCE: 345

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
MERCER	21	26	47
ETSU	20	42	62

## Game 25 Kennesaw State 75 Mercer 65

Feb. 26, 2006  
Kennesaw, Ga.  
KSU Convocation Center

KENNESAW, Ga. - The Mercer women's basketball team could not fix its road woes against the Atlantic Sun's last place team, as Kennesaw State knocked off Mercer 75-65.

Mercer (11-14, 8-10 A-Sun) jumped ahead early in the game, as Kennesaw State failed to connect on a field goal until the 8:30 mark of the first half. At that point the Bears were leading, 19-8. The Lady Owls methodically trimmed the Bear lead and entered halftime down 29-26.

As cold as Kennesaw State (5-20, 4-14 A-Sun) was in the first half, they were equally at hot to open the second half. The Lady Owls hit their first four field goals in the second half, including a 3-pointer from Dominika Mieszkowska.

KSU methodically built its lead through foul shooting and 3-pointers. The Lady Owls went 21-for-22 at the foul line in the second half and hit 4-of-9 treys. The Bears shot 42.4 percent in the second half, but attempted just three shots behind the arc.

"We were making our twos. Tanya Kessenich had a great game and came through for us, but they were shooting threes and we were shooting twos," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols.

Five players finished in double figures for Kennesaw. Mieszkowska had 16, as did Danielle Bates. Shavonder Clarke had 14 while Ngoneh Gaye added 10. Nikki Gurley gave KSU a spark off the bench in the second half, scoring 10 of her 16 points in the final frame.

Kessenich led Mercer with 24 points on 11-of-19 shooting while Sarah Russell had double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

"We weren't getting to the line, and they were. And when we did get to the line, we didn't shoot well," Nichols said about her team going 8-for-19 for the game from the charity stripe.

Mercer returns to action Thursday at home against Jacksonville at 7 p.m.

### MERCER (11-14, 8-10 A-SUN)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	FG	3-PT	FT
RUSSELL*	6-17	0-4	2-3	35.3%	25.0%	11-12
FLUCKER*	0-0	0-0	0-2	0.0%	0.0%	0-0
KESSENICH*11-19	10-0	2-7	4-4	100.0%	28.6%	2-2
SKELDON*	1-6	0-0	0-0	16.7%	0.0%	0-0
KELLER*	2-4	2-2	3-5	50.0%	60.0%	0-0
LEWIS, T.	1-6	0-0	1-2	16.7%	0.0%	0-0
BEDINGFIELD	0-0	0-0	0-0	0.0%	0.0%	0-0
DELA ROSA	1-3	1-3	0-0	33.3%	0.0%	0-0
LEWIS, M.	1-3	0-0	0-0	33.3%	0.0%	0-0
OWENS	1-5	0-0	0-0	20.0%	0.0%	0-0
LEONARD	1-1	0-0	0-0	100.0%	0.0%	0-0
HALL	0-1	0-1	0-0	0.0%	0.0%	0-0
SEABRON	2-2	0-0	0-0	100.0%	0.0%	0-0
TEAM			2-3-5			
TOTALS	27-67	3-10	8-19	40.3%	30.0%	42.1%

### KENNESAW STATE (5-20, 4-14 A-SUN)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	FG	3-PT	FT
BATES*	4-8	3-4	5-5	50.0%	75.0%	6-7
BAKER*	0-6	0-2	0-0	0.0%	0.0%	0-0
CLARKE*	4-14	0-2	6-7	28.6%	28.6%	14-14
MIESZKOWSKA*4-9	1-4	7-7	0-2-2	25.0%	100.0%	16-16
JOHNSON*	0-0	0-0	3-4	0.0%	0.0%	0-0
GALBIATI	0-1	0-1	0-0	0.0%	0.0%	0-0
ROBINSON	0-2	0-0	0-0	0.0%	0.0%	0-0
GURLEY	5-7	4-6	2-2	71.4%	66.7%	16-16
LUJAN	0-1	0-0	0-0	0.0%	0.0%	0-0
GAYE	3-10	0-0	4-4	30.0%	0.0%	10-10
MARTIN	0-0	0-0	0-0	0.0%	0.0%	0-0
TEAM			3-3-6			8-8
TOTALS	20-58	8-19	27-29	34.5%	42.1%	93.1%

OFFICIALS: BILL JONES, MELISSA LEWIS, GREG NORTON  
TECHNICAL FOULS: MERCER-NONE, KENNESAW STATE-NONE.  
ATTENDANCE: 257

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
MERCER	29	36	65
KENNESAW STATE	26	49	75

## Game 26 Mercer 76 Jacksonville 64

Mar. 2, 2006  
Macon, Ga.  
University Center

MACON, Ga. - The Mercer women's basketball team opened the scoring on a Tanya Kessenich layup and never looked back. Kessenich and Sarah Russell led the Bear offense to a 76-64 win over the Dolphins.

Mercer (12-14, 9-10 A-Sun) methodically worked the post early in the game and entered halftime with a 37-32 lead. The Bears got balanced scoring from Zsazquez Flucker, Russell and Kessenich as the trio scored six, seven and eight points respectively.

The Dolphins (9-17, 6-13 A-Sun) struggled to close the gap in the second half, getting as close as three on three occasions. After JU trimmed the lead, Mercer answered each time.

Jacksonville cut things to three with 3:08 remaining, but Sally Skeldon hit a layup to extend the Mercer lead back to five. After stealing the ball on JU's next possession, Skeldon found Kessenich for a layup to give Mercer a 67-60 lead with 2:16 left.

Down the stretch, Mercer could have added to its lead but went 3-for-7 in the final minute. However, Jacksonville was unable to capitalize on the offensive end, and the lead was big enough for Mercer head coach to insert Karen Hickman into the game with almost 40 seconds remaining.

"Our goal was to get up enough to get Karen [Hickman] into the game," Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols said about getting her senior, who has missed the entire season due to injury, into the game. Hickman never attempted a shot, but it was a triumph to simply see her name in the final box score.

Russell led the Bears with 19 points on 7-of-14 shooting while Kessenich added 18 on 8-of-13 shooting. Skeldon narrowly missed a double-double, finishing with eight points and nine assists. Flucker finished with a career-high eight points on 4-of-4 shooting.

Three players finished in double digits for the Dolphins. Ashley Williams led the squad with 18 while Virginia Gregoire added 15 and Sheena Carpenter contributed 14 points.

"We want to go into the tournament on a good note, and this gets us going in that direction," added Nichols. "We made it through a bad February and hopefully March will be much better to us."

The Bears return to action Saturday at home against North Florida in the regular season finale for both teams. Tip-off is slated for 2 p.m. on Senior Day.

### JACKSONVILLE (9-17, 6-13 A-SUN)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	FG	3-PT	FT
WILLIAMS*	7-13	0-0	4-5	53.8%	0.0%	3-5
FORD*	2-2	0-0	2-3	100.0%	0.0%	1-1
CARPENTER*	5-14	0-0	4-6	35.7%	0.0%	14-14
HAMILTON*	0-1	0-0	0-1	0.0%	0.0%	0-0
GREGOIRE*	5-12	0-4	5-7	41.7%	50.0%	7-7
OMOITE	1-6	1-4	2-2	16.7%	25.0%	5-5
DAVIS	2-2	0-0	2-2	100.0%	0.0%	0-0
JOHNSON	0-3	0-0	0-2	0.0%	0.0%	0-0
TEAM			5-4-9			
TOTALS	22-53	1-8	19-27	41.5%	12.5%	70.4%

### MERCER (12-14, 9-10 A-SUN)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	FG	3-PT	FT
RUSSELL*	7-14	1-1	4-6	50.0%	14.3%	0-0
FLUCKER*	4-4	0-0	0-0	100.0%	0.0%	0-0
KESSENICH*	8-13	0-0	2-3	61.5%	0.0%	18-18
SKELDON*	3-4	0-0	2-3	75.0%	0.0%	8-9
KELLER*	1-5	0-0	5-10	20.0%	0.0%	7-7
LEWIS, T.	2-3	0-0	1-1	66.7%	0.0%	0-0
HICKMAN	0-0	0-0	0-0	0.0%	0.0%	0-0
BEDINGFIELD	0-0	0-0	0-0	0.0%	0.0%	0-0
LEWIS, M.	0-1	0-1	0-0	0.0%	0.0%	0-0
OWENS	0-2	0-0	2-4	0.0%	0.0%	0-0
LEONARD	0-2	0-0	3-4	0.0%	0.0%	0-0
HALL	1-3	1-3	2-2	33.3%	33.3%	5-5
SEABRON	1-1	0-0	0-0	100.0%	0.0%	0-0
TEAM			1-5-6			
TOTALS	27-52	2-5	20-32	51.7%	50.0%	75.0%

OFFICIALS: STACEY RYMER, DARRELL MITCHELL, CHAS FRAZIER  
TECHNICAL FOULS: JACKSONVILLE-NONE, MERCER-NONE.  
ATTENDANCE: 563

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
JACKSONVILLE	32	32	64
MERCER	37	39	76

# 2006-07 Mercer Women's Basketball

## Game 27 Mercer 49 North Florida 41

Mar. 4, 2006  
Macon, Ga.  
University Center

MACON, Ga. - With one final appearance at home, seniors Karen Hickman and Tanya Kessenich went out with a win as the Mercer women's basketball team defeated North Florida, 49-41.

Mercer (13-14, 10-10 A-Sun) opened things with a quick 4-0 spurt, but North Florida stayed close and took a one-point lead with 6:55 left in the first. The Bears responded and entered half-time with a nine-point lead on a last-second jumper from Sarah Russell.

North Florida (11-17, 9-11 A-Sun) started hot in the second half, trimming the Mercer lead to two just five minutes into the frame. The Bears answered the challenge, as Kessenich hit a jumper and Erin Keller hit a 3-pointer to give Mercer a 34-27 lead.

The Bears extended their lead to 13 on a Russell layup with 4:14 remaining. Mercer's solid defense kept the lead safe, as UNF shot a frigid 20 percent in the second half and made just seven field goals in the frame. C.C. Woolfolk led UNF in scoring with 11 points while Jennifer Guldager grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds.

Mercer struggled from the field in the second half, but made 12-of-17 free throws to compensate for its shooting woes from the floor.

Two juniors and a sophomore were the offensive keys for the Bears. Keller led all scorers with 12 points, connecting on a trio of treys. Russell had her fifth double-double of the season with 11 points and tied a career-high with 13 rebounds. Sally Skeldon had only five assists, but added nine points.

Kessenich narrowly missed a double-double with eight points and 10 rebounds, while her fellow senior, Hickman, attempted one shot in the two minutes she logged. "Our team played its heart out for Tanya [Kessenich] and Karen [Hickman]," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols. "Erin [Keller] gave up her starting spot for Karen and played a great game."

The Bears will be in action next Thursday, Mar. 9, against East Tennessee State in the quarterfinals of the Atlantic Sun Tournament in Dothan, Ala.

### NORTH FLORIDA (11-17, 9-11 A-SUN)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
GULDAGER* 0-10	0-0	0-0	4-6	10-2	0	2	1	0	1	28			
MOUNTFIELD* 2-2	0-0	0-0	1-2	3-3	4	1	2	0	2	18			
BEIK* 1-4	0-0	0-0	1-2	3-2	2	2	0	0	0	15			
KNUDSEN* 2-6	1-5	0-0	0-2	2-0	5	2	2	0	0	19			
SHELDON* 1-3	1-2	0-0	1-1	2-4	3	1	1	0	0	24			
HUBBARD 0-3	0-2	2-2	0-2	2-0	2	0	2	0	1	13			
BOWEN 1-5	0-0	1-2	1-3	4-0	3	1	5	0	2	20			
REAMS 4-10	0-0	0-1	3-3	6-3	8	1	1	2	2	16			
HABERLEIN 1-8	0-5	1-2	0-0	1-1	3	0	2	0	0	14			
WOOLFOLK 3-7	1-1	4-6	3-1	4-1	11	2	2	0	2	15			
DILL 0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-0	1	0	1	2	0	18			
TEAM			3-3										
TOTALS	15-59	3-15	8-13	17-27	44-47	11	11	9	4	10	200		

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	8-24, 33.3%	2-7, 28.6%	1-2, 50.0%
2ND HALF:	7-35, 20.0%	1-8, 12.5%	7-11, 63.6%
GAME:	15-59, 25.4%	3-15, 20.0%	8-13, 61.5%

### MERCER (13-14, 10-10 A-SUN)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
RUSSELL* 4-10	0-0	3-4	1-12	130	11	2	2	3	36				
FLUCKER* 2-3	0-0	1-2	1-1	2-0	5	0	1	1	13				
KESSENICH* 3-12	0-0	2-6	6-4	10-2	8	1	1	1	35				
HICKMAN* 0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2				
SKELDON* 2-4	2-3	3-3	0-3	3-1	9	5	4	0	5	37			
LEWIS, T. 1-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	3	1	8			
BEDINGFIELD 0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2				
DELAROSA 0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	1	0	0	1			
LEWIS, M. 0-1	0-0	2-2	0-1	1-2	2	0	1	0	6				
OWENS 0-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	0	2	1	0	1	14			
KELLER 3-7	3-7	3-4	0-2	2	12	2	1	3	1	27			
LEONARD 0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	3-0	0	0	1	0	1	5			
HALL 0-5	0-4	0-0	1-2	3-0	0	0	4	0	1	11			
SEABRON 0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	3			
TEAM			1-2										
TOTALS	15-49	5-15	14-21	12-30	42-10	49	11	19	10	15	200		

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	11-30, 36.7%	4-9, 44.4%	2-4, 50.0%
2ND HALF:	4-19, 21.1%	1-6, 16.7%	12-17, 70.6%
GAME:	15-49, 30.6%	5-15, 33.3%	14-21, 66.7%

OFFICIALS: COURTNEY WALKER, JAMES ROWLAND, CRAIG MILLER  
TECHNICAL FOULS: NORTH FLORIDA-NONE. MERCER-NONE.  
ATTENDANCE: 486

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
NORTH FLORIDA	19	22	41
MERCER	28	21	49

## Game 28 Mercer 59 ETSU 56

Mar. 9, 2006  
Dothan, Ala.  
Dothan Civic Center

DOTHAN, Ala. - With Sally Skeldon in foul trouble most of the game, the Mercer women's basketball struggled offensively without its point guard. Mercer rallied to force overtime and knocked off third-seeded East Tennessee State, 59-56.

Mercer (14-14) opened the game quickly with an 11-5 run, as the Bears pounded the post with Tanya Kessenich and Zsazquez Flucker. East Tennessee State answered back with a 6-0 spurt to take a 17-11 lead midway through the half. Sally Skeldon picked up her second foul at the 7:23 mark and sat the rest of the half, as Mercer struggled to execute offensively. The Bears made just 3-of-15 field goals during that span.

ETSU (18-10) ran a methodic offense in the second half, leading by as many as 11 with 13:05 left in the half when Skeldon picked up a technical foul and her fourth personal. The Lady Bucs were unable to pull away though, as the Bears cut the lead down to two with 4:45 left.

The Lady Bucs answered back and pushed the lead back to five with 2:16 remaining on a free throw. After Sarah Russell brought the Bears within three on a pair of free throws, Erin Keller took over for Mercer. Keller hit a layup with 90 seconds remaining and sank a jumper in the paint to tie the game with 25.6 seconds remaining.

Defensively, Mercer stepped up as ETSU's B.J. Banjo missed a leaning jumper with four seconds remaining. In overtime, the teams traded foul shots most of the way, as Mercer held a one-point edge with 1:07 left. The Lady Bucs failed to convert offensively as Flucker grabbed a key defensive rebound with 4 seconds remaining and sank her two foul shots, giving the Bears a three-point lead. On the ensuing inbounds play, Skeldon intercepted the pass and dribbled the remaining ticks off the clock.

Keller led the Bears in scoring with 15, including 12 in the second half and overtime. Kessenich barely missed a double-double with nine points and 12 rebounds. Sarah Russell had 10 points and seven rebounds, and Flucker finished with seven rebounds and seven points.

The win advances the Bears to the semifinals for the first time since the 2002 tournament. Mercer will play in the second semifinal game, battling Florida Atlantic at approximately 9:15 p.m. ET.

### MERCER (14-14)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
RUSSELL* 3-17	0-0	4-4	1-6	7-0	10	1	2	0	0	33			
FLUCKER* 2-4	0-0	3-4	3-4	7-3	7	0	2	4	1	21			
KESSENICH* 4-7	0-0	1-2	5-7	12-2	9	1	3	2	0	36			
SKELDON* 1-4	1-2	2-2	0-2	2-4	5	4	3	0	3	26			
KELLER* 6-11	0-2	3-4	1-4	5-4	15	2	5	0	3	35			
LEWIS, T. 0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0	0	0	2	0	6			
BEDINGFIELD 0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
LEWIS, M. 1-3	1-1	1-2	0-1	1-1	4	0	1	0	0	9			
OWENS 2-5	0-1	0-0	1-3	2-4	4	1	5	0	2	31			
LEONARD 1-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-2	0	0	0	1	0	6			
HALL 1-3	1-3	0-0	2-1	3-0	3	1	1	0	0	17			
SEABRON 0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	4			
TEAM			0-1										
TOTALS	21-58	3-10	14-18	13-32	45-17	59	23	9	9	225			

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	10-29, 34.5%	2-4, 50.0%	1-2, 50.0%
2ND HALF:	9-25, 36.0%	1-5, 20.0%	9-12, 75.0%
OVERTIME:	2-4, 50.0%	0-1, 0.0%	4-4, 100%
GAME:	21-58, 36.2%	3-10, 30.0%	14-18, 77.8%

### EAST TENNESSEE STATE (18-10)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
NORMAN* 3-10	0-0	1-2	2-3	5-4	7	1	3	3	1	37			
GIBSON* 1-11	0-0	4-6	6-8	14-2	6	2	2	1	1	31			
WILHOIT* 5-8	3-5	0-0	1-3	4-0	13	2	3	0	1	43			
BANJO* 5-15	4-7	6-6	3-1	4-4	20	0	4	0	3	42			
AKERS* 1-9	0-0	2-2	2-2	4-4	4	1	3	0	1	26			
AZUBUIKE 0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	6			
MORING 0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	5			
HOLMES 2-4	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-2	4	3	4	0	1	19			
TURMAN 1-8	0-0	0-0	1-4	5-2	2	2	0	0	1	16			
TEAM			4-3										
TOTALS	18-66	7-14	13-16	19-25	44-18	56	11	21	4	9	225		

	FG	3-PT	FT
1ST HALF:	12-34, 35.3%	5-8, 62.5%	2-2, 100%
2ND HALF:	6-27, 22.2%	2-5, 40.0%	6-8, 75.0%
OVERTIME:	0-5, 0.0%	0-1, 0.0%	5-6, 83.3%
GAME:	18-66, 27.3%	7-14, 50.0%	13-16, 81.3%

OFFICIALS: NAN SISK, KEN DRAYTON, PETE JENKINSON  
TECHNICAL FOULS: MERCER-SKELDON. EAST TENNESSEE ST.-NONE.  
ATTENDANCE: 561

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	OT	TOTAL
MERCER	23	28	8	59
EAST TENNESSEE ST.	31	20	5	56

## Game 29 Florida Atlantic 70 Mercer 65

Mar. 10, 2006  
Dothan, Ala.  
Dothan Civic Center

DOTHAN, Ala. - Without injured starter Sarah Russell, the Mercer women's basketball team knew it had a tough battle against Florida Atlantic in the Atlantic Sun Tournament semifinals. In the end, the Bears didn't have enough in the tank, falling 70-65.

Florida Atlantic (19-10) jumped out to a 7-2 lead before Mercer responded on the offensive end. A 3-pointer from Courtney Hall tied things at 14 with almost 11 minutes left in the first half. The teams swapped buckets the rest of the half until FAU used a 5-2 spurt to enter the break with a 33-28 advantage.

The second half opened with a 7-0 run from Mercer (14-15). Zsazquez Flucker hit the first field goal, and Nicole Leonard was rewarded for her hustle with a classic 3-point play and another layup that gave the Bears a 35-33 edge.

The Bears tied things on a layup from Leonard midway through the half, but the Owls quickly responded with a 7-0 spurt. Mercer cut the FAU lead down to three with almost five minutes remaining on a Tanya Kessenich free throw, but Florida Atlantic responded with a 9-0 run that put the game out of reach.

Down the stretch, Mercer was forced to foul and seemed to send Shontavia Williams to the line almost every time. The senior made 15-of-16 foul shots and finished with a game-high 23 points for the Owls. Sharia Young added 10 points off the bench for FAU.

Sally Skeldon brought Mercer within five with 20.5 seconds left on a 3-pointer, but the Bears were unable to foul early enough in the next Owl possession as Amanda Bulin sank a pair of free throws to seal the deal with 9.5 seconds left.

Skeldon finished with a career-high 14 points, connecting on 3-of-4 3-pointers. Rhonda Owens provided a spark off the bench and added 10 points while Flucker finished with a career-high 12 rebounds.

"My girls played with a lot of heart and never quit," said Mercer head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols. "Sarah [Russell] going down last night left a big hole in our lineup, but the team kept fighting."

### MERCER (14-15)

PLAYER	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBS	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O-D-T	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
FLUCKER* 2-7	0-0	2-2	5-7	12-5	6	0	2	1	0	26			
KESSENICH* 2-9	0-0	1-2	1-1	2-0	5	0	0	2	2	17			
SKELDON* 3-6	3-4	5-6	0-4	3-3	14	5	7	0	1	37			
LEWIS, M.* 0-1	0-0	3-4	0-3	3-3	3	1	6	0	1	19			
KELLER* 2-8	1-3	0-0	0-3	3-5	5	2	2	1	1	25			
LEWIS, T. 1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	2	0	1	0					

2005-06 Atlantic Sun All-Conference Honors

First Team	Second Team	All-Freshman Team
*Nefertiti Walker - Stetson	Shavonder Clarke - Kennesaw State	*Alysha Clark - Belmont
*B.J. Banjo - ETSU	Adrienne Rieley - Campbell	Miriam McAlister - Lipscomb
*Alysha Clark - Belmont	Sarah Russell - Mercer	Jessica Bobbitt - Belmont
Ashley Williams - Jacksonville	Sheena Carpenter - Jacksonville	Laura Povilonyte - Gardner-Webb
Shontavia Williams - Florida Atlantic	Sequenta Blackman - Gardner-Webb	Jessica Bryant - Gardner-Webb
* = unanimous selection		* = unanimous selection

<b>Player of the Year</b> Alysha Clark - Belmont
<b>Defensive Player of the Year</b> Nichelle Akers - ETSU
<b>Freshman of the Year</b> *Alysha Clark - Belmont
<b>Coach of the Year</b> Tony Cross - Belmont
* = unanimous selection

**FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE LEADERS**  
(Min. 3.0 made per game)

Rank-Player-Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.Williams, A.-JU	28	186	331	.562
2.Clark,A.-Bel	30	208	383	.543
3.Rieley, A.-Cam	28	139	278	.500
3.Kessenich, T.-Mer	29	110	220	.500
5.Beik, J.-UNF	28	136	273	.498
6.Maclin, J.-Stet	28	90	184	.489
7.Smith, S.-GWU	28	115	237	.485
8.DeVault, M.-ETSU	23	70	161	.435
9.Pate, K.B.-Lip	21	73	171	.427
10.Gibson, C.-ETSU	27	128	301	.425
11.Carpenter, S.-JU	28	152	364	.418
12.Clark, S.-KSU	25	187	448	.417
12.Blackman, S.-GWU	24	96	230	.417
14.Dickson, L.-Cam	29	102	253	.403
15.Banjo, B.J.-ETSU	27	158	399	.396

**STEAL LEADERS**

Rank-Player-Team	G	Steals	Avg
1.Clark, S.-KSU	25	69	2.76
2.Skeldon, S.-Mer	26	71	2.73
3.Brayboy, S.-FAU	31	82	2.65
4.Carrigan, D.-Lip	27	64	2.37
5.Blackman, S.-GWU	24	54	2.25
6.Banjo, B.J.-ETSU	27	59	2.19
7.Manning, K.-Stet	28	57	2.04
8.Akers, N.-ETSU	28	54	1.93
9.Bates, D.-KSU	24	46	1.92
10.Sheldon, K.-UNF	26	45	1.73
11.Clark, A.-Bel	30	51	1.70
12.Williams, A.-JU	28	47	1.68
12.Williams, S.-FAU	31	52	1.68
14.Jones, T.-Bel	30	50	1.67
15.Wilhoit, B.-ETSU	28	44	1.57

**SCORING LEADERS**

Rank-Player-Team	G	FG	3FG	FT	Pts	Avg
1.Walker, N.-Stet	27	192	80	117	581	21.5
2.Clark, A.-Bel	30	208	5	178	599	20.0
3.Banjo, B.J.-ETSU	27	158	80	120	516	19.1
4.Clark, S.-KSU	25	187	31	57	462	18.5
5.Williams, A.-JU	28	186	1	105	478	17.1
6.Williams, S.-FAU	31	163	43	126	495	16.0
7.Carpenter, S.-JU	28	152	5	84	393	14.0
8.Gibson, C.-ETSU	27	128	0	75	331	12.3
9.Russell, S.-Mer	28	130	11	63	334	11.9
10.Beik, J.-UNF	28	136	21	23	316	11.3
11.Smith, S.-GWU	28	115	0	80	310	11.1
11.Rieley, A.-Cam	28	139	0	32	310	11.1
13.Glaser, M.-FAU	31	82	37	129	330	10.6
14.Blackman, S.-GWU	24	96	28	33	253	10.5
14.DeVault, M.-ETSU	23	70	46	56	242	10.5

**3-POINT FG PERCENTAGE LEADERS**  
(Min. 1.0 made per game)

Rank-Player-Team	G	3FG	FGA	Pct
1.Bryant, J.-GWU	30	30	66	.455
2.Banjo, B.J.-ETSU	27	80	187	.428
3.Graham, A.-Cam	29	39	93	.419
4.DeVault, M.-ETSU	23	46	111	.414
5.Blackman, S.-GWU	24	28	74	.378
6.Walker, N.-Stet	27	80	215	.372
7.Randolph, C.-FAU	31	35	95	.368
8.Cowley, L.-Bel	30	39	108	.361
9.Tomlinson, T.-Cam	29	31	93	.333
10.Williams, S.-FAU	31	43	130	.331
11.Glaser, M.-FAU	31	37	113	.327
12.Conkle, J.-Bel	30	63	200	.315
12.Alford, N.-JU	25	39	124	.315
14.Clark, S.-KSU	25	31	101	.307
15.Omoite, R.-JU	28	29	98	.296

**BLOCKED SHOT LEADERS**

Rank-Player-Team	G	Blocks	Avg
1.Pate, K.B.-Lip	21	66	3.14
2.Williams, A.-JU	28	54	1.93
3.Harmon, B.-GWU	30	53	1.77
4.Bobbitt, J.-Bel	30	46	1.53
5.Kessenich, T.-Mer	29	39	1.34
6.Gibson, C.-ETSU	27	35	1.30
7.Dill, A.-UNF	28	33	1.18
8.Norman, J.-ETSU	28	32	1.14
9.Reames, A.-UNF	26	29	1.12
10.Beik, J.-UNF	28	27	0.96
11.McAlister, M.-Lip	27	21	0.78
11.Walker, N.-Stet	27	21	0.78
13.Smith, S.-GWU	28	21	0.75
14.Gaye, N.-KSU	27	20	0.74
15.Anderson, D.-FAU	29	21	0.72

**REBOUNDING LEADERS**

Rank-Player-Team	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	Avg
1.Clark, S.-KSU	25	119	161	280	11.2
2.Clark, A.-Bel	30	141	186	327	10.9
3.Smith, S.-GWU	28	118	158	276	9.9
4.Pate, K.B.-Lip	21	73	108	181	8.6
5.Gibson, C.-ETSU	27	95	114	209	7.7
5.Murphy, M.-Cam	29	69	155	224	7.7
7.Williams, A.-JU	28	72	138	210	7.5
8.Williams, S.-FAU	31	80	141	221	7.1
9.Russell, S.-Mer	28	54	138	192	6.9
10.Maclin, J.-Stet	28	79	105	184	6.6
11.Rieley, A.-Cam	28	76	107	183	6.5
11.Graham, A.-Cam	29	45	143	188	6.5
13.Carpenter, S.-JU	28	62	117	179	6.4
14.Harmon, B.-GWU	30	66	124	190	6.3
15.McAlister, M.-Lip	27	50	110	160	5.9

**FREE THROW PERCENTAGE LEADERS**  
(Min. 2.0 made per game)

Rank-Player-Team	G	FTM	FTA	Pct
1.Walker, N.-Stet	27	117	128	.914
2.Dickson, L.-Cam	29	58	69	.841
3.Banjo, B.J.-ETSU	27	120	148	.811
4.Williams, A.-JU	28	105	132	.795
5.Glaser, M.-FAU	31	129	169	.763
6.Bobbitt, J.-Bel	30	61	81	.753
7.Russell, S.-Mer	28	63	84	.750
8.Clark, A.-Bel	30	178	239	.745
9.Williams, S.-FAU	31	126	171	.737
10.DeVault, M.-ETSU	23	56	77	.727
11.Carpenter, S.-JU	28	84	117	.718
12.Skeldon, S.-Mer	26	54	78	.692
13.Smith, S.-GWU	28	80	118	.678
14.Gossman, K.-Lip	24	54	81	.667
15.Maclin, J.-Stet	28	71	107	.664

**ABBREVIATION KEY**

Belmont = Bel  
 Campbell = Cam  
 East Tennessee State = ETSU  
 Florida Atlantic = FAU  
 Gardner-Webb = GWU  
 Jacksonville = JU  
 Kennesaw State = KSU  
 Lipscomb = Lip  
 North Florida = UNF  
 Stetson = Stet



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2005-06 Atlantic Sun Statistics

### 2005-06 Atlantic Sun Final Standings

	Conference		Overall	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Belmont	17-3	.850	22-8	.733
Florida Atlantic	16-4	.800	20-11	.645
ETSU	14-6	.700	18-10	.643
Gardner-Webb	11-9	.550	14-16	.467
Mercer	10-10	.500	14-15	.483
Campbell	10-10	.500	11-18	.379
North Florida	9-11	.450	11-17	.393
Jacksonville	7-13	.350	10-18	.357
Stetson	7-13	.350	9-19	.321
Lipscomb	5-15	.250	6-21	.222
Kennesaw State	4-16	.200	5-22	.185

### 2006 Atlantic Sun Tournament at Dothan Civic Center

March 9 (Quarterfinals)

- #1 Belmont d. #8 Stetson, 63-49
- #4 Gardner-Webb d. #5 Campbell, 71-65
- #6 Mercer d. #3 ETSU, 59-56 (ot)
- #2 Florida Atlantic d. #7 Jacksonville, 74-61

March 10 (Semifinals)

- #4 Gardner-Webb d. #1 Belmont, 72-60
- #2 Florida Atlantic d. #6 Mercer, 70-65

March 11 (Championship)

- #2 Florida Atlantic d. #4 Gardner-Webb, 74-63



2005-06 Atlantic Sun Statistics

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	G	FGM	Pct	3FG	FT	Pts	Avg.
ETSU	28	687	.413	167	393	1934	69.1
Florida Atlantic	31	754	.405	160	452	2120	68.4
Belmont	30	694	.397	178	468	2034	67.8
Kennesaw St.	27	636	.350	171	274	1717	63.6
Gardner-Webb	30	652	.384	158	438	1900	63.3
Jacksonville	28	656	.399	96	346	1754	62.6
Campbell	29	668	.415	126	305	1767	60.9
Mercer	29	616	.369	114	369	1715	59.1
Lipscomb	27	514	.361	126	342	1496	55.4
Stetson	28	558	.364	114	307	1537	54.9
North Florida	28	574	.379	148	235	1531	54.7

TEAM FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
Campbell	29	668	1609	.415
ETSU	28	687	1662	.413
Florida Atlantic	31	754	1863	.405
Jacksonville	28	656	1645	.399
Belmont	30	694	1749	.397
Gardner-Webb	30	652	1699	.384
North Florida	28	574	1514	.379
Mercer	29	616	1670	.369
Stetson	28	558	1532	.364
Lipscomb	27	514	1423	.361
Kennesaw State	27	636	1815	.350

TURNOVERS

Team	G	Turnovers	Avg
Lipscomb	27	677	25.07
Campbell	29	638	22.00
Florida Atlantic	31	635	20.48
North Florida	28	563	20.11
Gardner-Webb	30	595	19.83
Mercer	29	568	19.59
Jacksonville	28	527	18.82
Kennesaw State	27	504	18.67
Stetson	28	522	18.64
ETSU	28	494	17.64
Belmont	30	518	17.27

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	G	FGM	Pct	3FG	FT	Pts	Avg.
Belmont	30	624	.379	159	356	1763	58.8
North Florida	28	630	.397	168	293	1721	61.5
Mercer	29	591	.364	162	459	1803	62.2
Gardner-Webb	30	642	.370	145	465	1894	63.1
ETSU	28	670	.411	112	331	1783	63.7
Campbell	29	689	.388	136	336	1850	63.8
Stetson	28	635	.411	152	371	1793	64.0
Florida Atlantic	31	655	.378	121	592	2023	65.3
Jacksonville	28	648	.395	116	433	1845	65.9
Lipscomb	27	713	.400	155	274	1855	68.7
Kennesaw St.	27	726	.467	121	406	1979	73.3

TEAM 3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
ETSU	28	167	431	.387
Gardner-Webb	30	158	443	.357
Campbell	29	126	358	.352
Florida Atlantic	31	160	474	.338
North Florida	28	148	457	.324
Stetson	28	114	355	.321
Mercer	29	114	378	.302
Jacksonville	28	96	323	.297
Belmont	30	178	601	.296
Lipscomb	27	126	448	.281
Kennesaw State	27	171	628	.272

TURNOVER MARGIN

Team	G	TM	Avg	OPP	Avg	Margin
Kennesaw St.	27	504	18.7	610	22.6	+3.93
ETSU	28	494	17.6	599	21.4	+3.75
Belmont	30	518	17.3	555	18.5	+1.23
Florida Atlantic	31	635	20.5	662	21.4	+0.87
Jacksonville	28	527	18.8	531	19.0	+0.14
Gardner-Webb	30	595	19.8	578	19.3	-0.57
Mercer	29	568	19.6	551	19.0	-0.59
Stetson	28	522	18.6	461	16.5	-2.18
North Florida	28	563	20.1	484	17.3	-2.82
Campbell	29	638	22.0	458	15.8	-6.21
Lipscomb	27	677	25.1	457	16.9	-8.15

TEAM SCORING MARGIN

Team	G	PF	Avg	PA	Avg	Margin
Belmont	30	2034	67.8	1763	58.8	+9.0
ETSU	28	1934	69.1	1783	63.7	+5.4
Florida Atlantic	31	2120	68.4	2023	65.3	+3.1
Gardner-Webb	30	1900	63.3	1894	63.1	+0.2
Campbell	29	1767	60.9	1850	63.8	-2.9
Mercer	29	1715	59.1	1803	62.2	-3.0
Jacksonville	28	1754	62.6	1845	65.9	-3.3
North Florida	28	1531	54.7	1721	61.5	-6.8
Stetson	28	1537	54.9	1793	64.0	-9.1
Kennesaw St.	27	1717	63.6	1979	73.3	-9.7
Lipscomb	27	1496	55.4	1855	68.7	-13.3

TEAM FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

Team	G	FTM	FTA	Pct
ETSU	28	393	553	.711
Belmont	30	468	666	.703
North Florida	28	235	339	.693
Stetson	28	307	444	.691
Jacksonville	28	346	501	.691
Campbell	29	305	455	.670
Gardner-Webb	30	438	657	.667
Mercer	29	369	572	.645
Kennesaw State	27	274	425	.645
Florida Atlantic	31	452	703	.643
Lipscomb	27	342	575	.595

BLOCKED SHOTS

Team	G	Blocks	Avg
Lipscomb	27	123	4.56
Jacksonville	28	124	4.43
Florida Atlantic	31	126	4.06
North Florida	28	107	3.82
Gardner-Webb	30	109	3.63
Mercer	29	101	3.48
ETSU	28	93	3.32
Belmont	30	90	3.00
Stetson	28	82	2.93
Kennesaw State	27	56	2.07
Campbell	29	51	1.76

TEAM REBOUNDING MARGIN

Team	G	TM	Avg	OPP	Avg	Margin
Belmont	30	1238	41.3	1058	35.3	+6.0
Campbell	29	1173	40.4	1045	36.0	+4.4
Gardner-Webb	30	1193	39.8	1168	38.9	+0.8
Florida Atlantic	31	1235	39.8	1225	39.5	+0.3
Mercer	29	1158	39.9	1157	39.9	+0.0
Lipscomb	27	1079	40.0	1112	41.2	-1.2
North Florida	28	1001	35.8	1050	37.5	-1.8
Stetson	28	1002	35.8	1073	38.3	-2.5
ETSU	28	1022	36.5	1093	39.0	-2.5
Jacksonville	28	1035	37.0	1138	40.6	-3.7
Kennesaw St.	27	995	36.9	1182	43.8	-6.9

ASSISTS

Team	G	Assists	Avg
Florida Atlantic	31	476	15.35
Mercer	29	414	14.28
ETSU	28	396	14.14
Campbell	29	402	13.86
North Florida	28	376	13.43
Belmont	30	402	13.40
Stetson	28	336	12.00
Jacksonville	28	330	11.79
Lipscomb	27	312	11.56
Gardner-Webb	30	344	11.47
Kennesaw State	27	296	10.96

STEALS

Team	G	Steals	Avg
Kennesaw State	27	314	11.63
Florida Atlantic	31	328	10.58
Mercer	29	304	10.48
ETSU	28	282	10.07
Belmont	30	286	9.53
Jacksonville	28	262	9.36
Gardner-Webb	30	263	8.77
North Florida	28	239	8.54
Lipscomb	27	218	8.07
Stetson	28	212	7.57
Campbell	29	205	7.07