



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Georgia College at Mercer

Nov. 7, 2006
University Center
7:00 p.m.

2006-07 Schedule & Results

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

The Opening Act: For the second straight season, Mercer opens its schedule with an exhibition game against Georgia College & State.

Last Meeting: The Bears nipped the Lady Bobcats, 68-67, last season. Mercer saw a 10-point, half-time lead dwindle in the final minutes of the game, but a late surge was good enough for the one-point victory. GCSU's LaWanna Leon led all scorers with 18 points while Marquita Driskell added 15 points, six rebounds and four blocks. Lindsey Smith had five steals for the Lady Bobcats and added 11 points. Tanya Kessenich led Mercer with 12 points while Erin Keller poured in 11 off the bench. Sally Skeldon had five steals, but only three assists.

The Opponent: Georgia College finished the 2005-06 season 17-14 overall and 9-11 in the Peach Belt Conference. The Lady Bobcats earned a berth in the NCAA Division II Tournament with an 89-83 overtime victory over Francis Marion in the PBC Tournament. GCSU lost a lot off last year's squad with the graduation of LaWanna Leon, who averaged 17.1

points and 7.6 rebounds per game while earning first-team All-Peach Belt honors. The Lady Bobcats return four other starters, three who averaged seven or more points per game. Forward Ashley Williams tops the returnees in scoring, averaging 8.0 points, while forward Cassie Miliner leads the returning quintet with 6.6 rebounds. Point guard Lindsey Smith returns after averaging 7.0 points and 3.5 assists. Tiauna Brantley (7.0 ppg/2.1 rpg) and Shanice Dawson (5.6 ppg/1.9 rpg) split time last season.

The Coach: John Carrick is in his 24th season at the Milledgeville school, boasting a 402-261 record. Carrick has built the program up from the rubble of a 2-22 season before his arrival to 18 winning seasons, five NCAA Tournament berths, two Peach Belt Conference titles and four PBC Tournament crowns. The highlight of his tenure at GCSU was a Sweet 16 appearance in 2004. Prior to taking over his alma mater, he coached football, baseball and girls' basketball at Putnam County High School in Eatonton, Ga. In 1982, he took the Lady War Eagles to a GHSA AA state title and a 29-0 record.

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Nov. 7	Georgia College (exhibition)	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 10	at Georgia Tech	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 16	at Texas A&M	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 24	\$ at South Carolina	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 25	\$ vs. Bethune-Cookman or UL-Lafayette	TBA
Nov. 27	at Savannah State	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 30	* ETSU (DH)	5:15 p.m.
Dec. 2	* Kennesaw State (DH)	2:00 p.m.
Dec. 9	Florida A&M	Noon
Dec. 19	at New Orleans	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 20	at Southeastern Louisiana	6:45 p.m.
Dec. 29	# Savannah State	6:15 p.m.
Dec. 30	# UNC Asheville	3:15 p.m.
Jan. 2	* Mississippi State (DH)	5:15 p.m.
Jan. 6	* Stetson	2:00 p.m.
Jan. 11	* at Lipscomb	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 13	* at Belmont	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 18	* Gardner-Webb	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 20	* Campbell	2:00 p.m.
Jan. 25	* at North Florida	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 27	* at Jacksonville	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 4	* at Stetson (CSS)	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 8	* Belmont	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 10	* Lipscomb	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 15	* at Campbell	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 17	* at Gardner-Webb	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 22	* Jacksonville	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 24	* North Florida	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 2	* at Kennesaw State	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 4	* at ETSU	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 8-10	Atlantic Sun Tournament	TBA

All times are Eastern

Home games are in bold

\$ = South Carolina Classic

= Mercer Blade Holiday Classic

* = Atlantic Sun Conference game

CSS = Televised on Comcast Sports Southeast

Mercer Roster and Notes

Probable Starters	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown	PPG	RPG	Notes
21 Megan Lewis	5-10	So.	Pace, Fla.	4.1	2.9	61.9 FT%
25 Nicole Leonard	5-11	So.	Gretna, La.	3.2	2.0	63.6 FT%
52 Zsaquez Flucker	6-2	Jr.	Abbeville, Ala.	1.9	2.2	15 blocks
22 Rhonda Owens	5-6	Sr.	Endicott, N.Y.	4.3	3.0	63 assists
23 Erin Keller	5-9	Jr.	LaPlace, La.	7.2	3.0	2.0 apg

First Off The Bench	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown	PPG	RPG	
24 Alex Rierson	6-4	Fr.	Adairsville, Ga.	-	-	
31 Courtney Hall	5-7	So.	Taylorville, Ky.	6.2	2.6	1.6 3FG per gm
33 Chelsea Seabron	5-11	So.	West Bloomfield, Mich.	3.7	2.5	36.9 FG%

Media Information

Radio/Internet

Internet via Mercerbears.com

TV

None

Mercer Sports Information

Steven Ericson, Assistant SID

Office: (478) 301-5219

Cell: (478) 318-9285

Fax: (478) 301-5350

E-mail: ericson_sp@mercer.edu

All Hail the Honoree: After a breaking out last season, senior Sarah Russell was named to the 2006-07 All-Atlantic Sun Preseason Team. She was named to the 2005-06 All-Atlantic Sun Second Team after finishing the season ninth in scoring (11.9 ppg) and rebounding (6.9 rpg), which was her second career honor from the A-Sun, as she was named to the A-Sun All-Freshman team following the 2002-03 season. She averaged 7.4 points and 3.9 rebounds in her rookie campaign.

Returning Conference Leaders: Sally Skeldon led the A-Sun in assists (6.88apg) and assist/turnover ratio (1.68) and finished second in steals (2.73 spg). Sarah Russell was ninth in scoring (11.9 ppg), ninth in rebounding (6.9 rpg) and seventh in free throw percentage (.750). Courtney Hall was eighth in 3-point field goals made (1.55 per game).

The Old Guard: The Bears return 13 players from last season's roster, but one is out for the entire year (Sarah Russell) and one is slated to return in January (Rosanna Davis). Senior Sally Skeldon returns for her fourth season as the starting point guard while senior Rhonda Owens provides experienced depth off the bench. Junior Zsaquez Flucker is expected to start at the center position after blossoming late during the 2005-06 campaign while junior Erin Keller is start at the shooting guard spot. Sophomores Nicole Leonard, TaShera Lewis and Chelsea Seabron will battle for playing time at power forward while sophomore Megan Lewis is expected to fill Russell's role as the small forward. Mercer has an abundance of sophomore guards off the bench: Chereese Bedingfield, Megan delaRosa and Courtney Hall.

The New Guard: Mercer adds five newcomers to the mix this season after blending eight last year. With a plethora of guards, the Bears added only two guards: freshmen Heather Beckler and LeShonda Lillard. Lillard provides depth at the point while Beckler will battle for time at the shooting guard position. Freshmen Viola Kelley, Claire Neely and Alex Rierson provide the Bears with some young talent in the frontcourt. Neely and Rierson come to Macon after heralded high school careers while Kelley flew under the radar, but all will battle for playing time in the post.

Statistical Comparison

	Mercer	Georgia College
Scoring	1715	2038
Points per game	59.1	65.7
Scoring margin	-3.0	+0.5
Field Goals-Att.	616-1670	716-2012
Field goal pct	.369	.356
3-Point FG-Att.	114-378	173-613
3-point FG pct	.302	.282
3-pt FG made per game	3.9	5.6
Free Throws-Att.	369-572	433-610
Free throw pct	.639	.710
Rebounds	1158	1274
Rebounds per game	39.9	41.1
Rebounding margin	+0.0	-2.3
Assists	414	401
Assists per game	14.3	12.9
Turnovers	568	526
Turnovers per game	19.6	17.0
Turnover margin	-0.6	+4.5
Assist/turnover ratio	0.7	0.8
Steals	304	323
Steals per game	10.5	10.4
Blocks	101	89
Blocks per game	3.5	2.9

Note: Statistics are from the 2005-06 season.

Atlantic Sun Conference Preseason Honors

Coaches Poll

1.	Belmont (7)	97 points
2.	Gardner-Webb (3)	90 points
3.	ETSU	72 points
4.	Campbell	65 points
5.	Jacksonville	55 points
6.	Mercer	54 points
7.	Stetson	39 points
8.	Lipscomb	36 points
9.	North Florida	27 points
10.	Kennesaw State	15 points

Tournament Champion:
Gardner-Webb

Media Poll

1.	Belmont (16)	196 points
2.	Gardner-Webb (4)	172 points
3.	ETSU	154 points
4.	Campbell	134 points
5.	Mercer	114 points
6.	Jacksonville	94 points
7.	Lipscomb	86 points
8.	North Florida	66 points
9.	Stetson	60 points
10.	Kennesaw State	26 points

Tournament Champion:
Belmont

Team

* Alysha Clark, Belmont, So., F
Adrienne Rieley, Campbell, Sr., F
Sarah Russell, Mercer, Sr., G
Shameka Smith, Gardner-Webb, Sr., F
Ashley Williams, Jacksonville, Jr., G

* = Player of the Year

Sybil Blalock

Interim Head Coach Mercer (1975) First Season



Sybil Blalock is entering her first season as interim head coach, and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience. This will be her 17th season as a college coach.

She spent seven seasons as an assistant coach under Billy Holmes at Mercer, and another seven years working on Holmes' staff at the University of New Orleans.

Before moving to UNO, she was an assistant at Walters State Community College in Morristown, Tenn., during the 1982-83 season. Additionally, she worked with the University of Tennessee program during the 1970s while pursuing a master's degree.

Blalock also brings an impressive playing background to the job. She starred at Mercer when the program was just beginning in the 1970s, and finished her career with 1,856 points which ranks fifth all-time. Blalock helped the program to its first conference championships, the 1970-71 Southern Women's Athletic Conference regular-season title and the 1971 SWAC Tournament crown.

Blalock also played on the 1972-73 team that earned Mercer's first berth in a national tournament, the 1973 AIAW National Tournament. She capped her career by earning WNIT All-America honors, as the Bears appeared in the 1975 WNIT. During her four-year tenure, Mercer posted an 87-13 (.870) record.

Following her stellar career at Mercer, Blalock continued her playing career overseas and with the Women's Professional Basketball League (WBL). In the WBL, she spent two seasons with the New Orleans Pride and earned a spot on the 1981 WBL All-Star team.

Blalock also competed on the international level, earning a spot on the 1976 U.S. Olympic Development team and the 1978 U.S. World University Games team.

In addition to her duties on the court, Blalock has taught mathematics at four universities. While coaching at Walters State, she taught college algebra. During her coaching tenure in New Orleans she taught math at UNO before spending one year at Tennessee. She has taught math at Mercer since 1994.

At Mercer, Blalock has served as the senior woman administrator since 1994. Since 2001, she has taken on the additional duties as associate athletics director. Blalock oversees academics while serving on various Atlantic Sun Conference committees.

Blalock's involvement with athletics extends beyond Mercer and the Atlantic Sun. She was named to the NCAA's Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Committee in March 2006, and sits on the Macon Tennis Association's board of directors.

The native of Sevierville, Tenn., graduated magna cum laude from Mercer in 1975 with a bachelor's in mathematics and physical education. She earned a master's in applied mathematics from Tennessee in 1979.



Blalock's File

Coaching Experience

Mercer University
Assistant Coach
1994-2001
(Seven seasons)

University of New Orleans
Assistant Coach
1985-1993
(Eight seasons)

**Walters State
Community College**
Assistant Coach
1982-1983
(One season)

Playing Experience

New Orleans Pride (WBL)
1979-1981
(Two seasons)

Mercer University
1971-1975
(Four seasons)

Education

University of Tennessee
M.S., 1979

Mercer University
B.S., 1975

#10 TaShera Lewis Career Highs

Points14at North Florida (01/21/06)
 FG Made5at Wake Forest (11/18/05)
 FG Attempted9at North Florida (01/21/06)
 3-FG MadeN/AN/A
 3-FG AttemptedN/AN/A
 FT Made6at North Florida (01/21/06)
 FT Attempted7at North Florida (01/21/06)
 Off. Rebounds23x, at Kennesaw State (02/26/06)
 Def. Rebounds5vs. New Orleans (12/19/06)
 Total Rebounds6vs. New Orleans (12/19/06)
 Assists2vs. Gardner-Webb (02/18/06)
 Blocks3vs. North Florida (03/04/06)
 Steals2vs. Campbell (02/16/06)
 Minutes23at North Florida (01/21/06)

Note: If reached multiple times, most recent occurrence is listed.

#12 Chereese Bedingfield Career Highs

PointsN/AN/A
 FG MadeN/AN/A
 FG Attempted14x, neut. Florida Atlantic (03/10/06)
 3-FG MadeN/AN/A
 3-FG AttemptedN/AN/A
 FT MadeN/AN/A
 FT AttemptedN/AN/A
 Off. Rebounds12x, vs. Campbell (02/16/06)
 Def. Rebounds12x, vs. Kennesaw State (01/26/06)
 Total Rebounds14x, vs. Campbell (02/16/06)
 Assists2vs. Kennesaw State (01/26/06)
 BlocksN/AN/A
 StealsN/AN/A
 Minutes4at Belmont (02/02/06)

Note: If reached multiple times, most recent occurrence is listed.

#15 Megan delaRosa Career Highs

Points35x, neut. Florida Atlantic (03/10/06)
 FG Made15x, neut. Florida Atlantic (03/10/06)
 FG Attempted5at Gardner-Webb (12/05/05)
 3-FG Made15x, neut. Florida Atlantic (03/10/06)
 3-FG Attempted4at Gardner-Webb (12/05/05)
 FT Made23x, vs. ETSU (01/28/06)
 FT Attempted24x, vs. Gardner-Webb (02/18/06)
 Off. Rebounds14x, vs. Florida Atlantic (01/02/06)
 Def. Rebounds16x, at Lipscomb (02/04/06)
 Total Rebounds22x, vs. Florida Atlantic (01/02/06)
 AssistsN/AN/A
 BlocksN/AN/A
 Steals13x, vs. Campbell (02/16/06)
 Minutes9at Gardner-Webb (12/05/05)

Note: If reached multiple times, most recent occurrence is listed.

#20 Sally Skeldon Career Highs

Points14neut. Florida Atlantic (03/10/06)
 FG Made39x, neut. Florida Atlantic (03/10/06)
 FG Attempted92x, vs. UCF (02/26/04)
 3-FG Made32x, neut. Florida Atlantic (03/10/06)
 3-FG Attempted42x, neut. Florida Atlantic (03/10/06)
 FT Made62x, at Gardner-Webb (12/05/05)
 FT Attempted10vs. New Orleans (12/19/05)
 Off. Rebounds3vs. UCF (02/26/04)
 Def. Rebounds7at Florida Atlantic (02/12/06)
 Total Rebounds72x, at Florida Atlantic (02/12/06)
 Assists105x, vs. Gardner-Webb (02/18/06)
 Blocks2vs. Stetson (02/14/04)
 Steals53x, vs. North Florida (03/04/06)
 Minutes52vs. Stetson (02/14/04)

Note: If reached multiple times, most recent occurrence is listed.

#21 Megan Lewis Career Highs

Points13at Jacksonville (01/19/06)
 FG Made6at Jacksonville (01/19/06)
 FG Attempted12at Wake Forest (11/18/05)
 3-FG Made2at Florida A&M (12/29/05)
 3-FG Attempted5at Florida A&M (12/29/05)
 FT Made4vs. New Orleans (12/19/05)
 FT Attempted45x, neut. Florida Atlantic (03/10/06)
 Off. Rebounds7vs. Campbell (02/16/06)
 Def. Rebounds5vs. ETSU (01/28/06)
 Total Rebounds73x, vs. Campbell (02/16/06)
 Assists22x, vs. Cal Poly (11/21/05)
 BlocksN/AN/A
 Steals3at Wake Forest (11/18/05)
 Minutes263x, vs. Stetson (02/10/06)

Note: If reached multiple times, most recent occurrence is listed.

#22 Rhonda Owens Career Highs

Points122x, at Stetson (01/05/06)
 FG Made52x, at Stetson (01/05/06)
 FG Attempted10vs. Stetson (02/10/06)
 3-FG Made17x, neut. Florida Atlantic (03/10/06)
 3-FG Attempted33x, neut. Florida Atlantic (03/10/06)
 FT Made11vs. Florida Atlantic (01/02/06)
 FT Attempted13vs. Florida Atlantic (01/02/06)
 Off. Rebounds4vs. Stetson (02/10/06)
 Def. Rebounds7at Florida Atlantic (02/12/06)
 Total Rebounds10at Florida Atlantic (02/12/06)
 Assists6at Florida A&M (12/29/05)
 Blocks12x, vs. Stetson (02/24/05)
 Steals6at Florida Atlantic (01/22/05)
 Minutes36at Florida Atlantic (02/12/06)

Note: If reached multiple times, most recent occurrence is listed.

#23 Erin Keller Career Highs

Points21vs. Belmont (01/13/05)
 FG Made8vs. Belmont (01/13/05)
 FG Attempted13at Lipscomb (02/04/06)
 3-FG Made4vs. ETSU (01/28/06)
 3-FG Attempted7vs. North Florida (03/04/06)
 FT Made72x, vs. Belmont (01/14/06)
 FT Attempted14vs. New Orleans (12/19/05)
 Off. Rebounds42x, vs. Lipscomb (01/12/06)
 Def. Rebounds6vs. Troy (03/03/05)
 Total Rebounds7vs. Troy (03/03/05)
 Assists62x, neut. McNeese State (11/27/04)
 Blocks3vs. North Florida (03/04/06)
 Steals42x, vs. Lipscomb (01/12/06)
 Minutes35neut. ETSU (03/09/06)

Note: If reached multiple times, most recent occurrence is listed.

#25 Nicole Leonard Career Highs

Points13neut. Pacific (11/26/05)
 FG Made5neut. Pacific (11/26/05)
 FG Attempted12vs. Lipscomb (01/12/06)
 3-FG MadeN/AN/A
 3-FG AttemptedN/AN/A
 FT Made32x, at Kennesaw State (02/26/06)
 FT Attempted4at Kennesaw State (02/26/06)
 Off. Rebounds32x, vs. New Orleans (12/19/05)
 Def. Rebounds42x, vs. Kennesaw State (01/26/06)
 Total Rebounds63x, vs. New Orleans (12/19/05)
 Assists19x, vs. Jacksonville (03/02/06)
 Blocks13x, neut. ETSU (03/09/06)
 Steals3at Belmont (02/02/06)
 Minutes26at Campbell (12/03/05)

Note: If reached multiple times, most recent occurrence is listed.

#31 Courtney Hall Career Highs

Points16neut. Pacific (11/26/05)
 FG Made5neut. Pacific (11/26/05)
 FG Attempted13at Campbell (12/03/05)
 3-FG Made5neut. Pacific (11/26/05)
 3-FG Attempted93x, at Florida Atlantic (02/12/06)
 FT Made4vs. Florida Atlantic (01/02/06)
 FT Attempted43x, vs. Stetson (02/10/06)
 Off. Rebounds3vs. Gardner-Webb (02/18/06)
 Def. Rebounds7vs. Stetson (02/10/06)
 Total Rebounds7vs. Stetson (02/10/06)
 Assists3at Florida Atlantic (02/12/06)
 Blocks2at Campbell (12/03/05)
 Steals4at Campbell (12/03/05)
 Minutes29at Jacksonville (01/19/06)

Note: If reached multiple times, most recent occurrence is listed.

#33 Chelsea Seabron Career Highs

Points82x, vs. Florida Atlantic (01/02/06)
 FG Made4at Campbell (12/03/05)
 FG Attempted63x, at Gardner-Webb (12/05/05)
 3-FG Made1at Belmont (2/2/06)
 3-FG Attempted17x, neut. ETSU (03/09/06)
 FT Made4vs. Florida Atlantic (01/02/06)
 FT Attempted6vs. Florida Atlantic (01/02/06)
 Off. Rebounds24x, vs. Florida Atlantic (01/02/06)
 Def. Rebounds4at Jacksonville (01/19/06)
 Total Rebounds53x, at Jacksonville (01/19/06)
 Assists13x, at ETSU (02/23/06)
 Blocks2vs. Florida Atlantic (3/10/06)
 Steals2neut. Vermont (11/25/05)
 Minutes172x, at Florida A&M (12/29/05)

Note: If reached multiple times, most recent occurrence is listed.

#34 Rosanna Davis Career Highs

Points22neut. McNeese State (11/27/04)
 FG Made10neut. McNeese State (11/27/04)
 FG Attempted19neut. McNeese State (11/27/04)
 3-FG MadeN/AN/A
 3-FG AttemptedN/AN/A
 FT Made6vs. UCF (02/12/05)
 FT Attempted7vs. UCF (02/12/05)
 Off. Rebounds8neut. Eastern Illinois (12/30/04)
 Def. Rebounds63x, vs. Troy (03/03/05)
 Total Rebounds13neut. Eastern Illinois (12/30/04)
 Assists3vs. UCF (02/12/05)
 Blocks13x, vs. Jacksonville (02/26/05)
 Steals3at Wake Forest (11/18/05)
 Minutes293x, at Georgia State (02/02/05)

Note: If reached multiple times, most recent occurrence is listed.

#44 Sarah Russell Career Highs

Points20vs. Belmont (01/14/06)
 FG Made9vs. Belmont (01/14/06)
 FG Attempted174x, neut. ETSU (03/09/06)
 3-FG Made3vs. Gardner-Webb (02/18/06)
 3-FG Attempted5at Georgia Southern (12/15/04)
 FT Made9at Jacksonville (01/29/06)
 FT Attempted10at Jacksonville (01/29/06)
 Off. Rebounds7at Kennesaw State (02/26/06)
 Def. Rebounds12vs. North Florida (03/04/06)
 Total Rebounds132x, vs. North Florida (03/04/06)
 Assists35x, vs. Gardner-Webb (02/18/06)
 Blocks23x, vs. North Florida (03/04/06)
 Steals36x, vs. North Florida (03/04/06)
 Minutes383x, vs. Belmont (01/14/06)

Note: If reached multiple times, most recent occurrence is listed.

#52 Zsaquez Flucker Career Highs

Points8vs. Jacksonville (03/02/06)
 FG Made4vs. Jacksonville (03/02/06)
 FG Attempted7neut. Florida Atlantic (03/10/06)
 3-FG MadeN/AN/A
 3-FG AttemptedN/AN/A
 FT Made3neut. ETSU (03/09/06)
 FT Attempted4neut. ETSU (03/09/06)
 Off. Rebounds5neut. Florida Atlantic (03/10/06)
 Def. Rebounds7neut. Florida Atlantic (03/10/06)
 Total Rebounds12neut. Florida Atlantic (03/10/06)
 Assists14x, vs. Campbell (01/29/05)
 Blocks5at Gardner-Webb (02/05/05)
 Steals117x, neut. ETSU (03/09/06)
 Minutes26neut. Florida Atlantic (03/10/06)

Note: If reached multiple times, most recent occurrence is listed.