



MERCER SOFTBALL

Game Notes

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Games 1-2

Alabama State
(2-2)
at
Mercer
(0-0)

February 14, 2007
5 p.m.
Macon, Ga.
Sikes Field

Home Sweet Home: The Bears open up their 2007 season on the newly-renovated Sikes Field against Alabama State. Mercer finished the 2006 campaign with a 17-9 record at Sikes Field.

Deja Vu: Mercer opened its 2005 season against Alabama State, sweeping the doubleheader, 9-0 and 12-1. The Bears also opened their 2003 and 2004 seasons against the Hornets, sweeping the doubleheader in 2003, 5-0 and 12-0 and winning 13-1 in 2004.

The Hornets: Alabama State opened its season with doubleheaders Friday and Saturday against Jacksonville State and Huntingdon College, respectively. The Hornets fell to the Gamecocks of Jacksonville State, 10-1 and 9-0, but came

back following day to sweep the doubleheader at Huntingdon College, 10-3 and 9-1. Junior April O'Neal led ASU past Huntingdon in the first game of the doubleheader, scoring two runs on 3-of-4 batting with two RBIs. In the second game of the day, O'Neal once again led the Hornets, knocking in three runs and going 2-for-3 at the plate. The Hornets were picked to finish fifth in the Eastern division of the Southwestern Athletic Conference in the preseason poll. Their 10-player roster consists of seven freshman, one sophomore and two juniors.

The Coach: Telma Hall brings five years of coaching experience into her second season as head softball coach at Alabama State University. Hall began her coaching career at Alcorn State University, where she led the team to a 19-19 record, earning the Lady Braves their first SWAC tournament appearance. The same year, four Alcorn players received postseason honors, the most in school history. Hall is a graduate of ASU (2003) with a degree in physical education. As a student, Hall played first and third base for ASU's softball team.

Preseason All-Atlantic Sun: After earning All-Atlantic Sun First Team honors last season, junior first baseman Jamie Madruga was selected to the 2007 All-Atlantic Sun Preseason Team. The native of Warner Robins, Ga., finished the 2006 season ranked fourth in slugging percentage (.613) and sixth in batting average (.348) in the league.

Probable Mercer Starters (2006 Statistics)

Pos. No.	Name	Class	G-GS	Avg.	R	H	RBI	Slg.	OB%
C	23 Kristin Talamantes	Sr.	54-54	.245	16	38	48	.310	.341
1B	15 Jamie Madruga	Jr.	54-54	.348	31	54	32	.613	.425
2B	12 Kelley Bretscher	Sr.	54-54	.240	21	36	14	.260	.341
3B	11 Laura Persons	Fr.	Did Not Play in 2006						
SS	13 C.J. Martin	Sr.	54-54	.271	31	36	20	.398	.430
LF	10 Holly Oglesbee	Fr.	Did Not Play in 2006						
CF	2 Crystal Condra	Jr.	51-47	.108	12	10	3	.108	.270
RF	22 Lindsay Talamantes	So.	40-17	.000	5	0	1	.000	.000
DP	3 Gigi Eykamp	R-So.	Red-Shirted in 2006						
Pos. No.	Name	Class	W-L	ERA	IP	R	SO	B/Avg.	
P	6 Stephanie Rossman	Sr.	7-15	3.68	152	157	155	.270	
P	17 April Cunningham	So.	2-1	4.20	36.2	25	18	.313	
P	16 Lindsey Hazzard	Fr.	Did Not Play in 2006						

2007 Schedule & Results

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

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 14	Alabama State	5 p.m.
Feb. 17	! vs. Army	12:15 p.m.
Feb. 17	! vs. Furman	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	! at Georgia State	12:15 p.m.
Feb. 18	! TBA	TBA
Feb. 21	at Florida A&M	4 p.m.
Feb. 23	% Austin Peay	3 p.m.
Feb. 23	% George Washington	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 24	% Oakland	12:30 p.m.
Feb. 24	% TBA	TBA
Feb. 25	% TBA	TBA
Mar. 4	Savannah State	2 p.m.
Mar. 6	Georgia State	2 p.m.
Mar. 8	# vs. N.C. State	1 p.m.
Mar. 8	# vs. Chattanooga	6 p.m.
Mar. 9	# vs. Michigan State	4 p.m.
Mar. 9	# vs. Villanova	6 p.m.
Mar. 10	# vs. Long Island	1 p.m.
Mar. 10	# TBA	TBA
Mar. 11	# TBA	TBA
Mar. 16	\$ vs. Colorado State	1 p.m.
Mar. 16	\$ vs. Iowa	3:30 p.m.
Mar. 16	\$ vs. Santa Clara	8:30 p.m.
Mar. 17	\$ vs. Iowa State	3:30 p.m.
Mar. 17	\$ vs. BYU	6 p.m.
Mar. 19	at San Jose State	4 p.m.
Mar. 23	^ Wright State	3 p.m.
Mar. 23	^ Harvard	5:30 p.m.
Mar. 24	^ Winthrop	12:30 p.m.
Mar. 24	^ TBA	TBA
Mar. 25	^ TBA	TBA
Mar. 28	South Alabama	6 p.m.
Apr. 6	* Campbell	5 p.m.
Apr. 7	* Stetson	3 p.m.
Apr. 11	Georgia	4 p.m.
Apr. 13	* at Lipscomb	5 p.m.
Apr. 14	* at Belmont	2 p.m.
Apr. 17	vs. Alabama	5 p.m.
Apr. 20	* North Florida	5 p.m.
Apr. 21	* Jacksonville	3 p.m.
Apr. 25	* Kennesaw State	6 p.m.
Apr. 27	* at ETSU	2 p.m.
Apr. 28	* at Gardner-Webb	1 p.m.
May 6	at Auburn	4:30 p.m.
May 10-12	A-Sun Tourney (DeLand, Fla.)	

* - Atlantic Sun Conference game
! - Panther Invitational (Panthersville, Ga.)
% - Mercer Classic (Macon, Ga.)
- USF/adidas Classic (Clearwater, Fla.)
\$ - Capital Classic (Sacramento, Calif.)
^ - Mercer Nissan Invitational
All Times are Eastern
Home games are in **bold**
All games doubleheaders unless otherwise indicated; tournament games are single games.

ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos	B/T	Ht	Cl	Hometown/Previous School
2	Crystal Condra	OF	L/R	5-4	Jr	Suwanee, Ga./North Gwinnett HS
3	Gigi Eykamp	C	L/R	5-5	R-So	Yuma, Ariz./Cibola HS
4	Brandy Keeter	C/UT	R/R	5-3	Fr	McDonough, Ga./Eagle's Landing HS
5	Stacey Condra	UT	R/R	5-5	Fr	Suwanee, Ga./North Gwinnett HS
6	Stephanie Rossman	P	R/R	5-7	Sr	Tallahassee, Fla./Okaloosa-Walton CC
7	Ashley Anderson	3B	R/R	5-9	Jr	Manteca, Calif./East Union HS
8	Haley Tallent	OF	R/R	5-5	So	Rockmart, Ga./Darlington HS
9	Meredith Weare	P	R/R	5-8	R-So	Augusta, Ga./Evans HS
10	Holly Oglesbee	OF	L/R	5-6	Fr	Fayetteville, Ga./Starr's Mill HS
11	Laura Persons	C	R/R	5-5	Fr	Macon, Ga./Stratford Academy
12	Kelley Bretscher	2B	R/R	5-6	Sr	Alta Loma, Calif./Ontario Christian HS
13	C.J. Martin	SS	R/R	5-9	Sr	Woodinville, Wash./Bothell HS
15	Jamie Madruga	1B	L/R	6-0	Jr	Warner Robins, Ga./Westfield HS
16	Lindsey Hazzard	P	R/R	5-5	Fr	Canton, Ga./Sequoyah HS
17	April Cunningham	P/UT	R/R	5-5	So	Richardson, Texas/Berkner HS
20	Nikki Bylak	P	R/R	6-3	Fr	Naperville, Ill./Neuqua Valley HS
22	Lindsay Talamantes	UT	L/R	5-11	So	Burbank, Calif./Burbank HS
23	Kristin Talamantes	C	R/R	5-7	Sr	Burbank, Calif./Burbank HS
24	Jena Ellis	OF	L/L	5-5	Fr	Cordele, Ga./Crisp Academy

Interim Head Coach: Mike Raynor (First Season/Georgia Southern, 1974)

Assistant Coach: Crystal Herman (First Season/Robert Morris, 2006)

Athletic Trainer: Molly Carver (First Season/Florida Southern, 2006)

QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY QUICK FACTS

Founded:1833
Location:Macon, Ga.
Enrollment:7,400
Nickname:Bears
Colors:Orange and Black
Affiliation:NCAA Division I
Conference:Atlantic Sun
Stadium (Capacity):Sikes Field (400)
President:William D. Underwood
Athletics Director:Bobby Pope
Assoc. AD/SWA:Sybil Blalock
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Faculty Ath. Rep.:Dr. Jeffrey Huggahl
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SOFTBALL QUICK FACTS

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Alma Mater:Georgia Southern, 1974
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Record at Mercer:First Year
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Athletic Trainer:Molly Carver

PROGRAM QUICK FACTS

First Year of Competition:1986
All-time Record:385-652-1
NCAA Appearances:None
Regular Season Conference Titles:None
Conference Tournament Titles:None

2006 RESULTS

2006 Record:26-28
2006 A-Sun Record:12-6
2006 Conference Finish:Fourth
Home/Road/Neutral:17-9/7-9/2-10
Letterwinners Returning/Lost:11/4
Position Starters Returning/Lost:6/2
Pitchers Returning/Lost:2/1
Newcomers:7

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Roster Breakdown

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 Pitchers-5
 Catchers-4
 Infielders-4
 Outfielders-4
 Utility-4

By Class
 Seniors-4
 Juniors-3
 Sophomores-5
 Freshmen-7

By State
 Arizona-1
 California-4
 Florida-1
 Georgia-10
 Illinois-1
 Texas-1
 Washington-1

Pronunciation Guide

Kelley Bretscher
BRET-cher
Gigi Eykamp
Gee-Gee EYE-camp
Jamie Madruga
Muh-DRU-gah
Holly Oglesbee
Oh-gules-bee
Kristin Talamantes
Tal-uh-MON-tez
Lindsay Talamantes
Tal-uh-MON-tez
Meredith Weare
WEER

Ranking Fourth: The Mercer softball team was picked to finish fourth in the Atlantic Sun Conference in the league's pre-season poll voted upon by the coaches. Stetson received six first-place votes and 95 points to earn the first-place spot with Kennesaw State close behind with 93 points. Stetson, the defending regular-season champions, is also favored to win the tournament championship, which will be played on its home field May 10-12. Campbell earned 69 points for third place and the Bears finished one point behind the Camels to take fourth place. Behind Mercer were North Florida and ETSU in fifth and sixth with Gardner-Webb, Jacksonville, Lipscomb and Belmont rounding out the poll.

Returning for 2007: The Mercer softball team returns 11 letterwinners from last season's club that went 26-28 overall and finished with its best conference record in the program history, going 12-6 in the Atlantic Sun. The Bears have four seniors - Kelley Bretscher, Stephanie Rossman, C.J. Martin and Kristin Talamantes -- who will anchor the 19-player roster.

The Bears also return junior Jamie Madruga, a preseason all-Atlantic Sun selection. Madruga finished the 2006 campaign with a .348 batting average and earned first-team all conference honors along with being named to the conference all-tournament team.

Meet the Newcomers: Seven newcomers, all freshmen, join the Bears' roster this season.

Nikki Bylak, a native of Naperville, Ill., joins the pitching staff. Bylak, a 6-foot-4 freshman, brings a lot of talent, poise and determination to the circle, but needs to adapt to playing at this level.

Stacey Condra joins sister Crystal in the Bears' lineup. Condra impressed the coaching staff in the fall with her ability to play almost any position and with her tenacity and mental toughness. Condra, a true utility player, is very strong offensively and is expected to see playing time in the infield.

Jena Ellis, a right fielder out of Cordele, Ga., is a power hitter who is learning to play the short-game. She is quick and her speed will add a lot of pressure to defenses and her skills will give the team flexibility offensively.

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Lindsey Hazzard, a walk-on from Canton, Ga., performed well in the fall. She has shown she can compete at the Division I level and will see a considerable amount of time in the circle.

Brandy Keeter, a freshman walk-on from McDonough, Ga., will provide the Bears with valuable bullpen help as well as adding depth to the position.

Laura Persons, a local product out of Stratford Academy, had a strong and impressive fall and brings toughness to the position. She is extremely intense, has a good presence and controls the pitchers very well. She is also a great hitter and should have some quality and important at bats.

Holly Oglesbee, who will play in left, joins the squad after a stellar prep career at Starr's Mill High School in Fayetteville, Ga. She is a true run-and-gun offensive player who can slap and hit. She brings tremendous speed and will be able to put pressure on defenses.

Stiff Competition: In the EPSN.com/USA Softball Collegiate Preseason Top 25 Poll that came out on Jan. 30, three opponents on Mercer's schedule were ranked, along with two others receiving votes. Alabama ranked eighth and Georgia came in at 12th with N.C. State rounding out the ranked opponents at 22nd. Auburn and Iowa both received votes.

Coming Up: After opening up at home, the Bears travel to Panthersville, Ga., to take part in the Panther Invitational, hosted by former Atlantic Sun Conference foe Georgia State. The tournament features games against hosts Georgia State, Army and Furman.

Live Stats: Every Mercer home game and selected road contests (depending on the host school) will have live stats available. For more information or to watch the live stats, visit www.mercerbears.com.

**Tracking Mercer
2006 Facts and Figures**

Category	Record
Overall	26-28
Home	17-9
Road	7-9
Neutral	2-10
Conference	12-6
Non-Conference	14-22
vs. Top 10	0-4
vs. Top 25	0-6
February	4-7
March	6-9
April	16-10
May	0-2
Day	19-19
Night	7-9
vs. Left Starter	1-3
vs. Right Starter	25-25
Scoring First	18-5
Opp. scores first	8-23
Scored in 1st inning	9-2
Opp. scored in 1st inning	3-12
Scoring 0-2 runs	7-20
Scoring 3-5 runs	9-7
Scoring 6-9 runs	7-1
Scoring 10+ runs	3-0
1-run games	7-4
2-run games	4-7
5+ runs	9-11
Leading after 4	17-2
Leading after 5	14-1
Leading after 6	17-1
Trailing after 4	5-19
Trailing after 5	5-22
Trailing after 6	2-19
Extra-inning games	4-2
Shutouts	11-12
Out-hit opponent	20-2
Opponent out-hit	4-22
Hits are tied	2-4
Make 0 errors	10-5
Make 1 error	10-11
Make 2+ errors	6-12
Opp. makes 0 errors	3-17
Opp. makes 1 error	9-8
Opp. makes 2+ errors	14-3

Inning-By-Inning ♦ 2006

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	EX	Total
Mercer	16	36	21	33	21	34	14	10	0	7	192
Opponents	30	25	32	37	24	26	12	5	0	7	198
Differential	-14	+11	-11	-4	-3	+8	+2	+5	0	0	-6



This Week in the A-Sun

Tuesday, February 13

Longwood at Campbell (DH) 4:00 pm
Tennessee Tech at Lipscomb (DH) 1:00 pm ct

Wednesday, February 14

Gardner-Webb at Charlotte (DH) 3:00 pm
Alabama State at Mercer (DH) 5:00 pm

Friday, February 16

Campbell vs. Kent State 12:00 pm
Campbell vs. Morehead State 6:30 pm
Jacksonville vs. Memphis 9:30 am
Jacksonville at Florida State 5:00 pm
UNF at Cougar Classic TBA
Army at Kennesaw State (DH) 1:00 pm

Saturday, February 17

Belmont vs. South Alabama 10:00 am
Belmont at Jacksonville State 12:00 pm
Campbell at UNC Greensboro 12:00 pm
Campbell vs. Ohio 6:30 pm
ETSU vs. Washington 1:30 pm
ETSU vs. Hofstra 8:00 pm
Liberty at Gardner-Webb (DH) 1:00 pm
Jacksonville vs. South Carolina 9:30 am
Kansas vs. Jacksonville 12:00 pm
Lipscomb at Coastal Carolina 12:00 pm
Lipscomb vs. Elon 2:30 pm

Mercer vs. Army 12:15 pm

Mercer vs. Furman 2:30 pm

UNF at Cougar Classic TBA
Georgetown at Kennesaw State 10:00 am
Evansville at Kennesaw State 4:00 pm

Sunday, February 18

Belmont vs. South Alabama 10:00 am
Belmont at Jacksonville State 2:00 pm
ETSU vs. Wichita State 11:30 am
ETSU at South Florida 4:00 pm
Lipscomb vs. Elon 12:00 pm
Lipscomb at Coastal Carolina 2:30 pm
Mercer at Georgia State 12:15 pm
Mercer vs. TBA TBA
UNF at Cougar Classic TBA
Miami (Ohio) at Kennesaw State 12:00 pm
Georgia Tech at Kennesaw State 6:00 pm

2006 Atlantic Sun Standings

Teams	A-Sun				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
*Stetson	16	4	0	.800	45	16	0	.738
Kennesaw State	15	5	0	.750	38	17	0	.691
\$Florida Atlantic	15	5	0	.750	35	25	0	.583
Mercer	12	6	0	.667	26	28	0	.481
Campbell	12	8	0	.600	31	28	0	.525
UNF	9	11	0	.450	28	29	0	.491
ETSU	9	11	0	.450	22	36	0	.379
Gardner-Webb	7	13	0	.350	12	38	0	.240
Jacksonville	6	14	0	.300	22	37	0	.373
Lipscomb	4	14	0	.222	14	34	0	.292
Belmont	3	17	0	.150	15	32	1	.323

* - Regular Season Champion

\$ - Tournament Champion

2007 A-Sun Preseason Coaches Poll

Rank	Team (First-place votes)	Pts.
1.	Stetson (6)	95 pts
2.	Kennesaw State (3)	93 pts
3.	Campbell (1)	69 pts
4.	Mercer	68 pts
5.	North Florida	62 pts
6.	ETSU	52 pts
7.	Gardner-Webb	37 pts
8.	Jacksonville	35 pts
9.	Lipscomb	24 pts
10.	Belmont	15 pts

Tournament Champion--Stetson

Preseason Player of the Year--Keri McKee (Kennesaw State)

Preseason Pitcher of the Year--Erica Demers (Stetson)

2007 Preseason All-Atlantic Sun Team

Pos.	Name	Team
P	Erica Demers	Stetson
P	Brittany Matthews	Kennesaw State
C	Kelli Rutenbar	UNF
IF	Keri McKee	Kennesaw State
IF	Jennifer Nolan	Kennesaw State
IF	Ashley Parenteau	UNF
IF	Jamie Madruga	Mercer
OF	Jessica Huffman	Campbell
OF	Kelley Cowart	Kennesaw State
OF	Jessi Williams	Gardner-Webb
DP	Carolina Rojas	Stetson

2006 Statistics

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
Jamie Madruga	.348	54-54	155	31	54	9	1	10	32	95	.613	20	2	33	0	.425	2	0	0-2	334	33	2	.995
Katie Rosentreter	.310	51-50	145	15	45	7	3	2	26	64	.441	13	4	42	1	.383	0	6	1-3	14	51	3	.956
C.J. Martin	.271	54-54	133	31	36	8	3	1	20	53	.398	32	6	25	1	.430	1	9	2-3	70	72	14	.910
Kristin Talamantes	.245	54-54	155	16	38	10	0	0	18	48	.310	22	1	22	1	.341	1	6	0-0	407	35	3	.993
Kelley Bretscher	.240	54-54	150	21	36	3	0	0	14	39	.260	18	5	29	1	.341	0	22	3-3	106	83	6	.969
Sarah Harding	.205	54-54	161	19	33	6	0	5	20	54	.335	16	3	43	1	.289	0	5	0-0	65	3	2	.971
April Cunningham	.202	46-36	109	9	22	4	0	2	13	32	.294	4	1	33	0	.233	2	4	1-2	3	6	6	.600
Ashley Anderson	.142	49-46	120	12	17	4	0	0	6	21	.175	17	2	28	0	.259	0	6	1-1	43	73	18	.866

Korina Fryslie	.174	41-22	23	6	4	0	0	0	4	4	.174	0	1	7	0	.208	0	2	1-1	21	25	4	.920
Gigi Eykamp	.120	9-8	25	4	3	0	0	0	0	3	.120	4	0	1	0	.241	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Amanda Cosson	.115	21-3	26	2	3	1	0	0	5	4	.154	4	1	12	0	.258	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Haley Tallent	.114	31-15	44	9	5	1	0	0	0	6	.136	4	0	12	0	.188	0	1	0-0	12	0	1	.923
Crystal Condra	.108	51-47	93	12	10	0	0	0	3	10	.108	21	0	27	0	.270	1	5	2-8	26	4	6	.833
Lindsay Talamantes	.000	40-17	6	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	4	0	.000	1	0	0-0	11	0	3	.786
Stephanie Rossman	.000	36-25	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	20	1	.952
Totals	.227	54-54	1348	192	306	53	7	20	162	433	.321	175	26	321	5	.326	8	66	11-23	1112	405	69	.956
Opponents	.239	54-54	1414	198	338	44	13	22	159	474	.335	113	31	418	7	.308	7	50	77-88	1097	443	65	.960

LOB - Team (344), Opp (315). DPs turned - Team (11), Opp (10). IBB - Team (1), Talamantes,K 1. Picked off - Madruga 1, Bretscher 1.

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
Katie Rosentreter	1.68	17-12	36	31	18	6/1	0	192.0	146	76	46	41	245	17	5	8	720	.203	16	10	0	1	21
Stephanie Rossman	3.68	7-15	34	23	11	4/0	0	152.0	157	97	80	61	155	22	7	13	582	.270	18	19	0	5	28

April Cunningham	4.20	2-1	9	0	0	0/1	0	26.2	35	25	16	11	18	5	1	1	112	.313	7	2	0	1	1
Totals	2.66	26-28	54	54	29	11/1	0	370.2	338	198	141	113	418	44	13	22	1414	.239	41	31	0	7	50
Opponents	2.70	28-26	54	54	32	12/0	3	365.2	306	192	141	175	321	53	7	20	1348	.227	37	26	1	8	66

PB - Team (7), Talamantes,K 7, Opp (9). Pickoffs - Team (2), Talamantes,K 2, Opp (2). SBA/ATT - Talamantes,K (68-78), Rosentreter (38-43), Rossman (35-39), Cunningham (4-6), Martin (5-5), Harding (3-4).

2006 Results

Date	Opponent	Result	Date	Opponent	Result	Date	Opponent	Result
2/11	^Tennessee Tech	L, 4-6	3/24	&Troy	W, 2-0	4/22	*at Florida Atlantic	W, 8-2
2/11	^Georgia State	W, 4-0	3/25	&South Florida	W, 5-3	4/22	*at Florida Atlantic	L, 0-8
2/15	Florida A&M	L, 2-7	3/25	&Siena	W, 8-2	4/24	*Campbell	W, 2-1
2/15	Florida A&M	L, 3-5	3/26	&Troy	L, 3-6	4/24	*Campbell	L, 1-2
2/17	#Middle Tennessee	W, 9-5	4/1	*Jacksonville	W, 5-0	4/26	at Georgia	L, 0-5
2/17	#Furman	L, 2-3	4/1	*Jacksonville	W, 4-1	4/26	at Georgia	L, 5-8
2/18	#Auburn	L, 0-19	4/2	*North Florida	L, 6-7	4/29	*at Belmont	W, 3-0
2/19	#Jacksonville State	L, 0-5	4/2	*North Florida	W, 7-4	4/29	*at Belmont	W, 5-4
2/24	\$George Mason	W, 12-1	4/5	Western Carolina	W, 8-0	5/11	!Campbell	L, 0-2
2/24	\$Morehead State	W, 4-3	4/5	Western Carolina	W, 5-4	5/11	!Stetson	L, 1-6
2/27	Eastern Michigan	L, 1-4	4/7	*Gardner-Webb	W, 2-0			
3/2	~at Hawaii	W, 2-0	4/7	*Gardner-Webb	W, 1-0			
3/4	~UC Riverside	L, 3-6	4/9	Savannah State	W, 8-1			
3/5	~California	L, 0-6	4/9	Savannah State	W, 19-0			
3/8	at Loyola Marymount	L, 0-3	4/11	Georgia State	L, 1-3			
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3/10	+Syracuse	W, 2-1	4/13	*Stetson	L, 0-2			
3/10	+at Long Beach State	L, 0-8	4/13	*Stetson	W, 1-0			
3/11	+Mississippi State	L, 3-4	4/15	*at ETSU	W, 7-4			
3/11	+UCLA	L, 0-8	4/15	*at ETSU	W, 12-5			
3/12	+Syracuse	L, 0-5	4/18	*at Kennesaw State	L, 2-4			
3/24	&Siena	W, 5-0	4/18	*at Kennesaw State	L, 0-3			

* Atlantic Sun Conference game
 ! Atlantic Sun Conference tournament
 ^ Georgia State First Pitch Classic (Panthersville, Ga.)
 # War Eagle Classic (Auburn, Ala.)
 \$ Comfort Inn Mercer Classic (Macon, Ga.)
 ~ Pepsi Malihini Kipa Aloha Tour. (Honolulu, Hawaii)
 + Long Beach State Invitational (Long Beach, Calif.)
 & Mercer Nissan Classic (Macon, Ga.)



MIKE RAYNOR
INTERIM HEAD COACH
First Season ♦ Georgia Southern, 1974

Mike Raynor begins his first season as the interim head coach for the Mercer softball program. Raynor is the fifth head coach in school history, taking over a team that returns eight starters and finished with a 26-28 overall record and a 12-6 record in Atlantic Sun Conference play last season.

"We are extremely pleased that Mike has accepted the head softball position," said Pope. "He knows our conference well since he has umpired in it for quite a few years. He is familiar with the talent level of the Mercer team and also with the teams in the Atlantic Sun Conference. Mike has enjoyed tremendous success with travel teams in the Atlanta area and I feel this will be a great advantage to him from a recruiting standpoint. We think he is a perfect fit."

Raynor has coached travel teams in Cobb County for the past 14 years, most recently serving as coach for the East Cobb Bullets Gold team. His teams won two national championships and five state championships. Last year, he also served as a community coach at Sequoyah High School, the 2006 AAAA State Champions.

Raynor has also served as a collegiate umpire for the past 15 years. Until recently, he served as the president of the Southeastern Collegiate Umpires Association, along with acting as the co-coordinator of umpires for the Atlantic Coast Conference and the coordinator of umpires for the Peach Belt Conference. He also served on umpire staffs with the Southeastern Conference, the Atlantic Sun Conference, the Southern Conference and Conference USA. In 2006, he umpired in the NCAA Division I Regional at Fresno State and has umpired in numerous NCAA conference championship tournaments. He was named the 2005 Official of the Year by the Georgia Athletic Officials Association.

In 1974, Raynor earned his bachelor's degree in education from Georgia Southern and went on to serve as the head baseball coach at Cook County High School. During his time at Cook County, he took over the responsibilities of Athletics Director and Head Football Coach.

"With the rich tradition and history at Mercer, I think we have an excellent opportunity to attract student-athletes to be strong competitors in the Atlantic Sun," said Raynor. "I am excited to be here and have the opportunity to build and expand the softball program."

A native of Fitzgerald, Ga., he and his wife, Brenda, have three daughters, Page, Molly, and Alison.

