

2007 Mercer Bears Baseball

2007 Schedule & Results

Overall: 10-7 A-Sun: 0-0
 Home: 6-2 Away: 4-5 Neutral: 0-0

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Feb. 2	at Miami, Fla.	W, 6-5
Feb. 3	at Miami, Fla.	W, 8-5
Feb. 4	at Miami, Fla.	Rained Out
Feb. 10	at Bethune-Cookman (DH)	L, 5-0; L, 9-2
Feb. 11	at Bethune-Cookman	L, 5-3
Feb. 14	Georgia State	W, 8-2
Feb. 16	at South Alabama	L, 7-5
Feb. 17	at South Alabama	L, 13-11
Feb. 18	at South Alabama	W, 9-5
Feb. 21	Georgia	L, 6-5
Feb. 23	Florida A&M	W, 3-2
Feb. 24	Florida A&M	W, 4-1
Feb. 25	Florida A&M	W, 5-1
Feb. 28	at Georgia State	W, 5-1
Mar. 2	Samford	W, 6-4
Mar. 3	Samford	W, 13-0
Mar. 4	Samford	L, 4-2
Mar. 7	at Western Carolina	3 p.m.
Mar. 9	at Florida A&M	4 p.m.
Mar. 10	at Florida A&M	1 p.m.
Mar. 11	at Florida A&M	1 p.m.
Mar. 16	*Campbell	6 p.m.
Mar. 17	*Campbell (DH)	noon
Mar. 20	at Georgia	6 p.m.
Mar. 23	*at Stetson	7 p.m.
Mar. 24	*at Stetson (DH)	1 p.m.
Mar. 27	Auburn	6 p.m.
Mar. 30	*Jacksonville	6 p.m.
Mar. 31	*Jacksonville (DH)	noon
Apr. 4	at Georgia State	6 p.m.
Apr. 6	*Lipscomb	6 p.m.
Apr. 7	*Lipscomb (DH)	noon
Apr. 10	at Auburn	7 p.m.
Apr. 14	*at Belmont (DH)	3 p.m.
Apr. 15	*at Belmont	2 p.m.
Apr. 17	Georgia Southern	6 p.m.
Apr. 21	*at North Florida (DH)	1 p.m.
Apr. 22	*at North Florida	1 p.m.
Apr. 24	Savannah State	6 p.m.
Apr. 27	*Kennesaw State	6 p.m.
Apr. 28	*Kennesaw State (DH)	noon
May 10	*at Gardner-Webb	4:30 p.m.
May 11	*at Gardner-Webb (DH)	1 p.m.
May 15	at Georgia Southern	6 p.m.
May 17	*ETSU	6 p.m.
May 18	*ETSU (DH)	noon
May 23-26	A-Sun Tournament (DeLand, Fla.)	

*Atlantic Sun Conference game
 DH-Doubleheader
 All times are Eastern
 Home games are **bold**
 Schedule is subject to change

Game 19

Mercer vs. Western Carolina Mar. 7, 2007

Childress Field at Hennon Stadium

Mercer had its six-game winning streak snapped with a 4-2 loss to Samford on Mar. 4 at Claude Smith Field. Billy Shaughnessy went 4-for-4 with one RBI, but the Bears stranded 10 runners on base. Justin Boyette followed up his complete-game effort against FAMU, by tossing six innings and allowing four runs on six hits. Josh Lowey, who sports an ERA of 0.00 in 8 2/3 innings of work, pitched three solid innings of scoreless relief.

The highlight of the weekend was the 13-0 win over Samford on Saturday. The Bears put up a nine-run first inning and threw their first shutout of the season. Eric Renfroe who had an eight-game hitting streak snapped on Sunday, was a catalyst in the game two explosion going 2-for-3 with three RBIs, two runs scored, one double and a two-run home run. During the eight-game stretch, Renfroe hit .444 with 11 runs scored, eight RBIs, two doubles and three home runs. Steve Karwatt has also been hot of late and chipped in four RBIs in the route of Samford, including a three-run round tripper. Karwatt has hit safely in 10 of his last 12 games notching a batting average of .333 with eight runs scored, nine RBIs, four doubles, one triple and two home runs. Josh Thompson continued to lead the squad going 3-for-3 with two doubles and added an RBI and run scored in Saturday's game. Thompson leads the team in batting average (.377), hits (23), doubles (6), home runs (4), RBIs (18), total bases (43), walks (14) and slugging percentage (.705).

Mercer Probable Lineup

Probable Batting Order							
Pos.	Name	Yr.	Avg.	2B	R	HR	RBI
CF	Eric Renfroe	Sr.	.241	2	13	3	10
LF	Matt Crawford	Jr.	.353	1	12	0	6
C	Josh Thompson	Sr.	.377	6	12	4	18
1B	Mike Armstrong	Jr.	.292	5	16	2	11
3B	Steve Karwatt	So.	.300	4	8	2	9
DH	Tyler Brown	Jr.	.167	1	7	1	6
SS	Billy Shaughnessy	Jr.	.321	4	6	1	11
RF	John Dortch	Jr.	.244	5	8	1	3
2B	Michael Langley	Fr.	.222	1	3	0	3

Key Reserves

LF	Jason Lowey	Sr.	.233	3	2	0	2
2B	Josh Lowey	Jr.	.200	1	0	0	1
LF	Mark Jarvis	Jr.	.167	0	0	0	2
C	Casey Stuart	So.	.118	1	3	0	0
2B	Nick DiMauro	Fr.	.111	1	0	0	1

Probable Pitching Rotation

Pos.	Name	Yr.	ERA	W-L	SV	IP	SO
RHP	Brantley New	Sr.	4.66	1-2	0	29.0	25
RHP	Boone Webster	Jr.	2.70	3-1	0	20.0	16
RHP	Justin Boyette	So.	3.52	1-2	0	23.0	17

Bullpen

RHP	Cory Gearrin	Jr.	0.00	2-0	4	12.1	23
RHP	Josh Lowey	Jr.	0.00	0-0	0	8.1	7
LHP	J.C. Daugherty	Sr.	0.00	0-0	0	3.2	2
RHP	Scott Patterson	Fr.	1.29	1-0	0	7.0	4
RHP	David Harden	Fr.	2.79	1-1	0	9.2	10
RHP	Andy Campbell	Jr.	4.63	1-0	0	11.2	7
RHP	Jason Lowey	Sr.	5.87	0-0	0	7.2	9
LHP	Blake Quarles	Sr.	9.26	0-1	0	11.2	9

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

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

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

Pronunciations

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

Roster Breakdown

By State
 Georgia25
 Florida8
 Pennsylvania1
 Tennessee1
 Texas1

By Year
 Seniors8
 Juniors12
 Sophomores6
 Freshman10

By Position
 Pitchers12 (9 RHP and 3 LHP)
 Catchers3
 Infielders10
 Outfielders11

Game Notes

2007 Mercer Bears Baseball

Craig Gibson Head Coach - Fourth Season



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

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

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

In his first campaign as head coach, Gibson led his young

squad to a 20-35 record, a nine-win improvement from the previous season. The 2004 Bears had just three seniors on the roster, and of the eight juniors on the squad, only one had played for Mercer in 2003. The rest of the junior class had transferred to Mercer looking for a chance to win.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Gibson File

Coaching Experience

Mercer University

Head Coach

2004-present

(Fourth Season)

Assistant Coach

1994-2003

(10 Seasons)

Graduate Assistant

1986-87

(Two Seasons)

Palm Beach Gardens HS

1991-93

(Three Seasons)

Suncoast Community HS

1990

(One Season)

Jupiter Community HS

1988-89

(Two Seasons)

Playing Experience

Mercer University

1981-85

(Four Seasons)

Education

Mercer University

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

M.S. education in

social science

2007 Mercer Bears Baseball

2007 Atlantic Sun Standings

Team	Conference			GB	Overall		
	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Belmont	0	0	.000	-	8	1	.889
Stetson	0	0	.000	-	10	4	.714
ETSU	0	0	.000	-	9	4	.692
Lipscomb	0	0	.000	-	11	5	.688
Mercer	0	0	.000	-	10	7	.588
Kennesaw St.	0	0	.000	-	7	6	.538
Gardner-Webb	0	0	.000	-	7	8	.467
Jacksonville	0	0	.000	-	7	10	.412
UNF	0	0	.000	-	6	9	.400
Campbell	0	0	.000	-	3	10	.231

This Week in the A-Sun

Mar. 7

Mercer at Western Carolina - 3 p.m.
 Middle Tennessee at Belmont - 4 p.m.
 Connecticut at Jacksonville - 6:30 p.m.
 Michigan State at Stetson - 7 p.m.
 Kennesaw State at Georgia - 7 p.m.
 Western Michigan at UNF - 7 p.m.
 Appalachian State at ETSU - 7 p.m.

Mar. 9

Mercer at Florida A&M - 4 p.m.

Campbell at Marshall - 1 p.m.
 ETSU at High Point - 3 p.m.
 Eastern Illinois at Belmont - 4 p.m.
 Lipscomb at Alcorn State - 6 p.m.
 Charleston Southern at Kennesaw St. - 6 p.m.
 Gardner-Webb at Georgia - 6 p.m.
 Connecticut at Jacksonville - 6:30 p.m.
 Central Michigan at Stetson - 7 p.m.
 Ohio State at UNF - 7 p.m.

Mar. 10

Mercer at Florida A&M - 1 p.m.

Campbell at Marshall - noon (DH)
 ETSU at High Point - 3 p.m.
 UNC Greensboro at Jacksonville - 1 p.m.
 Connecticut at UNF - 1 p.m.
 Eastern Illinois at Belmont - 2 p.m.
 Charleston Southern at Kennesaw St. - 2 p.m.
 Gardner-Webb at Georgia - 2 p.m.
 Central Michigan at Stetson - 7 p.m.
 Lipscomb at Alcorn State - 8 p.m.

Mar. 11

Mercer at Florida A&M - 1 p.m.

Western Michigan at Jacksonville - 11 a.m.
 Central Michigan at Stetson - noon
 Lipscomb at Alcorn State - 1 p.m.
 ETSU at High Point - 1 p.m.
 Charleston Southern at Kennesaw St. - 1 p.m.
 Gardner-Webb at Georgia - 1 p.m.
 Eastern Illinois at Belmont - 2 p.m.
 UNC Greensboro at UNF - 2 p.m.

All Times are Eastern

DH - Doubleheader

Mercer Individuals in the A-Sun

Slugging Percentage

Josh Thompson - .705, (3rd)

On-Base Percentage

Josh Thompson - .487, (6th)

Runs Scored

Mike Armstrong - 16, (T2nd)

Eric Renfroe - 13, (T7th)

Hits

Josh Thompson - 23, (3rd)

Home Runs

Josh Thompson - 4, (1st)

Eric Renfroe - 3, (T2nd)

Runs Batted In

Josh Thompson - 18, (2nd)

Total Bases

Josh Thompson - 43, (1st)

Mike Armstrong - 30, (10th)

Walks

Josh Thompson - 14, (1st)

Tyler Brown - 13, (2nd)

Steve Karwatt - 9, (T8th)

Matt Crawford - 9, (T8th)

Doubles

Josh Thompson - 6, (4th)

Stolen Bases

Billy Shaughnessy - 5, (T5th)

ERA

Boone Webster - 2.70 - (8th)

Innings Pitched

Brantley New - 29.0, (3rd)

Justin Boyette - 23.0, (T8th)

Strikeouts

Brantley New - 25, (T2nd)

Cory Gearrin - 23, (T5th)

Wins

Boone Webster - 3, (T2nd)

Appearances

Cory Gearrin - 9, (1st)

Games Started

Brantley New - 5, (T1st)

Saves

Cory Gearrin - 4, (T1st)

Complete Games

Justin Boyette - 1, (T1st)

Mercer in the A-Sun

Batting Average264, (8th)

Slugging Percentage411, (3rd)

On-Base Percentage358, (4th)

Runs Scored95, (3rd)

Hits151, (3rd)

Runs Batted In84, (3rd)

Doubles36, (1st)

Triples3, (T4th)

Home Runs14, (1st)

Walks72, (2nd)

Stolen Bases19, (4th)

Earned Run Average3.83, (4th)

Opp. Batting Average265, (5th)

Innings Pitched148.0, (1st)

Strikeouts132, (1st)

Wins10, (T1st)

Saves4, (T4th)

Fielding Percentage968, (2nd)

Putouts444, (1st)

Assists186, (1st)

Errors21, (4th)

Double Plays12, (2nd)



2007 Mercer Bears Baseball

A Look at the Catamounts

Western Carolina has opened its 2007 campaign with a record of 6-4 and are 2-1 at home. The Catamounts won two out of three against fellow Atlantic Sun rival Kennesaw State to begin the season. Following a series win over Connecticut, Western Carolina faced three nationally ranked teams in a row. They defeated No. 14 Georgia Tech, 10-7, and beat No. 20 N.C. State, 6-5, but fell to No. 12 Pepperdine, 3-1. WCU is on a two-game losing streak entering Wednesday's game after falling to in-state foe East Carolina, 3-2.

Junior catcher Blake Murphy is leading the way hitting .382 with 16 runs scored, eight RBIs, two home runs and a pair of doubles. Senior infielder Kenny Smith, the SoCon Player of the Week on Feb. 26, leads the squad with four home runs and 14 RBIs. Smith, a transfer from UNC Wilmington, registered a 1.636 slugging percentage in the three games against UConn, driving in six runs. In the series-opening 16-5 win over the Huskies, Smith was 2-for-3 with a pair of home runs. He went 2-for-4 in the second game of the series with a solo homer and was again 2-for-4 in the series finale with a home run as Western Carolina cruised to a 12-1 victory.

Western Carolina was picked to finish second in the Southern Conference in the coaches' preseason poll. Four Catamounts were named to the All-SoCon preseason team. Third baseman Jonathan Greene, outfielder Steven Strausbaugh and relief pitcher Greg Holland were all named to the first team, as left-handed pitcher Tyler Sexton was named to the second team.

Todd Raleigh is in his eighth season at the helm of the Catamount program. He came into this season with a career record of 215-189.

This meeting will be the first time Mercer and Western Carolina have met on the baseball field.

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Hometown
1	Jason Haynes	2B	Jr.	Fort Mill, S.C.
3	Chris Ahearn	SS	So.	Charlotte, N.C.
4	Steven Strausbaugh	RF	Jr.	Venice, Fla.
5	Blake Murphy	C	Jr.	Waynesville, N.C.
6	Mitchell Hatley	INF	So.	Mt. Pleasant, N.C.
7	Kyle Cichy	INF/RHP	Fr.	Vineland, N.J.
8	Brent Greer	SS/2B	Fr.	Manassas, Va.
9	Nick Liles	3B	Fr.	Laurinburg, N.C.
10	Tyler Kirkpatrick	2B/3B	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C.
11	John Ingram	1B/OF	Sr.	Alpharetta, Ga.
12	Reid Rollison	3B	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C.
13	Corey Sutton	RHP	Fr.	Bryson City, N.C.
14	Donnie Wilson	LF	Sr.	Tulare, Calif.
15	Andrew Larrimore	RHP	Jr.	Kernersville, N.C.
16	Corey Martin	RHP	So.	Yadkinville, N.C.
17	Kenny Smith	INF	Sr.	Asheville, N.C.
20	Tyler Johnson	RHP	Sr.	Lynwood, Wash.
21	Bryan Corbett	RHP	So.	Taylorsville, N.C.
22	Brock Thornburg	RHP	Sr.	Hickory, N.C.
24	Chris Masters	LHP	Fr.	Marietta, Ga.
25	Ryne Nelson	RHP	Jr.	Hitchcock, Texas
26	Greg Holland	RHP	Jr.	Marion, N.C.
27	Rob DeVeney	OF	Fr.	Marlton, N.J.
28	Barrett Shaft	CF	Jr.	Lilburn, Ga.
29	Adam Baker	OF/1B	Fr.	Marietta, Ga.
31	Drew Saberhagen	LHP	So.	Calabasas, Calif.
32	Andy John	OF	So.	Raleigh, N.C.
33	Tyler Sexton	LHP	Jr.	High Point, N.C.
34	Jackie Corn	1B/C	Fr.	Hendersonville, NC..
36	Ryan Wilson	C	So.	Mt. Ulla, N.C.
37	Daniel Ottone	RHP	Fr.	Cary, N.C.
44	Jonathan Greene	UTL	Jr.	Boone, N.C.
	Dylan de Graaf	OF	Fr.	Cumming, Ga.
	Brian Dice	C	Fr.	Newton, N.C.
	Clay Smith	LHP	Fr.	Hickory, N.C.
	Scott Ward	DH/1B	Sr.	Woodbury, N.J.

Head Coach: Todd Raleigh (Eighth Season, Western Carolina '91)

Assistant Coaches: Eric Filipek (Fourth Season, UNC Asheville '97), Bradley LeCroy (Second Season, Clemson '01), Ryan McCurry (First Season, Western Carolina '03)

2007 Individual Statistics Leaders

Batting Leaders

Name	Avg.	2B	HR	RBI	R
Blake Murphy	.382	2	2	8	16
Barrett Shaft	.375	3	1	3	5
Kenny Smith	.333	2	4	14	6
Jonathan Greene	.333	3	3	7	9
John Ingram	.297	4	0	9	8
Nick Liles	.289	1	1	6	6

Pitching Leaders

Name	W-L	ERA	SO	SV	IP
Drew Saberhagen	1-1	1.31	8	0	20.2
Tyler Sexton	3-0	3.12	15	0	17.1
Tyler Johnson	0-1	4.15	14	1	13.0
Brock Thornburg	1-1	5.79	9	0	14.0
Greg Holland	0-1	2.57	10	2	7.0
Chris Masters	1-0	6.23	7	0	4.1



Game Notes

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Current Bear Hitting Streaks

Josh Thompson6
Matt Crawford3

Longest Bear Hitting Streak

Eric Renfroe8
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Game-Winning RBI

Steve Karwatt2
Josh Thompson2
Mike Armstrong1
Eric Renfroe1
Nick DiMauro	.....1
Michael Langley	.....1

Multiple RBI Games

	2	3	4	5+	Total
Josh Thompson	3	2	1		6
Eric Renfroe	3	1			4
Matt Crawford	2	1			3
Mike Armstrong	2	1			3
Billy Shaughnessy	3				3
Steve Karwatt			1		1
Tyler Brown	1				1
Michael Langley	1				1

Multiple Hit Games

	2	3	4	5+	Total
Josh Thompson	3	1	1		5
Mike Armstrong	2	3			5
Steve Karwatt	5				5
Billy Shaughnessy	2		2		4
John Dortch	2	1			3
Eric Renfroe	2	1			3
Tyler Brown	3				3
Matt Crawford	2				2
Jason Lowey	2				2
Tyler McCarty	1				1
Josh Lowey	1				1

Mercer Home Runs in 2007

Game	Inning	RBI	Outs
Josh Thompson	6th	1	1
2/2 at Miami (Fla.)			
Billy Shaughnessy	4th	2	0
2/3 at Miami (Fla.)			
Mike Armstrong	9th	2	2
2/3 at Miami (Fla.)			
Steve Karwatt	8th	1	2
2/10 at Bethune-Cookman			
John Dortch	3rd	1	0
2/11 at Bethune-Cookman			
Josh Thompson	1st	2	1
2/14 vs. Georgia State			
Tyler Brown	7th	2	1
2/17 at South Alabama			
Josh Thompson	9th	1	1
2/17 at South Alabama			
Eric Renfroe	1st	1	0
2/23 vs. FAMU			
Eric Renfroe	3rd	1	1
2/28 at Georgia State			
Josh Thompson	1st	2	1
3/2 vs. Samford			
Mike Armstrong	5th	1	0
3/2 vs. Samford			
Steve Karwatt	1st	3	1
3/3 vs. Samford			
Eric Renfroe	3rd	2	0
3/3 vs. Samford			

2007 Home Run Breakdown

Solo HR	.....7
Two-Run HR	.....6
Three-Run HR	.....1
Grand Slam	.....
First Inning	.....4
Second Inning	.....
Third Inning	.....3
Fourth Inning	.....1
Fifth Inning	.....1
Sixth Inning	.....1
Seventh Inning1
Eighth Inning1
Ninth Inning2
With No Outs5
With One Out7
With Two Outs2

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Series-by-Series

Hitting

Opponent	Avg.	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SO	SB-ATT	FLD%
#2 Miami (Fla.)	.257	74	14	19	2	0	3	12	7	5	13	1-2	.959
Bethune-Cookman	.179	95	5	17	2	0	2	4	3	1	15	2-2	.935
Georgia State	.319	69	13	22	7	1	2	13	14	1	11	3-3	1.000
South Alabama	.336	107	25	36	11	0	2	23	14	1	21	2-3	.972
Georgia	.261	37	5	8	3	0	0	3	4	1	12	2-2	.951
Florida A&M	.195	87	12	17	4	1	1	9	15	2	15	1-4	.959
Samford	.311	103	21	32	7	1	4	20	15	2	18	8-8	.980
Western Carolina													
Campbell													
Stetson													
Auburn													
Jacksonville													
Lipscomb													
Belmont													
Georgia Southern													
North Florida													
Savannah State													
Kennesaw State													
Gardner-Webb													
ETSU													

Pitching

Opponent	ERA	W-L	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	Opp. Avg.
#2 Miami (Fla.)	5.00	2-0	2	18.0	20	10	10	16	15	2	0	1	.290
Bethune-Cookman	6.00	0-3	0	24.0	36	19	16	3	16	7	0	1	.343
Georgia State	1.50	2-0	0	18.0	12	3	3	5	16	1	0	0	.190
South Alabama	7.20	1-2	0	25.0	32	25	20	12	23	1	2	1	.323
Georgia	5.72	0-1	0	9.0	14	6	6	2	10	3	0	0	.341
Florida A&M	0.50	3-0	1	27.0	17	4	1	2	28	3	0	0	.252
Samford	2.33	2-1	1	27.0	19	8	7	3	24	3	0	3	.194
Western Carolina													
Campbell													
Stetson													
Auburn													
Jacksonville													
Lipscomb													
Belmont													
Georgia Southern													
North Florida													
Savannah State													
Kennesaw State													
Gardner-Webb													
ETSU													

Rankings: **Miami (Fla.)** is ranked No. 11 in Baseball America's Top 25, No. 15 in the USA Today/ESPN Top 25, No. 15 in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Top 35 and No. 15 in the Collegiate Baseball Top 30 ... **Auburn** is No. 13 in the Collegiate Baseball poll, No. 15 in the NCBWA poll, No. 17 in the USA Today/ESPN poll and No. 24 in the Baseball America Top 25 ... **Stetson** received votes in the USA Today/ESPN Poll and the NCBWA poll.

Long Balls: The Bears lead the Atlantic Sun with 14 home runs on the season. Seven different players have hit a home run and senior **Josh Thompson** leads the bunch with four round-trippers. **Eric Renfro** has chipped in with three home runs.

The Gearrin Watch: Junior **Cory Gearrin** has yet to allow a run in 12 1/3 innings of work this season. He has a record of 2-0, notched four saves, recorded 23 strikeouts and allowed only one hit.

The Old Addege: With their recent success, the Bears can look at a climb in pitching and defense. Mercer ranks fourth in the A-Sun in pitching with a team ERA of 3.83 and is second in fielding percentage with a .968 clip.

Game Notes

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Mercer's Record...

Overall	10-7
A-Sun	
At Home	6-2
On the Road	4-5
At a Neutral Site	
At Home (A-Sun)	
On the Road (A-Sun)	
At Home (Non-Conference)	6-2
On the Road (Non-Conference)	4-5
Neutral Site (Non-Conference)	
In Extra-Inning Games	
Vs. Top 25 Teams	2-0
Playing a Day Game	6-6
Playing a Night Game	4-1
In the First Game of a Doubleheader	0-1
In the Second Game of a Doubleheader	0-1
In Single Games	10-5
In One-Run Games	2-1
In Two-Run Games	1-4
In Five + Run Games	2-2
When Scoring First	7-3
When Opponent Scores First	3-4
When Leading Entering Final Inning	8-0
When Trailing Entering Final Inning	1-7
When Tied Entering Final Inning	1-0
When Scoring 10+ Runs	1-1
When Allowing 10+ Runs	0-1
When Scoring 5 Runs or Less	5-6
When Allowing 5 Runs or Less	10-3
When Out-Hitting Opponent	5-3
When Matching Opponent with Hits	1-0
When Out-Hit by Opponent	3-4
When Hitting a Home Run	6-3
Vs. Starting LHP	3-2
Vs. Starting RHP	7-5

Mercer Highs and Lows

	High	Low
Runs Scored	13	0
Runs Allowed	13	0
Run Differential	13	-7
Hits	17	3
At Bats	40	28
RBI's	12	0
Stolen Bases	4	0
Walks	12	0
Assists	15	8
Putouts	27	24
Errors	3	0
Hits Allowed	17	3
Earned Runs Allowed	9	0
Strikeouts	11	4
Walks	8	0
Wild Pitches	3	0
Hit By Pitch	3	0

Mercer Records - Overall Record (10-Game Record)

Year	After 10 Games		
	Overall	Home	Road
2007	4-6	6-2	4-5
2006	8-2	7-3	4-6
2005	9-1	10-0	3-7
2004	5-5	6-4	3-7
2003	5-5	5-5	2-8
2002	4-6	7-3	2-8

Year	After 20 Games		
	Overall	Home	Road
2007	10-7 (6-1)	-	-
2006	12-8 (4-6)	14-6 (7-3)	10-10 (6-4)
2005	12-8 (3-7)	13-7 (3-7)	8-12 (5-5)
2004	9-11 (4-6)	8-12 (2-8)	6-13 (3-6)
2003	8-12 (3-7)	8-12 (3-7)	4-16 (2-8)
2002	10-10 (6-4)	11-9 (4-6)	5-15 (3-7)

Top 25 Wins: Mercer recorded two wins over No. 2 Miami (Fla.) to open the season, but defeating a Top 25 team is no new thing for Coach Gibson's squads. Last season, the Bears defeated No. 1 Florida, 3-2, in Gainesville, Fla. on Feb. 15, and scored a win over No. 1 Clemson, 3-2, in Clemson, S.C. on Feb. 26. The Bears have registered a win over a Top 25 in each of Gibson's first four seasons. In 2004, Mercer defeated No. 19 UCF on May 15, 6-0, and on Apr. 20, 2005, the Bears up-ended No. 19 College of Charleston, 10-2.

Year	After 30 Games		After 40 Games	
	Overall	Year	Overall	Year
2007	-	2007	-	2007
2006	19-11 (7-3)	2006	23-17 (4-6)	2006
2005	18-12 (6-4)	2005	22-18 (4-6)	2005
2004	11-19 (2-8)	2004	14-26 (3-7)	2004
2003	11-19 (3-7)	2003	12-28 (1-9)	2003
2002	14-16 (4-6)	2002	16-24 (2-8)	2002

Mercer Versus the Top 25 Last Five Years

2007	.2-0
2006	.2-3
2005	.1-2
2004	.1-3
2003	.0-3
2002	.0-9

Year	End of Season Record			
	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral
2007	2-0	-	-	-
2006	34-26	20-8	12-16	2-2
2005	28-26	17-9	8-16	3-1
2004	20-35	13-21	6-13	1-1
2003	13-32	8-13	5-19	-
2002	22-32	15-12	7-20	-

Game Notes

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2007 Bear Starting Lineups

Game (Pitcher)	C	1B	2B	SS	3B	LF	CF	RF	DH
1. Miami (Fla.) (New)	Thompson	Armstrong	McCarty	Shaughnessy	Jo. Lowey	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
2. Miami (Fla.) (Quarles)	Stuart	Armstrong	McCarty	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Crawford	Renfroe	Thompson	Brown
3. Bethune-Cookman (New)	Thompson	Armstrong	McCarty	Shaughnessy	Jo. Lowey	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
4. Bethune-Cookman (Quarles)	Stuart	Armstrong	McCarty	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Crawford	Renfroe	Thompson	Brown
5. Bethune-Cookman (Boyette)	Thompson	Armstrong	McCarty	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Crawford	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
6. Georgia State (Webster)	Thompson	Armstrong	Jo. Lowey	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
7. South Alabama (New)	Thompson	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
8. South Alabama (Quarles)	Stuart	Armstrong	Jo. Lowey	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Thompson	Brown
9. South Alabama (Shaw)	Thompson	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Jarvis	Crawford	Dortch	Brown
10. Georgia (Webster)	Thompson	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
11. Florida A&M (New)	Thompson	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Jo. Lowey	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
12. Florida A&M (Harden)	Stuart	Armstrong	DiMauro	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Crawford	Renfroe	Thompson	Brown
13. Florida A&M (Boyette)	Thompson	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Jo. Lowey	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
14. Georgia State (Patterson)	Thompson	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Crawford	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
15. Samford (New)	Thompson	Armstrong	Jo. Lowey	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Crawford	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
16. Samford (Webster)	Stuart	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Crawford	Renfroe	Thompson	Brown
17. Samford (Boyette)	Thompson	Armstrong	DiMauro	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Crawford	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
18. Western Carolina									
19. Florida A&M									
20. Florida A&M									
21. Florida A&M									
22. Campbell									
23. Campbell									
24. Campbell									
25. Georgia									
26. Stetson									
27. Stetson									
28. Stetson									
29. Auburn									
30. Jacksonville									
31. Jacksonville									
32. Jacksonville									
33. Georgia State									
34. Lipscomb									
35. Lipscomb									
36. Lipscomb									
37. Auburn									
38. Belmont									
39. Belmont									
40. Belmont									
41. Georgia Southern									
42. North Florida									
43. North Florida									
44. North Florida									
45. Savannah State									
46. Kennesaw State									
47. Kennesaw State									
48. Kennesaw State									
49. Gardner-Webb									
50. Gardner-Webb									
51. Gardner-Webb									
52. Georgia Southern									
53. ETSU									
54. ETSU									
55. ETSU									



Mercer Pitcher of the Week

Brantley New

RHP ♦ 6-3 ♦ 205 ♦ Sr. ♦ Dublin, Ga.

New picked up his first win of the season tossing six innings against Samford on Mar. 2. He allowed one unearned run on four hits. The senior also added to his team-high in strikeouts of 25 with five in the outing.

Other Notables: Boone Webster 1-0, 6.0 IP, 0 R, 5 H, 8 K, 2 BB; Josh Lowey 3.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 3 K, 0 BB

Game Notes

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2007 Bear Starting Lineups

Game (Pitcher)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1. Miami (Fla.) (New)	Dortch	McCarty	Brown	Thompson	Renfroe	Armstrong	Shaughnessy	Ja. Lowey	Jo. Lowey
2. Miami (Fla.) (Quarles)	Crawford	McCarty	Brown	Thompson	Renfroe	Armstrong	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Stuart
3. Bethune-Cookman (New)	Dortch	McCarty	Brown	Thompson	Armstrong	Renfroe	Shaughnessy	Ja. Lowey	Jo. Lowey
4. Bethune-Cookman (Quarles)	Crawford	McCarty	Brown	Thompson	Armstrong	Renfroe	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Stuart
5. Bethune-Cookman (Boyette)	Crawford	McCarty	Brown	Thompson	Armstrong	Renfroe	Karwatt	Shaughnessy	Dortch
6. Georgia State (Webster)	Armstrong	Brown	Thompson	Renfroe	Karwatt	Ja. Lowey	Shaughnessy	Jo. Lowey	Dortch
7. South Alabama (New)	Armstrong	Brown	Thompson	Karwatt	Renfroe	Ja. Lowey	Shaughnessy	Langley	Dortch
8. South Alabama (Quarles)	Armstrong	Brown	Thompson	Karwatt	Renfroe	Ja. Lowey	Shaughnessy	Jo. Lowey	Stuart
9. South Alabama (Shaw)	Armstrong	Brown	Thompson	Karwatt	Dortch	Shaughnessy	Jarvis	Langley	Crawford
10. Georgia (Webster)	Armstrong	Brown	Thompson	Karwatt	Renfroe	Ja. Lowey	Shaughnessy	Langley	Dortch
11. Florida A&M (New)	Renfroe	Shaughnessy	Brown	Thompson	Armstrong	Ja. Lowey	Dortch	Jo. Lowey	Langley
12. Florida A&M (Harden)	Renfroe	Armstrong	Thompson	Brown	Karwatt	Shaughnessy	Stuart	DiMauro	Crawford
13. Florida A&M (Boyette)	Renfroe	Shaughnessy	Thompson	Armstrong	Brown	Dortch	Ja. Lowey	Jo. Lowey	Langley
14. Georgia State (Patterson)	Renfroe	Crawford	Thompson	Armstrong	Brown	Karwatt	Shaughnessy	Dortch	Langley
15. Samford (New)	Renfroe	Crawford	Thompson	Armstrong	Karwatt	Brown	Shaughnessy	Jo. Lowey	Dortch
16. Samford (Webster)	Renfroe	Crawford	Thompson	Armstrong	Karwatt	Brown	Shaughnessy	Langley	Stuart
17. Samford (Boyette)	Renfroe	Crawford	Thompson	Armstrong	Karwatt	Brown	Shaughnessy	Dortch	DiMauro
18. Western Carolina									
19. Florida A&M									
20. Florida A&M									
21. Florida A&M									
22. Campbell									
23. Campbell									
24. Campbell									
25. Georgia									
26. Stetson									
27. Stetson									
28. Stetson									
29. Auburn									
30. Jacksonville									
31. Jacksonville									
32. Jacksonville									
33. Georgia State									
34. Lipscomb									
35. Lipscomb									
36. Lipscomb									
37. Auburn									
38. Belmont									
39. Belmont									
40. Belmont									
41. Georgia Southern									
42. North Florida									
43. North Florida									
44. North Florida									
45. Savannah State									
46. Kennesaw State									
47. Kennesaw State									
48. Kennesaw State									
49. Gardner-Webb									
50. Gardner-Webb									
51. Gardner-Webb									
52. Georgia Southern									
53. ETSU									
54. ETSU									
55. ETSU									



Mercer Player of the Week

Josh Thompson

C♦6-3♦210♦Sr.♦Pineview, Ga.

Thompson was once again the catalyst for the Bears on the week going 7-for-16 (.438), five RBIs, three runs scored, two doubles and a home run. The fifth-year senior recorded a slugging percentage of .750 and an on-base percentage of .563. He went 3-for-3 with two doubles and added an RBI and run scored against Samford on Mar. 3. He belted a two-run home run versus Samford on Mar. 2 and was 2-for-5 with a run batted in at Georgia State on Feb. 28.

Other Notables: Eric Renfroe 6-for-16 (.375), 5 RBIs, 5 R, 1 2B, 2 HR, 1 SB; Matt Crawford 7-for-12 (.583), 6 R, 2 RBIs, 3 SB

Game Notes

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Mercer Season and Career Highs (Hitting)

Returning Letterwinners

#14 Mike Armstrong

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	.3, Three Times	.3, Eight Times
At Bats	.6, Two Times	.6, Two Times
Runs	.3, at South Alabama (2/17/07)	.3, Two Times
RBIs	.3, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)	.4, Two Times
SB	.1, Three Times	.1, Four Times

#27 John Dortch

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	.3, at South Alabama (2/18/07)	.3, Four Times
At Bats	.5, at South Alabama (2/18/07)	.5, Four Times
Runs	.3, at South Alabama (2/18/07)	.3, at South Alabama (2/18/07)
RBIs	.1, Two Times	.3, Two Times
SB	.1, vs. Georgia State (2/14/07)	.2, at Georgia Southern (4/11/06)

#21 Mark Jarvis

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	.1, Two Times	.3, Three Times
At Bats	.3, at South Alabama (2/18/07)	.4, Eight Times
Runs	.2, Three Times	.2, Three Times
RBIs	.1, Two Times	.4, at ETSU (4/15/06)
SB	.1, Three Times	.1, Three Times

#4 Jason Lowey

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	.2, Two Times	.3, at Kennesaw State (3/25/06)
At Bats	.5, at South Alabama (2/17/07)	.5, Six Times
Runs	.1, Two Times	.2, Two Times
RBIs	.1, Two Times	.4, vs. Bethune-Cookman (2/18/06)
SB	.1, Five Times	.1, Five Times

#22 Eric Renfroe

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	.3, at Georgia State (2/28/07)	.3, 14 Times
At Bats	.5, Two Times	.6, at Georgia State (3/5/05)
Runs	.2, Four Times	.3, Six Times
RBIs	.3, vs. Samford (3/3/07)	.5, vs. Alabama State (1/31/04)
SB	.1, Three Times	.2, Two Times

#9 Billy Shaughnessy

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	.4, Two Times	.4, Three Times
At Bats	.5, at South Alabama (2/17/07)	.5, Six Times
Runs	.3, vs. Georgia (2/21/07)	.3, vs. Georgia (2/21/07)
RBIs	.3, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)	.3, Four Times
SB	.2, Two Times	.2, Five Times

#35 Richard Bentley

	<u>Season-High</u>
Hits	
At Bats	.1, Two Times
Runs	.1, Two Times
RBIs	
SB	

#2 Nick DiMauro

	<u>Season-High</u>
Hits	.1, vs. FAMU (2/23/07)
At Bats	.3, vs. FAMU (2/24/07)
Runs	
RBIs	.1, vs. FAMU (2/23/07)
SB	

#42 Travis Peyatt

	<u>Season-High</u>
Hits	
At Bats	
Runs	
RBIs	
SB	

#25 John Daugherty

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	.1, vs. FAMU (2/25/07)	.1, vs. FAMU (2/25/07)
At Bats	.2, vs. Samford (3/3/07)	.2, Two Times
Runs		
RBIs		
SB		

#19 Andrew Einert

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits		.3, Two Times
At Bats	.1, Two Times	.5, Six Times
Runs	.3, vs. Alabama State (2/20/05)	.3, vs. Alabama State (2/20/05)
RBIs	.3, vs. Savannah State (2/28/04)	.3, vs. Savannah State (2/28/04)
SB	.1, College of Charleston (4/20/05)	.1, College of Charleston (4/20/05)

#8 Steve Karwatt

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	.2, Five Times	.3, vs. FAU (3/11/06)
At Bats	.5, vs. Samford (3/3/07)	.5, Two Times
Runs	.2, at South Alabama (2/17/07)	.2, Two Times
RBIs	.4, vs. Samford (3/3/07)	.4, vs. Samford (3/3/07)
SB		

#11 Tyler McCarty

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	.2, at Bethune-Cookman (2/10/07)	.3, Five Times
At Bats	.5, at Miami (2/2/07)	.6, at ETSU (4/15/06)
Runs	.2, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)	.2, Five Times
RBIs	.1, at Bethune-Cookman (2/11/07)	.3, Two Times
SB	.1, Three Times	.1, Three Times

#2 Casey Stuart

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	.1, Two Times	.1, Four Times
At Bats	.4, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)	.4, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)
Runs	.2, vs. Samford (3/3/07)	.2, vs. Samford (3/3/07)
RBIs	.1, vs. VMI (2/10/06)	.1, vs. VMI (2/10/06)
SB	.1, vs. Samford (3/3/07)	.1, vs. Samford (3/3/07)

#14 Josh Thompson

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	.4, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07)	.4, Three Times
At Bats	.5, Two Times	.6, Two Times
Runs	.2, Three Times	.3, Four Times
RBIs	.4, vs. Georgia State (2/14/07)	.5, at ETSU (4/14/06)
SB	.1, Four Times	.1, Four Times

Newcomers

#15 Tyler Brown

	<u>Season-High</u>
Hits	.2, Three Times
At Bats	.5, Three Times
Runs	.3, vs. Georgia State (2/14/07)
RBIs	.2, at South Alabama (2/17/07)
SB	

#7 Michael Langley

	<u>Season-High</u>
Hits	.2, vs. Samford (3/3/07)
At Bats	.4, Two Times
Runs	.2, vs. Samford (3/3/07)
RBIs	.1, Three Times
SB	.1, at South Alabama (2/18/07)

#13 Matt Crawford

	<u>Season-High</u>
Hits	.3, vs. Samford (3/3/07)
At Bats	.4, Three Times
Runs	.3, vs. Samford (3/3/07)
RBIs	.2, Two Times
SB	.2, vs. Samford (3/4/07)

#10 Josh Lowey

	<u>Season-High</u>
Hits	.2, vs. FAMU (2/23/07)
At Bats	.4, Two Times
Runs	
RBIs	.1, vs. FAMU (2/23/07)
SB	

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Mercer Season and Career Highs (Pitching)

Returning Letterwinners

#23 Andy Campbell

Season-High

IP3.1, at South Alabama (2/17/07) . . .3.1, at South Alabama (2/17/07)
 K3, at South Alabama (2/17/07)3, Two Times
 ER0, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07) -2 IP . . .0, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07) -2 IP
 Hits . . .0, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07) -2 IP . . .0, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07) -2 IP

#31 Mike Narveson

Season-High

IP7.2, at Jacksonville (3/19/04)
 K5, vs. Georgia State (3/28/06)
 ER0, Four Times -2 IP
 Hits0, Three Times -2 IP

#6 Blake Quarles

Season-High

IP3.0, Three Times9.0, vs. Gardner-Webb (4/22/06)
 K3, Two Times9, vs. UNF (4/2/06)
 ER . . .0, at Georgia State (2/28/07) -2 IP 0, vs. Georgia St. (3/28/06) -4 IP
 Hits . . .0, at Georgia State (2/28/07) -2 IP0, Two Times -2 IP

#20 J.C. Daugherty

Season-High

IP2.0, vs. Samford (3/3/07)7.0, Three Times
 K2, vs. Samford (3/3/07)5, Two Times
 ER0, vs. Samford (3/3/07) -2 IP0, vs. Samford (3/3/07) -2 IP
 Hits . . .0, at Georgia State (2/28/07) -1.2 IP0, vs. FAU (3/11/06) -2 IP

#17 Brantley New

Season-High

IP6.0, Three Times9.0, Two Times
 K8, vs. FAMU (2/23/07)9, Four Times
 ER0, vs. Samford (3/2/07) -6 IP0, at UAB (3/3/06) -7 IP
 Hits . . .4, vs. Samford (3/2/07) -6 IP0, at Savannah State (4/10/04) -4 IP

#4 Jason Lowey

Season-High

IP2.0, vs. Samford (3/2/07)2.0, vs. Samford (3/2/07)
 K2, Three Times2, Three Times
 ER0, vs. FAMU (2/23/07) -1.1 IP0, vs. FAMU (2/23/07) -1.1 IP
 Hits . . .0, at Georgia State (2/28/07) -1 IP0, at Georgia State (2/28/07) -1 IP

Newcomers

#28 Justin Boyette

Season-High

IP9.0, vs. FAMU (2/23/07)
 K6, vs. FAMU (2/23/07)
 ER0, vs. FAMU (2/23/07) -9 IP
 Hits6, vs. FAMU (2/23/07) -9 IP

#34 Scott Patterson

Season-High

IP3.0, at South Alabama (2/16/07)
 K2, at South Alabama (2/16/07)
 ER0, Two Times -2 IP
 Hits0, at Georgia State (2/28/07) -2 IP

#10 Josh Lowey

IP3.0, Two Times
 K3, Two Times
 ER0, Two Times -3 IP
 Hits1, Two Times -3 IP

#26 Cory Gearrin

Season-High

IP2.2, at South Alabama (2/18/07)
 K4, Two Times
 ER0, at South Alabama (2/18/07) -2.2 IP
 Hits . . .0, at South Alabama (2/18/07) -2.2 IP

#30 Michael Shaw

Season-High

IP2.0, at South Alabama (2/18/07)
 K2, at South Alabama (2/18/07)
 ER0, vs. Samford (3/3/07) -1 IP
 Hits0, vs. Samford (3/3/07) -1 IP

#33 David Harden

Season-High

IP6.0, vs. FAMU (2/24/07)
 K7, vs. FAMU (2/24/07)
 ER0, vs. FAMU (2/24/07) -6 IP
 Hits1, vs. FAMU (2/24/07) -6 IP

#38 Boone Webster

Season-High

IP5.0, Two Times
 K6, vs. Samford (3/3/07)
 ER0, Two Times -5 IP
 Hits0, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07) -3 IP

Inside the Numbers

Mercer hitting when:

Facing a right-handed pitcher267
 Facing a left-handed pitcher257
 Bases are empty278
 Runners are on base250
 Bases are loaded053
 There are 2 outs229
 Runners in scoring position249
Overall264

Mercer pitching when:

Facing a right-handed hitter236
 Facing a left-handed hitter307
 Bases are empty253
 Runners on base279
 There are 2 outs273
Overall265

Individual Highs

Most hitsTwo Tied - 4
 Most at-batsArmstrong - 6, Two Times
 Most runs scoredSeven Tied - 3
 Most RBIsTwo Tied - 4, 2/14
 Most stolen basesTwo Tied - 2, 2/28
 Most innings pitchedBoyette - 9.0, 2/25
 Most strikeoutsNew - 8, 2/23

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The Last Time...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Team Almanac

Longest winning streak	.....6
Longest losing streak	.....3
Most runs scored	.....13, (3/3)
Fewest runs scored	.....0, (2/10)
Most runs allowed	.....13, (2/17)
Fewest runs allowed	.....0, (3/3)
Average runs scored	.....5.6
Average runs allowed	.....4.4

Record by Month

February	.....8-6
March	.....2-1
April	.....0-0
May	.....0-0

Record by Game

Non-Conference	.....10-7
Atlantic Sun	.....0-0
Tournament	.....0-0

Record by Day

Sunday	.....2-2
Monday	.....0-0
Tuesday	.....0-0
Wednesday	.....2-1
Thursday	.....0-0
Friday	.....3-1
Saturday	.....3-3

Record vs. Conferences

Atlantic Coast	.....2-0
Miami (Fla.)	.....2-0
Colonial	.....2-0
Georgia State	.....2-0
Independent	.....0-0
Savannah State	.....0-0
Mid-Eastern	.....3-3
Bethune-Cookman	.....0-3
Florida A&M	.....3-0
Ohio Valley	.....2-1
Samford	.....2-1
Southeastern	.....0-1
Georgia	.....0-1
Auburn	.....0-0
Southern 0-0
Georgia Southern0-0
Western Carolina0-0
Sun Belt 1-2
South Alabama1-2



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Game 1

Mercer 6, No. 2 Miami (Fla.) 5

Feb. 2, 2007-Coral Gables, Fla.

Mark Light Stadium

CORAL GABLES, Fla. - The Mercer baseball squad opened its 2007 campaign with a bang, scoring two runs in the ninth inning to grab a 6-5 decision over No. 2 Miami on Friday night. Preseason A-Sun Player of the Year Josh Thompson led the way going 4-for-4 with three RBIs, two runs scored, one double and a home run.

The 'Canes wasted no time getting on the board, plating a pair of runs in the bottom of the first inning. Mercer right-handed pitcher Brantley New retired the leadoff batter before Roger Tomas and Yonder Alonso followed with back-to-back singles.

With runners at first and third, New struck out right fielder Dennis Raben, but Alonso broke from first and on catcher Josh Thompson's throw to second, Tomas swiped home. Designated hitter Mark Sobolewski then roped an RBI single giving Miami an early 2-0 advantage.

Miami struck again when Alonso added his second hit of the game, a leadoff home run to straight-away center in the third inning.

The Bears played small ball to score their first run of the season in the fourth. Thompson led off with a double to right-center field and advanced to third on a groundout by Eric Renfroe. Mike Armstrong plated Thompson with an infield single, pulling Mercer within two at 3-1.

The 'Canes extended their lead to 5-1 in the fifth as catcher Richard O'Brien laced a two-run single to right, scoring Raben and Gus Menendez.

Mercer cut the deficit to three in the sixth when Thompson belted his first home run of the season over the left-field fence.

Tyler Brown's RBI infield single tacked on another run for the Bears in the seventh and Thompson followed with his third hit of the game, an RBI single to left, pulling Mercer within one at 5-4.

Matt Crawford led off the ninth with a bunt single and Tyler McCarty hit an opposite-field single giving the Bears life in the final frame. Brown advanced Crawford to third with a fielder's choice and Thompson delivered his fourth hit of the night, an RBI single evening up the score, 5-5.

Following a Renfroe stolen base, Mike Armstrong came through with a game-winning RBI single scoring pinch runner Richard Bentley, giving Mercer its first lead of the game, 6-5.

Boone Webster picked up the win throwing three innings of shutout ball while allowing three hits and two strikeouts. Cory Gearrin earned the save in his first appearance as a Bear. Enrique Garcia recorded the loss for Miami giving up two earned runs and four hits in 1.1 innings of work.

Each starter went five innings as New gave up five earned runs on seven hits, and Manny Miguez allowed one earned run and five hits.

Armstrong finished the game 3-for-5 with a pair of RBIs and Jason Lowey went 2-for-4 with one run scored.

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Mercer..... 000 101 202 - 6 14 0

Miami (Fla.).....201 020 000 - 5 10 1

Pitchers: Mercer - New; Webster (6); Gearrin (9).
Miami (Fla.) - Miguez; Kaufman (6); Koronis (6);

Rudman (7); Garcia (8).
Win - Webster (1-0) Save - Gearrin (1)
Loss - Garcia (0-1)
T - 3:23 A - 2593
HR MER - Thompson (1).
HR MIA - Alonso (1).

Game 2

Mercer 8, No. 2 Miami (Fla.) 5

Feb. 3, 2007-Coral Gables, Fla.

Mark Light Stadium

CORAL GABLES, Fla. - The Mercer baseball squad defeated No. 2 Miami, 8-5, on Saturday night. The Bears were out-hit 10-5, but took advantage of their opportunities in starting the season with their second straight win.

For the second straight night, the Hurricanes (0-2) plated a pair of runs in the bottom of the first inning. Senior left-hander Blake Quarles retired the first two batters before Yonder Alonso and Mark Sobolewski delivered back-to-back singles. Following a walk to right fielder Dennis Raben, Gus Menendez recorded a two-run single scoring Alonso and Sobolewski.

Mercer tied the score, 2-2, on Billy Shaughnessy's two-run blast in the fourth inning. Shaughnessy belted senior right-hander Danny Gil's 0-2 offering just inside the foul pole down the left-field line.

Miami took back the lead in the bottom half of the fourth when Jason Lowey came in relief of Quarles. With two outs and the bases loaded, Lowey hit Sobolewski with a pitch, giving the Hurricanes a 3-2 advantage.

The Bears battled back again in the fifth as Matt Crawford led off with a walk and on a nicely executed hit-and-run, Crawford advanced to third on a Tyler McCarty single down the right-field line. With Tyler Brown batting, Gil threw a wild pitch allowing Crawford to score and even up the score at three runs apiece.

Teddy Kaufman relieved Gil with one out in the inning and hit Eric Renfroe with a pitch. The 'Canes then turned to Jason Santana out of the bullpen with the bases loaded and Mike Armstrong at the plate. Armstrong produced an RBI fielder's choice giving Mercer the lead at 4-3.

In the back-and-forth affair, Miami knotted up the score again on a sacrifice fly by Nick Freitas that scored Menendez in the bottom of the fifth. With the score tied a four, the Hurricanes struck again as freshman Ryan Jackson notched his first collegiate hit, scoring Blake Tekotte, and putting Miami back ahead, 5-4.

Mercer took advantage on a pair of Miami miscues in the seventh. McCarty scored when Shaughnessy was hit by a pitch, and Steven Karwatt followed with a high fly ball in front of home plate. Catcher Jason Haggerty and relief pitcher Carlos Gutierrez had some communication problems on the play, and Gutierrez dropped the ball allowing Brown to score the go-ahead run and give the Bears a 6-5 lead.

Armstrong added some insurance with a two-run home run in the ninth.

Andy Campbell registered the win for Mercer throwing two innings of no-hit, shutout relief. Raben was charged with the loss allowing one unearned run in 0.2 innings of work. Cory Gearrin came in and notched his second save in as many days striking out four in the final 1.2 innings

Quarles went three innings and allowed two earned runs on six hits and Hurricanes' starter Danny Gil no-

hit the Bears through 3.2 innings, but only retired two more batters before his departure. He allowed four earned runs on three hits while striking out four batters.

Armstrong finished the game 1-for-3 with three RBIs, two runs scored and a home run, and Shaughnessy chipped in three RBIs, one run scored and one home run.

Before yesterday's victory, Mercer's last win over Miami came in 1975 and they were 1-27 all-time versus the Hurricanes. The Bears two wins ensures a series' victory and they will look for a sweep in game three Sunday afternoon at Mark Light Field. First pitch is slated for 1 p.m.

The last time Miami lost its opening series of the season was in 1967 against Florida State.

Mercer 8, Miami (Fla.) 5

Mercer..... 000 220 202 - 8 5 3

Miami (Fla.).....200 120 000 - 5 10 3

Pitchers: Mercer - Quarles; Ja. Lowey (4); Shaw (5); Campbell (5); Jo. Lowey (7); Gearrin (8).
Miami (Fla.) - Gil; Kaufman (5); Santana (5); Raben (7); Bellamy (7); Gutierrez (7); Rudman (8).
Win - Campbell (1-0) Save - Gearrin (2)
Loss - Raben (0-1)
T - 3:45 A - 2345
HR MER - Shaughnessy (1); Armstrong (1).

Games 3-4

Bethune-Cookman 5, Mercer 0

Bethune-Cookman 9, Mercer 2

Feb. 10-Daytona, Fla.

Daytona Beach CC Stadium

DAYTONA, Fla. - The Bears (2-2) struggled to get their offense going on Saturday as they were defeated by Bethune-Cookman 5-0 in game one and 9-2 in the second half of the doubleheader at Daytona Beach CC Stadium.

Game one was a pitcher's duel early on as Mercer senior right-hander Brantley New and BCC senior left-hander Francisco Rodriguez went toe-to-toe.

The Wildcats (3-2) got on the board first with an unearned run in the bottom of the fifth inning. First baseman Alejandro Jimenez laced a one-out double down the left-field line to get things going. With two outs, New struck out left fielder Justin Hoyte, but the ball got away from catcher Josh Thompson. New's throw to first hit Hoyte in the back allowing Jimenez to score from second base.

BCC tacked on three runs in the sixth, taking a 4-0 lead. Jose Ortiz-Rivera led off the inning with a single to left field and Luis Gonzalez followed with a bunt single. Designated hitter Angel Negron notched an RBI-single and following a Mercer error, shortstop Chris Henault drove in Bethune-Cookman's second run of the inning with a single to left. Jimenez capped the scoring with a fielder's choice, bringing in the Wildcats' third run of the inning.

Henault doubled home a run in the eighth, adding some insurance and putting BCC up 5-0.

New picked up the loss for the Bears in his first decision of the season. He allowed seven hits and four runs, three earned, while striking out five batters. Rodriguez registered a complete game, five-hit shutout for the Wildcats. He struck out eight batters and walked one.

Bethune-Cookman did not waste anytime in game

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two, plating five runs in the bottom of the first inning. The first two runs came off a double to left-center field by Negron. Two batters later, Jimenez delivered a RBI-base hit and Patrick Jones followed with an opposite-field single. Catcher Drew Clark recorded BCC's third straight hit, a two-run single giving the Wildcats a 5-0 advantage. Bethune-Cookman finished the opening frame with seven hits.

Jones led off the third for BCC with a walk and scored on Ortiz-Rivera's RBI-single. In the sixth inning, Negron struck again for the Wildcats blasting a two-run shot over the right-field fence, extending their lead to 8-0.

The Bears finally got on the board following 16 straight scoreless innings with a Steven Karwatt solo home run in the eighth inning. Bethune-Cookman tacked on an unearned run in the bottom of the eighth and Mercer scored an unearned run of its own in the ninth for the final margin.

Senior left-hander Blake Quarles registered his first loss on the season going 3.0 innings and allowing six earned runs on 10 hits. Quarles struck out one and walked two batters. Dustin Blackwell moved to 2-0 for Bethune-Cookman pitching 8.0 innings of two-hit ball and striking out four.

Tyler McCarty went 2-for-4 in game two and scored one run.

Bethune-Cookman 5, Mercer 0

 Mercer.....000 000 000 - 0 5 3
 Bethune-Cookman.....000 013 01X - 5 9 0

Pitchers: Mercer - New; Harden (7).
 Bethune-Cookman - Rodriguez.
 Win - Rodriguez (1-0)
 Loss - New (0-1)
 T - 2:03 A - 144

Bethune-Cookman 9, Mercer 2

 Mercer.....000 000 011 - 2 3 3
 Bethune-Cookman.....501 002 01X - 9 17 3

Pitchers: Mercer - Quarles; Campbell (4); Patterson (7).
 Bethune-Cookman - Blackwell; Guzman (9).
 Win - Blackwell (2-0)
 Loss - Quarles (0-2)
 T - 2:04 A - 121
 HR BCC - Negron (1).

Game 5

Bethune-Cookman 5, Mercer 3

Feb. 11-Daytona, Fla.

Daytona Beach CC Stadium

DAYTONA, Fla. - The Wildcats pushed across four runs in the second and went on to defeat the Bears, 5-3, on Sunday afternoon at Daytona Beach CC Stadium.

The series finale started much better for the Bears (2-3) as Tyler McCarty got things going in the first inning with a RBI-single scoring Matt Crawford giving Mercer a 1-0 advantage.

The Wildcats (4-2) took the lead in the bottom of the second inning registering six hits. Justin Hoyte started the scoring with a double down the left-field line allowing Alejandro Jimenez to score. Two batters later Jose Almonte drove in Hoyte with a single up the middle, and following a single by Jose Ortiz-Rivera,

Luis Gonzalez laced a RBI-single to right. Angel Mercado followed with a run-scoring single giving Bethune-Cookman a 4-1 lead.

John Dortch led off the third inning with a solo home run, his first of the season, narrowing the margin to two runs. Mercer continued to chip away in the fourth when an infield single by Billy Shaughnessy produced the Bears' third run of the afternoon.

The Bears had a chance to tie the score in the sixth with runners at the corners and only one out, but BCC right-hander Felix Machado induced Shaughnessy to groundout into an inning-ending double play.

In the bottom of the sixth, Bethune-Cookman tacked on another run, extending its lead to 5-3, with a RBI-ground out by Ortiz-Rivera.

Junior right-hander Justin Boyette recorded the loss in his first start as a Bear. He worked around a four-run second inning and allowed eight hits while striking out four in 5.0 innings of work.

Sophomore right-hander Hiram Burgos made the start for BCC and went 3.2 innings. Burgos gave up three earned runs on seven hits and struck out one. Machado picked up the win supplying 2.1 innings of shutout relief. He allowed one hit and walked one batter. Francisco Gomez registered his second save of the season for the Wildcats.

Bethune-Cookman 5, Mercer 3

 Mercer.....101 100 000 - 3 9 1
 Bethune-Cookman.....040 001 00X - 5 10 2

Pitchers: Mercer - Boyette; Webster (6); Ja. Lowey (8).
 Bethune-Cookman - Burgos; Machado (4); Enright (7); Gomez (9).
 Win - Machado (1-0)
 Loss - Boyette (0-1)
 T - 2:36 A - 143
 HR MER - Dortch (1).

Game 6

Mercer 8, Georgia State 2

Feb. 14-Macon, Ga.

Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - The Mercer baseball squad defeated in-state rival and former conference foe Georgia State 8-2 on Wednesday evening at Claude Smith Field. The Bears put the game away with a four-run seventh inning and received solid pitching in winning their home opener.

"It is nice to be back home and have the bats come alive," said head coach Craig Gibson. "Josh (Thompson) had a great game and our bullpen was solid. It was a great team effort tonight."

The Bears (3-3) wasted no time getting on the board, plating a pair of runs in the bottom of the first inning. Senior Josh Thompson belted a one-out home run to center field, scoring Tyler Brown on the play.

Mercer added a run in the second as center fielder Eric Renfroe walked with the bases loaded. Two innings later, the Bears loaded the bases with one out. Brown scored his second run of the game on a RBI-ground out by Steve Karwatt, putting Mercer up 4-0.

The Panthers (0-4) notched two runs in the seventh inning cutting the Bears' advantage to two runs. Catcher Aeden McQueary laced a two-run single to left field, scoring Chase Childers and Jean-Michel Rochon-Salvas.

Mercer struck back in the bottom of the seventh,

scoring four runs in taking a commanding 8-2 lead. John Dortch got things going with a RBI-double down the left-field line. Mike Armstrong followed with his first hit of the game, plating Dortch on the play, and putting the Bears on top 6-2. Thompson then delivered his third hit of the game, a two-run triple, giving Mercer a six-run advantage.

Thompson led the way going 3-for-3 with four RBIs and one run scored. Brown scored three runs and Billy Shaughnessy chipped in with a 2-for-3 night and a run scored. Dortch finished the game 2-for-4 with one RBI and two runs scored for Mercer.

The Bears recorded 10 hits and were aided by 12 walks from the Panthers' pitching staff, but left 14 stranded on base.

Junior Boone Webster made his first start as a Bear and registered the win, moving his record to 2-0 on the season. He pitched 5.0 innings of shutout ball giving up five hits and one walk while striking out three batters. Cory Gearrin closed the door with 2.0 innings of no-hit, no-run ball while striking out three.

GSU left-hander Andy Reid made the start and lasted only 1.2 innings. He recorded the loss while allowing three earned runs on two hits and walking five batters.

Mercer 8, Georgia State 2

 Georgia State.....000 000 200 - 2 9 0
 Mercer.....210 100 40X - 8 10 0

Pitchers: Mercer - Webster; Quarles (6); Campbell (6); Gearrin (8).
 Georgia State - Reid; Reeves (2); Compton (4); Dooley (7); Grant (8).
 Win - Webster (2-0)
 Loss - Reid (1-0)
 T - 3:06 A - 357
 HR MER - Thompson (2).

Game 7

South Alabama 7, Mercer 5

Feb. 16-Mobile, Ala.

Stanky Field

MOBILE, Ala. - The Bears out-hit the Jaguars 11-9, but stranded seven base runners in a 7-5 loss at Stanky Field on Friday afternoon.

Game one had a crazy beginning as four runs crossed the plate courtesy of wild pitches in the first two innings. In the top of the first inning, Josh Thompson drew a two-out walk and advanced to third on a single by Steve Karwatt. With Eric Renfroe batting, USA's starting right-hander Dan Goldberg threw a wild pitch, allowing Thompson to score and give Mercer an early 1-0 lead.

The Jaguars came right back in the bottom half of the first. Mercer right-hander Brantley New walked the leadoff man Ray Kruml. Kruml then advanced to second base on a sacrifice bunt and moved to third on a base hit by Ryne Jernigan. South Alabama benefited from a pair of wild pitches by New as Kruml and Jernigan scored giving USA a 2-1 advantage.

In the second inning, Jason Lowey led off with a double for the Bears, but was stranded on third base following a pair of strikeouts to end the frame.

South Alabama did not relent, tacking on three more runs in the second. Eric Shortell led off the inning with a single to center and Joel Collins was hit by a pitch. Bill Kleinschrodt successfully sacrificed the runners over and New followed with another wild

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pitch allowing Shortell to score. Russell Harben then followed with a RBI-single and Clint Toomey added a RBI-base hit of his own making the score 5-1.

The Bears were able to push across a run in the third, narrowing the Jaguars' advantage to three. Mike Armstrong led the inning off with a double and scored on Thompson's double two batters later.

A RBI-ground out by Kleinschrodt extended South Alabama's lead to 6-2 in the fifth inning.

Mercer began chipping away in the sixth inning, starting the frame with three consecutive singles. Karwatt led off with his second hit of the day and Renfroe followed with a base hit to right field. The next batter, Jason Lowey, drove in Karwatt with a single to left and Billy Shaughnessy continued the inning by sacrificing Renfroe to third and Lowey to second with one out. Freshman Michael Langley notched his first collegiate hit earlier in the game and came up with his first run batted in on a ground out to the shortstop. Renfroe scored on the play pulling the Bears within two at 6-4.

The Jaguars came right back adding an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth. Kruml registered another leadoff walk and proceeded to steal second base. Following a sacrifice bunt, Jernigan scored Kruml on a sacrifice fly.

With two innings remaining, the Bears showed life and added another run making the score 7-5. Renfroe led off the frame with an infield base hit and advanced to third on a pair of groundouts. Mark Jarvis came off the bench and produced a big pinch-hit, run-scoring single.

The Bears were unable to get anything going in the ninth inning and lost their fourth straight on the road.

Karwatt, Renfroe and Lowey each finished the contest 2-for-4 from the plate.

New recorded his second loss of the season giving up six earned runs on eight hits in 5.0 innings of work, while striking out three and walking one.

Goldberg picked up the win for South Alabama throwing 6.0 innings and giving up four earned runs on eight hits. Goldberg struck out five batters and walked one. Chris LaGrow registered the save for the Jaguars. After allowing a leadoff double to John Dortch in the ninth, he set down the next three batters, the final two by strikeouts.

South Alabama 7, Mercer 5

Mercer.....101 002 010 - 5 11 0
South Alabama.....230 011 00X - 7 9 1

Pitchers: Mercer - New; Patterson (6).
South Alabama - Goldberg; Kerns (7); Turner (7); LaGrow (9).
Win - Goldberg (1-0)
Loss - New (0-2)
Save - LaGrow (1)
T - 2:51 A - 321

Game 8

South Alabama 13, Mercer 11

Feb. 17-Mobile, Ala.

Stanky Field

MOBILE, Ala. - In a game that featured 24 runs and 32 hits, South Alabama out-lasted Mercer, 12-10, on Saturday afternoon at Stanky Field.

Leading the offensive attack for the Bears were Mike Armstrong (3-for-6, 3 runs scored) and Billy Shaughnessy (4-for-5, two RBIs). Tyler Brown and

Matt Crawford each chipped in a pair of RBIs and Steve Karwatt finished the game 2-for-3 with two doubles, one RBI and two runs scored.

Aided by three walks, the Bears (3-5) grabbed an early three-run lead in top of the first inning. After an Armstrong single to lead off the game, South Alabama right-hander Kevin Nabors walked three of the next four batters. Eric Renfroe received the third free pass of the frame with the bases loaded, forcing in Armstrong. Jason Lowey followed with a sacrifice fly and Shaughnessy capped the first-inning output with a RBI-single.

South Alabama (2-0) did not waste anytime getting back into the game in the bottom of the first, cutting the deficit to one. For the second straight day USA lead off man Ray Kruml opened the game by reaching base. Kruml advanced to second on a wild pitch and following a walk to Bunky Kateon, each runner moved up a base on a ground out. Jeff Cunningham registered the Jaguars' first big hit of the day with a run-scoring single and an error by Josh Thompson allowed Kateon to cross the plate on the play.

The Bears tacked on a pair of runs in the second inning as catcher Casey Stuart led off with his first hit of the season. Armstrong then laced a double down the left-field line advancing Stuart to third base. Thompson pushed across the Bears' fourth run of the day with a sacrifice fly and Karwatt continued his recent hot streak with a RBI-double to deep center field, giving Mercer a 5-2 cushion early on.

The Jaguars opened their half of the third inning with back-to-back singles by Kateon and Ryne Jernigan. Cunningham delivered another run batted in with a sacrifice fly to right field and Michael Cart added a RBI-ground-out in the inning, pulling South Alabama within one at 5-4. USA had a chance to tie the game later in the inning on a wild pitch by Mercer left-hander Blake Quarles, but David Doss was thrown out at the plate as Stuart hustled after the ball and Quarles applied the tag.

Mercer looked to increase its lead in the fourth, loading the bases with no outs, but USA reliever Stephen Boyd struck out the next two batters and then induced an inning-ending ground out to escape the inning unscathed.

Bill Kleinschrodt opened the South Alabama fourth with a triple and scored on Sean Laird's ground out, evening up the score at five runs apiece.

One inning later, South Alabama put up a six-spot on the scoreboard. Four of the runs were unearned off of two Mercer errors. Doss, Joel Collins and Jernigan each delivered one RBI in the inning and Kaeton plated a pair of runs with a single up the middle.

The high-scoring affair continued in the sixth as Crawford roped a two-run double, scoring Thompson and Karwatt. Two batters later, Crawford scored on Shaughnessy's RBI-single, narrowing the South Alabama lead to three.

Mercer struck again in the seventh on Tyler Brown's first home run of the season. The two-run shot brought Mercer within one, making the score 11-10.

South Alabama added a pair of insurance runs in the seventh as Kleinschrodt got things started with a lead off home run. Once again Kruml gave the Bears fits on the base paths, swiping second and third following his seeing-eye single through the right side. Kateon then delivered his third RBI of the day on a ground out, giving USA a lead it would not relinquish.

The Bears put together a rally in the ninth as Thompson hit a solo home run with one out making the score 13-11. Karwatt then walked and advanced

to third base courtesy of a wild pitch and a ground out, but was stranded at third to end the game.

Quarles went 3.0 innings and allowed four earned runs on six hits. He struck out three and walked one batter. David Harden (0-1) picked up the loss for Mercer giving up seven runs, three earned, on five hits in 1.2 innings of work. Harden registered two strikeouts and one walk.

Nabors lasted only 1.0 inning for South Alabama after allowing five earned runs on four hits while striking out one and walking three batters. Boyd (1-0) picked up Nabors throwing 4.0 innings of two-run, four-hit ball. Boyd struck out four and walked four. Freshman Chris LaGrow recorded his second save in as many outings for the Jaguars.

South Alabama 13, Mercer 11

Mercer.....320 003 201 - 11 17 3
South Alabama.....202 160 20X - 13 15 1

Pitchers: Mercer - Quarles; Harden (4); Campbell (5).
South Alabama - Nabors; Boyd (2); Kerns (6); Turner (7); Doss (8); LaGrow (9).
Win - Boyd (1-0)
Loss - Harden (0-1)
Save - LaGrow (2)
T - 3:15 A - 543
HR MER - Brown (1); Thompson (3).
HR USA - Kleinschrodt (1).

Game 9

Mercer 9, South Alabama 5

Feb. 18-Mobile, Ala.

Stanky Field

MOBILE, Ala. - The Mercer (4-5) baseball squad posted seven runs in the last three innings, pulling out a come-from-behind 9-5 victory over South Alabama (2-1) on Sunday afternoon at Stanky Field.

The Bears took an early lead for the second consecutive day as John Dortch got things going in the second inning with a lead-off single. Following a sacrifice bunt by Billy Shaughnessy, Mark Jarvis, making his first start of the season, came through with a run-scoring single.

South Alabama responded as they had all weekend with three runs in the bottom of the second. Mercer right-hander Michael Shaw retired the lead-off man, but the next four USA batters registered singles. Joel Collins and Bill Kleinschrodt recorded back-to-back RBI-singles and Ray Kruml capped the scoring with a sacrifice fly to center field.

Mercer took advantage of South Alabama miscues an inning later. Mike Armstrong led off with a single and following a pair of wild pitches advancing Armstrong to third, Josh Thompson notched a sacrifice fly pulling the Bears within one at 3-2.

Both pitching staff buckled down over the next three innings allowing no runs on only two hits. This was a rarity in the three-game series that saw both teams combine for 50 runs and 68 hits.

The Bears rallied to take a 5-3 lead in the seventh. Billy Shaughnessy started the rally with a lead-off double and three batters later, Shaughnessy scored on a fielder's choice by Matt Crawford. Freshman Michael Langley, who earlier in the series recorded his first career hit and RBI, scored on another fielder's choice groundout, this time by Tyler Brown. Jaguars' shortstop Russell Harben threw the ball away on the play and Crawford scored an unearned run giving

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Mercer the lead.

In this back-and-forth series, South Alabama countered again in the bottom of the seventh. Clint Toomey recorded a RBI-single and Kruml scored on a ground out by Ryne Jernigan evening the score at five runs apiece.

Mercer took the lead for good in the eighth inning as Dortch led off with a double down the left-field line. Eric Renfroe plated Dortch with a fielder's choice and Armstrong produced another run with a sacrifice fly giving the Bears a 7-5 lead.

Closer Cory Gearrin entered the game in the bottom of the seventh and shut down the Jaguars the rest of the way in picking up his first win as a Bear. He struck out four and walked four, while pitching 2.2 innings of no-hit, shutout ball. Gearrin has yet to allow a hit or run in 7.2 innings of solid relief.

The Bears tacked on some insurance in the ninth spearheaded by Dortch's second double and run scored in as many innings. Shaughnessy drove in Steve Karwatt with a sacrifice fly and Renfroe drove in his second run of the day with a single up the middle.

Shaw went 2.0 innings for Mercer and allowed three earned runs on four hits while striking out two. South Alabama starter Joey Doan pitched a solid game going 6.2 innings while giving up five runs, four earned, on five hits. Doan walked none and struck out five batters. Travis Johnson was tagged with the loss allowing two earned runs in 0.2 innings of work.

Dortch finished the game 3-for-5 with three runs scored and two doubles. Seven Bears picked up a run batted in led by Renfroe's two RBIs.

Mercer 9, South Alabama 5

Mercer.....011 000 322 - 9 8 0
South Alabama.....030 000 200 - 5 8 3

Pitchers: Mercer - Shaw; Jo. Lowey (3); Ja. Lowey (6); Gearrin (7).

South Alabama - Doan; Johnson (7); Dunning (8); Baxter (8); Nickerson (8); Clarke (9).

Win - Gearrin (1-0)

Loss - Johnson (0-1)

T - 3:16 A - 511

Game 10

Georgia 6, Mercer 5

Feb. 21-Macon, Ga.

Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - The Bears gave the Bulldogs all they could handle Wednesday night at Claude Smith Field, but were defeated 6-5 in front of a standing-room only crowd. The Georgia bullpen held Mercer in check over the final five innings, allowing only one unearned run, and stranding seven runners on base.

Mercer (4-6) received a big lift as right-hander Boone Webster escaped a jam in the first inning. With the bases loaded and two outs, Webster struck out Ryan Peisel to end the inning.

A wild second inning began when Georgia (1-3) notched four consecutive hits with one out to take a 3-0 lead. Matt Cerione delivered a RBI-double and Gordon Beckham scored two more runs on his double down the left-field line.

The Bears came right back as Eric Renfroe got things going with a one-out double and Jason Lowey followed with a walk. Billy Shaughnessy came

through with a big two-run single and he scored on an error by right fielder Cerione to tie the game at three. Dortch drove a single to the opposite-field and Shaughnessy was held by head coach Craig Gibson at third, but Cerione attempted to throw behind the runner and air-mailed the ball to the fence, allowing Shaughnessy to cross the plate.

The Dogs took the lead for good in the top of the fourth, as Beckham picked up another run batted in with a single to left field and Jonathan Wyatt followed with a run-scoring single.

Mercer would not go quietly tacking on a run in its half of the fourth, making the score 5-4. Shaughnessy once again was clutch notching a lead-off double. The Bears played small ball as Shaughnessy advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt and scored on Dortch's second hit of the night.

Georgia added some insurance an inning later when Mike Freeman registered the game-winning RBI on a double down the left-field line.

In the eighth inning, the Bears pulled to within one at 6-5. Shaughnessy scored his third run of the game on a heads-up play. Mike Armstrong hit a routine grounder to the shortstop, but Beckham was unable to make the play. While first baseman Ryan Peisel was trying to gather the ball, Shaughnessy alertly took off from third and dove around catcher Joey Lewis's tag.

Matt Crawford kept the game alive for Mercer, recording a bunt single with two outs in the final frame. Lowey followed with a walk, but Georgia's hard-throwing closer Josh Fields notched his third strikeout of the inning to pick up his first save of the season.

Webster (2-1) went 4.0 innings and allowed five earned runs on 11 hits. He struck out one and walked five batters. Nick Montgomery (1-0) picked up starter Dean Weaver and threw 3.0 innings of no-run, one-hit ball. Montgomery fanned three and walked one.

Shaughnessy led the Bears at the plate as he went 2-for-4 with two RBIs to go along with his three runs scored. Dortch finished the game 2-for-4 with one RBI and Steve Karwatt was 2-for-4 with a double to deep-center field in the seventh inning.

"We gave it our best shot and played well," said Gibson. "We need to get more two-out hits against a team of Georgia's caliber. This game should help us down the road when we get into our conference schedule."

Georgia 6, Mercer 5

Georgia.....030 210 000 - 6 14 5
Mercer.....030 100 010 - 5 8 2

Pitchers: Mercer - Webster; Boyette (5); New (8); Gearrin (9).

Georgia - Weaver; Montgomery (4); McRee (7); Dodson (8); Fields (9).

Win - Montgomery (1-0)

Loss - Webster (2-1)

Save - Fields (1)

T - 2:55 A - 1157

Game 11

Mercer 3, Florida A&M 2

Feb. 23-Macon, Ga.

Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - In his first collegiate at-bat, freshman Nick DiMauro notched a run-scoring double in the bottom of the ninth propelling Mercer to a 3-2 win

over Florida A&M at Claude Smith Field on Friday evening.

"We were emotionally flat after the big Georgia game on Wednesday," said assistant coach Tim Boeth. "You have got to tip your hat to (Ben) Baylor. He did an outstanding job for them, but this was a much-needed win for us."

The Bears (5-6) started the game off with a bang as Eric Renfroe led off the first inning with a home run to right-center field.

For the second straight inning, Mercer tacked on a run to take an early 2-0 lead. Mike Armstrong reached on an error by shortstop David James and scored on Josh Lowey's first RBI of the season.

The Rattlers (1-11) cut the lead in half in the top of the sixth inning when Thaddous McBurrows doubled home Darryl Evans.

Florida A&M tied the game in the seventh with an unearned run. Gordon hit a routine ground ball to Armstrong at first base, but relief pitcher Andy Campbell dropped Armstrong's toss and Gordon advanced to second on the play. Jared Jeffries then recorded a two-out base hit, evening the score at two runs apiece.

In the bottom of the eighth inning the Bears had a chance to take the lead, but a mistake on the base paths and a fine defensive play by the Rattlers thwarted the potential rally.

With runners on first and second FAMU's left-handed starter Ben Baylor threw a wild pitch, but catcher Elvin Millan made a nice recovery and threw out Matt Crawford at second base. Following an intentional walk to Josh Thompson, Armstrong laced a ball that looked as though it would get through the infield, but third baseman Jared Jeffries ranged to his left and made a nice diving stop. Jeffries threw to second and forced out Thompson to end the inning.

After coming in and recording the final two outs in the top of the ninth, Cory Gearrin led off the bottom of the frame with a single in his first at-bat as a Bear. Dortch followed with a fielder's choice and Josh Lowey notched a single, moving Dortch to second and setting up DiMauro's heroics. DiMauro laced a one-out double into the gap in left-center field and Dortch crossed the plate giving Mercer the win.

Right hander Brantley New picked up a no-decision in his fourth start of the season. He allowed one earned run on six hits in 6.0 innings of work. New struck out eight batters and walked one. Gearrin (2-0) registered the win recording the final two outs in the ninth on a strikeout and a nicely executed pick-off in which Billy Shaughnessy snuck up behind the runner at second and applied the tag.

Baylor pitched a solid game for FAMU going 8.0 innings. He allowed two runs, one earned, on three hits while striking out six and walking two. Austin Dill (0-1) was the losing pitcher. Dill allowed the winning run on three hits while recording only one out.

Mercer 3, FAMU 2

Florida A&M.....000 001 100 - 2 8 1
Mercer.....110 000 001 - 3 6 1

Pitchers: Mercer - New; Campbell (7); Ja. Lowey (8); Gearrin (9).

FAMU - Baylor; Dill (9).

Win - Gearrin (2-0)

Loss - Dill (0-1)

T - 2:28 A - 432

HR MER - Renfroe (1).

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Game 12

Mercer 4, Florida A&M 1

Feb. 24-Macon, Ga.
Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - Senior Josh Thompson notched a pair of run-scoring doubles leading Mercer (6-6) to a 4-1 win over Florida A&M on Saturday night at Claude Smith Field.

"(Josh) Thompson had a couple big knocks and it was enough tonight," said assistant coach Tim Boeth.

For the second straight day, Eric Renfroe reached base to lead off the game and FAMU starter Cirilo Manego hit the next batter, Mike Armstrong. That set up Josh Thompson's first double down the left-field line to plate Mercer's first run of the game. Two batters later, Steve Karwatt produced a run-scoring groundout, giving the Bears an early 2-0 lead.

Thompson struck again in the fifth with a double to right-center field, scoring Renfroe for the second time and putting Mercer up by three.

FAMU (1-12) tallied an unearned run in the sixth closing the gap at 3-1, as Stanley Gnat crossed the plate when second baseman Nick DiMauro mishandled a ground ball of the bat of Jared Jeffries.

Billy Shaughnessy tacked on some insurance in the bottom of the eighth, registering a RBI-single that scored Steve Karwatt. Karwatt recorded a two-out triple setting up the opportunity.

Cory Gearrin entered the game in the bottom of the ninth and closed the door once again. The junior picked up his third save of the season by striking out the side. Gearrin has not allowed a hit or run in 10 1/3 innings of work and has struck out 20 batters.

Right-hander David Harden (1-1) retired the first nine batters of the game and faced the minimum through five innings. The freshman was stellar in his first start as a Bear throwing six innings while allowing one unearned run and one hit. Harden struck out seven and walked none.

"It was a great outing by (David) Harden," added Boeth. "He showed a great deal of maturity and poise, and was on the attack. Casey Stuart called a great game behind the plate as well."

Manego (1-2) recorded the loss giving up four earned runs on seven hits in eight innings of work. He struck out seven and walked three batters.

Mercer 4, FAMU 1

Florida A&M.....000 001 000 - 1 3 0
Mercer.....200 010 01X - 4 7 1

Pitchers: Mercer - Harden; Jo. Lowey (7); Gearrin (9).

FAMU - Manego.
Win - Harden (1-1)
Loss - Manego (1-2)
Save - Gearrin (3)
T - 2:08 A - 576

Game 13

Mercer 5, Florida A&M 1

Feb. 25-Macon, Ga.
Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - In a game that featured only three earned runs and 10 hits, Mercer came out on top, 5-1, at Claude Smith Field on Sunday afternoon.

Both Justin Boyette and Chad Smith were sharp in the early going as the game remained scoreless

through three innings. Boyette allowed zero hits and struck out three and Smith gave up only one hit after three frames.

Florida A&M (1-13) jumped out to an early lead for the first time in the series, plating an unearned run in the top of the fourth inning. Darryl Evans notched a RBI-single, scoring Jared Jeffries on the play. The Bears avoided further damage with a nifty 1-4-6-3 double play to end the inning. Jared Grace hit a ball up the middle that deflected off Boyette's glove and Michael Langley grabbed it at the edge of the dirt. Langley then made a nice flip to Billy Shaughnessy who turned the twin-killing for Mercer.

The Bears answered back in the bottom half of the fourth as Josh Thompson came around to score after a lead-off walk. Mercer took the lead, 2-1, when Mike Armstrong scored on a wild pitch.

Mercer (7-6) put together its first rally of the day in the eighth inning. Pinch runner Richard Bentley started the scoring crossing the plate on a wild pitch by relief pitcher Eddie Thomas. Tyler Brown then laced a run-scoring single to right field giving the Bears a 4-1 advantage. Matt Crawford kept the inning going registering a walk with the bases loaded to tack on another run.

Boyette (1-1) earned his first win as a Bear. The junior college transfer tossed a complete game and allowed one unearned run on six hits. He struck out six and walked one.

Smith (0-4) was charged with the loss going 3 2/3 innings while allowing two unearned runs on one hit and two walks.

Thompson finished the game 1-for-1 with three walks and two runs scored.

Mercer 5, FAMU 1

Florida A&M.....000 100 000 - 1 6 2
Mercer.....000 200 03X - 5 4 2

Pitchers: Mercer - Boyette.
FAMU - Smith; Reed (4); Thomas (8).
Win - Boyette (1-1)
Loss - Smith (0-4)
T - 1:59 A - 232

Game 14

Mercer 5, Georgia State 1

Feb. 28-Panthersville, Ga.
The Field at Panthersville

PANTHERSVILLE, Ga. - Behind solid pitching and timely hitting, the Mercer (8-6) baseball squad defeated Georgia State, 5-1, at Panthersville Field on Wednesday night. The Bears out-hit the Panthers 12-3 and received a stellar effort from seven pitchers in the second of three non-conference match-ups between the two teams.

Senior Eric Renfroe picked up where he left off over the weekend sparking the Bears with a solo home run in the third inning, giving Mercer an early 1-0 lead.

An inning later, Mike Armstrong who went 3-for-5 in the game with a pair of doubles, led off with a single through the left side of the infield. Two batters later, Steve Karwatt notched his fourth double of the season to score Armstrong and put the Bears on top, 2-0.

Georgia State (4-7) looked to battle back in its half of the fifth inning benefiting from a pair of walks. Bradley Logan plated Aeden McQueary with a sacri-

fice fly, but J.C. Daugherty came in to make his first appearance of the season and escaped further damage.

Mercer put the game away in the seventh inning by putting together a two-out rally. Eric Renfroe picked up his second run batted in on the night with a single that allowed John Dortch to cross the plate. Following a walk to Matt Crawford, Josh Thompson delivered with a RBI-single and Armstrong followed suit with a run-scoring double, giving the Bears a four-run cushion.

Renfroe finished the game 3-for-5 with two runs scored and two RBIs, Thompson chipped in with a 2-for-5 effort and Karwatt stayed hot with a 2-for-4 performance.

Freshman Scott Patterson (1-0) picked up the win in his first start at Mercer. In the staff outing, Patterson pitched two innings of no-hit, shutout ball. Blake Quarles got back on track with a strong two innings, recording three strikeouts without giving up a hit or run. Daugherty pitched 1 2/3 innings in his debut and also did not give up a hit or run. Jason Lowey, Boone Webster and Cory Gearrin each added a scoreless inning for the Bears. Gearrin allowed his first hit of the season, but struck out a pair to increase his A-Sun leading total to 22 in 11 1/3 innings. As a staff, Mercer struck out nine batters and walked three.

Jeremy Compton (0-3) was tagged with the loss after going 6 1/3 innings and allowing three earned runs on seven hits. He struck out three and walked one batter.

Mercer 5, Georgia State 1

Mercer.....001 100 300 - 5 12 0
Georgia State.....000 010 000 - 1 3 1

Pitchers: Mercer - Patterson; Quarles (3); Shaw (5); J.C. Daugherty (5); Ja. Lowey (7); Webster (8); Gearrin (9).

Georgia State - Compton; Bowling (7); Dooley (7).
Win - Patterson (1-0)
Loss - Compton (0-3)
T - 2:18 A - 213
HR MER - Renfroe (2).

Game 15

Mercer 6, Samford 4

Mar. 2-Macon, Ga.
Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - The Mercer baseball team defeated former conference foe Samford, 6-4, on Friday evening at Claude Smith Field.

Senior Josh Thompson struck first for the Bears (9-6) with his A-Sun leading fourth home run of the season in the first inning. Matt Crawford got things going with a bunt single and proceeded to steal second base. Thompson then laced a two-run shot over the left-center field fence and Tyler Brown tacked on another run in the frame with an RBI-single up the middle, giving Mercer a 3-0 advantage.

Samford (4-6) got on the board with an unearned run in the top of the fourth inning as John Morgan came around to score when Josh Lowey mishandled Bill Whitehead's ground out.

In the fifth inning, Mike Armstrong gave the Bears their second long ball of the game with a jack over the left-center field fence and four batters later Michael Langley scored Steve Karwatt on a two-out single, putting Mercer up 5-1.

Eric Renfroe extended his hitting steak to seven

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games with a lead-off single in the sixth. Following a walk to Thompson, Armstrong delivered again with a run-scoring double to deep center, extending Mercer's lead to five.

The Bulldogs made a game of it with Garrett Rice's three-run home run in the eighth inning, making the score 6-4.

Closer Cory Gearrin closed the door for Mercer picking up his fourth save of the season while registering one strikeout. Gearrin has yet to allow a run in 12 1/3 innings of work this season.

Brantley New (1-2) was solid in six innings giving up only one unearned run on four hits. He struck out five and walking one batter.

Trent Hill (2-1) gave up three earned runs in the first inning, but settled down after that allowing two runs in four more innings of work. He finished his outing with one strikeout and four walks.

"We know we have to play a full nine innings against these guys," said head coach Craig Gibson. "Samford played well and fought hard. It should be two more great games this weekend."

Armstrong finished the game 2-for-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored, and Thompson also drove in a pair of runs. Crawford chipped in with a 2-for-3 effort and one run scored, and Brown was 2-for-3 with one run batted in.

Mercer 6, Samford 4

Samford.....000 100 030 - 4 6 0
Mercer.....300 021 00X - 6 10 2

Pitchers: Mercer - New; Ja. Lowey (7); Gearrin (9).
Samford - Hill; Swann (6); Knapp (6).

Win - New (1-2)
Loss - Hill (2-1)
Save - Gearrin (4)
T - 2:36 A - 263

HR MER - Thompson (4); Armstrong (2).
HR SAM - Rice (4).

Game 16

Mercer 13, Samford 0

Mar. 3-Macon, Ga.
Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - The Mercer baseball team put together a nine-run first inning and cruised from there in defeating Samford, 13-0, Saturday afternoon at Claude Smith Field. The win marked Mercer's sixth in a row.

"It was just one of those days," said head coach Craig Gibson. "We got the bats going early, got into their bullpen and had a good all-around day."

The Bears (10-6) got things going early with a nine-spot in the first inning on nine hits. For the second straight day, Josh Thompson put Mercer on top in the opening frame. His double off the wall in right-center field plated Matt Crawford.

Following a walk to Mike Armstrong, Steve Karwatt belted a three-run home run over the left-center field fence, giving the Bears an early 4-0 lead. With the jack, Karwatt has hit safely in 10 of his last 11 games.

Michael Langley kept the inning going with his first collegiate extra-base hit, a triple past a diving Bear Burnett in center field, allowing Tyler Brown to score. Langley came around to score when second baseman Parker Gargis mishandled Casey Stuart's ground ball and Eric Renfroe followed with a run

scoring double down the right-field line. With the hit, Renfroe extended his hitting streak to eight games.

Crawford kept the inning going with an RBI-single and Armstrong capped the explosion, scoring Crawford with an opposite-field single.

In the bottom of the third inning, Renfroe tacked on two more runs with a jack over the right-field fence and Karwatt registered his fourth run batted in of the day with a ground out to third base.

One inning later, Mercer added to its lead as Crawford walked with the bases loaded forcing home Langley, making the score 13-0.

Thompson finished the game 3-for-3 with two doubles, one RBI and one home run, and Crawford went 3-for-3 with two RBIs and three runs scored. Renfroe chipped in with a 2-for-3 effort, three RBIs, two runs scored, one double and a home run. Langley went 2-for-4 with a double, triple, two runs scored and one run batted in.

Right-hander Boone Webster (3-1) picked up his team-high third win of the season tossing five innings of shutout ball. He allowed four hits and struck out six batters while walking two. J.C. Daugherty, Andy Campbell and Michael Shaw shut down Samford the rest of the way giving Mercer its first shutout of the season.

Samford starter Daniel Payne (0-1) lasted only 2/3 of an inning and gave up eight runs, five earned, on six hits.

Mercer 13, Samford 0

Samford.....000 000 000 - 0 6 1
Mercer.....903 100 00X - 13 14 0

Pitchers: Mercer - Webster; J.C. Daugherty (6); Campbell (8); Shaw (9).

Samford - Payne; Nichols (1); Forrester (4); Jones (4); Waite (8).

Win - Webster (3-1)
Loss - Payne (0-1)
T - 2:22 A - 217

HR MER - Renfroe (3); Karwatt (2).

Game 17

Samford 4, Mercer 2

Mar. 4-Macon, Ga.
Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - The Mercer baseball team had its six-game winning streak snapped with a 4-2 loss on Sunday afternoon at Claude Smith Field. Billy Shaughnessy went 4-for-4, but the Bears managed only four other hits and stranded 10 runners on base.

"You have got to give them credit," said head coach Craig Gibson. "Their starter pitched well and we knew they would come to play today."

Samford (5-7) opened the game with a bang as Kyle Krebs took right-hander Justin Boyette's first offering of the day and crushed it over the right-field fence. Two batters later, Parker Gargis belted a ball over the left-field fence, giving the Bulldogs an early 2-0 advantage.

The Bulldogs tacked on another run in the third inning when Krebs led off the frame getting hit by a Boyette pitch. Krebs advanced to third on Michael Marseco's single to left and scored on a double play ball by Gargis.

Mercer (10-7) answered back in its half of the third, narrowing the deficit to two runs on Josh Thompson's RBI-single up the middle.

Following a pair of scoreless frames, Samford increased its lead to 4-1 when Bear Burnett scored on wild pitch.

The Bears cut the lead in half in the eighth as Shaughnessy delivered a run-scoring single down the right-field line, but Mercer stranded runners at second and third to end the inning.

Boyette (1-2) was tagged with loss working six innings and allowing four earned runs on six hits. He struck out three batters and walked none. Josh Lowey pitched three innings of scoreless relief recording three strikeouts.

Left-hander Josh Ehmke (2-1), a 2006 third team All-American, tossed a solid game for Samford. The crafty southpaw threw 7 2/3 innings and gave up two earned runs on six hits. He fanned seven batters and walked five. Closer Joseph Edens picked up his fourth save of season with a scoreless ninth inning.

Samford 4, Mercer 2

Samford.....201 001 000 - 4 7 0
Mercer.....001 000 010 - 2 8 0

Pitchers: Mercer - Boyette; Jo. Lowey (7).
Samford - Ehmke; Knapp (8); Edens (9).

Win - Ehmke (2-1)
Loss - Boyette (1-2)
Save - Edens (4)

T - 2:11 A - 209
HR SAM - Krebs (1); Gargis (4).

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Overall Statistics for Mercer (as of Mar 04, 2007)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 10-7 Home: 6-2 Away: 4-5 Conference: 0-0

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%
THOMPSON, Josh.....	.377	17-17	61	12	23	6	1	4	18	43	.705	14	1	17	0	.487	2	0	0-0	101	9	2	.982
CRAWFORD, Matt.....	.353	15-9	34	12	12	1	0	0	6	13	.382	9	0	4	0	.488	0	2	4-6	19	0	2	.905
SHAUGHNESSY, Billy..	.321	17-17	56	6	18	4	0	1	11	25	.446	5	1	8	0	.381	1	7	5-6	28	47	4	.949
KARWATT, Steven.....	.300	14-13	50	8	15	4	1	2	9	27	.540	9	1	13	0	.417	0	0	0-0	11	23	1	.971
ARMSTRONG, Mike.....	.292	17-17	65	16	19	5	0	2	11	30	.462	5	5	7	0	.382	1	0	3-3	151	5	0	1.000
DORTCH, John.....	.244	16-12	45	8	11	5	0	1	3	19	.422	1	0	5	0	.261	0	0	2-2	8	0	0	1.000
RENFROE, Eric.....	.241	17-16	58	13	14	2	0	3	10	25	.431	7	2	8	0	.343	0	0	3-4	35	1	1	.973
BROWN, Tyler.....	.167	17-17	60	7	10	1	0	1	6	14	.233	13	1	10	0	.324	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000

GEARRIN, Cory.....	1.000	1-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	0	2	0	1.000
MCCARTY, Tyler.....	.313	5-5	16	3	5	1	0	0	1	6	.375	3	0	1	0	.421	0	0	0-0	6	14	1	.952
LOWEY, Jason.....	.233	10-8	30	2	7	3	0	0	2	10	.333	3	0	7	0	.294	1	0	0-0	17	3	0	1.000
LANGLEY, Michael....	.222	12-7	27	3	6	1	1	0	3	9	.333	1	1	6	0	.276	0	1	1-1	13	35	2	.960
LOWEY, Josh.....	.200	10-7	20	0	4	1	0	0	1	5	.250	0	1	1	1	.238	0	0	0-1	2	5	3	.700
JARVIS, Mark.....	.167	9-1	12	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	.167	0	0	5	0	.167	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
DAUGHERTY, John.....	.143	8-0	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.143	1	1	3	0	.333	0	0	0-0	7	1	0	1.000
STUART, Casey.....	.118	7-5	17	3	2	1	0	0	0	3	.176	1	0	9	0	.167	0	1	1-1	35	3	0	1.000
DIMAURO, Nick.....	.111	6-2	9	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	.222	0	0	1	0	.111	0	0	0-0	6	10	1	.941
HEINERT, Andrew.....	.000	2-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
BENTLEY, Richard....	.000	7-0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
PEYATT, Travis.....	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals.....	.264	17-17	572	95	151	36	3	14	84	235	.411	72	15	107	1	.358	5	11	19-24	444	186	21	.968
Opponents.....	.265	17-17	566	75	150	20	2	6	64	192	.339	43	22	132	0	.338	6	15	22-26	442	168	24	.962

LOB - Team (139), Opp (133). DPs turned - Team (12), Opp (12). CI - Team (0), Opp (1). IBB - Team (2), THOMPSON 1, BROWN 1, Opp (3). Picked off - THOMPSON 1, SHAUGHNESSY 1, LOWEY,JO 1, DORTCH 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

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
WEBSTER, Boone.....	2.70	3-1	6	3	0	0/1	0	20.0	25	6	6	8	16	4	0	0	79	.316	2	1	0	0	2
BOYETTE, Justin.....	3.52	1-2	4	3	1	0/0	0	23.0	23	10	9	2	17	4	0	2	86	.267	1	4	0	0	3
NEW, Brantley.....	4.66	1-2	6	5	0	0/0	0	29.0	32	17	15	6	25	4	0	1	116	.276	5	4	1	0	4

GEARRIN, Cory.....	0.00	2-0	9	0	0	0/0	4	12.1	1	0	0	7	23	0	0	0	36	.028	1	3	0	0	1
LOWEY, Josh.....	0.00	0-0	4	0	0	0/0	0	8.1	5	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	27	.185	1	0	0	0	0
DAUGHERTY, J.C.....	0.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/1	0	3.2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	11	.091	0	0	0	1	0
PATTERSON, Scott....	1.29	1-0	3	1	0	0/0	0	7.0	4	2	1	5	4	0	0	0	22	.182	0	0	0	1	2
HARDEN, David.....	2.79	1-1	3	1	0	0/0	0	9.2	8	9	3	1	10	2	1	0	39	.205	2	1	0	1	0
CAMPBELL, Andy.....	4.63	1-0	6	0	0	0/1	0	11.2	12	7	6	2	7	2	1	2	49	.245	0	3	1	0	0
LOWEY, Jason.....	5.87	0-0	6	0	0	0/0	0	7.2	8	6	5	1	9	2	0	1	30	.267	0	4	0	0	1
QUARLES, Blake.....	9.26	0-1	5	3	0	0/0	0	11.2	24	12	12	5	9	2	0	0	54	.444	1	1	0	1	2
SHAW, Michael.....	13.50	0-0	4	1	0	0/1	0	4.0	7	6	6	5	3	0	0	0	17	.412	1	1	0	2	0
Totals.....	3.83	10-7	17	17	1	1/1	4	148.0	150	75	63	43	132	20	2	6	566	.265	14	22	2	6	15
Opponents.....	5.01	7-10	17	17	2	1/0	5	147.1	151	95	82	72	107	36	3	14	572	.264	18	15	4	5	11

PB - Team (5), THOMPSON 4, STUART 1, Opp (3). Pickoffs - Team (2), GEARRIN 1, NEW 1, Opp (4). SBA/ATT - THOMPSON (17-20), NEW (6-7), STUART (5-6), WEBSTER (3-4), GEARRIN (3-4), PATTERSON (3-3), CAMPBELL (3-3), BOYETTE (2-2), SHAW (2-2), HARDEN (0-1).

The Automated ScoreBook
Overall Statistics for Mercer (as of Mar 04, 2007)
(All games Sorted by Fielding pct)

Player	C	PO	A	E	FLD%	Dps	SBA	CSB	SBA%	PB	CI
ARMSTRONG, Mike.....	156	151	5	0	1.000	12	0	0	---	0	0
STUART, Casey.....	38	35	3	0	1.000	0	5	1	.833	1	0
LOWEY, Jason.....	20	17	3	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
DAUGHERTY, John.....	8	7	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
DORTCH, John.....	8	8	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
WEBSTER, Boone.....	5	1	4	0	1.000	0	3	1	.750	0	0
GEARRIN, Cory.....	2	0	2	0	1.000	0	3	1	.750	0	0
HARDEN, David.....	2	0	2	0	1.000	0	0	1	.000	0	0
QUARLES, Blake.....	2	2	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
DAUGHERTY, J.C.....	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
PATTERSON, Scott....	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	3	0	1.000	0	0
JARVIS, Mark.....	1	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
THOMPSON, Josh.....	112	101	9	2	.982	0	17	3	.850	4	0
RENFROE, Eric.....	37	35	1	1	.973	0	0	0	---	0	0
KARWATT, Steven.....	35	11	23	1	.971	0	0	0	---	0	0
LANGLEY, Michael....	50	13	35	2	.960	7	0	0	---	0	0
MCCARTY, Tyler.....	21	6	14	1	.952	3	0	0	---	0	0
SHAUGHNESSY, Billy..	79	28	47	4	.949	11	0	0	---	0	0
DIMAURO, Nick.....	17	6	10	1	.941	2	0	0	---	0	0
NEW, Brantley.....	12	1	10	1	.917	0	6	1	.857	0	0
CRAWFORD, Matt.....	21	19	0	2	.905	0	0	0	---	0	0
BOYETTE, Justin.....	7	0	6	1	.857	1	2	0	1.000	0	0
LOWEY, Josh.....	10	2	5	3	.700	1	0	0	---	0	0
CAMPBELL, Andy.....	6	0	4	2	.667	0	3	0	1.000	0	0
EINERT, Andrew.....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
SHAW, Michael.....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
PEYATT, Travis.....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
BROWN, Tyler.....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
BENTLEY, Richard....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Totals.....	651	444	186	21	.968	12	22	4	.846	5	0
Opponents.....	634	442	168	24	.962	12	19	5	.792	3	1

The Automated ScoreBook
 Game Results for Mercer (as of Mar 04, 2007)
 (All games)

Game date	Opposing team	Score	r	h	e/	r	h	e	Inns	Overall	Conference	Pitcher of record	Attend	Time	
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Feb. 2, 2007	at Miami (Fla.)	W 6-5	6	14	0/	5	10	1	9	1-	0- 0	WEBSTER (W 1-0)	2593	3:23	
Feb. 3, 2007	at Miami (Fla.)	W 8-5	8	5	3/	5	10	3	9	2-	0- 0	CAMPBELL (W 1-0)	2345	3:45	
Feb. 10, 2007	at Bethune-Cookman	0-5 L	0	5	3/	5	9	0	9	2-	1- 0	NEW (L 0-1)	144	2:03	
Feb. 10, 2007	at Bethune-Cookman	2-9 L	2	3	3/	9	17	3	9	2-	2- 0	QUARLES (L 0-1)	121	2:04	
Feb. 11, 2007	at Bethune-Cookman	3-5 L	3	9	1/	5	10	2	9	2-	3- 0	BOYETTE (L 0-1)	143	2:36	
Feb. 14, 2007	Georgia State	W 8-2	8	10	0/	2	9	0	9	3-	3- 0	WEBSTER (W 2-0)	357	3:06	
Feb 16, 2007	at South Alabama	5-7 L	5	11	0/	7	9	1	9	3-	4- 0	NEW (L 0-2)	321	2:51	
Feb 17, 2007	at South Alabama	11-13 L	11	17	3/	13	15	1	9	3-	5- 0	HARDEN (L 0-1)	543	3:15	
Feb 18, 2007	at South Alabama	W 9-5	9	8	0/	5	8	3	9	4-	5- 0	GEARRIN (W 1-0)	511	3:16	
Feb. 21, 2007	Georgia	5-6 L	5	8	2/	6	14	5	9	4-	6- 0	WEBSTER (L 2-1)	1157	2:55	
Feb. 23, 2007	Florida A&M	W 3-2	3	6	1/	2	8	1	9	5-	6- 0	GEARRIN (W 2-0)	432	2:28	
Feb. 24, 2007	Florida A&M	W 4-1	4	7	1/	1	3	0	9	6-	6- 0	HARDEN (W 1-1)	576	2:08	
Feb. 25, 2007	Florida A&M	W 5-1	5	4	2/	1	6	2	9	7-	6- 0	BOYETTE (W 1-1)	232	1:59	
Feb 28, 2007	at Georgia State	W 5-1	5	12	0/	1	3	1	9	8-	6- 0	PATTERSON (W 1-0)	213	2:18	
Mar. 2, 2007	Samford	W 6-4	6	10	2/	4	6	0	9	9-	6- 0	NEW (W 1-2)	263	2:36	
Mar. 3, 2007	Samford	W 13-0	13	14	0/	0	6	1	9	10-	6- 0	WEBSTER (W 3-1)	217	2:22	
Mar. 4, 2007	Samford	2-4 L	2	8	0/	4	7	0	9	10-	7- 0	BOYETTE (L 1-2)	209	2:11	

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