

Mercer University



2004 Baseball Weekly Notes

2004 Schedule & Results
Overall: 10-16 **A-Sun: 0-6**
Home: 8-12 **Away: 1-3** **Neutral: 1-1**

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Jan-24	at Florida A&M (DH)	W, 9-8; L, 10-3
Jan-25	at Florida A&M	L, 11-8
Jan-31	Alabama State (DH)	L, 3-2; W, 19-5
Feb-1	Alabama State	W, 10-2
Feb-7	VMI (DH)	W, 4-0; L, 12-4
Feb-8	VMI	L, 6-0
Feb-15	Florida A&M (DH)	W, 5-0; L, 3-1
Feb-20	Albany State	W, 1-0
Feb-21	Albany State (DH)	W, 14-1; W, 8-0
Feb-24	at Georgia Southern	L, 14-5
Feb-28	Savannah State (DH)	L, 10-8; L, 9-4
Feb-29	Savannah State	W, 9-8
Mar-5	*Gardner-Webb	L, 5-4
Mar-6	*Gardner-Webb (DH)	L, 3-0; L, 2-0
Mar-9	at UNF Tourn. (Mich. State)	W, 8-4
Mar-10	at UNF Tourn. (Mich. State)	L, 12-10
Mar-12	*Stetson	L, 19-5
Mar-13	*Stetson (DH)	L, 8-2; L, 16-2
Mar-17	College of Charleston	4:00
Mar-19	*at Jacksonville	6:00
Mar-20	*at Jacksonville (DH)	1:00
Mar-26	*Belmont	6:00
Mar-27	*Belmont (DH)	1:00
Mar-30	Georgia Southern	6:00
Apr-2	*at Lipscomb	2:00
Apr-3	*at Lipscomb (DH)	12:00
Apr-7	at UGA	5:30
Apr-11	at Savannah State (DH)	TBA
Apr-16	*Georgia State	6:00
Apr-17	*Georgia State (DH)	1:00
Apr-23	*Troy State	6:00
Apr-24	*Troy State (DH)	1:00
May-7	*at Campbell	6:00
May-8	*at Campbell (DH)	1:00
May-14	*at UCF	6:00
May-15	*at UCF (DH)	1:00
May-18	at Auburn	7:00
May-21	*FAU	6:00
May-22	*FAU (DH)	1:00
May 26-30	at Atlantic Sun Tournament DeLand, FL	

Games 27-30

College of Charleston vs. Mercer March 17

Mercer vs. Jacksonville March 19-20

This week, Mercer will host non-conference opponent College of Charleston on Wednesday afternoon, then travel back to Jacksonville for their first conference road series of the season.

Mercer brings a 10-16 overall record and an 0-6 Atlantic Sun record into the week. Stetson swept last weekend's series by a combined 43-9 score, pounding out almost 50 hits in the three-game series.

College of Charleston enters with a 12-5 record after sweeping their first

Southern Conference series of the year, over last year's tournament champions Western Carolina. Two CofC pitchers combined to throw the first no-hitter in school history on Sunday afternoon, as the Cougars took a 7-0 decision in the series finale.

Jacksonville enters this weekend's A-Sun series with a record of 10-10 and 2-4 in conference. The Dolphins have so far managed only one win in each conference series that they have played, as Belmont and Georgia State have both won series off of the Dolphins this year.

2004 Mercer Probable Starters

Probable Batting Order

	Yr.	B. Avg.	2B	3B	HR	RBI	
LF	Rick Byrd	So.	.347	4	0	1	8
CF	Eric Renfroe	Fr.	.263	3	0	0	16
RF	Christian Grossman	Jr.	.296	5	0	2	12
C	Mark Cimini	Jr.	.280	3	0	2	14
3B	Daniel Hurst	Jr.	.354	11	1	2	16
DH	Josh Thompson	So.	.255	2	0	0	10
1B	Andrew Einert	Fr.	.262	5	0	4	15
SS	Chase Swanson	Fr.	.308	1	0	0	2
2B	Ty Megahee	Fr.	.222	0	0	0	7

Probable Starting Rotation

	Yr.	ERA	W-L	SV	IP	K	
COC	Adam Bowling	So.	5.28	3-2	0	30.2	24
JU-1	Brian Jones	Sr.	3.08	4-2	0	52.2	41
JU-2	Philip Morrison	Jr.	4.09	2-6	0	44.0	39
JU-3	Spence Glotzbach	Fr.	6.67	1-3	0	28.1	27

Doubling Up

Junior third baseman Daniel Hurst is not only assaulting opposing pitchers this season, but maybe also the Mercer record books.

Hurst's double against Stetson gave him 11 so far this season, as he has now played only 26 games. The school record for single-season doubles stands at 22, held by Greg Schmidt in his 1998 season.

That leaves Hurst 11 doubles shy of the single-season record, with at least 30 games remaining for the Bears. The 2002 all-freshman selection currently leads the Bears with a .354 average, 16 RBIs, a slugging percentage of .595 and an on-base percentage of .495.

Cimini Riding A Roller Coaster

Junior catcher Mark Cimini hit quite a slump recently, one that he may have broken out of last weekend against Stetson.

In his first 14 games, Cimini led the team with a .341 average, including two doubles, two home runs and 13 RBIs. However, after going 0-for-4 with three strikeouts against Georgia Southern, Cimini managed only a .129 average in his next nine games, going 4-for-31 with four singles and one RBI.

Last weekend against Stetson, Cimini, may have broken out of that slump, as he was one of few Bears to have success against the Hatters pitchers. Cimini finished 5-for-10 with a double and a run scored in the three games, starting two games behind the plate and one at designated hitter. He is now batting .280 for the season, with three doubles, two home runs and 14 RBIs.

Score First, Score Often

Looking for a key to success for the Bears this season? You may not need to look further than the beginning of the game.

The Bears are 10-2 so far this season when scoring first, while they stand 0-14 when opponents score first. The Bears' last loss when scor-

ing first came on March 10, when they scored three runs in the bottom of the fourth, but lost a slugfest to Michigan State 12-10.

Just What the Doctor Ordered

The Bears' series with Albany State may be one of the best series that the Bears have played in a while. Mercer outscored the Golden Rams 23-1 in the three-game series, winning 1-0, 14-1 and 8-0.

The Bears allowed only eight hits in the series, while collecting 21 of their own. The only run of the series for Albany State was given up in the second game, when Jonathan Ramirez's sacrifice fly scored Udeme Umana in the top of the sixth inning.

The Bears raised their team batting average to .268, while lowering their ERA to 2.80.

Let's Split Two

Through the first four series of the season, Mercer played in four doubleheaders, splitting all of them.

The Bears are 3-1 in the first games of the twinbill and 1-3 in the second half. Brian Jones collected all three wins in those first games, and certainly pitched well enough to earn the win in the one loss. Jones left the game after six innings leading 2-1 after giving up only five hits to Alabama State. The Bears couldn't hang on in the seventh though, and lost the game 3-2 thanks to two unearned runs.

Jones Named Pitcher of the Week

Senior right-handed pitcher Brian Jones of Kennesaw, Ga. was named the Atlantic Sun's "Pitcher of the Week" Monday afternoon by the conference office.

Jones threw his first career shutout on Saturday, a three hit, nine inning gem against VMI. He struck out four Keydets, while allowing only three singles.

"Brian couldn't be more deserving of this award," said Mercer head coach Craig Gibson. "In my nine years here at Mercer, I've never seen

Team Almanac

Longest Winning Streak	.....3
Longest Losing Streak	.....4 (current)
Most Runs Scored	.....19, (1/31)
Fewest Runs Scored	.....0, (2/8)
Most Runs Allowed	.....19, (3/12)
Fewest Runs Allowed	.....0, Four Times
Average Runs Scored	.....5.6
Average Runs Allowed	.....6.6

Individual Highs

Most Hits	.....4, Dandridge (1/25)
Most At Bats	.....5, Several Times
Most Runs Scored	.....3, Three Times
Most RBIs	.....5, Renfroe (1/31)
Most Stolen Bases	.....2, Renfroe (2/28)
Most Innings Pitched	.....9.0, Jones (2/7 & 2/20)
Most Strikeouts	.....13, Jones (2/20)

Record by Month

January	.....2-3	.....400
February	.....7-6	.....538
March	.....1-7	.....125
April	.....0-0	.....000
May	.....0-0	.....000

Record by Game

Non-Conference	.....10-10	.....500
Atlantic Sun	.....0-6	.....000
Tournament	.....0-0	.....000

Record by Day

Sunday	.....3-3	.....500
Monday	.....0-0	.....000
Tuesday	.....1-1	.....500
Wednesday	.....0-1	.....000
Thursday	.....0-0	.....000
Friday	.....1-1	.....500
Saturday	.....5-9	.....357

Record vs. Conferences

Mid-Eastern	
Florida A&M	.....2-3
Southwestern	
Alabama State	.....2-1
Big South	
VMI	.....1-2
Southern Intercollegiate	
Albany State	.....3-0
Southern	
Georgia Southern	.....0-1
Independent	
Savannah State	.....1-2
Big Ten	
Michigan State	.....1-1
Southeastern	
Georgia	.....
Auburn	.....

a pitcher with three better weekends to start the season. We just hope that he can continue throughout the year what he's started."

On Second Glance

Junior third baseman Daniel Hurst is currently leading the team in batting average, hitting .354 in the Bears' first twenty-three games.

However, he leads the team against right-handed pitchers, hitting .414 in 58 at-bats. Against southpaws, it's a different story though, as Hurst has hit only .190 against them in 21 at-bats.

Freshman Jon Dandridge is hitting .293 against right-handers and only .083 against lefties, the lowest of any Bear with at least five at-bats against southpaws.

Eric Renfroe is almost a polar opposite. In his 23 games, Renfroe is hitting .391 against lefties, while .211 against righties.

Picking Up Where He Left Off

Senior Brian Jones got off to a

phenomenal start this season. In Jones' first five starts of the year, Jones went 4-0 with an ERA of 0.50. He allowed only two extra-base hits, two doubles against Florida A&M.

In three consecutive outings, Jones has pitched maybe the finest games of his career, a three-hit shutout of visiting VMI, a five-hit shutout of Florida A&M and a three-hit shutout of Albany State. Jones pitched all nine innings against the Keydets, striking out four, en route to his first career shutout. In the second shutout, Jones pitched seven innings, striking out six, while he pitched nine innings, tying a career-high with 13 strikeouts against Albany State to run his consecutive scoreless innings streak to 30.

In his first outing of the season, Jones got the opening day win over Florida A&M, allowing two runs in his five innings while striking out four. After retiring the first eleven batters he faced, Jones gave up only four hits, earning his 15th career win.

In his second appearance, Jones allowed only one unearned run in six innings and left the game with a 2-1 lead. Two errors would spell disaster for the Bears in the seventh inning, though, as Alabama State rallied back to steal a 3-2 win from the Bears in the opening game of the series.

No Power Outage Here

Through 26 games, the 2004 Bears have already cranked 12 home runs, hit by six different players. This is a huge contrast from last year, when Mercer hit only 10 homers in 45 games.

Freshman Andrew Einert has

Mercer In the A-Sun

Batting Average	.271	8th
Slugging Pct.	.378	6th
On-Base Pct.	.390	3rd
Runs Scored	145	3rd
Hits	201	3rd
Runs Batted In	122	3rd
Doubles	38	1st
Triples	3	10th
Home Runs	12	5th
Total Bases	281	5th
Walks	112	2nd
Stolen Bases	17	7th
Earned Run Avg.	5.06	9th
Opp. Batting Avg.	.281	9th
Innings Pitched	201.0	1st
Strikeouts	170	1st
Wins	10	T-5th
Saves	1	T-9th
Runners Picked Off	4	T-5th
Fielding Pct.	.942	11th
Chances	897	1st
Putouts	603	1st
Assists	242	1st
Errors	52	1st
Double Plays	22	T-1st

Inside the Numbers

Mercer Hitting When:

Facing a right-handed pitcher	.270
Facing a left-handed pitcher	.271
Bases are empty	.272
Runners are on base	.269
Bases are loaded	.219
There are 2 outs	.280
Runners are in scoring position	.273
Overall	.271

Mercer Pitching When:

Facing a right-handed hitter	.261
Facing a left-handed hitter	.327
Facing a leadoff hitter	.345
There are 2 outs	.267
Runners are on base	.321
Overall	.281

Mercer Player of the Week

Rick Byrd

OF • 5-8 • 170 lbs. • So. • Norcross, Ga.

The sophomore outfielder started all five games this past week, going 10-for-20 with three doubles, a home run, scoring four runs and driving in five runs.

In the Bears second game against Michigan State, Byrd hit his first home run of the season, driving in four runs and scoring two. He had two three-hit games and two two-hit games on the week.

Other Notables: Chase Swanson- 4-for-9, 2B, R, 2 RBIs; Daniel Hurst- 5-for-13, 2B, 4 Rs



taken the early lead, with his dinger against Savannah State bringing his total to four on the season.

Juniors Mark Cimini, Daniel Hurst and Christian Grossman have each cranked out two homers, while freshman Jon Dandridge and sophomore Rick Byrd has hit one.

Errors= Unearned Runs= L's?

The Bears' defense has been a bit dicey this season to say the least. Through 26 games, the Bears have committed 52 errors, leading to 58 unearned runs. Forty of those errors have occurred in Mercer's sixteen losses, leading to 45 unearned runs.

The Bears' first home series displayed those mistakes quite loudly. All ten of the runs that the Bears gave up in the three games were unearned, as Mercer committed eight errors in the series.

Those mistakes proved most costly in the Bears' first game against Alabama State, when two errors and a wild pitch gave the Hornets a two-run seventh inning as the Bears dropped a 3-2 decision. Starter Brian Jones was in line to score his second win of the season, as he had just completed six innings, allowing only one unearned run.

Opening Up In Style

First year Mercer head coach Craig Gibson scored a 9-8 victory over Florida A&M for his first collegiate win on January 24.

After staking an 8-0 lead in the top of the fifth inning, Mercer would tack on one more insurance run in the sixth which would prove to be the difference. Florida A&M rallied to score eight runs in the final three innings, falling just short as mid-year transfer Paul Harp closed the door in the bottom of the seventh to give Coach Gibson the win.

Mercer Individuals In the A-Sun

Batting Average

Daniel Hurst	.354	11th
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Slugging Percentage

Daniel Hurst	.595	9th
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On-Base Percentage

Daniel Hurst	.495	5th
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Runs Scored

Daniel Hurst	23	2nd
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Hits

Daniel Hurst	28	T-5th
Christian Grossman	24	10th

Doubles

Daniel Hurst	11	1st
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Triples

Roger Alvarez	2	T-4th
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Home Runs

Andrew Einert	4	T-6th
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Total Bases

Daniel Hurst	47	T-3rd
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Walks

Daniel Hurst	21	1st
Roger Alvarez	13	T-5th
Eric Renfroe	13	T-5th
Jon Dandridge	12	T-7th

Stolen Bases

Eric Renfroe	6	T-4th
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Innings Pitched

Brian Jones	52.2	1st
Philip Morrison	44.2	2nd
Adam Bowling	30.2	11th

Strikeouts

Brian Jones	41	2nd
Philip Morrison	39	T-3rd
Spence Glotzbach	27	T-9th

Wins

Brian Jones	4	T-4th
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Appearances

Adam Bowling	12	1st
Philip Morrison	11	2nd
Mike Narveson	10	3rd
Paul Harp	9	T-4th
Brian Jones	9	T-4th

Atlantic Sun Standings (Thru 3/14)

Team	A-Sun	Pct.	Overall
Stetson	3-0	1.000	12-5
UCF	5-1	.833	14-4
Belmont	4-2	.667	14-5
#10 Florida Atlantic	2-1	.667	18-2
Gardner-Webb	3-3	.500	8-11
Campbell	3-3	.500	9-9
Georgia State	3-3	.500	6-10
Jacksonville	2-4	.333	10-10
Lipscomb	1-2	.333	3-10
Troy State	1-2	.333	9-4
Mercer	0-6	.000	10-16

This Weekend's Results

March 12

- * Stetson 19, Mercer 5
- * UCF 11, Gardner-Webb 0
- * Belmont 10, Troy State 2
- * Florida Atlantic 3, Campbell 2
- * Jacksonville 15, Georgia State 6

March 13

- * Stetson 8-16, Mercer 2-2
- * UCF 2-5, Gardner-Webb 0-1
- * Belmont 3-4, Troy State 2-5
- * Florida Atlantic 6-2, Campbell 1-3
- * Georgia State 7-11, Jacksonville 6-1
- Lipscomb 10, Western Kentucky 8

*-Denotes conference game

INTERVIEWS

Head Coach Craig Gibson is available throughout the week for media interviews, generally between 9 a.m. and noon. Please call the Mercer Sports Information Office in advance to arrange any interviews with Gibson.

Player interviews should be arranged through the Mercer Sports Information Office. Under no circumstances will a student-athlete's phone number be given to the media.

POST-GAME PROCEDURES

Following the game, Bears head coach Craig Gibson will be made available to the media.

The Mercer locker room is closed to the media. Any player interviews should be coordinated through Christian Hoffman, Assistant Sports Information Director, and will be conducted outside the Mercer locker room.

MERCER SPORTS NETWORK

Selected Mercer baseball games will be broadcast on the Mercer Sports Network.

Beginning his first season as the "Voice of the Bears" is **Joel Lamp**. He has served the past two years as the color analyst at Troy State while working as the assistant media relations director.

All games that will be broadcast can also be heard on live on the Internet at www.mercer-bears.com.

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- May 10, 2003, in Macon, Ga., when Mike Appalucci belted a third-inning grand slam that would prove to win the game for the Bears, as Mercer defeated Jacksonville State for their last win under former coach Barry Myers, 5-2.

An Opponent Hit A Grand Slam- February 28, 2004, in Macon, Ga., when Chris Wilmoth cleared the bases with his one-out blast in the sixth inning in a 9-4 Savannah State victory.

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- April 5, 2003, in Macon, Ga., when Jarrod Lynch's two-run homer was followed by Mike Appalucci's blast in the sixth inning. Mercer would go on to lose that game 13-8 to the eventual conference tournament champions.

A Mercer Player Hit Two Home Runs In A Game- April 5, 2003, in Macon, Ga., when Jarrod Lynch and Mike Appalucci each hit two home runs in the Bears' 13-8 loss to Jacksonville. Lynch hit his homers in the first and sixth innings, while Appalucci's jacks came in the sixth and seventh innings. Incidentally, Lynch and Appalucci's homers in the sixth came back-to-back, the last time such a feat has been accomplished by Mercer players.

A Mercer Player Hit A Walk-Off Home Run- May 1, 2002, when Kurt Levengood 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- April 14, 2001, when Ryan Newton stole home on a double steal with two outs in the sixth inning of a 5-1 victory over Jacksonville State.

A Mercer Player Had A Hitting Streak Over 15 Games- February 3-March 10, 2001, when David Harwell hit safely in 18 straight games. Included in the streak were four three-hit games, five two-hit games, and nine games that had just one hit for Harwell. Harwell hit .419 during that str

The Cougars at a Glance (12-5)

Last Time Out

Last weekend, the Cougars opened up Southern Conference play with a road sweep of last year's tournament champions, Western Carolina.

In the first match-up, the College of Charleston slugged their way to a 19-3 victory, as Byron Barber finished 4-for-5 with two runs scored and three RBIs.

The second contest would be much closer, as Western Carolina put up nine runs in the first three innings while College of Charleston answered with eleven runs in the second, third and fourth. WCU could only manage one more run after the early fireworks, coming in the eighth inning.

The third game of the series would make history, as the College of Charleston completed their first no-hitter in school history. Zach Piccola threw eight innings, allowing four walks and striking out six, as Brett Harker came in to finish the game in the ninth. Harker walked two men and hit a batter to lead off the ninth,

Coaching Staff

Head Coach:

John Pawlowski

(131-110-1, 5th Season At Charleston)

Assistants:

Scott Foxhall

Rob Reinstetle

Seth Von Behren

then got a strikeout, a pop fly in foul territory and a line-out to short to wrap up the no-no.

The Cougars Last Season

After finishing the regular season at 30-25 overall and 17-13 in league play, the College of Charleston entered the Southern Conference tournament as the sixth seed.

After knocking off local rival the Citadel in the first round 8-2, C of C then lost successive games to second-seeded Georgia Southern and fourth-seeded UNC-Greensboro to be eliminated.

Postseason honors for the Cougars included first team all-conference honorees Matt Lauderdale and Lee Curtis and second team member Brett Spivey.

3	Anthony Fairchild	Jr	INF	Greer, S.C.
4	Chris Campbell	Fr	INF	Jacksonville, Fla.
5	Byron Barber	Jr	OF	Pensacola, Fla.
6	Brett Gardner	Jr	OF	Holly Hill, S.C.
9	Phillip Coker	So	OF	Hanahan, S.C.
11	Brett Anderson	Jr	OF	Charleston, S.C.
12	Mark Lyons	Sr	OF	Baden, Pa.
14	Ryan Edell	So	P	Lexington, Mass.
15	Brian Hastings	Jr	C	Flomaton, Ala.
16	Jess Easterling	Jr	INF	Hartsville, S.C.
17	Dan Richardson	Fr	P/OF	Bear, Del.
19	Steve Friend	Jr	INF	Urbana, Ill.
20	Matt Hallett	Sr	1B	Orland Park, Ill.
21	Brandon Olbrys	Fr	P	Windsor, N.Y.
22	Kevin Bulger	Jr	P/IF	Snellville, Ga.
23	Adam Tolman	Jr	IF/C	Apex, N.C.
24	Victor Martinez	Sr	OF	Miami, FL
25	Zach Piccola	Fr	P	Bedford, N.H.
26	Barry Richardson	Sr	P	Dacula, Ga.
27	Paul Pita	Fr	C/1B	Barnstable, Mass.
28	Matt Soale	Sr	P	Lynchburg, Ohio
29	Reid Price	Jr	P	Fletcher, N.C.
31	Brett Harker	So	P	Greenville, S.C.
32	Bryan McGuiness	Fr	1B	Charleston, S.C.
33	Ryan Johnson	Sr	P	Fort Pierce, Fla.
34	Matt Botzum	Fr	P	Raleigh, N.C.
35	Matt Kirkpatrick	So	C	Greenville, SC
36	Nick Chigges	Fr	P	Columbia, S.C.
37	Landon Heatherington	Fr	OF	Mt. Pleasant, S.C.
39	Alex Henderson	Fr	P	Summerville, S.C.

2004 College of Charleston Statistics Leaders

Batting Leaders		Yr.	B. Avg.	2B	3B	HR	RBI
IF	Steve Friend	Jr.	.434	5	0	1	12
OF	Byron Barber	Jr.	.415	2	1	0	11
OF	Brett Anderson	Jr.	.410	6	0	6	23
OF	Phillip Coker	So.	.387	5	0	0	12
IF	Jess Easterling	Jr.	.345	1	0	1	18
OF	Mark Lyons	Sr.	.340	2	1	2	11
IF	Chris Campbell	Jr.	.317	7	1	0	20
OF	Brett Gardner	Jr.	.308	4	2	0	9
C	Brian Hastings	Jr.	.295	4	0	0	8

Pitching Leaders		Yr.	ERA	W-L	SV	IP	K
LHP	Zach Piccola	Fr.	0.92	2-0	0	19.2	17
RHP	Nick Chigges	Fr.	2.60	1-1	0	17.1	18
RHP	Matt Soale	Sr.	2.65	1-0	1	17.0	15
RHP	Brett Harker	So.	5.59	0-0	2	9.2	13

The Dolphins at a Glance (10-10, 2-4)

Last Time Out

Last weekend, Jacksonville traveled to Atlanta to take on Georgia State in their second Atlantic Sun series of the season.

After taking Friday's single game by a 15-6 score, the Dolphins got swept by Georgia State in Saturday's doubleheader, 7-6 and 11-1.

In the first contest of the weekend, the Dolphins put up four in the top of the first, never trailing in the nine inning contest.

The second contest of the weekend would turn out to be a battle. After Georgia State took a 3-1 lead into the top of the fifth, Jacksonville rallied to put up five in the fifth. Larry Best-Berfet brought home two with his bases-loaded single, then later scored on a bases-loaded walk. A single by Pete Clifford and an Orlando Diaz walk would account for the other two runs in the inning.

However, Georgia State answered with three runs in the bottom of the fifth, then scored the win with a bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the sixth.

Coaching Staff

Head Coach:

1 Terry Alexander
(452-349-2, 14th Season At JU)

Assistants:

41 Chris Hayes
44 Les Wright
38 John Howard



In the third game, the Panthers pounded out 14 hits, including three doubles and a triple, to take the weekend series.

The Dolphins Last Season

After finishing the regular season with a 28-27 overall record and a 17-16 conference mark, the Dolphins entered the Atlantic Sun tournament as the #6 seed, although a hot one.

The Dolphins had finished the regular season on a 17-9 streak, clinching a spot in the tournament on the last day of the season. JU won their first tournament game over the #1 seed Florida Atlantic before falling to Jacksonville State 10-6. The Dolphins would own the rest of the tournament though, as they took out Belmont and Stetson twice in the championship round to win the A-Sun tournament.

With that win, JU advanced to the NCAA tournament, where they lost their first two contests against top-ranked Florida State and Rutgers.

2004 Jacksonville Statistics Leaders

Batting Leaders		Yr.	B. Avg.	2B	3B	HR	RBI
IF	Pete Clifford	Fr.	.391	6	1	0	9
C	Jon Galui	Jr.	.375	4	1	1	6
C	Alex Jamieson	Jr.	.323	3	2	1	13
2B	Sean McHugh	Jr.	.306	2	0	1	11
IF	Orlando Diaz	Sr.	.306	6	0	4	20
IF/OF	Larry Best-Berfet	Sr.	.296	3	1	0	8

Pitching Leaders		Yr.	ERA	W-L	SV	IP	K
LHP	Donald Brickle	So.	3.07	0-0	0	14.2	6
RHP	Dennis Robinson	Jr.	3.52	5-1	0	46.0	28
LHP	Kyle DeVries	So.	3.66	1-2	0	19.2	18
RHP	Ashley Roque	Jr.	3.75	0-2	2	12.0	7
RHP	Brett Nagy	Jr.	5.29	1-2	0	34.0	25

2	Sean McHugh	2B	Jr.	Port Orange, Fla.
3	Tom Alford	IF	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
4	Pete Clifford	IF	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
5	Orlando Diaz	IF	Sr.	Downers Grove, Ill.
6	Logan James	IF	Fr.	Clearwater, Fla.
7	Zach Haniff	IF	Fr.	Bradenton, Fla.
8	Jon Galui	C	Jr.	Palm Beach, Fla.
9	Don Brickle	LHP/1B So.		Jacksonville, Fla.
10	James Murdock	RHP	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn.
11	Brett Nagy	RHP	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
12	Larry Best-Berfet	IF/OF	Sr.	Newark, N.J.
13	Aaron Parvey	LHP	So.	North Ft. Myers, Fla.
14	Steven Beesley	C	Fr.	West Palm Beach, Fla.
15	Matt Lopez	IF	Fr.	Oviedo, Fla.
16	Rob Hudson	OF	Sr.	Garden City, Mich.
17	Clint Hart	OF	Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
18	Justin Young	OF	Fr.	Oviedo, Fla.
19	D.J. Kaercher	RHP	Jr.	Clearwater, Fla.
20	Alex Jamieson	C	Jr.	Sarasota, Fla.
21	Thomas LePage	OF	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
22	Chris Kelly	OF	Jr.	Sarasota, Fla.
23	Dennis Robinson	RHP	Jr.	Putnam Valley, N.Y.
24	Shaun Kapples	LHP	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
25	Josh Deel	RHP	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
26	Patrick Sitkins	LHP	Sr.	Ft. Myers, Fla.
27	Kyle DeVries	LHP	So.	Holland, Mich.
31	John Tiner	OF	Fr.	St. Augustine, Fla.
32	Joe Steward	OF	Sr.	Ottawa, Kan.
33	Daniel Murphy	IF	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
34	Patrick Gleason	LHP	Jr.	Merritt Island, Fla.
39	Griff Occhigrossi	LHP	Fr.	Brewster, N.Y.
40	Preston Pehrson	C	Fr.	Anapolis, Md.
42	Andrew Laughter	RHP	Fr.	Longwood, Fla.
46	Gordie Gronkowski	1B	So.	Buffalo, N.Y.
47	Ashley Roque	RHP	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla.

2004 Numerical Roster

No.	Player	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
2	Jake Carpenter	OF	R/R	5-10	165	Fr.	Warner Robins, Ga.
3	Chase Swanson	2B	S/R	6-0	155	Fr.	Kennesaw, Ga.
4	Rick Byrd	OF	L/L	5-8	170	So.	Norcross, Ga.
5	Andy Wells	2B	R/R	6-0	200	Sr.	Fort Pierce, Fla.
6	Ty Megahee	IF	R/R	6-0	175	Jr.	Norman Park, Ga.
7	Kyle Johnston	3B	R/R	6-2	182	So.	Macon, Ga.
8	Chase Kornemann	P	R/R	6-1	185	Fr.	Rehobeth Beach, Del.
9	Roger Alvarez	SS	R/R	5-10	177	Sr.	Barquisimeto, Venezuela
11	Mark Cimini	C	L/R	6-1	215	Jr.	Pittsfield, Mass.
12	Josh Thompson	C	R/R	6-3	210	Fr.	Pineview, Ga.
14	Jon Dandridge	OF	L/R	6-5	225	Fr.	Orange Park, Fla.
15	Brian Jones	P	R/R	6-3	220	Sr.	Kennesaw, Ga.
16	Daniel Hurst	OF	R/R	5-10	205	Jr.	Rincon, Ga.
17	Brantley New	P	R/R	6-3	195	Fr.	Dublin, Ga.
18	Adam Bowling	P	R/R	6-3	225	So.	Kennesaw, Ga.
19	Andrew Einert	1B	L/R	6-2	225	Fr.	Kennesaw, Ga.
21	Christian Grossman	OF	R/R	5-11	195	Jr.	Frankfurt, Germany
22	Eric Renfroe	OF	L/R	6-2	200	Fr.	Macon, Ga.
23	Paul Harp	P	R/R	6-4	200	Jr.	Jonesboro, Ga.
26	Josh Wypasek	SS	R/R	6-0	165	Fr.	Marietta, Ga.
27	Blake Kimbrell	C	R/R	6-2	185	Jr.	Gainesville, Ga.
28	Spence Glotzbach	P	R/R	6-3	182	Fr.	Richmond Hill, Ga.
30	Bart Kimbrell	P	R/R	6-2	185	Jr.	Gainesville, Ga.
31	Mike Narveson	P	R/R	6-3	185	Fr.	Savannah, Ga.
32	Philip Morrison	P	R/R	6-4	240	Jr.	Valley, Ala.

Head Coach: 24 Craig Gibson (Mercer, '85);

Assistant Coaches: 10 Link Jarrett (Florida State, '94); 13 Jason Jackson (Florida State, '00)

Athletic Trainer: Andy Carter

2004 Alphabetical Roster

#9	ALVAREZ, Roger, SS
#18	BOWLING, Adam, RHP
#4	BYRD, Rick, OF
#2	CARPENTER, Jake, OF
#11	CIMINI, Mark, C
#14	DANDRIDGE, Jon, OF
#19	EINERT, Andrew, 1B
#28	GLOTZBACH, Spence, RHP
#21	GROSSMAN, Christian, OF
#23	HARP, Paul, RHP
#16	HURST, Daniel, 3B
#7	JOHNSTON, Kyle, 3B
#15	JONES, Brian,
#30	KIMBRELL, Bart, RHP
#27	KIMBRELL, Blake, RHP
#8	KORNEMANN, Chase, RHP
#6	MEGAHEE, Ty, IF
#32	MORRISON, Philip, RHP
#31	NARVESON, Mike, RHP
#17	NEW, Brantley, RHP
#22	RENFROE, Eric, OF
#3	SWANSON, Chase, 2B
#12	THOMPSON, Josh, C
#5	WELLS, Andy, C
#26	WYPASEK, Josh, SS

2004 Roster By Class

Freshmen: Jake Carpenter, Jon Dandridge, Andrew Einert, Spence Glotzbach, Chase Kornemann, Mike Narveson, Brantley New, Eric Renfroe, Chase Swanson, Josh Thompson, Josh Wypasek (11)

Sophomores: Adam Bowling, Rick Byrd, Kyle Johnston (3)

Juniors: Mark Cimini, Christian Grossman, Paul Harp, Daniel Hurst, Bart Kimbrell, Blake Kimbrell, Ty Megahee, Philip Morrison (8)

Seniors: Roger Alvarez, Brian Jones, Andy Wells (8)

Mercer Baseball Series-By-Series

Hitting

Opponent	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SO	SB-ATT	E	FLD%
at Florida A&M	.337	92	20	31	4	3	3	18	9	5	8	0-2	7	.926
vs. Alabama St.	.241	79	31	19	2	0	2	27	28	5	9	0-0	8	.925
vs. VMI	.258	89	8	23	7	0	1	6	10	0	8	1-2	6	.947
vs. Florida A&M	.190	42	6	8	1	0	0	6	4	4	8	2-2	2	.967
vs. Albany State	.269	78	23	21	7	0	4	21	18	12	6	2-3	2	.979
at Ga. Southern	.250	36	5	9	2	0	0	3	2	1	10	0-0	1	.972
vs. Savannah St.	.275	91	21	25	2	0	1	17	10	2	9	5-6	6	.941
vs. Gardner-Webb	.197	76	4	15	3	0	0	4	9	3	22	1-1	6	.945
vs. Michigan State	.348	69	18	24	3	0	1	14	11	5	11	1-7	3	.960
vs. Stetson	.286	91	9	26	7	0	0	6	11	1	17	0-0	11	.895

Pitching

Opponent	ERA	W-L	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	Opp. BA
at Florida A&M	10.71	1-2	1	21.0	32	29	25	14	12	6	3	3	.344
vs. Alabama St.	0.00	2-1	0	23.0	19	10	0	9	21	1	0	0	.221
vs. VMI	2.16	1-2	0	25.0	19	18	6	9	20	5	0	5	.213
vs. Florida A&M	0.64	1-1	0	14.0	12	3	1	6	10	1	1	0	.226
vs. Albany State	0.39	3-0	0	23.0	8	1	1	4	32	0	0	0	.108
at Ga. Southern	12.38	0-1	0	8.0	17	14	11	7	7	3	1	3	.425
vs. Savannah St.	7.43	1-2	0	23.0	27	27	19	16	20	4	0	3	.293
vs. Gardner-Webb	3.91	0-3	0	23.0	20	10	10	12	15	3	0	3	.244
vs. Michigan State	6.50	1-1	0	18.0	24	16	13	8	17	4	1	3	.308
vs. Stetson	10.57	0-3	0	23.0	49	43	27	9	16	6	1	5	.402

Mercer's Record ...

Overall	10-16
A-Sun	0-6
At Home	8-12
On the Road	1-3
At A Neutral Site	1-1
At Home (A-Sun)	0-6
On the Road (A-Sun)	0-0
At Home (Non-Conference)	8-6
On the Road (Non-Conference)	1-3
Neutral Site (Non-Conference)	1-1
In Extra-Inning Games	0-0
Vs. Top 25 Teams	0-0
Playing a Day Game	10-13
Playing a Night Game	0-3
In the First Game of a Doubleheader	4-4
In the Second Game of a Doubleheader	2-6
In Single Games	4-6
In one-run games	3-2
In two-run games	0-4
In five + run games	5-8
When Scoring First	10-2
When Opponent Scores First	0-14
When Leading Entering Final Inning	10-3
When Trailing Entering Final Inning	0-13
When Scoring 10 + Runs	3-1
When Allowing 10 + Runs	0-8
When Scoring 5 Runs or Less	3-13
When Allowing 5 Runs or Less	8-5
When Out-Hitting Opponent	7-2
When Matching Opponent with Hits	2-1
When Out-Hit by Opponent	1-13
When hitting a Home Run	5-3
Vs. Starting LHP	1-7
Vs. Starting RHP	9-9

Mercer Highs and Lows

	HIGH	LOW
Runs Scored	19, vs. Alabama St. (1/31)	0, vs. VMI (2/8) & vs. Gardner-Webb (3/6 2x)
Runs Allowed	19, vs. Stetson (3/12)	0, Several Times
Run Differential	+14, vs. Alabama St. (1/31)	-14, vs. Stetson (3/12 & 3/13)
Hits	15, vs. Michigan State (3/9)	1, vs. Gardner-Webb (3/6)
At Bats	41, vs. Stetson (3/12)	19, vs. FAMU (1/24)
RBIs	18, vs. Alabama St. (1/31)	0, vs. VMI (2/8) & vs. Gardner-Webb (3/6 2x)
Stolen Bases	5, vs. Alabama St. (2/1)	0, Several Times
Walks	14, vs. Alabama St. (1/31)	1, at FAMU (1/24)
Assists	16, vs. VMI (2/8)	3, vs. Stetson (3/13)
Putouts	27, Several Times	18, vs. Alabama St. (1/31)
Errors	6, vs. Stetson (3/12)	0, Several Times
Hits Allowed	21, vs. Stetson (3/12)	2, vs. Albany State (2/21)
Earned Runs Allowed	12, at Georgia Southern (2/24) & vs. Stetson (3/13)	0, Several Times
Strikeouts	13, vs. Albany State (2/21)	2, at FAMU (1/24)
Walks	8, at FAMU (1/25)	0, Several Times
Wild Pitches	2, vs. Alabama St. (1/31)	0, Several Times
Hit By Pitch	4, vs. Savannah St. (2/28)	0, Several Times

Mercer Home Runs in 2004

<u>Game</u>	<u>Inning</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Outs</u>
1-24 at Florida A&M-1			
Mark Cimini	6th	1	0
1-24 at Florida A&M-2			
Mark Cimini	2nd	1	0
Christian Grossman	6th	1	2
2-1 vs. Alabama State			
Daniel Hurst	3rd	1	2
Andrew Einert	8th	1	1
2-7 vs. VMI-1			
Christian Grossman	2nd	1	0
2-21 vs. Albany State-1			
Daniel Hurst	1st	3	1
Jon Dandridge	1st	1	2
Andrew Einert	4th	1	0
2-21 vs. Albany State-2			
Andrew Einert	6th	2	2
2-28 vs. Savannah State-1			
Andrew Einert	5th	3	1
3-10 vs. Michigan State			
Rick Byrd	6th	3	0

2004 Home Run Breakdown

Solo HR	8
Two-Run HR	1
Three-Run HR	3
Grand Slam	0
First Inning	2
Second Inning	2
Third Inning	1
Fourth Inning	1
Fifth Inning	1
Sixth Inning	4
Seventh Inning	0
Eighth Inning	1
Ninth Inning	0
With No Outs	5
With One Out	3
With Two Outs	4

Current Bear Hitting Streaks

Ty Megahee	4
Mark Cimini	3
Roger Alvarez	2
Jon Dandridge	1
Rick Byrd	1
Josh Thompson	1
Andrew Einert	1

Longest Bear Hitting Streaks

Mark Cimini	9
Daniel Hurst	8
Andrew Einert	6
Eric Renfro	6
Roger Alvarez	4
Rick Byrd	4
Christian Grossman	4
Ty Megahee	4
Josh Thompson	3
Andy Wells	2
Jon Dandridge	2
Chase Swanson	2
Josh Wypasek	1

Multiple RBI Games

	2	3	4	5+	Tot
ALVAREZ	3	1	-	-	4
CIMINI	3	1	-	-	4
EINERT	2	1	-	-	3
HURST	1	1	1	-	3
THOMPSON	2	1	-	-	3
BYRD	1	-	1	-	2
MEGAHEE	2	-	-	-	2
RENFROE	1	-	-	1	2
DANDRIDGE	-	1	-	-	1
GROSSMAN	1	-	-	-	1
WELLS	1	-	-	-	1
TEAM	18	6	2	1	26

Multiple Hit Games

	2	3	4	5+	Tot
HURST	7	1	-	-	8
GROSSMAN	7	-	-	-	7
ALVAREZ	5	1	-	-	6
EINERT	5	-	-	-	5
BYRD	2	2	-	-	4
CIMINI	3	1	-	-	4
RENFROE	3	1	-	-	4
DANDRIDGE	2	-	1	-	3
THOMPSON	2	1	-	-	3
WELLS	2	-	-	-	2
MEGAHEE	1	-	-	-	1
SWANSON	-	1	-	-	1
TEAM	39	8	1	0	42

2004 Bear Starting Lineups-By Position

Game	C	1B	2B	SS	3B	LF	CF	RF	DH
FAMU-Jones	Cimini	Einert	Wells	Alvarez	Hurst	Renfroe	Byrd	Grossman	Thompson
FAMU- Morrison	Cimini	Einert	Wells	Alvarez	Hurst	Renfroe	Byrd	Grossman	Thompson
FAMU- Glotzbach	Cimini	Einert	Wells	Alvarez	Hurst	Renfroe	Grossman	Dandridge	Thompson
Ala. St. - Jones	Thompson	Einert	Wells	Alvarez	Hurst	Renfroe	Grossman	Dandridge	Byrd
Ala. St. - Morrison	Cimini	Einert	Wells	Alvarez	Hurst	Renfroe	Grossman	Dandridge	Byrd
Ala. St. - Glotzbach	Cimini	Einert	Swanson	Alvarez	Hurst	Renfroe	Grossman	Dandridge	Thompson
VMI- Jones	Cimini	Einert	Wells	Alvarez	Hurst	Grossman	Carpenter	Dandridge	Renfroe
VMI- Morrison	Cimini	Einert	Swanson	Alvarez	Hurst	Grossman	Carpenter	Dandridge	Renfroe
VMI- Bowling	Cimini	Einert	Megahee	Alvarez	Hurst	Grossman	Carpenter	Dandridge	Thompson
FAMU- Jones	Cimini	Einert	Megahee	Alvarez	Hurst	Grossman	Carpenter	Dandridge	Thompson
FAMU- Morrison	Cimini	Einert	Megahee	Alvarez	Hurst	Grossman	Carpenter	Dandridge	Renfroe
Albany St. - Jones	Cimini	Einert	Megahee	Alvarez	Hurst	Grossman	Byrd	Dandridge	Renfroe
Albany St. - Morrison	Cimini	Einert	Megahee	Alvarez	Hurst	Grossman	Byrd	Dandridge	Renfroe
Albany St. - Glotzbach	Cimini	Einert	Wells	Alvarez	Hurst	Renfroe	Grossman	Dandridge	Kimbrell
Ga. South. - Bowling	Cimini	Einert	Megahee	Alvarez	Hurst	Renfroe	Grossman	Dandridge	Byrd
Sav. St. - Jones	Cimini	Einert	Megahee	Alvarez	Hurst	Grossman	Renfroe	Dandridge	Byrd
Sav. St. - Morrison	Cimini	Einert	Wells	Alvarez	Hurst	Grossman	Renfroe	Dandridge	Kimbrell
Sav. St. - Glotzbach	Cimini	Einert	Wells	Alvarez	Hurst	Grossman	Renfroe	Dandridge	Thompson
GWU- Jones	Cimini	Einert	Wells	Alvarez	Hurst	Grossman	Renfroe	Dandridge	Thompson
GWU- Morrison	Cimini	Einert	Megahee	Alvarez	Hurst	Byrd	Renfroe	Grossman	Thompson
GWU- Glotzbach	Cimini	Einert	Wells	Alvarez	Hurst	Byrd	Renfroe	Grossman	Dandridge
MSU- Bowling	Thompson	Einert	Megahee	Alvarez	Hurst	Byrd	Renfroe	Grossman	Cimini
MSU- New	Thompson	Einert	Megahee	Alvarez	Hurst	Byrd	Renfroe	Grossman	Cimini
Stetson- Jones	Cimini	Einert	Megahee	Swanson	Hurst	Byrd	Renfroe	Grossman	Thompson
Stetson-Morrison	Cimini	Einert	Swanson	Wypasek	Hurst	Byrd	Renfroe	Grossman	Thompson
Stetson- Glotzbach	Thompson	Einert	Swanson	Wypasek	Hurst	Byrd	Renfroe	Grossman	Cimini
	Cimini-20 Thompson-3	Einert-23	Wells-11 Megahee-10 Swanson-2	Alvarez-23	Hurst-23	Grossman-11 Renfroe-8 Byrd-4	Renfroe-8 Grossman-6 Carpenter-5 Byrd-4	Dandridge-17 Grossman-6	Thompson-9 Renfroe-5 Byrd-4 Kimbrell-2 Cimini-2 Dandridge-1

2004 Bear Starting Lineups-By Lineup Number

Game	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
FAMU-Jones	Byrd	Alvarez	Hurst	Cimini	Grossman	Renfroe	Thompson	Einert	Wells
FAMU- Morrison	Byrd	Alvarez	Hurst	Cimini	Grossman	Renfroe	Thompson	Einert	Wells
FAMU- Glotzbach	Alvarez	Renfroe	Hurst	Cimini	Grossman	Thompson	Dandridge	Einert	Wells
Ala. St. - Jones	Byrd	Alvarez	Hurst	Grossman	Renfroe	Dandridge	Thompson	Einert	Wells
Ala. St- Morrison	Byrd	Alvarez	Hurst	Cimini	Grossman	Dandridge	Einert	Renfroe	Wells
Ala. St- Glotzbach	Alvarez	Renfroe	Hurst	Cimini	Dandridge	Grossman	Einert	Thompson	Swanson
VMI- Jones	Alvarez	Renfroe	Hurst	Cimini	Grossman	Dandridge	Einert	Wells	Carpenter
VMI- Morrison	Alvarez	Renfroe	Hurst	Cimini	Grossman	Dandridge	Einert	Swanson	Carpenter
VMI- Bowling	Alvarez	Renfroe	Hurst	Cimini	Grossman	Dandridge	Einert	Megahee	Carpenter
FAMU- Jones	Alvarez	Megahee	Hurst	Cimini	Grossman	Dandridge	Thompson	Einert	Carpenter
FAMU- Morrison	Alvarez	Megahee	Hurst	Cimini	Grossman	Dandridge	Renfroe	Einert	Carpenter
Albany St.- Jones	Alvarez	Renfroe	Hurst	Cimini	Grossman	Dandridge	Megahee	Einert	Byrd
Albany St.- Morrison	Alvarez	Renfroe	Cimini	Hurst	Grossman	Dandridge	Megahee	Einert	Byrd
Albany St.- Glotzbach	Alvarez	Renfroe	Cimini	Hurst	Grossman	Dandridge	Einert	Kimbrell	Wells
Ga. South. - Bowling	Alvarez	Renfroe	Cimini	Hurst	Grossman	Einert	Dandridge	Megahee	Byrd
Sav. St- Jones	Alvarez	Renfroe	Cimini	Hurst	Grossman	Einert	Dandridge	Megahee	Byrd
Sav. St. - Morrison	Alvarez	Renfroe	Cimini	Hurst	Einert	Grossman	Dandridge	Kimbrell	Wells
Sav. St. - Glotzbach	Alvarez	Renfroe	Cimini	Hurst	Einert	Grossman	Dandridge	Thompson	Wells
GWU- Jones	Alvarez	Renfroe	Hurst	Cimini	Grossman	Einert	Thompson	Dandridge	Wells
GWU- Morrison	Alvarez	Renfroe	Cimini	Hurst	Einert	Grossman	Thompson	Byrd	Megahee
GWU- Glotzbach	Renfroe	Alvarez	Cimini	Grossman	Einert	Hurst	Dandridge	Byrd	Wells
MSU- Bowling	Byrd	Alvarez	Hurst	Einert	Grossman	Cimini	Renfroe	Thompson	Megahee
MSU- New	Byrd	Alvarez	Hurst	Grossman	Renfroe	Thompson	Cimini	Einert	Megahee
Stetson- Jones	Byrd	Grossman	Hurst	Einert	Thompson	Cimini	Renfroe	Megahee	Swanson
Stetson- Morrison	Byrd	Grossman	Hurst	Cimini	Thompson	Renfroe	Einert	Swanson	Wypasek
Stetson- Glotzbach	Byrd	Renfroe	Grossman	Cimini	Thompson	Hurst	Einert	Swanson	Wypasek
	Alvarez-16	Renfroe-15	Hurst-17	Cimini-14	Grossman-16	Dandridge-10	Einert-8	Einert-9	Wells-10
	Byrd-9	Alvarez-7	Cimini-8	Hurst-7	Einert-4	Grossman-4	Dandridge-6	Megahee-4	Carpenter-5
	Renfroe-1	Megahee-2	Grossman-1	Grossman-3	Thompson-3	Einert-3	Thompson-6	Thompson-3	Byrd-4
		Grossman-2		Einert-2	Dandridge-1	Renfroe-3	Renfroe-3	Swanson-3	Megahee-3
					Grossman-1	Thompson-2	Megahee-2	Byrd-2	Wypasek-2
					Renfroe-1	Hurst-2	Cimini-1	Kimbrell-2	Swanson-2
						Cimini-2		Renfroe-1	
								Dandridge-1	
								Wells-1	

Mercer Season and Career Highs-Hitting

#9 Roger Alvarez

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	3, vs. FAMU (1/24/04)	3, Many Times
At Bats	5, Three Times	5, Many Times
Runs	3, vs. Alabama St. (1/31/04)	3, Twice
RBI's	3, vs. Alabama St. (1/31/04)	3, vs. Alabama St. (1/31/04)
Stolen Bases	1, Four Times	1, Several Times

#4 Rick Byrd

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	3, vs. Michigan State & vs. Stetson	3, Three Times
At Bats	5, vs. Michigan State & vs. Stetson	5, Several Times
Runs	2, vs. FAMU & vs. Mich. St.	2, Five Times
RBI's	4, vs. Michigan State (3/10/04)	4, vs. Michigan State (3/10/04)
Stolen Bases		1, Four Times

#2 Jake Carpenter

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits		
At Bats	3, vs. VMI (2/7/04)	3, vs. VMI (2/7/04)
Runs	1, Three Times	1, Three Times
RBI's		
Stolen Bases		

#11 Mark Cimini

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	3, vs. Stetson (3/13/04)	3, vs. Stetson (3/13/04)
At Bats	5, vs. FAMU & vs. Michigan State	5, vs. FAMU & vs. Michigan St.
Runs	3, vs. Alabama St. (1/31/04)	3, vs. Alabama St. (1/31/04)
RBI's	3, vs. Alabama St. (1/31/04)	3, vs. Alabama St. (1/31/04)
Stolen Bases	1, vs. Albany St. (2/21/04)	1, vs. Albany St. (2/21/04)

#14 Jon Dandridge

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	4, vs. FAMU (1/25/04)	4, vs. FAMU (1/25/04)
At Bats	4, Twice	4, Twice
Runs	2, vs. Alabama St. (1/31/04)	2, vs. Alabama St. (1/31/04)
RBI's	3, vs. Albany St. (2/21/04)	3, vs. Albany St. (2/21/04)
Stolen Bases	1, vs. Florida A&M (2/15/04)	1, vs. Florida A&M (2/15/04)

#19 Andrew Einert

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	2, Five Times	2, Five Times
At Bats	5, Three Times	5, Three Times
Runs	2, Five Times	2, Five Times
RBI's	3, vs. Savannah State (2/28/04)	3, vs. Savannah State (2/28/04)
Stolen Bases		

#21 Christian Grossman

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	2, Several Times	2, Several Times
At Bats	5, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)	5, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)
Runs	2, Three Times	2, Three Times
RBI's	2, vs. FAMU (1/24/04)	2, vs. FAMU (1/24/04)
Stolen Bases	1, vs. VMI (2/7/04)	1, vs. VMI (2/7/04)

#16 Daniel Hurst

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	3, vs. VMI (2/8/04)	4, vs. Ga. State (4/19/03)
At Bats	5, vs. Alabama St. (1/31/04)	5, Many Times
Runs	2, Several Times	3, vs. FAU (5/11/02)
RBI's	4, vs. Albany St. (2/21/04)	4, Many Times
Stolen Bases	1, vs. Alabama St. & vs. Savannah St.	1, Five Times

#7 Kyle Johnston

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits		3, vs. Morris Brown (1/26/03)
At Bats		5, vs. Marshall (2/14/03)
Runs		3, vs. Morris Brown (1/26/03)
RBI's		2, Twice
Stolen Bases		1, Three Times

#27 Blake Kimbrell

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits		
At Bats	2, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)	2, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)
Runs	1, vs. Albany St. (2/21/04)	1, vs. Albany St. (2/21/04)
RBI's		
Stolen Bases		

#6 Ty Megahee

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	2, vs. Michigan State (3/10/04)	2, vs. Michigan State (3/10/04)
At Bats	4, Twice	4, Twice
Runs	1, Three Times	1, Three Times
RBI's	2, at Ga. Southern & vs. Mich. St.	2, at Ga. Southern & vs. Mich. St.
Stolen Bases		

#22 Eric Renfroe

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	3, vs. Stetson (3/13/04)	3, vs. Stetson (3/13/04)
At Bats	5, at Georgia Southern (2/24/04)	5, at Georgia Southern (2/24/04)
Runs	3, vs. Albany St. (2/21/04)	3, vs. Albany St. (2/21/04)
RBI's	5, vs. Alabama St. (1/31/04)	5, vs. Alabama St. (1/31/04)
Stolen Bases	2, vs. Savannah State (2/29/04)	2, vs. Savannah St. (2/29/04)

#3 Chase Swanson

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	3, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)	3, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)
At Bats	4, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)	4, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)
Runs	1, vs. Alabama St. & vs. Stetson	1, vs. Alabama St. & vs. Stetson
RBI's	1, vs. Stetson (2x)	1, vs. Stetson (2x)
Stolen Bases	1, vs. Alabama St. (2/1/04)	1, vs. Alabama St. (2/1/04)

#12 Josh Thompson

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	3, vs. Gardner-Webb (3/5/04)	3, vs. Gardner-Webb (3/5/04)
At Bats	5, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)	5, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)
Runs	2, Twice	2, Three Times
RBI's	3, vs. Michigan State (3/10/04)	3, vs. Michigan State (3/10/04)
Stolen Bases	1, vs. Alabama St. (2/1/04)	1, vs. Alabama St. (2/1/04)

#5 Andy Wells

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	2, vs. Savannah State (2/29/04, 2x)	2, Several Times
At Bats	4, Three Times	5, vs. Marshall (2/14/03)
Runs	1, Five Times	2, vs. Belmont (2/2/03)
RBI's	2, vs. Savannah State, (2/29/04)	2, Three Times
Stolen Bases		1, vs. Auburn (5/13/03)

#26 Josh Wypasek

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	1, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)	1, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)
At Bats	3, vs. Stetson (3/13/04)	3, vs. Stetson (3/13/04)
Runs	1, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)	1, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)
RBI's	1, vs. Stetson (3/13/04)	1, vs. Stetson (3/13/04)
Stolen Bases		

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#18 Adam Bowling

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Innings Pitched	5.0, Three Times	5.0, Three Times
Strikeouts	5, vs. Savannah State (2/29/04)	5, Three Times
Runs Allowed	0, Alabama St. (2/1/04)-3.0 IP	0, Twice- 3.0 IP
Hits Allowed	1, Four Times	0, vs. JSU (5/10/03)

#28 Spence Glotzbach

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Innings Pitched	5.2, vs. Gardner-Webb (3/6/04)	5.2, vs. Gardner-Webb (3/6/04)
Strikeouts	8, vs. Albany St. (2/21/04)	8, vs. Albany St. (2/21/04)
Runs Allowed	0, vs. Albany St. (2/21/04)- 5.0 IP	0, vs. Albany St. (2/21/04)- 5.0 IP
Hits Allowed	1, vs. Albany St. (2/21/04)- 5.0 IP	1, vs. Albany St. (2/21/04)- 5.0 IP

#23 Paul Harp

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Innings Pitched	2.1, vs. Michigan St. (3/10/04)	2.1, vs. Michigan St. (3/10/04)
Strikeouts	3, vs. Gardner-Webb (3/6/04)	3, vs. Gardner-Webb (3/6/04)
Runs Allowed	0, Five Times-1.0 IP	0, Five Times-1.0 IP
Hits Allowed	0, Three Times-1.0 IP	0, Three Times-1.0 IP

#15 Brian Jones

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Innings Pitched	9.0, vs. VMI & vs. Albany St.	9.0, Four Times
Strikeouts	13, vs. Albany St. (2/20/04)	13, Three Times
Runs Allowed	0, Three Times	0, Many Times
Hits Allowed	3, vs. VMI & vs. Albany St.- 9.0 IP	1, vs. Howard (8.0 IP; 2001)

#30 Bart Kimbrell

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Innings Pitched		
Strikeouts		
Runs Allowed		
Hits Allowed		

#8 Chase Kornemann

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Innings Pitched	2.0, vs. Stetson (3/13/04)	2.0, vs. Stetson (3/13/04)
Strikeouts	1, vs. Stetson (3/13/04)	1, vs. Stetson (3/13/04)
Runs Allowed	0, vs. Savannah St. (2/29/04)	0, vs. Savannah St. (2/29/04)
Hits Allowed	0, vs. Savannah St. (2/29/04)	0, vs. Savannah St. (2/29/04)

#32 Philip Morrison

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Innings Pitched	6.0, vs. Gardner-Webb & vs. Stetson	6.0, Twice
Strikeouts	7, vs. VMI & vs. Savannah State	7, vs. VMI (& vs. Savannah St.
Runs Allowed	0, vs. Albany St. (2/21/04)- 5.0 IP	0, vs. Albany St. (2/21/04)- 5.0 IP
Hits Allowed	1, vs. Albany St. (2/21/04)- 5.0 IP	1, vs. Albany St. (2/21/04)- 5.0 IP

#31 Mike Narveson

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Innings Pitched	4.1, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)	4.1, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)
Strikeouts	3, vs. Albany St. (2/21/04)	3, vs. Albany St. (2/21/04)
Runs Allowed	0, Three Times- 2.0 IP	0, Three Times-2.0IP
Hits Allowed	0, Twice- 2.0 IP	0, Twice-2.0IP

#17 Brantley New

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Innings Pitched	4.0, vs. Michigan St. (3/10/04)	4.0, vs. Michigan St. (3/10/04)
Strikeouts	4, vs. Michigan St. (3/10/04)	4, vs. Michigan St. (3/10/04)
Runs Allowed	0, vs. Mich. St. (3/10/04)-4.0 IP	0, vs. Mich. St. (3/10/04)-4.0 IP
Hits Allowed	1, vs. Alabama St. (1/31/04)-1.0 IP	1, vs. Alabama St. (1/31/04)-1.0 IP

#12 Josh Thompson

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Innings Pitched	2.0, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)	2.0, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)
Strikeouts	3, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)	3, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)
Runs Allowed	1, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)-2.0 IP	1, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)-2.0 IP
Hits Allowed	3, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)- 2.0 IP	3, vs. Stetson (3/12/04)- 2.0 IP

Games 1-2

Mercer 9, FAMU 8

FAMU 10, Mercer 3

Jan. 24, 2004- Tallahassee, Fla.

Moore-Kittles Field

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.- After winning the first game of the Craig Gibson era Saturday afternoon 9-8, Mercer's baseball team would drop the second half of the doubleheader 10-3 to open the season with a split against Florida A&M.

Brian Jones earned the win in the first contest, as the senior right-hander went five innings, only allowing four hits and two runs in the contest. Jones went three and two-thirds innings before allowing his first base-runner, Todd Rodman, who singled to centerfield for the Rattlers' first hit of the game.

Coach Gibson would turn the game over to his middle relievers in the sixth inning, who struggled to say the least. After giving up six earned runs in one and a third innings, Coach Gibson went to junior college transfer Paul Harp, who earned his first save as a Bear.

Junior Mark Cimini made his presence known in his first action as a Bear, as he went 2-for-3 with a solo home run in the sixth inning. Roger Alvarez also came up big for Mercer, as he turned in a 3-for-4 performance with two runs scored and two runs batted in.

In the second contest, the Rattlers showed their offensive muscle, tagging both Philip Morrison and Mike Narveson for five runs each. Morrison earned the loss, working five innings, giving up 10 hits and striking out two. Narveson would come on to pitch the sixth inning for the Bears, giving up those five earned runs.

Both Cimini and Christian Grossman had solo home runs for the Bears, as Mercer could never overcome a three-run second inning for Florida A&M.

Mercer will return to action Saturday afternoon, as they continue their weekend series with the Rattlers. First pitch is set for 1 p.m. at Moore-Kittles Field.

Mercer 9, Florida A&M 8

Mercer..... 211 311 0 - 9 11 0 (1-0)
Florida A&M 000 023 3 - 8 11 3 (0-1)

Pitchers: Mercer - Jones; Kornemann(6); Narveson(6); Harp(7).

Florida A&M Univ. - Sills, Mike; Beauford, Jim(4).
Win-Jones(1-0) Save-Harp(1) Loss-Sills, Mike(0-1)
T-3:17 A-239

HR MER - Cimini (1).
HR FAMU - Priestley, Vir.

Florida A&M 10, Mercer 3

Mercer 020 001 0 - 3 7 4 (1-1)
Florida A&M 030 115 X - 10 14 1 (1-1)

Pitchers: Mercer - Morrison; Narveson(6).

Florida A&M - Patrick, A.J.; Pinkerton, Pa(6).

Win-Patrick, A.J.(1-0) Loss-Morrison(0-1)

T-1:09 A-217

HR MER - Cimini; Grossman.

HR FAMU - Hampton, Davi.

Game 3

FAMU 11, Mercer 8

Jan. 25, 2004- Tallahassee, Fla.

Moore-Kittles Field

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Virgil Priestly's seven RBIs did in Mercer Sunday afternoon, as the Bears fell to Florida A&M 11-8.

After driving in two runs in the first inning with a double to center field, Priestly put the game out of reach in the fourth with a grand slam to right field. The Rattlers would tack on another run in the fourth as well to run the score to 8-2 headed into the fifth inning.

Mercer fought back with three runs in the seventh,

thanks to a triple from Roger Alvarez, a single from Mark Cimini and a walk from Andrew Einert. Alvarez would lead off the next inning with another triple, as the senior shortstop finished 2-for-4 on the day with two runs scored.

Freshman Jon Dandridge enjoyed his first start as a Bear, going 4-for-4 with a double and an RBI. Daniel Hurst went 2-for-4 with a double and a triple, while Cimini finished 2-for-5 with two RBIs and a run scored.

Freshman Spence Glotzbach took the loss for Mercer, giving up seven earned runs in his four innings of action. Adam Bowling came on in relief and gave up three unearned runs in his three innings, while mid-year transfer Paul Harp came on for the second straight day to close the game, giving up no runs in the eighth inning for the Bears.

Mercer will return to action Saturday afternoon, when they host Alabama State during Mercer's Homecoming. First pitch is set for noon as the Bears will play a doubleheader at Claude Smith Field.

Florida A&M 11, Mercer 8

Mercer 010 110 311 - 8 13 3 (1-2)
Florida A&M 201 500 03X - 11 7 2 (2-1)

Pitchers: Mercer - Glotzbach; Bowling(5); Harp(8).

Florida A&M - Connell, Mike; Nunez, Gabriele(6);

Pinkerton, Pa(8).

Win-Connell, Mike(1-0) Loss-Glotzbach(0-1)

T-3:26 A-179

HR FAMU - Priestly, Vir.

Games 4-5

Alabama St. 3, Mercer 2

Mercer 19, Alabama St. 5

Jan. 31, 2004- Macon, Ga.

Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga.- After dropping the first game of their doubleheader 3-2, Mercer came back to defeat Alabama State 19-5 in the second game of the day at Claude Smith Field.

The Bears appeared to be cruising in the first game, as they had taken a 2-1 lead in the third inning when Christian Grossman drove home Roger Alvarez with a single to left field. Senior Brian Jones pitched the first six innings, giving up only one run while striking out three batters.

The seventh inning would spell disaster for the Bears. After reliever Paul Harp struck out the first batter, Alabama State's Adrian Holloway reached on an error. Samson Ervin would then single to get him to third, then score on a throwing error by catcher Josh Thompson as he tried to pick off Holloway at third.

After striking out the next batter, the Hornets would score the game-winning run on a wild pitch by Harp, as all three of Alabama State's runs in the game were unearned.

The second game would be a different story, as the Bears opened up the game by scoring five runs in the first off of two hits, four walks and a passed ball.

The Hornets would answer back with five unearned runs in the second inning, thanks to two Mercer errors and four hits. That was all that the Mercer pitching staff would allow in the contest, however, as Philip Morrison settled down to retire the next six batters he faced in the third and fourth innings.

Mercer would tack on seven more runs in the second inning, six runs in the third inning and one in the fourth to run the score to 19-5. The Mercer bullpen would then come on to finish out the game, as Mike Narveson and Brantley New combined for three innings of scoreless relief, only giving up three hits while striking out four.

Leading the Bears in the RBI department in the second contest was Eric Renfro who drove home five runs with his single, sacrifice fly and walk. Alvarez went 2-for-2 with two walks and three RBIs, while junior Mark Cimini went 2-for-4 with three RBIs as well.

The rubber match is set for Sunday afternoon at Claude Smith Field. First pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Alabama State 3, Mercer 2

Alabama State..... 100 000 2 - 3 6 0 (1-0)
Mercer..... 101 000 0 - 2 4 3 (1-3)

Pitchers: Alabama State - Smith, T; Plump, A(4); Ford, J(6).

Mercer - Jones; Harp(7).

Win-Ford, J(1-0) Loss-Harp(0-1)

T-2:20 A-237

PLUMP, A faced 1 batter in the 6th.

Mercer 19, Alabama State 5

Alabama State..... 050 000 0 - 5 7 2 (1-1)
Mercer..... 576 100 X - 19 9 2 (2-3)

Pitchers: Alabama State - Williams, F; Houchin, A(2); White, J(3); West, C(4).

Mercer - Morrison;

Narveson(5); NEW(7).

Win-Morrison(1-1) Loss-Williams, F(0-1)

T-2:50 A-195

Game 6

Mercer 10, Alabama St. 2

Feb. 1, 2004- Macon, Ga.

Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga.- Freshman Spence Glotzbach pitched five strong innings as Mercer defeated Alabama State 10-2 in the rubber match of the weekend series.

Three Mercer pitchers combined to allow only six hits and two unearned runs as the Bears got their best effort of the season from their relievers. Sophomore Adam Bowling came on in the sixth to pitch three innings, allowing only one hit, while Paul Harp came on in the ninth to close out the game.

Both Daniel Hurst and Andrew Einert hit their first home runs of the season, both solo shots. Hurst put the Bears up 2-1 with his shot in the third, while Einert's blast to center was a part of a five-run eighth inning that put the game out of reach.

Alabama State's four errors and seven walks proved costly, as the Bears turned only six hits into 10 runs. Leading the charge for the Bears was Mark Cimini, who went 1-for-3 with two RBIs and one run scored and Roger Alvarez, who also drove in two runs with his single to center in the seventh.

Mercer will return to action Friday afternoon, as they take on VMI in a three-day series. First pitch is scheduled for 4 p.m. at Claude Smith Field.

Mercer 10, Alabama State 2

Alabama State..... 001 100 000 - 2 6 4 (1-2)
Mercer..... 101 001 25X - 10 6 3 (3-3)

Pitchers: Alabama State - Harris, R; Thornton, J(7).

Mercer - Glotzbach; Bowling(6); Harp(9).

Win-Bowling(1-0) Loss-Harris, R(0-1)

T-2:53 A-127

HR: MER - Hurst (1); Einert (1).

Games 7-8

Mercer 4, VMI 0

VMI 12, Mercer 4

Feb. 7, 2004- Macon, Ga.

Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga.- Mercer senior Brian Jones allowed only three hits in a complete game shutout as the Bears got the victory 4-0 in the first game of a doubleheader against VMI Saturday afternoon.

Jones struck out four batters while walking only three, as he got solid defense from his team the entire game.

The Mercer bats got to VMI starter Duke Acors early, as junior Christian Grossman hit his second home run of the season in the second inning. The Bears kept the offense going in the fourth inning when Roger Alvarez hit an RBI single to centerfield.

Acors would leave the game after the sixth inning, as Josh Owens came on in the seventh. Owens gave up a Josh Thompson pinch-hit, 2 RBI double that served as insurance for the Bears in the eighth inning.

In the second game, an eight-run second inning would do in the Bears early. The Keydets would tack on four more, as they took the 12-4 win to even the weekend series.

Mercer's defense once again looked shaky, as three errors and four hits led to the eight runs in the second. Jacoby Fields' 2-for-4 outing with three RBIs and a home run paced the Keydets in the seven-inning win.

Daniel Hurst's 2-for-3 performance with two doubles and two runs was the Bears' top performer in the second game. Grossman would finish the day 3-for-7 with three runs and the homer, while junior Mark Cimini went 2-for-7 with a double and an RBI.

The Bears will return to action Sunday afternoon, with first pitch against the Keydets scheduled for 1 p.m. at Claude Smith Field.

Mercer 4, VMI 0

VMI..... 000 000 000 - 0 3 0 (0-3)
Mercer..... 010 100 020 - 4 9 0 (4-3)

Pitchers: VMI - Acors; Owens(7); Paulette(8).

Mercer - JONES.

Win-JONES(2-0) Loss-Acors(0-1)

T-2:15 A-179

HR MER - GROSSMAN (2).

VMI 12, Mercer 4

VMI..... 081 030 0 - 12 10 2 (1-3)
Mercer..... 021 010 0 - 4 6 4 (4-4)

Pitchers: VMI - Hollenbeck; Covington(6); DeMara(7).

Mercer - MORRISON; NARVESON(6).

Win-Hollenbeck(1-1) Loss-MORRISON(1-2)

T-2:10 A-149

HR VMI - Erbe; Fields.

Game 9

VMI 6, Mercer 0

Feb. 8, 2004- Macon, Ga.

Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga.- The Mercer baseball team had no answer for Kelly Sweppenhiser Sunday afternoon, as the sophomore third basemen hit two home runs and finished with four RBIs in VMI's 6-0 win over Mercer.

Sweppenhiser hit a three-run homer in the first inning and a solo shot in the fifth to account for the Keydets' (2-3) first four runs. Rightfielder Elliott Erbe also got into the act, hitting a solo homer in the sixth inning as well.

The Bears (4-5) could not capitalize on their eight hits in the ballgame, as they were shut out for the first time this season. Daniel Hurst collected three of those hits, going 3-for-4 with a double.

Keydet starter Jimmy Thoms and Richard Litwin combined for the shutout, allowing no Bear as far as third base. Thoms pitched six innings to get the win,

as Litwin came on in the seventh to finish the game for VMI.

Mercer will return to action Saturday afternoon, when Florida A&M comes to town. First pitch for the doubleheader is scheduled for noon at Claude Smith Field.

VMI 6, Mercer 0

VMI..... 300 011 001 - 6 7 0 (2-3)
Mercer..... 000 000 000 - 0 8 1 (4-5)

Pitchers: VMI - Thoms; Litwin(7).

Mercer - BOWLING; GLOTZBACH(6); HARP(8).

Win-Thoms(1-0) Loss-BOWLING(1-1)

T-2:30 A-153

HR VMI - Sweppenhiser 2; Erbe.

Games 10-11

Mercer 5, FAMU 0

FAMU 3, Mercer 1

Feb. 15, 2004- Macon, Ga.

Claude Smith Field

MACON, GA. - Brian Jones threw a five-hit shutout to lead Mercer to a doubleheader split against Florida A&M on Sunday at Claude Smith Field.

Jones (3-0) extended his streak of consecutive scoreless innings to 21 with the shutout, his second straight complete game shutout. He struck out six in seven innings as Mercer won game one, 5-0.

Florida A&M used a three-run third inning to win the second game, 3-1, as the Bears were held to just four hits.

"Brian continues to pitch well for us," said Mercer head coach Craig Gibson. "He stepped up today and really gave our team a lift in first game."

Mercer (5-6) got its first run in game one on a sacrifice fly by Josh Thompson. The Bears iced the game with four runs in the sixth, capped by a two-run pinch-hit single by Eric Renfroe.

In game two, Florida A&M (5-6) scored three runs in third inning, two of which were unearned. Todd Rodman drove in one run and David Hampton drove in another as the Rattlers took the early lead.

The Bears scored a run in the fifth on a double by Andrew Einert which drove in Renfroe to cut the lead to 3-1.

Mike Sills pitched the complete game for Florida A&M, striking out six in seven innings while allowing just four hits.

Phillip Morrison (1-3) got the loss for Mercer, allowing three runs, only one earned, on four hits in five innings of work. He walked three and struck out four.

The Bears are back in action at home on Friday as they open a three-game series against Albany State. First pitch is set for 4 p.m.

Mercer 5, Florida A&M Univ. 0

Florida A&M Univ.... 000 000 0 - 0 5 0 (4-6)
Mercer..... 010 004 X - 5 4 0 (5-5)

Pitchers: Florida A&M Univ. - KNIGHT,Jamil; PINKERTON,Pa(6).

Mercer - JONES.

Win-JONES(3-0) Loss-KNIGHT,Jamil(1-1)

T-1:55 A-123

Florida A&M Univ. 3, Mercer 1

Florida A&M Univ.... 003 000 0 - 3 7 0 (5-6)
Mercer..... 000 010 0 - 1 4 2 (5-6)

Pitchers: Florida A&M Univ. - SILLS,Mike.

Mercer - MORRISON; BOWLING(6); HARP(7).

Win-SILLS,Mike Loss-MORRISON(1-3)

T-2:23 A-123

Games 12

Mercer 1, Albany St. 0

Feb. 20, 2004- Macon, Ga.

Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - Senior pitcher Brian Jones struck out 13 batters as Mercer topped Albany State, 1-0, at Claude Smith Field on Friday evening.

Jones' shutout is third complete game shutout in a row and runs his streak of consecutive scoreless innings pitched to 31.

"Brian has been pitching well all season and today was no exception," said Mercer head coach Craig Gibson. "He had great location and kept their hitter off balance all day."

Jones (4-0) allowed just three hits during his nine innings of work and only faced four batters over the minimum.

The offensive hero for the Bears was Daniel Hurst. His RBI double in the bottom of the fifth drove in Roger Alvarez, which proved to be the deciding score.

Mercer (6-6) had five hits off of Albany State starter Anthony Hunter, who got the loss. Hunter allowed one run on five hits while walking seven and striking out three.

"We had a lot of opportunities today," Gibson said. "We drew a lot of walks but we couldn't come through with the key hits when we needed."

Mercer continues its three-game series against the Rams tomorrow with doubleheader. First pitch is set for Noon.

Mercer 1, Albany State 0

Albany State..... 000 000 000 - 0 3 1 (5-1)
Mercer..... 000 010 00X - 1 5 2 (6-6)

Pitchers: Albany State - Hunter-10.

Mercer - JONES.

Win-JONES(4-0) Loss-Hunter-10

T-2:10 A-113

Games 13-14

Mercer 14, Albany St. 1

Mercer 8, Albany St. 0

Feb. 21, 2004- Macon, Ga.

Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - After being held to one run on Friday, Mercer pulled out all its weapons on Saturday, pounding out 16 hits to sweep Albany State, 14-1 and 8-0.

Daniel Hurst led the Bears offense, going 2-for-5 in the two games, driving in six runs and scoring two more, with one hit being his second home run of the season and the other his sixth double.

"It was good to see us finally get our bats going," said Mercer head coach Craig Gibson. "We struggled on Friday at the plate but we were really able to get going early and we just kept the momentum going."

The Bears (8-6) swept a doubleheader for the first time this season which also marks the first time that Mercer has swept a series this season.

Three Bears joined Hurst in finishing the day with three or more RBIs. Mark Cimini was 2-for-5 with three runs scored and three RBIs, on top of getting hit by a pitch three times. Jon Dandridge was 3-for-6 with two runs scored and four RBIs, including his first home run of the season.

Andrew Einert also played long ball, hitting a home run in each game while going 4-for-7 with three RBIs and four runs scored.

Mercer also got solid pitching efforts from Phillip Morrison and Spencer Glotzbach. Morrison (2-3) got the win in the first game, allowing just one hit over five innings while striking out six and walking two.

Glotzbach (1-1) was stellar as well, allowing just one hit over five innings of work while striking out eight to get the win in game two.

The Bears are back in action again on Tuesday as they travel to face in-state rival Georgia Southern.

Mercer 14, Albany State 1

Albany State..... 000 001 0 - 1 3 0 (5-2)
Mercer..... 400 460 X - 14 11 0 (7-6)

Pitchers: Albany State - Hannah-20; Miley-13(4); Benjamin-4(5).
Mercer - MORRISON; NEW(6).
Win-MORRISON(2-3) Loss-Hannah-20
T-2:12 A-150
HR MER - HURST; DANDRIDGE; EINERT

Mercer 8, Albany State 0

Albany State..... 000 000 0 - 0 2 5 (8-6)
Mercer..... 000 404 X - 8 5 0 (5-3)

Pitchers: Albany State - Cambron-14; Ramirez-16(4).
Mercer - GLOTZBACH; BOWLING(6); NARVESON(7)
Win-GLOTZBACH(1-1) Loss-Cambron-14
T-1:41 A-150
HR MER - EINERT.

Game 15

Georgia Southern 14, Mercer 5
Feb. 24, 2004- Statesboro, Ga.
J.I. Clements Stadium

STATESBORO, Ga. - Georgia Southern pounded out 17 hits, including three home runs to beat Mercer on Tuesday night, 14-5.

Brandon Ponder led the Eagles by going 3-for-4 with two runs scored and four RBIs. He also had a triple and a three-run home run to pace the Eagles' offense.

Georgia Southern (5-5) had five players drive in two runs or more.

"We had chances tonight against a very good team," said Mercer head coach Craig Gibson. "We need to make better pitches in two-strike situations. We've got a lot of work to do."

The Bears (8-7) were led offensively by Ty Megahee and Eric Renfroe. Megahee was 1-for-4 with two RBIs with Renfroe going 2-for-5 with one RBI.

"Our offense came alive," Gibson said. "We had to get a turn through the lineup before we made the adjustments."

The Eagles opened the game by scoring eight runs in the first four innings, led by the three home runs.

The Bears answered back with a run in the fifth and three more in the top of the seventh to cut the lead to four, 8-4.

But the Eagles answered in the bottom of the seventh, scoring four runs with two outs to push the lead back to eight, 12-4.

Mercer scored a run in the eighth but the Eagles tacked on two more in the bottom half to seal the win.

Dustin Evans (1-2) got the win, allowing four runs, three earned, in 6.1 innings pitched. He allowed six hits while striking out eight and walking one.

Adam Bowling (1-2) got the loss for Mercer, giving up eight runs on nine hits in 3.2 innings pitched. He walked five while striking out four.

The Bears are back in action again on Saturday with a doubleheader against Savannah State at Claude Smith Field. First pitch is set for noon.

Georgia Southern 14, Mercer 5

Mercer..... 000 010 310 - 5 9 1 (8-7)
Georgia Southern.... 032 300 42X - 14 17 2 (5-5)

Pitchers: Mercer - BOWLING; NARVESON(4); MORRISON(7); NEW(8).
Georgia Southern - Evans; Cogswell(7); Thompson(8); Comstock(9).
Win-Evans(1-2) Loss-BOWLING(1-2) T-3:10 A-905
HR GSU - Burruss (3); Ponder (1); Long (2).

Games 16-17

Savannah State 10, Mercer 8
Savannah State 9, Mercer 4
Feb. 28, 2004- Macon, Ga.
Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - Mercer's baseball squad lost their second and third straight games to an in-state opponent Saturday afternoon, dropping the first game of a doubleheader against Savannah State 10-8, then the second game 9-4.

In the first contest, senior Brian Jones allowed his first runs in over 30 innings in the top of the first, as Savannah State staked a 2-0 lead in their first turn at bat. After tacking on three more runs, Savannah State allowed five Mercer runs in the bottom of the third, as the Tigers committed four errors in the inning.

Mercer would take an 8-7 lead into the top of the seventh, then got two outs thanks to a pair of ground-outs to third base. However, a three-run homer by Brandon Pope would spell the difference, as the Bears could not answer in the bottom of the inning.

In the second contest, a five-run sixth inning would seal the Bears' fate, as a walk, a hit batsman and a single would set the table for Chris Wilmoth, who delivered a shot to left-center to clear the bases for the Tigers. Jeremiah Fielder would drive in the other Savannah State run with a single three batters later, as the Tigers paraded 10 hitters to the plate during the inning.

Mike Narveson (0-1) earned the loss in the first game, giving up the 3-run shot in the seventh inning. Brian Jones wound up pitching six innings, giving up ten hits and seven runs, six earned.

Philip Morrison (2-4) got the loss in the second game, giving up five runs, three earned, in his 5.1 innings of work. He struck out seven while giving up six hits to the Tigers.

On the day, Savannah State was led by Tim Paige, who went 5-for-7 with three RBIs and two doubles, while Chris Wilmoth went 2-for-7 with five RBIs, four of which came on his grand slam.

Carlos Markyna and Eric Alvarez earned the wins in the doubleheader, as they each pitched complete games for the Tigers. Markyna gave up six hits and eight runs in the first game, while Alvarez allowed four runs on eight hits, including five strikeouts on the day.

The Bears were led offensively by Daniel Hurst, who went 3-for-7 with his conference-leading ninth double, along with four RBIs on the day. Roger Alvarez also went 3-for-7 for the Bears, while Andy Wells played in only the second game, however, went 2-for-3 with a run scored.

The Tigers and Bears will meet again Sunday afternoon for a single, nine-inning contest. First pitch is set for 1 p.m. at Claude Smith Field.

Savannah State 10, Mercer 8

Savannah State..... 221 020 3 - 10 11 5 (6-5)
Mercer..... 005 030 0 - 8 6 1 (8-8)

Pitchers: Savannah State - MARKYNA,C..
Mercer - JONES; NARVESON(7).
Win-MARKYNA,C. Loss-NARVESON(0-1)
T-2:34 A-150
HR SSU - POPE,B..
HR MER - EINERT (4).

Savannah State 9, Mercer 4

Savannah State..... 200 115 0 - 9 11 2 (7-5)
Mercer..... 002 000 2 - 4 8 2 (8-9)

Pitchers: Savannah State - ALVAREZ,E..
Mercer - MORRISON; NEW(6); KORNEMANN(7).
Win-ALVAREZ,E. Loss-MORRISON(2-4)
T-2:30 A-150
HR SSU - WILMOTH,C..

Game 18

Mercer 9, Savannah State 8
Feb. 29, 2004- Macon, Ga.
Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - Roger Alvarez's two-run double in the bottom of the eighth put Mercer ahead to stay, as the Bears held on for a 9-8 victory over Savannah State on Sunday afternoon.

Alvarez came around to score what would prove to be the deciding run on a single by Eric Renfroe, as the Bears (9-9) took a 9-7 lead into the bottom of the ninth.

After reliever Adam Bowling (2-2) allowed a single and two walks, Carlos Wilmoth plated one run on a sacrifice fly to left field, as Savannah State trailed by only one run with a runner on third and two outs in the inning.

A walk to Tim Paige loaded the bases, however, Rafael Blanco could only manage a weak grounder to third that gave the Bears the victory.

"Today was the best team effort that we've had this season," said Mercer head coach Craig Gibson. "Everyone had a chance to contribute today. I thought Spence (Glottzbach) pitched better than his decision today, and Adam did a good job out of the bullpen to get us the win."

Mercer had an opportunity to come back in the seventh inning, but only came away with one run, despite loading the bases with only one out.

"I think that we really grew up a lot today," said Gibson. "We fought back after losing that lead early, and I think that this is really going to help our young guys later in the year."

Jeremiah Fielder earned the loss for the Tigers, allowing four runs on five hits in his two innings of work. After a shaky start, allowing four runs on only two hits, an error and four wild pitches in the first inning, Josh Wagner left the game with a 7-5 lead after allowing five runs on six hits in six innings.

Glottzbach allowed seven runs in his four innings of work, however, only two were earned. Bowling entered in the fifth inning, going the distance, allowing only three hits and the run in the ninth inning.

Alvarez finished the day 1-for-4 with the two-run double and two runs scored. Andy Wells came up with his best effort of the year, going 2-for-4 with two RBIs and a run scored, while Christian Grossman and Jon Dandridge each finished 2-for-4 as well.

The Bears enter Atlantic Sun Conference play Friday afternoon, hosting Gardner-Webb in a single, nine-inning game. First pitch is set for 6 p.m. at Claude Smith Field.

Mercer 9, Savannah State 8

Savannah State..... 000 340 001 - 8 5 3 (7-6)
Mercer..... 400 000 14X - 9 11 3 (9-9)

Pitchers: Savannah State - WAGNER,J.; FIELDER,J.(7).
Mercer - GLOTZBACH; BOWLING(5).
Win-BOWLING(2-2) Loss-FIELDER,J. T-3:10 A-157
HR SSU - MINCEY,B..
GLOTZBACH faced 4 batters in the 5th.
WAGNER,J. faced 2 batters in the 7th.

Game 19

Gardner-Webb 5, Mercer 4
Mar. 5, 2004- Macon, Ga.
Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - Clint Abernathy hit two home runs while Ryan Quirello hit another as Gardner-Webb held off a late Mercer rally to win their Atlantic Sun Conference opener 5-4.

The game began as a pitching duel, as both Mercer's Brian Jones and Gardner-Webb's Joey Siak combined to face only four batters over the minimum in the first three innings. The Bulldogs (6-7, 1-0 A-Sun) finally struck in the fourth inning, when Quirello led off with his second homer of the season.

Abernathy then hit a long fly ball to the wall in the fifth inning that leftfielder Christian Grossman couldn't track down. As Abernathy sped around the bases, Mercer couldn't get the ball back into the infield in time to prevent the inside-the-park home run.

Abernathy then followed that up with a two-run shot in the seventh to put the Bulldogs up 4-1. The Bulldogs would tack on one more in the top of the ninth, chasing Bear starter Brian Jones after allowing five earned runs in eight-plus innings.

Mercer tried to rally in the bottom of the ninth, but came up just short on their comeback bid. Josh Thompson's two-run double to left center accounted for the first two runs of the inning, while Thompson then scored on Rick Byrd's single.

"Like I told the guys, this is the kind of game that you're going to get on Friday nights in this league," said Mercer head coach Craig Gibson. "We'll always have two above-average pitchers going, and runs are going to be at a premium. We can't make mental mistakes and expect to win."

Gibson was referring to the three errors charged to the Bears in the game, along with twice being picked off at first base.

Joey Siak saw his consecutive scoreless innings streak end at 18.2 innings. Siak allowed four runs, three earned, in his 8.1 innings of work, striking out six while allowing eight hits.

Quirello finished 4-for-5 with two RBIs and one run scored, while Clint Abernathy went 2-for-2 with three RBIs and three runs scored. Thompson led the Bears with a 3-for-4 outing, while scoring one run and driving home two on his ninth-inning double.

The Bulldogs and Bears will continue their first conference series of the season Saturday afternoon, with a doubleheader at Claude Smith Field. First pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Gardner-Webb 5, Mercer 4

Gardner-Webb..... 000 110 201 - 5 9 0 (6-7, 1-0)
Mercer..... 000 001 003 - 4 9 3 (9-10, 0-1)

Pitchers: Gardner-Webb - SIAK, J; WARD, Z(9).
Mercer - JONES; BOWLING(9).
Win-SIAK, J(3-0) Save-WARD, Z(1) Loss-JONES(4-1) T-2:40 A-123
HR GWU - QUIRELLO, R; ABERNATHY, C 2.
JONES faced 1 batter in the 9th.

Games 20-21

Gardner-Webb 3, Mercer 0 Gardner-Webb 2, Mercer 0

Mar. 6, 2004- Macon, Ga.
Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga.- Mercer could manage only six hits against three Gardner-Webb pitchers Saturday afternoon as the Bulldogs took both ends of an Atlantic Sun Conference doubleheader 3-0 and 2-0 at Claude Smith Field.

Jeff Long (2-2) allowed only one hit in seven innings in throwing his first shutout of the season in the day's opening contest. The one hit came in the third inning, as a pop-up on a bunt by Ty Megahee fell just out of the grasp of a diving Gardner-Webb third baseman Blake Lalli.

Gardner-Webb (8-7, 3-0 A-Sun) scored on two singles and a sacrifice fly, as Philip Morrison (2-5) was charged with the loss after allowing two runs on five hits in six innings of work.

In the second contest, Abe Gonzalez (2-3) and Brandon Martin combined to shut out the Bears, as Gonzalez allowed four hits in 5.1 innings, while Martin allowed only one hit and struck out four of the seven batters he faced to score his first save of the year.

Gardner-Webb struck in the first and sixth innings, with RBI singles by Matt Bridges and Nathan MacDonald, respectively. Mercer starter Spence Glotzbach (1-2) allowed six hits in 5.2 innings and both runs while striking out five batters.

Mercer (9-12, 0-3 A-Sun) threatened on several occasions, however, Gonzalez worked out of jam after

jam. Mercer left six runners on base in the contest, including twice having runners on third base with no outs, but could not bring home the tying run in either the first or fifth innings.

Gardner-Webb was led on the day by Sammy Styers, who finished 3-for-7 with a double, a run scored and an RBI, while Friday's hero, Clint Abernathy went 2-for-6 with a run scored.

The only Bear who could manage more than one hit on the day was Daniel Hurst, who went 2-for-3 in the second game with his tenth double of the season.

Mercer will return to action at a tournament hosted by the University of North Florida on Tuesday afternoon. The Bears will take on Michigan State on Tuesday and Wednesday, with first pitches scheduled for 3:30 p.m. and 1 p.m., respectively.

Gardner-Webb 3, Mercer 0

Gardner-Webb..... 000 110 1 - 3 5 1 (7-7, 2-0)
Mercer..... 000 000 0 - 0 1 3 (9-11, 0-2)

Pitchers: Gardner-Webb - LONG, J.
Mercer - MORRISON; BOWLING(7).
Win-LONG, J(2-2) Loss-MORRISON(2-5) T-1:55 A-113

Gardner-Webb 3, Mercer 0

Gardner-Webb..... 000 110 1 - 3 5 1 (7-7, 2-0)
Mercer..... 000 000 0 - 0 1 3 (9-11, 0-2)

Pitchers: Gardner-Webb - LONG, J.
Mercer - MORRISON; BOWLING(7).
Win-LONG, J(2-2) Loss-MORRISON(2-5) T-1:55 A-113

Game 22

Mercer 8, Michigan State 4 Mar. 9, 2004- Jacksonville, Fla. Harmon Stadium

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.- Mercer pounded out 15 hits Tuesday afternoon in an 8-4 win over Michigan State at the Kennel Club Classic hosted by the University of North Florida.

Rick Byrd led Mercer (10-12) with three of those hits, including a double, as the Bears put up five runs in the first inning and never looked back.

Mercer also got strong outings on the mound from a trio of pitchers, as Adam Bowling (3-2) threw five innings to score the win. Bowling allowed nine hits and four runs, three earned, in defeating Michigan State (3-4) in the first game of the two-game series. Philip Morrison came on in the sixth to throw two innings of no-hit ball, while Mike Narveson closed the game, allowing only one hit in his two innings.

"We really played well today," said Mercer head coach Craig Gibson. "We jumped out early and got the lead and were able to put pressure on them the rest of the way. We hit well, got great pitching from Adam, Philip and Mike, and were able to score a big win coming off of last weekend.

The first inning was all the Bears would need, after two doubles and five consecutive singles allowed Mercer to bat around, leading to the early 5-0 lead. The Bears pounded out six of those hits with two outs, as six of the Bears' eight runs in the contest were with two outs.

Michigan State pulled close in the bottom of the fifth, when they cut the lead to 6-4 with a runner on second. But Bowling would get a fly-out to center field to end the rally and preserve the lead.

Mercer put up two insurance runs in the top of the eighth, thanks to a fielding error by MSU centerfielder Alan Cattrysse. That play allowed Eric Renfro to score and put Josh Thompson on third base, who would score on a suicide squeeze by Ty Megahee.

Leading the Bears on the day were Byrd, who went 3-for-5 with a run scored, and Andrew Einert, Christian Grossman and Thompson, who all finished the day with two hits, a run scored and a RBI.

The Bears and Spartans will meet again tomorrow at Harmon Stadium on the campus of North Florida,

with first pitch scheduled for 1 p.m.

Mercer 8, Michigan State 4

Mercer..... 500 100 020 - 8 15 2 (10-12)
Michigan State..... 110 020 000 - 4 10 2 (3-4)

Pitchers: Mercer - BOWLING; MORRISON(6); NARVESON(8).
Michigan State - Brookes; White(5);Kowalski(8).
Win-BOWLING(3-2) Loss-Brookes(0-2) T-2:50 A-273
HR MSU - Miller.

Game 23

Michigan State 12, Mercer 10 Mar. 10, 2004- Jacksonville, Fla. Harmon Stadium

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.- Travis Gulick's bases-loaded triple in the bottom of the ninth gave Michigan State their first lead of a two-game series against Mercer, as the Spartans rallied to steal a 12-10 victory at the Kennel Club Classic hosted by the University of North Florida.

Gulick went 2-for-6 on the day with a double and triple, finishing with three RBIs. Alan Cattrysse went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs, while David Miller had three hits and a run scored to lead Michigan State (4-4) to a victory in the slugfest.

Mercer (10-13) jumped out early, leading 3-0 after four innings then 9-3 after six. However, a five run seventh inning and a four-run ninth would spell disaster, as Mercer lost their third game of the year after leading entering the final inning.

"We're very disappointed with the outcome today," said Mercer head coach Craig Gibson. "We let one get away here. We've got a young club, we got up early and just thought we could coast through. But Michigan State fought back and got themselves a win."

After beginning the game with three and a half scoreless innings, Mercer scored three runs on one hit, an error and two hit batters in the fourth inning.

Michigan State answered with two runs in the fifth inning, thanks to back-to-back home runs from Oliver Wolcott and Ryan Basham.

After trading runs in the bottom of the fifth and top of the sixth, Mercer tacked on five more runs in the sixth to build a 9-3 lead. Rick Byrd's first home run of the year accounted for three of those runs, while Josh Thompson's single drove two more home for the Bears.

Michigan State would answer with five runs of their own in the top of the seventh, four of which came with two outs. Four singles, an error and two walks would do the damage, as the Spartans brought the score to 9-8.

Jeff Gerbe's throwing error gave the Bears a run in the bottom of the seventh, though they could manage nothing else as they left runners on first and third, a missed opportunity that came back to haunt the Bears in the ninth.

In the ninth, Cattrysse's double brought the score to 10-9, then a hit batsman led to Gulick's go-ahead triple.

Mercer used five pitchers while Michigan State used six different hurlers in a game that lasted almost three and a half hours. Brantley New pitched four innings, giving up no runs and only three hits. Mike Narveson pitched one inning, giving up the two back-to-back home runs, while Brian Jones saw one inning of work, giving up only one unearned run.

Spence Glotzbach could only manage to get two outs in the seventh inning, allowing five runs, four earned. Paul Harp (0-2) pitched well in closing the seventh and eighth innings, however, ran into trouble in the ninth to score his second loss of the season.

For Michigan State, Ryan Kurtz (1-0) pitched 2.1 perfect innings to close out the game in earning his first win of the year.

Mercer will return to action Friday evening against Atlantic Sun foe Stetson. First pitch is scheduled for 6 p.m. at Claude Smith Field.

Michigan State 12, Mercer 10

Michigan State..... 000 021 504 - 12 14 4 (4-4)
Mercer..... 000 315 100 - 10 9 1 (10-13)

Pitchers: Michigan State - Hahn; Toepper(4); Dow(6); Kovac(6); Gerbe(7); Kurtz(7).
Mercer -NEW; NARVESON(5); JONES(6); GLOTZBACH(7); HARP(7).
Win-Kurtz(1-0) Loss-HARP(0-2) T-3:24 A-132
HR MSU - Wolcott; Basham.
HR MER - BYRD (1).
Dow faced 3 batters in the 6th.

Game 24

Stetson 19, Mercer 5

Mar. 12, 2004- Macon, Ga.

Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga.- Senior catcher Chris Westervelt continued his tear against Mercer Friday evening, going 4-for-5 with eight RBIs in a 19-5 Stetson victory in Atlantic Sun action.

Westervelt led the Stetson (10-5, 1-0 A-Sun) attack, however, was far from the only slugging star for the Hatters on the evening. Braedyn Pruitt also finished 4-for-5 with two runs scored and an RBI, while Shane Jordan finished 4-for-6 with two runs scored and an RBI as well.

The Hatters struck early and often against Mercer senior pitcher Brian Jones (4-2). The Bears (10-14, 0-4 A-Sun) allowed three runs in the top of the first, thanks to Westervelt's fifth home run of the season, a three-run shot to center field.

Mercer answered with one run in their half of the first, when Daniel Hurst scored on an error by Stetson shortstop Brandon Paritz.

The second inning was Jones' undoing, as all eight runs in the frame were charged to him, though he lasted only two thirds of the inning. Jones allowed four hits while the Bears committed two errors in the inning, as Mike Narveson relieved Jones in his shortest outing of the season.

Bryan Zenchyk continued his season-long hit streak with a three-run homer in the second inning, while a two-run single by Westervelt and an RBI triple by Braedyn Pruitt were also given up by Jones in the inning.

After Mercer put up their second run of the day in the third, Stetson answered with five more in the fourth, two runs due to the Bears' two errors in the inning and three thanks to Westervelt's second three-run homer of the night.

Each team would put up three runs in the rest of the game, as both teams emptied their benches.

Cy McCuen (4-1) earned the win for the Hatters, pitching six innings, giving up nine hits and five runs, four earned. Brendan Hayden came on in the seventh to pick up his first save of the season, allowing only four hits and no runs in his three innings.

Jones earned the loss for the Bears, allowing 11 runs in 1.2 innings, though only five were earned. Mike Narveson threw 4.1 innings, giving up nine hits and seven runs, one earned, while Adam Bowling pitched one inning of scoreless ball.

Josh Thompson pitched the final two innings for the Bears, in only the third pitching appearance of his career. The catcher/designated hitter struck out three of the ten batters he faced, giving up three hits and an earned run.

Leading the Bears in the hit column were Rick Byrd, who went 3-for-5 with a double and an RBI, and freshman Chase Swanson, who recorded his first hit as a Bear in the fifth inning, then proceeded to hit an RBI double in the seventh and another single in the eighth to go 3-for-4 on the evening. Daniel Hurst went 2-for-3 with his team-leading eleventh double of the season.

Westervelt is now batting a blistering .566 on the season, while Stetson as a team is hitting at a .347 clip. Westervelt leads the Hatters with 23 RBIs, while freshman Jon Still is hitting .517 with 20 RBIs.

Mercer and Stetson will return to action tomorrow afternoon, with a doubleheader at Claude Smith Field. First pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Stetson 19, Mercer 5

Stetson..... 380 502 001 - 19 21 1 (10-5, 1-0)
Mercer..... 101 012 000 - 5 13 6 (10-14, 0-4)

Pitchers: Stetson - MCCUEN; HAYDEN(7).
Mercer - JONES; NARVESON(2); BOWLING(7); THOMPSON(8).
Win-MCCUEN(4-1) Save-HAYDEN(1) Loss-JONES(4-2)
T-3:20 A-153
HR STET - WESTERVELT 2; ZENCHYK.

Games 25-26

Stetson 8, Mercer 2

Mar. 13, 2004- Macon, Ga.

Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga.- Stetson's bats didn't cool off any Saturday afternoon, as the Hatters kept up their hot hitting in a doubleheader sweep of Mercer at Claude Smith Field.

Braedyn Pruitt led Stetson (12-5, 3-0 A-Sun) with a 3-for-3 performance with two home runs and four RBIs in the first game, an 8-2 victory.

Bryan Zenchyk led the Hatters in the second game, going 3-for-4 with three RBIs, while Brandon Paritz also had three hits, two RBIs and three runs scored in Stetson's second victory, this time by a 16-2 margin.

Philip Morrison (2-6) took the loss in the first contest, pitching six innings while allowing six runs. Adam Bowling came in on in the seventh, allowing two hits and two runs in the seventh.

Chris Ingoglia (2-0) pitched 5.2 innings for Stetson, allowing seven hits and no runs, as Mercer ended up leaving 11 baserunners in the contest. Ryan Dixon would come in to pitch the seventh, giving up the only two Mercer runs, both earned.

In the second contest, Stetson put up one run in the first, four in the second and seven in the third to put the game away early. Mercer starter Spence Glotzbach (1-3) was charged with six earned runs in his two innings, while Brantley New gave up eight earned runs in his two innings.

Mercer committed four errors in the second contest, as Stetson ended up leaving 10 runners on base.

After Ryan Colton allowed two earned runs in his one-plus innings of work, Ryan Heacox (3-0) came in, pitching four innings and allowing only one baserunner, to earn the win.

Other Stetson standouts on the day included Jon Still, who went 4-for-8 with four RBIs and two runs scored, and Chris Westervelt, who went 3-for-8 with one RBI and three runs scored.

Mercer standouts included Rick Byrd, who went 2-for-3 with a double in the second contest, Mark Cimini, who finished 3-for-4 in the first game with a double, and Eric Renfroe, who finished with the same line in the first contest.

Mercer will return to action Wednesday evening, when the College of Charleston comes to town. First pitch is scheduled for 4 p.m.

Stetson 8, Mercer 2

Stetson..... 003 102 2 - 8 12 1 (11-5, 2-0)
Mercer..... 000 000 2 - 2 8 1 (10-15, 0-5)

Pitchers: Stetson - INGOGLIA; BERLETT(6); DIXON(7).
Mercer - MORRISON; BOWLING(7).
Win-INGOGLIA(2-0) Loss-MORRISON(2-6) T-2:13 A-109
HR STET - PRUITT 2 (3).

Stetson 16, Mercer 2

Stetson..... 147 202 0 - 16 16 0 (12-5, 3-0)
Mercer..... 020 000 0 - 2 5 4 (10-16, 0-6)

Pitchers: Stetson - COLTON; HEACOX(2); NERY(6);

DIXON(7).

Mercer - GLOTZBACH; NEW(3); KORNEMANN(5); HARP(7).

Win-HEACOX(3-0) Loss-GLOTZBACH(1-3) T-2:40 A-109

COLTON faced 3 batters in the 2nd.
GLOTZBACH faced 1 batter in the 3rd.

Mercer Season Stats

Player	AVG	GP	GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDPOB%	SF	SH	SB	ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%	
HURST	.354	26	26	79	23	28	11	1	2	16	47	.595	21	2	12	2	.495	1	0	2	4	20	40	14	.811
BYRD	.347	18	15	49	9	17	4	0	1	8	24	.490	6	3	2	1	.448	0	3	0	0	19	0	0	1.000
SWANSON	.308	7	5	13	2	4	1	0	0	2	5	.385	2	1	0	0	.438	0	0	1	1	10	8	7	.720
GROSSMAN	.296	26	26	81	16	24	5	0	2	12	35	.432	10	4	8	4	.396	1	4	1	3	41	0	2	.953
CIMINI	.280	25	25	82	19	23	3	0	2	14	32	.390	6	10	13	1	.394	1	0	1	1	140	14	2	.987
ALVAREZ	.280	23	23	75	14	21	3	2	0	10	28	.373	13	1	6	0	.389	1	4	4	7	34	63	4	.960
RENFROE	.263	26	25	80	19	21	3	0	0	16	24	.300	13	4	15	0	.388	1	2	6	6	32	3	1	.972
EINERT	.262	26	26	84	14	22	5	0	4	15	39	.464	9	0	11	2	.330	1	0	0	1	180	9	7	.964
THOMPSON	.255	20	14	51	10	13	2	0	0	10	15	.294	3	4	7	2	.333	2	0	1	2	28	4	1	.970
DANDRIDGE	.245	19	18	53	6	13	1	0	1	8	17	.321	12	0	8	2	.385	0	0	1	2	19	1	2	.909
MEGAHEE	.222	18	11	36	3	8	0	0	0	7	8	.222	5	2	9	1	.349	0	3	0	0	30	24	4	.931
WELLS	.188	13	11	32	5	6	0	0	0	3	6	.188	5	5	6	0	.381	0	3	0	1	18	20	1	.974
WYPASEK	.125	5	2	8	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	.125	1	0	4	0	.222	0	0	0	0	2	9	1	.917
CARPENTER	.000	15	5	13	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	4	0	4	0	.235	0	2	0	0	10	1	0	1.000
KIMBRELL, BL	.000	7	2	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	2	2	3	0	.364	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1.000
Totals	.271	26	26	743	145	201	38	3	12	122	281	.378	112	38	108	15	.390	8	21	17	28	603	242	52	.942
Opponents	.281	26	26	809	171	227	33	7	25	154	349	.431	94	33	170	12	.375	8	12	28	40	588	276	42	.954

LOB - Team (189), Opp (182). DPs turned - Team (22), Opp (26). IBB - Team (1), RENFROE 1, Opp (1). Picked off - HURST 3, GROSSMAN 1, WELLS 1, BYRD 1.

Player	ERA	W	L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	ABB/Avg	WP	HP	BP	BK	SFA	SHA
JONES	3.08	4	2	9	8	3	3	0	0	52.2	46	27	18	17	41	7	1	5	195	.236	0	5	0	0	4
HARP	3.27	0	2	9	0	0	0	0	1	11.0	12	7	4	0	10	2	1	0	45	.267	2	2	0	1	1
MORRISON	4.09	2	6	10	8	0	0	0	0	44.0	51	39	20	19	39	6	3	5	181	.282	1	11	1	0	2
THOMPSON	4.50	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.0	3	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	10	.300	0	0	0	0	0
BOWLING	5.28	3	2	12	3	0	0	1	0	30.2	33	23	18	14	24	4	0	6	123	.268	2	4	0	3	1
GLOTZBACH	6.67	1	3	8	6	0	0	1	0	28.1	30	31	21	25	27	6	0	3	108	.278	1	5	1	1	4
NARVESON	7.50	0	1	11	0	0	0	1	0	18.0	25	23	15	12	13	3	1	4	80	.313	2	2	1	0	0
NEW	10.12	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	10.2	22	15	12	5	12	4	0	1	51	.431	0	4	0	2	0
KORNEMANN	12.27	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3.2	5	5	5	2	1	1	1	1	16	.313	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	5.06	10	16	26	26	3	4	1	1	201.0	227	171	113	94	170	33	7	25	809	.281	8	33	3	8	12
Opponents	4.87	16	10	26	26	5	3	2	4	196.0	201	145	106	112	108	38	3	12	743	.271	26	38	5	8	21

PB - Team (3), CIMINI 2, THOMPSON 1, Opp (5). Pickoffs - Team (4), MORRISON 2, JONES 2, Opp (4). SBA/ATT - CIMINI (26-33), MORRISON (9-11), JONES (6-10), GLOTZBACH (5-8), BOWLING (5-6), THOMPSON (2-3), HARP (2-2), NEW (0-2), NARVESON (1-1).