



MERCER BASEBALL 2025 GAME NOTES

GAME 30 AT GEORGIA TECH | APRIL 1 | 8 ET | VIDEO: ACC NETWORK

TUESDAY'S MATCHUP



MERCER BEARS
19-10 OVERALL
3-3 SOCON



GEORGIA TECH YELLOW JACKETS
22-6 OVERALL
8-4 ACC

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|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| RPI | 104 |
| Ranking | N/A |
| Head Coach | Craig Gibson |
| MER Record | 712-489 |
| Career Record | 712-489 |
| Projected Starter: | LHP Wyatt Mummert (0-0, 18.00) |

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|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| RPI | 19 |
| Ranking | 25 |
| Head Coach | Danny Hall |
| GT Record | 1,225-663 |
| Career Record | 1,433-780 |
| Projected Starter: | RHP Sam Swygert (0-1, 5.84) |

SERIES HISTORY VS. GEORGIA TECH

87th Meeting

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| Overall..... | 26-60 |
| Streak | L 1 |
| At Mercer | 14-21 |
| At Georgia Tech..... | 10-32 |
| Mercer's Last Win | 5/16/2023 |
| Last 5 Meetings: | 2-3 |

TEAM COMPARISON

| | MER | GT |
|--------|-------|-------|
| Record | 19-10 | 22-6 |
| Last 5 | 4-1 | 3-2 |
| AVG | .279 | .335 |
| OPS | .861 | 1.017 |
| R | 197 | 271 |
| 2B | 57 | 84 |
| HR | 40 | 45 |
| ERA | 4.26 | 4.08 |
| SO | 266 | 291 |
| BB | 103 | 110 |
| FLD | .970 | .973 |

PROBABLE STARTERS

| Pos. | Name | Avg. | GP-GS | AB | R | H | HR | RBI | SB |
|------|------------------|------|-------|-----|----|----|----|-----|----|
| C | Zack Thompson | .210 | 25-20 | 62 | 9 | 13 | 0 | 7 | 1 |
| 1B | Parker Lester | .260 | 28-28 | 96 | 24 | 25 | 6 | 23 | 0 |
| 2B | Titan Kamaka | .321 | 21-21 | 81 | 16 | 26 | 3 | 20 | 2 |
| SS | Bradley Frye | .386 | 29-29 | 127 | 25 | 49 | 9 | 31 | 5 |
| 3B | Brant Baughcum | .269 | 29-29 | 104 | 19 | 28 | 4 | 25 | 4 |
| LF | Drew Johnson | .250 | 29-28 | 100 | 19 | 25 | 1 | 15 | 3 |
| CF | Ely Brown | .330 | 29-29 | 100 | 30 | 33 | 2 | 15 | 5 |
| RF | Ty Dalley | .291 | 29-29 | 117 | 23 | 34 | 11 | 36 | 0 |
| DH | Michael Graziano | .184 | 21-13 | 49 | 10 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 1 |

GAMEDAY NOTES

> Mercer enters Tuesday's game after securing a SoCon series win over Western Carolina over the weekend. The Bears took the rubber match in emphatic fashion, using a 10-run outburst in the third inning en route to a 13-3 rule-rule victory

> The Bears look to win their fifth game in a row against a ranked opponent on Tuesday, having won their last four games against top-25 teams

> Junior Ty Dalley hit his 50th career home run on Saturday, capping a four homer week. Dalley now leads the Bears and ranks third in the SoCon with 11 long balls this season and needs just six more home runs to tie Mercer's career record, held by Tim Smith (1980-83)

> After a slow start to the season, junior Drew Johnson has turned it on at the plate over the last two weeks. In his last six games, Johnson is hitting .435 (10-for-23) with six runs scored and four RBI

> Titan Kamaka has found his groove at the plate since returning from injury in early March, ranking third on the team with a .321 batting average. Kamaka is currently riding a nine game hitting streak and drove in three runs in Saturday's rubber match against Western Carolina

2025 MERCER BASEBALL SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME/RESULT |
|-----------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Feb. 14 | Milwaukee | L, 3-6 |
| Feb. 15 | Milwaukee | W, 12-4 |
| Feb. 16 | Milwaukee | W, 10-3 |
| Feb. 19 | at Kennesaw State | W, 9-4 |
| Feb. 21 | Kent State | W, 9-5 |
| Feb. 22 | Kent State | W, 7-6 |
| Feb. 23 | Kent State | W, 7-5 |
| Feb. 25 | Florida A&M | W, 14-7 |
| Feb. 26 | Florida A&M | W, 9-2 |
| Feb. 28 | High Point | W, 7-1 |
| March 1 | Florida A&M | L, 2-5 |
| March 2 | High Point | L, 4-6 |
| March 5 | at Alabama State | W, 1-0 |
| March 7 | Southern | W, 6-0 |
| March 8 | Southern | L, 9-12 |
| March 8 | Southern | W, 6-4 |
| March 11 | Alabama State | L, 5-7 |
| March 12 | Kennesaw State | L, 3-5 |
| March 14 | Tennessee Tech | W, 9-1 |
| March 15 | Tennessee Tech | L, 7-9 |
| March 16 | Tennessee Tech | W, 6-3 |
| March 18 | at #5 Florida State | W, 9-3 |
| March 21 | at The Citadel* | L, 5-6 (11 Inn.) |
| March 22 | at The Citadel* | L, 0-8 |
| March 23 | at The Citadel* | W, 9-7 |
| March 26 | Georgia State | W, 7-6 |
| March 28 | Western Carolina* | W, 6-5 |
| March 29 | Western Carolina* | L, 3-7 |
| March 29 | Western Carolina*W,13-3 (7 Inn.) | |
| April 1 | at #25 Georgia Tech | 8 p.m. |
| April 4 | at VMI* | 6 p.m. |
| April 5 | at VMI* | 2 p.m. |
| April 6 | at VMI* | 1 p.m. |
| April 8 | at Florida A&M | 4 p.m. |
| April 9 | Georgia Southern | 6 p.m. |
| April 11 | Charleston Southern | 6 p.m. |
| April 12 | Charleston Southern | 2 p.m. |
| April 13 | at Charleston Southern | 3 p.m. |
| April 15 | at Georgia Southern | 6 p.m. |
| April 17 | East Tennessee State* | 6 p.m. |
| April 18 | East Tennessee State* | 6 p.m. |
| April 19 | East Tennessee State* | 1 p.m. |
| April 23 | at Florida A&M | 4 p.m. |
| April 25 | UNC Greensboro* | 6 p.m. |
| April 26 | UNC Greensboro* | 2 p.m. |
| April 27 | UNC Greensboro* | 1 p.m. |
| April 30 | at Georgia State | 6 p.m. |
| May 2 | at Wofford* | 5:30 p.m. |
| May 3 | at Wofford* | 2 p.m. |
| May 4 | at Wofford* | 1 p.m. |
| May 7 | Georgia Tech | 6 p.m. |
| May 10 | at Virginia Tech | 3 p.m. |
| May 11 | at Virginia Tech | 1 p.m. |
| May 15 | Samford* | 6 p.m. |
| May 16 | Samford* | 6 p.m. |
| May 17 | Samford* | 2 p.m. |
| May 20-24 | SoCon Tournament | |

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SoCon Preseason All-Conference Awards

Preseason Player of the Year

Ty Dalley, Mercer

Preseason Pitcher of the Year

Michael Harpster, ETSU/Rob Ready, UNCG

Preseason All-Conference

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Cl.</u> | <u>Pos.</u> | <u>School</u> |
|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------|

First Team

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|------------------|
| Michael Harpster | So. | SP | ETSU |
| Rob Ready | Sr. | SP | UNCG |
| Dusty Revis | Jr. | SP | Western Carolina |
| Colton Cospser | Sr. | SP | Mercer |
| Kenny Michaels | So. | RP | Wofford |
| Grant Aycock | Jr. | RP | UNCG |
| Jess Ackerman | R-Jr. | RP | Mercer |
| JD Yakubinis | R-Sr. | C | ETSU |
| Grayson Fitzwater | Jr. | 1B | VMI |
| Travis Elliott | Gr. | 2B | The Citadel |
| Bradley Frye | Sr. | SS | Mercer |
| Cody Miller | Jr. | 3B | ETSU |
| Ty Dalley | Jr. | OF | Mercer |
| David Wiley | Sr. | OF | Wofford |
| Andrew Mannelly | Jr. | OF | Wofford |
| Luke Holland | Jr. | OF | UNCG |
| Trey Truitt | Sr. | DH | UNCG |

Second Team

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----|----|------------------|
| Hunter Shuey | Sr. | SP | UNCG |
| Miller Riggins | Sr. | SP | Samford |
| Dillon Rhadans | Sr. | SP | Wofford |
| Evan Steckmesser | Sr. | RP | Samford |
| Alec Bouchard | So. | RP | Wofford |
| Champ Davis | Jr. | RP | Wofford |
| Danny Thompson Jr. | Sr. | RP | UNCG |
| Lucas Manning | Jr. | C | Wofford |
| Jack Spyke | Sr. | C | Western Carolina |
| Tyler Hare | Sr. | 1B | Wofford |
| Jeffry Ince | Jr. | 2B | Samford |
| Trent Turner | Sr. | SS | Western Carolina |
| Mason Holton | Sr. | 3B | Western Carolina |
| Owen Prince | Jr. | OF | VMI |
| Hayden Friese | Jr. | OF | Western Carolina |
| Blake Jacklin | Sr. | OF | ETSU |
| Jamie Palmese | So. | OF | ETSU |
| Will Smoot | Jr. | DH | ETSU |

2025 Preseason Coaches Poll

| | | |
|------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. | UNCG | 40 pts |
| 2. | Samford | 38 pts |
| 3. | Wofford | 34 pts |
| T4. | ETSU | 30 pts |
| T4. | Mercer | 30 pts |
| 6. | Western Carolina | 25 pts |
| 7. | The Citadel | 14 pts |
| 8. | VMI | 13 pts |

Southern Conference Standings

| <u>Team</u> | <u>SoCon</u> | <u>Overall</u> |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|
| ETSU | 2-1 | 21-6 |
| Wofford | 2-1 | 20-9 |
| UNCG | 2-1 | 12-15 |
| Mercer | 3-3 | 19-10 |
| VMI | 3-3 | 17-11 |
| The Citadel | 3-3 | 17-11 |
| Western Carolina | 2-4 | 13-15 |
| Samford | 1-2 | 14-14 |

HISTORIC WIN

Mercer head coach Craig Gibson reached a major milestone in his illustrious career on February 25, recording his 700th win as Mercer took down Florida A&M. Already the winningest coach in program history, Gibson has served as Mercer's skipper since the 2004 season and has led the Bears to seven conference championships and four NCAA Regional berths.

With the win, Gibson joined exclusive company as one of 37 active coaches in Division I baseball to reach 700 career wins. Of the 37 coaches, Gibson is one of 11 to have only coached at one school.

DRAMATIC WIN

The Bears walked it off for the first time this season on Wednesday when Ty Dalley delivered a three-run home run to defeat Georgia State. After entering the ninth inning down 4-0, the Panthers rallied for six runs and looked as if they would steal the win. However, Dalley refused to let the Bears lose, drilling a two-out home run for his first career walk-off.

HISTORIC INNING

The Bears put up a historic inning in the bottom of the third in a series-clinching win over Western Carolina on 3/29. After a walk and a groundout started the frame, the Mercer offense went on a tear with 11 straight batters reaching base. When the barrage was all said and done, the Bears scored 10 runs on six hits, sending 15 batters to the plate. Ely Brown, Titan Kamaka, Drew Johnson, Parker Lester, Michael Graziano and Cade Norton all picked up RBIs, while Brown and Kamaka each recorded two hits and Graziano scored two runs. The 10 runs were the most scored in an inning by the Bears since posting an 11-run inning against Western Carolina on May 7, 2021.

FRYE IS ON FIRE

Bears shortstop Bradley Frye has been one of the best

hitters in the country this season, ranking ninth in the country with 49 hits while ranking second in the SoCon with a .386 batting average. Frye leads the Bears in average, hits, slugging percentage (.669), OPS (1.104) and stolen bases (5). In D1Baseball's midseason player rankings, Frye came in at no. 23 among the country's shortstops.

MOUND DOMINANCE

The Mercer pitching staff has established itself as one of the top units in the Southern Conference this season. The Bears now lead the conference in ERA at 4.26, while their 266 strikeouts are tops in the league. Jess Ackerman has been among the top whiff artists in the league, ranking second in the league with 45 punch-outs while leading conference in K/9 at 12.9

SCARY TERRY

Georgia Tech transfer Terry Busse has been more than advertised to begin the 2025 campaign, picking up six saves (12th in the country) and limiting opponents to just five hits in 16 innings of work. Busse slammed the door on Mercer's upset win over No. 5 Florida State on 3/18, allowing only one baserunner in two scoreless innings, while also finishing off Mercer's wins over The Citadel on 3/23, working two more scoreless innings and stranding the bases loaded in the ninth, and over Western Carolina on 3/28, striking out two in the ninth. In D1Baseball's midseason player rankings, Busse was ranked as the country's 14th best relief pitcher.

HE GETS ON BASE

Sophomore center fielder Ely Brown has been an on base machine for the Bears this season, leading the team and ranking seventh in the SoCon with a .496 OBP. Brown has gotten on base in every game but one this season and turned in his first four-hit performance of the year on 3/23, going 4-for-4 with three runs scored in the win over The Citadel

YOUTH MOVEMENT

The Bears have seen several freshmen step into key roles early in their first collegiate campaigns. Braydon Kersey has made four starts at DH and has started six games on the mound. Craig Kalkbrenner and Collin Ewaldsen have also impressed on the mound in their first taste of college baseball, establishing themselves as key bullpen pieces early in their freshman campaigns, while Cade Norton has seen extended action behind the plate.

STAR POWER

The 2025 edition of Mercer baseball returns a host of key

Individual Leaders

| Statistic | MER | GT |
|------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Batting Average | Frye (.386) | Schmidt (.415) |
| Hits | Frye (49) | Lodise (44) |
| Home Runs | Dalley (11) | Lodise (12) |
| RBI | Dalley (36) | Hernandez (39) |
| On Base % | Brown (.496) | Lodise (.500) |
| Wins | Co. Cospser, Johnson (3) | Patel (7) |
| ERA | Ackerman (3.71) | Patel (1.60) |
| Innings Pitched | Co. Cospser (35.1) | McKee (35.1) |
| Strikeouts | Ackerman (40) | McKee (45) |
| Saves | Busse (6) | 6 Tied (1) |

SoCon Players of the Week

| | | |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Feb. 17 | Ryan Wynn | Wofford |
| Feb. 24 | Bradley Frye | Mercer |
| March 3 | Mason Holton | Western Carolina |
| March 10 | JD Yakubinis | ETSU |
| March 17 | Cade Carr | Samford |
| March 24 | Brayden Corn | Western Carolina |
| March 31 | Boston Torres | VMI |

SoCon Pitchers of the Week

| | | |
|----------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Feb. 17 | Jay Miller | UNCG |
| Feb. 24 | Caden Plummer | VMI |
| March 3 | Colton Cospser | Mercer |
| March 10 | Brandon Langley | Western Carolina |
| March 17 | Champ Davis | Wofford |
| March 24 | Josh Leerssen | Samford |
| March 31 | Mason Blasche | Samford |

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Around The SoCon

Tuesday, April 1 - Wednesday, April 2

Tuesday

Table with 2 columns: Game (e.g., USC Upstate at Wofford) and Time (e.g., 2:30 p.m.)

Wednesday

Table with 2 columns: Game (e.g., VMI at Norfolk State) and Time (e.g., 3 p.m.)

SoCon Statistical Leaders

BATTING AVERAGE

Table with 2 columns: Player (e.g., Bradley Frye) and Average (.386)

HOME RUNS

Table with 2 columns: Player (e.g., Ty Dalley) and Home Runs (11)

RBI

Table with 2 columns: Player (e.g., Boston Torres) and RBI (45)

WINS

Table with 2 columns: Player (e.g., Champ Davis) and Wins (5)

ERA

Table with 2 columns: Player (e.g., Champ Davis) and ERA (1.97)

STRIKEOUTS

Table with 2 columns: Player (e.g., Jess Ackerman) and Strikeouts (45)

contributors to form one of the most formidable cores in the Southern Conference.

The conversation begins with Ty Dalley, who was picked as the league’s preseason player of the year by Perfect Game, D1Baseball and the league’s coaches.

Joining Dalley on the preseason all-conference first team were left-handed pitchers Colton Cosper and Jess Ackerman and shortstop Bradley Frye, all of whom have been key contributors for the Bears over the past two seasons.

NEW YEAR, NEW FACES

In addition to a slew of returning talent, the 2025 roster features 24 newcomers, with many expected to be key contributors right away.

Reliever Terry Busse figures to be an impact transfer as an important piece in the back end of the Bears bullpen. Busse earned the nickname “Scary Terry” at Georgia Tech in 2022 when he emerged as one of the top closers in the ACC, posting nine saves in 22 appearances.

Second baseman Titan Kamaka is another impact transfer from the ACC, coming to Mercer from Florida State. Kamaka appeared in 41 games and made 32 starts for the Seminoles as a true freshman in 2022.

The Bears also welcome an influx of talent from the junior college ranks, including catcher Zack Thompson, outfielder Drew Johnson and third baseman Brant Baughcum, all of whom are expected to play key roles in the Bears’ lineup this season.

TALENTED FRESHMAN CLASS

The Bears 12-member freshman class is loaded with talent. Perfect Game ranked the group as their 57th best recruiting class in the country, with left-handed pitcher Ford Thompson, infielder/right-handed pitcher Braydon Kersey and catcher Eli Stephens landing on the publication’s “Top 500 Fresh Arrivals on Campus” list.

In Perfect Game’s SoCon preview, Kersey was tabbed as the SoCon preseason freshman of the year, while Kersey (No. 1), right-handed pitcher/infielder Kai Decker (No. 3) and right-handed pitcher/outfielder Collin Ewaldsen (No. 9) represented the Bears on the listing of top prospects

for the 2027 MLB Draft. In D1Baseball's SoCon preview, Kersey (No. 2) and Ewaldsen (No. 8) were named to the ten-member impact freshmen list.

AMONG THE NATION'S BEST

The Bears were well represented on D1Baseball's preseason position rankings. Senior Parker Lester checked in at No. 16 on the publication's listing of the Top 50 first basemen in the country, the highest ranking of all of his position peers in the Southern Conference. Ty Dalley made his way onto top 100 outfielders list, slotting at 79th.

SCOUTING GEORGIA TECH

Tuesday marks the 87th all-time meeting between the Bears and Yellow Jackets. Georgia Tech brings a 22-6 record into the week, including an 8-4 mark in ACC play, and are coming off of a series loss against third-ranked Clemson over the weekend.

Georgia Tech has been one of the top offensive teams in the country this season, holding a .335 team batting average to go with a 1.017 OPS. Kent Schmidt leads the team in hitting at .415, while Kyle Lodise leads the way with 12 home runs. The Yellow Jackets have also been excellent on the mound with a 4.08 ERA as a team. Mason Patel has been dominant out of the bullpen, picking up seven wins with a 1.60 ERA in 33 - 2/3 innings of work.

Sun Belt. Georgia State was picked to finish 11th in the Sun Belt preseason poll.

D1BASEBALL TOP 25

| Rank | School | Record |
|------|------------------|--------|
| 1. | Tennessee | 26-2 |
| 2. | Arkansas | 26-3 |
| 3. | Georgia | 28-2 |
| 4. | Florida State | 23-4 |
| 5. | Texas | 23-3 |
| 6. | Clemson | 26-5 |
| 7. | LSU | 26-3 |
| 8. | Alabama | 25-4 |
| 9. | Ole Miss | 21-6 |
| 10. | Oklahoma | 22-5 |
| 11. | Oregon State | 20-6 |
| 12. | UC Irvine | 21-5 |
| 13. | Southern Miss | 20-8 |
| 14. | UCLA | 22-5 |
| 15. | Oregon | 20-7 |
| 16. | Auburn | 20-8 |
| 17. | Dallas Baptist | 18-9 |
| 18. | Louisville | 20-7 |
| 19. | North Carolina | 21-7 |
| 20. | Troy | 21-8 |
| 21. | Coastal Carolina | 20-8 |
| 22. | Kansas State | 19-8 |
| 23. | Vanderbilt | 20-8 |
| 24. | Arizona State | 19-9 |
| 25. | Georgia Tech | 22-6 |

11 POINT 7 MID-MAJOR POWER RANKINGS

| Rank | School | Record |
|------|------------------------|--------|
| 1. | UC Irvine | 20-5 |
| 2. | Southern Miss | 20-8 |
| 3. | Troy | 21-8 |
| 4. | Dallas Baptist | 18-9 |
| 5. | Coastal Carolina | 20-8 |
| 6. | Western Kentucky | 25-3 |
| 7. | Hawaii | 18-6 |
| 8. | East Tennessee State | 21-6 |
| 9. | East Carolina | 18-10 |
| 10. | Cal Poly | 18-8 |
| 11. | Grand Canyon | 17-10 |
| 12. | UTSA | 23-7 |
| 13. | Creighton | 16-7 |
| 14. | FAU | 19-9 |
| 15. | Liberty | 19-9 |
| 16. | UC Santa Barbara | 17-9 |
| 17. | South Florida | 16-9 |
| 18. | Stetson | 17-12 |
| 19. | UTRGV | 19-8 |
| 20. | Tulane | 17-11 |
| 21. | College of Charleston | 15-11 |
| 22. | Xavier | 14-14 |
| 23. | Southeastern Louisiana | 18-5 |
| 24. | McNeese | 16-5 |
| 25. | Wofford | 20-9 |

2024 SEASON REVIEW



2025 CUMULATIVE STATISTICS // MERCER BASEBALL

2025 Mercer University Baseball Overall Statistics (as of Mar 29, 2025)

Overall Record: 19-10 Conf: 3-3 Home: 15-8 Away: 4-2 Neutral: 0-0

All games Sorted by Batting Avg

| # | Player | AVG | GP-GS | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | TB | SLG% | BB | HBP | SO | GDP | OB% | SF | SH | SB-ATT | PO | A | E | FLD% |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| 5 | Frye, Bradley | .386 | 29-29 | 127 | 25 | 49 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 31 | 85 | .669 | 8 | 3 | 27 | 2 | .435 | 0 | 1 | 5-5 | 40 | 73 | 4 | .966 |
| 20 | Brown, Ely | .330 | 29-29 | 100 | 30 | 33 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 43 | .430 | 25 | 8 | 14 | 0 | .496 | 0 | 4 | 5-8 | 65 | 1 | 1 | .985 |
| 3 | Dalley, Ty | .291 | 29-29 | 117 | 23 | 34 | 11 | 0 | 11 | 36 | 78 | .667 | 14 | 2 | 27 | 3 | .368 | 3 | 0 | 0-4 | 71 | 4 | 2 | .974 |
| 7 | Baughcum, Brant | .269 | 29-29 | 104 | 19 | 28 | 10 | 0 | 4 | 25 | 50 | .481 | 12 | 8 | 9 | 4 | .375 | 4 | 1 | 4-4 | 20 | 41 | 14 | .813 |
| 15 | Lester, Parker | .260 | 28-28 | 96 | 24 | 25 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 23 | 50 | .521 | 25 | 2 | 20 | 1 | .416 | 2 | 3 | 0-2 | 191 | 24 | 1 | .995 |
| 10 | Johnson, Drew | .250 | 29-28 | 100 | 19 | 25 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 36 | .360 | 19 | 4 | 23 | 1 | .387 | 1 | 3 | 3-3 | 42 | 15 | 1 | .983 |
| 26 | Thompson, Zack | .210 | 25-20 | 62 | 9 | 13 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 18 | .290 | 7 | 3 | 14 | 1 | .315 | 1 | 4 | 1-1 | 184 | 13 | 2 | .990 |
| 6 | Norton, Cade | .333 | 13-9 | 24 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 12 | .500 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 0 | .448 | 0 | 1 | 0-0 | 82 | 4 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 4 | Kamaka, Titan | .321 | 21-21 | 81 | 16 | 26 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 20 | 38 | .469 | 12 | 2 | 17 | 0 | .421 | 0 | 1 | 2-3 | 24 | 43 | 1 | .985 |
| 17 | Decker, Kai | .222 | 11-8 | 27 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 9 | .333 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 | .290 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 43 | Thomas, Zach | .211 | 20-11 | 38 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 13 | .342 | 9 | 1 | 9 | 0 | .375 | 0 | 3 | 0-0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 25 | Graziano, Michael | .184 | 21-13 | 49 | 10 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 15 | .306 | 9 | 0 | 19 | 0 | .310 | 0 | 0 | 1-2 | 23 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 27 | Kersey, Braydon | .158 | 23-10 | 19 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .158 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 0 | .273 | 0 | 1 | 0-0 | 8 | 1 | 2 | .818 |
| 14 | Gegg, Greyson | .111 | 6-2 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .111 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | .333 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| 16 | Falloon, David | .000 | 7-1 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .000 |
| 12 | Stephens, Eli | .000 | 5-0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .333 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 8 | 0 | 2 | .800 |
| 34 | Moon, KJ | .000 | 2-0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| 8 | Ewaldsen, Collin | .000 | 13-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Totals | | .279 | 29-29 | 962 | 197 | 268 | 57 | 3 | 40 | 184 | 451 | .469 | 151 | 37 | 205 | 12 | .392 | 12 | 22 | 22-33 | 779 | 249 | 32 | .970 |
| Opponents | | .246 | 29-29 | 977 | 140 | 240 | 41 | 0 | 28 | 127 | 365 | .374 | 103 | 37 | 266 | 17 | .338 | 7 | 17 | 31-44 | 742 | 258 | 27 | .974 |

LOB: Team (245), Opp (218) DPs Turned: Team (17), Opp (14) IBB: Team (0), Opp (3) Picked Off: Brown (1), Graziano (1)

All games Sorted by Earned Run Avg

| # | Player | ERA | W-L | APP | GS | CG | SHO | SV | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | 2B | 3B | HR | B/AVG | WP | HP | BK | SFA | SHA |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 24 | Thompson, Ford | 0.00 | 0-0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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PB: Team (3), Totals (3), Thompson (2), Norton (1), Opp (7) Pickoffs: Team (2), Kersey 1, Totals , Opp (2) SBA/ATT: Totals (62-90), Thompson (24-36), Kersey (8-10), Norton (7-9), Kalkbrenner (5-6), Ackerman (4-5), Johnson (3-6), Soliday (3-4), Cole (2-3), Busse (1-2), Cruce (1-1), Garnett (1-3), Gaspard (1-1), Takac (1-1), Thompson (1-1)

NUMERICAL ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown | High School/Prev. School |
|-----|-------------------|---------|------|-----|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 2 | Craig Kalkbrenner | SS | 6-0 | 175 | Freshman | Kennesaw, Ga. | Harrison HS |
| 3 | Ty Dalley | 1B/OF | 6-4 | 215 | Junior | Vidalia, Ga. | Vidalia HS |
| 4 | Titan Kamaka | INF | 6-0 | 185 | Junior | Orlando, Fla. | Florida State |
| 5 | Bradley Frye | SS | 6-2 | 185 | Senior | Marietta, Ga. | Georgia Tech |
| 6 | Cade Norton | C | 6-0 | 185 | Freshman | Greer, S.C. | Blueridge HS |
| 7 | Brant Baughcum | 3B | 6-2 | 210 | Junior | Buford, Ga. | Gulf Coast State College |
| 8 | Collin Ewaldsen | RHP/OF | 6-0 | 175 | Freshman | Baxley, Ga. | Appling County HS |
| 9 | Jackson Gaspard | RHP | 6-0 | 185 | Redshirt Sophomore | Buford, Ga. | Georgia Tech |
| 10 | Drew Johnson | OF | 6-1 | 190 | Junior | Yakima, Wash. | Tacoma CC |
| 11 | Micah Takac | RHP | 6-3 | 170 | Junior | Birmingham, Ala. | Stratford Academy |
| 12 | Eli Stephens | C | 6-2 | 215 | Freshman | Warner Robins, Ga. | Houston County HS |
| 13 | Zach Murphy | LHP | 6-5 | 195 | Redshirt Sophomore | Sydney, Australia | National Park College |
| 14 | Greyson Gegg | OF | 6-3 | 195 | Freshman | St. Simons, Ga. | Glynn Academy |
| 15 | Parker Lester | INF | 6-4 | 200 | Senior | Calhoun, Ga. | Miami (OH) |
| 16 | David Falloon | OF | 6-4 | 210 | Freshman | Grayson, Ga. | Dacula HS |
| 17 | Kai Decker | INF/RHP | 6-1 | 210 | Freshman | Bonaire, Ga. | Houston County HS |
| 18 | Jess Ackerman | LHP | 6-3 | 210 | Redshirt Junior | Cumming, Ga. | North Forsyth HS |
| 20 | Ely Brown | OF | 6-0 | 180 | Sophomore | Savannah, Ga. | Savannah Christian Academy |
| 21 | Colton Cospers | LHP | 6-1 | 190 | Senior | Carrollton, Ga. | Carrollton HS |
| 22 | Lawson Cole | RHP | 6-1 | 200 | Redshirt Sophomore | Forsyth, Ga. | Stratford Academy |
| 23 | Cade Cospers | RHP | 6-0 | 175 | Sophomore | Carrollton, Ga. | Carrollton HS |
| 24 | Ford Thompson | LHP | 6-1 | 185 | Freshman | Snellville, Ga. | Parkview HS |
| 25 | Michael Graziano | OF | 6-3 | 215 | Sophomore | Naples, Fla. | Georgia Tech |
| 26 | Zack Thompson | C | 6-0 | 195 | Junior | LaGrange, Ga. | Gordon State CC |
| 27 | Braydon Kersey | INF/RHP | 6-1 | 205 | Freshman | Alpharetta, Ga. | Alpharetta HS |
| 28 | Reid Fagerstrom | RHP | 6-1 | 195 | Graduate Student | Newnan, Ga. | Jacksonville State |
| 29 | Brayden Lawrence | LHP | 6-6 | 215 | Freshman | Jackson, Ga. | Locust Grove HS |
| 30 | Garrett Lambert | RHP | 6-2 | 200 | Redshirt Freshman | Lilburn, Ga. | Parkview HS |
| 31 | Riley Cruce | LHP | 6-0 | 207 | Junior | Loganville, Ga. | Florence-Darlington Tech |
| 32 | Andrew Garnett | RHP | 6-1 | 195 | Junior | Macon, Ga. | Gordon State CC |
| 33 | Jeb Johnson | RHP | 5-11 | 200 | Senior | Moultrie, Ga. | ABAC |
| 34 | KJ Moon | INF/RHP | 6-1 | 210 | Freshman | Statham, Ga. | North Oconee HS |
| 35 | Bryce Hawkins | RHP | 6-0 | 220 | Junior | Cumming, Ga. | Snead State CC |
| 37 | Cooper Culberson | RHP | 6-2 | 180 | Freshman | Jackson, Ga. | Strong Rock Christian School |
| 38 | Caden Alvey | LHP | 6-2 | 190 | Junior | Upton, Ky. | Motlow State CC |
| 39 | Benjy Tucker | RHP | 6-1 | 195 | Junior | Milton, Ga. | Sacramento State |
| 40 | Preston Joye | INF | 5-11 | 185 | Graduate Student | Valdosta, Ga. | Valdosta State |
| 42 | Cody Soliday | RHP | 6-0 | 175 | Sophomore | Ocilla, Ga. | Irwin County HS |
| 43 | Zach Thomas | 1B | 6-3 | 200 | Junior | Jesup, Ga. | LSU Eunice |
| 44 | Terry Busse | RHP | 6-3 | 200 | Senior | Valparaiso, Ind. | Georgia Tech |
| 45 | Miller Murray | C | 6-3 | 205 | Sophomore | Lenexa, Kan. | St. James HS |
| 47 | Wyatt Mummert | LHP | 6-1 | 200 | Sophomore | Hunt Valley, Md. | Daytona State CC |

STAFF

| Position | Name | Yrs. at Mercer | Alma Mater |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Head Coach | Craig Gibson | 22nd | Mercer '86 |
| Hitting Coach | Willie Stewart | 10th | UNC Asheville '00 |
| Pitching Coach | Tanner Gordon | 2nd | Southern New Hampshire '14 |
| Assistant Coach | Matt Williams | 2nd | Valdosta State '12 |

SUPPORT STAFF

| Position | Name |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Student Coach | Andrew McMurry |
| Strength & Conditioning Coach | Nick Brown |
| Athletic Trainer | Katie Feller |
| Director of Analytics | Garrett Kemp |
| Director of Operations | Hannah Knight |
| Sports Information Director | Donovan Schultz |

RADIO/TV SPOTTER'S CHART // MERCER BASEBALL



#2 Craig Kalkbrenner
6-0 • 175 • SS



#3 Ty Dalley
6-4 • 215 • 1B/OF



#4 Titan Kamaka
6-0 • 185 • INF



#5 Bradley Frye
6-2 • 185 • SS



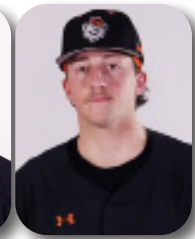
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#10 Drew Johnson
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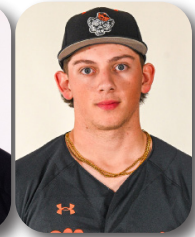
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#16 David Falloon
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#17 Kai Decker
6-1 • 210 • INF/RHP



#18 Jess Ackerman
6-3 • 210 • LHP



#20 Ely Brown
6-0 • 180 • OF



#21 Colton Cospier
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#43 Zach Thomas
6-3 • 200 • 1B



#44 Terry Busse
6-3 • 200 • RHP



#45 Miller Murray
6-3 • 205 • C



#47 Wyatt Mummert
6-1 • 200 • LHP



Craig Gibson
Head Coach



Willie Stewart
Hitting Coach



Tanner Gordon
Pitching Coach



Matt Williams
Assistant Coach



Andrew McMurry
Student Coach

QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location Macon, GA
 Founded 1833
 Enrollment 9,019
 Nickname Bears
 School Colors Orange and Black
 Conference Southern Conference (SoCon)
 President William D. Underwood
 Athletic Director Jim Cole

MERCER BASEBALL HISTORY

Seasons 100
 First Season 1893
 NCAA Tournament Appearances 4

ROSTER BREAKDOWNS

Starters Returning (Started at least 50% - Position Players, Made at least 20 appearances/10 starts - Pitchers)

| Pos. | Name | Yr. | GP/GS |
|------|----------------|-------|-------|
| OF | Ty Dalley | Jr. | 57/57 |
| 1B | Parker Lester | Sr. | 58/57 |
| SS | Bradley Frye | Sr. | 58/58 |
| LHP | Colton Cospers | Sr. | 17/15 |
| LHP | Jess Ackerman | R-Jr. | 23/9 |
| RHP | Cade Cospers | So. | 20/1 |
| RHP | Micah Takac | Jr. | 21/0 |

By Class

Graduate Student (2) Reid Fagerstrom, Preston Joye
 Senior (5) Bradley Frye, Parker Lester, Colton Cospers, Jeb Johnson, Terry Busse
 Junior (13) Ty Dalley, Titan Kamaka, Brant Baughcum, Drew Johnson, Micah Takac, Jess Ackerman, Zack Thompson, Riley Cruce, Andrew Garnett, Bryce Hawkins, Caden Alvey, Benjy Tucker, Zach Thomas
 Sophomore (10) Jackson Gaspard, Zach Murphy, Ely Brown, Lawson Cole, Cade Cospers, Michael Graziano, Eliud Poventud, Cody Soliday, Miller Murray, Wyatt Mummert
 Freshman (13) Craig Kalkbrenner, Cade Norton, Collin Ewaldsen, Eli Stephens, Greyson Gegg, David Falloon, Kai Decker, Ford Thompson, Braydon Kersey, Brayden Lawrence, Garrett Lambert, KJ Moon, Cooper Culberson

By State/Country

Alabama (1) Micah Takac
 Florida (2) Titan Kamaka, Michael Graziano
 Georgia (33) Craig Kalkbrenner, Ty Dalley, Bradley Frye, Brant Baughcum, Collin Ewaldsen, Jackson Gaspard, Eli Stephens, Greyson Gegg, Parker Lester, David Falloon, Kai Decker, Jess Ackerman, Ely Brown, Colton Cospers, Lawson Cole, Cade Cospers, Ford Thompson, Zack Thompson, Braydon Kersey, Reid Fagerstrom, Brayden Lawrence, Garrett Lambert, Riley Cruce, Andrew Garnett, Jeb Johnson, KJ Moon, Bryce Hawkins, Cooper Culberson, Benjy Tucker, Preston Joye, Eliud Poventud, Cody Soliday, Zach Thomas
 Indiana (1) Terry Busse
 Kansas (1) Miller Murray
 Kentucky (1) Caden Alvey
 Maryland (1) Wyatt Mummert
 South Carolina (1) Cade Norton
 Washington (1) Drew Johnson
 International (1) Zach Murphy (Australia)



OrthoGeorgia Park

OrthoGeorgia Park at Claude Smith Field is located adjacent to the University Center with the spires of the UC providing a picturesque view of the facility over its third base-side profile. Newly renovated in 2017 with an expanded capacity of 1,500, it has never been uncommon for many fans to make camp on the raised embankment running from the right field line to center field in a picnic-like and tailgate-like atmosphere.

The renovated facility opened in 2017 and features premium chairback seating behind home plate. OrthoGeorgia Park also includes new dugouts, concession and restroom facilities, press box and camera positions for ESPN3 and other television broadcasts, two open-air suites, a ticket booth and the M. Diane Owens Entry Plaza.

Large parking lots located beyond the outfield fence are available for spectators and there is a 101-room Hilton Garden Inn on the university-owned land adjacent to the stadium.

The stadium originally opened as Bear Field in 1962 marking Mercer's first on-campus ballpark. Prior to the 1962 season the Bears played at Willingham Mill Field located behind the former Lanier High School. The stadium first opened on April 3 as the Bears registered a 5-4 win over Erskine. Other opponents to visit Bear Field that inaugural season included Davidson, Valdosta State, Berry, Georgia Southern, The Citadel, Piedmont, Oglethorpe, North Georgia and Georgia Tech.

Bear Field played home to Rob Belloir, the first baseball player to be drafted as he was selected in the eighth round by the Cleveland Indians. Belloir helped set the stage, along with legendary head coach Claude Smith, as Mercer began a stretch of five consecutive 30-win seasons in the 1970s.

The name "Claude Smith Field" would be adorned upon the ballpark on May 7, 1977 as Claude Smith retired as head coach of the Bears with a school record 405 wins as Mercer's skipper.

The facility underwent a renovation in 2003 with upgrades including indoor batting cages, a new drainage system and a laser-leveled field.

Located close to Interstate 75 and adjacent to most of Mercer's athletic facilities, the lights at OrthoGeorgia Park act as a beacon to draw the baseball faithful to the Bears' home park.

COACHES





CRAIG GIBSON

Head Coach ♦ 22nd Season ♦ Mercer, 1986

With a philosophy based on the concepts of striving for excellence in the classroom, reaching out in the community and team achievement on the field, Mercer head coach Craig Gibson has led his alma mater to unparalleled success over 21 seasons at the baseball program's helm.

Since taking over for the legendary Barry Myers in 2004, Gibson has guided the Bears from the depths of the Atlantic Sun Conference to the top of the Southern Conference, all while establishing Mercer as one of the most respected programs in the southeast.

Consistency has become the standard under Gibson, as Mercer is one of just three NCAA Division I programs with 35 wins for 12 seasons (2010-23), joining LSU and Vanderbilt.

A large part of that success is due to the program's dominance at OrthoGeorgia Park at Claude Smith Field. The program is 232-102 overall at home since the start of the 2012 campaign, including a 24-4 mark in 2014 to rank seventh in the nation with a .857 winning percentage.

The Bears have captured a number of program-defining victories over some of the nation's elite with Gibson at the helm. Mercer has secured 22 wins over ranked foes under Gibson's tenure including wins over No. 1 Florida (2006, 2018), No. 1 Clemson (2006), a two-game series sweep at No. 2 Miami (2007), a neutral-site win over No. 6 Ole Miss in the Coca Cola Classic (2009), a pair of wins vs. No. 5/9 Georgia Tech (2011), No. 23 Mississippi State (2012), No. 12 Georgia Tech (2013), a three-game series sweep of No. 24 FGCU (2013), No. 8 Florida (2014), No. 23 Georgia Tech (2014) & a three-game road sweep of No. 8 East Carolina (2017), back-to-back midweek wins over No. 10 Florida State and No. 13 Georgia Tech (2022), and midweek victory over No. 8 Florida State (2024). The first victory for Gibson came during the 2005 season with a victory over No. 19 College of Charleston.

Gibson became Mercer baseball's all-time winningest coach, passing Barry Myers, with a 2-1 win over Western Carolina on March 31, 2023. Gibson and Myers are the only coaches in program history to surpass 600 wins.

Gibson has put together an impressive trophy case over his tenure as the Bears head man. Gibson has won four conference regular season championships, including one ASUN title (2013) and three consecutive SoCon crowns (2015-17). In 2013, the Bears won a program-record 43 games and secured an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament. Gibson has captained the Bears to three more NCAA Tournaments via conference tournament titles, once in the ASUN (2010) to earn the program's first-ever NCAA Tournament bid, and twice in the SoCon (2015, 19).

In addition to conference championships, Gibson has accrued a slew of individual awards in his two-plus decades of excellence. After piloting the Bears to 38 wins and an appearance in the Tallahassee Regional in 2010, Gibson was decorated with Georgia Dugout Club Division I Coach of the Year and SoutheasternBaseball.com ASUN Coach of the Year laurels. Following the record setting 2013 campaign, Gibson made history by becoming the first person in league history to be named both Coach of the Year and Player of the Year honors. Making the move to the Southern Conference in 2015, Gibson quickly established himself as one of the league's premier coaches, taking home SoCon Coach of the Year awards in 2015 and 2017.

Under Gibson's tutelage, Mercer has become a hotbed of professional baseball talent. Since 2006, Gibson has seen 31 student-athletes selected in the MLB Draft, including eight picked in the top-ten rounds. In 2016, Kyle Lewis became the highest draft pick in Mercer history when he was selected 11th overall by the Seattle Mariners. Lewis's 2016 season goes down as one of the greatest single seasons in Southern Conference history, culminating in his second straight SoCon Player of the Year honor, a Rawlings Gold Glove, and five National Player of the Year recognitions from the likes of USA Baseball, Baseball America and the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA), among others. In 2020, Lewis was named the American League Rookie of the Year with Seattle.

Gibson started his career at Mercer as a student-athlete, starring for the Bears on the baseball diamond while earning his bachelor's degree in history and health, physical education and recreation in 1986. A hard-hitting first baseman for the Bears, Gibson was named the Atlantic Sun Conference Player of the Year as a junior in 1985 while leading Mercer to the conference title. Gibson is one of only three Bears to earn ASUN Player of the Year honors. Following his playing career, Gibson served as a graduate assistant coach under Barry Myers for two years while earning his master's of education in social science in 1988.

In August of 1993, Gibson accepted an offer from Myers to return to Macon as a full-time assistant coach, a position he held until 2004. With his strong ties to Mercer and a wealth of coaching experience, it made former Mercer Athletics Director Bobby Pope's choice an easy one when he elevated Gibson to the helm following Myers' resignation.

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

HEAD COACH CRAIG GIBSON // MERCER BASEBALL

Career Highlights

Overall Record: 693-479 (.592 winning %)

21 seasons as Mercer Head Coach

Education: Mercer, 1986 & 1988

1 Golden Spikes Award winner

9 All-Americans

4 NCAA Regional appearances (2010, '13, '15, '19)

3 conference tournament championships

4 regular season conference championships (2013, '15, '16, '17)

31 MLB Draft picks



| Season | Team | W/L | Win Pct. | Conf. | Conf Finish | Postseason |
|---|--------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|--|
| Mercer Bears (Atlantic Sun Conference) | | | | | | |
| 2004 | Mercer | 20-35 | .364 | 8-22 | 9th | |
| 2005 | Mercer | 28-26 | .519 | 12-18 | T-9th | |
| 2006 | Mercer | 34-26 | .567 | 19-11 | 3rd | |
| 2007 | Mercer | 33-25 | .569 | 17-10 | 2nd | |
| 2008 | Mercer | 24-33 | .421 | 17-16 | T-5th | |
| 2009 | Mercer | 23-23 | .500 | 12-15 | 8th | |
| 2010 | Mercer | 38-24 | .613 | 16-11 | 2nd | ASUN Tourney Champs, Tallahassee Regional |
| 2011 | Mercer | 39-20 | .661 | 17-12 | 4th | |
| 2012 | Mercer | 38-21 | .644 | 15-12 | T-4th | |
| 2013 | Mercer | 43-18 | .705 | 20-7 | 1st | ASUN Reg. Season Champs, Starkville Regional |
| 2014 | Mercer | 38-17 | .691 | 18-9 | 2nd | |
| Mercer (Atlantic Sun Conference) | | 358-268 | .572 | 171-143 | | |
| Mercer Bears (Southern Conference) | | | | | | |
| 2015 | Mercer | 35-23 | .603 | 16-7 | 1st | SoCon Reg. Season & Tourney Champs, Tallahassee Regional |
| 2016 | Mercer | 38-23 | .623 | 16-8 | 1st | SoCon Reg. Season Champs |
| 2017 | Mercer | 39-17 | .696 | 17-6 | 1st | SoCon Reg. Season Champs |
| 2018 | Mercer | 38-22 | .633 | 11-13 | T-5th | |
| 2019 | Mercer | 35-29 | .547 | 14-10 | T-3rd | SoCon Tourney Champs, Athens Regional |
| 2020 | Mercer | 13-3 | .813 | 0-0 | N/A | *Season cut short (COVID-19) |
| 2021 | Mercer | 35-22 | .614 | 18-9 | 4th | |
| 2022 | Mercer | 40-18 | .690 | 12-9 | T-2nd | |
| 2023 | Mercer | 33-25 | .569 | 13-8 | 2nd | |
| 2024 | Mercer | 29-29 | .500 | 6-14 | 7th | |
| Mercer (Southern Conference) | | 335-211 | .614 | 123-84 | | |
| Total | | 693-479 | .592 | 294-227 | | |



WILLIE STEWART

Hitting Coach ♦ 10th Season at Mercer ♦ UNC Asheville, 2000

Willie Stewart completed his ninth season as an assistant coach for Mercer in 2024, where he serves as the hitting coach for the Bears. Introduced as an assistant in July of 2015 by Mercer head coach Craig Gibson, Stewart has overseen an aggressive offense that has powered the program to two Southern Conference regular season championships (2016, 2017), one Southern Conference Tournament Championship (2019) and 179 wins since his arrival.

In 2024, the Mercer offense slugged 94 home runs, the top mark in the Southern Conference. Stewart helped guide outfielder Ty Dalley to a prolific season in which he finished among conference leaders in slugging percentage (.693), RBI (71), doubles (18) and home runs (21), resulting in a First Team All-SoCon selection.

A high-scoring offense powered the 2023 team as the Bears smacked 111 home runs. Stewart coached five position players to All-Conference selections highlighted by Treyson Hughes earning All-SoCon First Team Coaches and Media honors.

Mercer reached 40 wins in 2022, setting the highest mark during Stewart's tenure. Stewart guided three MLB Draft selections in 2022: Colby Thomas (third round, Athletics), Collin Price (sixth round, Astros), and Bill Knight (10th round, Mariners). Treyson Hughes was the only SoCon player to be named an NCBWA and Perfect Game Freshman All-American, while Knight and Price were selected for the ABCA NCAA Division I Southeast All-Region Team.

After the COVID-19 pandemic halted the 2020 season, the Bears continued the streak of winning at least 35 games in 2021 and qualified for the shortened SoCon Tournament. Garrett Delano led the 2021 team in postseason awards, being named a D1 Baseball All-American, College Baseball Foundation All-American, ABCA NCAA Division I First Team Southeast Region, John Olerud Two-Way Player of the Year finalist, All-SoCon First Team Coaches and Media second baseman, and All-SoCon Second Team Coaches and Media starting pitcher.

For the second straight season, the Bears had the 2019 Southern Conference home run leader. During the 2019 season, senior Kel Johnson led the league with 23 home runs and drove in 65 RBI. The offense powered the Bears to a 35-29 record on the season and to its fourth NCAA Regional appearance in school history.

After losing five position starters from the 2017 roster, Stewart and the Bears saw new faces take major roles in the lineup in 2018. Mercer batted .302 collectively & was one of two teams nationally with 15 or more players to hit at least one home run during the season. Seven Bears tallied at least 40 RBI, including freshman Le Bassett, who led the SoCon in home runs (17) & ranked second in RBI (60). Fellow freshman RJ Yeager was named the SoCon Freshman of the Year and five total Bears earned All-SoCon postseason honors. Stewart saw senior outfielder Trey Truitt get selected by the Baltimore Orioles in the 34th round of the 2018 MLB Draft, giving the Bears four position players drafted since Stewart joined the staff.

Stewart helped lead Mercer to a 39-17 record and the third of three straight Southern Conference regular season championships during his second season on staff in 2017. The Orange and Black ranked among the top 25 nationally in nine offensive categories, including 13th in home runs (79) and slugging percentage (.484) and 14th in on base percentage (.401). Mercer saw two position players – Danny Edgeworth and Charlie Madden – selected in the 2017 MLB Draft while four position players earned All-SoCon honors, including Co-Player of the Year Ryan Hagan.

In his first season at Mercer, Stewart was instrumental in guiding 2016 Golden Spikes Award winner Kyle Lewis through a junior season that saw the eventual No. 11 overall pick in the MLB Draft total 20 home runs, 72 RBIs, a .395 batting average and a .731 slugging percentage. In the 2016 season, Mercer went 38-23 and claimed its second straight Southern Conference regular season title. Mercer led all NCAA Division I programs with an average of 1.52 home runs per game, 93 sacrifice bunts and 366 bases on balls while ranking in the top 10 nationally for home runs (93; second), on-base percentage (.414; fourth), slugging percentage (.491; seventh) and runs scored (473; seventh).

Stewart spent four seasons (2012-15) as the hitting coach at Georgia State. Prior to his time in Atlanta, Stewart spent eight seasons (2001, 2003-09) on staff at his alma mater, UNC Asheville, including the final five seasons as the Bulldogs' head coach. He led UNC Asheville to its first NCAA Tournament berth by capturing the Big South Tournament title and setting a program record of 28 wins in 2006. He mentored seven MLB Draft selections, four all-conference picks and the 2008 Big South Pitcher of the Year during his tenure at UNC Asheville. Stewart spent one season as an assistant coach at Elon, where he helped guide the Phoenix to the 2002 NCAA Tournament – the first in program history – as an at-large selection and No. 3 seed.

A four-year letterwinner (1996-2000) at UNC Asheville, Stewart rounded out his playing career by earning All-Big South First Team honors as a second baseman in 2000. He batted .300 with 32 RBIs and set a school record with an 18-game hitting streak during his senior season (2000). Stewart earned a bachelor's degree in business and marketing from UNC Asheville in 2000. A native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Stewart and his wife Christine have two children, son Kendall and daughter Kailyn.



TANNER GORDON

Pitching Coach ♦ 2nd Season at Mercer ♦ Southern New Hampshire, 2014

A seasoned pitching coach with previous stops at five other collegiate institutions, as well as a brief stint as a volunteer assistant coach in Macon, Tanner Gordon begins his second season as a full-time assistant coach for the Bears in 2025. Gordon joined the MU coaching staff in August 2023.

Gordon made the move to Middle Georgia from VCU where he spent the 2023 campaign as the pitching coach for the Rams. He also has previous stints in similar roles at Murray State, Trevecca Nazarene, Middle Georgia State and Andrew College. He was a part of Mercer's coaching staff as a volunteer assistant coach during a 35-win campaign in 2015.

In his first season as the Bears' pitching coach in 2024, Gordon oversaw a pitching staff that included a first team all-conference selection and an MLB draft pick. Under Gordon's tutelage, Colton Cosper blossomed into one of the top arms in the Southern Conference, as the left-hander finished among the conference's leaders in innings pitched (93.0) and ERA (4.35) en route to All-SoCon First Team and SoCon All-Tournament Team nods. Another one of Gordon's protégés, relief pitcher Bryant Olson, turned in a fine season that resulted in his selection in the 2024 MLB Draft. Olson posted eight saves in 2024, the most in the Southern Conference, and struck out 39 batters in 26-2/3 innings. The hard-throwing lefty was picked up by the Washington Nationals in the 13th round of the draft, becoming the 49th draft pick in program history.

Gordon helped pace VCU to 25 wins in 2023 as a part of the always-tough Atlantic 10 Conference, and mentored three pitchers to a quartet of league weekly awards, including right-hander Mason Delane who tossed just the seventh complete game shutout in the 51-season history of the program. Two bullpen arms – Campbell Ellis and Brendan Erka – also ranked among NCAA leaders in saves as well.

The Macon native pushed the Murray State pitching staff to new standards across four seasons (2019-22) in southwest Kentucky, including a pandemic-shortened 2020 campaign. The Racers compiled nearly 100 wins with Gordon's tutelage, and boasted the Ohio Valley Conference's third-best pitching staff – a conglomerate that limited opponents to a paltry .279 batting clip across 55 outings – in just his first season at MSU. Murray State registered an OVC-best 454 strikeouts across a 33-win season in 2021, and rallied behind a pair of all-conference pitchers in 2022 to post another 30-win campaign – the first back-to-back 30 win seasons for the program in nearly 50 years.

Trevecca Nazarene excelled with Gordon on board as well. The Trojans amassed 81 victories from 2016-18, while also capturing a pair of Great Midwest Athletic Conference regular season crowns. Gordon's stay in Nashville saw TNU's pitching staff collect eight all-conference accolades and a quartet of GMAC All-Freshman nods, as well as a myriad of conference weekly awards. The Trojans led the league in opponent batting average (.271) amid Gordon's last season with the squad, while also boasting an GMAC-best 12 saves.

Gordon got his start in coaching at Andrew College in nearby Cuthbert as an assistant coach for the 2012 and 2013 seasons, and then stepped on to the staff at Middle Georgia State for the 2014 campaign. He mentored a trio of all-conference picks during his lone season in Cochran, while 14 of MGA's 17 sophomores on that squad eventually inked with NCAA Division I squads. Gordon made the short commute to Macon for the 2015 campaign for a role as outfield coach and was a part of a squad that made a run to a 35-23 clip, as well as a spot in the NCAA Tallahassee Regional.

One of Gordon's outfielder proteges that season, Kyle Lewis, was eventually drafted 11th overall by the Seattle Mariners and took home the 2020 American League Rookie of the Year crown. Lewis was also named the co-winner of the 2015 Gregg Olson Award which is bestowed annually on college baseball's breakout player of the year.

Gordon's collegiate career spanned a trio of institutions, including a freshman campaign at Gordon College in Barnesville and Andrew College in Cuthbert. He finished off his playing career with three seasons (2009-11) at Auburn Montgomery, while also playing one professional season in the Arizona Developmental Independent Baseball League.

Gordon earned his bachelor's degree in general studies from Southern New Hampshire in 2014.



MATT WILLIAMS

Assistant Coach ♦ 2nd Season at Mercer ♦ Valdosta State, 2012

A 13-year coaching veteran with previous stops at three other collegiate institutions, Matt Williams begins his first season at Mercer in 2023-24 as an assistant coach for the Bears. He joined the MU coaching staff in August 2023.

No stranger to coaching success, Williams has been a part of 458 victories as a collegiate coach, including eight 30-win showings by his squads. He has mentored four all-Americans, 17 all-region standouts and 41 different all-conference players over his already-illustrious coaching career as well. Nine former players have been drafted by professional teams, or signed free agent contracts.

A native of the Peach State, Williams trekked to Middle Georgia after spending the previous two seasons holding the reins of a surging program at ABAC. He has also logged extensive experience on the coaching staffs at both Valdosta State and Young Harris as well.

Williams helped Mercer to 29 wins in 2024, his first season in Macon. With Williams on staff, the Bears boasted two first team all-conference selections in Ty Dalley and Colton Cosper and had relief pitcher Bryant Olson selected in the 13th round of the MLB Draft, marking the third year in a row in which at least one Bear has been drafted.

Williams assumed the head coaching duties at ABAC in June 2021 and quickly went to work, leading the Stallions to consecutive 30+-win seasons for the first time in more than three decades, including an 8-game turnaround in just his first season at the helm. ABAC ranked among the NJCAA's top-25 teams in five statistical categories during the 2021 campaign, including top-20 listings in both stolen bases (13th) and triples (15th), while pacing the Georgia Collegiate Athletic Association in five others.

In just two seasons in Tifton, Ga., ABAC boasted 10 All-GCAA selections, 17 student-athletes graced the GCAA's All-Academic Team and the squad saw one of its standouts, first baseman Henry Daniels, grace the 2022 NJCAA DI Baseball ABCA/Rawlings Gold Glove squad. Williams also watched more than 15 of his student-athletes move on to compete at 4-year institutions following their time at ABAC.

Prior to his making his head coaching debut at ABAC, Williams spent four seasons (2018-21) as an assistant at Young Harris and used his model of success to help the Mountain Lions take extensive strides. In addition to boasting a quartet of top-10 recruiting classes (PerfectGameUSA), including NCAA Division II's second-ranked classes in both 2018 and 2020, Young Harris amassed 94 wins and a .567 winning percentage with Williams on staff, including a run to the 2019 Peach Belt Conference Tournament title and the program's first-ever berth into the NCAA postseason. The Mountain Lions also established program superlatives for conference victories during the 2018, 2019 and 2021 campaigns as well.

The Loganville native got his start in coaching at Valdosta State where he quickly made his way up through the ranks from a volunteer assistant during the 2010-11 season to a full time role beginning with the 2015-16 campaign. Williams was on the coaching staff at his alma mater for seven years, and was a key cog in VSU's run to the 2013 Gulf South Conference championship, as well as NCAA Regional appearances that culminated the 2013, 2015 and 2017 seasons. Fifteen Blazers were decorated with all-conference laurels across that span, while seven were either selected in the Major League Baseball Draft or inked free agent contracts with professional clubs.

In addition to his collegiate coaching experience, Williams has, twice, been on staff with the Valley League's (Va.) Waynesboro Generals, first as an assistant coach for both the 2014 and 2015 campaigns, and then as a head coach for the collegiate summer team for the 2016 and 2017 seasons. He oversaw the completion of more than 1,500 community service hours by the club as an assistant coach, and earned Valley League Manager of the Year accolades in 2016 after leading the Generals to a 30-12 clip and their first of two-straight appearances in the South Division championship game.

Williams played one season (2009) at Valdosta State and helped pace the Blazers to a 43-21 record and an NCAA postseason appearance, before transferring to Texas College where he was a part of a 2010 Steers squad that made the program's first appearance in the conference tournament in nearly a decade.

Williams earned his bachelor's degree in business education from Valdosta State in 2012, and completed his graduate work in business education at VSU in 2015. He married the former Abbie Touchton in 2013.

PLAYERS





47
WYATT
MUMMERT
SO | LHP

2025: 0-0, 18.00 ERA, 1-0 APP-GS, 0 CG, 1.0 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 1 K
- Made his season debut against FAMU on 2/25
- Transfers to Macon as a sophomore after spending one season at Daytona State CC
- Made 25 appearances for the Falcons, posting a 4.29 ERA in 42 innings of work
- Held a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4 1/7
- NJCAA All-Academic First Team selection
- Majoring in mechanical engineering

Last Outing: (2/25 vs. FAMU) 1.0 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 1 K
With Runners: 1.000 (1-for-1)
Bases Empty: .250 (1-for-4)
With 2 Outs: .000 (0-for-1)
Inherited Runners/Scored: N/A

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PITCHERS (BULLPEN)



44
TERRY
BUSSE
SR |RHP

2025: 1-0, 2.12 ERA, 12-0 APP-GS, 0 CG, 6 SV, 17.0 IP, 5 H, 7 R, 4 ER, 9 BB, 21 K
 - Has emerged as the Bears' closer and is tied for 12th in the country with six saves
 - Has allowed just five hits in 17 innings, good for a .088 opponent batting average
 - Named #16 prospect in the SoCon for the 2025 MLB Draft by Perfect Game
 - Transfer from Georgia Tech, where he emerged as one of the top closers in the ACC in 2023
 - Ended 2023 with 58 strikeouts in 42.1 innings and was a Perfect Game Miseson All-American
 - In MLB Draft League this summer, held a 2.92 ERA for the Mahoning Valley Scrappers

Last Outing: (3/28 vs. Western Carolina): 1.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 2 K, SV
With Runners: .130 (3-for-23)
Bases Empty: .059 (2-for-34)
With 2 Outs: .000 (0-for-18)
Inherited Runners/Scored: 2/1



18
JESS
ACKERMAN
R-JR | LHP

2025: 2-2, 3.73 ERA, 8-3 APP-GS, 0 CG, 31.1 IP, 25 H, 15 R, 13 ER, 16 BB, 45 K
 - Leads the team in ERA (3.73) and strikeouts (45)
 - Against The Citadel (3/21), notched career-highs in innings pitched (6.1) and strikeouts (10)
 - Named #11 prospect in the SoCon for the 2025 MLB Draft by Perfect Game
 - Preseason all-conference first team selection by SoCon coaches
 - Finished second on the team in appearances (23) and innings pitched (66.1) last season
 - His 71 strikeouts led the Bears' pitching staff and ranked fifth in the SoCon

Last Outing: (3/29 vs. Western Carolina) 5.0 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 3 BB, 9 K
With Runners: .264 (14-for-53)
Bases Empty: .180 (11-for-61)
With 2 Outs: .222 (8-for-36)
Inherited Runners/Scored: 4/3



22
LAWSON
COLE
R-SO |RHP

2025: 1-1, 3.68 ERA, 8-0 APP-GS, 0 CG, 14.2 IP, 11 H, 8 R, 6 ER, 2 BB, 11 K
 - Worked 3.0 scoreless innings with only two hits allowed against Georgia St. on Wednesday (3/26)
 - Got the win in his first appearance of the season on 2/23 vs. Kent St, tossing 3.2 shutout innings
 - Appeared in 14 games as a redshirt freshman
 - Was excellent in an outing against Oklahoma State, throwing 2.2 hitless innings (3/9/24)
 - Local product prepped at Stratford Academy in Macon, where he was All-State in baseball
 - Also starred in football at Stratford Academy, earning All-Region honors
 - Father Jim Cole played baseball at Mercer and was drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers in 1993

Last Outing: (3/29 vs. Western Carolina): 1.1 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 1 K
With Runners: .227 (5-for-22)
Bases Empty: .214 (6-for-28)
With 2 Outs: .333 (5-for-15)
Inherited Runners/Scored: 5/3



35
BRYCE
HAWKINS
JR | RHP

2025: 1-0, 4.73 ERA, 11-1 APP-GS, 0 CG, 13.1 IP, 12 H, 8 R, 7 ER, 7 BB, 11 K
 - Tossed 3.0 shutout innings with only one hit allowed and four K's against Georgia St. (3/26)
 - Got the win against FAMU on 2/26 with five scoreless innings out of the bullpen
 - Tied for second on the team with 11 appearances this season
 - Made eight appearances last season, his first with the Bears
 - Throws from two different arm angles
 - Spent the 2023 season at Snead State CC, striking out 25 in 14.1 innings across 10 outings
 - Has had four surgeries in the past six years

Last Outing: (3/26 vs. Georgia State): 3.0 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 4 K
With Runners: .286 (6-for-21)
Bases Empty: .259 (7-for-27)
With 2 Outs: .333 (6-for-18)
Inherited Runners/Scored: 5/1



8
COLLIN
EWALDSEN
FR |RHP

2025: 1-2, 7.30 ERA, 12-0 APP-GS, 0 CG, 12.1 IP, 12 H, 10 R, 10 ER, 9 BB, 15 K
 - Tied for second on the team with 11 appearances, got his first win against Georgia St. (3/26)
 - Hard-throwing freshman who hails from Baxley, located in southeastern Georgia
 - Named #9 prospect in the SoCon for the 2027 MLB Draft by Perfect Game
 - Named Region Player of the Year as a senior at Appling County HS, posting a 1.29 ERA with 113 strikeouts in 76 innings on the mound, helped Appling County to a state runner-up finish
 - Tabbed Region Pitcher of the Year as a junior and helped the team to the state semifinals

Last Outing: (3/28 vs. Western Carolina): 0.2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 K
With Runners: .259 (7-for-27)
Bases Empty: .250 (5-for-20)
With 2 Outs: .316 (6-for-19)
Inherited Runners/Scored: 14/6



23
CADE
COSPER
SO | RHP

2025: 1-0, 3.60 ERA, 4-3 APP-GS, 0 CG, 16.0 IP, 12 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 4 BB, 12 K
 - Earned the win in relief against Tennessee Tech on 3/16 with two scoreless innings
 - Has been excellent over three midweek starts, working 15 innings with 2 ER and 10 K's
 - Earned his first career win on 3/5 against Alabama State with 5.1 innings of shutout baseball
 - Made 20 appearances as a freshman, the fifth-most on the team
 - Collected saves against Florida A&M (2/28) and Siena (3/16)
 - Was a two-time All-State selection and region pitcher of the year at Carrollton HS

Last Outing: (3/16 vs. Tennessee Tech) 2.0 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 3 K
With Runners: .222 (6-for-27)
Bases Empty: .205 (8-for-39)
With 2 Outs: .158 (3-for-19)
Inherited Runners/Scored: 0/0



2
CRAIG
KALKBRENNER
FR |RHP

2025: 0-1, 3.38 ERA, 13-0 APP-GS, 0 CG, 13.1 IP, 9 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 9 BB, 11 K
 - Leads the team with 13 appearances this season
 - Made his first career start against Georgia St. (3/26), posted 2 scoreless innings
 - Has limited opponents to a .220 batting average
 - Two-way talent who has also seen action at shortstop
 - Freshman hailing from Kennesaw, Ga. and Harrison HS
 - First Team All-Region selection as a senior
 - Self-proclaimed "best PGA video game player on the team"

Last Outing: (3/26 vs. Georgia State): 2.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K
With Runners: .200 (6-for-30)
Bases Empty: .188 (3-for-16)
With 2 Outs: .083 (1-for-12)
Inherited Runners/Scored: 7/4



27
BRAYDON
KERSEY
FR |RHP

2025: 1-2, 6.75 ERA, 7-6 APP-GS, 0 CG, 25.1 IP, 29 H, 21 R, 19 ER, 10 BB, 20 K
 - Two-way freshman from Alpharetta, Ga., just north of Atlanta
 - Has started six games and made his first relief appearance against Western Carolina (3/29)
 - Turned in his best outing of the season against Southern on 3/8, earning his first career win
 - Perfect Game's preseason SoCon freshman of the year and SoCon's #1 2027 Draft prospect
 - Named Region Player of the Year and First Team All-State at third base as a senior at Alpharetta HS, hitting .413 with a 1.235 OPS and six HRs, broke Alpharetta record with 25 career doubles
 - Named a Second-Team All American as a third baseman and class of 2024 national All-Tournament team

Last Outing: (3/29 vs. Western Carolina): 2.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K
With Runners: .341 (15-for-44)
Bases Empty: .246 (14-for-57)
With 2 Outs: .258 (8-for-31)
Inherited Runners/Scored: N/A

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PITCHERS (BULLPEN)



38
CADEN
ALVEY
JR | LHP

2025: 2-0, 0.00 ERA, 3-0 APP-GS, 0 CG, 3.2 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 3 K
 - Appeared on 2/15 and 2/16 against Milwaukee, getting the win in both games
 - Arrives in Macon after spending two seasons at Motlow State CC in Tennessee
 - Was a workhorse as a sophomore in 2024, tossing five complete games for the Bucks
 - Struck out 80 batters in 77 innings while only allowing 25 walks
 - Struck out 28 in 24.1 innings
 - Holds the career saves record at Central Hardin HS in Kentucky

Last Outing: (2/11 vs Alabama State) 0.2 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 0 K
With Runners: .000 (0-for-3)
Bases Empty: .222 (2-for-9)
With 2 Outs: .000 (0-for-3)
Inherited Runners/Scored: 5/1



31
RILEY
CRUCE
JR | LHP

2025: 1-0, 4.32 ERA, 9-0 APP-GS, 0 CG, 8.1 IP, 7 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, 8 K
 - Got the win against FAMU on 2/25
 - Transfers to Mercer after two seasons at Florence-Darlington Tech in South Carolina
 - Started 10 games and made five appearances out of the bullpen as a sophomore in 2024
 - Held a 5-1 record and helped the Stingers to a 54-12 record and advance to the NJCAA D1 World Series
 - Posted seven saves as a freshman in 2023

Last Outing: (3/29 vs. Western Carolina) 1.0 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 0 K
With Runners: .278 (5-for-18)
Bases Empty: .154 (2-for-13)
With 2 Outs: .300 (3-for-10)
Inherited Runners/Scored: 6/3



17
KAI
DECKER
FR | RHP

2025: 0-0, 4.05 ERA, 5-0 APP-GS, 0 CG, 6.2 IP, 6 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 12 K
 - Was excellent on 3/1 against FAMU, striking out six in 3.1 scoreless innings
 - Made his first career pitching appearance on 2/16 against Milwaukee, striking out the side
 - Hard-throwing freshman from nearby Bonaire, GA, named #3 prospect in the SoCon for the 2027 MLB Draft by Perfect Game
 - Played his senior season at Central Fellowship Christian Academy, earning First Team All-Region and First Team All-State honors and helping the team reach the state quarterfinals
 - Played his freshman-junior seasons at Houston County HS, helping the team win 2 state titles

Last Outing: 3/1 vs. FAMU: 3.1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 6 K
With Runners: .273 (3-for-11)
Bases Empty: .200 (3-for-15)
With 2 Outs: .125 (1-for-8)
Inherited Runners/Scored: N/A



30
GARRETT
LAMBERT
R-FR | RHP

2024: 2-0, 3.37 ERA, 4-4 APP-GS, 0 CG, 18.2 IP, 18 H, 8 R, 7 ER, 4 BB, 20 K
 - Named #1 prospect in SoCon for 2026 MLB Draft by D1Baseball
 - As a true freshman last season, served as the Bears' Sunday starter for the first four weeks of the season before suffering a season-ending injury
 - Was excellent in 18.2 innings, posting a 3.37 ERA and a 20/4 strikeout-to-walk ratio
 - Selected as the 2024 SoCon Preseason Freshman of the Year by Perfect Game and D1Baseball
 - Currently recovering from injury

Last Outing: (2/26 vs FAMU): 3.1 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 4 K
With Runners: N/A
Bases Empty: N/A
With 2 Outs: N/A
Inherited Runners/Scored: N/A



17
FORD
THOMPSON
FR | LHP

2025: 0-0, 0.00 ERA, 2-1 APP-GS, 0 CG, 1.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 4 BB, 1 K
 - Made his first career start on 2/26 against FAMU
 - Freshman from Snellville, Ga., ranked as the fourth-best LHP in Georgia by Perfect Game
 - Helped Parkview HS to a state championship as a senior
 - All-State selection as a junior
 - Played travel baseball with USA Prime National
 - Named after the Ford Mustang

Last Outing: (3/29 vs. Western Carolina) : 1.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 3 BB, 1 K
With Runners: .000 (0-for-2)
Bases Empty: .000 (0-for-1)
With 2 Outs: .000 (0-for-1)
Inherited Runners/Scored: N/A



32
ANDREW
GARNETT
JR | RHP

2025: 0-0, 0.93 ERA, 4-0 APP-GS, 0 CG, 9.2 IP, 11 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 10 K
 - Got his first career win on 3/28 against Western Carolina
 - Was instrumental in Mercer's comeback win over The Citadel (3/23), tossing 3.1 scoreless innings with six strikeouts
 - Macon product joins his hometown team after spending two seasons at Gordon State CC
 - Made 30 appearances and eight starts across two seasons at Gordon State
 - Struck out 45 batters in 43 innings pitched in 2024, good for a K/9 of 9.42
 - Starred in both baseball and football at Howard HS in Macon

Last Outing: (3/28 vs. Western Carolina): 2.1 IP, 4 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 3 K
With Runners: .200 (3-for-15)
Bases Empty: .364 (8-for-22)
With 2 Outs: .308 (4-for-13)
Inherited Runners/Scored: 2/0



11
MICAH
TAKAC
JR | RHP

2025: 0-0, 10.80 ERA, 3-0 APP-GS, 0 CG, 1.2 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 4 BB, 1 K
 - Ranked fourth on the team with 21 appearances last season
 - Named Florida Collegiate Summer League Pitcher of the Year last summer, posting a 1.55 ERA and a 5-0 record for the Winter Garden Squeeze
 - Made 19 appearances as a freshman in 2021, striking out 24 in 21.2 innings
 - Named All-State in baseball at Stratford Academy in Macon, also lettered in football and basketball

Last Outing: (3/22 at The Citadel) 1.0 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 0 K
With Runners: .200 (1-for-5)
Bases Empty: 1.000 (1-for-1)
With 2 Outs: .250 (1-for-4)
Inherited Runners/Scored: 3/0

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POSITION PLAYERS (LAST GAME'S STARTING LINEUP)



20
ELY
BROWN
SO | OF

- Has started every game in center field this season
- Has reached base in every game but one and ranks seventh in the SoCon in OBP
- Named #3 prospect in the SoCon for the 2026 MLB Draft by Perfect Game and #2 prospect by D1Baseball
- Played in 32 games with 15 starts as a freshman last season
- Started the final 14 games of the season
- Collected hits in five of six games to close the year
- Had a breakout performance in his second career start, going 3-for-6 against Samford (5/4)
- Also slugged his first collegiate home run against Samford (5/5)
- Tallied seven hits across five games in the SoCon Tournament (.389 avg.)
- Product of Savannah, Ga. was a two-time Regional MVP at Savannah Christian Preparatory School

Season: .330/2/15 4 2B .430 SLG% .496 OB% 5-8 SB
SoCon: .318/1/5 2 2B .545 SLG% .444 OB% 1-2 SB
Home: .329/2/15 3 2B .443 SLG% .505 OB% 5-7 SB
Away: .333/0/0 1 2B .381 SLG% .462 OB% 0-1 SB
RISP: .367 (11-for-30)
2 Outs: .296 (8-for-27)

Last HR: 3/29 vs. Western Carolina - Two-run HR in 7th inning off RHP Kaden Fuller

Multi-Hit Games: 10 Total (Last 3/29 vs. Western Carolina - 3-for-5)
7 Two-Hit Games | 2 Three-Hit Games | 1 Four-Hit Game



10
DREW
JOHNSON
JR | OF

- Leads the Bears with a .381 batting average in SoCon play
- In his last six games, is 10-for-23 with six runs scored
- Has started 22 games in left field and six games at second base
- Went 2-for-4, including a two out, 2 RBI base hit in Mercer's comeback win over The Citadel on 3/23
- Picked up his first home run of the season on 2/16 against Milwaukee, a three-run shot to break the game open for the Bears
- Transfer from Tacoma CC
- Spent two seasons at Tacoma, playing in 83 games for the Titans
- Slashed .304/.423/.518 last season and led the team with seven home runs
- Was a threat on the basepaths, stealing 17 bases and legging out two triples
- West Conference First Team and All-NWAC Second Team pick in 2024

Season: .250/1/15 6 2B .360 SLG% .387 OB% 3-3 SB
SoCon: .381/0/4 1 2B .429 SLG% .519 OB% 3-3 SB
Home: .237/1/12 6 2B .382 SLG% .366 OB% 0-0 SB
Away: .292/0/3 0 2B .292 SLG% .452 OB% 3-3 SB
RISP: .333 (10-for-33)
2 Outs: .250 (10-for-40)

Last HR: 2/16 vs. Milwaukee - Three-run HR in 5th inning off RHP Keagon Kaufmann

Multi-Hit Games: 7 Total (Last 3/29 vs. Western Carolina - 2-for-3)
6 Two-Hit Games | 1 Three-Hit Game | 0 Four-Hit Games



3
TY
DALLEY
JR | OF

- Hit 2 HRs with 6 RBI and his first career walk-off HR, vs. Georgia St (3/26)
- Has 50 career home runs, needs six more to tie Mercer's career record
- Hit a game-tying home run in the top of the ninth in Mercer's come from behind win over The Citadel (3/23)
- Leads the SoCon with 11 doubles, leads team in HR and RBI
- Preseason all-conference and POTY selection by PG, D1Baseball, and SoCon
- Named a Top 300 overall prospect for the 2025 MLB Draft, #5 prospect in SoCon by Perfect Game and #5 prospect in SoCon by D1Baseball
- Ranked 79th on D1Baseball's preseason top 100 outfielders list
- 2024 SoCon All-Tournament Team and 2024 All-Conference First Team
- In 2024, was fifth in the conference in slugging percentage (.693) and RBI (71), tied for fourth in doubles (18), and third in home runs (21)
- Became one of just 9 players in school history to log 70 or more RBI in a season in 2024 and the first since Golden Spikes winner Kyle Lewis had 72 in 2016
- 2023 SoCon All-Freshman and Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-America

Season: .291/11/36 11 2B .667 SLG% .368 OB% 0-3 SB
SoCon: .238/3/5 1 2B .714 SLG% .370 OB% 0-0 SB
Home: .315/10/31 8 2B .728 SLG% .393 OB% 0-3 SB
Away: .200/1/5 3 2B .440 SLG% .276 OB% 0-0 SB
RISP: .268 (11-for-41)
2 Outs: .296 (8-for-27)

Last HR: 3/29 vs. Western Carolina - Solo HR in 1st inning off RHP Cannon Pickell

Multi-Hit Games: 8 Total (Last 3/26 vs. Georgia State - 2-for-5)
5 Two-Hit Games | 3 Three-Hit Games | 0 Four-Hit Games



5
BRADLEY
FRYE
SR | SS

- Tied for ninth in the country with 49 hits
- Second in the SoCon a .386 batting average
- Hit Mercer's first grand slam of the season on 2/26
- Leads the team in average, OPS (1.104), hits, slugging (.669) and stolen bases (5)
- Named SoCon Player of the Week on 2/24 after hitting .647 with a 1.524 OPS and 7 RBI
- Homered in the first two games of the season, both times to the opposite field
- Preseason all-conference selection by Perfect Game
- Named #7 prospect in SoCon for 2025 MLB Draft by D1Baseball
- Named to SoCon All-Tournament Team last year, hitting .455 (10-for-22)
- Started 58 games in 2024 with a .282 average and an .855 OPS
- Slugged nine home runs, including three in the conference tournament
- Recorded the seventh most assists in a single season in program history (177)

Season: .386/9/31 9 2B .669 SLG% .435 OB% 5-5 SB
SoCon: .320/1/4 1 2B .600 SLG% .346 OB% 0-0 SB
Home: .388/6/25 9 2B .650 SLG% .422 OB% 4-4 SB
Away: .375/3/4 0 2B .750 SLG% .483 OB% 1-1 SB
RISP: .340 (16-for-47)
2 Outs: .256 (11-for-43)

Last HR: 3/21 vs. The Citadel - Solo HR in 5th inning off RHP Andrew Stanley

Multi-Hit Games: 15 Total (Last 3/29 vs Western Carolina - 2-for-4)
7 Two-Hit Games | 7 Three-Hit Games | 1 Four-Hit Game



4
TITAN
KAMAKA
JR | 2B

- Currently riding a nine game hitting streak
- Returned from injury on 3/7 against Southern and hit his first home run of the season
- Had a big day in a DH on 3/8 against Southern, going 4-for-8 with six RBI and three runs scored, including a three-run homer in game one
- Started at second base in the first five games of the season before being sidelined for two weeks
- Transfer from Florida State
- Played in 10 games as a sophomore as FSU
- Named Florida League Player of the Year last summer with Winter Garden Squeeze, slashing .376/.423/.651
- Started 32 games for the Seminoles as a freshman in 2023

Season: .321/3/20 3 2B .469 SLG% .421 OB% 2-3 SB
SoCon: .320/0/4 1 2B .360 SLG% .393 OB% 0-0 SB
Home: .327/3/14 2 2B .492 SLG% .426 OB% 2-3 SB
Away: .304/0/3 1 2B .348 SLG% .407 OB% 0-0 SB
RISP: .500 (13-for-26)
2 Outs: .500 (9-for-18)

Last HR: 3/14 vs. Tennessee Tech - Three-run HR in 3rd inning off RHP Drew Mattox

Multi-Hit Games: 8 Total (Last 3/23 vs. Georgia State - 2-for-4)
8 Two-Hit Games | 0 Three-Hit Games | 0 Four-Hit Games

POSITION PLAYERS (LAST GAME'S STARTING LINEUP)



7
BRANT
BAUGCUM
JR | 3B

- Third on the team with 9 doubles and third on the team with 25 RBI
- Started at third base in each game this season
- Transferred to Mercer ahead of the 2025 season
- Spent the 2024 season at Gulf Coast State College in Florida
- Slashed .349/.438/.570 for the Commodores, slugging eight home runs
- Spent his freshman year at Georgia Tech (2023)
- Played in 14 games with four starts for the Yellow Jackets
- Highly-touted prep prospect out of Buford HS, ranked as the 24th best player in Georgia and 253rd nationally in the class of 2022 by Perfect Game
- High school teammates with Mercer RHP Jackson Gaspard

Season: .269/4/25 10 2B .481 SLG% .375 OB% 4-4 SB
SoCon: .143/1/4 1 2B .333 SLG% .269 OB% 0-0 SB
Home: .293/2/19 8 2B .463 SLG% .380 OB% 3-3 SB
Away: .182/2/6 2 2B .545 SLG% .357 OB% 1-1 SB
RISP: .263 (10-for-38)
2 Outs: .244 (10-for-41)

Last HR: 3/23 vs. The Citadel - Two-run HR in 4th inning off RHP Chandler Anderson

Multi-Hit Games: 5 Total (Last 3/16 vs. Tennessee Tech- 2-for-4)
2 Two-Hit Games | 2 Three-Hit Games | 0 Four-Hit Games



15
PARKER
LESTER
SR | 1B

- Drove in 4 runs on 3/15 against Tennessee Tech on a home run and a double
- Smacked three home runs on Opening Weekend, including two in game two
- Ranked 16th on D1Baseball's preseason top 50 first basemen list
- Named #21 prospect in the SoCon for the 2025 MLB Draft by Perfect Game and #8 prospect by D1Baseball
- Made an immediate impact in Macon last season, his first in Macon, starting 57 games at both first and second base
- Finished the season third on the team in batting average (.307)
- Was second on the team in hits (67), doubles (15), and third in OPS (1.004), RBI (42), home runs (15), and slugging percentage (.592)
- Named SoCon Player of the Week after hitting two home runs with eight RBI to help Mercer record a 4-0 record against Kennesaw St and Monmouth (2/26)
- Spent his first two collegiate seasons (2022-23) at Miami (OH)
- Started 27 games as a sophomore for Miami, hitting .314 with an .823 OPS

Season: .260/6/23 3 2B .521 SLG% .416 OB% 0-2 SB
SoCon: .273/1/5 0 2B .409 SLG% .320 OB% 0-0 SB
Home: .270/5/20 3 2B .568 SLG% .429 OB% 0-1 SB
Away: .227/1/3 0 2B .364 SLG% .370 OB% 0-1 SB
RISP: .242 (8-for-33)
2 Outs: .250 (8-for-32)

Last HR: 3/21 vs. The Citadel - Two-run HR in 4th inning off RHP Andrew Stanley

Multi-Hit Games: 5 Total (Last 3/21 vs. The Citadel- 2-for-5)
4 Two-Hit Games | 1 Three-Hit Game | 0 Four-Hit Games



25
MICHAEL
GRAZIANO
SO | DH

- Started the last two games at DH
- Started four games in right field and seven games in left field
- Hit his first career home run on 2/23, a no-doubt home run to right center
- Transfers to Mercer after spending the 2024 season at Georgia Tech
- Played in nine games as a true freshman for the Yellow Jackets, including one start
- Named #7 prospect in SoCon for 2026 Draft by D1Baseball

Season: .184/1/4 3 2B .306 SLG% .310 OB% 1-2 SB
SoCon: .250/0/0 1 2B .375 SLG% .333 OB% 0-0 SB
Home: .182/1/4 2 2B .295 SLG% .321 OB% 1-1 SB
Away: .200/0/0 1 2B .400 SLG% .200 OB% 0-1 SB
RISP: .158 (23for-19)
2 Outs: .278 (5-for-18)

Last HR: 2/23 vs. Kent State - Solo HR in 4th inning off RHP Jacob Bean

Multi-Hit Games: 2 Total (Last 2/23 vs. Kent State - 2-for-4)
2 Two-Hit Games | 0 Three-Hit Games | 0 Four-Hit Games



26
ZACK
THOMPSON
JR | C

- Started behind the plate in 20 games
- Delivered the go-ahead hit against The Citadel on 3/23, a two RBI double in the ninth inning
- Executed a squeeze bunt on 2/15 against Milwaukee for his first Division I RBI
- Joins the Bears as a transfer from Gordon State Community College, where he spent two seasons (2023-24)
- Was excellent for the Highlanders as a sophomore last year, slashing .337/.438/.487 in 52 games

Season: .210/0/7 5 2B .290 SLG% .315 OB% 1-1 SB
SoCon: .071/0/2 1 2B .143 SLG% .071 OB% 0-0 SB
Home: .234/0/5 3 2B .298 SLG% .351 OB% 1-1 SB
Away: .133/0/2 2 2B .267 SLG% .188 OB% 0-0 SB
RISP: .100 (2-for-20)
2 Outs: .179 (5-for-28)

Last HR: N/A

Multi-Hit Games: 3 Total (Last 3/26 vs. Georgia State - 2-for-4)
2 Two-Hit Games | 1 Three-Hit Game | 0 Four-Hit Games

POSITION PLAYERS (RESERVES)



25
ZACH THOMAS
JR | 1B

Season: .211/1/3 2 2B .342 SLG%
.375 OB% 0-0 SB
SoCon: .000/0/0 .000 SLG% .000 OB%
- Has started 11 games, including 10 at DH
- Came off the bench against Alabama State on 3/11 on delivered a game-tying two-run home run, his first homer of the season
- Arrived in Macon ahead of the 2024 season from LSU Eunice



14
GREYSON GEGG
FR | OF

Season: .111/0/0 0 2B .111 SLG%
.333 OB% 0-0 SB
SoCon: N/A
- Made his first collegiate start in game two of the DH on 3/8 against Southern
- Saw his first collegiate at-bats on 3/2 against High Point
- Joins the Bears from St. Simons, Ga.
- First Team All-State pick as a senior at Glynn Academy, hitting .413 with three home runs and 31 RBI



27
BRAYDON KERSEY
JR | INF

Season: .158/0/0 0 2B .158 SLG% .273 OB% 0-0 SB
SoCon: .000/0/0 .000 SLG% .000 OB%
- Has started four games at DH
- Perfect Game SoCon Preseason Freshman of the Year, D1 Baseball's SoCon No. 2 impact freshman
- Region Player of the Year and First Team All-State pick as a senior at Alpharetta HS, broke school record with 25 career doubles
- Named a PG Second-Team All American



6
CADE NORTON
FR | C

Season: .333/1/3 1 2B .500 SLG%
.448 OB% 0-0 SB
SoCon: .000/0/0 .000 SLG% .000 OB%
- Has started nine games behind the plate
- Hit his first collegiate home run on 3/8 against Southern
- Got his first career start on 2/26 against FAMU, collected his first hit and scored two runs
- Native of Greer, S.C., ranked as the 72nd best player and 10th best catcher in S.C. state of South Carolina by Perfect Game



16
DAVID FALLOON
FR | OF

Season: .000/0/0 0 2B .000 SLG% .000 OB% 1-1 SB
SoCon: N/A
- Made first career start on 3/26 vs. Georgia St.
- Got his first collegiate AB on 2/26 vs. FAMU
- Native of Dacula, Ga., was an All-Region and All-County selection as a senior
- Hit .360 with two home runs as a senior and helped his team reach the Sweet 16 in the state playoffs
- Graduated from Dacula HS with a 4.0 GPA



17
KAI DECKER
FR | INF

Season: .273/1/2 0 2B .409 SLG%
.346 OB% 0-0 SB
SoCon: N/A
- Started at DH in six games this season
- Hit his first career home run against Kent State on 2/21 as part of a three-hit day
- Freshman two-way player
- Hit .470 as a senior at Central Fellowship Christian Academy, named First Team All-State
- As a junior at Houston County High School, was named First Team All-State after hitting .393



GAME-BY-GAME STARTING LINEUPS

| Date | Opponent | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | SP |
|---------|-----------------------|--------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| 2/14/25 | Milwaukee | Brown | Frye | Johnson | Dalley | Baughcum | Lester | Kamaka | Kersey | Thompson | Co. Cospers |
| 2/15/25 | Milwaukee | Brown | Frye | Lester | Dalley | Kamaka | Johnson | Baughcum | Decker | Thompson | Kersey |
| 2/16/25 | Milwaukee | Brown | Frye | Lester | Dalley | Kamaka | Johnson | Baughcum | Decker | Thompson | Gaspard |
| 2/19/25 | Kennesaw State | Brown | Frye | Lester | Dalley | Baughcum | Johnson | Kamaka | Decker | Thompson | Hawkins |
| 2/21/25 | Kent State | Brown | Frye | Lester | Dalley | Baughcum | Johnson | Kamaka | Decker | Thompson | Co. Cospers |
| 2/22/25 | Kent State | Brown | Frye | Dalley | Baughcum | Lester | Thomas | Johnson | Thompson | Graziano | Kersey |
| 2/23/25 | Kent State | Brown | Frye | Dalley | Lester | Baughcum | Decker | Johnson | Thompson | Graziano | Gaspard |
| 2/25/25 | Florida A&M | Brown | Frye | Dalley | Lester | Baughcum | Decker | Johnson | Thompson | Graziano | Ca. Cospers |
| 2/26/25 | Florida A&M | Brown | Frye | Dalley | Lester | Baughcum | Johnson | Kersey | Graziano | Norton | F. Thompson |
| 2/28/25 | High Point | Brown | Frye | Dalley | Lester | Baughcum | Decker | Graziano | Johnson | Thompson | Co. Cospers |
| 3/1/25 | Florida A&M | Brown | Frye | Dalley | Lester | Baughcum | Johnson | Thomas | Thompson | Graziano | Gaspard |
| 3/2/25 | High Point | Brown | Frye | Dalley | Lester | Baughcum | Johnson | Thompson | Decker | Graziano | Kersey |
| 3/5/25 | Alabama State | Brown | Frye | Dalley | Lester | Baughcum | Johnson | Thompson | Kersey | Graziano | Co. Cospers |
| 3/7/25 | Southern | Brown | Frye | Dalley | Lester | Baughcum | Kamaka | Johnson | Thompson | Graziano | Ca. Cospers |
| 3/8/25 | Southern (G1) | Brown | Frye | Dalley | Lester | Baughcum | Kamaka | Johnson | Thompson | Graziano | Ackerman |
| 3/8/25 | Southern (G2) | Brown | Frye | Dalley | Kamaka | Lester | Baughcum | Johnson | Gegg | Norton | Kersey |
| 3/11/25 | Alabama State | Brown | Frye | Dalley | Kamaka | Lester | Baughcum | Johnson | Gegg | Norton | Gaspard |
| 3/12/25 | Kennesaw State | Kamaka | Brown | Frye | Dalley | Thomas | Lester | Baughcum | Graziano | Thompson | Ca. Cospers |
| 3/14/25 | Tennessee Tech | Kamaka | Lester | Frye | Dalley | Baughcum | Brown | Thomas | Johnson | Norton | Co. Cospers |
| 3/15/25 | Tennessee Tech | Kamaka | Lester | Frye | Dalley | Baughcum | Brown | Thomas | Johnson | Thompson | Kersey |
| 3/16/25 | Tennessee Tech | Kamaka | Johnson | Dalley | Frye | Lester | Thomas | Baughcum | Brown | Norton | Ackerman |
| 3/18/25 | Florida State | Kamaka | Johnson | Frye | Dalley | Thomas | Lester | Baughcum | Brown | Norton | Johnson |
| 3/21/25 | The Citadel | Kamaka | Johnson | Frye | Dalley | Baughcum | Lester | Thomas | Brown | Norton | Co. Cospers |
| 3/22/25 | The Citadel | Kamaka | Johnson | Frye | Dalley | Thomas | Lester | Baughcum | Brown | Norton | Kersey |
| 3/23/25 | The Citadel | Kamaka | Johnson | Frye | Dalley | Baughcum | Lester | Thomas | Brown | Thompson | Gaspard |
| 3/26/25 | Georgia State | Kamaka | Johnson | Frye | Dalley | Baughcum | Brown | Thomas | Falloon | Thompson | Kalkbrenner |
| 3/28/25 | Western Carolina | Kamaka | Johnson | Frye | Dalley | Baughcum | Brown | Lester | Kersey | Thompson | Co. Cospers |
| 3/29/25 | Western Carolina (G1) | Kamaka | Johnson | Frye | Dalley | Baughcum | Brown | Graziano | Lester | Thompson | Johnson |
| 3/29/25 | Western Carolina (G2) | Brown | Kamaka | Dalley | Frye | Johnson | Baughcum | Lester | Graziano | Norton | Ackerman |



GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

| Date | Opponent | SP | C | 1B | 2B | 3B | SS | LF | CF | RF | DH |
|---------|-----------------------|-------------|----------|--------|---------|----------|------|----------|-------|----------|----------|
| 2/14/25 | Milwaukee | Co. Cosp | Thompson | Lester | Kamaka | Baughcum | Frye | Johnson | Brown | Dalley | Kersey |
| 2/15/25 | Milwaukee | Kersey | Thompson | Lester | Kamaka | Baughcum | Frye | Johnson | Brown | Dalley | Decker |
| 2/16/25 | Milwaukee | Gaspard | Thompson | Lester | Kamaka | Baughcum | Frye | Johnson | Brown | Dalley | Decker |
| 2/19/25 | Kennesaw State | Hawkins | Thompson | Lester | Kamaka | Baughcum | Frye | Johnson | Brown | Dalley | Decker |
| 2/21/25 | Kent State | Co. Cosp | Thompson | Lester | Kamaka | Baughcum | Frye | Johnson | Brown | Dalley | Decker |
| 2/22/25 | Kent State | Kersey | Thompson | Dalley | Lester | Baughcum | Frye | Johnson | Brown | Graziano | Thomas |
| 2/23/25 | Kent State | Gaspard | Thompson | Dalley | Lester | Baughcum | Frye | Johnson | Brown | Graziano | Decker |
| 2/25/25 | Florida A&M | Ca. Cosp | Thompson | Dalley | Lester | Baughcum | Frye | Johnson | Brown | Graziano | Decker |
| 2/26/25 | Florida A&M | F. Thompson | Norton | Dalley | Lester | Baughcum | Frye | Johnson | Brown | Graziano | Kersey |
| 2/28/25 | High Point | Co. Cosp | Thompson | Lester | Johnson | Baughcum | Frye | Graziano | Brown | Dalley | Decker |
| 3/1/25 | Florida A&M | Gaspard | Thompson | Lester | Johnson | Baughcum | Frye | Graziano | Brown | Dalley | Thomas |
| 3/2/25 | High Point | Kersey | Thompson | Lester | Johnson | Baughcum | Frye | Graziano | Brown | Dalley | Decker |
| 3/5/25 | Alabama State | Ca. Cosp | Thompson | Lester | Johnson | Baughcum | Frye | Graziano | Brown | Dalley | Kersey |
| 3/7/25 | Southern | Co. Cosp | Thompson | Lester | Johnson | Baughcum | Frye | Graziano | Brown | Dalley | Kamaka |
| 3/8/25 | Southern (G1) | Ackerman | Thompson | Lester | Johnson | Baughcum | Frye | Graziano | Brown | Dalley | Kamaka |
| 3/8/25 | Southern (G2) | Kersey | Thompson | Lester | Kamaka | Baughcum | Frye | Johnson | Brown | Dalley | Gegg |
| 3/11/25 | Alabama State | Gaspard | Norton | Lester | Kamaka | Baughcum | Frye | Johnson | Brown | Dalley | Gegg |
| 3/12/25 | Kennesaw State | Ca. Cosp | Thompson | Lester | Kamaka | Baughcum | Frye | Graziano | Brown | Dalley | Thomas |
| 3/14/25 | Tennessee Tech | Co. Cosp | Norton | Lester | Kamaka | Baughcum | Frye | Johnson | Brown | Dalley | Thomas |
| 3/15/25 | Tennessee Tech | Kersey | Thompson | Lester | Kamaka | Baughcum | Frye | Johnson | Brown | Dalley | Thomas |
| 3/16/25 | Tennessee Tech | Ackerman | Norton | Lester | Kamaka | Baughcum | Frye | Johnson | Brown | Dalley | Thomas |
| 3/18/25 | Florida State | Johnson | Norton | Lester | Kamaka | Baughcum | Frye | Johnson | Brown | Dalley | Thomas |
| 3/21/25 | The Citadel | Co. Cosp | Norton | Lester | Kamaka | Baughcum | Frye | Johnson | Brown | Dalley | Thomas |
| 3/22/25 | The Citadel | Kersey | Norton | Lester | Kamaka | Baughcum | Frye | Johnson | Brown | Dalley | Thomas |
| 3/23/25 | The Citadel | Gaspard | Thompson | Lester | Kamaka | Baughcum | Frye | Johnson | Brown | Dalley | Thomas |
| 3/26/25 | Georgia State | Kalkbrenner | Thompson | Thomas | Kamaka | Baughcum | Frye | Johnson | Brown | Dalley | Falloon |
| 3/28/25 | Western Carolina | Co. Cosp | Thompson | Lester | Kamaka | Baughcum | Frye | Johnson | Brown | Dalley | Thomas |
| 3/29/25 | Western Carolina (G1) | Johnson | Thompson | Lester | Kamaka | Baughcum | Frye | Johnson | Brown | Dalley | Graziano |
| 3/29/25 | Western Carolina (G2) | Ackerman | Thompson | Lester | Kamaka | Baughcum | Frye | Johnson | Brown | Dalley | Graziano |

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS & STATISTICS // MERCER BASEBALL

2025 RECORD WHEN...

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|------|
| Overall..... | 19-10 | 10+ Hits..... | 13-2 |
| Home..... | 15-8 | Out-Hit Opponent..... | 17-1 |
| Away..... | 4-2 | Out-Hit by Opponent..... | 2-9 |
| Neutral..... | 0-0 | Hits Tied..... | 0-0 |
| SoCon..... | 3-3 | No Home Runs..... | 2-4 |
| SoCon Home..... | 2-1 | Opponent No Home Runs..... | 9-4 |
| SoCon Away..... | 1-2 | 1 Home Run..... | 8-1 |
| Non-Conference..... | 16-7 | Opponent 1 Home Run..... | 6-2 |
| Non-Conference Home..... | 13-7 | 2+ Home Runs..... | 10-5 |
| Non-Conference Away..... | 3-0 | Opponent 2+ Home Runs..... | 2-5 |
| Against Ranked Teams..... | 1-0 | Scoring in 1st Inning..... | 9-4 |
| Day Games (before 5 p.m.)..... | 9-6 | Opponent Scores in 1st..... | 4-5 |
| Night Games (5 p.m. or later)..... | 10-4 | Scoring First..... | 13-5 |
| 1-Run Games..... | 4-1 | Opponent Scores First..... | 6-5 |
| 2-Run Games..... | 2-4 | Scoring 0-2 Runs..... | 1-2 |
| 5+ Run Games..... | 10-2 | Opponent 0-2 Runs..... | 4-0 |
| Extra Innings..... | 0-1 | Scoring 3-5 Runs..... | 0-6 |
| Shutouts..... | 1-1 | Opponent 3-5 Runs..... | 10-2 |
| February Games..... | 9-1 | Scoring 6-9 Runs..... | 14-3 |
| March Games..... | 10-9 | Opponent 6-9 Runs..... | 5-6 |
| April Games..... | 0-0 | Scoring 10+ Runs..... | 4-0 |
| May Games..... | 0-0 | Opponent 10+ Runs..... | 0-1 |
| Tuesday Games..... | 2-1 | Leading after 5 Innings..... | 15-2 |
| Wednesday Games..... | 4-1 | Trailing after 5 Innings..... | 3-8 |
| Thursday Games..... | 0-0 | Tied after 5 Innings..... | 1-0 |
| Friday Games..... | 5-2 | Leading after 7 Innings..... | 18-0 |
| Saturday Games..... | 4-5 | Trailing After 7 Innings..... | 1-8 |
| Sunday Games..... | 4-1 | Tied after 7 Innings..... | 0-2 |
| Game 1 of Series..... | 5-2 | Leading after 8 Innings..... | 18-0 |
| Game 2 of Series..... | 2-5 | Trailing after 8 Innings..... | 1-9 |
| Game 3 of Series..... | 6-1 | Tied after 8 Innings..... | 0-1 |
| Mid-Week Games..... | 6-2 | No Errors..... | 6-4 |
| 0-9 Hits..... | 6-8 | Opponent No Errors..... | 9-6 |
| | | 1 Error..... | 9-4 |
| | | Opponent 1 Error..... | 4-4 |
| | | 2+ Errors..... | 4-2 |
| | | Opponent 2+ Errors..... | 6-1 |

RECORDS

SINGLE SEASON

BATTING AVERAGE

.414, Frank Millerd (1982)
.414, Jack Pool (1983)

HITS

105, Chesny Young (2013)

RUNS

74, Treyson Hughes (2023)

RBI

91, Frank Millerd (1982)

DOUBLES

25, Jacob Tanis (2015)
25, Michael Langley (2010)

TRIPLES

7, Tim Smith (1981)

HOME RUNS

24, Tim Smith (1983)

STOLEN BASES

30, Barry Veal (1985)
30, Billy Burns (2010)

INNINGS PITCHED

131.0, David D'Amico (1998)

COMPLETE GAMES

9, Cliff Broxton (1986/87/88)
9, Scott Barnhouse (1981)
9, John Hart (1975)

WINS

12, Rick Miller (1994)

SAVES

15, Andrew Urena (2006)

ERA (MIN. 25 IP)

1.15, Dimitri Kourtis (2014)

STRIKEOUTS

130, David D'Amico (1998)

CAREER

BATTING AVERAGE

.376, Chesny Young (2011-14)

HITS

271, Derrick Workman (2011-14)

RUNS

205, Trey Truitt (2014-18)

RBI

231, Tim Smith (1980-83)

DOUBLES

57, Tim Smith (1980-83)

TRIPLES

8, Billy Burns (2009-11)

HOME RUNS

56, Tim Smith (1980-83)

STOLEN BASES

76, Joe Pettini (1974-77)

GAMES PLAYED

236, Trevor Austin (2019-23)

GAMES STARTED

235, Trevor Austin (2019-23)

PITCHING APPEARANCES

161, David Teasley (2010-13)

INNINGS PITCHED

385.1, Brian Jones (2001-04)

GAMES STARTED

58, Brantley New (2004-07)

COMPLETE GAMES

27, Cliff Broxton (1985-88)

WINS

29, Rick Miller (1993-96)

SAVES

22, Nick Spear (2015-19)

ERA

1.30, Andrew Urena (2005-06)

STRIKEOUTS

349, David D'Amico (1997-00)



HOME RUN RUNDOWN

| No. | Player (Season No.) | Inning | RBI | Date | Opponent | Stadium |
|-----|----------------------|--------|-----|---------|------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Parker Lester (1) | 2nd | 1 | 2/14/25 | Milwaukee | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 2 | Bradley Frye (1) | 8th | 1 | 2/14/25 | Milwaukee | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 3 | Bradley Frye (2) | 1st | 2 | 2/15/25 | Milwaukee | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 4 | Parker Lester (2) | 2nd | 3 | 2/15/25 | Milwaukee | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 5 | Parker Lester (3) | 5th | 1 | 2/15/25 | Milwaukee | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 6 | Ty Dalley (1) | 5th | 1 | 2/15/25 | Milwaukee | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 7 | Drew Johnson (1) | 5th | 3 | 2/16/25 | Milwaukee | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 8 | Ty Dalley (2) | 8th | 1 | 2/16/25 | Milwaukee | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 9 | Kai Decker (1) | 4th | 1 | 2/21/25 | Kent State | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 10 | Brant Baughcum (1) | 3rd | 2 | 2/22/25 | Kent State | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 11 | Michael Graziano (1) | 4th | 1 | 2/23/25 | Kent State | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 12 | Bradley Frye (3) | 6th | 2 | 2/25/25 | Florida A&M | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 13 | Ty Dalley (3) | 7th | 1 | 2/25/25 | Florida A&M | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 14 | Bradley Frye (4) | 4th | 4 | 2/26/25 | Florida A&M | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 15 | Ty Dalley (4) | 7th | 2 | 2/26/25 | Florida A&M | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 16 | Ely Brown (1) | 7th | 2 | 2/28/25 | High Point | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 17 | Titan Kamaka (1) | 3rd | 2 | 3/7/25 | Southern | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 18 | Parker Lester (4) | 4th | 1 | 3/8/25 | Southern | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 19 | Bradley Frye (5) | 5th | 2 | 3/8/25 | Southern | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 20 | Titan Kamaka (2) | 5th | 3 | 3/8/25 | Southern | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 21 | Cade Norton (1) | 2nd | 2 | 3/8/25 | Southern | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 22 | Brant Baughcum (2) | 7th | 1 | 3/11/25 | Alabama State | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 23 | Zach Thomas (1) | 7th | 2 | 3/11/25 | Alabama State | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 24 | Ty Dalley (5) | 6th | 1 | 3/12/25 | Kennesaw State | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 25 | Titan Kamaka (3) | 3rd | 3 | 3/14/25 | Tennessee Tech | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 26 | Bradley Frye (6) | 3rd | 2 | 3/15/25 | Tennessee Tech | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 27 | Ty Dalley (6) | 3rd | 1 | 3/15/25 | Tennessee Tech | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 28 | Parker Lester (5) | 7th | 2 | 3/15/25 | Tennessee Tech | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 29 | Bradley Frye (7) | 1st | 3 | 3/18/25 | Florida State | Dick Howser Stadium |
| 30 | Brant Baughcum (3) | 3rd | 2 | 3/18/25 | Florida State | Dick Howser Stadium |
| 31 | Bradley Frye (8) | 1st | 1 | 3/21/25 | The Citadel | Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park |
| 32 | Parker Lester (6) | 4th | 2 | 3/21/25 | The Citadel | Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park |
| 33 | Bradley Frye (9) | 4th | 1 | 3/21/25 | The Citadel | Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park |
| 34 | Brant Baughcum (4) | 4th | 2 | 3/23/25 | The Citadel | Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park |
| 35 | Ty Dalley (7) | 9th | 1 | 3/23/25 | The Citadel | Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park |
| 36 | Ty Dalley (8) | 1st | 3 | 3/26/25 | Georgia State | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 37 | Ty Dalley (9) | 9th | 3 | 3/26/25 | Georgia State | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 38 | Ty Dalley (10) | 6th | 1 | 3/28/25 | Western Carolina | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 39 | Ty Dalley (11) | 1st | 1 | 3/29/25 | Western Carolina | OrthoGeorgia Park |
| 40 | Ely Brown (2) | 7th | 2 | 3/29/25 | Georgia State | OrthoGeorgia Park |

NOTABLE OCCURANCES // MERCER BASEBALL

THE LAST TIME A BEAR...

Homered to Lead Off a Game

Jackson Cherry at Florida A&M (4/10/24)

Hit Two Home Runs in a Game

Ty Dalley vs. Georgia State (3/26/25)

Hit Three Home Runs in a Game

Ty Dalley vs. Seton Hall (3/28/24)

Hit a Grand Slam

Bradley Frye vs. Florida A&M (2/26/25)

Hit Home Runs in Consecutive At-Bats

Parker Lester vs. Milwaukee (2/15/25)

Hit a Walk-Off Home Run

Ty Dalley vs. Georgia State (3/26/25)

Hit a Walk-Off Grand Slam

N/A

Hit for the Cycle

N/A

Had Four Hits in a Game

Ely Brown at The Citadel (3/23/25)

Had Five Hits in a Game

Treyson Hughes vs. Wofford (5/25/23)

Pitched a No-Hitter

N/A

Had 10+ Strikeouts in a Game

Jess Ackerman at The Citadel (3/21/25 -10)

Pitched a Complete Game

Colton Cospers at UNCG (3/22/24)

Pitched a Complete Game Shutout

Eric Nyquist vs Samford (5/24/15 - SoCon Tournament title game)

Recorded a Triple Play

N/A

THE LAST TIME MERCER...

Had Back-To-Back Home Runs

Third inning vs. Tennessee Tech (3/15/25)
Bradley Frye and Ty Dalley

Had Three Consecutive Home Runs

Fifth Inning vs. Georgia Tech (5/16/23)
Jozsef Rohrbacher, Eric Toth, Carter Sanford

Scored 15 or More Runs in a Game

19 vs. VMI (5/22/24 in SoCon Tournament)

Scored 20 or More Runs in a Game

20 vs. Samford (5/4/24)

Scored 25 or More Runs in a Game

33 vs. Holy Cross (3/5/18)

Allowed 15 or More Runs in a Game

15 vs. Georgia Southern (4/20/24)

Allowed 20 or More Runs in a Game

23 vs. Rutgers (3/14/23)

Allowed 25 or More Runs in a Game

28 vs. Auburn (3/28/1951)

Scored 7 or More Runs in an Inning

7 vs. Kennesaw State (5/7/24)

Scored 10 or More Runs in an Inning

10 vs. Western Carolina (3/29/25)

Allowed 7 or more Runs in an Inning

8 vs. ETSU (5/25/24)

Allowed 10 or more Runs in an Inning

11 vs. UNCG (4/29/23)

Was Shutout

at The Citadel (3/22/25)

Recorded a Shutout

vs. Alabama State (3/5/25)

Had 20 or More Hits in a Game

22 vs. VMI (5/22/24)

Allowed 20 or More Hits in a Game

20 vs. UNCG (4/29/23)

Hit Four or More Home Runs in a Game

4 vs. Milwaukee (2/15/25)

Hit Five or More Home Runs in a Game

5 vs. VMI (5/22/24 - SoCon Tournament)

Had 15+ Strikeouts in a Game

15 vs. Georgia Southern (2/28/23)

Struck Out 15+ Times in a Game

18 vs. Wofford (4/19/24)

Played 15+ Innings

17 vs. Florida Gulf Coast (3/13/11 - L, 3-6)

Did Not Issue a Walk in a Game

vs. Alabama State (3/5/25) Ca. Cospers, Johnson, Hawkins, Ewaldsen, Busse

2025 BOX SCORES

Western Carolina (13-15, 2-4 SOCON) -vs- Mercer (19-10, 3-3 SOCON)
3/29/2025 at Macon, Ga. (OrthoGeorgia Park)

| Score by Innings | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | R | H | E |
|------------------|---|---|----|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Western Carolina | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Mercer | 1 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 13 | 11 | 0 |

Western Carolina 3

| Player | AB | R | H | RBI | BB | SO | LOB |
|--------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Mason Holton 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Brayden Com cf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hayden Friese lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Trent Turner ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Cole Jones dh | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Elijah Smith rf | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Jack Spjke 1b | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Noah Quarless c | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Trey Spees 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Cannon Pickell p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jacob Aramberger p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Griffin Guinther p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carter Burnette p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kaden Fuller p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 23 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 4 |

HR: Jack Spjke (1); Noah Quarless (1)
SH: Brayden Com (1)
HBP: Noah Quarless (1)
E: Mason Holton (1)

| Western Carolina | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | WP | BK | HBP | IBB | AB | BF | FO | GO | NP |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Cannon Pickell (L, 0-2) | 2.1 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 51 |
| Jacob Aramberger | 0.0 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Griffin Guinther | 0.0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| Carter Burnette | 3.2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 13 | 1 | 4 | 57 |
| Kaden Fuller | 0.2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| Totals | 11 | 13 | 9 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 37 | 2 | 9 | 140 |

| Mercer | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | WP | BK | HBP | IBB | AB | BF | FO | GO | NP |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Jess Ackerman (W, 2-2) | 5.0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 22 | 2 | 4 | 100 |
| Braydon Kersey | 2.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 28 |
| Totals | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 28 | 3 | 8 | 128 |

Win: Jess Ackerman (2-2)
Loss: Cannon Pickell (0-2)
HBP: Griffin Guinther, Jess Ackerman
PB: None

Umpres: Home Plate: Winston Powe First: Vic Correll Third Base: Ryan McCraney
Start: 5:30 Time: 2h 15m Attendance: 537 Weather: 75 degrees, cloudy, 9 mph SSE

Game notes:
- Aramberger faced 4 batters in the 3rd.
- Guinther faced 4 batters in the 3rd.

Mercer 13

| Player | AB | R | H | RBI | BB | SO | LOB |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Ely Brown cf | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Titan Kamaka 2b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Ty Dalley rf | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Bradley Frye ss | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Drew Johnson lf | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Brant Baughcum 3b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Parker Lester 1b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Michael Graziano dh | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Cade Norton c | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jess Ackerman p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Braydon Kersey p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 31 | 13 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 9 | 4 |

2B: Ely Brown (1); Brant Baughcum (1); Cade Norton (1)
HR: Ely Brown (1); Ty Dalley (1)
SH: Cade Norton (1)
HBP: Cade Norton (1)