

Mercer (23-21, 4-8 SoCon) -vs- Samford (30-15, 11-2 SoCon)  
5/3/2024 at Birmingham, Ala. (J.L. Griffin Field)

| Score by Innings | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | R | H  | E |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|---|
| Mercer           | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7  | 1 |
| Samford          | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | X | 9 | 12 | 1 |

Mercer 1

| Player            | AB | R | H | RBI | BB | SO | LOB |
|-------------------|----|---|---|-----|----|----|-----|
| Noah Best 3b      | 4  | 1 | 1 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Parker Lester 1b  | 4  | 0 | 1 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 1   |
| Ty Dalley rf      | 3  | 0 | 0 | 1   | 0  | 2  | 1   |
| Conner Todaro cf  | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 2  | 0   |
| Jackson Cherry dh | 3  | 0 | 1 | 0   | 0  | 1  | 1   |
| Zach Thomas ph    | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Brandon Prince lf | 4  | 0 | 1 | 0   | 0  | 1  | 0   |
| Carter Sanford c  | 3  | 0 | 1 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 1   |
| Ben Olson c       | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Bradley Frye ss   | 3  | 0 | 1 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Alex Ramirez 2b   | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Max Kops ph       | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 1   |
| Antonio Brown 2b  | 1  | 0 | 1 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Colton Cospers p  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Jeb Johnson p     | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Cody Soliday p    | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Benjy Tucker p    | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Bryce Hawkins p   | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Totals            | 32 | 1 | 7 | 1   | 0  | 6  | 5   |

2B: Parker Lester (1); Bradley Frye (1)  
SF: Ty Dalley (1)  
E: Parker Lester (1)

Samford 9

| Player             | AB | R | H  | RBI | BB | SO | LOB |
|--------------------|----|---|----|-----|----|----|-----|
| Garrett Staton 3b  | 5  | 2 | 3  | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Garrett Howe ss    | 5  | 2 | 3  | 0   | 0  | 1  | 0   |
| John Anderson 2b   | 5  | 2 | 2  | 2   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Andrew Bennett rf  | 4  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 2  | 2   |
| Blake Bortak rf    | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Aaron Walton cf    | 3  | 2 | 2  | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Angelo Prieto dh   | 4  | 1 | 1  | 3   | 0  | 1  | 0   |
| Lucas Steele c     | 3  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 1  | 0  | 0   |
| Hayden Perry c     | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Josh Rodriguez lf  | 3  | 0 | 1  | 2   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Jackson Harris 1b  | 4  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 1  | 4   |
| Michael Ross p     | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Evan Steckmesser p | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Miller Riggins p   | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Totals             | 36 | 9 | 12 | 9   | 1  | 5  | 6   |

2B: Garrett Staton (1); Garrett Howe (3); John Anderson (1); Aaron Walton (2); Angelo Prieto (1)  
HR: Garrett Staton (1)  
SF: Josh Rodriguez (1)  
HBP: Aaron Walton (1)  
E: Garrett Howe (1)  
DP: 1

| Mercer                  | IP  | H  | R | ER | BB | SO | WP | BK | HBP | IBB | AB | BF | FO | GO | NP |
|-------------------------|-----|----|---|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Colton Cospers (L, 4-2) | 5.0 | 9  | 6 | 5  | 1  | 4  | 0  | 0  | 1   | 0   | 24 | 27 | 4  | 7  | -  |
| Jeb Johnson             | 1.0 | 3  | 3 | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 6  | 6  | 0  | 3  | -  |
| Cody Soliday            | 1.0 | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 3  | 3  | 2  | 1  | -  |
| Benjy Tucker            | 0.1 | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1  | 1  | 1  | 0  | -  |
| Bryce Hawkins           | 0.2 | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 2  | 2  | 0  | 1  | -  |
| Totals                  |     | 12 | 9 | 8  | 1  | 5  | 0  | 0  | 1   | 0   | 36 | 39 | 7  | 12 |    |

| Samford                | IP  | H | R | ER | BB | SO | WP | BK | HBP | IBB | AB | BF | FO | GO | NP |
|------------------------|-----|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Michael Ross (W, 10-0) | 7.0 | 6 | 1 | 1  | 0  | 4  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 25 | 26 | 12 | 4  | -  |
| Evan Steckmesser       | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 4  | 4  | 1  | 1  | -  |
| Miller Riggins         | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 3  | 3  | 1  | 1  | -  |
| Totals                 |     | 7 | 1 | 1  | 0  | 6  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 32 | 33 | 14 | 6  |    |

Win: Michael Ross (10-0)  
Loss: Colton Cospers (4-2)  
HBP: Colton Cospers  
PB: None

Umpires: Home Plate: David Bailey First: Brad Newton Third Base: Vic Correll  
Start: 5:10 Time: 2:11 Attendance: 211 Weather: Cloudy, 79 degrees

## Play By Play

| Mercer - Top of 1st                       | MER | SAM |
|-------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| N. Best popped up to ss.                  | 0   | 0   |
| P. Lester flied out to cf.                | 0   | 0   |
| Ty Dalley struck out swinging.            | 0   | 0   |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0 |     |     |

| Samford - Bottom of 1st                                                              | MER | SAM |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Staton homered to left center, RBI.                                                  | 0   | 1   |
| Howe doubled down the lf line.                                                       | 0   | 1   |
| Anderson singled through the right side; Howe advanced to third.                     | 0   | 1   |
| Bennett struck out swinging.                                                         | 0   | 1   |
| Walton hit by pitch; Anderson advanced to second.                                    | 0   | 1   |
| Prieto doubled down the rf line, 3 RBI; Walton scored; Anderson scored; Howe scored. | 0   | 4   |
| Steele grounded out to p; Prieto advanced to third.                                  | 0   | 4   |
| Rodriguez singled to right field, RBI; Prieto scored.                                | 0   | 5   |
| Harris struck out looking.                                                           | 0   | 5   |
| Runs: 5 Hits: 5 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1                                            |     |     |

| Mercer - Top of 2nd                                                                | MER | SAM |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| C. Todaro struck out looking.                                                      | 0   | 5   |
| J. Cherry singled to center field.                                                 | 0   | 5   |
| B. Prince lined out to ss; J. Cherry advanced to second on a throwing error by ss. | 0   | 5   |
| C. Sanford flied out to cf.                                                        | 0   | 5   |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 1 Left On Base: 1                                          |     |     |

| Samford - Bottom of 2nd                                                 | MER | SAM |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Staton grounded out to 3b.                                              | 0   | 5   |
| Howe doubled to left field.                                             | 0   | 5   |
| Anderson reached on a fielder's choice; Howe out at third ss to 3b.     | 0   | 5   |
| Bennett reached on a fielder's choice; Anderson out at second ss to 2b. | 0   | 5   |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1                               |     |     |

| Mercer - Top of 3rd                       | MER | SAM |
|-------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| B. Frye doubled down the rf line.         | 0   | 5   |
| A. Ramirez fouled out to 3b.              | 0   | 5   |
| N. Best flied out to lf.                  | 0   | 5   |
| P. Lester out at first p to ss to 1b.     | 0   | 5   |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1 |     |     |

| Samford - Bottom of 3rd                                             | MER | SAM |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Walton doubled to left center.                                      | 0   | 5   |
| Prieto struck out swinging.                                         | 0   | 5   |
| Steele reached on a fielding error by 1b; Walton advanced to third. | 0   | 5   |
| Rodriguez flied out to cf, SF, RBI; Walton scored, unearned.        | 0   | 6   |
| Harris grounded out to 2b.                                          | 0   | 6   |
| Runs: 1 Hits: 1 Errors: 1 Left On Base: 1                           |     |     |

| Mercer - Top of 4th                       | MER | SAM |
|-------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Ty Dalley flied out to cf.                | 0   | 6   |
| C. Todaro struck out swinging.            | 0   | 6   |
| J. Cherry struck out swinging.            | 0   | 6   |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0 |     |     |

| Samford - Bottom of 4th                                | MER | SAM |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Staton doubled to left center.                         | 0   | 6   |
| Howe flied out to lf.                                  | 0   | 6   |
| Anderson grounded out to ss; Staton advanced to third. | 0   | 6   |

Bennett struck out looking.

0 6  
Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1

**Mercer - Top of 5th**

|                                                                                                            | MER | SAM |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| B. Prince singled to right field.                                                                          | 0   | 6   |
| C. Sanford singled to center field; B. Prince advanced to second.                                          | 0   | 6   |
| B. Frye grounded into double play ss to 2b to 1b; C. Sanford out on the play; B. Prince advanced to third. | 0   | 6   |
| Max Kops pinch hit for A. Ramirez.                                                                         | 0   | 6   |
| Max Kops flied out to cf.                                                                                  | 0   | 6   |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1                                                                  |     |     |

**Samford - Bottom of 5th**

|                                           | MER | SAM |
|-------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| A. Brown to 2b for Max Kops.              | 0   | 6   |
| Walton doubled to right field.            | 0   | 6   |
| Prieto grounded out to ss.                | 0   | 6   |
| Steele walked.                            | 0   | 6   |
| Rodriguez flied out to lf.                | 0   | 6   |
| Harris flied out to cf.                   | 0   | 6   |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2 |     |     |

**Mercer - Top of 6th**

|                                                               | MER | SAM |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| N. Best singled to left field.                                | 0   | 6   |
| P. Lester doubled to right center; N. Best advanced to third. | 0   | 6   |
| Ty Dalley flied out to lf, SF, RBI; N. Best scored.           | 1   | 6   |
| C. Todaro popped up to 1b.                                    | 1   | 6   |
| J. Cherry grounded out to 1b unassisted.                      | 1   | 6   |
| Runs: 1 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1                     |     |     |

**Samford - Bottom of 6th**

|                                                                      | MER | SAM |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| J. Johnson to p for Col. Cosper.                                     | 1   | 6   |
| Staton singled up the middle.                                        | 1   | 6   |
| Howe doubled to right center; Staton advanced to third.              | 1   | 6   |
| Anderson doubled to right center, 2 RBI; Howe scored; Staton scored. | 1   | 8   |
| Bennett grounded out to ss; Anderson advanced to third.              | 1   | 8   |
| Walton grounded out to ss, RBI; Anderson scored.                     | 1   | 9   |
| Prieto grounded out to 3b.                                           | 1   | 9   |
| Runs: 3 Hits: 3 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0                            |     |     |

**Mercer - Top of 7th**

|                                           | MER | SAM |
|-------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| B. Prince popped up to ss.                | 1   | 9   |
| C. Sanford grounded out to 2b.            | 1   | 9   |
| B. Frye lined out to 2b.                  | 1   | 9   |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0 |     |     |

**Samford - Bottom of 7th**

|                                           | MER | SAM |
|-------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| C. Soliday to p for J. Johnson.           | 1   | 9   |
| Ben Olson to c for C. Sanford.            | 1   | 9   |
| Steele fouled out to 3b.                  | 1   | 9   |
| Rodriguez flied out to lf.                | 1   | 9   |
| Harris grounded out to ss.                | 1   | 9   |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0 |     |     |

**Mercer - Top of 8th**

|                                                          | MER | SAM |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Steckmesser to p for Ross.                               | 1   | 9   |
| Perry to c for Steele.                                   | 1   | 9   |
| A. Brown singled through the left side.                  | 1   | 9   |
| N. Best grounded out to 3b; A. Brown advanced to second. | 1   | 9   |
| P. Lester flied out to lf.                               | 1   | 9   |
| Ty Dalley struck out swinging.                           | 1   | 9   |

Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1

| Samford - Bottom of 8th        | MER | SAM |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|
| B. Tucker to p for C. Soliday. | 1   | 9   |
| Staton flied out to lf.        | 1   | 9   |
| B. Hawkins to p for B. Tucker. | 1   | 9   |
| Howe struck out swinging.      | 1   | 9   |
| Anderson grounded out to ss.   | 1   | 9   |

Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0

| Mercer - Top of 9th                   | MER | SAM |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Riggins to p for Steckmesser.         | 1   | 9   |
| Bortak to rf for Bennett.             | 1   | 9   |
| C. Todaro popped up to 2b.            | 1   | 9   |
| Z. Thomas pinch hit for J. Cherry.    | 1   | 9   |
| Z. Thomas out at first p to ss to 1b. | 1   | 9   |
| B. Prince struck out swinging.        | 1   | 9   |

Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0

| Samford - Bottom of 9th | MER     | SAM                               |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
|                         | Runs: 0 | Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0 |