

**Mercer (34-12, 8-5 SoCon) -vs- Samford (23-20, 8-5 SoCon)**  
**5/1/2026 at Birmingham, Ala. (J.L. Griffin Field)**

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Mercer	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	6	13	0
Samford	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	6	0

**Mercer 6**

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Michael Graziano cf	5	1	1	0	0	2	4
Logan Shepherd 1b	4	0	0	0	1	3	0
Chris Katz lf	4	2	2	0	1	0	0
Eli Stephens rf	5	2	4	3	0	0	0
Nathan Rowland rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Titan Kamaka ss	5	0	2	1	0	0	1
Brant Baughcum 3b	4	1	1	0	1	0	4
Braydon Kersey dh	3	0	0	1	0	2	0
Dylan LaPointe c	4	0	2	1	0	0	0
Ethan Buffone 2b	4	0	1	0	0	2	0
Garrett Lambert p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andrew Garnett p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reid Fagerstrom p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>

**2B:** Michael Graziano (1); Chris Katz (1); Eli Stephens (1)

**3B:** Titan Kamaka (1)

**HR:** Eli Stephens (1)

**SF:** Braydon Kersey (1)

**CS:** Titan Kamaka (1)

**DP:** 1

**Samford 3**

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Pierce Dutton cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	0
Jake Souders rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	0
Cade Carr c	4	0	2	0	0	1	0
Trey Higgins dh	4	1	2	0	0	1	0
Luke Boykin lf	4	1	1	1	0	0	2
Jeffrey Ince 2b	3	1	1	2	1	1	0
Parker McDonald 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	1
Jackson Harris 1b	2	0	0	0	1	1	0
Gus Gandy ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
Joseph Lee p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Whitney p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Malone p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>

**2B:** Trey Higgins (1)

**HR:** Luke Boykin (1); Jeffrey Ince (1)

Mercer	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Garrett Lambert (W, 4-0)	6.0	5	2	2	1	6	0	0	0	0	22	23	8	3	-
Andrew Garnett	2.2	1	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	9	10	3	1	-
Reid Fagerstrom (S, 1)	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	-
<b>Totals</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	

Samford	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Joseph Lee (L, 3-1)	4.1	7	3	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	19	21	7	3	-
John Whitney	3.0	4	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	13	14	4	1	-
John Malone	1.2	2	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	6	7	0	2	-
<b>Totals</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	

**Win:** Garrett Lambert (4-0)

**Loss:** Joseph Lee (3-1)

**Save:** Reid Fagerstrom (1)

**HBP:** None

**PB:** None

**Umpires:** Home Plate: Andrew Glenn First: Josh Gilreath Third Base: Brian Clark

**Start:** 12:10 **Time:** 2:33 **Attendance:** 309 **Weather:** Cloudy, 61 degrees

## Play By Play

<b>Mercer - Top of 1st</b>		<b>MER</b>	<b>SAM</b>
Graziano grounded out to ss.		0	0
Shepherd struck out looking.		0	0
Katz flied out to lf.		0	0
	<b>Runs: 0</b>	<b>Hits: 0</b>	<b>Errors: 0</b> <b>Left On Base: 0</b>
<b>Samford - Bottom of 1st</b>		<b>MER</b>	<b>SAM</b>
Dutton struck out swinging.		0	0
Souders struck out swinging.		0	0
Carr struck out swinging.		0	0
	<b>Runs: 0</b>	<b>Hits: 0</b>	<b>Errors: 0</b> <b>Left On Base: 0</b>
<b>Mercer - Top of 2nd</b>		<b>MER</b>	<b>SAM</b>
Stephens singled to left field.		0	0
Kamaka flied out to rf.		0	0
Baughcum singled to center field; Stephens advanced to third.		0	0
Kersey flied out to rf, SF, RBI; Baughcum advanced to second; Stephens scored.		1	0
LaPointe singled to left field, RBI; Baughcum scored.		2	0
Buffone singled through the right side; LaPointe advanced to second.		2	0
Graziano flied out to rf.		2	0
	<b>Runs: 2</b>	<b>Hits: 4</b>	<b>Errors: 0</b> <b>Left On Base: 2</b>
<b>Samford - Bottom of 2nd</b>		<b>MER</b>	<b>SAM</b>
Higgins doubled to center field.		2	0
Boykin fouled out to 1b.		2	0
Ince homered to right field, 2 RBI; Higgins scored.		2	2
McDonald struck out swinging.		2	2
Harris grounded out to 2b.		2	2
	<b>Runs: 2</b>	<b>Hits: 2</b>	<b>Errors: 0</b> <b>Left On Base: 0</b>
<b>Mercer - Top of 3rd</b>		<b>MER</b>	<b>SAM</b>
Shepherd struck out looking.		2	2
Katz doubled down the lf line.		2	2
Stephens grounded out to p; Katz advanced to third.		2	2
Kamaka tripled to center field, RBI; Katz scored.		3	2
Baughcum flied out to cf.		3	2
	<b>Runs: 1</b>	<b>Hits: 2</b>	<b>Errors: 0</b> <b>Left On Base: 1</b>
<b>Samford - Bottom of 3rd</b>		<b>MER</b>	<b>SAM</b>
Gandy flied out to cf.		3	2
Dutton struck out swinging.		3	2
Souders popped up to 3b.		3	2
	<b>Runs: 0</b>	<b>Hits: 0</b>	<b>Errors: 0</b> <b>Left On Base: 0</b>
<b>Mercer - Top of 4th</b>		<b>MER</b>	<b>SAM</b>
Kersey grounded out to ss.		3	2
LaPointe lined out to 3b.		3	2
Buffone flied out to lf.		3	2
	<b>Runs: 0</b>	<b>Hits: 0</b>	<b>Errors: 0</b> <b>Left On Base: 0</b>
<b>Samford - Bottom of 4th</b>		<b>MER</b>	<b>SAM</b>
Carr singled up the middle.		3	2
Higgins grounded into double play 2b to ss to 1b; Carr out on the play.		3	2
Boykin flied out to lf.		3	2
	<b>Runs: 0</b>	<b>Hits: 1</b>	<b>Errors: 0</b> <b>Left On Base: 0</b>
<b>Mercer - Top of 5th</b>		<b>MER</b>	<b>SAM</b>

Graziano struck out swinging.	3	2
Shepherd walked.	3	2
Katz singled through the right side; Shepherd advanced to second.	3	2
Whitney to p for Lee.	3	2
Stephens singled to right field; Katz advanced to second; Shepherd advanced to third.	3	2
Kamaka fouled out to 1b.	3	2
Baughcum fouled out to 1b.	3	2
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 3</b>		

#### Samford - Bottom of 5th

	MER	SAM
Ince flied out to lf.	3	2
McDonald struck out looking.	3	2
Harris walked.	3	2
Gandy reached on a fielder's choice; Harris out at second ss to 2b.	3	2
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1</b>		

#### Mercer - Top of 6th

	MER	SAM
Kersey struck out swinging.	3	2
LaPointe flied out to rf.	3	2
Buffone struck out swinging.	3	2
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0</b>		

#### Samford - Bottom of 6th

	MER	SAM
Dutton lined out to 2b.	3	2
Souders flied out to cf.	3	2
Carr singled through the left side.	3	2
Higgins singled through the right side; Carr advanced to second.	3	2
Boykin flied out to cf.	3	2
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2</b>		

#### Mercer - Top of 7th

	MER	SAM
Graziano doubled to left center.	3	2
Shepherd struck out swinging.	3	2
Katz lined out to ss.	3	2
Stephens doubled to left field, RBI; Graziano scored.	4	2
Kamaka grounded out to 2b.	4	2
<b>Runs: 1 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1</b>		

#### Samford - Bottom of 7th

	MER	SAM
Garnett to p for Lambert.	4	2
Ince struck out swinging.	4	2
McDonald grounded out to 3b.	4	2
Harris struck out looking.	4	2
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0</b>		

#### Mercer - Top of 8th

	MER	SAM
Baughcum walked.	4	2
Kersey struck out swinging.	4	2
LaPointe singled up the middle; Baughcum advanced to second.	4	2
Malone to p for Whitney.	4	2
Buffone struck out swinging.	4	2
Graziano struck out swinging.	4	2
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2</b>		

#### Samford - Bottom of 8th

	MER	SAM
Gandy popped up to p, bunt.	4	2
Dutton struck out looking.	4	2
Souders lined out to 2b.	4	2
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0</b>		

**Mercer - Top of 9th**

	MER	SAM
Shepherd grounded out to ss.	4	2
Katz walked.	4	2
Stephens homered to left field, 2 RBI; Katz scored.	6	2
Kamaka singled through the right side.	6	2
Kamaka out at second c to ss, caught stealing.	6	2
Baughcum grounded out to 3b.	6	2
<b>Runs: 2 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0</b>		

**Samford - Bottom of 9th**

	MER	SAM
Rowland to rf for Stephens.	6	2
Carr flied out to lf.	6	2
Higgins struck out swinging.	6	2
Boykin homered to left center, RBI.	6	3
Ince walked.	6	3
Fagerstrom to p for Garnett.	6	3
McDonald fouled out to 3b.	6	3
<b>Runs: 1 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1</b>		