

Mercer (35-13, 9-6 SoCon) -vs- Samford (24-21, 9-6 SoCon)
5/3/2026 at Birmingham, Ala. (J.L. Griffin Field)

| Score by Innings | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | R | H | E |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|---|
| Mercer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Samford | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 5 | 10 | 0 |

Mercer 0

| Player | AB | R | H | RBI | BB | SO | LOB |
|---------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Michael Graziano cf | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Logan Shepherd 1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Chris Katz lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Eli Stephens rf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Titan Kamaka ss | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brant Baughcum 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Braydon Kersey dh | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Dylan LaPointe c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Drew Johnson ph | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ethan Buffone 2b | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kaleb Huffman ph | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Parker Dastou 2b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Greyson Gegg ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Jeb Johnson p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jess Ackerman p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Collin Ewaldsen p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reid Fagerstrom p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Caden Alvey p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Caleb Hughes p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 30 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 10 |

2B: Drew Johnson (1); Kaleb Huffman (1)
SH: Brant Baughcum (1)
HBP: Titan Kamaka (1)
DP: 2

Samford 5

| Player | AB | R | H | RBI | BB | SO | LOB |
|--------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Pierce Dutton cf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Jake Souders rf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Cade Carr c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Trey Higgins dh | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Luke Boykin lf | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Jeffrey Ince 2b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Eddie Marshall 1b | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Jackson Harris 1b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Parker McDonald 3b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gus Gandy ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Noah Berry p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| John Malone p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Austin Tommasini p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Zak Spurrier p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 31 | 5 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 7 |

2B: Trey Higgins (1); Parker McDonald (1)
HR: Trey Higgins (1); Eddie Marshall (1)
CS: Parker McDonald (1)
HBP: Pierce Dutton (2); Luke Boykin (1)
DP: 2

| Mercer | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | WP | BK | HBP | IBB | AB | BF | FO | GO | NP |
|----------------------|-----|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----|
| Jeb Johnson (L, 2-3) | 4.0 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 18 | 3 | 3 | - |
| Jess Ackerman | 2.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 11 | 2 | 1 | - |
| Collin Ewaldsen | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Reid Fagerstrom | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Caden Alvey | 0.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | - |
| Caleb Hughes | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | - |
| Totals | | 10 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 31 | 36 | 6 | 8 | |

| Samford | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | WP | BK | HBP | IBB | AB | BF | FO | GO | NP |
|---------------------|-----|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----|
| Noah Berry (W, 5-1) | 5.1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 22 | 4 | 7 | - |
| John Malone | 1.2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 2 | - |
| Austin Tommasini | 1.1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 1 | - |
| Zak Spurrier | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | - |
| Totals | | 6 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 30 | 37 | 8 | 11 | |

Win: Noah Berry (5-1)
Loss: Jeb Johnson (2-3)
HBP: Jeb Johnson, Jess Ackerman, John Malone
PB: None

Umpires: Home Plate: Brian Clark First: Andrew Glenn Third Base: Josh Gilreath
Start: 1:06 Time: 2:42 Attendance: 417 Weather: Sunny, 66 degrees

Game notes:

- Fagerstrom faced 1 batter in the 8th.

Play By Play

| Mercer - Top of 1st | MER | SAM |
|--|-----|-----|
| Graziano singled to right field. | 0 | 0 |
| Shepherd struck out looking. | 0 | 0 |
| Katz walked; Graziano advanced to second. | 0 | 0 |
| Stephens grounded into double play ss to 1b; Katz out on the play. | 0 | 0 |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1 | | |

| Samford - Bottom of 1st | MER | SAM |
|---|-----|-----|
| Dutton flied out to lf. | 0 | 0 |
| Souders singled to second base. | 0 | 0 |
| Carr grounded into double play 2b to ss to 1b; Souders out on the play. | 0 | 0 |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0 | | |

| Mercer - Top of 2nd | MER | SAM |
|--|-----|-----|
| Kamaka grounded out to 3b. | 0 | 0 |
| Baughcum grounded out to ss. | 0 | 0 |
| Kersey singled up the middle. | 0 | 0 |
| LaPointe flied out to rf. | 0 | 0 |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1 | | |

| Samford - Bottom of 2nd | MER | SAM |
|--|-----|-----|
| Higgins homered to left field, RBI. | 0 | 1 |
| Boykin hit by pitch. | 0 | 1 |
| Ince struck out swinging. | 0 | 1 |
| Marshall struck out swinging. | 0 | 1 |
| McDonald doubled down the lf line, RBI; Boykin scored. | 0 | 2 |
| Gandy grounded out to 3b. | 0 | 2 |
| Runs: 2 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1 | | |

| Mercer - Top of 3rd | MER | SAM |
|--|-----|-----|
| Buffone singled to left center. | 0 | 2 |
| Graziano struck out swinging. | 0 | 2 |
| Shepherd walked; Buffone advanced to second. | 0 | 2 |
| Katz grounded into double play 3b to 1b; Shepherd advanced to second; Buffone out on the play. | 0 | 2 |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1 | | |

| Samford - Bottom of 3rd | MER | SAM |
|---|-----|-----|
| Dutton struck out swinging. | 0 | 2 |
| Souders singled to center field. | 0 | 2 |
| Carr grounded into double play ss to 2b to 1b; Souders out on the play. | 0 | 2 |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0 | | |

| Mercer - Top of 4th | MER | SAM |
|---|-----|-----|
| Stephens walked. | 0 | 2 |
| Kamaka singled through the left side; Stephens advanced to second. | 0 | 2 |
| Baughcum grounded out to p, SAC, bunt; Kamaka advanced to second; Stephens advanced to third. | 0 | 2 |
| Kersey popped up to ss. | 0 | 2 |
| LaPointe flied out to cf. | 0 | 2 |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2 | | |

| Samford - Bottom of 4th | MER | SAM |
|--|-----|-----|
| Higgins doubled down the rf line. | 0 | 2 |
| Boykin singled up the middle, RBI; Higgins scored. | 0 | 3 |
| Ince flied out to lf. | 0 | 3 |
| Marshall homered to left center, 2 RBI; Boykin scored. | 0 | 5 |
| McDonald singled to center field. | 0 | 5 |
| Gandy flied out to rf. | 0 | 5 |

McDonald out at second c to ss, caught stealing.

0 5
Runs: 3 Hits: 4 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0

Mercer - Top of 5th

| | MER | SAM |
|--|-----|-----|
| Buffone grounded out to 2b. | 0 | 5 |
| Graziano grounded out to ss. | 0 | 5 |
| Shepherd flied out to lf. | 0 | 5 |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0 | | |

Samford - Bottom of 5th

| | MER | SAM |
|--|-----|-----|
| Ackerman to p for JohnsonJ. | 0 | 5 |
| Dutton hit by pitch. | 0 | 5 |
| Souders struck out looking. | 0 | 5 |
| Carr singled through the left side; Dutton advanced to second. | 0 | 5 |
| Higgins struck out looking. | 0 | 5 |
| Boykin popped up to 1b. | 0 | 5 |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2 | | |

Mercer - Top of 6th

| | MER | SAM |
|--|-----|-----|
| Katz walked. | 0 | 5 |
| Stephens struck out swinging. | 0 | 5 |
| Malone to p for Berry. | 0 | 5 |
| Kamaka hit by pitch; Katz advanced to second. | 0 | 5 |
| Baughcum flied out to rf. | 0 | 5 |
| Kersey flied out to lf. | 0 | 5 |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2 | | |

Samford - Bottom of 6th

| | MER | SAM |
|---|-----|-----|
| Ince walked. | 0 | 5 |
| Marshall walked; Ince advanced to second. | 0 | 5 |
| McDonald flied out to rf. | 0 | 5 |
| Gandy struck out swinging. | 0 | 5 |
| Dutton hit by pitch; Marshall advanced to second; Ince advanced to third. | 0 | 5 |
| Souders grounded out to 2b. | 0 | 5 |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 3 | | |

Mercer - Top of 7th

| | MER | SAM |
|--|-----|-----|
| Harris to 1b for Marshall. | 0 | 5 |
| LaPointe grounded out to 2b. | 0 | 5 |
| Huffman pinch hit for Buffone. | 0 | 5 |
| Huffman doubled down the rf line. | 0 | 5 |
| Graziano grounded out to 3b. | 0 | 5 |
| Shepherd struck out swinging. | 0 | 5 |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1 | | |

Samford - Bottom of 7th

| | MER | SAM |
|--|-----|-----|
| Dastou to 2b for Huffman. | 0 | 5 |
| Ewaldsen to p for Ackerman. | 0 | 5 |
| Carr grounded out to 2b. | 0 | 5 |
| Higgins struck out swinging. | 0 | 5 |
| Boykin flied out to rf. | 0 | 5 |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0 | | |

Mercer - Top of 8th

| | MER | SAM |
|--|-----|-----|
| Tommasini to p for Malone. | 0 | 5 |
| Katz flied out to lf. | 0 | 5 |
| Stephens struck out looking. | 0 | 5 |
| Kamaka flied out to cf. | 0 | 5 |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0 | | |

Samford - Bottom of 8th

| | MER | SAM |
|---|-----|-----|
| Fagerstrom to p for Ewaldsen. | 0 | 5 |
| Ince singled up the middle. | 0 | 5 |
| Alvey to p for Fagerstrom. | 0 | 5 |
| Harris grounded out to c unassisted, interference. | 0 | 5 |
| Hughes to p for Alvey. | 0 | 5 |
| McDonald grounded out to 3b; Ince advanced to second. | 0 | 5 |
| Gandy grounded out to 3b. | 0 | 5 |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1 | | |

Mercer - Top of 9th

| | MER | SAM |
|--|-----|-----|
| Baughcum grounded out to 3b. | 0 | 5 |
| Kersey walked. | 0 | 5 |
| JohnsonD pinch hit for LaPointe. | 0 | 5 |
| JohnsonD doubled down the lf line; Kersey advanced to third. | 0 | 5 |
| Gegg pinch hit for Dastou. | 0 | 5 |
| Spurrier to p for Tommasini. | 0 | 5 |
| Gegg struck out swinging. | 0 | 5 |
| Graziano grounded out to 3b. | 0 | 5 |
| Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2 | | |

Samford - Bottom of 9th

| | MER | SAM |
|--|-----|-----|
| Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0 | | |