

Mercer (24-21, 5-8 SoCon) -vs- Samford (30-16, 11-3 SoCon)
5/4/2024 at Birmingham, Ala. (J.L. Griffin Field)

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Mercer	0	3	4	2	5	3	1	0	2	20	16	0
Samford	0	4	0	0	7	1	0	2	1	15	15	1

Mercer 20

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Max Kops dh	5	3	2	2	1	2	1
Noah Best 3b	4	2	1	2	2	1	0
Jackson Cherry rf	4	3	1	1	1	0	0
Alex Ramirez 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parker Lester 1b	3	1	0	2	2	0	1
Ben Olson c	1	2	1	1	1	0	0
Carter Sanford c	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ty Dalley lf/rf	6	4	4	6	0	0	1
Brandon Prince lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bradley Frye ss	5	2	2	4	1	1	2
Ely Brown cf/lf	6	1	3	0	0	1	0
Antonio Brown 2b/cf	6	1	1	0	0	1	2
Jess Ackerman p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Micah Takac p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cade Cospers p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jaxon O'Neal p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bryce Hawkins p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bryant Olson p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lawson Cole p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	42	20	16	19	9	7	8

2B: Max Kops (1); Ty Dalley (1)
HR: Noah Best (1); Jackson Cherry (1); Ty Dalley (2); Bradley Frye (1)
SF: Parker Lester (1)
SB: Max Kops (1); Ely Brown (1)
HBP: Max Kops (1); Jackson Cherry (1); Carter Sanford (1)

Samford 15

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Garrett Staton 3b	6	0	2	3	1	2	1
Garrett Howe ss	5	1	3	3	0	0	0
John Anderson 2b	5	0	1	1	2	2	5
Andrew Bennett rf	5	2	1	0	1	0	0
Aaron Walton cf	3	2	0	0	2	0	1
Angelo Prieto dh	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Lucas Steele ph/dh	2	2	1	0	2	0	3
Hayden Perry c	4	3	2	2	2	1	3
Josh Rodriguez lf	5	3	3	5	1	0	2
Cullen Horowicz 1b	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Jackson Harris ph/1b	3	2	1	1	1	0	0
Noah Berry p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blake Bortak p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Evan Steckmesser p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turner Thompson p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heath Clevenger p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jacob Newman p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cole Fryman p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alex Gaeto p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	42	15	15	15	12	7	15

2B: Garrett Staton (1); Hayden Perry (1); Josh Rodriguez (1); Jackson Harris (1)
HR: Garrett Howe (1)
HBP: Garrett Howe (2); Aaron Walton (1)
E: Heath Clevenger (1)

Mercer	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Jess Ackerman (W, 5-3)	4.0	4	5	5	4	6	2	0	2	0	16	22	2	4	-
Micah Takac	0.0	2	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	-
Cade Cospers	0.1	3	3	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	4	0	0	-
Jaxon O'Neal	1.2	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	6	10	2	3	-
Bryce Hawkins	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	3	0	-
Bryant Olson	0.0	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	-
Lawson Cole	2.0	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	12	5	1	-
Totals		15	15	15	12	7	5	1	3	0	42	57	12	8	

Samford	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Noah Berry	2.2	2	3	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	10	11	1	4	-
Blake Bortak (L, 1-1)	0.0	2	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	-
Evan Steckmesser	0.1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	3	1	0	-
Turner Thompson	0.0	0	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	-
Heath Clevenger	1.0	4	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	8	0	3	-
Jacob Newman	0.1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	0	-
Cole Fryman	1.2	2	3	3	1	4	1	0	1	0	7	9	0	1	-
Alex Gaeto	3.0	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	13	14	6	3	-
Totals		16	20	20	9	7	3	0	3	0	42	55	9	11	

Win: Jess Ackerman (5-3)
Loss: Blake Bortak (1-1)
HBP: Jess Ackerman, Jaxon O'Neal, Jacob Newman, Cole Fryman, Alex Gaeto
PB: None

Umpires: Home Plate: Brad Newton First: Vic Correll Third Base: David Bailey
Start: 1:06 **Time:** 4:05 **Attendance:** 378 **Weather:** Mostly Cloudy, 80 degrees

Game notes:

- Bortak faced 4 batters in the 3rd.
- Thompson faced 2 batters in the 4th.
- Clevenger faced 4 batters in the 5th.
- J. Ackerman faced 1 batter in the 5th.
- M. Takac faced 3 batters in the 5th.
- Jax. O'Neal faced 2 batters in the 7th.
- Bry. Olson faced 2 batters in the 8th.

Play By Play

Mercer - Top of 1st	MER	SAM
Max Kops struck out looking.	0	0
N. Best struck out swinging.	0	0
J. Cherry grounded out to 2b.	0	0
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

Samford - Bottom of 1st	MER	SAM
Staton struck out swinging.	0	0
Howe grounded out to 2b.	0	0
Anderson struck out swinging.	0	0
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

Mercer - Top of 2nd	MER	SAM
P. Lester flied out to rf.	0	0
Ben Olson walked.	0	0
Ty Dalley singled to right field; Ben Olson advanced to second.	0	0
B. Frye homered to left center, 3 RBI; Ty Dalley scored; Ben Olson scored.	3	0
E. Brown grounded out to p.	3	0
A. Brown grounded out to ss.	3	0
Runs: 3 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

Samford - Bottom of 2nd	MER	SAM
Bennett singled up the middle.	3	0
Bennett advanced to second on a wild pitch.	3	0
Walton walked.	3	0
Prieto flied out to rf.	3	0
Perry walked; Walton advanced to second; Bennett advanced to third.	3	0
Rodriguez singled up the middle, 2 RBI; Perry advanced to second; Walton scored; Bennett scored.	3	2
Horowicz struck out swinging.	3	2
Staton doubled down the lf line, 2 RBI, advanced to third on the throw; Rodriguez scored; Perry scored.	3	4
Howe hit by pitch.	3	4
Anderson struck out swinging.	3	4
Runs: 4 Hits: 3 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2		

Mercer - Top of 3rd	MER	SAM
Max Kops struck out swinging.	3	4
N. Best grounded out to ss.	3	4
Bortak to p for Berry.	3	4
J. Cherry walked.	3	4
P. Lester walked; J. Cherry advanced to second.	3	4
Ben Olson singled to right field, RBI; P. Lester advanced to third; J. Cherry scored.	4	4
Ty Dalley doubled down the lf line, 2 RBI; Ben Olson scored; P. Lester scored.	6	4
Steckmesser to p for Bortak.	6	4
Ty Dalley advanced to third on a wild pitch.	6	4
B. Frye singled up the middle, RBI; Ty Dalley scored.	7	4
E. Brown singled to left field; B. Frye advanced to third.	7	4
A. Brown flied out to rf.	7	4
Runs: 4 Hits: 4 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2		

Samford - Bottom of 3rd	MER	SAM
C. Sanford to c for Ben Olson.	7	4
Bennett grounded out to 2b.	7	4
Walton hit by pitch.	7	4
Prieto singled to right field; Walton advanced to second.	7	4
Perry struck out swinging.	7	4
Rodriguez flied out to cf.	7	4
Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2		

Mercer - Top of 4th	MER	SAM
Thompson to p for Steckmesser.	7	4
Max Kops walked.	7	4
Max Kops advanced to second on a wild pitch.	7	4
N. Best walked.	7	4
Clevenger to p for Thompson.	7	4
J. Cherry reached on a fielder's choice; N. Best out at second 2b to ss; Max Kops advanced to third.	7	4
P. Lester grounded out to 1b unassisted, RBI; J. Cherry advanced to second; Max Kops scored.	8	4
C. Sanford singled to center field, RBI; J. Cherry scored.	9	4
Ty Dalley reached on a fielder's choice; C. Sanford out at second 2b to ss.	9	4
Runs: 2 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

Samford - Bottom of 4th	MER	SAM
Horowicz struck out swinging.	9	4
Staton walked.	9	4
Staton advanced to second on a wild pitch.	9	4
Howe grounded out to ss.	9	4
Anderson grounded out to ss.	9	4
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

Mercer - Top of 5th	MER	SAM
B. Frye walked.	9	4
E. Brown singled to center field; B. Frye advanced to second.	9	4
A. Brown singled, bunt, advanced to second on a throwing error by p; E. Brown advanced to third; B. Frye scored.	10	4
Max Kops singled through the right side, 2 RBI; A. Brown scored; E. Brown scored.	12	4
Newman to p for Clevenger.	12	4
N. Best walked; Max Kops advanced to second.	12	4
J. Cherry hit by pitch; N. Best advanced to second; Max Kops advanced to third.	12	4
P. Lester flied out to cf, SF, RBI; N. Best advanced to third; Max Kops scored.	13	4
C. Sanford walked; J. Cherry advanced to second.	13	4
Fryman to p for Newman.	13	4
Ty Dalley reached on a fielder's choice, RBI; C. Sanford out at second 1b to ss; J. Cherry advanced to third; N. Best scored.	14	4
B. Frye struck out swinging.	14	4
Runs: 5 Hits: 3 Errors: 1 Left On Base: 2		

Samford - Bottom of 5th	MER	SAM
Bennett walked.	14	4
M. Takac to p for J. Ackerman.	14	4
Walton walked; Bennett advanced to second.	14	4
Steele pinch hit for Prieto.	14	4
Steele singled to center field; Walton advanced to second; Bennett advanced to third.	14	4
Perry singled to shortstop, RBI; Steele advanced to second; Walton advanced to third; Bennett scored.	14	5
Cade Cosper to p for M. Takac.	14	5
Rodriguez doubled down the lf line, 3 RBI; Perry scored; Steele scored; Walton scored.	14	8
Harris pinch hit for Horowicz.	14	8
Harris doubled to left field, RBI; Rodriguez scored.	14	9
Staton struck out swinging.	14	9
Harris advanced to third on a balk.	14	9
Howe homered to right field, 2 RBI; Harris scored.	14	11
Jax. O'Neal to p for Cade Cosper.	14	11
Anderson walked.	14	11
Anderson advanced to second on a wild pitch.	14	11
Bennett grounded out to ss; Anderson advanced to third.	14	11
Walton grounded out to 3b.	14	11
Runs: 7 Hits: 5 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

Mercer - Top of 6th	MER	SAM
Harris to 1b.	14	11

E. Brown struck out looking.	14	11
A. Brown struck out looking.	14	11
Max Kops hit by pitch.	14	11
Max Kops stole second.	14	11
N. Best homered to left center, 2 RBI; Max Kops scored.	16	11
J. Cherry homered to right field, RBI.	17	11
P. Lester walked.	17	11
P. Lester advanced to second on a wild pitch.	17	11
C. Sanford struck out swinging.	17	11
Runs: 3 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

Samford - Bottom of 6th	MER	SAM
Steele to dh.	17	11
Steele walked.	17	11
Perry doubled to right field, RBI; Steele scored.	17	12
Rodriguez fouled out to 1b.	17	12
Harris reached on a fielder's choice; Perry out at second ss to 3b to 2b.	17	12
Staton flied out to cf.	17	12
Runs: 1 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

Mercer - Top of 7th	MER	SAM
Gaeto to p for Fryman.	17	12
Ty Dalley homered to left field, RBI.	18	12
B. Frye flied out to cf.	18	12
E. Brown flied out to lf.	18	12
A. Brown grounded out to ss.	18	12
Runs: 1 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

Samford - Bottom of 7th	MER	SAM
Howe hit by pitch.	18	12
Anderson walked; Howe advanced to second.	18	12
B. Hawkins to p for Jax. O'Neal.	18	12
Bennett fouled out to 3b.	18	12
Walton flied out to rf.	18	12
Steele walked; Anderson advanced to second; Howe advanced to third.	18	12
Perry fouled out to c.	18	12
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 3		

Mercer - Top of 8th	MER	SAM
Max Kops doubled down the rf line.	18	12
N. Best flied out to rf.	18	12
J. Cherry grounded out to 2b; Max Kops advanced to third.	18	12
P. Lester grounded out to 2b.	18	12
Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

Samford - Bottom of 8th	MER	SAM
A. Ramirez to 2b for J. Cherry.	18	12
Ty Dalley to rf.	18	12
E. Brown to lf.	18	12
A. Brown to cf.	18	12
Bry. Olson to p for B. Hawkins.	18	12
Rodriguez walked.	18	12
Rodriguez advanced to second on a wild pitch.	18	12
Rodriguez advanced to third on a wild pitch.	18	12
Harris walked.	18	12
L. Cole to p for Bry. Olson.	18	12
Staton singled up the middle, RBI; Harris advanced to second; Rodriguez scored.	18	13
Howe singled to third base; Staton advanced to second; Harris advanced to third.	18	13
Anderson singled through the left side, RBI; Howe advanced to second; Staton advanced to third; Harris scored.	18	14
Bennett flied out to rf.	18	14

Walton fouled out to 1b.	18	14
Steele fouled out to 3b.	18	14
Runs: 2 Hits: 3 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 3		

Mercer - Top of 9th	MER	SAM
C. Sanford hit by pitch.	18	14
Ty Dalley homered to right field, 2 RBI; C. Sanford scored.	20	14
B. Frye flied out to cf.	20	14
E. Brown singled through the right side.	20	14
A. Brown flied out to cf.	20	14
E. Brown stole second.	20	14
Max Kops flied out to cf.	20	14
Runs: 2 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

Samford - Bottom of 9th	MER	SAM
Ty Dalley to lf.	20	14
E. Brown to rf.	20	14
B. Prince to lf for Ty Dalley.	20	14
Perry walked.	20	14
Rodriguez singled to left field; Perry advanced to second.	20	14
Harris flied out to cf.	20	14
Staton reached on a fielder's choice; Rodriguez out at second ss to 2b; Perry advanced to third.	20	14
Howe singled through the left side, RBI; Staton advanced to second; Perry scored.	20	15
Anderson fouled out to 1b.	20	15
Runs: 1 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2		