

Mercer (35-12, 9-5 SoCon) -vs- Samford (23-21, 8-6 SoCon)
5/2/2026 at Birmingham, Ala. (J.L. Griffin Field)

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Mercer	1	0	4	5	1	5	0	0	0	16	13	1
Samford	1	0	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	8	16	2

Mercer 16

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Michael Graziano cf	5	2	0	0	0	3	0
Logan Shepherd 1b	3	2	1	3	2	2	0
Chris Katz lf	4	4	3	2	1	0	0
Eli Stephens rf	3	2	1	4	1	1	0
Nathan Rowland rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Titan Kamaka ss	5	1	3	2	0	1	0
Brant Baughcum 3b	4	1	1	0	0	0	2
Braydon Kersey dh	5	2	2	5	0	1	1
Dylan LaPointe c	5	0	0	0	0	3	0
Ethan Buffone 2b	5	2	2	0	0	3	0
Miguel Hugas p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kai Decker p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lawson Cole p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	40	16	13	16	4	14	3

2B: Chris Katz (1); Ethan Buffone (1)

HR: Logan Shepherd (1); Chris Katz (1); Eli Stephens (1); Braydon Kersey (2)

SB: Michael Graziano (1)

HBP: Michael Graziano (1); Brant Baughcum (1)

E: Logan Shepherd (1)

Samford 8

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Pierce Dutton cf	5	1	0	0	1	0	1
Jake Souders rf	4	2	2	1	1	1	2
Cade Carr c	4	1	2	0	0	0	1
Hayden Perry c	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Trey Higgins dh	4	1	1	2	0	1	0
Luke Boykin lf	5	1	3	2	0	0	0
Jeffrey Ince 2b	5	1	1	0	0	3	4
Eddie Marshall 1b	5	0	2	1	0	1	1
Parker McDonald 3b	5	1	3	1	0	0	0
Gus Gandy ss	5	0	2	0	0	1	2
Mason Blasche p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drew Druckenmiller p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andrew Marble p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michael Fredette p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alex Gaeto p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trey Sanders p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	43	8	16	7	2	8	11

HR: Jake Souders (1); Luke Boykin (1); Parker McDonald (1)

SB: Gus Gandy (1)

HBP: Trey Higgins (1)

E: Eddie Marshall (1); Gus Gandy (1)

Mercer	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Miguel Hugas (W, 8-2)	6.1	11	6	6	0	4	1	0	1	0	30	31	9	6	-
Kai Decker	0.2	3	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	5	7	1	0	-
Lawson Cole	2.0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	8	8	2	1	-
Totals		16	8	7	2	8	1	0	1	0	43	46	12	7	

Samford	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Mason Blasche (L, 3-6)	4.0	8	10	5	2	6	0	0	1	0	21	24	6	0	-
Drew Druckenmiller	1.1	3	5	5	1	4	0	0	1	0	7	9	0	0	-
Andrew Marble	0.2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	1	-
Michael Fredette	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	-
Alex Gaeto	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	3	-
Trey Sanders	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	-
Totals		13	16	11	4	14	0	0	2	0	40	46	7	4	

Win: Miguel Hugas (8-2)

Loss: Mason Blasche (3-6)

HBP: Miguel Hugas, Mason Blasche, Drew Druckenmiller

PB: None

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

Start: 4:08 **Time:** 3:01 **Attendance:** 637 **Weather:** Mostly Sunny, 67 degrees

Game notes:

- Decker faced 2 batters in the 8th.

Play By Play

Mercer - Top of 1st	MER	SAM
Graziano struck out swinging.	0	0
Shepherd struck out swinging.	0	0
Katz homered to left center, RBI.	1	0
Stephens struck out swinging.	1	0
Runs: 1 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

Samford - Bottom of 1st	MER	SAM
Dutton flied out to lf.	1	0
Souders homered to right center, RBI.	1	1
Carr singled to center field.	1	1
Higgins struck out swinging.	1	1
Boykin singled to left field; Carr advanced to second.	1	1
Ince struck out swinging, out at first c to 1b.	1	1
Runs: 1 Hits: 3 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2		

Mercer - Top of 2nd	MER	SAM
Kamaka struck out looking.	1	1
Baughcum flied out to rf.	1	1
Kersey struck out swinging.	1	1
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

Samford - Bottom of 2nd	MER	SAM
Marshall singled through the left side.	1	1
McDonald singled up the middle; Marshall advanced to second.	1	1
Gandy fouled out to c.	1	1
Dutton flied out to lf.	1	1
Souders struck out swinging.	1	1
Runs: 0 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2		

Mercer - Top of 3rd	MER	SAM
LaPointe struck out swinging.	1	1
Buffone singled to left field.	1	1
Graziano hit by pitch; Buffone advanced to second.	1	1
Shepherd homered to left center, 3 RBI; Graziano scored; Buffone scored.	4	1
Katz doubled down the lf line.	4	1
Stephens fouled out to 3b.	4	1
Kamaka singled to left field, RBI; Katz scored.	5	1
Baughcum fouled out to 1b.	5	1
Runs: 4 Hits: 4 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

Samford - Bottom of 3rd	MER	SAM
Carr out at first p to 2b to 1b.	5	1
Higgins hit by pitch.	5	1
Boykin homered to left field, 2 RBI; Higgins scored.	5	3
Ince grounded out to 2b.	5	3
Marshall popped up to 3b.	5	3
Runs: 2 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

Mercer - Top of 4th	MER	SAM
Kersey flied out to lf.	5	3
LaPointe flied out to cf.	5	3
Buffone doubled to left center.	5	3
Graziano reached on a fielding error by ss; Buffone advanced to third.	5	3
Graziano stole second.	5	3
Shepherd walked.	5	3
Katz walked, RBI; Shepherd advanced to second; Graziano advanced to third; Buffone scored, unearned.	6	3

Stephens homered to left center, 4 RBI, unearned; Katz scored, unearned; Shepherd scored, unearned;	10	3
Graziano scored, unearned.	10	3
Kamaka singled to right field.	10	3
Baughcum flied out to rf.	10	3
Runs: 5 Hits: 3 Errors: 1 Left On Base: 1		
Samford - Bottom of 4th	MER	SAM
McDonald homered to left center, RBI.	10	4
Gandy singled to left field.	10	4
Dutton reached on a fielder's choice; Gandy out at second ss to 2b.	10	4
Souders popped up to 2b.	10	4
Carr flied out to rf.	10	4
Runs: 1 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		
Mercer - Top of 5th	MER	SAM
Druckenmille to p for Blasche.	10	4
Kersey homered to right field, RBI.	11	4
LaPointe struck out swinging.	11	4
Buffone struck out swinging.	11	4
Graziano struck out swinging.	11	4
Runs: 1 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		
Samford - Bottom of 5th	MER	SAM
Higgins grounded out to p.	11	4
Boykin singled through the left side.	11	4
Ince struck out swinging.	11	4
Marshall reached on a fielder's choice; Boykin out at second ss to 2b.	11	4
Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		
Mercer - Top of 6th	MER	SAM
Shepherd struck out swinging.	11	4
Katz singled down the lf line.	11	4
Stephens walked; Katz advanced to second.	11	4
Kamaka singled to left field, RBI; Stephens advanced to second; Katz scored.	12	4
Baughcum hit by pitch; Kamaka advanced to second; Stephens advanced to third.	12	4
Marble to p for Druckenmille.	12	4
Kersey homered to right center, 4 RBI; Baughcum scored; Kamaka scored; Stephens scored.	16	4
LaPointe grounded out to 2b.	16	4
Buffone struck out looking.	16	4
Runs: 5 Hits: 3 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		
Samford - Bottom of 6th	MER	SAM
McDonald flied out to rf.	16	4
Gandy flied out to cf.	16	4
Dutton flied out to cf.	16	4
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		
Mercer - Top of 7th	MER	SAM
Fredette to p for Marble.	16	4
Graziano reached on a fielding error by 1b.	16	4
Shepherd walked; Graziano advanced to second.	16	4
Katz flied into triple play cf to 2b to 1b; Shepherd out on the play; Graziano out on the play.	16	4
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 1 Left On Base: 0		
Samford - Bottom of 7th	MER	SAM
Rowland to rf for Stephens.	16	4
Souders singled to center field.	16	4
Souders advanced to second on a wild pitch.	16	4
Carr singled to center field; Souders advanced to third.	16	4
Higgins grounded out to 1b unassisted, RBI; Carr advanced to second; Souders scored.	16	5

Decker to p for Hugas.	16	5
Boykin fouled out to 1b.	16	5
Ince singled to second base, advanced to second on a throwing error by 1b; Carr scored.	16	6
Marshall singled up the middle, RBI; Ince scored, unearned.	16	7
McDonald singled to left field; Marshall advanced to second.	16	7
Gandy struck out swinging.	16	7
Runs: 3 Hits: 5 Errors: 1 Left On Base: 2		

Mercer - Top of 8th	MER	SAM
Gaeto to p for Fredette.	16	7
Perry to c for Carr.	16	7
Rowland grounded out to 3b.	16	7
Kamaka grounded out to ss.	16	7
Baughcum singled through the right side.	16	7
Kersey grounded out to 2b.	16	7
Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

Samford - Bottom of 8th	MER	SAM
Dutton walked.	16	7
Souders walked; Dutton advanced to second.	16	7
Cole to p for Decker.	16	7
Perry struck out looking.	16	7
Higgins singled to right field, RBI; Souders advanced to second; Dutton scored.	16	8
Boykin flied out to cf; Souders advanced to third.	16	8
Ince struck out swinging.	16	8
Runs: 1 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2		

Mercer - Top of 9th	MER	SAM
Sanders to p for Gaeto.	16	8
LaPointe struck out swinging.	16	8
Buffone struck out swinging.	16	8
Graziano struck out swinging.	16	8
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

Samford - Bottom of 9th	MER	SAM
Marshall struck out swinging.	16	8
McDonald flied out to cf.	16	8
Gandy singled to third base.	16	8
Gandy stole second.	16	8
Dutton grounded out to 2b.	16	8
Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		