



2021 BASEBALL GAME NOTES

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SCHEDULE

OVERALL: 13-10 | SOCON: 2-1 | H: 10-6 | A: 3-4 | N: 0-0

FEBRUARY

20	JACKSON STATE (DH)		W, 9-0	W, 10-0
21	JACKSON STATE			W, 14-0
24	at Georgia Tech	ACC Network		L, 7-3
26	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS			L, 17-7
27	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS			L, 11-5
28	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS			L, 5-2

MARCH

2	at Florida State	ACCNX		PPD.
5	at South Carolina	SECN+		L, 5-1
6	at South Carolina	SECN+		L, 4-0
7	at South Carolina	SEC Network		L, 1-0
10	FLORIDA A&M		W, 10-3	
12	MARSHALL		W, 3-1	
13	MARSHALL		L, 11-10	
14	MARSHALL		L, 19-9	
16	at Florida A&M		W, 13-4	
17	at Florida A&M		W, 10-6	
19	BRADLEY		W, 11-9	
20	BRADLEY (DH)		W, 12-11	W, 15-5
23	at Georgia State			W, 5-3
26	WOFFORD*	ESPN+		W, 6-4
27	WOFFORD (DH)*	ESPN+	W, 13-7	L, 12-2
30	at Florida	SECN+		PPD
31	at Florida State			6 p.m.

APRIL

2	at The Citadel*			6 p.m.
3	at The Citadel (DH)*			2 p.m.
6	GEORGIA STATE		6 p.m.	
9	UNCG*		6 p.m.	
10	UNCG (DH)*		2 p.m.	
14	at Georgia Southern			6 p.m.
16	at VMI			4 p.m.
17	at VMI (DH)*			1 p.m.
21	GEORGIA STATE		6 p.m.	
23	at Samford*			5 p.m.
24	at Samford (DH)*			2 p.m.
28	at Kennesaw State			6 p.m.
30	ETSU*		6 p.m.	

MAY

1	ETSU (DH)*			2 p.m.
5	KENNESAW STATE		6 p.m.	
7	at Western Carolina*			5 p.m.
8	at Western Carolina (DH)*			2 p.m.
11	at Georgia State			6 p.m.
14	THE CITADEL*		6 p.m.	
15	THE CITADEL (DH)*		2 p.m.	
18	GEORGIA SOUTHERN		6 p.m.	
20	at Wofford*			5 p.m.
21	at Wofford (DH)*			2 p.m.

SOCON TOURNAMENT

25-30	TBD			TBD
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* Southern Conference game
^ in Greenville, S.C. (Fluor Field)

ON DECK

MERCER (13-10, 2-1 SOCON) AT #18 FLORIDA STATE (12-8, 8-7 ACC)
WEDNESDAY • MARCH 31 • 6 P.M. • TALLAHASSEE, FLA. • DICK HOWSER STADIUM
TV • N/A

PROJECTED PITCHING MATCHUPS

MERCER (3-2, 5.28 ERA) VS. **FLORIDA STATE** (0-0, 2.16 ERA)
WED R-Sr. RHP TAYLOR LOBUS VS. R-So. RHP JACK ANDERSON

IN & OUT

- » Mercer is one of just four NCAA Division I programs to win at least 35 games in each of the past 10 full seasons, joining Florida State, LSU and Vanderbilt.
- » Following the 2020 season, the Bears' Colby Thomas was named to the 2020 Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-American Team. This marked the sixth straight year Mercer had a player named to the team.
- » Since 2010, the Bears are the winningest Division I baseball program in the state of Georgia. The Bears have won 405 games.
- » The Bears and Seminoles meet for the second straight season in Tallahassee. This is a makeup from early this season when the game was postponed because of weather.
- » Last season, Florida State defeated Mercer 9-8 in extra innings at Dick Howser Stadium.
- » Mercer is one of two schools, along with Minnesota, to only have three coaches since the 1948 season.

SERIES HISTORY

Series History	8-47
Streak	L25
First Meetings (1975)	L, 4-0
Last Meeting (2020)	L, 9-8
Last Mercer Win (1992)	4-3
Last Florida State Win (2020)	13-1
Gibson vs. Florida State	0-6

MERCER

.281
170
218
47
2
31
156
105
203
20
22
.974
5.73
201.0
214
145
128
91
210
.275

FLORIDA STATE

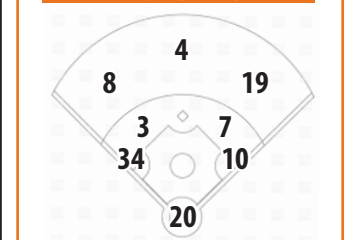
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84
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PROJECTED STARTERS

BY POSITION

Pos.	No.	Name	AVG.	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	OB%
C	20	Collin Price	.304	69	17	21	2	12	.402
1B	10	Angelo DiSpigna	.250	80	16	20	3	18	.390
2B	7	Garett Delano	.322	59	16	19	4	18	.446
3B	34	Trevor Austin	.333	69	16	23	0	6	.435
SS	3	RJ Yeager	.292	89	17	26	4	19	.350
LF	8	Colby Thomas	.220	81	16	18	2	15	.347
CF	4	Bill Knight	.344	90	21	31	5	26	.429
RF	19	Brandon Michie	.349	86	24	30	6	23	.430
DH	14	Jackson Cherry	.313	16	7	5	2	6	.450

MERCER DEFENSE





QUICK FACTS

LocationMacon, Ga.
Enrollment 9,000
Founded 1833
Conference.....Southern
Affiliation..... NCAA Division I
Colors..... Orange (PMS 716C) & Black
Nickname..... Bears
President William D. Underwood
Director of Athletics Jim Cole
Athletic Dept. Office (478) 301-2994
Ticket Office (478) 301-5470
Baseball Office (478) 301-2738

PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year of Baseball..... 1948
All-Time Record..... 1,595-1,372-5 (.537)
Reg. Season Conference Titles..... 7
 1982, '94, '97, 2013, '15, '16, '17
Conference Tournament Titles 6
 1979, '81, '83, 2010, '15, '19
NCAA Tournament Appearances..... 4
 2010, '13, '15, '19

FACILITY INFORMATION

Stadium OrthoGeorgia Park at Claude Smith Field
Year Opened 1962
First Game April 3, 1962 vs. Erskine
Capacity 1,500 (renovated in 2017)
Surface Natural Grass
Dimensions..... LF: 330; CF: 400; RF: 320; LC: 370; RC: 350

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach Craig Gibson
Alma Mater Mercer (1986)
Career Record 566-394 (18 years)
Record at Mercer Same

Assoc. HC/Recruiting Coord...... Brent Shade
Alma Mater Defiance (2001)
Assistant Coach Willie Stewart
Alma Mater UNC Asheville (2000)
Volunteer Asst. Coach Ian Humphrey
Alma Mater Marshall (2013)
Director of Baseball Ops. Tyler Gibson
Alma Mater Georgia Tech (2018)

SUPPORT STAFF

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MERCER VS. FLORIDA STATE

- » Mercer (13-10) faces Florida State in a non-conference midweek contest on Wednesday.
- » These two programs met last season at Dick Howser Stadium. The Bears were defeated by Florida State, 9-8.
- » Last season, the Bears were 11-0 going into the Florida State contest. Mercer was defeated 9-8 in 11 innings. Colby Thomas hit two home runs for Mercer.
- » Mercer looks to snap a 25 game losing streak to Florida State on Wednesday. The last five meetings have been played in Tallahassee.
- » Head Coach Craig Gibson is 0-6 in his career against Florida State.

Last 5 Meetings (0-5)

3/3/2020	Tallahassee	L	9-8
3/3/2019	Tallahassee	L	5-1
3/2/2019	Tallahassee	L	12-1
3/1/2019	Tallahassee	L	9-5
5/29/2015	Tallahassee	L	5-4

A PEACH OF A PROGRAM

- » Since 2010, the Mercer Bears have won the most games out of Division I Baseball teams in Georgia.
- » The Bears have won 11 more games than the second team on the list, which is Georgia Tech.
- » Below are the six programs in Georgia and their wins since 2010.
- » With one more win, Mercer will be the first program Georgia program to win 400 games since the start of the 2010 season.

Most Wins in Georgia

Mercer	407
Georgia Tech	396
Georgia Southern	362
Georgia	344
Kennesaw State	317
Georgia State	286

SOCOM PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- » On Monday afternoon, the Southern Conference announced its Player and Pitcher of the Week and Bill Knight was named Player of the Week.
- » Knight hit .438 (7-for-16) on the week and now has stretched his hitting streak to three games.
- » In the first game of the doubleheader against Wofford, Knight had himself a ball game. He collected 6 RBI in game one going 3-for-5.
- » The Bears have had a player or pitcher of the week five out of the six weeks. Knight is the second player of the week honoree, while Mercer has three pitchers of the week.

DOUBLES!!!

- » The Bears lead the Southern Conference with 47 doubles this season. The 47 doubles ranks 20th best in the NCAA.
- » Western Kentucky leads the nation in doubles with 61.
- » Mercer is averaging 2.04 doubles per game, which ranks 45th best in the nation and is the best mark in the SoCon.
- » Twelve different Bears have hit at least one double this season.
- » Angelo DiSpigna leads the team with eight doubles, and is the third most in the Southern Conference. Over his time as a Bear, DiSpigna has hit 25 doubles. Eleven came during his freshman season in 2019. He is three away from tying his career-high.

POWER BEARS AT FSU

- » Last season, the Bears showed off their power at Dick Howser Stadium.
- » Mercer hit four bombs in the contest with Colby Thomas hitting two, Brandon Michie and Bill Knight with one each.
- » In the contest, Michie went 3-for-6 with three RBI, while Colby Thomas was 2-for-5 with three RBI.
- » The Bears first two runs of the game were solo home runs by Knight and Thomas.

PLAYING IN-STATE PROGRAMS

- » This season, the Bears will play nine games against in-state opponents.
- » Mercer will play every NCAA D1 in-state opponent but Georgia this season.
- » The Bears defeated their first in-state opponenet. On Tuesday, Mercer defeated Georgia State 5-3.
- » Besides Mercer at Georgia State, Georgia will host Kennesaw State in a Peach State Showdown.
- » Mercer will play Georgia State four times, Kennesaw State and Georgia Southern twice and Georgia Tech once this season.
- » Four of the eight in-state matchups will happen at OrthoGeorgia Park.
- » All but one instate program has a win this season. Below are the records of when instate schools play.

Most Wins Against Georgia Schools In 2021 (March 29)

Mercer	1-1
Georgia Tech	1-1
Georgia Southern	0-1
Georgia	3-1
Kennesaw State	5-1
Georgia State	1-6

WINNING TRADITION

Mercer head coach Craig Gibson has built his alma mater into one of the nation's most consistent programs since taking over in 2004. Mercer is one of just four NCAA Division I programs to win at least 35 games in each of the past ten full seasons (since 2010), joining the elite company of LSU, Florida State & Vanderbilt.



10 CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH 35 WINS OR MORE



TWO-WAY PLAYER ALERT

- » Teams have to be aware of Garrett Delano this season as he has appeared on the mound for the Bears and in the field.
- » Delano has made six appearances on the mound for the Bears making three starts. He has pitched 26.0 innings and tallied 28 strikeouts.
- » He has an ERA of 3.12 and a record of 2-0.
- » At the plate, Delano is hitting .322, the fourth best mark on the team.
- » Against Bradley on Friday night, Delano helped himself at the plate as he hit a grand slam. He has five extra-base hits this season.
- » Delano was named the John Olerud Award Two-Way Player of the Week, once this season.

LEADING THE BEARS

- » Since 1948 Mercer has had three different coaches to lead the squad.
- » Claude Smith led the team for 30 years, followed by Barry Myers for 26 years and now Craig Gibson has led the team for 18 seasons.
- » Only one other team in the nation has had three coaches over the same time frame, the University of Minnesota.
- » Not only has Mercer only had three coaches but all of them have 400 or more wins in their careers wearing the Orange & Black.

YEAGER AT SHORTSTOP

- » Junior Yeager has been a consistent piece of the Bears lineup since 2018.
- » Yeager, who was the 2018 SoCon Freshman of the Year, has started every game for the Bears.
- » He currently has started 163 straight games for Mercer, all at shortstop. This season, Yeager has a .975 fielding percentage and his hitting .292.
- » This season he was voted Preseason All-SoCon Second Team at shortstop.
- » The Lynn Haven, Fla. native was a 2018 Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-American and is also a two-time All-SoCon selection.
- » During his freshman season, Yeager was named to the Brooks Wallace Award Watch List. The Brooks Wallace Award is given to the best college shortstop of the year.
- » His freshman season, he hit .324 with six home runs, 42 RBI and tallied 73 hits.

BEARS IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

- » The Bears have made four NCAA Regional Appearances in program history.
- » The Bears made the NCAA Regionals during the 2010, 2013, 2015 and 2019 season.
- » The last win for the Bears in NCAA Regional play came against Elon on June 5, 2010. Mercer came away with a 13-7 victory.
- » The 2021 Mercer Bears will be looking to make school history as the Bears have never gone to back-to-back NCAA Regionals, after the 2020 season was canceled.

#WINNERSWIN

- » Since joining the SoCon in 2015, Mercer has won three regular season titles ('15, '16, '17) and two tournament titles ('15, '19).
- » The 2019 season was the fourth trip to the SoCon Championship title game in five years as a league member. Mercer finished as runner-up to Western Carolina ('16) and Samford ('18).
- » Mercer's 203 overall wins and 74 SoCon wins since 2015 are the most among all league teams.
- » Mercer has captured three SoCon Player of the Year honors (Kyle Lewis, '15 & '16; Ryan Hagan, '17) and one SoCon Freshman of the Year accolade (RJ Yeager, '18).
- » Craig Gibson has been named SoCon Coach of the Year twice ('15, '17).

PRESEASON SOCON ACCOLADES

- » Mercer was picked second in both the 2021 Preseason SoCon coaches' and media polls. The Bears were picked behind Samford in the Coaches and Media poll.
- » Four Bears were recognized on the preseason All-SoCon First and Second Teams: SS RJ Yeager (2nd), 1B Angelo DiSpigna (2nd), OF Brandon Michie (2nd) and OF Colby Thomas (2nd)

EIGHT SIGN WITH MERCER

- » Eight future Bears signed their NLI.
- » Seven signees are from the state of Georgia.
- » The other signee is from Florida
- » The class is made up of five pitchers & three position players.
 - Colton Cospier (LHP - Carrollton, Ga.)
 - Jess Ackerman (LHP - Cumming, Ga.)
 - Braden Bamburovski (LHP - Cumming, Ga.)
 - Caelb Ellard (OF - Rome, Ga.)
 - Landon Underhill (OF/IF - Newnan, Ga.)
 - Jaxon O'Neal (LHP - Newnan, Ga.)
 - Jozsef Rohrbacher (C - Tallahassee, Fla.)
 - Avery Stephens (RHP - Valdosta, Ga.)

MR. MERCER

- » Few can rival the success that Mercer head coach Craig Gibson has had at his alma mater since taking its helm in 2004.
- » Gibson is one of 13 active NCAA Division I baseball head coaches with 500 wins at his alma mater. He won his 560th game on March 11 at home against Florida A&M.
- » He is the second winningest coach in program history and is 87 wins away from Coach Barry Myers.
- » Gibson's squads have won at least 35 games in each of the last 10 full seasons; Mercer is one of only four Division I programs to do so.
- » Gibson starred on the diamond for Mercer in the 1980s, garnering Atlantic Sun Player of the Year accolades in 1985 as he led the Bears to the conference title.

RECORD BREAKDOWN

SUMMARY

Overall	13-10
Home	10-6
Away	3-4
Neutral	0-0
vs. Ranked Teams	0-4
Opponents ranked 1-10	0-0
Opponents ranked 11-25	0-4
Extra Innings	0-0
Afternoon First Pitch (12-6 p.m.)	10-10
Evening First Pitch (After 6 p.m.)	2-1
Opponent .500 or better (at time of game)	5-8
Opponent below .500 (at time of game)	8-3

CONFERENCE

SoCon	2-1
SoCon Home	2-1
SoCon Away	0-0
SoCon Championship	0-0
vs. ACC	0-1
vs. MEAC	3-0
vs. Conference USA	1-2
vs. SEC	0-3
vs. ASUN	0-0
vs. Missouri Valley	3-3
vs. Sun Belt	1-0
vs. SWAC	3-0

LOCATION

in Florida	2-0	in Georgia	11-7
in Virginia	0-0	in Texas	0-0
in South Carolina	0-3		

DAY OF THE WEEK

on Tuesday	2-0	on Wednesday	2-1
on Thursday	0-0	on Friday	3-2
on Saturday	5-4	on Sunday	1-3

MONTH

in February	3-4	in March	10-6
in April	0-0	in May	0-0

PITCHING

MU starts RHP	11-8	MU starts LHP	2-2
Opponent starts RHP	8-7	Opponent starts LHP	5-3

SCORING

Mercer scores 0-2 runs	0-5
Mercer scores 3-5 runs	2-2
Mercer scores 6-9 runs	2-2
Mercer scores 10+ runs	9-1
1-run games	1-2
2-run games	4-0
5+ run games	7-4
Mercer hits a home run	11-5
Opponent hits a home run	3-9
Mercer has more hits	9-0
Opponent has more hits	4-9
Hits are tied	0-1
Mercer scores in 1st inning	7-2
Opponent scores in 1st inning	2-5
Mercer scores first	10-1
Opponent scores first	3-9
Mercer leading after 7 innings	10-0
Opponent leading after 7 innings	2-8
Tied after 7 innings	1-1
Mercer leading after 8 innings	12-0
Opponent leading after 8 innings	1-9
Tied after 8 innings	0-0

FIELDING

Mercer commits 0 errors	7-2
Mercer commits 1+ errors	6-8
Opponent commits 0 errors	5-4
Opponent commits 1+ errors	8-6

#PROBEARS (AS OF 2/21/21)

PLAYER	YRS. AT MU	TEAM	CLASSIFICATION
Kyle Lewis	2014-16	Seattle Mariners	MLB
Austin Cox	2016-18	Quad Cities River Bandits (Royals)	High A
Charlie Madden	2014-17	Portland Sea Dogs (Red Sox)	Double A
Robert Broom	2016-18	Akron RubberDucks (Indians)	Double A
Danny Edgeworth	2014-17	Fresno Grizzlies (Colorado)	Single A
Christian Vann	2017-18	Fredericksburg Nationals (Washington)	Single A
Sawyer Gipson-Long	2017-19	TBA	
Kevin Coulter	2016-19	TBA	



BIG INNINGS FOR MERCER

Opponent	Date	Inn.	Runs	Res.
Jackson State (G1)	2/19	8	4	W
Jackson State (G2)	2/19	8	6	W
Jackson State	2/20	4	5	W
Jackson State	2/20	6	4	W
Southern Illinois	2/27	2	4	L
Florida A&M	3/10	3	6	W
Marshall	3/13	2	5	L
Marshall	3/14	8	4	L
Florida A&M	3/16	7	4	W
Bradley	3/19	1	6	W
Bradley (G1)	3/20	4	8	W
Bradley (G2)	3/20	8	5	W
Wofford (G1)	3/27	3	4	W
Wofford (G1)	3/27	4	4	W

Big inning = 4 or more runs

BIG INNINGS FOR OPPONENTS

Opponent	Date	Inn.	Runs	Res.
Georgia Tech	2/24	2	4	L
Southern Illinois	2/26	2	4	L
Southern Illinois	2/26	9	5	L
Southern Illinois	2/27	5	4	L
Marshall	3/14	1	6	L
Marshall	3/14	8	6	L
Bradley (G1)	3/20	2	4	W
Bradley (G2)	3/20	3	4	W
Wofford (G2)	3/21	2	4	L

Big inning = 4 or more runs

SERIES STATS

BATTING

	AVG	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	K
Jackson State	.333	102	33	34	30	12	1	4	18	20
Georgia Tech	.152	33	3	5	3	3	0	0	5	7
Southern Illinois	.250	104	14	26	14	4	0	8	5	30
South Carolina	.136	88	1	12	1	3	0	0	11	44
Florida A&M	.421	38	10	16	10	4	0	0	4	9
Marshall	.262	107	22	28	20	4	0	5	10	26
Florida A&M	.392	79	23	31	21	4	1	2	16	15
Bradley	.343	102	38	35	36	6	0	7	19	24
Georgia State	.212	33	5	7	4	1	0	2	3	10
Wofford	.270	89	21	24	39	6	0	3	14	18
Florida State										
The Citadel										
Georgia State										
UNCG										
Georgia Southern										
VMI										
Georgia State										
Samford										
Kennesaw State										
ETSU										
Kennesaw State										
Western Carolina										
Georgia State										
The Citadel										
Georgia Southern										
Wofford										

PITCHING

	ERA	W-L	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	B/AVG
Jackson State	0.00	3-0	0	27.0	11	0	0	3	34	0	0	0	.128
Georgia Tech	7.88	0-1	0	8.0	14	7	7	4	3	3	0	2	.378
Southern Illinois	9.67	0-3	0	27.0	38	33	29	13	25	5	0	12	.325
South Carolina	3.75	0-3	0	24.0	17	10	10	16	27	5	0	2	.202
Florida A&M	2.00	1-0	0	9.0	2	3	2	5	9	0	0	0	.069
Marshall	8.67	1-2	1	27.0	39	31	26	14	34	3	0	10	.336
Florida A&M	5.00	2-0	1	18.0	20	10	10	11	21	4	1	0	.282
Bradley	7.67	3-0	0	27.0	35	25	23	11	36	2	0	6	.315
Georgia State	2.00	1-0	0	9.0	9	3	2	0	9	1	0	0	.265
Wofford	6.84	2-1	1	25.0	29	23	19	14	12	1	0	4	.309
Florida State													
The Citadel													
Georgia State													
UNCG													
Georgia Southern													
VMI													
Georgia State													
Samford													
Kennesaw State													
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The Citadel													
Georgia Southern													
Wofford													



SOCON STANDINGS (THRU 3/29/21)

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE						OVERALL					
TEAM	RECORD	PCT	HOME	AWAY	STREAK	RECORD	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL	STREAK
Samford	5-1	.833	2-1	3-0	L1	13-11	.542	8-3	4-8	1-0	L1
ETSU	3-3	.500	2-1	1-2	W1	13-9	.591	10-4	3-5	0-0	W1
UNCG	2-4	.333	0-3	2-1	W2	13-10	.565	5-4	8-6	0-0	W2
VMI	2-4	.333	1-2	1-2	L2	6-14	.300	4-8	2-6	0-0	L2
RED											
TEAM	RECORD	PCT	HOME	AWAY	STREAK	RECORD	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL	STREAK
Western Carolina	2-0	1.000	2-0	0-0	W2	13-4	.765	10-1	3-3	0-0	W8
Mercer	2-1	.667	2-1	0-0	L1	13-10	.565	11-6	2-4	0-0	L1
Wofford	3-3	.500	0-0	3-3	W1	14-9	.609	8-2	6-7	0-0	W1
The Citadel	1-4	.200	1-2	0-2	L4	8-12	.400	7-9	1-3	0-0	L5

A PEACH OF A PROGRAM

Since 2010, Mercer is the winningest of six Division I baseball programs in the state of Georgia.

SINCE START OF 2010 SEASON (AS OF 3/28/2021)

School	Total Wins	Avg. Wins/Year
Mercer	407	38.1
Georgia Tech	396	37.2
Georgia Southern	362	33.9
Georgia	344	31.4
Kennesaw State	318	29.3
Georgia State	286	27.2

*Avg. Wins/Per excludes 2020 & 2021

SOCON PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Feb. 22	Player - Justice Bigbie, WCU Pitcher - Taylor Lobus, Mercer
Mar. 1	Player - Sonny DiChiara, Samford Pitcher - Zebby Matthews, WCU
Mar. 8	Player - Corey Rosier, UNCG Pitcher - Jackson Kelley, Mercer
Mar. 15	Player - Cole Simpson, The Citadel Pitcher - Garrett Delano, Mercer
Mar. 22	Player - Brandon Michie, Mercer Pitcher - Nathaniel Tate, ETSU
Mar. 29	Player - Bill Knight, Mercer Pitcher - Nathaniel Tate, ETSU
Apr. 5	Player Pitcher
Apr. 12	Player Pitcher
Apr. 19	Player Pitcher
Apr. 26	Player Pitcher
May 3	Player Pitcher
May 10	Player Pitcher
May 17	Player Pitcher
May 24	Player Pitcher

SOCON PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

February	Player - Justice Bigbie, WCU Pitcher - Zebby Matthews, WCU
March	Player Pitcher
April	Player Pitcher
May	Player Pitcher



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2021 PRESEASON COACHES POLL

Pl.	Team (1st-place votes)	Points
1.	Samford (6)	48
2.	Mercer (1)	43
3.	UNCG (1)	32
	Wofford	32
5.	ETSU	23
	Western Carolina	23
7.	The Citadel	13
8.	VMI	10

2021 PRESEASON MEDIA POLL

Pl.	Team (1st-place votes)	Points
1.	Samford (7)	83
2.	Mercer (3)	73
3.	Wofford (1)	65
4.	UNCG	54
5.	ETSU	46
6.	Western Carolina	32
7.	The Citadel	30
8.	VMI	13

2021 PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE

Preseason Player of the Year
Brooks Carlson, Jr., Samford

Preseason Pitcher of the Year
Hayes Heinecke, Jr., Wofford

First Team

SP	Sam Strickland, Jr., Samford
SP	Hayes Heinecke, Jr., Wofford
RP	Zach Franklin, Jr., Western Carolina
C	Luke Robinson, Sr., Western Carolina
1B	Sonny DiChiara, So., Samford
2B	Brooks Carlson, Jr., Samford
SS	Matty Brown, Jr., Wofford
3B	Jake Lyle, Sr., ETSU
OF	Will Knight, R-So., VMI
OF	Justice Bigbie, Jr., Western Carolina
OF	Colin Davis, Sr., Wofford
DH	Jake Madole, Sr., ETSU
DH	Lawson Hill, Sr., Wofford

Second Team

SP	Austin Koehn, R-So., UNCG
SP	Zach Hester, Sr., Samford
RP	Matt Mercer, Sr., ETSU
C	Kaden Dreier, So., Samford
1B	Angelo Dispigna, So., Mercer
1B	John Dempsey, Jr., Wofford
2B	Tyler Corbitt, So., The Citadel
SS	RJ Yeager, Jr., Mercer
3B	Zack Budzik, R-So., UNCG
OF	Brandon Michie, R-Sr., Mercer
OF	Colby Thomas, Fr., Mercer
OF	Greg Hardison, R-Jr., UNCG
OF	Ayrton Schafer, Sr., Samford
DH	Tyler McManus, Jr., Samford

HONORS & AWARDS

RJ Yeager

- Preseason Second Team All-SoCon
- Bobby Bragan Collegiate Slugger Award Watch List
- Perfect Game Preseason All-SoCon

Angelo DiSpigna

- Preseason Second Team All-SoCon

Brandon Michie

- Preseason Second Team All-SoCon
- Perfect Game Preseason All-SoCon
- SoCon Player of the Week (March 22)

Colby Thomas

- Preseason Second Team All-SoCon

Jackson Kelley

- Perfect Game Preseason All-SoCon
- SoCon Pitcher of the Week (March 8)

Le Bassett

- Perfect Game Preseason All-SoCon

Taylor Lobus

- SoCon Pitcher of the Week (Feb. 22)

Collin Price

- 2021 Buster Posey National Collegiate Catcher of the Year Award Watch List

Garrett Delano

- SoCon Pitcher of the Week (March 15)
- John Olerud Award 2-Way Player of the Week (March 15)

Bill Knight

- SoCon Player of the Week (March 29)

2021 BATTING ORDER: GAME-BY-GAME

DATE	OPPONENT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	SP
2/20	Jackson State (G1)	Thomas	Michie	Yeager	Bassett	Price	DiSpigna	Knight	Delano	Austin	Kelley
2/20	Jackson State (G2)	Thomas	Michie	Yeager	Bassett	Knight	DiSpigna	Delano	Keckler	Austin	Lobus
2/21	Jackson State	Thomas	Michie	Yeager	Knight	Price	DiSpigna	Delano	Burke	Austin	Wilson
2/24	at Georgia Tech	Thomas	Michie	Yeager	Knight	Archibald	Price	DiSpigna	Delano	Austin	Green
2/26	Southern Illinois	Thomas	DiSpigna	Yeager	Michie	Knight	Bassett	Price	Gelano	Austin	Kelley
2/27	Southern Illinois	Thomas	DiSpigna	Yeager	Knight	Michie	Delano	Archibald	Price	Austin	Lobus
2/28	Southern Illinois	Thomas	DiSpigna	Yeager	Bassett	Knight	Michie	Archibald	Keckler	Austin	Wilson
3/5	at South Carolina	Thomas	DiSpigna	Yeager	Michie	Knight	Archibald	Price	Burke	Austin	Green
3/6	at South Carolina	Thomas	DiSpigna	Yeager	Michie	Knight	Archibald	Price	Burke	Austin	Lobus
3/7	at South Carolina	Thomas	DiSpigna	Yeager	Price	Knight	Michie	Burke	Keckler	Austin	Kelley
3/10	Florida A&M	Knight	Austin	Yeager	DiSpigna	Price	Michie	Thomas	Archibald	Burke	Wilson
3/12	Marshall	Knight	Austin	Yeager	Price	Delano	DiSpigna	Thomas	Michie	Burke	Delano
3/13	Marshall	Knight	Austin	Yeager	Delano	Price	DiSpigna	Thomas	Ammons	Michie	Lobus
3/14	Marshall	Knight	DiSpigna	Price	Michie	Delano	Yeager	Thomas	Keckler	Austin	Wilson
3/16	at Florida A&M	Knight	DiSpigna	Pirce	Michie	Yeager	Delano	Thomas	Cherry	Austin	Green
3/17	at Florida A&M	Knight	DiSpigna	Yeager	Michie	Delano	Price	Thomas	Keckler	Austin	Lobus
3/19	Bradley	Knight	Yeager	Price	Delano	Michie	Thomas	DiSpigna	Burke	Austin	Delano
3/20	Bradley (G1)	Knight	Yeager	Michie	Delano	Price	DiSpigna	Thomas	Cherry	Austin	Green
3/20	Bradley (G2)	Knight	Yeager	Michie	Delano	Price	DiSpigna	Thomas	Keckler	Austin	Kelley
3/23	at Georgia State	Knight	Yeager	Michie	Price	Delano	DiSpigna	Thomas	Cherry	Austin	Farmer
3/26	Wofford	Knight	Yeager	Price	Delano	Michie	Thomas	DiSpigna	Burke	Austin	Delano
3/27	Wofford (G1)	Knight	Yeager	Michie	Delano	Price	DiSpigna	Thomas	Cherry	Austin	Green
3/27	Wofford (G2)	Knight	Yeager	Michie	Delano	DiSpigna	Ammons	Cherry	Keckler	Austin	Kelley
3/31	at Florida State										
4/2	at The Citadel										
4/3	at The Citadel (G1)										
4/3	at The Citadel (G2)										
4/6	Georgia State										
4/9	UNCG										
4/10	UNCG (G1)										
4/10	UNCG (G2)										
4/14	at Georgia Southern										
4/17	at VMI										
4/18	at VMI (G1)										
4/18	at VMI (G2)										
4/21	Georgia State										
4/23	at Samford										
4/24	at Samford (G1)										
4/24	at Samford (G2)										
4/28	at Kennesaw State										
4/30	ETSU										
5/1	ETSU (G1)										
5/1	ETSU (G2)										
5/5	Kennesaw State										
5/7	at Western Carolina										
5/8	at Western Carolina (G1)										
5/8	at Western Carolina (G2)										
5/11	at Georgia State										
5/14	The Citadel										
5/15	The Citadel (G1)										
5/15	The Citadel (G2)										
5/18	Georgia Southern										
5/20	at Wofford										
5/21	at Wofford (G1)										
5/21	at Wofford (G2)										



2021 BY POSITION: GAME-BY-GAME

DATE	OPPONENT	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH	SP
2/20	Jackson State (G1)	Price	DiSpigna	Delano	Austin	Yeager	Thomas	Knight	Michie	Bassett	Kelley
2/20	Jackson State (G2)	Keckler	DiSpigna	Delano	Austin	Yeager	Thomas	Knight	Michie	Bassett	Lobus
2/21	Jackson State	Price	DiSpigna	Delano	Austin	Yeager	Thomas	Knight	Michie	Burke	Wilson
2/24	at Georgia Tech	Price	DiSpigna	Delano	Austin	Yeager	Thomas	Knight	Michie	Archibald	Green
2/26	Southern Illinois	Price	DiSpigna	Delano	Austin	Yeager	Thomas	Knight	Michie	Bassett	Kelley
2/27	Southern Illinois	Price	DiSpigna	Delano	Austin	Yeager	Thomas	Knight	Michie	Archibald	Lobus
2/28	Southern Illinois	Keckler	Archibald	DiSpigna	Austin	Yeager	Thomas	Knight	Michie	Bassett	Wilson
3/5	at South Carolina	Price	DiSpigna	Austin	Burke	Yeager	Thomas	Knight	Michie	Archibald	Green
3/6	at South Carolina	Price	DiSpigna	Austin	Burke	Yeager	Thomas	Knight	Michie	Archibald	Lobus
3/7	at South Carolina	Keckler	DiSpigna	Austin	Burke	Yeager	Thomas	Knight	Michie	Price	Kelley
3/10	Florida A&M	Price	DiSpigna	Austin	Burke	Yeager	Thomas	Knight	Michie	Archibald	Wilson
3/12	Marshall	Price	DiSpigna	Austin	Burke	Yeager	Thomas	Knight	Michie	Delano	Delano
3/13	Marshall	Price	DiSpigna	Delano	Austin	Yeager	Thomas	Knight	Michie	Ammons	Lobus
3/14	Marshall	Keckler	DiSpigna	Delano	Austin	Yeager	Thomas	Knight	Michie	Price	Wilson
3/16	at Florida A&M	Price	DiSpigna	Delano	Austin	Yeager	Thomas	Knight	Michie	Cherry	Green
3/17	at Florida A&M	Keckler	DiSpigna	Delano	Austin	Yeager	Thomas	Knight	Michie	Price	Lobus
3/19	Bradley	Price	DiSpigna	Austin	Burke	Yeager	Thomas	Knight	Michie	Delano	Delano
3/20	Bradley (G1)	Price	DiSpigna	Delano	Austin	Yeager	Thomas	Knight	Michie	Cherry	Green
3/20	Bradley (G2)	Keckler	DiSpigna	Delano	Austin	Yeager	Thomas	Knight	Michie	Price	Kelley
3/23	at Georgia State	Price	DiSpigna	Delano	Austin	Yeager	Thomas	Knight	Michie	Cherry	Farmer
3/26	Wofford	Price	DiSpigna	Austin	Burke	Yeager	Thomas	Knight	Michie	Delano	Delano
3/27	Wofford (G1)	Price	DiSpigna	Delano	Austin	Yeager	Thomas	Knight	Michie	Cherry	Green
3/27	Wofford (G2)	Keckler	DiSpigna	Delano	Austin	Yeager	Ammons	Knight	Michie	Cherry	Kelley
3/31	at Florida State										
4/2	at The Citadel										
4/3	at The Citadel (G1)										
4/3	at The Citadel (G2)										
4/6	Georgia State										
4/9	UNCG										
4/10	UNCG (G1)										
4/10	UNCG (G2)										
4/14	at Georgia Southern										
4/17	at VMI										
4/18	at VMI (G1)										
4/18	at VMI (G2)										
4/21	Georgia State										
4/23	at Samford										
4/24	at Samford (G1)										
4/24	at Samford (G2)										
4/28	at Kennesaw State										
4/30	ETSU										
5/1	ETSU (G1)										
5/1	ETSU (G2)										
5/5	Kennesaw State										
5/7	at Western Carolina										
5/8	at Western Carolina (G1)										
5/8	at Western Carolina (G2)										
5/11	at Georgia State										
5/14	The Citadel										
5/15	The Citadel (G1)										
5/15	The Citadel (G2)										
5/18	Georgia Southern										
5/20	at Wofford										
5/21	at Wofford (G1)										
5/21	at Wofford (G2)										



PITCHING (STARTERS)

Date	Opp.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/20	Jackson State (G1)	6.2	1	0	0	1	8
2/20	Jackson State (G2)	7.0	4	0	0	0	11
2/21	Jackson State	4.0	1	0	0	1	6
2/24	at Georgia Tech	1.1	4	4	4	1	0
2/26	Southern Illinois	2.0	7	6	4	1	2
2/27	Southern Illinois	4.1	6	8	6	2	2
2/28	Southern Illinois	2.1	7	4	4	0	1
3/5	at South Carolina	4.2	3	4	4	3	7
3/6	at South Carolina	5.0	4	3	3	6	4
3/7	at South Carolina	7.1	4	1	1	3	5
3/10	Florida A&M	2.0	0	1	0	1	1
3/12	Marshall	7.0	2	0	0	1	11
3/13	Marshall	4.1	7	5	4	0	4
3/14	Marshall	0.1	2	4	4	1	1
3/16	at Florida A&M	1.0	3	1	1	0	1
3/17	at Florida A&M	1.0	0	0	0	2	2
3/19	Bradley	4.0	10	7	7	0	2
3/20	Bradley (G1)	4.0	7	7	7	2	8
3/20	Bradley (G2)	5.0	7	4	2	3	10
3/23	at Georgia State	5.0	6	3	2	0	1
3/26	Wofford	7.1	2	2	2	2	6
3/27	Wofford (G1)	3.2	4	3	3	2	1
3/27	Wofford (G2)	2.0	4	6	4	3	0
3/31	at Florida State						
4/2	at The Citadel						
4/3	at The Citadel (G1)						
4/3	at The Citadel (G2)						
4/6	Georgia State						
4/9	UNCG						
4/10	UNCG (G1)						
4/10	UNCG (G2)						
4/14	at Georgia Southern						
4/17	at VMI						
4/18	at VMI (G1)						
4/18	at VMI (G2)						
4/21	Georgia State						
4/23	at Samford						
4/24	at Samford (G1)						
4/24	at Samford (G2)						
4/28	at Kennesaw State						
4/30	ETSU						
5/1	ETSU (G1)						
5/1	ETSU (G2)						
5/5	Kennesaw State						
5/7	at Western Carolina						
5/8	at Western Carolina (G1)						
5/8	at Western Carolina (G2)						
5/11	at Georgia State						
5/14	The Citadel						
5/15	The Citadel (G1)						
5/15	The Citadel (G2)						
5/18	Georgia Southern						
5/20	at Wofford						
5/21	at Wofford (G1)						
5/21	at Wofford (G2)						

2021 Totals 91.1 95 73 64 35 94

PITCHING (BULLPEN)

Date	Opp.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/20	Jackson State (G1)	2.1	1	0	0	0	3
2/20	Jackson State (G2)	2.0	0	0	0	0	2
2/21	Jackson State	5.0	4	0	0	1	4
2/24	at Georgia Tech	6.2	10	3	3	3	3
2/26	Southern Illinois	7.0	10	11	9	6	6
2/27	Southern Illinois	4.2	4	3	3	2	6
2/28	Southern Illinois	6.2	4	1	1	2	8
3/5	at South Carolina	3.1	3	1	1	3	4
3/6	at South Carolina	3.0	3	1	1	1	6
3/7	at South Carolina	0.2	0	0	0	0	1
3/10	Florida A&M	7.0	2	2	2	4	8
3/12	Marshall	2.0	3	1	1	1	3
3/13	Marshall	4.2	7	6	5	3	4
3/14	Marshall	8.2	18	15	12	8	11
3/16	at Florida A&M	8.0	8	3	3	4	10
3/17	at Florida A&M	8.0	9	6	6	5	8
3/19	Bradley	5.0	3	2	2	1	6
3/20	Bradley (G1)	5.0	6	4	4	2	5
3/20	Bradley (G2)	4.0	2	1	1	3	5
3/23	at Georgia State	4.0	3	0	0	0	8
3/26	Wofford	1.2	2	2	0	2	2
3/27	Wofford (G1)	5.1	7	4	4	2	1
3/27	Wofford (G2)	5.0	10	6	6	3	2
3/31	at Florida State						
4/2	at The Citadel						
4/3	at The Citadel (G1)						
4/3	at The Citadel (G2)						
4/6	Georgia State						
4/9	UNCG						
4/10	UNCG (G1)						
4/10	UNCG (G2)						
4/14	at Georgia Southern						
4/17	at VMI						
4/18	at VMI (G1)						
4/18	at VMI (G2)						
4/21	Georgia State						
4/23	at Samford						
4/24	at Samford (G1)						
4/24	at Samford (G2)						
4/28	at Kennesaw State						
4/30	ETSU						
5/1	ETSU (G1)						
5/1	ETSU (G2)						
5/5	Kennesaw State						
5/7	at Western Carolina						
5/8	at Western Carolina (G1)						
5/8	at Western Carolina (G2)						
5/11	at Georgia State						
5/14	The Citadel						
5/15	The Citadel (G1)						
5/15	The Citadel (G2)						
5/18	Georgia Southern						
5/20	at Wofford						
5/21	at Wofford (G1)						
5/21	at Wofford (G2)						

2021 Totals 109.2 119 72 64 56 116

HITTING STREAK

Player	Career Longest	Current
Brandon Michie	20	3
Bill Knight	11	3
Le Bassett	13	-
Angelo DiSpigna	7	-
RJ Yeager	12	-
Trevor Austin	13	-
Collin Price	10	1
Colby Thomas	7	-
Jordan Ammons	5	2
Garett Delano	5	-
Ryan Archibald	3	-
David Burke	3	3
Jackson Cherry	4	-
Antonio Brown	1	1
Trevor Rider	1	-
CJ Keckler	1	1

HOME RUNS

Player	Total	'21	'20	'19	'18	'17
Bassett	19	-	2	-	17	-
Yeager	19	4	1	8	6	-
DiSpigna	18	3	2	13	-	-
Michie	17	6	3	-	8	-
Price	11	2	-	9	-	-
Knight	11	5	2	4	-	-
Thomas	7	2	5	-	-	-
Delano	4	4	-	-	-	-
Ammons	3	-	-	2	1	-
Archibald	3	3	-	-	-	-
Cherry	2	2	-	-	-	-



2021 SEASON STATISTICS



Mercer University Baseball
Overall Statistics for Mercer (as of Mar 27, 2021)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)



Record: 13-10 Home: 10-6 Away: 3-4 SoCon: 2-1

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%	
19 Brandon Michie	.349	23-23	86	24	30	6	0	6	23	54	.628	10	3	23	2	.430	1	0	2-4	34	2	1	.973	
4 Bill Knight	.344	23-23	90	21	31	5	1	5	26	53	.589	6	8	14	3	.429	1	2	0-0	55	3	0	1.000	
34 Trevor Austin	.333	23-23	69	16	23	2	0	0	6	25	.362	12	2	16	0	.435	2	2	2-4	26	37	3	.955	
7 Garrett Delano	.322	18-18	59	16	19	3	0	4	18	34	.576	13	1	13	0	.446	1	1	1-2	19	41	4	.938	
20 Collin Price	.304	20-20	69	17	21	2	0	2	12	29	.420	10	2	12	0	.402	1	2	1-1	124	14	1	.993	
3 RJ Yeager	.292	23-23	89	17	26	5	1	4	19	45	.506	8	2	18	0	.350	4	4	4-5	22	57	2	.975	
10 Angelo DiSpigna	.250	23-23	80	16	20	8	0	3	18	37	.463	13	6	28	0	.390	1	1	1-2	166	11	2	.989	
8 Colby Thomas	.220	22-22	82	16	18	7	0	2	15	31	.378	14	2	24	2	.347	0	0	5-7	41	4	2	.957	

14 Jackson Cherry	.313	10-5	16	7	5	0	0	2	6	11	.688	3	1	4	0	.450	0	1	3-3	0	0	0	.000	
11 Le Bassett	.308	5-4	13	1	4	3	0	0	1	7	.538	0	1	5	0	.357	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000	
9 David Burke	.276	16-8	29	5	8	4	0	0	3	12	.414	2	1	4	1	.344	0	1	0-0	3	10	0	1.000	
29 Jordan Ammons	.188	13-2	16	2	3	1	0	0	1	4	.250	1	1	6	0	.278	0	0	0-0	4	0	0	1.000	
15 Ryan Archibald	.172	13-6	29	3	5	0	0	3	5	14	.483	4	1	15	0	.294	0	0	0-0	8	0	0	1.000	
22 Trevor Rider	.143	9-0	7	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	.143	1	0	4	0	.250	0	0	0-0	4	2	0	1.000	
2 Antonio Brown	.143	14-0	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.143	0	0	2	0	.143	0	0	1-3	3	2	2	.714	
26 CJ Keckler	.130	13-7	23	3	3	1	0	0	1	4	.174	3	2	10	0	.276	1	1	0-0	69	6	3	.962	
49 Blake Schmitt	.000	11-0	7	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	.000	4	0	5	0	.364	0	0	0-0	10	2	0	1.000	
18 Dominik Ramil	.000	2-0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	1.000	
38 James MacCallum	.000	3-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	.333	0	0	0-0	3	0	0	1.000	
25 Luke Sutko	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	0	4	0	1.000	
Totals	.281	23	775	170	218	47	2	31	156	362	.467	105	34	203	8	.386	12	15	20-31	603	210	22	.974	
Opponents	.275	23	779	145	214	24	1	36	136	348	.447	91	28	210	9	.367	9	13	26-33	585	156	26	.966	

LOB - Team (186), Opp (173). DPs turned - Team (13), Opp (12). TPs turned - Team (1). CI - Team (1), C. Price 1. IBB - Team (2), A. DiSpigna 1, G. Delano 1, Opp (9). Picked off - C. Thomas 1, B. Knight 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bks	sfa	sha
7 Garrett Delano	3.12	2-0	6	3	0	0/1	0	26.0	17	9	9	7	28	1	0	2	.193	1	3	0	0	2
31 Jackson Kelley	4.50	2-3	9	5	0	0/1	0	28.0	27	19	14	15	31	3	0	3	.265	1	7	1	3	5
6 Taylor Lobus	5.28	3-2	7	5	0	0/1	0	29.0	26	19	17	11	30	4	0	6	.236	3	2	0	0	0

27 Declan Champey	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
25 Luke Sutko	2.41	2-0	10	0	0	0/1	3	18.2	22	7	5	6	23	2	0	2	.293	0	0	0	0	3
17 Wesley Franklin	2.70	1-0	10	0	0	0/1	0	13.1	12	5	4	4	14	1	0	1	.240	1	1	0	1	0
12 Robert Bennett	3.38	0-0	9	0	0	0/1	0	8.0	5	5	3	5	7	2	0	2	.167	1	0	0	0	2
33 Josh Farmer	6.00	1-0	10	1	0	0/1	0	18.0	25	13	12	6	12	2	1	2	.342	0	1	0	3	2
42 David Moore	6.75	0-1	11	0	0	0/1	0	8.0	8	7	6	11	13	0	0	0	.286	0	4	0	0	0
5 Will Bowdoin	7.50	0-0	8	0	0	0/1	0	6.0	8	5	5	4	4	3	0	1	.320	1	2	0	1	0
39 Shep Hancock	7.71	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	2.1	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	.333	0	0	0	0	1
36 Garrett Sloan	8.53	0-0	5	0	0	0/1	0	6.1	10	6	6	0	5	3	0	2	.370	0	2	0	0	0
23 Tommy Green	9.14	1-2	9	5	0	0/1	0	21.2	25	22	22	8	24	1	0	5	.284	1	2	2	0	0
32 Fred Wilson	10.64	1-2	6	4	0	0/1	0	11.0	15	14	13	3	11	2	0	4	.313	1	3	0	1	0
30 Zach Turner	15.43	0-0	4	0	0	0/0	0	2.1	3	4	4	3	6	0	0	2	.300	0	0	0	0	0
37 Spencer Borgel	18.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	4	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	.571	0	0	0	0	0
13 Alex McKay	40.50	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	0.2	4	5	3	2	0	0	0	2	.571	1	0	0	0	0
28 Holton McGaha	99.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0		1	1	0	0	0
Totals	5.73	13-10	23	23	0	3/3	3	201.0	214	145	128	91	210	24	1	36	.275	12	28	3	9	13
Opponents	6.92	10-13	23	23	0	2/2	4	195.0	218	170	150	105	203	47	2	31	.281	31	34	2	12	15

PB - Team (2), CJ Keckler 1, C. Price 1, Opp (6). Pickoffs - Team (1), G. Delano 1, Opp (2). SBA/ATT - C. Price (15-20), T. Lobus (5-7), CJ Keckler (6-7), B. Schmitt (5-6), D. Moore (3-5), F. Wilson (4-4), J. Kelley (3-4), T. Green (4-4), J. Farmer (3-3), G. Delano (1-3), L. Sutko (3-3).



CRAIG GIBSON – HEAD COACH



With a philosophy based in the concepts of striving for excellence in the classroom, reaching out in the community and team achievement on the field, Mercer head coach Craig Gibson has led his alma mater to unparalleled success over 17 seasons at the baseball program's helm.

Since taking over for the legendary Barry Myers in 2004, Gibson (556-385) has guided the Bears from the depths of the Atlantic Sun Conference to the top of the Southern Conference, all while establishing Mercer as one of the most respected programs in the southeast. Consistency has become the standard under Gibson, as Mercer is one of just five NCAA Division I programs with 35 wins in each of the last ten years, joining Florida State, LSU and Vanderbilt.

A large part of that success is due to the program's dominance at OrthoGeorgia Park at Claude Smith Field. The program is 170-76 overall at home since the start of the 2012 campaign, including a 24-4 mark in 2014 to rank seventh in the nation with a .857 winning percentage.

A total of 24 Bears have been taken in the MLB Draft since Gibson took over in 2004. None have been as prolific as Kyle Lewis, who won the 2016 Golden Spikes Award as the nation's top player before being selected with the 11th overall pick in the '16 draft by the Seattle Mariners.

There was no shortage of individual success for Gibson – who earned career victory No. 400 on March 1, 2016 – and Mercer in 2016, which was highlighted by Golden Spikes Award winner and consensus All-American Kyle Lewis' rise to stardom. Lewis became Mercer's highest draft selection, going at No. 11 overall to the Seattle Mariners. Gibson's mentorship helped the junior center fielder develop into one of college baseball's premier position players as he ranked among national statistical leaders in batting average (.395), bases on balls (66), hits (88), home runs (20), on-base percentage (.535), runs scored (70), RBIs (72) and slugging percentage (.731). Lewis became the most decorated student-athlete in Mercer University history as he captured his second straight SoCon Player of the Year honor, was named a Rawlings Gold Glove winner and earned five National Player of the Year recognitions from the likes of USA Baseball, Baseball America and the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA), among others.

The Bears have captured a number of program-defining victories over some of the nation's elite with Gibson at the helm. Mercer has secured 18 wins over ranked foes under Gibson's tenure including wins over No. 1 Florida (2006, 2018), No. 1 Clemson (2006), a two-game series sweep at No. 2 Miami (2007), a neutral-site win over No. 6 Ole Miss in the Coca Cola Classic (2009), a pair of wins vs. No. 6/9 Georgia Tech (2011), a three-game series sweep of No. 24 FGCU (2013) & a three-game road sweep of No. 8 East Carolina (2017).

Gibson broke into the high school coaching scene in 1989 as the head baseball coach at Jupiter Community High School (Jupiter, Fla.). He held the role for two years before taking over at Suncoast Community High School (Riviera Beach, Fla.) for one season. Gibson concluded his prep coaching career in 1993 as the head coach at Palm Beach Gardens High School (Palm Beach, Fla.).

Gibson started his career at Mercer as a student-athlete, starring for the Bears on the baseball diamond while earning his bachelor's degree in history and health, physical education and recreation in 1986. A hard-hitting first baseman for the Bears, Gibson was named the Atlantic Sun Conference Player of the Year as a junior in 1985 while leading Mercer to the conference title. Gibson is one of only three Bears to earn ASUN Player of the Year honors. Following his playing career, Gibson served as a graduate assistant coach under Barry Myers for two years while earning his master's of education in social science in 1988.

A native of Macon, Ga., Gibson and his wife, Diane, have two children, Lindsey and Tyler.

GIBSON COACHING FILE

YEAR	W-L-T	PCT.	POSTSEASON
2004	20-35	.364	--
2005	28-26	.519	--
2006	34-26	.567	--
2007	33-25	.569	--
2008	24-33	.421	--
2009	23-23	.500	--
2010	38-24	.613	NCAA Regionals (Atlanta)
2011	39-20	.661	--
2012	38-21	.644	--
2013	43-18	.705	NCAA Regionals (Starkville)
2014	38-17	.691	--
2015	35-23	.603	NCAA Regionals (Tallahassee)
2016	38-23	.623	--
2017	39-17	.696	--
2018	38-22	.633	--
2019	35-29	.547	NCAA Regionals (Athens)
2020	13-3	.812	--
2021	13-10	.526	--
Total	569-395	.590	

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & HONORS

- » 2016 Golden Spikes Award winner Kyle Lewis
- » 10 straight seasons with 35+ wins
- » 4 NCAA Regional appearances
- » 3 SoCon Regular Season titles (2015-17)
- » 2 SoCon Tournament title (2015, 2019)
- » 1 ASUN Regular Season title (2013)
- » 1 ASUN Tournament title (2010)
- » 1 NCAA Tournament win (vs. Elon, June 5, 2010 in Atlanta)
- » 19 wins against ranked teams
- » 2015 & 2017 SoCon Coach of the Year
- » 2013 ASUN Coach of the Year
- » 2010 Georgia Dugout Club Coach of the Year
- » 1985 Atlantic Sun Player of the Year
- » 24 players selected in MLB Draft
- » Four CoSIDA/Capital One Academic All-Americans

GIBSON'S CAREER SNAPSHOT

School	Record	Yrs.	Pct.	Conf.	Record	Yrs.	Pct.
Mercer	569-395	18	.590	ASUN	171-143	11	.544
				SoCon	76-46	7	.627



2021 ROSTER BREAKDOWN

NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	B/T	HT.	WT.	YR.	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
2	Antonio Brown	INF/OF	R/R	5-9	180	Fr.	Vernon Hills, Ill. / Vernon Hills HS
3	RJ Yeager	INF	R/R	6-3	200	Jr.	Lynn Haven, Fla. / Mosley HS
4	Bill Knight	OF	R/R	6-1	195	So.	Perkins, Ga. / Burke County HS
5	Will Bowdoin	RHP	R/R	5-9	170	So.	St. Simons Island, Ga. / Glynn Academy
6	Taylor Lobus	RHP	R/R	6-1	190	R-Sr.	Woodstock, Ga. / Etowah HS
7	Garrett Delano	INF/RHP	R/R	6-2	215	Gr.	Callahan, Fla. / West Nassau HS / Brown
8	Colby Thomas	OF	R/R	6-0	190	Fr.	Valdosta, Ga. / Valdosta HS
9	David Burke	INF	R/R	5-11	180	Fr.	Roswell, Ga. / Roswell HS
10	Angelo DiSpigna	INF	L/R	6-5	220	So.	Lawrenceville, Ga. / Brookwood HS
11	Le Bassett	INF	L/R	5-10	190	R-So.	Tifton, Ga. / Tift County HS
12	Robert Bennett	LHP	R/L	6-2	210	So.	Lilburn, Ga. / Parkview HS / Chipola College
13	Alex McKay	RHP	R/R	5-11	160	Fr.	Powder Springs, Ga. / Hillgrove HS
14	Jackson Cherry	OF	L/R	5-11	185	Fr.	Forest, Va. / Jefferson Forest HS
15	Ryan Archibald	INF	L/R	6-2	225	So.	Churchville, Md. / The John Carroll School / West Virginia
16	Tanner Hall	LHP	L/L	6-0	210	Sr.	Warner Robins, Ga. / Houston County HS / Armstrong St.
17	Wesley Franklin	INF/RHP	R/R	6-3	210	Fr.	Lilburn, Ga. / Brookwood HS
18	Dominik Ramil	INF	R/R	5-10	170	Fr.	Davie, Fla. / Archbishop McCarthy HS
19	Brandon Michie	INF/OF	L/R	6-1	215	R-Sr.	Brisbane, Australia / North Iowa Area CC
20	Collin Price	C/OF	R/R	6-6	205	So.	Suwanee, Ga. / Lambert HS
21	Leo Giannoni	RHP	R/R	6-2	200	Fr.	Marietta, Ga. / Wheeler HS
22	Trevor Rider	INF	L/R	6-3	185	Fr.	Lula, Ga. / East Hall HS
23	Tommy Green	RHP	R/R	6-2	205	Jr.	Virginia Beach, Va. / First Colonial HS / Palm Beach State
25	Luke Sutko	RHP	R/R	6-4	210	Jr.	Woodstock, Ga. / Forsyth Central HS / St. John's River State
26	CJ Keckler	C	R/R	6-3	210	So.	Biloxi, Miss. / Next Level Academy / Hinds CC
27	Declan Champey	RHP	R/R	6-2	180	Fr.	New Bern, N.C. / New Bern HS
28	Holton McGaha	LHP	L/L	6-3	195	So.	Danielsville, Ga. / Madison County HS
29	Jordan Ammons	OF	R/R	6-5	225	R-Jr.	Minneapolis, Minn. / Cretin-Derham Hall HS
30	Zach Turner	RHP	R/R	6-2	190	Fr.	Acworth, Ga. / North Cobb Christian School
31	Jackson Kelley	RHP	R/R	6-0	185	So.	Marietta, Ga. / The Walker School
32	Fred Wilson	LHP	L/L	6-0	170	Fr.	Powder Springs, Ga. / Hillgrove HS
33	Josh Farmer	RHP	R/R	6-3	165	R-So.	Bogart, Ga. / North Oconee HS
34	Trevor Austin	INF	R/R	6-0	175	R-So.	Suwanee, Ga. / Home School
35	Beau Healy	LHP	L/L	6-3	215	Jr.	Chattahoochee Hills, Ga. / Southern Union St. CC
36	Garrett Sloan	RHP	R/R	6-4	185	Fr.	Albany, Ga. / Terrell Academy
37	Spencer Borgel	LHP	L/L	5-9	170	Fr.	Powder Springs, Ga. / Hillgrove HS
38	James MacCallum	C	R/R	5-11	205	Fr.	Sandy Springs, Ga. / Marist School
39	Shep Hancock	RHP	L/R	6-3	225	Fr.	Sharpsburg, Ga. / Trinity Christian School
42	David Moore	LHP	L/L	5-10	190	Gr.	Media, Pa. / Strath Haven HS / Pittsburgh
43	Clay Simpson	C	R/R	5-7	170	Fr.	Jackson, Tenn. / Madison Magnet HS
44	Caleb Bohn	RHP	R/R	6-4	190	Fr.	Cumming, Ga. / Pinecrest Academy
45	Henry Gies	C	R/R	6-3	210	Fr.	Dunwoody, Ga. / Dunwoody HS
46	Sam Stewart	C	R/R	6-0	200	Fr.	Gainesville, Ga. / Lakeview Academy
48	Eli Young	C	R/R	6-1	195	Jr.	Lawrenceville, Ga. / Archer HS
49	Blake Schmitt	C	L/R	6-0	200	So.	Franklin, Tenn. / Fred J. Page HS / Purdue

COACHING STAFF

1	Craig Gibson	Head Coach	18th Season	Mercer, 1986
50	Brent Shade	Associate HC/Recruiting Coordinator	13th Season	Defiance, 2001
00	Willie Stewart	Assistant Coach	Sixth Season	UNC Asheville, 2000
51	Ian Humphrey	Volunteer Assistant Coach	Fifth Season	Marshall, 2013
	Tyler Gibson	Director of Baseball Operations	First Season	Georgia Tech, 2018

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

#29 Jordan AMMONS	AM'-unz	#45 Henry GIES	GEESE
#11 LE Bassett	LEE	#35 BEAU HEALY	BO' HEE'-lee
#44 Caleb BOHN	BONE	#6 Taylor LOBUS	LOH'-bus
#5 Will BOWDOIN	bow-DONE	#28 Holton McGAHA	mick-GAH'-ha
#7 Garrett DELANO	de-LAY-no	#19 Brandon MICHIE	MEE'-chee
#10 Angelo DISPIGNA	dah-SPEEN'-yah	#3 RJ YEAGER	YAY'-gur
#21 Leo GIANNONI	gee-ah-NO-knee		

BY POSITION

Catchers (8)		
No.	Name	Yr.
20	Collin Price	So.
26	CJ Keckler	So.
38	James MacCallum	Fr.
43	Clay Simpson	Fr.
45	Henry Gies	Fr.
46	Sam Stewart	Fr.
48	Eli Young	Jr.
49	Blake Schmitt	So.

Infielders (12)

No.	Name	Yr.
2	Antonio Brown	Fr.
3	RJ Yeager	Jr.
7	Garrett Delano	Gr.
9	David Burke	Fr.
10	Angelo DiSpigna	So.
11	Le Bassett	R-So.
15	Ryan Archibald	So.
17	Wesley Franklin	Fr.
18	Dominik Ramil	Fr.
19	Brandon Michie	R-Sr.
22	Trevor Rider	Fr.
34	Trevor Austin	R-So.

Outfielders (7)

No.	Name	Yr.
2	Antonio Brown	Fr.
4	Bill Knight	So.
8	Colby Thomas	Fr.
14	Jackson Cherry	Fr.
19	Brandon Michie	R-Sr.
20	Collin Price	So.
29	Jordan Ammons	R-Jr.

Right-Handed Pitchers (15)

No.	Name	Yr.
5	Will Bowdoin	So.
6	Taylor Lobus	R-Sr.
7	Garrett Delano	Gr.
13	Alex McKay	Fr.
17	Wesley Franklin	Fr.
21	Leo Giannoni	Fr.
23	Tommy Green	Jr.
25	Luke Sutko	Jr.
27	Declan Champey	Fr.
30	Zach Turner	Fr.
31	Jackson Kelley	So.
33	Josh Farmer	R-So.
36	Garrett Sloan	Fr.
39	Shep Hancock	Fr.
44	Caleb Bohn	Fr.

Left-Handed Pitchers (7)

No.	Name	Yr.
12	Robert Bennett	So.
16	Tanner Hall	Sr.
28	Holton McGaha	So.
32	Fred Wilson	Fr.
35	Beau Healy	Jr.
37	Spencer Borgel	Fr.
42	David Moore	Gr.

BY BATTING STANCE

Hand	No.
Right	29
Left	14
Switch	1

BY THROWING HAND

Hand	No.
Right	37
Left	7

BY STATE

State	No.
Florida	3
Georgia	30
Illinois	1
Maryland	1
Minnesota	1
Mississippi	1
North Carolina	1
Pennsylvania	1
Tennessee	1
Virginia	2
Other (Australia)	1