

Atlantic Sun Conference





CSS Game of the Week – ETSU at Jacksonville

Standings	-----Conference-----					-----Overall-----				
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	7	1	.875	75.8	66.4	11	9	.550	70.1	70.8
Belmont	6	2	.750	84.8	78.9	14	8	.636	80.8	76.2
ETSU	5	2	.714	79.1	73.4	11	9	.550	78.2	76.8
Stetson	5	3	.625	69.9	68.4	10	12	.455	64.0	68.5
Mercer	4	3	.571	82.1	77.6	9	11	.450	79.8	79.8
Gardner-Webb	4	4	.500	72.5	74.1	10	12	.455	76.0	77.3
Florida Gulf Coast	4	4	.500	71.2	75.8	8	14	.364	65.3	72.2
Kennesaw State	3	4	.429	71.1	73.0	6	15	.286	69.0	76.9
Lipscomb	3	5	.375	78.9	79.8	9	13	.409	70.4	72.3
Campbell	3	5	.375	72.6	72.4	8	12	.400	71.8	73.2
USC Upstate	2	5	.286	60.3	66.3	4	17	.190	60.8	71.9
UNF	0	7	.000	62.5	74.6	1	19	.050	58.2	73.8

Thursday Results

Jacksonville 77, Campbell 66
 Gardner-Webb 75, UNF 61
 Lipscomb 70, Florida Gulf Coast 56
 Belmont 83, Stetson 75

Saturday Schedule

Gardner-Webb at Jacksonville, 3:30pm 
 Campbell at UNF, 4:15pm 
 Stetson at Lipscomb, 4:15pm CT 
 Florida Gulf Coast at Belmont, 7:15pm CT 

Friday Schedule

Kennesaw State at USC Upstate, 7:00pm 
 Mercer at ETSU, 7:30pm 

Sunday Schedule

Mercer at USC Upstate, 2:00pm 
 Kennesaw State at ETSU, 2:00pm 

Highlights from Thursday's games:

Jacksonville 77, Campbell 66

The Dolphins remained in atop the conference standings by rallying from a halftime deficit to thwart Campbell's upset bid. The Dolphins outscored the Camels 44-29, led by Marcus Allen's 17 second-half points. The Dolphins scored 32 of their 44 second-half points from inside the paint. Jonathan Rodriguez recorded his 11th double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Gardner-Webb 75, UNF 61

The Runnin' Bulldogs continued their up-and-down A-Sun season by handing the Ospreys their 17th straight loss. Gardner-Webb has alternated wins and loss through the first eight A-Sun games. Thomas Sanders picked up his 13th double-double, scoring 24 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. UNF shot only 13-for-33 from the charity stripe.

Lipscomb 70, Florida Gulf Coast 56

Lipscomb ended a three-game losing streak by using a 26-10 run early in the first half to take control of the game. Michael Lusk matched a career-high with 16 points. After scoring the first two points of the game, Florida Gulf Coast never led again. Landon Adler scored 14 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for the Eagles.

Belmont 83, Stetson 75

Belmont moved into sole possession of second place in the A-Sun winning its fourth conference road game and ending Stetson's 10-game home win streak. Belmont led for the final 37 minutes of the game after a 12-0 run gave the Bruins a 14-3 lead. Belmont won despite not making a single 3-pt field in the second half; however, Belmont made 23-30 of its 2-pt attempts for the game, a 76.9 percent clip.

Mercer Bears at ETSU Buccaneers
 February 1, 2008
 Memorial Center

Mercer Bears
 9-1 4-3 A-Sun

Leaders:	Overall	A-Sun Play
PPG	James Florence, 19.2	Florence, 22.0
RPG	Calvin Henry, 7.8	Henry, 9.0
APG	James Florence, 3.4	Mark Hall, 3.4
FG Pct	Brian Pfohl, 61.8	Pfohl, 60.3
3-pt FG Pct	Hall, 51.1	Hall, 54.5

Mercer's dynamic duo of James Florence and Shaddean Aaron has once again proven to be the best scoring duo in the Atlantic Sun. Last season, their combined average of 35.1 points per game was tops among teammates. This year, they have increased their per game average to almost 36 points per game. ETSU's Courtney Pigram and Kevin Tiggs rank as the fourth best duo

Top Scoring Duos
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School	Teammates	PPG
Mercer	James Florence (19.2)/Shaddean Aaron (16.7)	35.9
Campbell	Jonathan Rodriguez (21.0)/Reggie Bishop (12.5)	33.5
Gardner-Webb	Thomas Sanders (17.2)/Grayson Flittner (14.6)	31.8
ETSU	Courtney Pigram (16.0)/Kevin Tiggs (15.1)	31.1
Kennesaw State	Ronell Wooten(16.9)/Shuan Stegall (14.0)	30.9

Tonight's matchup features three of the top eight active scorers in the A-Sun. ETSU Courtney Pigram has scored over 1250 points through his two-and-a-half years while Mercer's Shaddean Aaron needs 33 for 1,000 and sophomore James Florence needs 15 for 900.

Most Points
Active A-Sun Players

Player	School	Pts	PPG
Justin Hare	Belmont	1605	14.0
Eddie Ard	Lipscomb	1519	13.9
Courtney Pigram	ETSU	1258	15.5
Ronell Wooten	Kennesaw State	1234	15.4
Shaddean Aaron	Mercer	967	10.2
Jonathan Rodriguez	Campbell	955	18.7
Garfield Blair	Stetson	924	11.0
James Florence	Mercer	885	19.2

ETSU Buccaneers

11-9, 5-2 A-Sun

Leaders:	Overall	A-Sun Play
PPG	Courtney Pigram, 16.0	Kevin Tiggs, 15.0
RPG	Andrew Reed, 6.1	Tiggs, 6.4
APG	Pigram, 3.4	Jocolby Davis, 3.4
FG Pct	Tiggs, 55.5	Kenyona Swader, 51.2
3-pt FG Pct	Travis Strong, 43.3	Strong, 42.1

Since joining the Atlantic Sun in the 2005-06 season, ETSU has dominated the series with Mercer sweeping home-and-home in both seasons. They have won the four games in dominating fashion, winning by an average of 13.7 points per game. Two of the five times they scored 100 points in an A-Sun game, their opponent was Mercer

ETSU vs Mercer Since 2005-06

W-L	4-0
PPG	94.0
FG Pct	48.8

ETSU PPG Vs A-Sun Opponents, Since 2005-06

Opponent	PPG
Mercer	94.0
Campbell	92.0
Kennesaw State	83.8
UNF	82.0

Kevin Tiggs joined ETSU amongst much fanfare as the 2007 NJCAA Coaches Association Division II National Player of the Year. He has not disappointed, ranking second among players in their first year in the A-Sun in scoring and fourth in rebounding.

Highest Scoring Average Players in First Year in Atlantic Sun

Player	School	PPG
Casey Wohlleb	Florida Gulf Coast	15.8
Kevin Tiggs	ETSU	15.1
Luke Payne	USC Upstate	14.1
Tom Hammonds	UNF	13.8
Aaron Linn	Gardner-Webb	12.2

Highest Rebounding Average Players in First Year in Atlantic Sun

Player	School	RPG
Brandon Brown	Lipscomb	7.5
Landon Adler	Florida Gulf Coast	7.2
Bobby Davis	USC Upstate	7.1
Kevin Tiggs	ETSU	5.7
Adam Liddell	Florida Gulf Coast	5.5

Notable Alumni

Mercer University

Toronto Raptors head coach Sam Mitchell, who was elected into the Mercer Athletic Hall of Fame after an illustrious career where he became Mercer's all-time leading scorer, was named the 2007 NBA Coach of the Year. Mitchell, who played for Mercer from 1981-85, was the Conference Player of the Year and an honorable mention All-American.

Mercer has more than 60,000 alumni around the world. Among those men and women are former United States Attorney General Griffin B. Bell, former Georgia Secretary of State Cathy Cox, Georgia Insurance Commissioner John Oxendine, popular television legal analyst Nancy Grace and vice chairman of the National Geographic Society Reg Murphy.

John Peyton of Jacksonville, Fla.; James T. Humphrey Jr. of Fort Myers, Fla., and Sharon Sewell of Bremen, Ga., serve as mayors of their cities.

ETSU

Kenny Chesney – Country Music Star; has also produced thirty-one Top Ten singles on the U.S. Billboard Hot Country Songs charts, thirteen of which reached Number One. Earned CMA Entertainer of the Year in the three of the previous four years (2004, 2006, 2007).

Mike Smith – Named Atlanta Falcons head coach on January 23, 2008; Played at ETSU from 1977-81 where he was named defensive MVP twice at linebacker. As a senior, he led the team with 186 tackles. Been in the coaching profession for 25 years including time with the Baltimore Ravens when they won the Super Bowl in 2000.

Timothy Busfield – studied drama at ETSU before embarking on successful Hollywood career. First starred in *Revenge of the Nerds*; had recurring roles in *Ed*, *The West Wing*, *Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip* and *Sports Night*; Earned Emmy e as Eliot Weston on the television series *Thirtysomething* (did not graduate)

Richard Green – spent his entire career with General Shale Brick. From management trainee to corporate president and CEO, he has served the nation's second largest brick manufacturer for over 30 years.

Donnie Abraham – spent nine years in the NFL, six with Tampa Bay, three with New York Jets. Ranks second in Tampa Bay history in interceptions with 31. Made the 2000 Pro Bowl

Marsha Beasley – led West Virginia to 8 NCAA Rifle team championships

Tom Buchanan – participate on CBS' *Survivor*

University Facts

Mercer University

U.S. News & World Report has ranked Mercer among the top 15 colleges and universities in the South for 18 consecutive years.

The Princeton Review has consistently ranked Mercer in the top 10 percent of colleges and universities in North America. The national college guide also ranked Mercer's Macon campus as one of the five most beautiful in North America.

Mercer has completed more than \$150 million in capital improvements across the University since 1999, including construction of the University Center, baseball and softball field upgrades, the McCorkle Music Building, the Greek Village, Education and Business Academic Building, student apartments on the Macon and Atlanta campuses, the College of Nursing Building, the Religious Life Center and the Henry County Regional Academic Center.

The new Hilton Garden Inn, located at the newly-constructed Mercer University Drive entrance to the Macon campus, opened in July 2007.

Mercer is the only university in Georgia that provides educational programs that address all three of the major shortages in health care professionals: pharmacists, nurses and physicians.

Mercer is one of only 81 colleges and universities nationwide to be recognized as a "College with a Conscience" for its commitment to service beyond the campus by Campus Compact, in conjunction with The Princeton Review.

The Executive Forum of Mercer is Georgia's premier business enrichment program. Over its 27-year history, The Executive Forum has brought more than 130 nationally recognized speakers to Macon and Atlanta, including "Meet the Press" commentator Tim Russert, former Senator Bob Dole, political strategist James Carville, former Pennsylvania Gov. and Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge, former Secretary of Defense William Cohen and former CIA Director George Tenet.

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ETSU was named one of the nation's best undergraduate values in The Princeton Review's 2008 edition of America's Best Value Colleges.

The National Rural Health Association bestowed the 2007 "Outstanding Rural Health Program of the Year" award upon the Community Partnerships for Health Professions Education Program at ETSU.

U.S. News & World Report's 2008 edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools" ranks the ETSU James H. Quillen College of Medicine number 3 in the nation for rural medicine.

ETSU offers the world's only master's degree in storytelling and reading; America's only comprehensive selection of courses relating to bluegrass and country music; and a unique, prolific Miocene Epoch fossil site (discovered at Gray, Tennessee).