

# Atlantic Sun Conference






## CSS Game of the Week – Kennesaw State at Mercer

Standings	-----Conference-----					-----Overall-----				
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
<b>Belmont</b>	13	2	.867	83.1	74.3	21	8	.724	80.9	74.5
<b>Jacksonville</b>	12	3	.800	78.3	71.8	16	11	.593	72.9	72.7
<b>ETSU</b>	10	5	.667	78.9	77.5	17	12	.586	78.7	77.5
<b>Stetson</b>	10	5	.667	69.1	67.6	15	15	.500	64.9	67.9
<b>Gardner-Webb</b>	9	6	.600	75.9	72.0	15	14	.517	76.9	75.4
<b>Lipscomb</b>	8	7	.533	76.5	72.1	14	15	.483	71.2	70.1
<b>Mercer</b>	6	9	.400	76.4	78.1	11	17	.393	77.4	79.4
<b>Kennesaw State</b>	6	9	.400	69.3	71.4	9	20	.310	68.6	75.0
<b>Campbell</b>	5	10	.333	72.2	74.6	10	18	.357	72.1	74.5
<b>Florida Gulf Coast</b>	5	10	.333	71.1	77.7	9	20	.310	66.7	74.1
<b>USC Upstate</b>	5	10	.333	64.0	66.7	7	22	.241	62.6	70.6
<b>UNF</b>	1	14	.067	61.5	73.4	3	25	.107	59.0	72.7

### Thursday Results

Jacksonville 89, Florida Gulf Coast 80  
 Belmont 75, Campbell 64  
 Stetson 73, UNF 56  
 Lipscomb 83, Gardner-Webb 71

### Saturday Schedule

ETSU at USC Upstate, 4:00pm   
 Gardner-Webb at Belmont, 5:00pm CT   
 UNF at Florida Gulf Coast, 7:15pm   
 Jacksonville at Stetson, 8:15pm   
 Campbell at Lipscomb, 8:15pm CT 

### Friday Schedule

Kennesaw State at Mercer, 7:30pm  

Highlights from Thursday's games:

#### *Jacksonville 89, Florida Gulf Coast 80*

The Dolphins secured the number two seed in next week's General Shale Brick Atlantic Sun Conference Championship by winning a 12<sup>th</sup> A-Sun game for the first time since 2001-02. Evan Jefferson and Brian Gilbert each made 4-of-5 3-pt field attempts, part of JU's season-high 12 3-pt field goals. Delvin Franklin scored a game-high 23 for Florida Gulf Coast; Rob Quaintance added 12 points and 11 assists.

#### *Belmont 75, Campbell 64*

Belmont clinched the top seed in the A-Sun tournament for the first time in school history and handed Campbell its fifth straight loss. Belmont connected on 14 3-pt field goals, nine in the first half. The Bruins have scored at least 74 points in every conference game, one of just two teams able to make that claim (North Carolina). Jonathan Rodriguez scored 16 points and grabbed 18 rebounds for his 17<sup>th</sup> double-double.

#### *Stetson 73, UNF 56*

Stetson's Mark Lohuis set career-highs in points, 21 and rebounds, nine as the Hatters assured themselves finishing at least four games over .500 in A-Sun play for the first time since the 2000-01 season, coach Waugh's first in DeLand. Stan Januska paced the Ospreys with 19 points. He hit five 3-pt field goals.

#### *Lipscomb 83, Gardner-Webb 71*

Adnan Hodzic scored a career-high 24 points as Lipscomb kept hope alive for the five seed at next week's tournament. The Bisons earn the five with a win and Gardner-Webb loss at Belmont. Eddie Ard added 21 points and eight rebounds for Lipscomb. Gardner-Webb's Thomas Sanders tallied his 19<sup>th</sup> double-double with 12 points and 15 rebounds, his fourth straight game with at least 14 rebounds.

Kennesaw State Owls at Mercer Bears  
 February 29, 2008  
 University Center; Macon, Ga.

Kennesaw State Owls  
 6-9, 9-20 A-Sun

<b>Leaders:</b>	<b>Overall</b>	<b>A-Sun Play</b>
PPG	Ronell Wooten, 16.9	Wooten, 17.7
RPG	Shuan Stegall, 7.2	Stegall, 8.3
APG	Stegall, 2.9	McConnell, 3.3
FG Pct	Tanner Jacobs, 48.6	Jacobs, 46.9
3-pt FG Pct	Kelvin McConnell, 42.5	McConnell, 42.0

Ronell Wooten concludes his stellar career at Kennesaw State tonight. The All-Conference candidate from Statesboro, Ga., enters his final contest second on the Owls' all-time scoring list, 64 behind Herman Smith.

**Kennesaw State**  
**All-time Scoring List**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Years at KSU</b>	<b>Points</b>
Herman Smith	1986-1,990	1,683
<b>Ronell Wooten</b>	<b>2004-</b>	<b>1,619</b>
Columbus Ballard	1990-1994	1,470

Freshman Kelvin McConnell, a candidate for the All-Freshman team and Freshman of the Year leads the conference in 3-point field goal percentage at 42.5 percent. He ranks as just one of two freshman leading an A-Sun stat category.

**Atlantic Sun**  
**Statistical Category Leaders**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Top A-Sun Freshman</b>	<b>Overall Rank</b>
PPG	Nate Blank, GWU, 10.3	27 <sup>th</sup>
RPG	Brandon Brown, LIP, 6.7	7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>FG Pct</b>	<b>Adnan Hodzic, LIP, 59.5</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>
APG	Junard Hartley, CAM, 4.4	3 <sup>rd</sup>
SPG	Jordan Campbell, BEL, 1.6	10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>3-pt FG Pct</b>	<b>Kelvin McConnell, KSU, 42.5</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>
3-pt FG	Nate Blank, GWU, 52	15 <sup>th</sup>
BPG	Ayron Hardy, JU, 0.9	7 <sup>th</sup>

\*\*\* Senior Shuan Stegall owns the distinction as the only player in the Atlantic Sun to be leading his respective team in both rebounds and assists.

Kennesaw State won its first A-Sun game last week at UNF. They finished the A-Sun home slate 5-3, includes wins vs Belmont and Lipscomb. On the road, the Owls have averaged eight points per game less and committed better than two turnovers more per game

**Kennesaw State**  
**A-Sun Home/Road Splits**

	<b>Home</b>	<b>Road</b>
W-L	5-3	1-6
PPG	73.0	65.0
FG Pct	42.2	40.0
APG	12.3	11.3
TO PG	15.9	18.3

**Mercer Bears**  
11-17 6-9 A-Sun

<b>Leaders:</b>	<b>Overall</b>	<b>A-Sun Play</b>
PPG	James Florence, 19.3	Florence, 20.6
RPG	Calvin Henry, 7.8	Henry, 8.3
APG	James Florence, 3.0	Mark Hall, 3.4
FG Pct	Brian Pfohl, 58.0	Pfohl, 53.8
3-pt FG Pct	Hall, 40.3	Shaddean Aaron, 37.5

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 35.7 points per game. Kennesaw State's Ronell Wooten and Shuan Stegall rank as one of five duos averaging at least 30.0 points per game

**Top Scoring Duos**  
**2007-08. Atlantic Sun Conference**

<b>School</b>	<b>Teammates</b>	<b>PPG</b>
<b>Mercer</b>	<b>James Florence (19.3)/Shaddean Aaron (16.4)</b>	<b>35.7</b>
Campbell	Jonathan Rodriguez (21.4)/Reggie Bishop (12.8)	34.2
Gardner-Webb	Thomas Sanders (17.8)/Grayson Flittner (15.3)	33.1
ETSU	Courtney Pigram (15.7)/Kevin Tiggs (15.6)	31.3
<b>Kennesaw State</b>	<b>Ronell Wooten (16.9)/Shuan Stegall (14.0)</b>	<b>30.9</b>

Florence ranks as one of six sophomores in the country to have already surpassed the 1,000-plateau. He joins fellow A-Sun second-year star Jonathan Rodriguez on the list.

**Most Points**  
**NCAA Sophomores**

Player	School	Points	PPG
Stephen Curry	Davidson	1,430	23.1
Jonathan Rodriguez	Campbell	1,135	19.2
Ryan Anderson	California	1,100	18.6
Jeremy Wise	Southern Miss	1,048	18.1
D.J. Augustin	Texas	1,044	16.6
<b>James Florence</b>	<b>Mercer</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>19.3</b>

The Bears opened A-Sun with four wins in their first six games. However, over the final nine, they have lost seven with a four-game losing streak and a current three-game slide. Over this span, the Bears scoring has dropped by almost 10 points per game, shooting percentages have decreased and assists are down by almost five a game.

**Mercer Bears**  
**A-Sun Season Breakdown**

	<b>Last 9</b>	<b>First 6</b>
	<b>Games</b>	<b>Games</b>
W-L	2-7	4-2
PPG	72.6	82.2
Opp PPG	80.2	75.5
FG Pct	46.6	39.2
3-pt FG Pct	38.3	28.8
APG	10.9	15.5

## Notable Alumni

### *Kennesaw State University*

Susan Sewell, VP Media Relations, ABC Television.

Larry Nelson, Senior PGA Golf Pro

Ty Pennington, host of ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition and TLC's Trading Spaces

Robert Henry, Pianist, Carnegie Hall and Kennedy Center performer, Artist-in-Residence at KSU

Cindy Bowden, U.S. Olympian

Sean Treadaway - actor, voice over talent.

Andy Azula, Advertising executive

Lisa Peacock, Instrumental in development of BioGlue Surgical Adhesive

Ken Burris, First COO of the United States Fire Administration

Willie Harris - Washington Nationals, World Series Champion with Chicago White Sox, 2005

Mac Powell - Lead Singer of the Contemporary Christian Band "Third Day"

### *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.

## University Facts

### *Kennesaw State University*

Kennesaw State University, a comprehensive residential university in metro Atlanta, is Georgia's third-largest university with nearly 20,000 students.

KSU's first-year student experience program has consistently been recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of the best in the nation. Additionally, The Princeton Review's 2007 edition of the Best 282 Business Schools highlighted KSU's Coles College of Business, noting its excellent faculty, outstanding technology, and ability to draw on metro Atlanta business expertise.

KSU's academic offerings have expanded with new programs over the past year, including the university's first doctorate, the Doctor of Education in Leadership for Learning.

KSU is expanding with the construction of a new \$60-million Health Sciences Building which will allow the university to bring more nurses and other health professionals into Georgia's communities.

### *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.