

**2010 General Shale Brick  
Atlantic Sun Men's Basketball Championship  
University Center: March 5, 2010**



**Game Notes: No. 6 Mercer 66, No. 2 Jacksonville 63**

**JACKSONVILLE**

\* Georgia natives Ben Smith and Lehmon Colbert scored 21 of the Dolphins 29 first-half points. They combined to shoot 8-15 while the rest of the team combined for 4-19 from the floor. In the second half, the pair combined to shoot 2-11 and score only 9 points points.

\* With Jacksonville's loss, Saturday's final marks the first that will not feature either of the top two seeds since 2003 when third seeded Troy beat fifth seeded UCF, 80-59

**MERCER**

\* Daniel Emerson broke the conference's oldest record, the league's single-season rebound with 372. Centenary's George Lett set the record in the conference's first year, 1978-79, with 359.

\* Emerson recorded his 21<sup>st</sup> double-double, the most in the conference in a single season in the last 14 seasons.

\* With eight points, James Florence moved into the top 150 on the NCAA's all-time scoring list

\* In his last two games against Jacksonville, Florence has shot only 1-15 and scored a total of 10 points. In his first eight games against the Dolphins, he averaged 21.9 points with 5 20+ games.

**A-SUN CHAMPIONSHIP NOTES**

\* Mercer advances to its sixth A-Sun title game, and first since 1996. The Bears have not claimed an A-Sun crown since 1985 when future A-Sun Commissioner Bill Bibb coached Sam Mitchell to a title in 1985.

\* In A-Sun history, only one team, UCF, with seven, had made more title games than Mercer's six.

\* The Bears will play for the schools' first Atlantic Sun Championship – in any sport, either gender, since the men's soccer team won the 2001 championship.

\* Mercer will face ETSU for the title. Mercer swept the season series after losing all eight prior meetings.

\* Mercer will be the first host to play for the title since 2007 when ETSU hosted. The Buccaneers lost to Belmont. The last host to win a title was Georgia State in 2001.