

**2011 General Shale Brick
Atlantic Sun Men's Basketball Championship
University Center: March 3, 2011**



Note Sheet: No. 5 Mercer 73, No. 4 Lipscomb 63

MERCER

- * All-Atlantic Sun forward Brian Mills scored 27 points and grabbed 6 rebounds. In three games vs Lipscomb this season, he averaged 20.7 points and 7.7 rebounds.
- * Defeats Lipscomb for the second time in one season for the first time since Lipscomb's first year in the league, 2003-04.
- * With tonight's win, Mercer has now defeated a higher-seeded team three times in the last two years (No. 3 Belmont and No. 2 Jacksonville in 2010). The Bears are the first A-Sun team to defeat three higher-seeded teams in a two-year span since FIU pulled off four such upsets in between 1995 and 1996. In 1995, FIU won the whole tournament as the lowest seed, No. 8. One year later, the Golden Panthers again beat the top seed as the 8th seed, downing Samford.
- * Mercer will be facing the A-Sun's top seed for a 10th time all-time and the first time they lost to Mercer in the 2006 quarterfinal round. The Bears are 2-7 all-time against the top seed, beating Houston Baptist as the No.2 seed in the 1981 title game and as the No. 8 seed against Troy in the 2000 quarterfinal round.

LIPSCOMB

- * With nine points, Adnan Hodzic became the fifth player in Atlantic Sun history to reach 2,000 points. With 2,002 points, he joins Centenary's Willie Jackson (2,535 points), Mercer's James Florence (2,287 points), Campbell's Jonathan Rodriguez (2,153 points) and ETSU's Courtney Pigram (2,043 points in the club).
- * After averaging 22.5 points on 80 percent shooting (16-for-20) in two regular-season games vs Mercer, Hodzic shot only 3-for-7
- * Jordan Burgason connected on 4-of-9 from the 3-point arc. In his last nine games, he shot 31-for-60, good for 51.7 percent.
- * Lipscomb has lost its last three A-Sun Championship games and have lost six of eight since advancing to the 2006 title game.

A-SUN CHAMPIONSHIP NOTES

- * Mercer will face top-seeded Belmont in Friday's semifinal. No. 5 seeds are just 2-9 against the top seed all-time. The last time a No. 5 seed defeated the top seed came in 2003 when UCF upset Mercer.
- * Belmont and Mercer will meet for the third straight year. Belmont eliminated Mercer in the quarterfinal round in 2009 on a Mick Hedgepeth game-winning lay-up with 0.2 seconds remaining. Mercer defeated Belmont in the same round last year.