

Mercer (43-13, 15-6 SoCon) -vs- ETSU (30-22, 10-11 SoCon)
5/16/2026 at Johnson City, Tenn. (Thomas Stadium)

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Mercer	6	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	11	14	0
ETSU	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	6	10	2

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Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Logan Shepherd 1b	3	1	1	1	2	1	0
Kaleb Huffman ph/1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Katz lf	5	1	2	4	0	2	0
Eli Stephens rf	4	1	0	0	1	3	5
Nathan Rowland rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Brant Baughcum 3b	3	2	2	1	2	0	0
Braydon Kersey dh	5	0	3	1	0	0	0
Dylan LaPointe c	5	1	1	1	0	1	0
Greyson Gegg pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gabe Gonzalez c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michael Graziano cf	4	2	0	0	1	0	1
Drew Johnson 2b	3	2	2	0	2	1	0
Ethan Buffone ss	4	1	3	3	1	0	0
Collin Ewaldsen p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caleb Hughes p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lawson Cole p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jeb Johnson p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reid Fagerstrom p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	38	11	14	11	9	9	8

2B: Chris Katz (1); Drew Johnson (1); Ethan Buffone (1)
HR: Chris Katz (1); Brant Baughcum (1)
SF: Chris Katz (1)
DP: 1

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Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Nate Conner 1b	5	0	1	0	0	0	1
Henry Ferguson ss	5	2	3	0	0	1	0
Tristan Curless p/dh	4	1	1	2	1	1	0
Jamie Palmese cf	5	0	1	1	0	0	1
Ian Guanzon 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	1
Gabe Juarez c	4	0	0	0	0	1	2
Joey Little rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Axel Melendez lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	1
Luke Matlock 3b	3	2	2	2	1	0	1
Cooper Jones p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andrew Cotten p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jack Vest p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reilly Byers p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colin Eaton p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	6	10	5	2	4	7

2B: Nate Conner (1); Henry Ferguson (1); Axel Melendez (1); Luke Matlock (1)
HR: Tristan Curless (1); Luke Matlock (1)
HBP: Joey Little (2)
E: Henry Ferguson (1); Reilly Byers (1)
DP: 2

Mercer	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Collin Ewaldsen	1.0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	1	2	23
Caleb Hughes (W, 3-1)	3.0	3	2	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	12	13	3	3	41
Lawson Cole	2.0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	6	8	3	2	30
Jeb Johnson	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	7	8	4	1	37
Reid Fagerstrom	1.0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	3	0	15
Totals		10	6	6	2	4	0	1	2	0	36	40	14	8	146

ETSU	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Tristan Curless (L, 1-2)	1.0	6	6	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	10	12	0	1	43
Cooper Jones	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	1	9
Andrew Cotten	2.0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	6	8	2	1	33
Jack Vest	0.2	3	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	6	1	0	21
Reilly Byers	2.1	3	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	9	12	2	2	43
Colin Eaton	2.0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	5	7	2	2	34
Totals		14	11	9	9	9	1	0	0	0	38	48	8	7	183

Win: Caleb Hughes (3-1)
Loss: Tristan Curless (1-2)
HBP: Lawson Cole, Jeb Johnson
PB: None

Umpires: Home Plate: Kevin Morgan First: Aaron Davis Third Base: Timothy Gansrow
Start: 1 pm **Time:** 3:07 **Attendance:** 629 **Weather:** 78 degrees, mostly sunny

Game notes:

- R. Byers faced 2 batters in the 8th.

Play By Play

Mercer - Top of 1st	MER	ETS
Shepherd walked (3-2 BBKBSB).	0	0
Katz homered to left center, 2 RBI (1-2 KBF); Shepherd scored.	2	0
Stephens walked (3-2 BBFBFB).	2	0
Baughcum reached on a fielding error by ss (3-2 SBBFB); Stephens advanced to second.	2	0
Kersey singled through the left side, RBI (0-0); Baughcum advanced to third; Stephens scored.	3	0
LaPointe singled through the right side, RBI (0-0); Kersey advanced to second; Baughcum scored, unearned.	4	0
Graziano reached on a fielder's choice (0-1 S); LaPointe advanced to second; Kersey out at third p to 3b.	4	0
JohnsonD singled to center field (1-2 BKF); Graziano advanced to second; LaPointe advanced to third.	4	0
Buffone singled through the left side, RBI (1-0 B); JohnsonD advanced to second; Graziano advanced to third; LaPointe scored.	5	0
Shepherd singled to center field, RBI (0-2 SK); Buffone advanced to second; JohnsonD advanced to third; Graziano scored.	6	0
Katz struck out swinging (2-2 KFBBS).	6	0
Stephens struck out swinging (0-2 KKS).	6	0
Runs: 6 Hits: 6 Errors: 1 Left On Base: 3		

ETSU - Bottom of 1st	MER	ETS
N. Conner flied out to lf (2-1 BBK).	6	0
H. Ferguson doubled to right center (1-0 B).	6	0
T. Curless grounded out to ss (0-0); H. Ferguson advanced to third.	6	0
J. Palmese singled to third base, RBI (2-2 FBFFB); H. Ferguson scored.	6	1
I. Guanzon singled to center field (3-2 BKBFBF); J. Palmese advanced to third.	6	1
G. Juarez reached on a fielder's choice (1-1 BF); I. Guanzon out at second ss to 2b.	6	1
Runs: 1 Hits: 3 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2		

Mercer - Top of 2nd	MER	ETS
T. Curless to dh.	6	1
C. Jones to p.	6	1
Baughcum singled through the left side (1-0 B).	6	1
Kersey popped up to ss (3-2 FFBBB).	6	1
LaPointe grounded into double play 2b to ss to 1b (0-0); Baughcum out on the play.	6	1
Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

ETSU - Bottom of 2nd	MER	ETS
Hughes to p for Ewaldsen.	6	1
J. Little grounded out to ss (0-1 K).	6	1
A. Melendez struck out swinging (1-2 SSBFS).	6	1
L. Matlock walked (3-2 BBBKKB).	6	1
N. Conner lined out to rf (3-1 BBBK).	6	1
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

Mercer - Top of 3rd	MER	ETS
A. Cotten to p for C. Jones.	6	1
Graziano grounded out to 3b (1-0 B).	6	1
JohnsonD struck out looking (1-2 KBKFK).	6	1
Buffone flied out to cf (0-0).	6	1
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

ETSU - Bottom of 3rd	MER	ETS
H. Ferguson singled through the left side (2-1 BBK).	6	1
T. Curless struck out swinging (1-2 FBFS).	6	1
J. Palmese flied out to rf (0-0).	6	1
I. Guanzon grounded out to 1b unassisted (0-0).	6	1
Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

Mercer - Top of 4th	MER	ETS
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Shepherd walked (3-1 BBBKB).	6	1
Katz struck out looking (2-2 KBKFBK).	6	1
Stephens flied out to cf to left center (3-1 BBFB).	6	1
Baughcum walked (3-1 BBBKB); Shepherd advanced to second.	6	1
Kersey singled to second base (1-2 SSB); Baughcum advanced to second; Shepherd advanced to third, out at home 2b to c.	6	1
Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2		

ETSU - Bottom of 4th

	MER	ETS
G. Juarez struck out swinging (1-2 FFBS).	6	1
J. Little grounded out to ss (0-0).	6	1
A. Melendez doubled to right center (0-1 K).	6	1
L. Matlock homered to left field, 2 RBI (0-0); A. Melendez scored.	6	3
N. Conner lined out to lf (2-2 BBFF).	6	3
Runs: 2 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

Mercer - Top of 5th

	MER	ETS
J. Vest to p for A. Cotten.	6	3
LaPointe flied out to lf to left center (0-0).	6	3
Graziano walked (3-1 FBBBB).	6	3
JohnsonD doubled to left center (1-2 FBS); Graziano advanced to third.	6	3
Buffone doubled to left center, 2 RBI (2-0 BB); JohnsonD scored; Graziano scored.	8	3
Shepherd struck out looking (2-2 KKBBK).	8	3
Katz doubled to left field, RBI (2-0 BB); Buffone scored.	9	3
R. Byers to p for J. Vest.	9	3
Stephens struck out looking (2-2 KBFBK).	9	3
Runs: 3 Hits: 3 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

ETSU - Bottom of 5th

	MER	ETS
Cole to p for Hughes.	9	3
H. Ferguson singled to shortstop (1-1 BK).	9	3
T. Curless walked (3-2 KBKBFBB); H. Ferguson advanced to second.	9	3
J. Palmese grounded into double play ss to 2b to 1b (0-0); T. Curless out on the play; H. Ferguson advanced to third.	9	3
H. Ferguson scored on a balk.	9	4
I. Guanzon lined out to 3b (2-2 SFBB).	9	4
Runs: 1 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

Mercer - Top of 6th

	MER	ETS
Baughcum walked (3-0 BBBB).	9	4
Kersey flied out to cf (2-2 BKKB).	9	4
LaPointe struck out swinging (0-2 KSS).	9	4
Graziano grounded out to ss (0-1 K).	9	4
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

ETSU - Bottom of 6th

	MER	ETS
G. Juarez flied out to rf (3-2 KBBBK).	9	4
J. Little hit by pitch (0-0).	9	4
A. Melendez fouled out to 3b (2-2 FBSB).	9	4
L. Matlock reached on a fielder's choice (1-0 B); J. Little out at second ss to 2b.	9	4
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

Mercer - Top of 7th

	MER	ETS
JohnsonD walked (3-2 KFBBBFB).	9	4
Buffone singled, bunt, advanced to second on a throwing error by p (2-0 BB); JohnsonD advanced to third.	9	4
Shepherd grounded out to ss (1-0 B).	9	4
Katz flied out to cf, SF, RBI (0-1 K); Buffone advanced to third; JohnsonD scored, unearned.	10	4
Stephens struck out looking (2-2 BBSFK).	10	4
Runs: 1 Hits: 1 Errors: 1 Left On Base: 1		

ETSU - Bottom of 7th

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Rowland to rf for Stephens.	10	4
JohnsonJ to p for Cole.	10	4
N. Conner doubled to right center (3-2 BKBBBSFF).	10	4
H. Ferguson struck out swinging (0-2 KFS).	10	4
T. Curless grounded out to ss (1-2 SKB); N. Conner advanced to third.	10	4
J. Palmese lined out to cf (0-0).	10	4
Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

Mercer - Top of 8th

	MER	ETS
Baughcum homered to right field, RBI (1-0 B).	11	4
Kersey singled up the middle (1-1 KB).	11	4
C. Eaton to p for R. Byers.	11	4
LaPointe reached on a fielder's choice (2-2 BBKS); Kersey out at second 3b to 2b.	11	4
Gegg pinch ran for LaPointe.	11	4
No play.	11	4
Graziano grounded into double play 3b to 2b to 1b (1-2 KBS); Gegg out on the play.	11	4
Runs: 1 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

ETSU - Bottom of 8th

	MER	ETS
Gonzalez to c for LaPointe.	11	4
I. Guanzon flied out to lf (3-2 BKKFBFB).	11	4
G. Juarez flied out to cf (0-1 K).	11	4
J. Little hit by pitch (2-2 FBKB).	11	4
A. Melendez popped up to 2b (3-2 BBBKF).	11	4
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

Mercer - Top of 9th

	MER	ETS
JohnsonD walked (3-1 BBBKB).	11	4
Buffone walked (3-0 BBBB); JohnsonD advanced to second.	11	4
Huffman pinch hit for Shepherd.	11	4
Huffman flied out to rf (2-2 SBKFBF).	11	4
Buffone advanced to second; JohnsonD advanced to third on a wild pitch.	11	4
Katz fouled out to 3b (3-2 BKSBB).	11	4
Rowland struck out looking (0-2 KFK).	11	4
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2		

ETSU - Bottom of 9th

	MER	ETS
Huffman to 1b.	11	4
Fagerstrom to p for JohnsonJ.	11	4
L. Matlock doubled to right center (1-1 BF).	11	4
N. Conner popped up to ss (2-2 BKFB).	11	4
H. Ferguson flied out to rf (2-1 BKB).	11	4
T. Curless homered to right field, 2 RBI (1-0 B); L. Matlock scored.	11	6
J. Palmese lined out to cf (0-0).	11	6
Runs: 2 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		