Mercer Bears
Southern

Last NCAA Tournament Appearance: 2014

Current Status: Bubble
Projected JNG Seed: 16

Head Coach: Ryan Ridder
School: 36-36 (3 seasons)
Career: 132-128

Record		H/R/N/B		NET/WAB/SOS		Resume		Predictive		KenPom	
Overall	3-5	Home	2-0	NET	1	KPI	1	BPI	231	AdjO	188
vs D1	2-5	Road	1-5	WAB	1	SOR	255	T-R	240	AdjD	268
Conference	0-0	Neutral	0-0	N/C WAB	1	JNG	255	KenPom	223	Tempo	68
vs Tier 1-2	0-3	vs Board	0-0	SOS	1	AVG	170.3	AVG	231.3	Luck	105
vs Tier 1-3	0-4			N/C SOS	1	OAR: 239 (136.0 avg)*				Streak	L1

Average JNG Win: 280.5

Wins Tier 1 1-30/1-50/1-75

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score

Wins Tier 2 31-75/51-100/76-135

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score

Wins Tier 3 76-160/101-200/136-240

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score

Wins Tier 4 161+/201+/241+

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score
241	11/10	@ Georgia Southern	97-91 ot
320	11/21	Charleston Southern	69-64
--	11/02	Reinhardt	90-53

Average JNG Loss: 131.4

Loss Tier 1 1-30/1-50/1-75

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score
40	*11/05*	*@ Virginia Tech*	*96-67*
72	11/12	@ West Virginia	75-61

Loss Tier 2 31-75/51-100/76-135

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score
113	11/24	@ Florida Atlantic	95-84

Loss Tier 3 76-160/101-200/136-240

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score
136	11/07	@ Davidson	88-76

Loss Tier 4 161+/201+/241+

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score
296	11/18	@ Presbyterian	88-84

REMAINING SCHEDULE

Date	JNG	Opponent
11/29	--	GA South-East*
12/01	289	@ Georgia State*
12/05	199	Wofford
12/08	38	@ Arizona State*
12/15	119	@ New Mexico*
12/19	209	@ Chattanooga
12/22	144	@ Tennessee Tech
12/30	216	East Tennessee State
01/06	295	Western Carolina
01/09	199	@ Wofford
01/13	205	Samford
01/16	93	@ Furman
01/18	295	@ Western Carolina
01/20	263	VMI
01/23	248	UNC-Greensboro
01/27	216	@ East Tennessee State
01/30	159	The Citadel
02/06	93	Furman
02/11	263	@ VMI
02/13	248	@ UNC-Greensboro
02/18	144	Tennessee Tech
02/20	209	Chattanooga
02/24	205	@ Samford
02/27	159	@ The Citadel

Glossary:

NET: NCAA NET Metric
WAB: Wins Above Bubble (NCAA Metric)
KPI: kpisports.net / Kevin Pauga
SOR: espn.com Strength of Record
JNG: hoopshd.com / Joby Fortson
BPI: espn.com BPI Ratings
T-R: barttorvik.com / Torvik Rankings
KenPom: kenpom.com / Ken Pomeroy
AdjO: Adjusted Offensive Efficiency per kenpom.com
AdjD: Adjusted Defensive Efficiency per kenpom.com
Tempo: Adjusted Tempo per kenpom.com
Luck: Luck Ranking per kenpom.com

OAR: Overall Average Ranking (average of NET, KPI, SOR, WAB, POM, BPI and T-R ranked 1-365)
Projected JNG Seed: NCAA Tournament Seed per the JNG Rating if this team qualifies for the NCAA Tournament
* Games marked with an * are non-conference games

Mercer DEFCON Game Ratings for Wednesday, November 25, 2026

DEFCON 3

Time (ET)	Matchup	Broadcast	Desired Winner
1:30 PM	Davidson vs Tulane	passthaballlive	Davidson
5:00 PM	Portland State at UC-Riverside	espn+	UC-Riverside
6:00 PM	Albany at Syracuse	accextra	Syracuse
8:00 PM	Cal State-Bakersfield at Pepperdine	espn+	Cal State-Bakersfield

DEFCON 4

Time (ET)	Matchup	Broadcast	Desired Winner
4:00 PM	Prairie View at Marshall	espn+	Prairie View

DEFCON 5

Time (ET)	Matchup	Broadcast	Desired Winner
2:00 PM	Arizona State vs LSU	CBS-SN	Arizona State
3:00 PM	Jackson State at Oklahoma State	espn+	Oklahoma State
4:00 PM	Florida Gulf Coast vs Georgia State	passthaballlive	Georgia State
9:00 PM	Eastern Washington at Loyola Marymount	espn+	Loyola Marymount
9:00 PM	Mississippi Valley at New Mexico	mwnet	New Mexico