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Brian Eichhorn earned his first win of the season with his fourth quality start of the year

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STATESBORO, GA. – Georgia Southern Baseball snapped a four-game skid on Friday night with a 6-3 win over the Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns on Jack Stallings Field at J.I. Clements Stadium. Brian Eichhorn went seven innings, scattering five hits and allowing three runs, one earned to improve to 1-0 on the year. The Eagles and Cajuns will play game two of the weekend series on Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Single game tickets are available at GSEagles.com/Tickets, giving fans the opportunity to beat the lines on gameday. Tickets can also be purchased at the J.I. Clements Stadium Box Office, located directly behind home plate at the stadium's main entrance.

SCORING PLAYS

Top 2nd - Back-to-back singles in the second put runners on the corners for the visitors. A safety squeeze bunt allowed the game's first run to score as the out was recorded on the sacrifice.

Bottom 3rd - Down by a run, and without a hit in the game, the Eagles got things going in the third with a walk and a hit batter. A Steven Curry sacrifice fly plated Jason Swan, while a wild pitch on Matt Anderson's strikeout allowed him to reach and a run to score with two outs. Mason McWhorter tallied Georgia Southern's first hit, a single dumped to center which sent Christian Avant in to make it a 3-1 Eagle lead.

Top 5th - Georgia Southern kicked the ball around in the fifth inning to allow Louisiana to score an unearned run. A ground ball to third was misplayed to allow one runner to reach, while a throwing error by the third baseman got past McWhorter at first, allowing the run to round third and score.

Bottom 5th - The Eagles bounced back quickly in the fifth, taking advantage of a Louisiana error to score two runs. Anderson reached on a squibber that was misplayed at third base, and scored on Noah Searcy's single to right. Searcy scored a run of his own on Jason Swan's single through the left side to make it a 5-2 lead.

Top 6th - The Cajuns got a two-out single in the sixth, and turned that into a run with a pair of Eagle errors. A ball to first base was misplayed off the forearm, while a failed pickoff toss allowed the run to score and cut the lead to 5-3.

Bottom 7th - Seacy reached in the seventh with on out when he was hit by a pitch, a single and a pair of wild pitches conspired to bring the freshman in to score and push the lead back to 6-3 as the game was turned over to the Eagle Bullpen.

NOTES
- Brian Eichhorn went seven innings to get his first win of the season, scattering five hits and allowing three runs, one earned to improve to 1-0 on the year. He fanned a season-best nine batters and matched his season-high with 118 pitches.
- A season-high six Eagle batters were hit by pitches on Friday night with Steven Curry and Christian Avant each reaching base twice via painful means.
- Georgia Southern committed four errors on Friday, matching a season-high.
- Chase Cohen worked an inning and a third to earn his third save of the season. The junior fireman allowed one hit and struck out two to nail down the save.

UP NEXT
The Eagles and Ragin' Cajuns will return to the diamond on Saturday afternoon for a 3 p.m. game on Jack Stallings Field at J.I. Clements Stadium. Early arriving fans will have the chance to pick up a limited edition St. Patrick's Day green can koozie as they enter the ballpark.

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