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Junior righty channels the force with nine strikeouts on Star Wars Night
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STATESBORO, GA. - Junior Brian Eichhorn recorded his best outing as an Eagle, tossing a one-hit shutout as Georgia Southern took a 3-0 win over Troy on Friday night to open the weekend series. The Eagle twirler struck out nine batters and carried his no hitter bid into the seventh inning before giving up a leadoff single. The Eagles and Trojans are back in action on Saturday with game two of the weekend series starting 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.

QUOTABLES
Head Coach Rodney Hennon
"Brian (Eichhorn) was terrific tonight, and that is a really good lineup across the field for Troy. He was on and we played well behind him on defense. We did enough on offense, and I thought we did a good job of executing when we had runners in scoring position. It was a good team win, Brian certainly set the tone tonight, but it is going to take our best effort in the next two games. They have a good ballclub, and we need to come out and continue to play good baseball."

SCORING PLAYS
Bottom 2nd - Mason McWhorter got the Eagles off the mark in the second inning with a solo home run. The one-out bomb came on the first pitch as McWhorter slugged his eighth home run of the season.
Bottom 3rd - The Eagles got things started in the third with a pair of hits, and manufactured the rest. A sacrifice bunt to first and a sacrifice fly to right drove in Christian Avant to put the good guys ahead 2-0.
Bottom 8th - Georgia Southern tacked on an insurance run in the eighth thanks to some heads-up baserunning. Austin Thompson was squared up by a sidearm fastball in the small of the back. Four pitches later, Tyler Martin hit a dipping liner right that found the grass for a single, but Thompson steamed around second, sliding in at third to put runners on the corners with one out. After a four pitch was to McWhorter, Chandler Corley hit a chopper to third that plated the run as the throw went to first, making it a 3-0 Georgia Southern lead.

NOTES
- Eichhorn's one hitter was the first for an Eagle since February 9, 2001 when five pitchers combined to toss a one-hitter against Tennessee Tech. It was the second complete game shutout of the season for an Eagle hurler and the second for Eichhorn in his career.
- Eichhorn took the pitcher's duel, outlasting Troy's Andrew Crane who was a summer ball teammate of Eichhorn's last year. Crane went seven innings, allowing two runs off six hits with eight strikeouts.
- Mason McWhorter extended his team-best hit streak to six games with the solo home run in the second. He went 2-for-3 in the game and is hitting .375 (9-for-24) in the last six games.
- The game clocked in at two hours and four minutes, matching the College of Charleston game on February 28th for the quickest of the season.
Game two between the Eagles and Trojans is set for Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. as the Eagles celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the ballpark.

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