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GS scores six in the eighth to blow the game open and take the win
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STATESBORO, GA. – Georgia Southern Baseball took its first series sweep since the 2016 season on Sunday with a 8-5 win over Fairfield at J.I. Clements Stadium. The Eagles logged 10 hits in the game and stranded 13 runners on base to improve to 4-3 on the season. Georgia Southern plays twice in the Holy City, visiting The Citadel on Tuesday and College of Charleston on Wednesday afternoons.

The sweep was Georgia Southern's first of a weekend series since March 11-12, 2016 when they took three over Appalachian State. It is the first non-conference weekend sweep since taking three over Georgia back in 2015.

QUOTABLES

Head Coach [Rodney Hennon](#)

"I'm proud of our guys, any time you can sweep a weekend series, you've got to feel good about that. We got another strong effort from a starting pitcher. I thought David (Johnson) did a really good job and got deep in the game. I thought we had some big at bats and executed in some big situations down the stretch. We left some runners on base at times earlier in the game when we had a chance to get some runs, but the guys hung in there and were able to take advantage of some free bases and do enough to win the game."

SCORING PLAYS

Top 5th - A throwing error on the leadoff hitter opened the door for Fairfield to score the game's first run with a single up the middle.

Bottom 5th - Two singles and a sacrifice bunt put runners on second and third in the home half of the fifth. The fourth ball to [Mason McWhorter](#) got away from the Fairfield catcher, allowing [Johns Hamilton](#) to score from third. After Avant was hit by a pitch to load the bases, [Roury Glanton](#) hit into an inning-ending double play to end the Eagle threat with the game even at 1-1.

Top 7th - A Tim Zeng double with a runner on second and two outs gave Fairfield their second lead of the game at 2-1.

Bottom 7th - A single, a bunt single and a walk loaded the bases with no outs in the seventh. [Chandler Corley](#) hit a ground ball to second and beat out the double play relay as McWhorter scored. A failed squeeze attempt and a fly ball to center stranded two and kept the game tied at 2-2.

Top 8th - A hit batter and a single through the right side put runners on the corners with one out. A sacrifice fly gave Fairfield its third one-run inning of the game and a 3-2 lead.

Bottom 8th - A leadoff walk and a single put the Eagles in business in the eighth. [Mitchell Golden](#) beat out a bunt single and Hamilton was able to score when the Fairfield second baseman muffed the throw. After McWhorter was hit by a pitch to load the bases, Avant was hit as well, sending Curry home. [Roury Glanton](#) and [Chandler Corley](#) both singled to plate runs, while [Matt Anderson](#) and [Jedediah Fagg](#) both delivered sacrifice flies to score six and bat around for the first time in 2018.

Top 9th - Relief pitcher [Chase Cohen](#) got the first out of the ninth before two singles put a pair aboard for the Stags. Back-to-back walks, however loaded the bases and scored a run as Cohen reached the end of his outing. [Braxton Johns](#) came in, walked another batter to make it 8-5, but the sophomore got the final out with a strikeout to earn his first Division I save.

NOTES

- Starting pitcher [David Johnson](#) went six innings, allowing one unearned run off two hits for his first career quality start. He struck out five batters and did not factor in to the decision.

- Georgia Southern batters were hit by four pitches on Sunday and nine in the series.
- [Mitchell Golden](#) extended his team-best hit streak to 12 games with a bunt single in the eighth inning.

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