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Jaguars defeat the Eagles 2-0 on Sunday
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STATESBORO, Ga. – Georgia Southern women's soccer took to the pitch Sunday afternoon to take on the South Alabama Jaguars. The Jaguars defeated the Eagles 2-0 to improve to 4-7-0 on the season and 2-2-0 in conference play. Both teams now post those records and continue their road to the conference tournament next weekend.

The Eagles and Jaguars went back and forth the first 20 minutes of play, before South Alabama's Briana Morris beat the keeper to the far post giving the Jags a 1-0 lead. Nearing the end of the first half the Eagles had multiple scoring chances that were denied. In the 39th minute the Eagles had two corners, but unable to put the ball into the back of the net, keeping
the score at 1-0 heading to half.

In the second half the Jaguars took 20 shots and increased their lead to two, after Morgan Cross broke free of the defense and put the ball into the bottom left corner. The Eagles had multiple chances in the final 10 minutes of the match, but were unable to finish any chances. The Blue and White will return home to a four match conference home stand. The Eagles will host Troy on Friday and Texas State on Sunday.

MATCH FACTS
South Alabama (4-7-0, 2-2-0) - 2
Georgia Southern (4-7-0, 2-2-0) – 0

SCORING
22' - USA - Briana Morris (2)
60' - USA - Morgan Cross (1)

NOTES
- The Eagles were outshot 10-6 in the first half and 20-6 in the second half (30-12 total)
- Jocelyn Springer totaled 12 saves on Sunday afternoon
- Tyler Gordon and Frida Brattum both led the Eagles with three shots a piece
- Eagles will now return home for the longest home stand of the year and the final four matches inside of Eagle Field
- All three of the next four opponents the Eagles face made it to the 2017 Sun Belt Conference Tournament

WHAT HEAD COACH BRIAN DUNLEAVY SAID
"Really tough game, our players gave everything they had but we just didn't have enough left in the tank. Having to play a team who rested on Friday night is a tough task on the road (they cancelled their game with Troy because the field was too wet) Nevertheless it's on us to overcome adversity, and find a way to battle through. Nothing is going to be perfect, and teams that find a way to fight through have success. That's what our team needs to do a better job with. We did well overall, just didn't have the legs to finish. Defensively we were pretty solid, they took a lot of shots but they were weak, off target, and from distance. I'm proud of the effort, just need more conviction. We're doing good things, so it's exciting to see, and now we get to be home for the next four games."

NEXT UP
The Eagles will return home for a four match home stand. The Blue and White will host Troy and Texas State this weekend and Coastal Carolina and Louisiana next weekend.

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