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GAME PREVIEW: Eagles Head to Clemson For Big Test

Tigers ranked second in the country

Football

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The Georgia Southern football squad continues its non-conference play by heading on the road for the first time this season. The Eagles will take on No. 2 Clemson Saturday, Sept. 15 at Memorial Stadium. Kick-off is set for 3:30 p.m. and the game will be shown nationally on ESPN2 (online on Watch ESPN) and will be available via radio on the Georgia Southern Sports Network. Here's all you need to know about the game:

**Game 3: Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018 • 3:30 PM**

**Location: Clemson, S.C. (Memorial Stadium; 81,500)**

#### Records:

Georgia Southern: 2-0, 0-0 Sun Belt

#2 Clemson: 2-0, 0-0 ACC

#### Broadcast Information

Broadcast: ESPN2

PBP: Anish Shroff; Analyst: Ahmad Brooks; Sidelines: Alex Corddry

#### Radio: Georgia Southern Sports Network

PBP: [Danny Reed](#); Analyst: Terry Harvin; Sidelines: Russ Brown

GS: [GAME NOTES \(PDF\)](#)

#### Inside The Series

**Overall:** First Meeting

**Current Streak:** N/A

**Last Meeting:** N/A

**Facts Maybe Only We Find Interesting:** This will be the first meeting between the Eagles and the Tigers ... This is the second of three games against teams from the Palmetto State this season (South Carolina State, Coastal Carolina) ... Georgia Southern is 1-9 all-time against current members of the ACC (1-4 vs. Miami; 0-2 vs. Georgia Tech, North Carolina and NC State; 0-2 vs. Florida State) ... The Eagles are 26-12 all-time playing in the state of South Carolina and 63-24 against teams from the Palmetto State ... Georgia Southern has lost its last 11 road non-conference games since shocking Florida 26-20 in The Swamp to end the 2013 season ... GS has yet to win a road non-conference game as a member of the FBS, which the Eagles joined in 2014 ... Tight end [Ellis Richardson's](#) father, Chuck, played linebacker at Clemson on the 1981 national championship team and his brother, Chris, played defensive end for Clemson's football team from 2007-2010 ... Defensive coordinator [Scot Sloan](#) was a defensive back for the Tigers from 1988-91, winning an ACC title in 1991 ... Former Eagle tight end J.L. Banks walked on and is now a member of Clemson's squad.

#### Countdown to Kickoff

10: This will be the **10th** game Georgia Southern has played against a ranked FBS opponent since 1984.

9: The Eagles have scored **nine** touchdowns this season (seven rushing, two passing).

- 8: Georgia Southern (six FCS) and Clemson (two FBS) have combined to win **eight** NCAA national titles in football.
- 7: The Eagles have **seven** players from the state of South Carolina on their roster.
- 6: Quarterback [Shai Werts](#) has accounted for **six** touchdowns this season (four rushing, two passing).
- 5: Georgia Southern has been assessed just **five** penalties in two games this season.
- 4: The Eagles have not allowed a point in the **fourth** quarter this season.
- 3: This is the second of **three** games against teams from the Palmetto State this season (SCSU, Coastal Carolina).
- 2: Georgia Southern equaled its win total from 2017 in **two** games this year after taking 11 games to reach that total last year.
- 1: The Georgia Southern defense has allowed just **one** explosive play (20+ yards) this season.