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Minutemen visit Paulson Stadium Saturday

Football

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The Georgia Southern football squad looks to move to 2-0 Saturday as it hosts UMass in a non-conference match-up on Sept. 8. Kick-off is set for 6:05 p.m. and the game will be broadcast online by ESPN+ and will be available via radio on the Georgia Southern Sports Network. Here's all you need to know about the game:

Game 2: Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018 • 6:05 PM
Location: Statesboro, Ga. (Allen E. Paulson Stadium; 25,000)

Records:
Georgia Southern: 1-0, 0-0 Sun Belt
UMass: 1-1 (FBS Independent)

Broadcast Information
Broadcast: ESPN+
PBP: Greg Talbott; Analyst: Danny Waugh

Radio: Georgia Southern Sports Network
PBP: Danny Reed; Analyst: Terry Harvin; Sidelines: Russ Brown

GS: GAME NOTES (PDF)

Inside The Series
Overall: Fourth Meeting (UMass leads, 2-1) • 1-0 Home; 0-1 Road; 0-1 Neutral
Current Streak: UMass, Won 1
Last Meeting: Oct. 21, 2017 (L, 55-20) - Amherst, Mass.

Facts Maybe Only We Find Interesting: This will be the fourth meeting between the Eagles and the Minutemen with UMass leading 2-1 … The two teams played last season in Amherst with the Minutemen winning 55-20 … In the 1999 I-AA quarterfinals, the Eagles won 38-21 behind five touchdowns and 333 yards rushing from Adrian Peterson at Paulson Stadium en route to a national title … The Minutemen beat GS 55-43 in the 1998 national championship game in Chattanooga … In the modern era, Georgia Southern is 3-2 all-time against teams from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts … The Eagles are 1-2 against UMass and 2-0 against Northeastern … GS has won 21 straight games at home against non-conference opponents (including vacated wins and FCS Playoff games) dating back to a Nov. 18, 2006 overtime loss to end the season against Central Arkansas … The 670 yards of total offense allowed to UMass last year are the most given up by the Eagles since joining the FBS in
Countdown to Kickoff

10: Linebacker Tomarcio Reese led the way with 10 tackles last week, earning Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Week honors.

9: This will be the just the ninth time in modern history - and the first since 2013 - that GS opens with two home games.

8: Eight Georgia Southern players made their first NCAA start in last Saturday's game against South Carolina State.

7: The Eagle defense limited South Carolina State to 10 total first downs last week, seven of which came on the ground.

6: Corner Monquavion Brinson tallied six solo tackles in the season opener against SCSU.

5: Sophomore quarterback Shai Werts recorded his fifth career 100-yard rushing game in 12 career games with a career-high 163 yards last week against SCSU.

4: This will be the fourth meeting all-time in football between Georgia Southern and UMass.

3: Shai Werts rushed for a career-high three touchdowns in the opener last week.

2: Two of the previous three meetings between GS and UMass came in the NCAA Division I-AA Playoffs.

1: Raymond Johnson III recorded his first career blocked kick, swatting South Carolina State's PAT.