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## GAME PREVIEW: Eagles Set to Open 2018 Campaign

SCSU visits Paulson Stadium Saturday

Football

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The Georgia Southern football squad opens its 2018 season against South Carolina State in a non-conference match-up on Saturday, Sept. 1. 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 1: Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018 • 6:05 PM**

**Location: Statesboro, Ga. (Allen E. Paulson Stadium; 25,000)**

### Records:

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

South Carolina State: 0-0, 0-0 MEAC

### 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:** Eighth Meeting (GS leads, 7-0) • 4-0 Home; 3-0 Away

**Current Streak:** GS, Won 7

**Last Meeting:** Nov. 27, 2010 (W, 41-16) - NCAA FCS First Round [Statesboro]

**Facts Maybe Only We Find Interesting:** Only four of the previous seven meetings have been in Paulson Stadium ... The first game in the series came in 1985 and was played at Orangeburg's Dawson Stadium with the Eagles winning 43-30 ... That game was the final regular season game in Georgia Southern's 1985 season, a season in which the Eagles went on to win their first of six NCAA Division I-AA national championships ... The Eagles are 4-0 against the Bulldogs at Paulson Stadium ... GS is 35-2 all-time against MEAC schools with the only two losses coming against Florida A&M ... GS has won 15 straight games against MEAC opponents ... GS has seven players from the state of South Carolina on its roster ... New cornerbacks coach [Cory Peoples](#) coached for one season at SCSU, coming in 2016 ... This is the first of three games against teams from the Palmetto State this season (Clemson, Coastal Carolina) ... GS has won 20 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.

#### **Countdown to Kickoff**

10: GS has won **10** of its past 11 home openers and is 27-7-1 all-time in home openers, including 27-6 at Paulson Stadium.

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: Players who scored all but **eight** of Georgia Southern's 29 touchdowns in 2017 are back in 2018.

7: The Eagles have won all **seven** previous contests played against South Carolina State.

6: Georgia Southern will have **six** home games for the first time since 2015.

5: This will be Georgia Southern's **fifth** season playing in both the FBS and Sun Belt Conference.

4: Only four of the previous **seven** games against South Carolina State have been played in Paulson Stadium.

3: This is the first of **three** games against teams from the Palmetto State this season (Clemson, Coastal Carolina).

2: Head coach [Chad Lunsford](#) hired **two** new coordinators in the offseason - [Bob DeBesse](#) and [Scot Sloan](#).

1: GS has played seven teams from the Palmetto State in football and only have a losing record against **one**: Newberry at 4-5-1. Southern has winning records against Presbyterian, SCSU, The Citadel, Furman, Wofford and Coastal Carolina.