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Eagles get set to face their second ranked opponent of the season, taking on the Bulldogs at 6 p.m. in Athens

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**STATESBORO, Ga.** - The Georgia Southern softball squad steps out of conference on Wednesday to visit No. 7-ranked Georgia in a 6 p.m. non-conference contest in Athens, a game that will be featured on the SEC Network+ and ESPN3.

The Eagles (19-8) are flying high after a second straight Sun Belt conference series win over the weekend, along with the release of the first NCAA RPI on Monday that has Georgia Southern sitting at No. 48, the highest RPI for the Eagles since 2014. After Saturday's doubleheader sweep of the Jaguars, Georgia Southern continues to set program bests, as the 19-7 mark was the best record for the Eagles in school history after 26 games.

Georgia, meanwhile, is flying high on its own after a big SEC series win over Florida over the weekend. The wins have pushed the Bulldogs up to No. 7 in the latest NFCA Division I Top 25 Poll, even earning Georgia a first-place vote. The nation's top pitching team (0.63 ERA) is also second in the nation in hitting (.372 BA) and the lineup features four hitters over .400, including the SEC's leading hitter in Kendall Burton (.487).

The Eagles are hitting .292 as a team, which is 40 points higher than last season's team hit (.262). The Eagles are third in the league in batting average, second in slugging (.445) while ranking second in the league in total home runs (23) and home runs per game (0.85). The Eagles currently lead the Sun Belt in total doubles (42) and total bases (339). Five starters are hitting better than .300, led by [Alesha Mann](#)'s .356 average.

Georgia leads the overall series between the two teams by a 28-1 margin, and the Bulldogs won last season's matchup, 8-0, in five innings on March 29 in Athens.

You can [watch the live webcast via the SEC Network +](#) and [follow live stats of the contest](#) from the University of Georgia.

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