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Rivalry series renews in Atlanta starting Friday; Sun Belt Tournament seeding on the line as well
Softball

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STATESBORO, Ga. - The Georgia Southern softball squad wraps up the 2018 regular season this weekend, traveling to Atlanta to take on Georgia State in Sun Belt Conference action beginning with a single game on Friday at 6 p.m. The two teams will wrap up the series with a 1 p.m. doubleheader on Saturday.

In addition to being a part of the Southern vs. State Rivalry Series, the games are also important for seeding in the upcoming 2018 Sun Belt Conference Championships, which begin May 9 in Lafayette, La. Currently the Eagles (27-22, 11-13 SBC) are sixth in the league standings, while Georgia State (28-21, 12-10 SBC) is fifth. The Eagles can be seeded as high as third, or as low as eighth, depending on what happens in Atlanta and around the league this weekend. A third seed could be achieved if the Eagles sweep Georgia State, Texas State sweeps UTA and South Alabama wins both games of Sunday's doubleheader from Troy. That would leave Georgia Southern at 14-13 in the league, tied with Troy for third. The Eagles have the tiebreaker over the Trojans due to winning the regular season series earlier in the year. The 2018 Sun Belt Conference Championship bracket will be released Sunday evening.

The Eagles are coming off of their first conference series sweep of the year, winning all three games from Appalachian State last weekend. [Kaylee Ramos](#) was named the Sun Belt Conference Co-Pitcher of the Week for going 3-0 with an 0.00 ERA in 10 1/3 innings pitched, earning the program's first weekly honor from the Sun Belt for a pitcher. The win also assures that Georgia Southern will finish the 2018 season with a winning record.

Georgia State captured a midweek win in walk-off fashion on Wednesday, defeating Chattanooga by a 5-4 score on an Arden Jobe home run leading off the top of the seventh. Prior

to that, the Panthers won two of three from UL Monroe, the third straight Sun Belt series win for Georgia State. The Panthers lead the overall series between the two in-state rivals, 45-14-1, and Georgia State won all three games of last year's meeting in Statesboro.

This weekend's series is the renewal of the Southern vs. State Rivalry Series between the two schools. The Rivalry Series began in 2015-16 and represents a season-long competition between Georgia State and Georgia Southern where schools earn points for results on the field, in the classroom and in the community. Whichever team wins the three-game series this weekend will earn one point for the school, and currently Georgia State leads the 2017-18 rivalry series by a 13.5 to 3.5 margin. Click [here](#) to view the current Rivalry Series standings.

Friday's game [will be available online with an audio webcast](#), while Saturday's doubleheader [will be a premium video webcast](#). [Live stats are also available for all three games](#).

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