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Women's soccer begins 2018 campaign on August 17th

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Women's Soccer

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STATESBORO, Ga. – The Georgia Southern women's soccer program kicks off the 2018 season August 17, with a meeting against Florida Gulf Coast in Fort Myers, Florida. The Eagles will begin practice on August 1 and will travel to Mercer and Jacksonville for two preseason exhibition matches.

2017 Replay

Led by sophomore [Lauren Karinshak](#), Georgia Southern returned to the Sun Belt Conference Tournament and posted five clean-sheets to advance to the semifinals of the conference tournament. The Eagles tallied an 8-9-2 record and Karinshak lowered her goals against average to 1.53 per game. The Blue and White were able to string together three scoreless games and exit the Mercer Tournament with a 1-0-1 record, behind Karinshak's 14 saves.

The Returnees

The Blue and White return both goalkeepers from the 2017 roster, with [Lauren Karinshak](#) entering her junior season and [Jocelyn Springer](#) entering her senior season. Springer sat out the 2017 campaign due to NCAA transfer rules. Karinshak added five clean-sheets to her career total and was poised heading into the Sun Belt Tournament. In the first round of the tournament, the Eagles allowed an early goal against Troy, before Karinshak shut the door to send the Eagles to the semifinals.

The Newcomers

Freshman [Sallie Newton](#) and [Sara Ezquerro](#) join the Blue and White between the pipes. Ezquerro, a native of Spain, played at a high level in her league. Newton, a native of Wilmington, North Carolina, played for Coastal Christian High School, under head coach Brian Kurtz. While attending Coastal Christian, Newton recorded the most saves in a game, most saves in a season, and holds the career record for shutouts. All the records she holds are for both men's and women's soccer.

Coach [Micah Varner](#)'s Thoughts

"We have a great group of goalkeepers for the 2018 campaign. Our two returners (Lauren and Jocelyn) both did exceptionally well in our spring games. Lauren looks to keep her starting spot for the third straight year. She has developed into a much better-rounded goalkeeper. She makes key saves, can play with the ball at her feet and is very intelligent with her game management and decision making. We will also have two very strong goalkeepers joining us this fall who will both push for the number one spot. Both play at a high level and have all the tools to develop into top goalkeepers in our conference."

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