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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

The midfield for the Blue and White during the 2017 season created multiple scoring chances for themselves and the forwards. The Eagle midfield had some injuries, but managed to combine with the forwards to score 24 goals during the 2017 campaign. The Eagles took 220 shots last season and average 11 shots per game.

The Returnees

The Eagles returned two true midfielders and four forwards that shifted to the midfield throughout the season. [Nicole Aussin](#) returns for her junior season after scoring two goals and recording two assists last season. Aussin collected a game winning goal against Coastal Carolina in a 1-0 shutout to kick off conference play. [Maddie Klintworth](#) heads into year two with the Blue and White scoring her first goal against South Carolina State last season. She also collected an assist on the year and tallied seven total shots.

The Newcomers

The Blue and White welcome three true forwards to the roster in 2018. [Brooke Barrett](#) joins the club from Hiawassee, Georgia and will join [Vala Kristin Theodorsdottir](#), from Iceland, and [Courtney Johnson](#) from Coconut Creek, Florida. The three will join the four new forwards to help the Eagles building upon their goal total from last season.

Coach [Emily Grant](#)'s Thoughts

"With the graduation of two seniors in the midfield, Aila Fuster Sendra and Paige Hover, there is a tremendous opportunity for some new faces to step up and have an impact. [Nicole Aussin](#) and [Hannah Smith](#), both returning, have seen considerable minutes in midfield roles and will hopefully step into even larger roles. In addition, [Marcela Montoya](#) returns from injury. We hope to she will add depth for us along with three incoming freshman, [Brooke Barrett](#), Vala Theodorsdottir and [Courtney Johnson](#)."

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