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SERIES PREVIEW - Baseball Visits the Gulf Coast for South Alabama Series
Eagles travel for the second-straight weekend on a three-game league win streak
Baseball

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STATSBORO - Georgia Southern Baseball travels for the second-straight weekend, visiting South Alabama for a three game weekend series against the Jaguars. First pitch on Friday and Saturday is set for 7: 30 p.m. (ET) with Sunday's series finale scheduled for 2 p.m. (ET). The Eagles enter the weekend in second place of the East Division, a game and a half behind Coastal Carolina. Georgia Southern holds a one game lead over the South Alabama who sits in third place.

GAME NOTES

[Georgia Southern](#)
South Alabama

FRIDAY (4.13.18)

GAME ONE

3:30 p.m. (CT) / 4:30 p.m. (ET) - Eddie Stanky Field (Mobile, Ala.)

RADIO - [Ga. Southern Sports Network](#)

VIDEO - [JagNation TV](#)

[LIVE STATS](#)

GS - RHP - [Brian Eichhorn](#) (2-1 - 2.86 ERA)

USA - RHP - Tyler Carr (5-2 - 3.35 ERA)

GAME TWO

6:30 p.m. (CT) / 7:30 p.m. (ET) - Eddie Stanky Field (Mobile, Ala.)

RADIO - [Ga. Southern Sports Network](#)

VIDEO - [JagNation TV](#)

[LIVE STATS](#)

GS - TBA

USA - LHP - Jared Proctor (2-0 - 1.89 ERA)

SUNDAY (4.15.18)

1 p.m. (CT) / 2 p.m. (ET) - Eddie Stanky Field (Mobile, Ala.)

RADIO - [Ga. Southern Sports Network](#)

VIDEO - [JagNation TV](#)

[LIVE STATS](#)

GS - RHP - [Seth Shuman](#) (4-3 - 4.39 ERA)

USA - TBA

QUICK HITS

- Georgia Southern returns to league play this weekend with a three game set at South Alabama. The Eagles have won three-straight in league play including a abbreviated weekend sweep over Little Rock. Georgia Southern sits second in the East Division, a game better than South Alabama and a game and a half behind Coastal Carolina.
- The Eagles dropped a 12-3 result on Tuesday night against Kennesaw State as the Owls blew the game open with six runs in the fourth off five walks.
- The Eagles trail 12-6 in the all-time series with South Alabama, having dropped three straight including the Sun Belt Championship Game last year. Georgia Southern won two of three their last time in Mobile, winning on Friday and Saturday before being run-ruled on Sunday.
- Through the season's first 32 games, Georgia Southern batters have been hit by 49 pitches to lead the Sun Belt and rank 26th in the nation. [Christian Avant](#) and [Steven Curry](#) have each been hit 12 times to lead the league and rank 18th in Division I.
- [Seth Shuman](#) had a day like no other on April 8, tossing his first nine inning complete game to record his first collegiate shutout. It was the first whitewash for a single Eagle twirler since Eichhorn blanked Kennesaw State in May of 2017.
- [Jason Swan](#) did his impression of the Frozone, looking out for the greater good, by driving a career-high five runs in the 12-7 win over The Citadel including the go-ahead run.
- Redshirt Freshman [Blake Simmons](#) got off to a slow start to his career for the Eagles at the plate, going 0-for-5 in the season's first 19 games. The native of Macon got an opportunity in the series finale against Louisiana with the starting nod. Simmons went 3-for-4 with two RBIs, opening his account at the plate and raising his average to .333.
- For the first 19 games of 2017, the job description for junior [Cole Whitney](#) was middle relief and spot starts during the week. On March 18th, Whitney got the call to enter game three against Louisiana in the third inning and quickly put out the fire. He went on to throw a career-high five and a third innings, striking out six and retiring the final 12 batters to take his first win in an Eagle uniform.
- Redshirt junior [Matt Geiger](#) joined the Eagles in 2015, pitching well as a freshman. He missed the 2016 season after undergoing surgery. While rehabbing from that surgery, Geiger sustained another injury which kept him out of the lineup for 2017. He returned to the lineup against Coastal Carolina on March 30, closing a span of 1,058 days on the shelf. That total ranks as the longest layoff between games among active players in Division I Baseball.
- Six has been the magic number over the last five years for Georgia Southern Baseball with a 109-15 record when scoring six or more runs. The Eagles were 30-6 last year with six or more.

COMING UP NEXT

The Eagles welcome College of Charleston to town on Tuesday night for the second of three games between the teams this season. The game is Superhero night at J.I. Clements Stadium where secret identities will be revealed.

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In order to expedite entry and provide a safe environment for all patrons and participants, Georgia Southern Athletics has implemented a Clear Bag Policy for all ticketed sporting events, effective Aug. 1, 2017. Fans can find the complete policy as well as an FAQ section at GSEagles.com/ClearBag.

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