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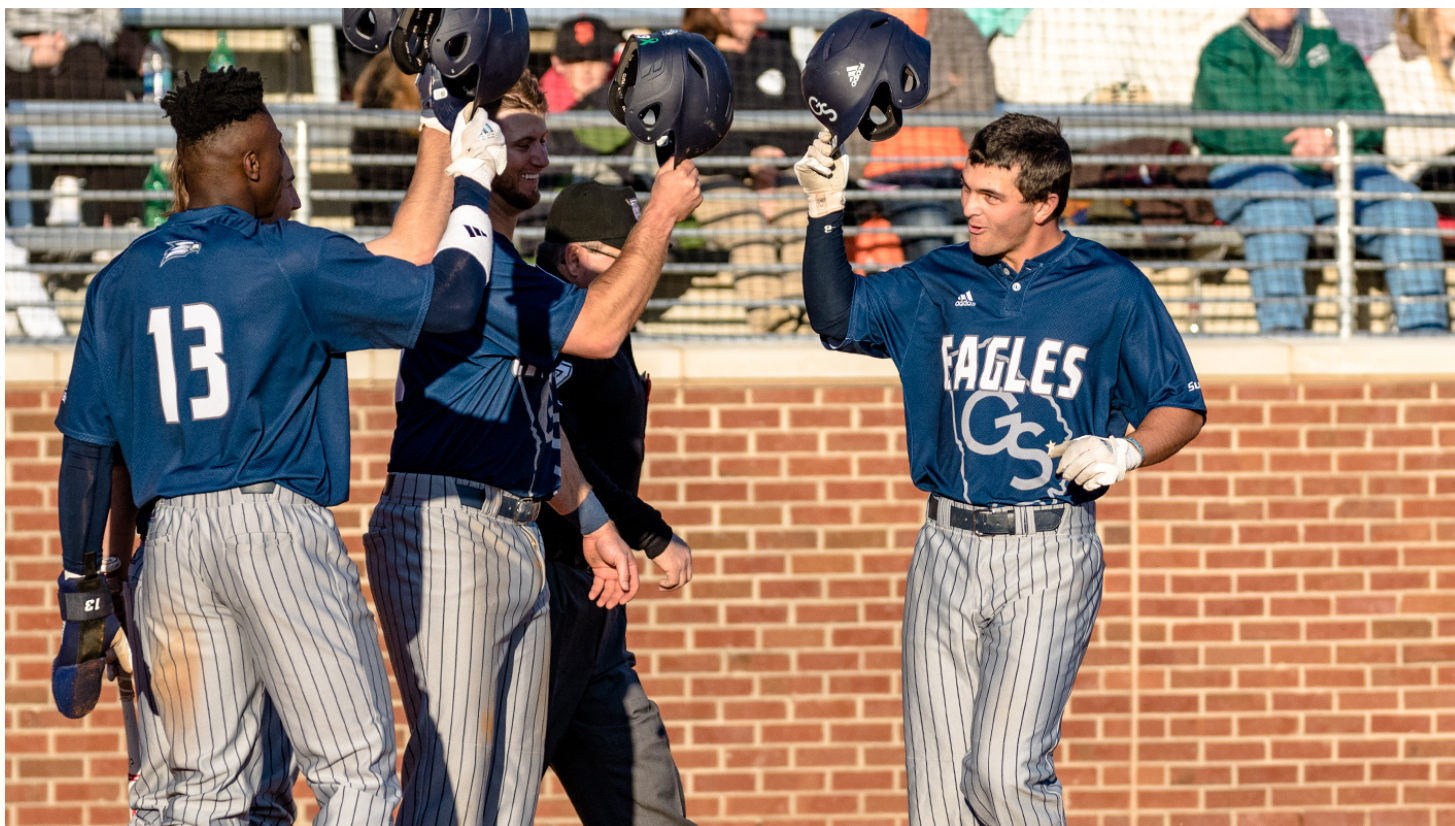
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Watch Friday night's game live on ESPN3

Baseball

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STATESBORO, GA. - Georgia Southern Baseball is back at home this weekend to open league play against Louisiana. The Eagles have won four-straight over the Ragin' Cajuns, but find themselves on a four-game skid entering the first weekend of league play. First pitch on Friday night is set for 6:30 p.m. with the game available on ESPN3.

Fans can listen along to the call of the game on the Georgia Southern Sports Network. Patrons in attendance at J.I. Clements Stadium can hear the broadcast without delay in the stadium on 95.9-FM.

Single game tickets are available at GSEagles.com/Tickets, giving fans the opportunity to beat the lines on gameday. Tickets can also be purchased at the J.I. Clements Stadium Box Office, located directly behind home plate at the stadium's main entrance.

GAME NOTES

[Georgia Southern](#)
[Louisiana](#)

FRIDAY (3.16.18)

6:30 p.m. - Jack Stallings Field at J.I. Clements Stadium (Statesboro, Ga.)

First Responders Night - Firefighters, police, and EMS personnel will be recognized. All first responders will receive a free ticket by presenting a valid ID and may purchase \$5 discounted tickets for family members.

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

VIDEO - [ESPN3](#)

[LIVE STATS](#)

GS - RHP - [Brian Eichhorn](#) (0-0 - 4.03 ERA)

UL - RHP - Nick Lee (1-0 - 1.82 ERA)

SATURDAY (3.17.18)

3:00 p.m. - Jack Stallings Field at J.I. Clements Stadium (Statesboro, Ga.)

Green Koozie Giveaway - Fans will receive green GS koozies in celebration of St. Patrick's Day while supplies last.

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

VIDEO - [True Blue TV](#)

[LIVE STATS](#)

GS - RHP - [Seth Shuman](#) (2-1 - 2.89 ERA)

UL - RHP - Jack Burk (1-3 - 3.97 ERA)

SUNDAY (3.18.18)

11 a.m. - Jack Stallings Field at J.I. Clements Stadium (Statesboro, Ga.)

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

VIDEO - [True Blue TV](#)

LIVE STATS

GS - RHP - [David Johnson](#) (1-1 - 4.71 ERA)

UL - TBA

QUICK HITS

- Georgia Southern Baseball opens league play this weekend with a three game set against Louisiana's Ragin' Cajuns. The Eagles took the weekend series last year and defeated UL in Statesboro to eliminate them from the Sun Belt Tournament.

- Georgia Southern powered three home run, posted 11 hits, scored eight runs, but it wasn't enough as a five-run eighth inning that featured three walks with the bases loaded handed Mercer then 11-8 win.

- Georgia Southern leads the all-time series over Louisiana 6-5. The Eagles have won the last three contests, and both series in Acadiana, but dropped the corresponding series in the 2016 season at the friendly confines.

- Wednesday night's loss to Mercer was a big night for the long ball with three Eagles going deep at OrthoGeorgia Park. [Matt Anderson](#) and [Steven Curry](#) each hit their first collegiate home runs, while [Chandler Corley](#) hit his second with the Eagles this season. The three home run haul was a season-high for the Eagles.

- Sophomore [Matt Anderson](#) had himself a day in the second game against Southern Miss. The Eagle backstop went 4-for-4 to post a career-best day at the plate and recorded the first four-hit game for the Eagles since [Logan Baldwin](#) logged four hits in the Sun Belt Tournament against Texas State last season.

- On March 10, [Seth Shuman](#) was written into the annals of history at Georgia Southern Baseball as the first pitcher to hit for himself in the Coach Hennon Era. Shuman went 1-for-3 in the game with a walk. He also threw a complete game with eight strikeouts, but took the first loss of his career on the walk-off home run.

- Georgia Southern's win over Holy Cross on March 7 features a special footnote. Three of the Eagles' six pitchers to throw in the game came from Statesboro High School, marking the first time in the Coach Hennon Era that one school produced three players in a single game. [Braxton Johns](#), [Griffin Davis](#), and [Austin Kleinlein](#) each pitched for their hometown team as the good guys took a 10-5 win.

- 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. When he returns to the lineup, he will rejoin the Eagles with more than 1,000 days on the shelf, ranking the longest active injury layoff in Division I Baseball when he returns.

[Matt Geiger](#) (Georgia Southern) // 5/8/15 to Present // 1,042 Days

Clay Conway (Delaware) // 4/14/15 to 2/18/18 // 1,041 Days

Alex Daily (Cal State Bakersfield) // 5/15/15 to 2/16/18 // 1,008 Days

Alex McIntosh (Milwaukee) // 5/23/15 to 2/16/18 // 1,000 Days

- Six has been the magic number over the last five years for Georgia Southern Baseball with a 104-15 record when scoring six or more runs. The Eagles were 30-6 last year with six or more.

- Georgia Southern had a banner year in the 2017 MLB draft with five selections to tie the program record for most picks in a single draft season. [Landon Hughes](#) (7th Round - ATL), [Jordan Wren](#) (10th Round - Boston), [Connor Simmons](#) (13th Round - ATL), [Logan Baldwin](#) (21st Round - SF), and [Jacob Condra-Bogan](#) (32nd Round - TOR) made up the draft class, matching the 1996 season with five picks over that season's 40 rounds.

UP NEXT

Georgia Southern travels to Bethune-Cookman for a Tuesday afternoon game against the Wildcats at historic Jackie Robinson Ballpark in Daytona. First pitch on City Island is set for 4 p.m.

Georgia Southern Athletics provides up-to-date information on all its sports through its official website, GSEagles.com, through social media channels facebook.com/GSAthletics, twitter.com/GSAthletics, iOS app Georgia Southern Eagles and Android app Eagles GATA. Fans can purchase tickets to Georgia Southern Athletics events by visiting GSEagles.com/Tickets.

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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