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## SERIES PREVIEW - Georgia Southern Hosts Coastal Carolina in a Showdown for East Division Supremacy

The series pits the top two teams in the Sun Belt East Division

Baseball

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**STATESBORO, GA.** - Georgia Southern Baseball is at home for the third-straight weekend as Coastal Carolina comes to town for a three game series. The series, adjusted in true Erk Russell fashion, starts the weekend on Thursday night as the teams will get the Easter holiday off. First pitch on Thursday and Friday is set for 6:30 p.m. with Saturday's finale scheduled for 1 p.m.

Saturday's game is the Eagles' fourth-annual Vs. Cancer Game. The Eagles are raising money for the Vs. Cancer Foundation to help combat childhood cancer. Donate to the cause at: <http://team.curethekids.org/gsbbaseball2018>.

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](http://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](#)

[Coastal Carolina](#)

## THURSDAY (3.29.18)

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

### GATA GAME

Student-athletes supporting student-athletes

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

**VIDEO** - [ESPN3](#)

[LIVE STATS](#)

GS - RHP - [Brian Eichhorn](#) (2-0 - 2.65 ERA)

CCU - RHP - Jason Bilous (3-0 - 2.18 ERA)

## FRIDAY (3.30.18)

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

### Fun in the Sun Day

Fans are encouraged to wear their best Hawaiian attire.

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

**VIDEO** - [True Blue TV](#)

[LIVE STATS](#)

GS - RHP - [Seth Shuman](#) (3-2 - 3.67 ERA)  
CCU - LHP - Anthony Veneziano (2-0 - 3.95 ERA)

#### SATURDAY (3.31.18)

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

#### Vs. Cancer Game

GS Baseball will be collecting donations to fund childhood cancer research. The team will have their heads shaven on the concourse after the game.

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

**VIDEO** - [True Blue TV](#)

**LIVE STATS**

GS - TBA

CCU - RHP - Zack Hopeck (2-2 - 4.41 ERA)

#### QUICK HITS

- Georgia Southern will look to keep its four-game win streak in league play alive this weekend as Coastal Carolina comes to Jack Stallings Field for their first weekend series as members of the league. The series pits the East Division's top two teams in a set of games that will start to develop the playoff picture.
- Georgia Southern got an outstanding outing from [Zach Cowart](#) who went a career-long six innings for his first quality start at Georgia Tech. He gave up three runs, but the offense could not match the effort on the mound as the Eagles stranded seven and fell 3-1 to Tech.
- Georgia Southern leads the all-time series with Coastal Carolina 16-12 and took the most recent series over the Chanticleers 2-1 in Conway last season. The Eagles are 3-9 against CCU under Coach Hennon, but took a 7-6 win in 10 innings on Saturday and a 3-2 win on Sunday to avenge a 6-5 loss on Friday night to open the series.
- Through the season's first 24 games, Georgia Southern batters have been hit by 39 pitches to lead the Sun Belt and rank 24th in the nation. [Christian Ayant](#) has been hit 10 times to lead the league and rank 16th in Division I. [Steven Curry](#) has been plunked nine times (yes Mr. Rooney, NINE TIMES) to rank third in the league and 31st nationally.
- Georgia Southern's sweep over Appalachian State was the first sweep in league play since March 11-12, 2016 when the Eagles swept the Mountaineers in Boone. The Eagles won 14 of the 20 series during that span, but none in a clean fashion.
- 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 // 1,057 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 108-15 record when scoring six or more runs. The Eagles were 30-6 last year with six or more.

#### UP NEXT

Georgia Southern closes out the five-game home stand with a pair of midweek games. The Eagles face The Citadel on Tuesday night and Mercer on Wednesday night. Both games at J.I. Clements Stadium start at 6 p.m.

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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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