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Eagles fall to the conference favorites, 6-1 and 5-4, in Texas

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SAN MARCOS, Texas - Sun Belt Conference-leading Texas State swept a pair of games from Georgia Southern softball on Friday, winning game one, 6-1, and taking game two, 5-4, in come-from-behind fashion.

The Bobcats (24-8, 7-0 SBC) remained unbeaten in league play with the wins, while the Eagles (21-12, 6-5 SBC) drop their first conference series of the year. The two teams will wrap up the weekend series on Saturday with a single game at 1 p.m. ET.

"Texas State is a very tough team," Georgia Southern Head Softball Coach Kim Dean said. "We knew going into it that we would have to have one of our better games. [Randi] Rupp is one of the best pitchers we've faced all year. We fought hard in the second game, but just came up a little short. We're excited at getting another shot at one of the elite teams in the country tomorrow and will work hard to try to get a win."

Game one was won by Texas State behind a dominant pitching performance from preseason league Pitcher of the Year Randi Rupp. Rupp limited the Eagles to just one hit in seven innings, striking out 14, in improving to 15-6 on the season.

The lone hit of the contest for the Eagles was a solo home run from freshman Allyssah Mullis.

Bylee Wildreg (9-4) took the loss for the Eagles in game one, giving up eight hits and six runs - four earned - in six innings of work, walking two and striking out one.

In game two, the Eagles took a 4-1 lead thanks to a pair of two-run home runs - one from Mullis in the first inning, and one from Macy Coleman in the third.

Texas State scored twice in the fourth on a passed ball and an infield RBI single, then took the lead for good in the sixth on a two-out, two-run single from Tara Oltmann.
Meagan King (2-0) notched the game-two win in relief for the Bobcats with three innings of three-run shutout ball, striking out two. Rupp entered the game in the seventh and got one out for her second save of the season. Kaylee Ramos (2-3) took the loss for the Eagles, giving up five runs and eight hits in six innings, walking five while striking out a career-high five.

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