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The Eagles take on UConn in the tournament at noon Saturday.

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Women's Volleyball

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MORGANTOWN, W. Va. – [Lauren Reichard](#) tallied 15 kills and 12 blocks in two matches, but Georgia Southern dropped both contests at the WVU Invite Friday. The Eagles fell 3-1 to West Virginia in their season opener and lost 3-2 to Wright State later in the day.

Key Moment vs. Wright State

The Raiders got off to hot starts in both the fourth and fifth sets. Trailing 2-1 in the match, Wright State scored 10 of the first 13 points in the fourth and opened a 9-2 cushion in the fifth.

Eagle of the Game vs. Wright State

Reichard posted a career-high 10 blocks as the Eagles had 19 as a team, three off the school record for a five-set match. The senior also notched seven kills.

Key Moment vs. West Virginia

Leading 2-1 in the match with the score tied 16-16 in the fourth set, the host Mountaineers went on a 9-2 run, sparked by three Katelyn Evans kills, to finish the match.

Eagle of the Game vs. West Virginia

Senior [Julia Landavazo](#) came off the bench to notch six kills and six digs, both career highs, and a block.

Quotables from coach [Dustin Wood](#)

"We were up and down day today. There were some positive things and things we obviously need to work on."

"We started off slow trying to find ourselves against WVU, found ourselves in the third set and played really well into the fourth. We missed three straight overpasses for points later in the fourth set, which was the difference in the set. We must be able to score on those opportunities."

"We had trouble finding rhythm on offense against Wright State in the evening. Our hitters and setter fought through some inconsistencies, but they fought hard and I'm proud of them hanging in the match."

Next Up

The Eagles finish out the weekend by taking on UConn Saturday at noon.

Of Note

In order to generate added interest in the volleyball program among its Savannah patrons, GS has moved its home opener against North Florida Sept. 4 to Alumni Arena on the Georgia Southern Armstrong Campus. First serve is at 6:30 p.m., and admission is free. It's the first intercollegiate sporting event on the Georgia Southern Armstrong Campus in Savannah since the consolidation.

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