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Georgia Southern enters the weekend with tournament seeding on the line

Baseball

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**STATESBORO** - Georgia Southern Baseball is at home this weekend for a three game series with Georgia State. Tournament seeding is on the line for the Eagles who can enter next week's Sun Belt Tournament anywhere from the No. 3 seed to the No. 6 seed. Georgia State, however, is one of five teams fighting for the final two spots in the field for next week's tournament. First pitch on Friday night is set for 6:30 p.m.

Eagle Baseball will honor seniors [Matt Geiger](#) and [Chandler Corley](#) prior to Saturday's series finale. Fans are encouraged to arrive 20 minutes before the scheduled first pitch for the special ceremony.

With the weekend's weather forecast, fans are encouraged to keep an eye on the Georgia Southern Athletics social media channels, especially [Twitter.com/GSAtthletics\\_BSB](#) for the latest updates on any possible schedule changes.

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](#)

[Georgia State](#)

## THURSDAY (5.17.18)

**Georgia Southern vs. Georgia State**

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

## White Out Weekend

Fans are encouraged to wear white all weekend.

## Bulloch County Public Schools Weekend

Students of Elementary and Middle schools in Bulloch County may purchase a \$3.00 ticket when they wear their spirit shirt. Faculty/Staff may purchase a \$3.00 ticket when they present their employee name tag or pay stub.

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

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

**LIVE STATS**

GS - RHP - [Brian Eichhorn](#) (4-3 - 3.24 ERA)

GAST - RHP - Hunter Gaddis (8-3 - 3.18 ERA)

## FRIDAY (5.18.18)

**Georgia Southern vs. Georgia State**

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

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#### **Bulloch County Public Schools Weekend**

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

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

**LIVE STATS**

GS - RHP [Seth Shuman](#) (6-5 - 4.61 ERA)

GAST - RHP Jake Rogers (4-5 - 4.59 ERA)

#### **SATURDAY (5.19.18)**

##### **Georgia Southern vs. Georgia State**

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

#### **White Out Weekend**

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#### **Bulloch County Public Schools Weekend**

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#### **Senior Day**

Come celebrate the final game of the season with our senior players!

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

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

**LIVE STATS**

GS - TBA

GAST - TBA

#### **QUICK HITS**

- Georgia Southern Baseball plays host to Georgia State this weekend where our weekends begin on Thursday. The Eagles enter the final weekend of the regular season with a chance to earn the No. 3 seed for the upcoming Sun Belt Tournament which starts on Tuesday in Acadiana.
- The Eagles scored four runs in the sixth inning to turn around a 1-0 deficit to a 4-1 lead and defeat Arkansas State on Sunday. Four of Georgia Southern's six hits were doubles with three coming in the sixth inning. [David Johnson](#) tossed six innings out of the bullpen to take the win.
- Georgia Southern leads the all-time series with Georgia State by a 64-22 margin. Since joining the Sun Belt, Georgia Southern won the 2015 and 2016 series' two games to one, but dropped last year's series on the road, two games to one.
- Defensively the Eagles not had the greatest season, ranking 11th in the Sun Belt with a .962 fielding percentage. The story behind the number was an injury to shortstop [Austin Thompson](#) which forced him to miss 27 games. The Eagles fielded at a .956 average without Thompson, committing 42 errors. With Thompson, the Eagles have raised that mark to .969, conceding 27 errors in the 24 games he has played.
- After sustaining an injury in the second game of the season, [Tyler Martin](#) missed the next 33 games. He made his return on April 17th against the College of Charleston. He hit his first home run of the season on Saturday, April 21st with a solo home run to left.
- Through the season's first 50 games, Georgia Southern batters have been hit by 74 pitches to lead the Sun Belt and rank 26th in the nation. [Steven Curry](#) has been hit 20 times to rank ninth in the nation and tops in the Sun Belt while [Christian Avant](#) has worn 15 pitches to rank fourth in the league and 42nd in Division I.
- [Brian Eichhorn](#) was one with the force on May 4, tossing a complete game, one-hit shutout to stymie Troy, the league's top hitting team entering the series. Brian fanned nine and walked just one while taking his no-hitter bid to the seventh inning, before the Trojans only hit, a single through the left side. The one-hitter was the first for the Eagles since five pitchers combined for a one-hitter in February of 2001 against Tennessee Tech.
- [Jacob Parker](#) exited his first collegiate game on February 20 in the second game with an injury. He gave up just one run and was saddled with the loss that day. On May 9, Parker returned to the game mound at Kennesaw State, tossing three no-hit innings to earn his first collegiate 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. 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 115-16 record when scoring six or more runs. The Eagles were 30-6 last year with six or more.

#### **UP NEXT**

Next up for the Eagles is the 2018 Sun Belt Baseball Tournament in Lafayette, Louisiana. Georgia Southern will begin play on Wednesday, May 23rd at Tigie Moore Field in the heart of Cajun Country. Fans can watch all the games live on ESPN . For more information and to start your seven day free trial, visit [plus.espn.com](#).

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