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Men’s hoops games Jan. 7, Feb. 4 and Feb. 18 will air live on WSAV.

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STATESBORO, Ga. – Georgia Southern Sports Properties announced today that Savannah affiliate WSAV-TV, the area's leader in local sports broadcasting, will televise three men's basketball games in its new season of live play-by-play sports with The Blitz Basketball Series, featuring the Georgia Southern Eagles.
Home games against Troy Jan. 7, ULM Feb. 4 and Texas State Feb. 18 will air live on WSAV-TV and WSAV-CW, and Blue White Weekly, which airs Sundays beginning Jan. 8, will be broadcast on WSAV-CW.

"The WSAV-TV partnership is an important part of our strategic plan to serve the Savannah market," said Jeff Ferguson, general manager for Learfield's Georgia Southern Sports Properties, multimedia rights holder for GS Athletics. "We have agreed to a multimedia partnership, which will help serve our alumni and fans throughout Southeast Georgia."

WSAV lead sports anchor Greg Talbott will provide play-by-play for all three men's basketball contests. WSAV News Reporter Andrew Davis will provide color commentary for the game Jan. 7. A nine-year veteran of WSAV, he is well-regarded as the top breaking news reporter in the Savannah sports scene and has broadcast live games at the high school and college level throughout the South. WSAV Weekend Sports Anchor Rex Castillo will provide analysis for the final two telecasts.

"WSAV Sports continues to change the game in Savannah and Statesboro with the most extensive and creative sports coverage," said Talbott. "This year's basketball team is edge-of-your-seat fun to watch, and we can't wait to begin as the local TV home of Eagle hoops."

The Blitz Basketball Series joins the WSAV Blitz lineup, which over the past six years has grown to include its highly-successful Thursday Night Blitz Game of the Week series of live high school games, The Friday Night Blitz and Saturday Blitz Extra weekly football wrap up shows and The Tuesday Blitz Countdown, the area's only high school football television roundtable.

Georgia Southern owns an 8-6 overall record and posted an 88-65 win over Georgia State last Saturday in its Sun Belt Conference opener. The Eagles are in the midst of a four-game homestand, which includes Saturday's upcoming contest against Troy and a meeting with South Alabama next Monday. Tipoff against the Trojans is set for 5 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse, and it's Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day - Georgia Southern Faculty and Staff can purchase discount $5 general admission tickets for the whole family. Plus, the concession stand will be offering $5 combos, including hot dog, chips and a fountain drink.

WSAV-TV went on the air in 1956, and for more than 60 years, has set the standard for television excellence in the Savannah GA/Statesboro GA/Hilton Head, S.C., television market. Over the past four years, WSAV news has been honored with the prestigious National Edward R. Murrow Award, a regional Emmy for continuing coverage and recognized with a broad range of regional Edward R. Murrow Awards including Best Operation. WSAV is owned by Media General Inc., one of the nation's largest connected-screen media companies that operates or services 71 television stations in 48 markets, along with the industry's leading digital media business. The robust portfolio of broadcast, digital and mobile products delivered by Media General inform and engage 23 percent of the U.S. TV Households and more than two-thirds of the U.S. Internet audience.
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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.