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Blue Out game tips off in Hanner Fieldhouse at 2 p.m.



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STATESBORO, Ga. – The Georgia Southern women's basketball team (5-11, 1-4 SBC) hosts

the Appalachian State Mountaineers (8-9, 3-3 SBC) for a Sun Belt rivalry matchup on Saturday afternoon. The Eagles and Mountaineers will tip off inside Hanner Fieldhouse at 2 p.m. with the men's game to follow, beginning at 5 p.m.

GAME SNAPSHOT

Appalachian State vs. Georgia Southern

Saturday, Jan. 21 | 2:00 p.m. EST | [Hanner Fieldhouse \(Statesboro, Ga.\)](#)

[Live Stats](#) | [Live Audio \(GS Sports Network\)](#) | [Live Video \(GS All-Access\)](#)

PROMOTIONS

Blue Out

Join us for the annual Blue Out games! Wear your best True Blue colors and help us #PackHanner.

Foam Fingers

1,000 Foam Fingers will be given out while supplies last! Courtesy of Coca-Cola.

Teddy Bear Toss

Bring teddy bears and stick around for the men's game at 5 p.m. to throw on the court during halftime! All teddy bears will be donated to Bulloch County's Safe Haven.

SCOUTING THE MOUNTAINEERS (Twitter - [@AppStateWBB](#))

Georgia Southern and Appalachian State's rivalry dates back to 1990. Since then, the two teams have met on the hardwood 56 total times. Georgia Southern owns a 36-20 winning record over the Mountaineers, and the two teams split their Sun Belt contests last season. The Eagles fell at home, losing 62-68, but defeated the Mountaineers on the road, 65-50.

Angel Elderkin is in her third season at the helm of the Mountaineer's program after previously coaching at LSU. Elderkin led the Apps to a 14-16 record and a 9-11 mark in her inaugural season, and last year the team finished with a 10-20 record, 7-13 in conference play. Despite the record last season, the Mountaineers had wins against squads such as UL Lafayette, who was second in the conference at the moment, and eventual Sun Belt Tournament Champion Troy.

This year, Appalachian State has started the campaign 8-9 overall, 2-3 in the Sun Belt with conference wins over Arkansas State, Georgia State and Texas State. The Mountaineers are averaging 64.4 points per game, but give up a total of 66.9 points on average. As a team, Appalachian State enters Saturday's game shooting 38.4% (402-1047) from the field and are averaging 3.1 three-pointers per contest. The Mountaineers have forced 17.9 turnovers per game, but have also turned the ball over 18.1 times per game themselves.

Appalachian State is led in scoring by Joi Jones, who averages 14.2 points per game, and Madi Story with 11.8. Jones, a senior guard from Duluth, Ga., had a total of 242 points this year and has started every game for the Mountaineers. Junior guard Madi Story has tallied 200 herself, and also leads the team in steals, with 22. Redshirt sophomore Q Murray proves to be the Mountaineers most dangerous three-point shooter, with a 30.3% average (20-66) and 1.2 per game. Carter Bria leads App from down low, with 102 total rebounds and a 46.9% (45-96)

average from field goal range.

[2016-17 Appalachian State Roster](#)

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LAST TIME OUT (W, 78-70 vs Coastal Carolina)

[Angel McGowan](#) recorded 21 points, five rebounds and four assists, and Georgia Southern shot 51 percent and never trailed as the Eagles sailed by Coastal Carolina, 78-70, in Sun Belt women's basketball action Thursday night in Hanner Fieldhouse.

[Patrice Butler](#) collected 20 points and nine rebounds for Georgia Southern (6-11, 2-4), and [Nakol Franks](#) chipped in 15 points and three assists. [Alexis Foulks](#) scored nine.

Ced Gibson posted 17 points and five assists to lead Coastal Carolina (7-9, 2-4), and Kennedy Archer scored 19. Rachael Gregory added 12 points and eight rebounds, and Jas Adams finished with 14 points and four rebounds.

NEXT UP

Georgia Southern will travel to Alabama next weekend to face off against Troy and South Alabama.

The 2017 Sun Belt Conference Men's and Women's Basketball Championships are scheduled for a week of March Madness in the Big Easy. New Orleans will once again be home to the two championships that will take place at Lakefront Arena from March 7-12 and ticket books can now be purchased from your our ticket office. For more information, visit the Sun Belt Conference's championship central websites - [Men's Championship](#) – [Women's Championship](#) – and be sure to follow the @FunBelt on social media - [@SunBelt](#).

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