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*Georgia Southern returns home to Hanner Fieldhouse
Thursday evening, Saturday afternoon*



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STATESBORO, Ga. – The Georgia Southern women's basketball team will face off against Sun Belt foes Louisiana and UL Monroe this weekend inside of Hanner Fieldhouse. The Eagles tip off the weekend against the Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns at 7 p.m. Thursday night and will then host the UL Monroe Warhawks at 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

THURSDAY GAME SNAPSHOT

Georgia Southern vs. Louisiana

Thursday, Feb. 2 | 7:00 p.m. EST | Hanner Fieldhouse (Statesboro, Ga.)

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

SCOUTING THE RAGIN' CAJUNS (Twitter - [@RaginCajunsWBB](#))

Georgia Southern and University of Louisiana at Lafayette have met in women's basketball only five times in school history, including earlier this season when the Eagles fell to Louisiana, 52-79, inside the Cajundome. The Ragin' Cajuns own a 5-0 overall record over the Eagles, the two teams met for the first time in 2015 when Georgia Southern entered the Sun Belt Conference.

Garry Brodhead is in his fifth season at the helm of the Ragin' Cajuns women's basketball team prior to spending the previous five seasons as an associate head coach at McNeese State, where he helped guide the Cowgirls to a 52-15 record from 2010-2012, as well as back-to-back Southland Conference championships and NCAA Championship appearances. Last season, Brodhead guided the Cajuns to the best season in his tenure at Louisiana, winning 25 games and claiming a second-straight Women's Basketball Invitational (WBI) Tournament Championship.

The Ragin' Cajuns enter Thursday's game with a record of 11-7, 5-4 in conference play. The Ragin' Cajuns are averaging 69.4 points per game while holding their opponents to 68.5 points. As a team, ULL enters Thursday's game shooting 41.7% (463-1109) from the field and are averaging 5.2 three-pointers per contest. The Ragin' Cajuns have forced 14.5 turnovers per game, but turn the ball over a total of 18.2 times themselves.

Louisiana is led in scoring by Jaylyn Gordon's 18.8 points per game. The senior guard had started every game for the Ragin' Cajuns, averaging 39.1 minutes per game. She enters Thursday's game shooting 36.7% (113-308) from the field and 37.8% (51-135) from three-point range. She is second on the team with 32 total steals, trailing behind freshman guard Jasmine Thomas who has totaled 36 on the year. Simone Fields is second on the team with 14.9 points per game. Fields has totaled 60 rebounds on the year, she and Gabby Alexander's 61 rebounds lead the team from down low.

[2016-17 Louisiana Roster](#)

[2016-17 Louisiana Schedule](#)

[2016-17 Louisiana Statistics \(PDF\)](#)

SATURDAY GAME SNAPSHOT

Georgia Southern vs. UL Monroe

Saturday, Feb. 4 | 2:00 p.m. EST | Hanner Fieldhouse (Statesboro, Ga.)
[Live Video](#) (ESPN3) | [Live Stats](#) | [Live Audio](#) (GS Sports Network)

SCOUTING THE WARHAWKS (Twitter - [@ULM_WBB](#))

GS and ULM met in women's basketball for the first time in 2015 when Georgia Southern joined the Sun Belt Conference. The two teams also met earlier this season, where the Eagles left Monroe with a 65-44 win over the Warhawks. The Warhawks and Eagles have met five times since their original debut in 2015, and UL Monroe holds a 4-1 record over GS.

Jeff Dow is in his third season at the helm of the Warhawks program. Dow holds an all-time record as a head coach and as an assistant coach of 482-290 (.627) and a record of 247-144 (.636) as a head coach. In his time as a coach, Dow has compiled twelve 20-win seasons, seven NCAA tournament appearances, four postseason WNIT appearances and six conference championships.

UL Monroe has started their campaign 5-15 and 2-7 in Sun Belt play. The Warhawks enter Saturdays game coming off of a 59-51 win over Arkansas State, their only other conference win was over Georgia State. The Warhawks are averaging 56.2 points per game while giving up 72.0 points to their opponents. ULM enters Thursday's game shooting 37.1% (400-1077) from the field and are averaging 4.9 three pointers per contest. The Warhawks have forced an average of 13.7 turnovers per game, but also turn the ball over 21.2 times per game themselves.

ULM is led in scoring by Alexis Colling who averages 12.3 points per game. Behind her is Gabriella Cortez, a transfer from Southwest CC averaging 11.9 points per game and holding a 33.0% three-point percentage on the year. Senior forward Stephanie Ratliff leads the Warhawks from down low, posting a team-best 7.3 rebounds per game, ranking 5th in the Sun Belt.

[2016-17 UL Monroe Roster](#)
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LAST TIME OUT (W, 52-45 vs. South Alabama)

The Georgia Southern women's basketball team (8-12, 4-5 SBC) never trailed South Alabama (7-13, 2-7 SBC) on Saturday evening, leading to a 53-45 win for the Eagles inside The Mitchell Center. The Eagles finished the game with a 34.5 percent (20-58) overall shooting percentage and forced 16 Jaguar turnovers to tack on their fourth conference win.

Junior [Alexis Foulks](#) had her second straight game in double-figure points, with 12 total off the bench for the Eagles. [Patrice Butler](#) recorded nine points, five rebounds and an assist, while [Angel McGowan](#) tacked on eight points. [Rhein Beamon](#) led the Eagles in rebounds with seven, and [Sierra Butler](#) and [Alexis Sams](#) each recorded six each.

Chyna Ellis led the Jaguars with 13 points, behind her was Genesis Perrymond with 12. Ellis also led the team with 13 total rebounds and three blocks on the night. Genesis Perrymond was South Alabama's largest threat from behind the three-point line, with a 26.6 percent (4-15) percentage from beyond the arc.

NEXT UP

The Eagles will hit the road next weekend to face Appalachian State and Coastal Carolina. The Eagles will play the Mountaineers at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9 and the Chanticleers at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11.

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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