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SERIES PREVIEW - Eagles Open 2017 Against Middle Tennessee

Friday night's 6:30 p.m. contest opens the year



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Story Links

STATESBORO, GA. - The return of spring comes one step closer on Friday as Georgia Southern Baseball opens the 2017 season at home against Middle Tennessee. Fans will get their first chance to see the upgrades to Jack Stallings Field at J.I. Clements Stadium including a new video board and the "Blue Monster" in right field. First pitch on Friday night is set for 6:30 p.m.

Season tickets are still available by visiting GSEagles.com/Tickets. Single game tickets may also be purchased at the J.I. Clements Stadium Box Office located directly behind home plate at the

stadium's main entrance.

2016 TEAM RECORDS

Georgia Southern - 36-24

Middle Tennessee - 20-35

GAME NOTES

[Georgia Southern \(PDF\)](#) | [Middle Tennessee \(PDF\)](#)

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY (2.17.17)

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

UPGRADE NIGHT

Come check out all the new upgrades to J.I. Clements Stadium. While you're at it, upgrade your game ticket to include the [Bullpen Club](#) or trade-in any gear from other colleges and upgrade to a Georgia Southern t-shirt.

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

VIDEO - [GS All-Access \(Premium\)](#)

[LIVE STATS](#)

GS - RHP - [Brian Eichhorn](#)

MT - LHP - Jake Wyrick

SATURDAY (2.18.17)

3 p.m. - J.I. Clements Stadium (Statesboro, Ga.)

SOCIAL MEDIA SATURDAY

Follow @GSAthletics on twitter, post a selfie of yourself at the game, and use #GSbaseball. Best selfie of the day will receive a DM for a free t-shirt.

RADIO - None

VIDEO - [GS All-Access \(Premium\)](#)

[LIVE STATS](#)

GS - RHP - [Jacob Condra-Bogan](#)

MT - RHP - Tyler Hasper

SUNDAY (2.19.17)

1 p.m. - J.I. Clements Stadium (Statesboro, Ga.)

JUNIOR EAGLE CLUB SUNDAY FUNDAY

Junior Eagle Club members receive free admission with card, access to the Georgia Southern Bounce House and free popcorn from the concession stand. Kids can run the bases and play catch in the outfield after the game.

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

VIDEO - [GS All-Access \(Premium\)](#)

[LIVE STATS](#)

GS - RHP - [Chase Cohen](#)

MT - RHP - Carson Lester

QUICK HITS

- Two Eagles were selected to the All-Sun Belt Preseason Poll with [Ryan Cleveland](#) and [Evan Challenger](#) earning spots on the team.
- The Eagles were picked third in the new East Division of the Sun Belt Conference which features defending National Champion Coastal Carolina, NCAA Tournament entrant South Alabama, Georgia State, Appalachian State and Troy. The Eagles earned a first place vote in the poll of the league's coaches.
- The Road to Omaha for 2017 leads through Statesboro with the Sun Belt Championships coming to Jack Stallings Field at J.I. Clements Stadium in May. The league's top teams will decide the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament on the hallowed home of the Eagles.
- National attention is already coming the way of the Eagles with two polls sending votes to Georgia Southern. The National College Baseball Writers Association and the College Baseball News each named the Eagles in their "others receiving votes" list.
- The Eagles have 11 seniors on this year's squad while returning seven of the eight position starters from 2016. The sharp end of the pitching staff is still in tact with all three weekend starters from last year back for 2017.

COMING UP NEXT

The Eagles welcome Georgia Tech to Statesboro for the first of two games between the Eagles and Yellow Jackets this season. First pitch is set for 6 p.m. on Tuesday night from Jack Stallings Field at J.I. Clements Stadium.

Georgia Southern Athletics provides up-to-date information on all its sports through its official website, GSEagles.com, through social media channels facebook.com/GSAthletics, twitter.com/GSAthletics, iOS app Georgia Southern Eagles and Android app Eagles GATA. Fans can purchase tickets to Georgia Southern Athletics events by visiting GSEagles.com/Tickets.

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PLAYERS MENTIONED

#14 Evan Challenger

LHP
6' 1"
196 lbs
Redshirt Senior

#18 Ryan Cleveland

1B
6' 5"
240 lbs
Senior

#19 Chase Cohen

RHP
6' 1"
183 lbs
Sophomore

#44 Brian Eichhorn

RHP
6' 1"
220 lbs

Sophomore
#9 Jacob Condra-Bogan
RHP
6' 3"
217 lbs
Senior

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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.