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Eagles welcome Georgia Bulldogs to Statesboro this weekend

STATESBORO, GA. - Georgia Southern Baseball came out on the short end of a 10-3 line on Tuesday night against No. 17 Georgia Tech. The Yellow Jackets got five runs in the first inning and didn't look back in their annual non-conference trip to J.I. Clements Stadium. The Eagles out-hit Georgia Tech 14-13 on the night as they prepare for this weekend's three-game series against Georgia in Statesboro.

Georgia Tech got five runs, four earned off Georgia southern starting pitcher Zach Strickland in the first inning to take a commanding lead. The visitors followed with three home runs from first baseman Kel Johnson as the junior tied a school record for home runs in a game.

"You've got to give Georgia Tech credit, they had a good approach at the plate tonight against Zach (Strickland) and they put up a five-spot to make it awfully tough for us," said Head

Coach Rodney Hennon. "I thought we put together some good at bats throughout the game, but it's hard when you get down as much as we were early."

Freshman designated hitter Roury Glanton picked up his first collegiate hit in the fourth inning, doubling to the gap in left. He came around to score two batters later on C.J. Ballard's RBI single to short.

Georgia Southern got in on the scoring again in the sixth inning, cutting the lead to 6-2 at that point when Jordan Wren singled to right and plated Ballard from second.

Georgia Southern's third run came in the ninth inning when three hits in the frame brought Steven Curry in for the third run of the game. Sophomore Jonathan Tracey earned his first collegiate hit with two outs in the frame, knocking a single into left.

The Eagles welcome Georgia to Jack Stallings Field at J.I. Clements Stadium this weekend for a three game series between the Eagles and Bulldogs. First pitch on Friday night is set for 6:30 p.m.

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