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GS Swimming & Diving Hosts Campbell On Friday

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STATESBORO, Ga. - The Georgia Southern swimming and diving team hosts the first of two home meets this season on Friday, welcoming in Campbell University for a 5 p.m. dual meet at the RAC Aquatic Center in Statesboro.

For the Eagles, it will be their second meet of the season. Georgia Southern split a tri-meet in Jacksonville, Fla., on October 7th, defeating North Florida 138-124 while falling to Florida International 145-117.

Campbell has seen action three times so far this year, losing a season-opening meet to Liberty on Sept. 30th by a 159-137 score; sweeping a tri-meet on Oct. 13 by defeating Old Dominion 160-101 and Gardner-Webb 151-111; then losing a quad-meet at East Carolina as the Pirates won 175-115, William & Mary won 203.5-58.5 and Gardner-Webb won 151-111.
In addition to it being the first home meet, it will also be Senior Day as the Eagles will honor their four seniors - Amber Cortazzo, Madison Heydinger, Kiera McCormack and Kaylyn Thomas - prior to the meet.

"I'm super excited, it's going to be a lot of fun," Head Coach Laura Thomas said. "We usually have our senior meet in January, but our students aren't back yet, so we're excited to have it in front of them. We have a lot of family coming in and it's going to be a special day."

Last year, Campbell hosted Georgia Southern in a dual meet on October 28th and defeated the Eagles, 179-82. Coach Thomas is expecting her squad to come out and perform in front of the home crowd.

"I think it's easier to swim at home, where it's exciting to have people there watching you," Thomas said. "Showing off in front of your own crowd is more fun than going on the road. Plus, we've been training really well and I'm ready to see them race again."

Fans will also get a chance to see the Eagle divers compete for the first time in 2017-18, as the meet in Jacksonville was a swimming-only event.

"We have just a few more meets than them," Thomas said. "They haven't had the chance yet to get on the boards, but I know they've been learning new dives and David [Diving Coach David Giambra] is super excited about what they're doing. It will be great to see how that translates into competition."

See below for the meet schedule of events on Friday and be sure to follow the Eagles on Twitter @GSAthletics_SD for updates on Friday's match day!

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