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The Eagles play at UTA tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. ET
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SAN MARCOS, Texas – Madison Daigle registered 10 kills and three blocks to lead Texas State to a 3-0 (25-19, 25-20, 25-19) Sun Belt Conference volleyball win over Georgia Southern Friday night in Strahan Coliseum.

Cathrine Murray, Carly Turner and Lauren Reichard all tallied six kills to lead Georgia Southern (7-14, 3-6). Murray added 10 digs, Reichard notched four blocks and Turner chipped in three blocks.

Amy Pflughaupt finished with nine kills and eight digs for Texas State (16-7, 7-1), and Erin Hoppe contributed seven kills, 24 assists and five digs. Micah Dinwiddie finished with a match-high 22 digs and five assists.

The story
The Bobcats hit .236 while holding the Eagles to .115, and Texas State tallied eight service aces in the match. All three sets were tightly contested until the Bobcats made a late run to pull away.

A kill by Reichard cut a five-point Bobcat lead to two in the first set, but Texas State responded by scoring six of the next eight points. Texas State trailed 15-14 in the second before winning five straight points. The Eagles fought back to trim the margin to 22-20, but a Jaliyah Bolden block and a Brooke Johnson ace helped seal the set.

GS cut a seven point deficit to 23-19 in the third, but a kill by Hoppe helped the Bobcats score the next two points and finish the match.

Quotable from head coach Dustin Wood
"We made a change in our offensive system tonight, which proved to be successful, but we didn't pass consistently well tonight. We had a few 6-8 point runs on us, and that was the difference. I was happy with our level of play, but we left a few too many points out there that we needed to capitalize on."

"I'm happy with the spark Carly (Turner) gave us tonight. She did a good job for us and gave us another viable option on the pin."

"Texas State is a great team, and their setter did a great job tonight keeping our block off balance and putting her hitters in good positions to score."

"We need to put everything together tomorrow for a huge match-up with UTA. I know we will be ready."
Next up
GS plays UTA Saturday at 7:30 p.m. ET.

The volleyball program has launched a crowdfunding campaign to benefit Eagle Volleyball for years to come. It will be active until Friday, November 10, 2017, giving Eagle Volleyball only six weeks to reach their goal of $104,030. Contributions to the volleyball program fund commemorative gifts for graduating volleyball players, student-athlete trips to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, recruiting efforts, volleyball-specific training tools, locker room upgrades and overall experience for volleyball student-athletes.

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