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Trojans Early Goals Too Much as Eagles Capture Sixth Seed
Eagles will face Troy in the first round of the Sun Belt Conference Tournament
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STATESBORO, Ga. – On a cool and windy afternoon in Troy, Alabama, the Eagles looked to improve their seeding heading into the Sun Belt Conference Tournament. A win would send the Eagles into the number three seed and any other result would lock the Eagles into the sixth seed.

The Trojans came out of the gates fast scoring in the first five minutes of the match to take an early 1-0 lead. Julia Winter began the scoring and the match stayed at 1-0 through the first 40 minutes of the game. Troy added a second just before half to put the pressure on the Eagles.

The second half began quickly for the Blue and White pressuring the Trojans and creating chances. In the 56th minute Corbin Mecca added an insurance goal and less than a minute later Ally Bayer would score her first goal of the season. She later would add her second goal of the season putting the Trojans on top 5-0.

The Eagles will now travel to Foley, Alabama and prepare for the Sun Belt Conference Tournament. The Blue and White will face off against Troy in the first round and will be looking for revenge Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m. EST. All conference tournament matches will be broadcasted on ESPN3 beginning at 11:00 a.m. EST Wednesday morning.

MATCH FACTS
Troy (8-8-2) (6-4-0) – 5
Georgia Southern (7-8-2) (4-5-1) – 0

SCORING
41’ – TROY – Amber Harless (1) (Kate Lorenz)
57’ – TROY – Mecca Cobb (2) (Kate Lorenz)
58’ – TROY – Ally Bayer (1) (Kate Lorenz)
61’ – TROY – Ally Bayer (2) (Kiersten Edlund)

NOTES
- Sarah Price led all Eagles with 4 shots on the afternoon.
- Lauren Karinshak added 6 saves on the day to bring her season total to 66 and continuing her streak of recording at least one save in a game alive at 16.
- The Trojans outshot the Eagles 15-9 in the game.
- The Eagles clinched the sixth seed in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament and will take on this same Troy team Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m. EST.
- Ally Bayer scored her first two goals of the season in the 58th minute and 61st minute.
- Elvira Gustafsson was awarded just the second yellow card all season for the Eagles in the 89th minute.
WHAT HEAD COACH BRIAN DUNLEAVY SAID

"Poor performance across the board, we had a bad game, it was not indicative of who we are as a team. A lot of credit to Troy, they were superior and we played our part in making them look even better. I'm disappointed obviously but we have to move on. We get a chance to redeem ourselves on Wednesday."

NEXT UP

The Eagles will head to the Sun Belt Conference Tournament in Foley, Alabama. The Blue and White will face off against Troy in the first round Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. EST.

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