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Georgia Southern falls to Chanticleers ending a historic 25th anniversary season
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STATESBORO, Ga. – On Friday evening the Georgia Southern women's soccer team saw its season come to a close, as Coastal Carolina scored three times in the first half to take a 4-1 victory in the semifinals of the Sun Belt Conference Tournament at the Foley Sports Tourism Complex. The semifinals match was the third match in six days for the Eagles playing Troy twice in four days and Coastal this evening.

Kayla Christian opened up the scoring in the 10th minute when she dribbled past a defender on the left wing and scored bottom right to take the lead. The Eagles played

the next 20 minutes on full attack, pressuring the Chanticleers and creating a lot of chances. Coastal Carolina would increase the lead in the 34th minute when Daniella Famili beat the defender one on one and scored to give the Chanticleers a 2-0 lead. Moments later Kayla Christian took a pass from Daniella Famili and scored to give the Chants a 3-0 lead heading into the half.
Coming out of the half the Eagles started to get more chances and control the pace of play. In the 69th minute Elisabeth Rockhill played a Kendall Parks pass, dribbled to the center of the box, and scored to put the Chanticleers up 4-0.

With the Eagles season slowly winding down, Nicole Aussin played a ball to Aila Sendra who took a shot from distance and scored in the 90th minute to avoid being shutout in the conference tournament.

**MATCH FACTS**
No. 7 Coastal Carolina (11-7-1) – 4
No. 6 Georgia Southern (8-9-2) – 1

**SCORING**
10’ – CCU – Kayla Christian (5) (Unassisted)
34’ – CCU – Daniella Famili (10) Unassisted)
34’ – CCU – Kayla Christian (6) (Daniella Famili)
69’ – CCU – Elisabeth Rockhill (3) (Kendall Parks)
90’ – GS – *Aila Sendra* (2) (*Nicole Aussin*)

**NOTES**
- The Chanticleers outshot the Eagles 17-11 during the game.
- *Aila Sendra* scored the lone goal for the Eagles this evening, off a *Nicole Aussin* assist.
- The Eagles posted a season high 12 fouls.
- The Eagles doubled their yellow card total from the regular season, recording two on the evening.
- *Lauren Karinshak* posted 2 saves increasing her season total to 74.
- *Lauren Karinshak* extended her consecutive games with a save streak to 18 games.
- Kayla Christian scored two goals for the Chants on their way to a 4-1 victory over the Eagles.

**WHAT HEAD COACH BRIAN DUNLEAVY SAID**
"A tough end to the season, we didn't have enough to get past Coastal. They were sharp, quick, and looked much faster than us tonight. It was a matter of time before injuries, and fatigue would catch up with us. Being the third game in six days, we had players who battled so hard all year long and we didn't have anything left in the tank. I'm so proud of them, they exceeded everyone's expectations. I have a ton of respect for our kids, they put everything they had into this season. They did what was asked of them every day. Our program is set up well for the future, we finished this season in the top four, we will come back even stronger in 2018, we have a lot of talent returning. The culture of our program is outstanding, this is due in large part to our senior class. They left a legacy for our underclassmen to achieve even more success in the future."

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