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Georgia Southern picks up second win in a row

Football

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LAFAYETTE, La. - [Wesley Fields](#) rushed for a career-high 186 yards and the Georgia Southern defense came up with three big interceptions, including one with just over three minutes left in the game, to secure a 34-24 Sun Belt victory over the University of Louisiana Saturday at Cajun Field.

THE STORY

The Eagles couldn't have asked for a better start, forcing a three-and-out on the opening series and then marching 75 yards on 11 plays, capped by an 8-yard touchdown from junior [Wesley Fields](#). After another three-and-out forced by the GS defense, the Eagles took over and went right back down the field to make it 14-0 on [Shai Werts](#)' 53-yard touchdown pass to [Ellis Richardson](#).

[Tyler Bass](#) booted a 42-yard field on the first play of the second quarter, his 10th-consecutive make, to make it 17-0, but Louisiana responded with a 75-yard touchdown run from Darius Hoggins to cut it back to a 10-point deficit. It marked the first points GS had given up since the fourth quarter of the Appalachian State game, a span of 85:00.

After [Wesley Kennedy III](#) set up the Eagles with good field position off the second-half kickoff, the Eagles ran it down the Cajuns' throats, going 67 yards on the ground to make it 24-7 when Werts scampered around the right side and made a few UL defenders miss, scoring from 6-yards out. UL responded with a long drive that was capped by a 50-yard field goal from Stevie Artigue midway through the stanza. Bass bounced back with a short field goal in the third quarter to stretch the lead back to 17 points.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Ryheem Malone hit Jordan Davis for a 17-yard scoring pass to make it a 27-17 game. The Eagles didn't blink as they moved right back down for a backbreaking score. Kennedy III darted down the right sideline for 77 yards before being pushed out at the 1-yard line. GS couldn't punch it in and went for it on fourth down as [L.A. Ramsby](#) took flight to make it a 34-17 game with 11:56 left. A quick score from the Cajuns cut it back to a two-possession game as Jarrod Jackson hit Davis from 26-yards out.

From that point on, the GS defense clamped down, holding on fourth down and then [Joshua Moon](#) sealed the win with an interception late in the game.

The Eagles rushed for 389 yards and recorded 464 yards of total offense while holding the ball for 40:02. The defense did its part, holding UL's high-powered offense to 379 yards of total offense and got interceptions from [Monquavion Brinson](#), [Kindle Vildor](#) and Moon.

UP NEXT

The Eagles (2-9, 2-5 SBC) will wrap up their 2017 season next Saturday, Dec. 2 at Coastal Carolina (2-9, 1-7 SBC). The game will kick at 1 p.m. from Brooks Stadium in Conway, South Carolina, and will be broadcast by ESPN3.

