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UCF Hands GS Women's Basketball A 62-38 Road Loss On Sunday

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ORLANDO, Fla. - The UCF women's basketball team held Georgia Southern women's basketball to just 25 percent shooting from the floor in picking up a 62-38 non-conference victory over the visiting Eagles at CFE Arena on Sunday afternoon in Orlando.

The Knights (5-4) have won three of their last four contests, while Georgia Southern (3-5) has dropped two straight. The Eagles return to Statesboro to begin a three-game Holiday homestand on Friday, hosting in-state rival Kennesaw State at 11 a.m. at Hanner Fieldhouse.

Georgia Southern made just 14-of-56 shots form the floor and hit only 4-of-22 three-pointers (18.2 percent) as the Eagles were held under 40 points for a second time this season.
"The ball game came down to one thing," Head Coach Kip Drown said. "They made shots. Especially the 15 foot jump shot they kept knocking down on us. We've got to make shots, and that really hurt us today. We got to step up and make shots."

The Eagles missed their first 12 shots from the floor until freshman Tatum Barber canned a three-pointer with 1:18 left in the first quarter to halt an opening 11-0 run by the Knights. UCF took a 13-3 lead at the end of the first quarter, then stretched that lead to 19-3 before the Eagles got a basket from Alexis Foulks at the 6:11 mark that sparked a 17-11 run that lasted until halftime. Georgia Southern was 1-for-19 from the field before Foulks' basket, but the Eagles hit six of their next nine shots from the field in the run and trailed by 10, 30-20, at the break.

In the second half, Hailey Dias-Allen scored two quick baskets to cut the lead to six, 30-24, forcing a Knights time out. After a basket by UCF's Zakiya Saunders, Trellanie English-Lurry canned a three-pointer to make it a 32-27 lead with 7:27 left in the third quarter. UCF responded with a 14-0 run over the next six minutes to build a 46-29 lead heading into the fourth quarter. The Knights closed out the win by outscoring the Eagles by a seven-point margin in the fourth.

"The one thing about this group I really like is that they battle," Coach Drown said. "They come to practice every day and get better. We're closer than we've ever been, I really believe that. I know it doesn't show up on the scoreboard today, but we did some good things today. We outrebounded them on the offensive glass [11-10] and they're a good rebounding team. We're gonna get there. We'll keep plugging away."

Alexis Foulks was the only Eagle player to reach double figures, scoring 10 points on 4-of-8 shooting from the floor and hitting both of her free throws. Rhein Beamon had six points and six rebounds, while Trellanie English-Lurry knocked down a pair of threes for six points. UCF was led by Saunders and Aliyah Gregory, who each notched 16 points.