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Eagles tip off four-game homestand on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. against Jaguars



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Georgia Southern (3-8, 0-2) vs. South Alabama (4-7, 0-2)
Thursday, Jan. 7 – Hanner Fieldhouse (4,325) – 5:00 p.m.

Radio: 91.9 FM the Buzz

Promotions: Youth League Night - Group rate of \$5 is available to Youth Basketball Leagues; Submit your favorite tunes for [Throwback Thursday](#)

Series: GS leads 5-4, L1

Last Meeting: 2/21/15 - L, 80-63 (Statesboro, Ga.)

Probable Starters for Georgia Southern:

#2 Trellanie English-Lurry, G

#11 Angel McGowan, G

#23 Alexis Sams, G

#25 Sierra Butler, F

#35 Patrice Butler, C

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

- The Eagles opened up their second season in the Sun Belt Conference with a two-game road swing through Texas last weekend, going 0-2.
- Last season, the Eagles went 2-18 in Sun Belt play with both wins coming on the road at South Alabama and at Georgia State.
- GSU's first-ever Sun Belt Conference win came on the road at South Alabama. The Eagles defeated the Jaguars 67-53 on January 10, 2015 in the program's fourth conference game of the season.
- All but one of Georgia Southern's 2015-16 Sun Belt Conference games will be doubleheaders with the men's teams following. The lone exception will be the Eagles' home game against Georgia State on Monday, Feb. 22. The Eagle women and Panther women will play that Monday at 7 p.m. with the men playing on Tuesday, Feb. 23 due to that game airing on ESPN2.

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

- After playing the last four games on the road, the Eagles return home to Statesboro for a four-game Sun Belt Conference homestand.
- The Eagles have one more long homestand coming in February when they host the schools from Arkansas as well as Appalachian State and rival Georgia State.
- So far this season the Eagles are 2-2 at home with wins over Jacksonville State and Charleston Southern.

QUICK HITTERS

- When the Eagles played at Texas State on Dec. 30, 2015, it was head coach Kip Drown's 800th career game as a head coach in the college ranks. Drown currently boasts a career record of 466-335 (.582) over 28 seasons.
- Senior Briana Jones is currently six points away from 500 career points, all at Georgia Southern. For her career, she averages 7.2 points per game and has 25 so far this season.
- Junior Patrice Butler enters the week just four points shy of eclipsing the 600 point total for her collegiate career. As a freshman at Furman, she scored 131 points and has 465 at Georgia Southern to date.
- In Saturday's game at UT Arlington, Butler scored her 300th career Sun Belt Conference point. She now has 301 in SBC play.

THE HISTORY WITH SOUTH ALABAMA

- Thursday's game against South Alabama will be the 10th meeting all-time between the two programs dating back to November 30, 1985 when Jeannie Milling and the Eagles defeated the Jaguars 85-76 in overtime. Including that game, the Eagles hold a 5-4 record over the Jags including last year's split.
- Last season, Georgia Southern claimed the first meeting between the two as Sun Belt Conference foes 67-53 in Mobile on January 10, 2016. South Alabama followed that up by claiming a 80-63 victory over the Eagles on February 21 in Statesboro.
- In Statesboro, the Eagles are 3-1 all-time against the Jags with the lone win coming last season. GSU has boasted a pair of two-win streaks while the Jags have claimed just one.

SCOUTING THE JAGUARS

- The Jaguars (4-7, 0-2 SBC) started off Sun Belt Conference play last week at home against the two Arkansas teams, UA-Little Rock and Arkansas State, falling in both contests, ending a two-game winning streak that ended their non-conference slate. In the two games against UALR and ASU the Jags were out-scored 47-34 and 66-53.
- In their last five games they have gone 2-3 and USA is 2-2 on the road so far this season with wins over Alabama State in Montgomery, Ala. and Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Ariz.
- USA's opponents in their four wins are a combined 19-29 with only William Carey boasting a winning record at 5-4. Grand Canyon is 8-8.
- As a team, the Jags enter the week shooting 35.9% from the field but that goes down to just 26.8% from three-point range. They are also shooting just 55.7% from the free throw line.
- Opponents are out-scoring South Alabama 55.8-50.4 and hold a +2.8 (40.3-37.5) rebounding margin through 11 games.
- Marquita Daniels leads the way in scoring for the Jaguars with 10.8 points per contest but has only played in eight of the 11 games so far this season, including the last two. In her eight games with the Jags, including four starts, Daniels has connected on 32.6% (30-92) of her attempts from the field and has converted nine three-pointers. She is tied for tops on the team with 18 steals.
- Behind Daniels, Genesis Perrymond averages 7.5 points per outing while Colby Davis is close behind with 6.9. Perrymond has started all 11 games for USA while Davis has appeared in all 11 and started eight games. Perrymond is the only Jaguar to start all 11 games but she is one of six players to see action in every game to this point of the season.
- Under the basket, Chyna Ellis leads the way corralling in 7.7 rebounds per game to go along with 6.1 points while Taylor Jenkins contributes 5.6 boards and 6.0 points per outing.