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# Sun Belt Conference Announces 2016 Football Conference Opponents

*Five bowl teams on next season's docket*

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**STATESBORO, Ga.** - The Sun Belt Conference released Friday the football stagger for the 2016 football season, announcing the eight conference opponents for each school. Georgia Southern plays UL-Monroe, Troy, Appalachian State and UL-Lafayette at Paulson Stadium in the 2016 season and will hit the road to face off against Arkansas State, Georgia State, South Alabama and New Mexico State. The dates for these games have yet to be released. The Eagles will also play in four non-conference games during the 2016 season, at home against Savannah State on Sept. 3, and at Western Michigan (9/24), Ole Miss (11/5) and Georgia Tech (11/19). The Eagles will not face Sun Belt Conference teams Texas State and Idaho in 2016. In all, the Eagles will face five teams that played in bowl games last season: Ole Miss (Sugar Bowl champs), Western Michigan (Bahamas Bowl champs), Appalachian State (Camellia Bowl champs), Georgia State (Cure Bowl) and Arkansas State (SBC champ; New Orleans Bowl). The full 2016 season schedule with exact dates and times will be released in March. Georgia Southern, under new head coach [Tyson Summers](#), is coming off its second consecutive nine-win season and a GoDaddy Bowl Championship in 2015. Fans wishing to purchase or renew season tickets will receive information on that process in the coming weeks.