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*Georgia Southern and UL Monroe will tip off at 2:30 p.m.*

**Georgia Southern (4-10, 1-4) vs. UL Monroe (6-8, 0-5)**

*Saturday, Jan. 16 – Hanner Fieldhouse (4,325) – 2:30 p.m.*

**Radio:** 91.9 FM the Buzz

**Promotions:** Dads and Daughters Day – A special day for dads and daughters to spend time together over the game of basketball; Frank Kearns Night – Georgia Southern will honor the late head coach and his family before tipoff of the men's game; GoDaddy Bowl Champions Recognition – GSU's first bowl championship football team will be recognized at halftime of the men's game.
Series: GSU trails 2-0, L2
In Statesboro: ULM leads, 1-0
Last Meeting: 2/7/15 - L, 58-50 (Statesboro, Ga.)
Probable Starters for Georgia Southern (Based on previous games):
#2 Trellanie English-Lurry, G
#11 Angel McGowan, G
#23 Alexis Sams, G
#25 Sierra Butler, F
#35 Patrice Butler, C

HOME BASKETBALL PROMOTIONS
Women's Basketball vs. UL Monroe @ 2:30 PM
   - Dads and Daughters Day – A special day for Dads and Daughters to celebrate together
Men's Basketball vs. UL Monroe @ 5 PM
   - Frank Kearns Night - Georgia Southern will honor the late head coach and his family before tip-off
   - Alumni Night – All men’s basketball alumni are invited back for a fun weekend!
   - GoDaddy Bowl Champions Recognition - Georgia Southern’s first bowl championship football team will recognized at halftime
   - Two students will win $1,000 courtesy of the Georgia Lottery

NO PLACE LIKE HOME
• The Eagles are wrapping up a four-game Sun Belt Conference homestand before hitting the road for their final long road trek.
• 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 3-4 at home with wins over Jacksonville State, Charleston Southern and South Alabama.

QUICK HITTERS
• Georgia Southern entered this week in a three-way tie for eighth in the Sun Belt Conference standings, but is now currently in a tie with South Alabama for ninth. The Eagles are 1-4 in league action and the top eight in the standings will advance to the Sun Belt Conference Championships held in New Orleans March 9 through March 12.
• Statistically speaking, GSU entered the week third in the Sun Belt in free throw percentage (.709) and three-point field goals made (6.5/game), fourth in defensive rebounds (25.2/game) and fifth in field goal percentage defense (.388), three-point field goal percentage defense (.304) and sixth in rebounding defense (38.6).
• Juniors Angel McGowan and Patrice Butler are both currently in the top-15 in the conference in scoring. McGowan enters the week averaging 15.3 points per outing, good enough for sixth in the league while Butler is tied for 12th with 12.4 points per outing.
• McGowan is fifth in steals (2.3/game) and three-point field goals made (1.9/game) and she also is 12th in both field goal percentage (.461) and three-point field goal percentage (.348) while Alexis Sams leads the conference with an average of 35.8 minutes per contest and is tied for 11th in assists with 2.5 per game. P. Butler is seventh in free throw percentage (.771)
• Senior Briana Jones is currently six points away from 500 career points. For her career, she averages 7.2 points per game and has 25 points so far this season.
• In last Thursday's win over South Alabama, McGowan recorded seven steals which was not just a career-high for the Greenville, S.C. native, it also matched the fifth-most steals in a single game by an Eagle player. Her 119 career steals has her just 15 shy of 20th all-time in program history.

NATIONAL EXPOSURE
• By the end of the season, the Eagles will have played 10 games on the ESPN family of Networks.
• Eight Sun Belt Conference contests, including the next three, will be broadcasted live on ESPN3 beginning with the Eagles' home contests against UL Lafayette and UL Monroe.
• The Nov. 24, 2015 game at Georgia was broadcasted on the SEC Network + and when GS played Stetson on Dec. 20 as part of the Hatter Classic, the game aired on ESPN3.

THE HISTORY WITH UL MONROE
• Last season's pair of games was the first time UL Monroe and Georgia Southern had ever tangled on the hardwood in women's basketball with the Warhawks claiming both games.
• In Statesboro, GSU gave ULM everything they could handle with the 'Hawks escaping Hanner Fieldhouse with a 58-50 victory.

SCOUTING THE WARHAWKS
• The Warhawks (6-8, 0-5 SBC) entered the week on a three-game losing skid and have now lost five of their last six games. The 'Hawks are 1-6 on the road this season with the lone win coming over Southeastern Louisiana (88-84).
• In the last four conference games, ULM has fallen 57-54 at home to Appalachian State, 66-43 at Arkansas State, 56-44 at UA-Little Rock and 65-52 at Georgia State.
• In the second game of the season, the Warhawks went on the road and took LSU to overtime, ultimately falling 61-54. They also lost 80-42 at TCU and have played just three games outside of the state of Louisiana.
• As a team, ULM entered the wee averaging 61.0 points per outing and shoots 40.2% from the field while opponents are scoring 59.5 points per outing and shooting 37.5%. The 'Hawks out-rebound their opposition 38.5-33.9 and shoot close to 70% (69.8%) from the free throw line.
• The Sun Belt's second-leading scorer, Alayshia Hunter leads ULM in scoring with 17.5 points per game off 57.6% shooting. She is second on the team with 6.8 rebounds per game and is tops on the team with 24 blocks on the season.
• Chelsea Tieuel and Daja Chase are the next-highest scorers for ULM with 9.5 and 8.5 points per outing respectively. Tieuel leads the team with 21 three-pointers while Chase leads the team and is second in the conference with 8.8 boards per contest.