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The Eagles cap the regular season at ULM and UL Lafayette next week.

STATESBORO, Ga. – *Tookie Brown* scored 18 points and matched his career high with seven assists, and Georgia Southern shot 60 percent in the game's first 32 minutes to run away from Appalachian State, 88-63, in Sun Belt Conference men's basketball action Thursday night in Hanner Fieldhouse.

Ike Smith collected 14 points and five rebounds for Georgia Southern (14-14, 10-8), and *Mike Hughes* recorded 12 points, five rebounds and three assists. *Jake Allsmiller* scored nine, and *Montae Glenn* chipped in eight points and four rebounds.

Frank Eaves scored 13 points to lead Appalachian State (7-21, 5-12), and Emarius Logan contributed 12 points. Griffin Kinney finished with nine points and seven

rebounds.

The story
Georgia Southern got out to a 24-6 lead 7:50 into the game. Smith came off the bench, drained two 3-pointers and capped the run with a thunderous dunk after driving down the heart of the lane. Senior *Devince Boykins*, who was playing in his final home game, helped get the run started with a pair of 3-pointers from the wing.

The Eagles went on to hit 12 of their last 16 shots in the half and led the Mountaineers 52-23 at intermission after Smith drained a triple from the corner as the buzzer to end the first frame sounded. The Eagles made 59 percent of their shots and canned 10 of 13 3-pointers in the first half.

Georgia Southern held App's top two scorers, Eaves and Ronshad Shabazz, to a combined 4 for 22 from the field, and the Mountaineers wound up shooting 29 percent as a team. The Eagles made a season-high 16 shots from 3-point range.

Quotables
Coach Mark Byington
"I didn't see this coming. I was really concerned about our energy level and our focus. We came out with so much energy and great focus. The start we got with Tookie making that 3 and Devince making those 3s – I think that gave us energy and it fed to our defense. That first half, I think, is about as good as we could play at this point in our careers."

"We played unselfish with guys finding their teammates and really moving the ball around. That's what I want our culture to be like. I want us to play hard and unselfish and all the way through to the final horn. We're taking steps in the right direction."

Devince Boykins
"I just wanted to start the game off with a lot of energy. And the biggest thing – I talked to coach before the game and he said to try to leave with good memories. Tonight, I was able to come out and shoot with confidence and was able to get those two 3s to go down."

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The Eagles cap the regular season with a pair of contests in Louisiana next week. Georgia Southern takes on ULM Thursday and UL Lafayette Saturday.

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