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Game two ends in a walk-off as Wren crosses to end the game

STATESBORO, GA. – A game-winning fielders' choice handed Georgia Southern (3-4) a 3-2 win over Radford (1-5) to cap a two-night doubleheader at J.I. Clements Stadium. The Eagles fell 2-1 in game one and took the seven-inning victory in game two by a 3-2 margin. Georgia Southern goes for the series win on Sunday at 1 p.m.

QUOTEABLES

HEAD COACH RODNEY HENNON

"It was a tough one in the first game. We were unable to get a whole lot going offensively and we were unable to get the big hit in the scoring opportunities we did have. They took advantage of a pair of walks to score their first run when we extended the inning and Luke Wise did a good job for them to get both RBIs. Their pitcher (Zack Ridgely) did a great job."

"It was a similar game in the second one with both teams scratching and clawing to get a run. We talked about doing the little things and [Kent Rollins](#) did a great job of that. He was at first base and went hard into second base to beat the force play. He beat it out and [Jordan Wren](#) came around to score and win the game."

GAME ONE (GS 1 - Radford 2)

Radford got a run in the second and fifth inning to claim their first win of the season on Saturday afternoon in game one of the doubleheader. The Highlanders converted a one-out single into the game's first run in the second when Luke Wise dropped a two-out bunt down the third base line. A solo home run by Wise in the fifth extended the lead to 2-0.

Starting pitcher [Chase Cohen](#) went four and a third, but was liable for both runs and took the loss on the mound. [Connor Simmons](#) tossed two innings of no-hit ball out of the bullpen and made way for [Hunter Phillips](#) to record 2.2 innings of perfect work on the bump.

In the ninth, Georgia Southern was able to avoid the shutout with a run. [Ryan Cleveland](#) laced a double to center and came around to score with back-to-back infield ground outs. That, however, was all the Eagles could muster in the 2-1 defeat.

GAME TWO (GS 3 - Radford 2)

Georgia Southern's starting pitcher [Lawson Humphries](#) gave up a pair of solo home runs in the first and second innings, but settled down to fan four in his collegiate debut. He gave up just three total hits in 4.0 innings of work, but did not factor into the decision.

The Eagles got a pair of runs in the first inning thanks to poor fielding by the Highlanders. Singles by [C.J. Brazil](#) and [Logan Baldwin](#) put runners aboard for Wren with two outs. He hit a ball to third which went through the wickets and allowed both runs to score. Radford tried to make a play on Baldwin at the plate which opened the door for Wren to reach second. The junior, however, was cut down at second to end the inning.

The Georgia Southern offense struggled in the middle five innings, managing just one hit. In the seventh inning the Eagles took advantage of the shortened game length to score the winning run. Wren singled to right and Rollins took a ball off his wrist to get two runners on.

After a strikeout to [Drew Kelley](#), [Eric Furphy](#) laced a ball to third. Radford went to second on the play, but couldn't get Rollins on the bang-bang play. Wren rounded third and steamed for home, sliding in just ahead of the tag to win the game in dramatic fashion.

[Chris Brown](#) took the win, going 1.1 innings of no-hit relief to tally his second win of the year. [Adam Kelly](#) was efficient, throwing 1.2 innings of perfect relief and a pair of strikeouts.

NEXT GAME

Georgia Southern looks to win the four-game series on Sunday in the 1 p.m. finale. Tickets can be purchased at the gate while the games will air on the Georgia Southern Sports Network with video streaming at GS All-Access.

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