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Game Recap: Baseball | 3/5/2016 10:27:00 PM | Kristina Horsley

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Chase Cohen earned his first win of the season, pitching six innings of no-hit ball

STATESBORO, **Ga.** – The Eagles held the Tigers scoreless 5-0 in the second contest against Memphis Saturday night at J.I. Clements Stadium to lock in the series win. Cohen improved to 1-1 on the year after carrying a no-hitter through six innings, it was the longest an Eagle pitcher has taken a no-no this season. Georgia Southern concludes the series against Memphis Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m.

QUOTABLES HEAD COACH RODNEY HENNON

"<u>Chase Cohen</u> was on top of his game tonight. We had one lead-off man on all night and when you can do that it's a lot less pressure on your defense. The bottom of the order stepped up. We had some production down there tonight and we played pretty

clean defensively and was able to put together a solid game. <u>Cal Baker</u> put a pretty good swing on the ball to drive in that first run early and guys five through nine did a good job of executing and giving us some good at-bats."

STARTING PITCHER CHASE COHEN

"I was just trying to let them hit the ball and put it in play for my team to make plays. I know they're backing me up, making plays, and I'm confident with them back there. In high school my biggest component was throwing strikes and being able to bring that into college really helped me get outs the same way I did in high school."

PLAYER OF THE GAME

Chase Cohen // RHP //Fr. // Alpharetta, Ga.

<u>Chase Cohen</u> won his first game of the year, taking an outstanding no-hitter into the seventh inning, putting him 1-1 on the year. The freshman finished the game giving up only one hit in his 6.1 innings on the mound. He fanned seven and walked just one.

CRUCIAL MOMENTS

BOT 2ND – Georgia Southern scored a pair in the second inning to post an early 2-0 lead. <u>Eric Furphy</u> grounded out to advance <u>Logan Baldwin</u> to third and score <u>Will</u> <u>Hudgins</u>. Cal Baker followed with an RBI single to plate Baldwin.

BOT 6TH – <u>Cal Baker</u> brought in another Eagle run in the bottom of the sixth with an RBI single to left. A single to second by <u>Evan McDonald</u> later in the inning plated Baldwin. A wild pitch sent Baker across, scoring the third run of the innings and the final score of the game.

NOTES

- <u>Chase Cohen</u>'s six innings of no-hit ball is the longest an Eagle pitcher has taken a nono this year. That surpasses <u>Evan Challenger</u>'s 5.0 innings last night.
- The last time Georgia Southern shut out an opponent was last season (2/28/15) against Georgia.
- The last time the Tigers were shut out on the road was in 2013.
- Georgia Southern has won its last five games to improve to 7-4 on the year, a new high-water mark for the year.

NEXT GAME

Georgia Southern goes for the series sweep over Memphis on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. Fans can watch the game on GS All-Access at GSEagles.com or listen live on Georgia Southern Sports Network.

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