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Eagles snap a five-game winning streak in game three against the Tigers

STATESBORO, Ga. – With the series victory already in hand, Georgia Southern dropped the finale against Memphis, 6-4, on Sunday afternoon at J.I. Clements Stadium. Next on the slate, the Eagles face Kennesaw Tuesday evening at home, with first pitch set for 6 p.m.

QUOTABLES
HEAD COACH RODNEY HENNON
"Little things were the difference today. Memphis put the ball in play and did a good job of executing offensively. We had opportunities with runners in scoring positions, and we've been doing a pretty good job there, but we weren't as sharp today. We have to learn to finish a weekend off. When you get into position after winning the first two and having an opportunity to sweep, you have to be able to finish the deal. Hopefully we can learn a lesson from this moving forward."
CRUCIAL MOMENTS

BOT 1ST – Lead-off batter Kent Rollins scored the first run of the game on a passed ball to put the Eagles on the scoreboard early in the game.

TOP 2ND – An RBI single plated Brand Grudzielanek from third to even the score at 1-1.

TOP 3RD – Jake Little scored for the Tigers in the third to give the visitors a 2-1 lead, their first of the series.

TOP 5TH – A fielder’s choice and a throwing error on a potential double play put Little on second to open the door for the Tiger’s to score another run in the top of the fifth. A passed ball advanced Little to third before an RBI single up the middle sent him home for the unearned run.

TOP 8TH – The Tigers’ scored a pair early in the inning to put Memphis ahead by four. An RBI single scored Chris Carrier. Cody Duncan held up at third, but the ball was bobbled in left, allowing Cody Duncan to score on the Eagle error.

BOT 8TH – With two outs and bases loaded, a double down the line by Rollins brought in three Eagle runs to cut the Tigers’ lead to 5-4.

TOP 9TH – A sacrifice fly to centerfield plated Jake Overbey from third, adding another run for the Tigers and producing the final 6-4 scoreline.

NOTES
- The Eagles turned a pair of double plays on Sunday, eclipsing their season high.
- Kent Rollins returned to the line-up after missing three straight games and delivered a two-for-four day with a double and three RBIs from the lead-off position.
- Brian Eichhorn’s two and a third innings of work was the shortest outing by a Georgia Southern starting pitcher this season.
- Georgia Southern entered Sunday’s game allowing just five combined hits in the opening two games of the series. On Sunday, the Eagles surrendered 11 hits, which is the most they’ve allowed this year.

NEXT GAME
Georgia Southern faces Kennesaw State at home Tuesday, March 8 at 6 p.m. Fans can watch the game on GS All-Access on GSEagles.com or listen live on Georgia Southern Sports Network.

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