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Three-game series starts on Thursday evening

STATESBORO, GA. – Georgia Southern Baseball is back on the road this weekend with a three-game set at Arkansas State. The series starts on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. (ET) with radio coverage on the Georgia Southern Sports Network.

TEAM RECORDS
Georgia Southern – 13-7 (4-2 Sun Belt)
Arkansas State – 10-10 (2-4 Sun Belt)
UPCOMING SCHEDULE
THURSDAY (3.24.16)
7 p.m. (ET) – Tomlison Stadium (Jonesboro, Ark.)
RADIO – Ga. Southern Sports Network
VIDEO – TBA
LIVE STATS
GS - LHP – Evan Challenger
ASU - RHP – Tyler Zuber

FRIDAY (3.25.16)
7 p.m. (ET) – Tomlison Stadium (Jonesboro, Ark.)
RADIO – Ga. Southern Sports Network
VIDEO – TBA
LIVE STATS
GS - RHP – Chase Cohen
ASU - RHP – Adam Grantham

SATURDAY (3.26.16)
Noon (ET) – Tomlison Stadium (Jonesboro, Ark.)
RADIO – Ga. Southern Sports Network
VIDEO – TBA
LIVE STATS
GS - RHP – Brian Eichhorn
ASU - RHP – Bryan Ayers

QUICK HITS
• The Eagles enter round three of Sun Belt play ranked third at 4-2 behind a pair of teams with perfect 6-0 league marks (South Alabama - Texas State). Arkansas State is tied for seventh with UT Arlington at 2-4 following trips to UT Arlington and Georgia State.
• The Eagles visit Arkansas State for the first time in a series that began last season. The Eagles won two of three in the regular season games in Statesboro, but saw their season end to the Red Wolves in the Sun Belt Tournament, 6-1.
• The Eagles have won their last four road games including a sweep over Appalachian State. The Eagles also defeated Mercer on March 15th, 11-10 to extend the road winning streak.
• Georgia Southern is on the heels of a series defeat to Troy in Statesboro. The Trojans won the opener 2-1, but the Eagles battled back to ace Troy 7-0 behind shutdown pitching from Chase Cohen and co. In the series finale, five errors doomed the Eagles in an 8-4 loss to Troy.
• The Eagles are scheduled to fly back to Statesboro on Saturday night following the series finale. A midweek game on Wednesday, March 30th closes a four-game road swing before Texas State comes to Statesboro for their first J.I. Clements Stadium experience.
EAGLES PARTNERING WITH VS. CANCER FOUNDATION
• Georgia Southern Baseball will join with the Vs. Cancer Foundation to raise money to end childhood cancer on Sunday, April 3rd following the Texas State series finale.
• The Eagles will shave their heads as a team following the game while fans are encouraged to donate to the cause at http://team.vs-cancer.org/georgiasouthern

EVAN MCDONALD’S ON A TEAR, EI-EI-O
• Junior shortstop Evan McDonald has catapulted himself into the conversation as one of the Eagles top hitters with an 11-game hit streak that has taken him from a sub-.100 hitter to .304 entering the Arkansas State series.
• McDonald is 16-for-39 on his current streak (.410) including his first home run as a member of the Eagles.
• At Appalachian State he entered the weekend with five hits in the season's first 13 games. He went 5-for-11 in that series to jump-start the streak.

COMING UP NEXT
Following the three-game league series, Georgia Southern visits Georgia Tech for the second game between the squads this year. The Yellow Jackets took the 16-inning marathon 6-5 on February 24th. The return trip is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30th at 6 p.m. inside Russ Chandler Stadium in Midtown.

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