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HIGHLIGHTS:
• Emily Snider had a 3-RBI triple in the 5th
• Morgan Robinson hit her sixth home run of the season
• Dixie Raley recorded eight strikeouts to earn the win

STATESBORO, Ga. – Behind another solid pitching performance by freshman Dixie Raley and timely hitting at the plate that included three extra base knocks, the Georgia Southern softball team claimed the Sun Belt Conference series over the visiting Mavericks of UT Arlington Saturday afternoon with a 7-2 victory at Eagle Field.

Georgia Southern (17-15, 4-2) was solid all day long at the plate, racking up 13 total hits
in the win which included five different Eagles recording multiple hits in the game. Lydia Witkowski, Taylor Rogers, Morgan Robinson, Hannah Farrell and India Davis all had two hits with Davis scoring twice.

The Eagles were able to get on the board first in the bottom of the second inning when Davis ripped a double to deep left-center field, scoring Alesha Mann from second. A batter later, Witkowski gave the Eagles the 2-0 lead when she brought in Davis with a single to right field.

The game progressed scoreless for the next three full innings before the Mavericks (23-6, 2-4) were able to tie things up in the top of the sixth inning with a pair of runs. But the Eagles came back out in the bottom of the sixth fired up and easily retook the lead and momentum with five runs. Right fielder Emily Snider had a three-RBI triple to the fence in right-center field with just one out registered on the board to start the scoring drive before Robinson sent a rocket of a home run to center field to put the Eagles up 7-2. The home run was Robinson's sixth of the season.

Raley (12-7) pitched the complete game for the Eagles and dealt eight strikeouts compared to just two runs and five hits. Samantha Clarkley (12-4) pitched 5.1 innings and gave up seven earned runs in the loss for UT Arlington.

**COACH SMITH SAYS**
"This was a great series win for our team. The second game yesterday was a little tough, but I'm proud of our team for continuing to fight to the end last night and for coming back today and giving it their all again. UT Arlington has been playing very well all season and that's why they are 23-6, so these two wins over them this weekend are big for our team and were statement wins."

**UP NEXT**
The Eagles will next play a midweek doubleheader at home against Jacksonville University on Wednesday, Mar. 30. The first game is slated to begin at 5 p.m. with the second to follow about 30 minutes after the completion of game-one.

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