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Game Recap: Baseball | 4/2/2016 11:26:00 PM | Kristina Horsley

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Texas State sweeps the Saturday twin

STATESBORO, Ga. – Georgia Southern was swept in a Sun Belt twin bill by Texas State on Saturday evening. The Eagles dropped game one, 4-3 and fell 7-3 in game two. The Eagles now stand 15-11 on the year and 6-5 in Sun Belt play. The Bobcats improve to 17-10, 8-3 after the doubleheader. The series concludes Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. in J.I. Clements Stadium.

The Eagles will be raising funds for the Vs. Cancer Foundation on Sunday with their annual Vs. Cancer Day. Fans can join the fight against childhood cancer by donating to the cause at <http://team.vs-cancer.org/georgiasouthern>. The team will shave their heads on the field to show their support for those battling cancer.

QUOTABLES

HEAD COACH RODNEY HENNON

"It was a frustrating day. We had opportunities in both games but we made too many

mistakes. The mistakes we made were in critical situations and when you do that it's hard to win. We have another opportunity tomorrow and we have to come out and play at a high level all day long tomorrow and try to salvage a game."

GAME 1 (GS 3, TXST 4)

Starting pitcher [Evan Challenger](#) had an outstanding bare-handed catch, but allowed two runs on four hits in his seven-innings of work. [Landon Hughes](#) gave up his first run in relief this year, working an inning. [Chris Brown](#) took the loss on the mound, falling to 2-2 on the year after he gave up a run in the ninth.

[Ryan Cleveland](#) got the first hit of the day for the Eagles, lobbing a solo home run into left center. [Kent Rollins](#) scored later in the second frame to put Georgia Southern up 2-0 after two innings.

The Bobcats retaliated in the sixth, leveling the game with two runs scored early in the frame. An RBI single plated the first run, while the second crossed on a fielder's choice. Texas State tallied another run in the eighth on a homer to right center to put the Bobcats at a 3-2 advantage over the Eagles.

Georgia Southern got back on level terms in the home half of the eighth, loading the bases. Cleveland got his second RBI of the game with a sacrifice fly to plate [Jordan Wren](#) and make it 3-3. The Eagles, however, had a chance for more, but left two runners aboard in the eighth.

Texas State, however, grabbed the win with by taking advantage of Eagle miscues. A leadoff hit batter placed the winning run on base, but the Bobcats moved him around to third on an infield single. A wild pitch wide of CJ Brazil allowed the defining run to score as Texas State took the 4-3 win.

GAME 2 (GS 3, TXST 7)

Georgia Southern allowed seven runs on nine hits to drop game two, 7-3. Starting pitcher [Chase Cohen](#), now 2-2 on the season, pitched 5.1 innings and allowed two of the seven Texas State runs.

Three Eagle errors in the fifth inning handed the visitors a lead that would not be relinquished. Two runs crossed that inning, but another in the seventh gave Texas State a 3-0 lead with the Eagles tallying just three hits to that point.

Georgia Southern got two runs off three hits in the seventh to get back in the game, trailing 3-2. A [Drew Kelley](#) RBI ground out and an [Evan McDonald](#) single plated the runs for the good guys.

Texas State added an insurance run in the eighth with a solo home run down the left field line. The Eagles answered immediately by loading the bases off two hit batters and a walk. [CJ Ballard](#) beat out a potential double play as [Tarez Millers](#) scampered home to cut it to 4-3, but a strikeout would leave the bases loaded.

A three-run home run by Tanner Hill extended the lead to 7-3 and put the game on ice as Georgia Southern dropped three-straight games for the first time this season.

NOTES

- [Ryan Cleveland](#)'s 15-game hit streak came to an end in game two as he went hitless for the first time since March 4th. He was 19-for-57, hitting .333 with four home runs and nine RBIs. He did reach base, working a walk in the fourth inning.

NEXT GAME

The Eagles conclude the series against the Texas State Bobcats Sunday afternoon at J.I. Clements Stadium with a 1 p.m. first pitch. Fans can watch the game on GS All-Access on GSEagles.com or listen live on Georgia Southern Sports Network.

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