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Game Recap: Baseball | 4/6/2016 9:26:00 PM

Eagles Fly Past Savannah State, 16-1

Georgia Southern sets a season-high in scoring for second-straight win

STATESBORO, GA. – Georgia Southern tallied 16 runs off 16 hits on Wednesday night to take a 16-1 win over Savannah State at the friendly confines. The game was the first between the programs in 12 years and gave the Eagles their second win in as many nights to improve to 17-12 on the year. Savannah State falls to 9-21 on the year. Next up for the Eagles is a series against UL Lafayette, starting Friday at 7 pm.

QUOTEABLES

HEAD COACH RODNEY HENNON

"It was a good night. I thought [Lawson Humphries](#) gave us a good outing and it was good to see the guys come out and throw well out of the bullpen. [Chandler Newman](#), Kyle Mosely, [Zach Cowart](#) and [Byron Yelverton](#) all did a nice job behind Humphries and we played a pretty clean baseball game. Good effort as a team and we have to get ourselves prepared to play our best baseball this weekend."

PLAYER OF THE GAME

Evan McDonald // SS // JR // Platte City, Mo.

4-for-5 // 4 Runs // 2 RBIs // 1 Walk

Leadoff hitter Evan McDonald paced the Eagles from the top of the lineup, pounding out four singles with two RBIs while scoring four runs. He came up one run shy of Shawn Payne's school record five runs scored back in 2011 against Western Carolina.

SCORING RECAPS

BOTTOM 1ST – Evan McDonald and Cal Baker opened the game with back-to-back hits and moved around the horn on a wild pitch. A balk and a second wild pitch allowed two to score and give the Eagles an early 2-0 lead.

TOP 4TH – The Tigers got two hits in the fourth to score their first run and cut the Eagle lead to 2-1.

BOTTOM 4TH – Georgia Southern was the beneficiary of a leadoff error in the fourth when Kent Rollins got aboard. Two quick outs followed by four-straight singles allowed four more runs to score as the Eagles stretched the lead to 6-1.

BOTTOM 5TH – With one out in the fifth, Georgia Southern loaded the bases and got the conveyor belt churning. Ultimately the Eagles scored five runs off four hits and a Savannah State error to completely blow the game open.

BOTTOM 6TH – The Eagles cemented their best offensive night of the season with a five-run sixth frame. Four hits and four errors did the damage in the frame as the Eagles tacked on five more unearned runs.

NOTES

- Lawson Humphries picked up his first collegiate win with five strong innings. He worked around five hits and allowed just one run to improve to 1-1 on the year.
- The Eagles improved to 12-0 this season when scoring six or more runs.
- Over the last two nights, Georgia Southern has tallied 35 hits with 19 against College of Charleston and 16 on Wednesday night against Savannah State.
- Georgia Southern's four relief pitchers worked four innings of no-hit relief. Chandler Newman struck out two of his three batters faced while Kyle Mosely needed nine pitches for his three outs. Zach Cowart made his first appearance on the bump, striking out one and using just eight pitches. Byron Yelverton finished off the game, walking one while cementing the win.
- Evan McDonald's four-high game was matched by Logan Baldwin who went 4-for-6 with three RBIs. Matt Anderson, Cal Baker and Kent Rollins each had multi-hit games for the good guys.

NEXT GAME

Georgia Southern opens a three-game series against UL Lafayette this weekend beginning with Friday night's 7 p.m. game. Saturday's game starts at 7 p.m. while Sunday's finale is set for 1 p.m.

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