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W: [Connor Simmons](#) (3-1) L: Austin Lord (3-0)

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*Logan Baldwin carried the torch with a four-hit day*

**STATESBORO, GA.** – Georgia Southern Baseball secured a season sweep over the Mercer Bears with an 8-5 win on Wednesday night to close out a five-game homestand. The Eagle offense was into the game, producing 15 hits as the Eagles took their third-straight midweek victory. The eagles will head for points west this weekend, playing a three-game series at UT Arlington which starts on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. (ET)/6:30 p.m. (CT).

### QUOTEABLES

#### HEAD COACH RODNEY HENNON

"It was a good win. We got some big two out hits in the third to take the lead. I was proud of the way we responded after they tied it up in the seventh. We came back and

answered immediately. We had a lot of guys contribute and be a big part of it. Certainly it was a big win going into the weekend and now we've got to get ready to head out to Texas."

## PLAYER OF THE GAME

### Logan Baldwin

*4-for-5 // 2 RBI // 3 Runs // 1 Double // 2 Stolen Bases*

Logan Baldwin was Mr. Everything for the Eagles on Wednesday night, contributing with four hits, three runs, two RBIs and a pair of stolen bases. He snagged four balls in centerfield as the Eagles took the season series over Mercer. It was his third four-hit game of the season, matching big games against Georgia Tech (2/24) and Savannah State (4/6).

## SCORING RECAPS

**TOP 2ND** – Four walks by starting pitcher Lawson Humphries including three-in-a-row to end his outing, pushed across the game's first run to give Mercer a 1-0 lead.

**BOTTOM 3RD** – Logan Baldwin gave the Eagles their first lead of the game with a two-run double to the gap in left with two outs in the frame. After an intentional walk to Ryan Cleveland, Will Hudgins did more damage with an RBI single to right, extending the lead to 3-1.

**BOTTOM 6TH** – Kent Rollins opened the inning by getting hit and moving around to second on a sacrifice bunt. He advanced to third via the steal and scored when Jordan Wren laced a single off the pitcher's leg to extend the lead to 4-1.

**TOP 7TH** – Mercer tied the game with a three-spot in the seventh. A single, a walk and catcher's interference loaded the bases for Matt Meeder. His double down the line in right scored three runs to even the score at 4-4.

**BOTTOM 7TH** – The Eagles immediately responded by getting a pair of hits to open the seventh. Hunter Thomas drove in the go-ahead run with a single to left, plating Logan Baldwin. Later in the inning, a sacrifice fly by Kent Rollins pushed Ryan Cleveland home to extend the lead to 6-4. Pinch hitter Drew Kelley's only contribution to the game was a RBI bloop single which sent Will Hudgins home for the seventh run of the night.

**BOTTOM 8TH** – An RBI single by Will Hudgins to the third baseman sent Baldwin home from third to make it a four-run game heading to the ninth.

**TOP 9TH** – Mercer got a leadoff single in the ninth, ultimately scoring him with a single and throwing error by the Eagles. Relief pitcher Landon Hughes ultimately walked the bases loaded, but settled down by striking out the final two batters to cement the win for the Eagles.

## NOTES

- Nine pitchers combined to seal the win with Connor Simmons earning the statistical victory. He worked 1.1 innings of no-hit ball with all four outs recorded via strikeout.
- The win was Simmons first victory since taking the opener over App State on March 12th.
- Over the last three non-conference games (CofC, Savannah St. and Mercer) the Eagles have averaged 16.6 hits per game, winning all three games with an average runs haul of 12.3 runs per game.

## **NEXT GAME**

Georgia Southern is back in action this weekend with a trip to face the UT Arlington Mavericks in the heart of the Dallas Metroplex. The series against UTA starts on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. (CT)/7:30 p.m. (ET). Subsequent games on Saturday (2 p.m. (CT)/3 p.m. (ET)) and Sunday (Noon (CT)/1 p.m. (ET)) close out the series.

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