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Raley gave up just one hit in game-1 against Troy to earn her 20th win of the season

Highlights:

- Freshman pitcher [Dixie Raley](#) set the program record for wins by a freshman pitcher with her 20th win this season. The 20 wins is also tied for 2nd-most by a GS pitcher in a single season
- Raley pitched a gem of a game as she held the Trojans to one hit in game-1

- Hannah Farrell had 4 RBI in the first game
- Taylor Rogers' 4 hits in game-1 are tied for 2nd most by a player in a single game
- The 15 team hits in game-1 were a season-high for the team this season
- Emily Snider scored 3 runs on the day, giving her 89 for her career which has her tied for 9th in program history for career runs scored
- Snider had multiple hits in both games, going a combined 5-for-6 with 3 runs scored and 3 RBI

TROY, Ala. – Freshman pitcher Dixie Raley set a new standard Saturday and junior Emily Snider continued to climb up the ranks of the Georgia Southern softball record book as the Eagles split a road doubleheader with Troy University Saturday afternoon in Sun Belt Conference action. GS claimed the first game 8-1 before falling 13-5 in the day's second game.

Game 1: GS 8, Troy 1

Taylor Rogers and Snider started off the day with a pair of singles before Morgan Robinson walked to load the bases with one out in the day's first game.

Freshman Hannah Farrell then hit a two-RBI single to right field, scoring both Rogers and Snider to put the Eagles up 2-0. Snider's run scored was the 87th of her career, tying her with Megen Smith for 10th all-time in program history for career runs scored.

The Trojans (27-19, 8-9 SBC) were able to score a run in the bottom of the first to pull to within one, 2-1 before the next two innings progressed scoreless.

In the top of the fourth inning, Georgia Southern (27-20, 11-6) put up four runs to extend the lead out to 6-1. Haley Carter started things off when she scored off a sacrifice fly by Snider and a few batters later, after the Eagles loaded the bases, Farrell hit a single up the middle to score Witkowski and Rogers. Farrell put a cap on the scoring drive when she made it home after the Trojan left fielder mishandled a single from A.J. Hamilton.

In the sixth, India Davis hit a single to left field, scoring Rogers and the Eagles wrapped up their scoring in the top of the seventh when Rogers hit a single through the left side to score Witkowski who had a triple just moments before.

Five Eagles recorded multiple hits in the first game led by Rogers' 4-for-5 performance. The four hits ties the second-most hits by a player in a single game. Also recording multiple hits were Witkowski, Farrell and Hamilton. Witkowski went 3-for-5 with two runs scored while Rogers scored three herself. Farrell ended the game with four RBI.

The 15 hits by the team is a season-high and were the most since last season when the Eagles had 15 hits in the second game of a doubleheader against Appalachian State on April 3, 2015.

Raley (20-9) entered the day tied for 13th in the nation with 19 wins and then proceeded to pitch a one-hitter against the Trojans. The one hit was the fewest hits allowed by an Eagle pitcher since May 7, 2014 in the first round of the SoCon tournament when Eagle

great Sarah Purvis no-hit Elon in a 4-0 GS win. Raley set the school record for wins by a freshman pitcher with 20 and the 20 wins has her currently tied with Purvis for second all-time for wins in a single season.

Ashley Rainey (14-13) was the pitcher of record for Troy, pitching 3.2 innings while giving up five earned runs, 10 hits and a pair of walks.

Game 2: Troy 13, GS 5

The Trojans took their first lead of the day in the day's second game as they edged out to a 2-0 advantage in the first inning. Georgia Southern was able to cut the deficit to just one when Mann ripped a double to right field, scoring Hamilton from second in the top of the next inning.

Snider evened the score at 2-2 when she blasted her fifth home run of the season in the top of the third. The run scored was the 88th of her career and gave her sole possession of 10th all-time for career runs scored.

In the bottom of the third, Becca Hartley hit a three-run home run to left field to give the Trojans a 5-2 lead, but the Eagles continued to battle hard on offense, scoring a single run in the top of the fourth and another two in the top of the fifth.

Davis scored in the top of the fourth on a wild pitch and then the Eagles continued the scoring drive in the top of the fifth when Snider and Robinson hit back-to-back RBI singles to pull the Eagles to within one. Snider scored Witkowski from second before Robinson drove in Snider. Robinson's RBI gives her 104 on season which has her solidly fifth in program history for career RBI. When Snider scored, it was her third run of the day and the 89th of her career, tying her with Aurora Johnson for ninth all-time in program history for runs scored.

In the bottom of the fifth, the Trojans scored two runs to extend the lead out to 8-5 and then wrapped up the game with five runs scored in the bottom of the sixth.

Kierra Camp (6-10) started the game for the Eagles and was the pitcher of record with Heather Felt, Amanda Chambers and Kaylee Ramos coming on in relief. Claire Graves (6-4) pitched the first four innings to earn the win for Troy while Rachel Rigney came on to earn her first save of the season in 1.2 innings of work.

COACH SMITH SAYS

"I was really happy to get the win in the first game today because road wins are important. We know Troy is a good team and we came out and battled up and down the lineup today. We have had a lot of quality wins in the past couple weeks including South Alabama, South Carolina and today in the first game. It's huge for us in our strength of schedule to get wins like those. Tomorrow we have a great opportunity ahead of us and we just need to come out ready to compete."

UP NEXT

The Eagles and Trojans will play the rubber game on Sunday, April 24. The game is slated for a 1 p.m. ET first pitch.

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