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Eagles return to the field Aug. 1 for preseason camp

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STATESBORO - With 13 tough practices in the rear-view mirror and exams looming on the horizon, the Georgia Southern football team went through one final full-scale scrimmage Saturday on the turf at Paulson Stadium. The Eagles held a second "Spring Game" in terms of four 12-minute quarters, plus scenarios to wrap up the day. With all that they have accomplished, head coach [Tyson Summers](#) has elected to make this

upcoming week a discretionary week so the players can bear down this last week of class before exams start next week.

The team will now break from the field for three months while continuing to lift and watch film to get ready for the Sept. 3 opener against Savannah State. The Eagles will welcome the freshmen to campus in June and the whole team will report to campus on July 31 for the Aug. 1 camp opener.

With spring ball now complete, GSEagles.com had a chance to catch up with senior center [Andy Kwon](#) and junior linebacker [Chris DeLaRosa](#) to get their final thoughts on the session.

Andy Kwon

Q: Have you accomplished what you've wanted now with Spring Practice ending?

AK: We're not there yet. I don't really have a personal goal. It's more of a team goal. I think as a team, we need to get better. We need to get in shape. We need to become a great football team.

Q: What's the support of the Eagle Nation meant throughout practice?

AK: It means the most. When we came out of the tunnel and saw all of the fans there for our Spring Game, that really hyped us up and means so much to us. We're so thankful for what the fans do for us.

Q: What're your goals for the offense as their leader?

AK: We want to help the running backs score touchdowns and help the quarterbacks have time to throw the ball. I think as a unit, we want to become close to each other. There are five guys out there on the offensive line and if one guy messes up, the whole play is done. That first starts with our relationship with each other and then carries onto the field.

Q: What player do you like to emulate the most as a center?

AK: I'm not really a big center, so I would have to say Jeff Saturday. He's a legend. He wasn't always the tallest or biggest guy but he was a technician. He was an extremely smart player and that's what I'm trying to contribute to this team.

Chris DeLaRosa

Q: Have you accomplished what you've wanted now with Spring Practice ending?

CD: I can't say I've accomplished everything I've wanted to but I think I've come a long way. I think the team has come a long way since day one. I've seen a big improvement since we've come first come out here for practice.

Q: What's the support of the Eagle Nation meant throughout practice?

CD: It's huge. Georgia Southern thrives off Eagle Nation. It's all over the world. Every day you go out to practice you see alumni and people who support the team. At the

Spring Game, you've got the sororities cheering us on, throwing up their signs and telling us they love us.

Q: What're your goals for the defense as their leader?

CD: As a linebacker, you've got to be a vocal leader and step up. You've got to lead by your play.

Q: What player do you like to emulate the most as a linebacker?

CD: I like John Bostic back he played for the Gators. He could hit. I try to fly around and hit people as hard as I can.

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