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Eagles open the weekend with nine Sun Belt games remaining



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GAME NOTES

MONROE, La. – Georgia Southern strikes back out on the road this weekend for three games at UL Monroe. The series starts on Friday with an afternoon doubleheader due to expected thunderstorms throughout the weekend. The date and time of the final game of the series will be determined by updated weather forecasts. Stay tuned to GSEagles.com and @GSAthletics on Twitter for updates.

TEAM RECORDS

Georgia Southern – 25-17 (10-11 Sun Belt)

UL Monroe – 15-26 (6-12 Sun Belt)

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY (4.29.16)

4 p.m. (CT)/5 p.m. (ET) – Warhawk Stadium (Monroe, La.)

RADIO – [Ga. Southern Sports Network](#)

VIDEO – [Warhawks All-Access](#) (Premium)

[LIVE STATS](#)

GS – Evan Challenge (LHP)

ULM – Hunt (RHP)

FRIDAY (4.29.16)

8 p.m. (CT)/9 p.m. (ET) – Warhawk Stadium (Monroe, La.)

RADIO – [Ga. Southern Sports Network](#)

VIDEO – [Warhawks All-Access](#) (Premium)

[LIVE STATS](#)

GS – [Chase Cohen](#) (RHP)

ULM – Bouchey (RHP)

SATURDAY (4.30.16)

TBD – Warhawk Stadium (Monroe, La.)

RADIO – [Ga. Southern Sports Network](#)

VIDEO – [Warhawks All-Access](#) (Premium)

[LIVE STATS](#)

GS – [Adam Kelly](#) (RHP)

ULM – Curtis (RHP)

QUICK HITS

- Georgia Southern enters the ULM series with nine conference games remaining in the program's first visit to UL Monroe. Georgia Southern is 4-2 all-time, winning the series last season in Statesboro. The Eagles defeated ULM (then Northeastern Louisiana) twice out of three games in the NAIA Area 5 Tournament in 1968. The Eagles ultimately finished as the NAIA World Series runners up that year.
- Georgia Southern ranks fourth nationally in sacrifice bunts with 53 this season. CJ Brazil ranks fourth with 13 while [Evan McDonald](#) is eighth with 12. [CJ Ballard](#) ranks 102nd in the nation with seven bunts.
- Georgia Southern's pitching staff is one of the best in the league, ranking first in hits allowed (6.81) and second in the nation. The Eagles are 12th in WHIP with a 1.18 rating.
- Georgia Southern is sixth in the Sun Belt Standings with the second half of league play underway. The Eagles are 10-11 on the year, trailing Troy by a half game for fifth place. The league's top eight teams earn a trip to the Sun Belt Tournament in San Marcos, Texas.
- For Georgia Southern, the magic number is six. The Eagles are 17-2 this season when scoring six or more runs. Over the past five seasons the Eagles are a combined 109-19 including 31 wins in 2014.

GS SWEEPS KENNESAW STATE

- Georgia Southern won both games against the Owls, taking the March 8th game in 12 innings (10-9) and defeating KSU on April 26, 4-1.
- The win in March came via a walk-off balk as the Eagles stole seven bases including three from [Ryan Cleveland](#).
- The second win, in Cobb County, was anchored by a four-hit performance by the Eagle pitching staff.
- The final run scored as [Evan McDonald](#) stole home, marking the first steal of the dish since [Ryan Cleveland](#) accomplished the feat on March 2, 2014 against Ohio.

IN THE CLASSROOM

- The Georgia Southern baseball team posted a 3.25 GPA in the fall semester, its highest semester GPA in program history.
- 28 of the Eagles were on the honor roll with 12 on the Dean's List and 3 on the President's List.

EAGLES PARTNER WITH VS. CANCER FOUNDATION

- Georgia Southern hosted its second Vs. Cancer Day on April 3rd, raising funds and awareness for the Vs. Cancer Foundation to help combat children's cancer.
- The Eagles surpassed their goal of raising \$8,000 for the foundation by gathering more than \$11,000.
- Fans can still join the fight at <http://team.vs-cancer.org/georgiasouthern>

EAGLES IN THE PROS

CHRIS BECK (2010-12) // AAA // Charlotte Knights (Chicago White Sox)

Chris made his major league debut on May 28, 2015 with the White Sox at Baltimore. He earned his first win of 2016 on 4/20, going six against Norfolk.

MATT MURRAY (2009-11) // AAA // Omaha Storm Chasers (Kansas City Royals)

Matt is currently on the restricted list while he serves a suspension.

VICTOR ROACHE (2010-12) // AA // Biloxi Shuckers (Milwaukee Brewers)

Victor is hitting .286 this year with three-hit games on 4/19 and 4/20. The Shuckers play five games in Jacksonville on May 9-13.

ERIC ALONZO (2014) // A // Burlington Bees (Los Angeles Angels)

With five relief appearances in the books, Alonzo has worked 14.0 innings without allowing a run and scattering six hits with 18 strikeouts.

JOSH WIRSU (2014) // ADV-A // Palm Beach Cardinals (St. Louis Cardinals)

Has pitched three times in relief this season, most recently on April 27, going 1.0 innings against Bradenton.

SAM HOWARD (2012-14) // ADV-A // Modesto Nuts (Colorado Rockies)

Sam is 1-0 this year in three starts, fanning 25 batters. He earned his win vs. the Stockton Ports (4/14/16).

AARON MIZELL (2014-15) // A // Quad City River Bandits (Houston Astros)

Currently hitting .196 in 15 games with a pair of 2-hit games on 4/19 and 4/20.

JASON RICHMAN (2013-15) // A // Hickory Crawdads (Texas Rangers)

Jason was assigned to the Hickory Crawdads on 4/21. He has worked twice, allowing

just one earned run off two hits in 5.1 innings. The Crawdads visit Rome on May 4-5-6 and Charleston May 7-8-9-10.

COMING UP NEXT

Following the three games in Monroe, the Eagles continue their eight-game road swing with three games at South Alabama next weekend.

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