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SERIES PREVIEW – Eagles Visit First Place South Alabama

Eagles visit South Alabama for first time as Sun Belt opponents



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MOBILE, Ala. – Georgia Southern's eight-game road swing continues this weekend with three games at South Alabama. The Eagles took two of three last weekend at UL Monroe, outscoring the Warhawks 18-4 over the three games. First pitch on Friday night is set for 6:30 p.m. (CT)/7:30 p.m. (ET).

TEAM RECORDS

Georgia Southern – 27-18 (12-12 Sun Belt)
South Alabama – 35-12 (18-3 Sun Belt)

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY (5.6.16)

6:30 p.m. (CT)/7:30 p.m. (ET) – Stanky Field (Mobile, Ala.)

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

VIDEO – [South Alabama All-Access](#) (Premium)

LIVE STATS

GS – Evan Challenge (LHP)

USA – Kevin Hill, (RHP)

SATURDAY (5.7.16)

6:30 p.m. (CT)/7:30 p.m. (ET) – Stanky Field (Mobile, Ala.)

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

VIDEO – [South Alabama All-Access](#) (Premium)

LIVE STATS

GS – [Chase Cohen](#) (RHP)

USA – Hunter Soleymani (RHP)

SUNDAY (5.8.16)

1 p.m. (CT)/2 p.m. (ET) – Stanky Field (Mobile, Ala.)

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

VIDEO – [South Alabama All-Access](#) (Premium)

LIVE STATS

GS – TBA

USA – Austin Bembnowski (RHP)

QUICK HITS

- After spending a week focusing on academics, Georgia Southern Baseball travels to face No. 22 South Alabama in a three-game weekend series. The Eagles are 2-7 all-time against the Jaguars and lost all three games last season in Statesboro.
- Georgia Southern ranks fourth nationally in sacrifice bunts with 58 this season. CJ Brazil ranks second with 14 this season, while [Evan McDonald](#) is 11th with 12. Brazil trails first place in the category by one bunt, trailing South Florida's Garrett Zech.
- Georgia Southern's pitching staff is one of the best in the league, ranking first in hits allowed (6.78) and second in the nation. The Eagles are 11th nationally in WHIP with a 1.18 rating.
- Georgia Southern is sixth in the Sun Belt Standings with just six league games remaining. The Eagles are 12-12 on the year, trailing Troy and Texas State by a half game for fourth place. The league's top eight teams earn a trip to the Sun Belt Tournament in San Marcos, Texas. Georgia Southern leads Georgia State by 2.5 games for the final tournament spot.
- For Georgia Southern, the magic number is six. The Eagles are 18-2 this season when scoring six or more runs. Over the past five seasons the Eagles are a combined 110-19 including 31 wins in 2014.

GA. SOUTHERN DOWNS WARHAWKS

- Georgia Southern got things started against ULM with a 13-1 win behind [Logan Baldwin](#)'s 4-for-5 game.
- [Evan Challenger](#) wasn't spectacular, but he was good enough to tally his fifth win of the season, going 6.2 innings and scattering seven hits while allowing the one run.
- ULM's Bouchey pitched a great game in the second contest, fanning 12 as the Eagles were stymied, 2-1.
- The top of the Eagle lineup did the damage in game three with [Ryan Cleveland](#)'s two-RBI game helped the Eagles win the series, 2-1.

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. He is 1-2 in 2016 with five appearances.

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 .278 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 six relief appearances in the books, Alonzo has worked 16.0 innings without allowing a run and scattering seven hits with 21 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 five starts, fanning 28 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 .230 in 20 games with 2-hit games on 4/19, 4/20 and 4/28.

JASON RICHMAN (2013-15) // Extended Spring Training (Texas Rangers)

Jason was reassigned from the Hickory Crawdads to Extended Spring Training on April 26.

COMING UP NEXT

Georgia Southern visits North Florida on Tuesday for the first of back-to-back games against the Ospreys. UNF comes to Statesboro on Wednesday night with both contests starting at 6 p.m. The Eagles have two weekend series remaining with Clemson and Georgia State visiting the friendly confines to close out the regular season.

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