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Non-conference series starts on Friday night at 7 p.m.



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GAME NOTES // UPCOMING PROMOTIONS

STATESBORO, Ga. – Georgia Southern Baseball hosts No. 23 Clemson this weekend for a three game non-conference series. First pitch on Friday is set for 7 p.m. Saturday's game is Popsicle Night presented by Food World with free popsicles for all fans. That game starts at 7 p.m. with the series finale set for 1 p.m. on Sunday.

TEAM RECORDS

Georgia Southern – 30-20

Clemson – 31-17

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY (5.13.16)

7 p.m. – J.I. Clements Stadium (Statesboro, Ga.)

BASEBALL JERSEY DAY - Whether it's your Georgia Southern jersey or favorite MLB team, come out sporting your gear!

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

VIDEO – [GS All-Access](#) (Premium)

[LIVE STATS](#)

GS – Evan Challenge (LHP)

CLEM – Charlie Barnes (LHP)

SATURDAY (5.14.16)

7 p.m. – J.I. Clements Stadium (Statesboro, Ga.)

POPSICLE NIGHT PRESENTED BY FOOD WORLD - Cool off from the heat of the day with a refreshing popsicle on us!

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

VIDEO – [GS All-Access](#) (Premium)

[LIVE STATS](#)

GS – [Chase Cohen](#) (RHP)

CLEM – Pat Krall (LHP)

SUNDAY (5.15.16)

1 p.m. – J.I. Clements Stadium (Statesboro, Ga.)

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

VIDEO – [GS All-Access](#) (Premium)

[LIVE STATS](#)

GS – TBA

CLEM - TBA

QUICK HITS

- Following a midweek split with North Florida, Georgia Southern welcomes Clemson to town for a non-conference series. The Eagles trail 28-55-1 in the all-time series including salvaging the series finale last season. Georgia Southern has won two of the last 18 games including a 14-5 win in 2014 at J.I. Clements Stadium.
- Georgia Southern ranks fourth nationally in sacrifice bunts with 64 this season. CJ Brazil ranks fifth in the nation with 14 this season, while [Evan McDonald](#) is 12th with 13.
- Georgia Southern's pitching staff is one of the best in the league, ranking first in hits allowed (7.14) and fourth in the nation.
- Georgia Southern is fifth in the Sun Belt Standings with just three league games remaining. The Eagles are 14-13 on the year entering the bye week from league play. 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 19-2 this season when scoring six or more runs. Over the past five seasons the Eagles are a combined 111-19 including 31 wins in 2014.

FOUR EAGLES EARN THEIR DEGREES

- One day after the close of the South Alabama series, four Eagles were awarded their degrees in a special commencement ceremony, officiated by interim president Dr. Jean Bartels.
- [Ryan Frederick](#), [Drew Kelley](#), [Kent Rollins](#) and [Hunter Thomas](#) each graduated with a GPA

over 3.0 and received the Athletic Foundation's Academic Excellence Ring for their achievement.

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 2-2 in 2016 in six 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 .257 this year with three-hit games on 4/19 and 4/20.

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

With eight relief appearances in the books, Alonzo has worked 22.2 innings without allowing a run and scattering 13 hits with 28 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 1-1 this year in six starts, fanning 30 batters. He earned his win vs. the Stockton Ports (4/14/16).

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

Aaron is currently hitting .244 in 24 games this season with a .673 OPS, tagging nine extra base hits.

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

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

COMING UP NEXT

After this weekend's series against Clemson, Georgia Southern closes out the 2016 regular season against Georgia State. The final series of the regular season runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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