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Southern Downs State 5-1 on Senior Day

Next up is 2016 Sun Belt Tournament in San Marcos, Texas

STATESBORO, Ga. – Georgia Southern Eagles won the regular season finale against in-state rival Georgia State on Senior Day, taking the series victory. Seniors [Chris Brown](#), [Hunter Thomas](#), [Kent Rollins](#), [Drew Kelley](#), and [Ryan Frederick](#) were honored in a pregame ceremony for their careers at Georgia Southern.

Freshman [Brian Eichhorn](#) went the distance in his longest career outing to take the win. He tossed 8.1 shutout innings, using just 88 pitches while striking out four and allowing four hits. The freshman improved to 5-2 on the year entering the postseason.

QUOTABLES

Head Coach [Rodney Hennon](#)

"That was definitely a good way to end the regular season and go into the conference tournament on a high note. I thought Brian (Eichhorn) was really good today and got in a nice rhythm out there and was really efficient. We were able to save the (bullpen) today. Guys should be well-rested going in (to the tournament)."

CRUCIAL MOMENTS

BOTTOM 1st – [Logan Baldwin](#) hit a one out single to get the Eagle offense started early.

Baldwin stole second and scored from there on a wild pitch to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead.

BOTTOM 3rd – [Jordan Wren](#) got hit by a pitch and scored on a [Hunter Thomas](#) double to left field to extend the lead to 2-0.

BOTTOM 5th – [Ryan Cleveland](#) started the Eagle fifth frame by hitting a triple to the right field corner. Thomas became the fifth Eagle hit by a pitch in the game to put runners on the corners. [Cal Baker](#) bunted for an infield hit to score Cleveland and move Thomas over to second. [Kent Rollins](#) walked to load the bases. Brazil sent a line drive to center field to score two runs and put runners back on the corners for a 5-0 lead.

TOP 9th – Will Johnson singled, advancing to second on a wild pitch. Johnson stole third and scored on a groundout by Nick Gatewood for the final score of 5-1 Georgia Southern.

NOTES

- [CJ Ballard](#) went 2-for-2 in the game, reaching base three times when his hit by pitch was factored in.
- The Eagles were hit six times in the game. [Kent Rollins](#), [Ryan Cleveland](#) and [Logan Baldwin](#) were the only Eagle starters not to be hit by a pitch.
- Georgia Southern won the final point of the 2015-16 Southern vs. State Rivalry Series. Georgia State won the inaugural edition of the series 14.0-7.0. To view the final scoring breakdown, visit GSEagles.com/RivalrySeries.
- With the series win, Georgia Southern secured its first and only Sun Belt Conference series win at home this season.

UP NEXT

Georgia Southern travels to the Longhorn State for the 2016 Sun Belt Tournament in San Marcos, Texas. The Eagles wait to learn about their seeding for the tournament, but can finish no lower than sixth and possibly move as high as fourth. Tournament brackets will be announced after league play has concluded on Saturday evening.

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