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Georgia Southern faces No. 3 Little Rock in opening game



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SAN MARCOS, TEXAS – Georgia Southern Baseball's [Ryan Cleveland](#) and [Evan Challenger](#) have been named second team All-Sun Belt Conference following a vote of the league's coaches. The announcement was made at the annual Family Night which officially opens the 2016 Sun Belt Baseball Championships, hosted by Texas State University.

Cleveland, a native of Toccoa, Ga., has started all 56 games this season and leads the Sun Belt in home runs with 15. A justice studies major, Cleveland is hitting .296 on the season with a .615 slugging percentage. He has driven in 54 runs with 35 extra base hits on the year. He has the top fielding percentage for an Eagle infielder with a .992 mark.

Challenger earns All-Sun Belt honors for the second-straight season as a starting pitcher. The Friday night starter for the Eagles, Challenger has a 6-4 record with a 2.96 ERA. A sport

management major from Mount Dora, Fla. A Preseason All-Sun Belt selection this season, Challenger delivered a 1.88 ERA with four wins in Sun Belt play. He tossed seven shutout innings in the Georgia State series opener, delivering his part of Georgia Southern's fifth shutout of the season.

The sixth seeded Georgia Southern opens the postseason on Wednesday morning against the No. 3 seeded Little Rock Trojans. First pitch for the opening game of the 2016 Sun Belt Championships is set for 9 a.m. (CT)/10 a.m. (ET).

Georgia Southern Athletics provides up-to-date information on all its sports through its official website, GSEagles.com, through social media channels facebook.com/GSAthletics, twitter.com/GSAthletics, iOS app Georgia Southern Eagles and Android app Eagles GATA. Fans can purchase tickets to Georgia Southern Athletics events by visiting GSEagles.com/Tickets.

All-Sun Belt Baseball First Team

Gunner Leger (UL Lafayette, Sophomore, SP, Exercise Science)
Kevin Hill (South Alabama, RS-Senior, SP, Interdisciplinary Studies)
Grant Bennett (Troy, Senior, SP, Social Science)
Dylan Moore (UL Lafayette, Sophomore, RP, Political Science-Pre Law)
Brady Cox (UT Arlington, Junior, C, Interdisciplinary Studies)
Tanner Hill (Texas State, Senior, 1B, General Studies)
Darien McLemore (UT Arlington, Senior, 2B, Business Management)
Drew LaBounty (South Alabama, RS-Sophomore, SS, Leisure Studies)
Tanner Ring (Arkansas State, Senior, 3B, Exercise Science)
Ryan Scott (Little Rock, Senior, OF, Management)
Kyle Clement (UL Lafayette, Senior, OF, General Studies)
Cole Billingsley (South Alabama, RS-Junior, OF, Sports Management)
Cory Geisler (Texas State, Senior, UTIL, Applied Arts and Sciences)
Dalton Thomas (Little Rock, Junior, DH, Undecided)

All-Sun Belt Baseball Second Team

Evan Challenger (Georgia Southern, Junior, SP, Sport Management)
Kadon Simmons (UT Arlington, Junior, SP, Business/Information Systems)
Lucas Brown (Troy, Senior, SP, Criminal Justice)
Pasquale Mazzoccoli (Texas State, Senior, RP, Applied Arts and Sciences)
Joey Roach (Georgia State, Senior, C, Actuarial Science)
Ryan Cleveland (Georgia Southern, Junior, 1B, Justice Studies)
Hayden Martin (Little Rock, Senior, 2B, Economics/Finance)
Matt Vernon (Appalachian State, Junior, SS, Communication Studies)
Jarrett Hood (Georgia State, Junior, 3B, Health & Physical Education)
Quintin Rohrbaugh (UT Arlington, Junior, OF, Business Finance)
Granger Studdard (Texas State, Junior, OF, Criminal Justice)
Joey Denison (Troy, Junior, OF, Global Business)
Joe Schrimpf (Arkansas State, Junior, UTIL, Business Administration)
Colton Turner (UT Arlington, Junior, DH, Sports Management)

Sun Belt Baseball Student-Athlete of the Year

Ryan Scott (Little Rock, Senior, OF, Management)

Sun Belt Baseball Pitcher of the Year

Kevin Hill (South Alabama, RS-Senior, SP, Interdisciplinary Studies)

Sun Belt Baseball Freshman of the Year

Nick Lee (UL Lafayette, Freshman, SP, Petroleum Engineering)

Sun Belt Baseball Ron Maestri Coach of the Year

Chris Curry, Little Rock

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