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Reed Ready To Take His Place in the Announcer's Booth

Eagles wrap up second day of preseason football camp

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STATESBORO, Ga. - The start of Georgia Southern football signals the start of a new athletic season, and this year there will be a familiar face in a new position as [Danny Reed](#) will officially handle play-by-play duties for football games.

Reed has previous experience with Eagles football starting last year as the sideline reporter. After 10 years as the iconic voice of the Eagles' football team, Chris Blair left

for the same position at Louisiana State University (LSU) last winter. Georgia Southern Athletics and its multimedia rights holder, Learfield's Georgia Southern Sports Properties, believed that Reed was the candidate best suited to fill his shoes.

Even though he was here last year calling games for GS, Reed is prepared to be the new "Voice of the Eagles" for the gridiron Eagles.

"I joined the crew last year doing sidelines, did play-by-play for basketball and baseball, and I'll get a chance to get my first full go around once September gets here," Reed said. "So that has me as ready as I can be."

Spending the previous three seasons announcing at The Citadel, it has given Reed a familiarity with the radio crew here at Georgia Southern saying, "I've known a lot of the guys for five years dating back to when Georgia Southern was in the SoCon and I was at The Citadel. We struck up a media friendship. Chris Blair is one of my good friends and I was hoping I could get a chance to be somewhere like this."

An aspect of the job that Reed does acknowledge is the differences between his previous stop at The Citadel compared to the current one here in Statesboro.

"Down here it's different knowing it's not FCS anymore, it's FBS," Reed said. "Seeing how passionate people are down here and how much it seems like a family. I think the coaches and the new players would say the same thing, even though they have been in town since December and I got here last September, Eagle Nation embraces you quickly because they all know we're working toward the same goal. Whether that is winning a Sun Belt Championship, going to a bowl game or eventually trying to be ranked, the point is to continue to grow like Eagle Football has ever since Erk Russell first got here in '81 and that's never going to change."

Reed seems eager to embrace the traditions of Georgia Southern and bring the same passion to the booth that the team and fans bring each Saturday. A tradition created by his predecessor Blair was the famous, "Put an Eagle six on it!" call each time the Eagles score a touchdown.

Out of respect for his friend and former colleague, Reed has decided to have his own unique touchdown call. However, he is leaving the words a secret saying, "we are working on some things, but trust me by September 3rd, everyone will know what it is."

The GS football squad wrapped up its second day of preseason camp on Tuesday under cloudy skies at Beautiful Eagle Creek. The team will take to the field again on Wednesday morning, this time in shoulder pads and helmets, for their third preseason practice.

Meet the Eagles Fan Fest

The GS Football Team will hold its annual Meet the Eagles Fan Fest on Saturday, Aug. 13. Gates will open at 8:30 a.m. and the football team will hold an open scrimmage from

9-11:30 a.m. at Paulson Stadium before the event. The Fan Fest will be from noon-2 p.m. The public is invited to the scrimmage and fans will be allowed to come on the field at noon. The North Concourse will be the only side open and fans may enter through Gate 12 near Bishop Field House.

Between the end of the scrimmage and the start of Fan Fest, fans can expect to hear a few words from head football coach [Tyson Summers](#) after he dismisses the team to their locker room. The event will be the last preseason scrimmage and the athletics department will have activities on the field after the scrimmage, including inflatables for the kids, 2016 football posters and schedule cards, a dunk tank, face painting, ticket information, cheerleaders, and the fall sport teams will be available for autographs. Concessions will be available during the scrimmage and during the Fan Fest. Additionally, the University Store will be open for fans to purchase all of their adidas gear to get ready for the season.

Fans will be allowed to get autographs from their favorite football players and Coach Summers at the festival. In addition, the soccer squads and volleyball team, along with all three respective coaches, will also be in attendance, grouped on the field. Fans can bring in outside items to be signed and posters from each sport will be provided free of charge to those who wish to get one signed. Fans will also be able to mingle with the student-athletes during the autograph session and kids can play catch, kick a ball or pass a volleyball around with the players. Also, the lobby area of the Ted Smith Family Football Center will be open during Fan Fest from 12-2 p.m.

Meet the Eagles Fan Fest is free and open to fans of all ages. Parking is also free.

Season ticket holders may also come and pick up their season ticket packets beginning that day. Additionally, donors may pick up their benefit packets at this event.

Georgia Southern Preseason Practice Schedule

Date (Time, Location)

Wed., Aug. 3 (9:30 AM- 12 PM, Eagle Creek)

Thurs., Aug. 4 (9:30 AM- 12 PM, Eagle Creek)

Fri., Aug. 5 (9:30 AM- 12 PM, Eagle Creek)

Sat., Aug. 6 (TBD)

Sun., Aug. 7 (TBD)

Mon, Aug. 8 (9:30 AM- 12 PM, Eagle Creek)

Tues., Aug. 9 (9:30 AM- 12 PM, Eagle Creek)

Wed., Aug. 10 (9:30 AM- 12 PM, Eagle Creek)

Thurs., Aug. 11 (9:30 AM- 12 PM, Eagle Creek)

Fri., Aug. 12 (9:30 AM- 12 PM, Eagle Creek)

Sat., Aug. 13 (9:30 AM- 11:30 AM, Paulson); Fan Fest (12-2 PM, Paulson)

Sun., Aug. 14 (TBD)

Mon., Aug. 15 (4:15-6 PM, Eagle Creek); Day 1 (8 PM, Paulson)

Tues., Aug. 16 (7:30-10 AM, Paulson)

Wed., Aug. 17 (4:15-6 PM, Eagle Creek)

Thurs., Aug. 18 (7:30-10 AM, Paulson)
Fri., Aug. 19 (4:15-6 PM, Paulson)
Sat., Aug. 20 (TBD)
Sun., Aug. 21 (TBD)
Mon., Aug. 22 (4:15-6 PM, Eagle Creek)
Tues., Aug. 23 (7:30-10 AM, Paulson)
Wed., Aug. 24 (4:15-6 PM, Eagle Creek)
Thurs., Aug. 25 (7:30-10 AM, Paulson)
Fri., Aug. 26 (4:15-6 PM, Eagle Creek)
Sat., Aug. 27 (TBD)
Sun., Aug. 28 (TBD)

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