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Freshman goalkeeper Lauren Karinshak records first career shutout

STATESBORO, Ga. – The Georgia Southern women’s soccer team shut out the Texas State Bobcats on Sunday afternoon, clenching their first Sun Belt victory of the year. The Eagles defense dominated all game, holding a powerful Bobcat team to only six shots. Freshman goalkeeper Lauren Karinshak picked up her first shutout of her career between the pipes, while tallying four saves on the day. On the offensive side, the Eagles maintained possession throughout the majority of the game and continued to put pressure on the Bobcat defense. In the 51st minute, senior forward Jennifer Wittick lined up for a penalty kick - which was shot the past the Texas State goalkeeper and put the Eagles on the board. Wittick's goal proved to be just enough to propel GS to a win at Eagle Field, and the Eagles will look to carry the momentum into next weekend's home games against Coastal Carolina and Troy.

MATCH FACTS
Georgia Southern (4-6-1) - 1
Texas State (5-5-2) - 0

SCORING
51' - GS - Jennifer Wittick scores a penalty kick into the top right of the goal, putting the Eagles up 1-0.
NOTES
- Freshman goalkeeper Lauren Karinshak (4-4-1) picked up her first shutout of her career for the Eagles.
- The Texas State Bobcats averaged 17 shots per game heading into Sunday's matchup, GS held them to 6.
- The Eagles out-shot the Bobcats, 8-6.
- Georgia Southern continues their home stretch at Eagle Field next weekend against Sun Belt opponents Coastal Carolina and Troy.

WHAT HEAD COACH BRIAN DUNLEAVY SAID
"Great team performance today. We were missing a few key players as well, so this was a total team effort and I am proud of the work rate from everyone. Our team has worked incredibly hard over the past few weeks and fully deserve this result. We defended really well, our back four and Lauren earned a clean sheet. We have to take another step forward this week in training as we prepare for another tough weekend."

NEXT UP
The Georgia Southern Eagles return home next weekend to continue Sun Belt play against Coastal Carolina (9/30) and Troy (10/2).

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