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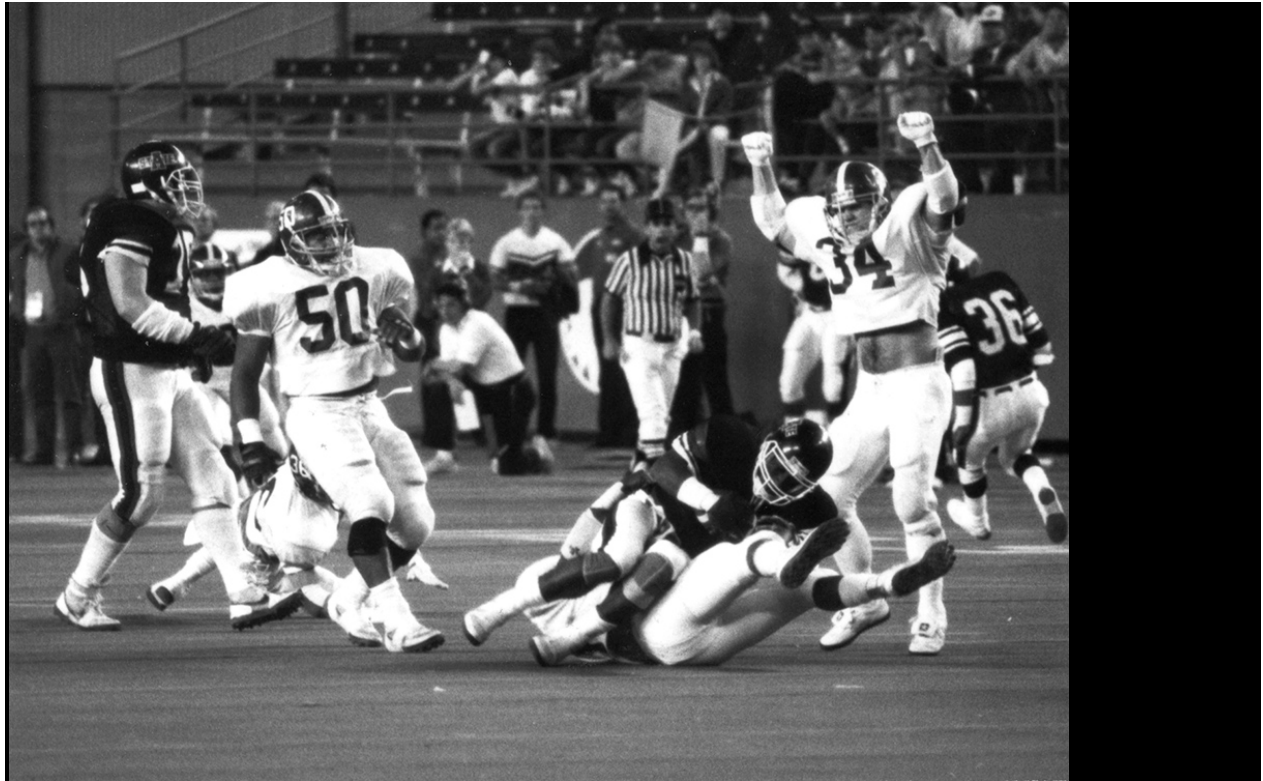
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First time teams have met since 1986 National Championship Game



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The Georgia Southern football squad hops back into conference play to take on Arkansas State on Wednesday, Oct. 5 in Jonesboro, Arkansas, in a nationally televised contest. Here's all you need to know about the game:

Game 5: Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016 • 8 PM (ET)

Location: Jonesboro, Ark. (Centennial Bank Stadium; 30,964)

Records:

Georgia Southern: 3-1, 2-0 Sun Belt

Arkansas State: 0-4, 0-0 Sun Belt

Broadcast Information

Television: ESPN2/Watch ESPN (online)

PBP: Chris Cotter; **Analyst:** Rocky Boiman; **Sidelines:** Quint Kessenich

Radio: Georgia Southern Sports Network

PBP: Danny Reed; **Analyst:** Terry Harvin; **Sidelines:** Russ Brown

GS: GAME NOTES (PDF)

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The Series

- Georgia Southern leads the all-time series with Arkansas State 1-0 after beating the Red Wolves 48-21 in the 1986 NCAA I-AA national championship game in Tacoma, Washington, 30 years ago.
- Tracy Ham, now an associate AD for internal operations at GS, rushed for 180 yards and three touchdowns and completed 12-of-21 passes for 306 yards and another score to lead the Eagles to their second consecutive I-AA national championship.
- Against the nation's top-rated I-AA defense, Georgia Southern gained 603 yards in total offense, 297 rushing and 306 passing.
- With the win, Georgia Southern became the first school to ever win back-to-back national championships in Division I-AA.

Against the Sun Belt

- GS has played 18 Sun Belt games as it plays its third season in the conference. The Eagles are 16-2 in conference games, although the 2014 win over ULM was vacated due to NCAA violations to make GS officially 15-2 in SBC games.

On Wednesdays

- This will be just the second game in program history to be played on a Wednesday. The other was last year's GoDaddy Bowl in which the Eagles rolled past Bowling Green 58-27.

Road Warriors

- Georgia Southern is in the midst of a tough four-game road stretch as it heads to Jonesboro for Wednesday's game. The Eagles are the only FBS squad to play four consecutive road games this year when they travel to Western Michigan (9/24), Arkansas State (10/5), Georgia Tech (10/15) and New Mexico State (10/22).
- Eight other FBS schools - Arkansas State, Army, Georgia State, Idaho (twice), UL Monroe, UMass, South Alabama and UTSA - will play three games in a row on the road at some point this season.
- The Eagles' 40-day span between home games from Sept. 17 to Oct. 27 will be the second-longest in the FBS this year, only behind Idaho's 42-day span late in the season.

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