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Georgia Southern and Georgia Tech to tee it up Saturday in Atlanta



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The Georgia Southern football squad will take a break from Sun Belt play to take on Georgia Tech on Saturday, Oct. 15 in Atlanta. Here's all you need to know about the game:

Game 6: Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016 • 12:30 PM
Location: Atlanta, Ga. (Bobby Dodd Stadium; 55,000)

Records:

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

Georgia Tech: 3-3, 1-3 ACC

Broadcast Information

Television: RSN/Watch ESPN (online ... subject to blackout)

[TV Affiliates](#)

PBP: Wes Durham; **Analyst:** James Bates; **Sidelines:** Jenn Hildreth

Radio: Georgia Southern Sports Network

PBP: [Danny Reed](#); **Analyst:** Terry Harvin; **Sidelines:** Russ Brown

GS: GAME NOTES (PDF)

BUY TICKETS

The Series

- Georgia Southern and Georgia Tech have met just once on the gridiron, but it was a memorable game. GS came a long way back, but with 23 seconds left in the fourth quarter, Tech quarterback Justin Thomas hit Deon Hill with a pass in the flat, and the senior broke a tackle and went 13 yards for a touchdown to lift the Yellow Jackets to a 42-38 win over the Eagles. The touchdown was the Yellow Jackets' only one of the second half as GS erased a 35-10 halftime deficit by tallying 28 straight points to take a 38-35 lead.

Georgia on Our Minds

- Saturday's road contest at Georgia Tech is the third of seven games in the state of Georgia for the Eagles this year and one of just two times the Eagles will play on grass.
- Bobby Dodd Stadium is the famed location where Coach Erk Russell, while there as UGA's defensive coordinator, saw "GTAA" for Georgia Tech Athletic Association in the facility and altered it to "G.A.T.A.," with each letter standing for a word in a phrase that helped motivate his defensive unit. "G.A.T.A." became one of the Eagle program's most popular slogans.

Road Warriors

- Georgia Southern is in the midst of a tough four-game road stretch as it heads to Atlanta for Saturday's game. The Eagles are the only FBS squad to play four consecutive road games this year.
- Eight other FBS schools - Arkansas State, Army, Georgia State, Idaho (twice), UL Monroe, UMass, South Alabama and UTSA - will play three straight road games at some point this season.
- The Eagles' 40-day span between home games from Sept. 17 to Oct. 27 is the second-longest in the FBS this year, only behind Idaho's 42-day span late in the season.

Southern-Tech Connections

- Tech head coach Paul Johnson was an assistant coach under Coach Erk Russell (1983-86) and the GS head coach from 1997-2001. He posted a 62-10 record, guiding the Eagles to five straight conference titles, two I-AA National Championships and three title game appearances.

- Tech offensive line coach Mike Sewak was an assistant coach (1985-86, 1997-2001) at GS and then the head coach (2002-2005). He went 35-14 and won two SoCon titles. His son, [Nick Sewak](#), is a long snapper at Georgia Southern.
- Wide receiver [Mike Summers Jr.](#) graduated from Tech before transferring to GS this past June. Summers is dealing with an injury and is not expected to play on Saturday.
- GS co-offensive coordinator [David Dean](#) played for the Yellow Jackets in the early 1980s, lettering in 1984.

Blue it Is

- The Eagles will dress in their traditional home blue jerseys for this road game. This will be the second time this season they've done so (at Western Michigan). They also wore blue at Georgia Tech in 2014 and at Samford in 2011.

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