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MOBILE, Ala. – Mechell Daniel tallied 11 kills, and South Alabama hit .356 as a team to earn a 3-0 (25-16, 25-20, 25-18) Sun Belt volleyball victory over Georgia Southern Saturday night in Jaguar Gymnasium.

Lauren Reichard notched nine kills and two blocks, and Katie Bange posted eight kills to lead Georgia Southern (11-10, 4-2), which saw its four-match win streak come to an end. Alex Beecher finished with a match-high 15 digs.

Nikki Gittens logged 10 kills, four digs and two blocks for South Alabama (12-8, 3-4), which won its third straight match, and Arissa Chappell had 13 digs.

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South Alabama held the Eagles to .131 hitting for the match, including minus .029 in the third set. The Jaguars posted 13 more kills, and GS committed 10 more hitting errors in the contest.
An 8-3 Jaguar run in the first set helped South Alabama open a seven-point cushion, and USA scored four straight points to push a 16-15 lead to four points late in the second. The Jags used a 7-2 spurt to open a 21-14 advantage in the third set.

Quotable from coach Dustin Wood
"We just didn't have what we needed tonight. They came out very, very hot and executed on a high level. We tried to hang, but we lost steam midway through the sets and couldn't recover. We had a target on our back tonight, and we didn't handle that well. We have to get used to teams coming out at us hard every night."

"Our team fought hard and didn't give up. We just had some very poor performances that were not up to par with our opponent. We know what we have to work on, and the team is ready to get back in the gym and work on the things we need to. If we can fix those things this week, I'm positive it will show in our level of play."

"It's very tough playing on the road in the Sun Belt. We need to do a better job of putting ourselves in a position to win each and every night on the road. We did not do that tonight like we did last night."

Next up
The Eagles host UT Arlington and Texas State next Friday and Saturday in Hanner Fieldhouse.

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