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STATESBORO - Beautiful Eagle Creek is as much a part of Georgia Southern's football history as the yellow school buses, traditional uniforms and Freedom. Members of the NCAA's digital team were recently in Statesboro to do a feature on the creek and have released their piece on NCAA.com. The group interviewed players Ironhead Gallon and Matt Breida, along with head coach Tyson Summers, long-time field specialist Roger Inman and former player Tim Durden.

When Georgia Southern resurrected the football program in 1981, traditions and spirit needed resurrection as well. So legendary head football coach Erk Russell created his own. But inspiration came to him in the most unusual of places. Inspired by the gnat-infested drainage ditch that cut across the field between the team's locker room and practice fields, Russell convinced his players that its stagnant water was actually "Beautiful Eagle Creek," a source of "magical" waters.
To this day, the team still runs across that creek when it practices there, baptizes its seniors each preseason camp and takes a jug of the water on road trips.

Check out the full video here: http://www.ncaa.com/video/football/2016-10-13/fbs-football-feature-georgia-southern-beautiful-eagle-creek