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# VBALL Preview: Eagles Play Host to UT Arlington and Texas State

*GS plays its first home match since Oct. 1.*

Marc Gignac



**Milledge Austin**

Reilly Bosworth and the Eagles play take on the Sun Belt's Texas teams this weekend.

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**Georgia Southern (11-10, 4-2) vs. UT Arlington (10-12, 4-3)**

**Date:** Oct. 21 - 6:30 p.m. - Hanner Fieldhouse

[Live Video](#) | [Live Stats](#)

**Georgia Southern vs. Texas State (13-9, 6-1)**

**Date:** Oct. 22 - 6:30 p.m. - Hanner Fieldhouse

[Live Video](#) | [Live Stats](#)

**Georgia Southern team information**

[Roster](#) | [Stats \(PDF\)](#) | [Schedule](#)

### **UT Arlington team information**

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### **Texas State team information**

[Roster](#) | [Stats](#) | [Schedule](#)

### **Probable GS Lineup:**

#4 [Stephanie Spencer](#)

#6 [Lauren Reichard](#)

#8 [Alex Beecher](#)

#10 [Cathrine Murray](#)

#13 [Katie Bange](#)

#14 [Kendra Koetter](#)

#21 [Reilly Bosworth](#)

Georgia Southern returns home to face UT Arlington and Texas State this weekend. The Eagles have won four of their last five matches and are second in the East Division standings. UT Arlington has lost its last two matches and is third in the West Division, while Texas State has won four in a row and is second in the West. The Bobcats' stretch included a 3-1 win over defending champion Arkansas State to end the Red Wolves' 23-match win streak against conference competition.

The Eagles are 0-5 all-time against UT Arlington and 0-3 against Texas State. The Mavericks swept the Eagles last season (3-1, 3-0) and Texas State topped GS 3-0 in Hanner Fieldhouse in the teams' lone meeting.

Already the school's all-time leader in digs, [Alex Beecher](#), now has 2,114 career digs, 288 shy of moving into the top-25 in NCAA history. The redshirt senior ranks second in the Sun Belt in digs per set with 4.59.

[Katie Bange](#) ranks second in the country with six triple-doubles. All six have featured kills, assists and digs.

The Eagles rank 70th in the country and third in the Sun Belt in aces and aces per set.

Setter [Kendra Koetter](#) has tallied a double-double in four of her last five matches and has six this season.

[Lauren Reichard](#) ranks second in the league in blocks with 96 and third in blocks per set with 1.17.

Georgia Southern had to postpone matches against Appalachian State and Coastal Carolina because of inclement weather as a result of Hurricane Matthew that hit the East Coast and Statesboro, which is 55 miles west of Savannah. As a result, the Eagles

had a rare 12-day layoff between matches and played Troy in back-to-back contests, both GS wins.

The last time Georgia Southern played the same opponent in back-to-back contests was in 2001, when the Eagles lost 3-2 to Furman at home on the last day of the regular season and topped the Paladins 3-2 in the first round of the Southern Conference Tournament. GS went on to win its first SoCon Championship and advance to the NCAA Tournament. The Eagles will also play in-state rival Georgia State in consecutive matches on the last week of the season in a home-and-home.

Following the weekend, Georgia Southern plays its final non-conference match at Savannah State Monday before hosting Arkansas State and Little Rock next weekend.

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