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Eagles to host Appalachian State in nationally televised game



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The Georgia Southern football squad finally returns to Paulson Stadium after a 40-day hiatus to take on rival Appalachian State on Thursday, Oct. 27 in a contest that will be broadcast on ESPNU. Here's all you need to know about the game:

Game 8: Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016 • 7:30 PM

Location: Paulson, Ga. (Paulson Stadium; 25,000)

Records:

Georgia Southern: 4-3, 3-1 Sun Belt

Appalachian State: 5-2, 3-0 Sun Belt

Broadcast Information

Television: ESPNU/Watch ESPN

PBP: Dave LaMont; **Analyst:** Rocky Boiman

Radio: Georgia Southern Sports Network

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

GS: GAME NOTES (PDF)

BUY TICKETS

IMPORTANT PARKING INFORMATION

The Series

- Georgia Southern and Appalachian State have met 31 previous times with the Mountaineers holding a 17-13-1 lead in a series that dates back to 1932. Appalachian State holds a 14-11 advantage in games played in the modern era (since 1982 when Georgia Southern re-started its program).
- Last season, GS jumped out to an early lead against the Mountaineers, but fell 31-13 in Boone on a Thursday Night ESPNU broadcast.
- In 2014, in both team's first year in the Sun Belt Conference, the Eagles rolled past the Mountaineers 34-14 as [Matt Breida](#) (151), [Kevin Ellison](#)(135) and [L.A. Ramsby](#) (51) combined for 337 yards on the ground.
- In 2013, Appalachian State put up 515 yards of total offense at it downed Georgia Southern 38-14 in Boone.
- Prior to the past three season's lopsided wins, six of the previous seven games in the Georgia Southern-App State series were decided by seven points or less.
- Georgia Southern is 7-4 all-time against App State at Paulson Stadium, but the two teams but have split the past four games in Statesboro.
- The two schools battled as members of the Southern Conference from 1993-2013.

Thursday Night Lights

- The Eagles are 5-2 all-time in games played on Thursdays, 4-0 at home. Georgia Southern lost to App State last season on a Thursday night in Boone, North Carolina.

On Short Rest

- Like it will this season, Georgia Southern played Appalachian State on short rest last year and the Mountaineers came away with a 31-13 win.
- In 2014, the Eagles played a pair of home games on short rest (Saturday/Thursday), beating Appalachian State and Troy. In 1983, the Eagles beat Savannah State on short rest, 15-0.
- GS is 3-1 all-time in short weeks and will have another short week when it hosts UL Lafayette on Thursday, Nov. 10 after playing at Ole Miss just five days earlier.

Week 9 Notes

- Georgia Southern finally returns home after a 40-day span between home games which encompassed four games. This is the second-longest time without a home game amongst all FBS schools in 2016 (Idaho, 42 days).

- As the birds fly, the Eagles will travel 7,822 miles (round trip, via air) in their contests away from home this season.

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