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The teams meet again Saturday at 3 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse.

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[Postgame radio interview](#) with [Brian Burg](#)

STATESBORO – Michael Flowers tallied 26 points, five assists and four rebounds, and South Alabama shot 57 percent en route to an 88-59 men's basketball win over Georgia Southern in the Sun Belt Conference opener for both teams Friday evening in Hanner Fieldhouse.

Eagles of the Game

[Elijah McCadden](#) led the Eagles with 14 points, and [Zack Bryant](#) tallied 12 points and three assists.

Key Moments

Flowers scored eight points, including a pair of 3-pointers, to lead South Alabama (7-3, 1-0) on a 14-2 run, and the senior's free throws gave the Jags a 26-13 cushion midway through the first period. The Eagles (6-4, 0-1) got a couple of steals and run-out dunks to cut the margin to 36-31 with 3:26 left in the half, but the Jags responded by scoring the last 13 points of the frame. South Alabama made five straight field goals during the stretch, and Sam Iorio's triple swished in as the buzzer sounded, giving the Jags a 49-31 lead at the break.

Stats and Notes

- South Alabama shot 65 percent from the floor in the first half and made 52 percent from 3-point range in the game.
- GS wound up shooting 40 percent from the floor and made 10 of 37 from long distance.
- The Jags owned a 39-20 edge on the glass.
- It was South Alabama's third straight win over Georgia Southern overall and second straight over the Eagles in Hanner.

Next Up

The Eagles and Jags play the second of their four-game season series Saturday in Hanner Fieldhouse. Tipoff is set for 3 p.m. on ESPN+.