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Game Preview

Dates: Jan. 15-16, 2021

Site: Hanner Fieldhouse (3,897)

Tipoffs: 6 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday

Watch: ESPN+

Listen: GS Radio Network

Series: GS leads 19-8, W6 | [Series History](#)

Promotions: Student Appreciation Weekend, and the New Orleans Bowl Trophy will be in attendance both nights. Coach Lunsford will be available to take pictures with the trophy Friday night.

[Hanner Fieldhouse Gameday Guide](#)

Probable Starters:

#2 - Elijah McCadden

#4 - Kamari Brown

#5 - Eric Boone

#13 - Gedi Juozapaitis

#24 - Prince Toyambi

- Georgia Southern returns home to host Troy for a pair of contests this weekend. Both games will be broadcast live on ESPN+ and the GS Sports Network.
- The Eagles lost a pair of games at Appalachian State last week, while Troy had its contests against Georgia State postponed because of COVID-19 protocols.
- Georgia Southern is coming off its third consecutive 20-win season and advanced to the Sun Belt Championship Semifinals for the third straight campaign. The Eagles have won 20-plus games in four of the last six seasons.
- Georgia Southern returned five lettermen (two scholarship), which is tied for the fourth least in the country. The Eagles' nine newcomers are tied for the fourth-most in the country. Georgia Southern is replacing 79.1 percent of its scoring from last season, the 11th-most in the country.
- Junior guard Elijah McCadden was named second-team All-Sun Belt and senior guard Zack Bryant was named third-team All-Sun Belt in the Preseason Coaches Poll. Georgia Southern was picked fifth in the Sun Belt's East Division.
- The Eagles are ranked 35th nationally and second in the Sun Belt in offensive rebounds per game (13.2) and 36th nationally and second in the league in rebounding margin (7.5).
- Georgia Southern ranks 24th nationally and second in the Sun Belt in steals per game (8.9) and eighth nationally and first in the Sun Belt in total steals (116). The Eagles are 32nd in the country and first in the league in turnovers forced (16.9/gm).
- The Eagles are 75-28 in Hanner Fieldhouse in the last seven seasons and 43-17 in contests against Sun Belt competition (includes 2020 Sun Belt Tourney).
- Troy has won five of its last seven and is coming off a split at Appalachian State Jan. 1 and 2.
- The Trojans are 2-4 in true road games and 3-5 away from home.
- Troy was picked sixth in the East Division in the Sun Belt Preseason Coaches Poll.
- The Trojans rank third in the conference in scoring defense (65.8 ppg). Zay Williams leads Troy with 11 points and 7.5 rebounds a game, and Nick Stampley averages 10.9 points and 7.5 boards.