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Post-Spring Wrap-Up: The Wide Receivers
GSEagles.com catches up with each position coach following the shortened spring ball
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Even with spring practice being cut short, the Georgia Southern football coaching staff was able to evaluate its program through offseason lifting and conditioning, as well as six on-field practices. GSEagles.com was able to catch up with each coach via email to get their thoughts on their group, as well as a preliminary two-deep heading into the fall.

Today, we hear from [Dimitri Donald](#), who coaches the wide receivers.

Who stood out for your group in the short amount of time you were practicing?:

The players that stood out during spring practice were [Khaleb Hood](#) and [Justin Harris](#). Khaleb seems to have a different demeanor about himself this offseason which has shown on the field during practice. [Justin Harris](#) has come and been exactly who we, as a staff, pictured we'd get during the recruiting process. He had a really good initial scrimmage.

Who's someone who didn't see a lot of game action that has impressed you this offseason?:

[Khaleb Hood](#) and [Emil Smith](#) are two guys who have really made tremendous improvements from last season. Emil has potential to be a leader for our group. Emil's approach to the off season works were exactly what he needs to continue to develop into a great player. Khaleb's work ethic and determination will allow to see the field more this fall.

What will be a top priority for your group when you return to the field?:

The top priority for our group when we return to the field will be to continue to mature and developing consistency. We have a young group with [Darion Anderson](#), [Malik Murray](#) and Dexter Carter being our seniors. It'll be huge to continue developing our young guys. We must be consistent daily in order to build trust as a group and for our quarterbacks when it comes to the passing game. Our attitude and edge we played with last season must remain as we move forward.

What excites you about your group?:

The thing that most excites me about my group their attitude and approach to hard work and being uncomfortable. The off-season workouts in the weightroom and the beginning of spring ball were challenging. Coach Matt and his staff force competition daily which has had a tremendous impact on my wide receivers attitude. I have a group that enjoys playing with each other and want to see the group succeed.

Who is or are the vocal leader(s) in your meeting room?:

The vocal leader in my position room would be [Darion Anderson](#). He's emerged as a leader of the group this off-season. His attitude and ability to encourage and help our younger players has been great for our position group. I expect him to continue to help bring along our young players moving forward.

Who leads more by example?:

[Khaleb Hood](#), [Darion Anderson](#) and [Emil Smith](#) all have shown to lead by example on the field. You can tell they love to play and enjoy competing which is what you want as a coach.

If you had any, how did your mid-year guys adjust to life at Georgia Southern?:

My mid-year guys have adjusted to life at Georgia Southern each at their own pace. They've had some success academically and on the field. [Justin Harris](#) has stood out as a leader for those guys and he's been a positive impact for them. I enjoy having all of them in my room. They all still have to find their identity for our program but have got off to a great start.

Post-Spring Two-Deep:

WR (Z): 85, [Emil Smith](#) (6-1, 170, r-Fr.)

20, [Justin Harris](#) (5-10, 180, Fr.) -or-

28, [Dexter Carter Jr.](#) (6-0, 195, r-Sr.)

SLOT (H): 4, [Khaleb Hood](#) (5-10, 170, So.)

16, [Malik Murray](#) (6-0, 180, r-Sr.)

WR (X): 9, [Darion Anderson](#) (6-0, 195, r-Sr.)

26, Najee Thompson (5-11, 195, Jr.)

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