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Game Preview

Site: Hanner Fieldhouse (3,897)

Tipoff: 7 p.m.

Listen: GS Sports Network (pregame show starts a half hour before tipoff)

Watch: ESPN+

Series: GS trails series 5-4, W3

Last meeting: 1/2/20, W 70-67 (away)

Promotions: Date Night

Probable Starters:

#2 - Elijah McCadden

#3 - Ike Smith

#10 - Calvin Wishart

#13 - Quan Jackson

#53 - Isaiah Crawley

- GS opens its final two-game Sun Belt weekend homestand of the year Thursday when the Eagles host Coastal Carolina at 7 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse.
- It's the Chanticleers' first visit to Statesboro since the 2016-17 season. The last four meetings between the teams have been at the HTC Center in Conway, S.C.
- It's the second of two scheduled meetings against Coastal Carolina this season. The Eagles hung on for a 70-67 victory Jan. 2.
- The Eagles enter the game tied for second place in the Sun Belt standings, while Coastal Carolina is tied for eighth.
- The Eagles are 5-3 in games decided by five points or less, and eight of their 14 Sun Belt games have been decided by six points or less.
- The Eagles are 3-2 in their last five and coming off an 86-79 win at Louisiana last Saturday.
- When scheduled for two league games in a week, GS is 12-1 in its last 13 "first" games and has won 10 in a row. Since the Sun Belt went to travel partners in 2015-16, GS is: 27-13 in first games of the week, including 15-5 at home and 12-8 on the road; 24-16 in second games of the week, including 15-5 at home and 9-11 on the road.
- Quan Jackson was named the Sun Belt Player of the Week after averaging 23.5 points, 4.5 steals and three rebounds while making 60 percent of his field goals in two contests last week. Jackson ranks fifth in the country with 2.6 steals a game.
- The Eagles are 69-24 in Hanner Fieldhouse (9-2 this season) under Mark Byington and 40-14 in Sun Belt contests.
- The Eagles rank 41st in the country and second in the Sun Belt in steals (8.1/gm), 26th nationally in turnovers forced (16.4/gm) and 20th in turnover margin (+3.8).
- GS ranks fourth in the Sun Belt in fewest fouls (16.3/gm) and fourth in fewest turnovers (12.5/gm). The Eagles are first in the league in blocked shots per game (4.2); Simeon Carter ranks second (1.5/gm).
- The Eagles rank 27th in the country and second in the Sun Belt in total 3-point field goal attempts (655), and GS is first in the league in 3-pointers made per game (8.7).
- Coastal Carolina is 2-3 in its last five and coming off an 89-75 home win over UTA last Saturday.
- The Chanticleers are 5-3 on the road and 3-3 in road league games.
- DeVante Jones ranks fourth in the league in scoring with 16.3 points a game.