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Game Preview

Site: Cajundome (12,362)

Tipoff: 8 p.m. ET

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

Watch: ESPN+

Series: GS trails 7-6, W2

Last meeting: 1/11/20, W 71-51 (Hanner)

Probable Starters:

#3 - Ike Smith

#10 - Calvin Wishart

#13 - Quan Jackson

#23 - Simeon Carter

#53 - Isaiah Crawley

- GS continues a stretch of five of seven on the road in Lafayette as the Eagles face the Ragin' Cajuns Saturday at 8 p.m. on ESPN+ in the Cajundome.
- It's the second of two scheduled meetings against Louisiana this season. The Eagles won the first matchup 71-51 Jan. 11 over a depleted Louisiana team in Hanner Fieldhouse. Three Ragin' Cajun starters missed the contest with injuries.
- The Eagles enter the game tied for second place in the Sun Belt standings, while Louisiana is tied for ninth.
- The Eagles are 5-3 in games decided by five points or less, and eight of their 13 Sun Belt games have been decided by six points or less.
- The Eagles are 2-3 in their last five and coming off a 67-65 win over ULM Thursday night.
- 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; 23-16 in second games of the week, including 15-5 at home and 8-11 on the road.
- The Eagles rank 44th in the country and second in the Sun Belt in steals (8.1/gm), 25th nationally in turnovers forced (16.4/gm) and 20th in turnover margin (+3.8).
- GS ranks second in the Sun Belt in fewest fouls (16.3/gm) and fourth in fewest turnovers (12.6/gm). The Eagles are first in the league in blocked shots per game (4.3); Simeon Carter ranks second (1.5/gm).
- The Eagles rank 21st in the country and second in the Sun Belt in total 3-point field goal attempts (641), and GS is first in the league in 3-pointers made per game (8.9).
- Louisiana has won three of its last four and is coming off an 80-78 home win over Georgia State Thursday night. The Ragin' Cajuns erased a 13-point second-half deficit, and Mylick Wilson hit the eventual game-winning layup with 2.1 seconds left.
- The Ragin' Cajuns are 7-5 in the Cajundome this season.
- Louisiana's injury-riddled roster has used 11 different starting lineups in its first 24 games of the 2019-20 season.
- Louisiana has lost three scholarship players (Kobe Julien, Durey Cadwell and Javonne Lowery) for the season to knee injuries.