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Game Preview

Site: Mitchell Center (10,000)

Tipoff: 4 p.m. ET

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

Watch: ESPN+

Series: GS trails 11-7, W3

Last meeting: 2/13/19, W 75-65 (Hanner)

Probable Starters:

#2 - Elijah McCadden

#3 - Ike Smith

#10 - Calvin Wishart

#13 - Quan Jackson

#53 - Isaiah Crawley

- GS caps a two-game road swing at South Alabama Saturday afternoon. Tipoff is scheduled for 4 p.m. ET.
- It's the first of two scheduled meetings against the Jaguars this season.
- The Eagles are 4-2 in games decided by five points or less, and four of their eight Sun Belt games have been decided by three points or less. GS has won its last three games by double digits.
- The Eagles are 3-2 in their last five and coming off an 82-66 win at Troy Thursday night.
- The Eagles rank 37th in the country and second in the Sun Belt in steals (8.5/gm), 21st nationally in turnovers forced (17.3/gm) and 10th in turnover margin (+5.0).
- GS ranks third in the Sun Belt in fewest fouls (16.3/gm) and third in fewest turnovers (12.3/gm). The Eagles are second in the league in blocked shots per game (4.3); Simeon Carter ranks third (1.4/gm) and Trey Dawkins is sixth (1.1/gm).
- The Eagles rank 19th in the country and first in the Sun Belt in total 3-point field goal attempts (499), and GS is second in the league in 3-pointers made per game (8.8).
- South Alabama was picked first in the Sun Belt Preseason Coaches Poll and garnered eight first-place votes. Seniors Josh Ajayi and Trhae Mitchell were named preseason first-team All-Sun Belt. Ajayi is seventh in the league in scoring (15.0/ppg), second in rebounding (8.1/gm) and first in field goal percentage (.575).
- The Jags lead the Sun Belt in field goal percentage and are shooting 47 percent from the floor.
- South Alabama is 6-4 at home this season but 1-3 in home league games.