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Game Preview

Site: Hanner Fieldhouse (3,897)

Tipoff: 5 p.m.

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

Watch: ESPN+

Series: GS leads series 43-22, L3

Last meeting: 3/9/2019, L 85-90 (Hanner)

Promotions: It's a White Out, sponsored by Morris Bank, and a doubleheader with the Eagle women's team. The women's game tips at 2 p.m., and the men will start at approximately 5 p.m.

Probable Starters:

#2 - Elijah McCadden

#3 - Ike Smith

#10 - Calvin Wishart

#13 - Quan Jackson

#53 - Isaiah Crawley

- GS returns to Hanner Fieldhouse for a three-game homestand, starting Saturday, Jan. 25, against Georgia State.
- It's a White Out, sponsored by Morris Bank, and a doubleheader with the Eagle women's team. The women's game tips at 2 p.m., and the men will start at approximately 5 p.m.
- One point will be on the line in the Southern vs. State Rivalry Series, which Southern leads 4-3.
- Coaches for both teams will be wearing sneakers in support of Coaches vs. Cancer.
- This homestand is the longest of the season for the Eagles.
- It's the first of two scheduled meetings against Georgia State this season.
- The teams enter the contest tied for second in the Sun Belt standings, a game and a half behind Little Rock.
- The Eagles are 4-2 in games decided by five points or less, and six of their nine Sun Belt games have been decided by six points or less.
- The Eagles are 3-2 in their last five and coming off a 74-68 setback at preseason Sun Belt favorite South Alabama last Saturday.
- The Eagles are 68-22 in Hanner Fieldhouse (8-0 this season) under Mark Byington and 39-12 in Sun Belt contests.
- The Eagles rank 40th in the country and second in the Sun Belt in steals (8.3/gm), 31st nationally in turnovers forced (16.8/gm) and 15th in turnover margin (+4.4).
- GS ranks third in the Sun Belt in fewest fouls (16.4/gm) and fourth in fewest turnovers (12.4/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 seventh (1.0/gm).
- The Eagles rank 14th in the country and first in the Sun Belt in total 3-point field goal attempts (535), and GS is second in the league in 3-pointers made per game (9.0).
- Georgia State, the back-to-back defending Sun Belt Conference tournament champions, have compiled an 84-37 league record since rejoining the league in 2013-14. During that six-year span, the Panthers have finished among the top two in the regular season standings five times.

- Georgia State is 3-2 in its last five and coming off a 75-65 loss at Troy last Saturday.
- The Panthers are 4-7 on the road and 2-3 in road Sun Belt games.
- Georgia State is holding opponents to 27.5 percent shooting from 3-point range which ranks ninth in the country and first in the Sun Belt Conference. Georgia State is also holding opponents to 39 percent shooting from the floor which ranks No. 34th in the NCAA.
- Offensively the Panthers average 79.1 points per game which is ranked 26th in the country, and Georgia State is shooting 39.7 percent from behind the 3-point line which stands ninth in the country.