

Georgia Southern University

Digital Commons@Georgia Southern

---

Athletics News

Athletics

---

1-25-2020

## State Erases Second-Half Deficit to Top Southern 82-77

Georgia Southern University

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/athletics-news-online>



Part of the [Higher Education Commons](#)

---

### Recommended Citation

Georgia Southern University, "State Erases Second-Half Deficit to Top Southern 82-77" (2020). *Athletics News*. 2674.

<https://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/athletics-news-online/2674>

This article is brought to you for free and open access by the Athletics at Digital Commons@Georgia Southern. It has been accepted for inclusion in Athletics News by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons@Georgia Southern. For more information, please contact [digitalcommons@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:digitalcommons@georgiasouthern.edu).

# Georgia Southern University Athletics



State Erases Second-Half Deficit to Top Southern 82-77

Troy visits Hanner Fieldhouse next Thursday.

Marc Gignac

Men's Basketball

Posted: 1/25/2020 8:21:00 PM

[Postgame radio interview](#) with [Mark Byington](#)

**STATESBORO** – Kane Williams collected 15 points, seven rebounds, two assists and two steals, and Georgia State held Georgia Southern to 30 percent shooting in the second half to earn an 82-77 Sun Belt men's basketball win over the Eagles Saturday evening in Hanner Fieldhouse.

State picked up a point in the Southern vs. State Rivalry Series, which Southern leads 5-4.

## Eagles of the Game

[Ike Smith](#) led all scorers with 23 points and added eight rebounds, while [Isaiah Crawley](#) notched 14 points, six boards and three assists. [Quan Jackson](#) finished with 13 points and three steals.

## Key moments

State (14-7, 7-3) trailed by 14 points with 12:58 remaining but went on a 21-6 run to open a brief 72-71 lead late in the contest. The Eagles committed seven turnovers during the stretch that led to eight points and missed four straight free throws on one possession after the Panthers were whistled for a technical foul.

The Eagles (12-9, 6-4) grabbed the lead right back on a Jackson runner with 4:03 remaining, and the teams traded the lead three more times. Smith gave Southern a 76-74 advantage with a triple from the wing with 2:32 to go following a Crawley offensive rebound and kickout, but that would be the Eagles' last basket of the game.

Nelson Phillips made a free throw on State's next possession, and the Panthers forced a shot clock violation on the Eagles' trip down the floor. Josh Lindner scored a putback layup for the Panthers, and Williams got a steal and a run out layup to increase the State lead to 79-76 with 37 seconds left. After Smith missed a triple try for Southern, Williams added 1 of 2 from the charity stripe with 21 seconds remaining.

## Key stats

Ten of the Eagles' 17 turnovers came in the second half, and State capitalized by scoring 14 points on the miscues. The Panthers also owned an 18-10 advantage on the offensive glass in the contest, resulting in 19 second-chance points.

## Next up

GS continues its three-game homestand Thursday, Jan. 30, when the Eagles play host to Troy at 7 p.m. on ESPN+. It's Student Appreciation Night, sponsored by The Hudson and The George.

Copyright ©2021 Georgia Southern University Athletics