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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 leads series 18-8, W5

Last meeting: 1/16/2020, W 82-66 (away)

Promotions: It's Student Appreciation Night, sponsored by The Hudson and The George.

Probable Starters:

#2 - Elijah McCadden

#3 - Ike Smith

#10 - Calvin Wishart

#13 - Quan Jackson

#53 - Isaiah Crawley

- The Eagles continue their three-game homestand, the longest of the season, Thursday against Troy. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m. on ESPN+.
- It's Student Appreciation Night, sponsored by The Hudson and The George.
- It's the second of two scheduled meetings against Troy this season. The Eagles won the first matchup 82-66 Jan. 16 in Troy.
- At the halfway mark of the conference schedule, the Eagles enter the contest in fourth place in the Sun Belt standings, and Troy is 10th.
- The Eagles are 4-3 in games decided by five points or less, and seven of their 10 Sun Belt games have been decided by six points or less.
- The Eagles are 3-2 in their last five and coming off an 82-77 home setback against Georgia State last Saturday.
- The Eagles are 68-23 in Hanner Fieldhouse (8-1 this season) under Mark Byington and 39-13 in Sun Belt contests.
- GS is 10-1 in its last Thursday league games dating back to last season and has won eight in a row.
- The Eagles rank 43rd in the country and second in the Sun Belt in steals (8.1/gm), 29th nationally in turnovers forced (16.5/gm) and 19th in turnover margin (+3.9).
- GS ranks fourth in the Sun Belt in fewest fouls (16.4/gm) and fourth in fewest turnovers (12.6/gm). The Eagles are first in the league in blocked shots per game (4.5); Simeon Carter ranks second (1.6/gm) and Trey Dawkins is seventh (1.0/gm).
- The Eagles rank 23rd in the country and second in the Sun Belt in total 3-point field goal attempts (561), and GS is second in the league in 3-pointers made per game (8.9).
- Troy is 1-4 in its last five games and coming off a 78-62 home loss to Arkansas State last Saturday.
- The Trojans need just one more Sun Belt victory to equal the program's total from a season ago.
- Troy has won five of its last six games in which the Trojans have hit at least 10 3-pointers. The Trojans are just 3-11 when they don't hit at least 10 3-pointers.
- Troy is 2-9 away from home and 1-4 in road league games.