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SETTING THE SCENE

Game Preview

Site: Fant-Ewing Coliseum (7,000)

Tipoff: 8 p.m. ET

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

Watch: ESPN+

Series: GS trails 12-11, W2

Last meeting: 1/9/20, W 67-56 (Hanner)

Probable Starters:

#2 - Elijah McCadden

#3 - Ike Smith

#10 - Calvin Wishart

#13 - Quan Jackson

#53 - Isaiah Crawley

- GS opens a stretch of five of its next seven on the road in The Pelican State as the Eagles take on ULM Thursday at 8 p.m. ET on ESPN+.
- It's the second of two scheduled meetings against ULM this season. The Eagles won the first matchup 67-56.
- The Eagles enter the game tied for third place in the Sun Belt standings, while ULM is in 12th.
- The Eagles are 4-3 in games decided by five points or less, and seven of their 12 Sun Belt games have been decided by six points or less.
- The Eagles are 2-3 in their last five and coming off a 79-69 home loss to South Alabama Saturday.
- When scheduled for two league games in a week, GS is 11-1 in its last 12 "first" games and has won nine in a row. Since the Sun Belt went to travel partners in 2015-16, GS is: 26-13 in first games of the week, including 15-5 at home and 11-8 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 41st in the country and second in the Sun Belt in steals (8.1/gm), 29th nationally in turnovers forced (16.4/gm) and 20th in turnover margin (+3.6).
- GS ranks third in the Sun Belt in fewest fouls (16.6/gm) and fourth in fewest turnovers (12.8/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 eighth (1.0/gm).
- The Eagles rank 19th in the country and second in the Sun Belt in total 3-point field goal attempts (621), and GS is first in the league in 3-pointers made per game (9.0).
- ULM has lost its last eight and is coming off a 68-54 setback at UTA last Saturday.
- The Warhawks are 6-5 at home this season and 2-4 in home Sun Belt games.
- Michael Ertel ranks sixth in the league in scoring with 15.3 points a game.