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

SAN MARCOS, Texas – Nijal Pearson recorded 20 points and five rebounds, and Texas State held Georgia Southern to 29 percent from the floor in the first half on its way to a 70-55 Sun Belt men's basketball win over the Eagles Thursday night in Strahan Arena.

Eagles of the Game

[Isaiah Crawley](#) tallied 18 points, seven rebounds and two steals, and [Ike Smith](#) netted 11. [Quan Jackson](#) and [Simeon Carter](#) each scored nine, and Carter grabbed five boards.

Key Moments

GS (16-12, 10-7) fell behind 13-2 after making one of its first seven shots and committing five turnovers to start the contest. Jackson netted five points, and the Eagles scored seven straight to chip a 21-point deficit down to 14, but Texas State (18-10, 11-6) scored the next 11 and went on to lead 42-20 at the break.

The margin grew to as many as 24 in the second half. The Eagles used a 7-2 run to cut the margin to 17 with 4:49 to play and had two possessions to get closer but came up empty.

Key Stats

Texas State held Georgia Southern to 6 of 21, forced seven turnovers and blocked six shots in the first half. The Eagles shot 2 of 14 from long distance and 15 of 30 from the free-throw line in the contest.

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The Eagles take on UTA Saturday at 3 p.m. ET. on ESPN+.