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SETTING THE SCENE

Game Preview

Site: College Park Center (7,000)

Tipoff: 3 p.m. ET

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

Watch: ESPN+

Series: Tied 6-6, W1

Last meeting: 12/21/19, W 77-74 (Hanner)

Probable Starters:

#2 - Elijah McCadden

#3 - Ike Smith

#10 - Calvin Wishart

#13 - Quan Jackson

#53 - Isaiah Crawley

- The Eagles continue a three-game road swing at UTA Saturday at 3 p.m. ET on ESPN+.
- It's the second of two scheduled meetings against UTA this season. GS won the first contest 77-74 back on Dec. 21 in Hanner Fieldhouse.
- The Eagles enter the game tied for fourth place in the Sun Belt standings, and UTA is tied for sixth and one game back.
- The Eagles are 5-4 in games decided by five points or less, and nine of their 17 Sun Belt games have been decided by six points or less.
- The Eagles are 3-2 in their last five and coming off a 70-55 setback at Texas State Thursday night.
- When scheduled for two league games in a week, GS is 13-2 in its last 15 "first" games and has won 11 of 12. Since the Sun Belt went to travel partners in 2015-16, GS is: 28-14 in first games of the week, including 16-5 at home and 12-9 on the road; 24-17 in second games of the week, including 15-6 at home and 9-11 on the road.
- The Eagles are 5-8 on the road and 4-4 in road league games this season.
- The Eagles rank 41st in the country and second in the Sun Belt in steals (8.0/gm), 30th nationally in turnovers forced (16.1/gm) and 20th in turnover margin (+3.5).
- GS ranks third in the Sun Belt in fewest fouls (16.5/gm) and fourth in fewest turnovers (12.6/gm). The Eagles are second in the league in blocked shots per game (4.1); Simeon Carter ranks second (1.6/gm).
- The Eagles rank 31st in the country and second in the Sun Belt in total 3-point field goal attempts (711), and GS is third in the league in 3-pointers made per game (8.2).
- UTA is 3-2 in its last five, has won its last three and is coming off a 70-62 comeback win over Georgia State at home Thursday night.
- This is the first time in program history UTA has had a five-game conference homestand.
- UTA ranks fourth in the Sun Belt in scoring defense (67.6 ppg) and third in field goal percentage defense (.410).
- The Mavs are 8-5 at home and 5-3 in home league games.

