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Game Preview

Site: Hanner Fieldhouse (3,897)

Tipoff: 4 p.m.

Watch: ESPN+

Series: GS leads 1-0 | [Series History](#)

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Probable Starters:

#0 - Kaden Archie
#2 - Elijah McCadden
#5 - Eric Boone
#12 - Andrei Savrasov
#24 - Prince Toyambi

- Georgia Southern caps a two-game homestand when the Eagles host the College of Coastal Georgia Saturday in Hanner Fieldhouse.
- It's the second meeting on the hardwood between the two schools. GS won the first contest 92-43 Nov. 14, 2016.
- Georgia Southern opened the campaign with a 97-65 victory over Florida National Wednesday. It was the first win for first-year coach Brian Burg, who was named the head coach of the Eagles March 29.
- GS improved to 33-16 in season openers in the Division I era and 44-4 in home openers, winning the last nine. The Eagles are 26-2 in the Division I era when opening the season in Hanner Fieldhouse with the losses coming to Austin Peay (88-87 OT) in 1980 and Valparaiso (90-81) in 2011.
- Junior guard Elijah McCadden was named second-team All-Sun Belt and senior guard Zack Bryant was named third-team All-Sun Belt in the Preseason Coaches Poll. Georgia Southern was picked fifth in the East Division.
- Georgia Southern returns five lettermen (two scholarship), which is tied for the fourth least in the country. The Eagles' nine newcomers are tied for the fourth-most in the country. Georgia Southern is replacing 79.1 percent of its scoring from last season, the 10th-most in the country. Georgia Southern has six transfers from Division I schools, and one from a Division II program who are all eligible to compete this season. Seven of the nine newcomers made their Georgia Southern debuts Wednesday night.
- Georgia Southern is coming off its third consecutive 20-win season and advanced to the Sun

Belt Championship Semifinals for the third straight campaign. The Eagles have won 20-plus games in four of the last six seasons.

- Georgia Southern tied for fourth in the Sun Belt standings last year and has finished in the top-5 in each of its six seasons in the league. The Eagles are one of just two Sun Belt teams (UTA) and 26 teams in the country that have won 10-plus league games in each of the last six seasons. The Eagles are 70-44 in Sun Belt games in their six seasons, the second-best record in the league during that time span (Georgia State 73-41).
- GS is 26-3 in its last 29 non-conference games in Hanner Fieldhouse. The Eagles are 72-26 in Hanner Fieldhouse in the last seven seasons and 42-16 in contests against Sun Belt competition.
- The Eagles are 5-1 in their last six, dating back to last season.
- Coastal Georgia already has six games under its belt and comes into the contest with a 3-3 record. The Mariners are coming off a 99-57 setback at Jacksonville Wednesday night.
- Coastal Georgia finished the 2019-20 campaign with a 13-17 record.