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Game Preview

Site: Hodge Center (837)

Tipoff: 6 p.m.

Watch: ESPN+

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

Probable Starters:

#0 - Kaden Archie

#2 - Elijah McCadden

#5 - Eric Boone

#12 - Andrei Savrasov

#24 - Prince Toyambi

- Georgia Southern plays its first road game of the season as the Eagles travel to USC Upstate for a 6 p.m. contest Saturday in the Hodge Center. The game will be broadcast live on ESPN+.
- It's the second meeting on the hardwood between the two schools. GS won the first contest 84-80 Nov. 27, 2015, in the Palmetto State Shootout at the Hodge Center. Ike Smith put the Eagles ahead 82-78 with a turnaround jumper that beat the shot clock with 9.3 seconds left, and Tookie Brown made two free throws with 3.5 seconds remaining to seal the win.
- Georgia Southern is coming off a 91-79 win over Coastal Georgia last Saturday. The Eagles have not trailed in their two games this season.
- 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 11th-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 in the season opener Nov. 25.
- 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.
- The Eagles are 6-1 in their last seven, dating back to last season.
- USC Upstate fell to 0-3 with a 94-78 home setback to Eastern Kentucky Wednesday evening. The game against the Eagles is the second of a four-game homestand for the Spartans.

- USC Upstate was picked fifth in the Big South preseason poll. It is the highest preseason ranking for the Spartans since the 2017 ASUN preseason poll, when USC Upstate was picked fourth.
- Everette Hammond and Tommy Bruner, USC Upstate's top-two scorers from last season, were named preseason All-Big South.
- USC Upstate is one of the youngest teams in the nation and one of nine Division I teams with no seniors on its roster.