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# SETTING THE SCENE

## Weekend Preview

**at FIU (5-1)**

**When:** Dec. 19 | 7 p.m.

**Site:** Ocean Bank Convocation Center

**Watch:** [CUSA.tv](#) (\$\$\$)

**Listen:** [GS Radio Network](#)

[Live Stats](#)

**Series:** GS leads 4-0, W4 | [Series History](#)

**vs. Carver**

**When:** Dec. 20 | 7 p.m.

**Site:** Ocean Bank Convocation Center

**Watch:** None

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### [Georgia Southern Notes](#)

#### **Probable Starters:**

- #2 - Elijah McCadden
- #3 - Zack Bryant
- #5 - Eric Boone
- #11 - Mackenzie McFatten
- #24 - Prince Toyambi

- Georgia Southern opens a stretch of three road games in four days when the Eagles travel to Florida International this weekend. GS will take on FIU Saturday at 7 p.m. before facing Carver Sunday at 7 p.m. The trip concludes with a contest at Florida Gulf Coast Tuesday at 7 p.m.
- GS is coming off a 92-27 win over Carver in Hanner Fieldhouse Tuesday night. It was the least points Georgia Southern has allowed in a game since a 63-24 win over Piedmont in December of 1947. The Eagles held the Cougars to 12 points in the first half, the least since Judson scored 12 in the first frame Dec. 30, 1985.
- The Eagles are 4-0 against Florida International and won the last meeting 75-68 Dec. 15, 2016, in Miami. The Eagles swept a home-and-home when the series started in 1992 and topped the Panthers 78-72 in Hanner Fieldhouse Nov. 24, 2014.
- GS is now 4-0 against Carver in a series that began with a 91-83 GS win Nov. 15, 2010. All four of the meetings have been in Statesboro.
- 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. Bryant scored his

1,000th career point with a pair of free throws at Davidson with 12:39 left in the game. He scored 986 points at UAB before transferring to Georgia Southern.

- Georgia Southern was picked fifth in the Sun Belt's East Division in the Sun Belt Preseason Coaches Poll.
- 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 8-3 in their last 11, dating back to last season.
- The Eagles have notched 32 wins away from home in the last three-plus seasons. The most wins away from home in a season in school history is 12 in 1988-89.
- FIU started the season 4-0 for the first time since the 2002-03 campaign. The Panthers enter the contest with a 5-1 mark and are coming off an 85-69 win at Florida Gulf Coast Wednesday night.
- The Panthers have won 10-straight non-conference home games dating back to the 2018-19 season. The last loss came against South Florida Dec. 18, 2018.
- FIU was picked 11th in the Conference USA Preseason Poll.
- Carver has played 11 Division I games this season, including three this week, and is slated to meet Georgia State Friday afternoon and Stetson Saturday night.