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SETTING THE SCENE

Weekend Preview

Dates: Feb. 26 and 27, 2021

Site: Hanner Fieldhouse (3,897)

Tipoffs: 6 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday

Watch: ESPN+

Listen: GS Radio Network

Series: GS trails 30-24, L4 | [Division I Series History](#)

Promotions: Friday's game is a White Out, and the first 500 fans will receive a free replica jersey. The game is presented by The Hudson and The George.

Saturday's game is a Blue Out, Senior Day and Alumni Day, and the first 500 fans receive rally towels. The game is presented by Belfor.

[Hanner Fieldhouse Gameday Guide](#)

Probable Starters:

#2 - Elijah McCadden

#4 - Kamari Brown

#5 - Eric Boone

#13 - Gedi Juozapaitis

#24 - Prince Toyambi

- Georgia Southern finishes off the regular season by hosting Appalachian State Friday and Saturday in Hanner Fieldhouse. Both games will air on ESPN+ and the GS Sports Network.
- Friday's game is a White Out, and the first 500 fans will receive a free replica jersey. The game is presented by The Hudson and The George.
- Saturday's game is a Blue Out, Senior Day and Alumni Day, and the first 500 fans receive rally towels. The game is presented by Belfor.
- Georgia Southern will celebrate seniors Zack Bryant, Jacob Sowers, Grant Weatherford and Eito Yuminami prior to Saturday's tipoff.
- Georgia Southern enters the weekend in fifth place in the Sun Belt East Division, a half a game behind the Eagles.
- The Eagles can finish fourth with two wins over the Mountaineers and can finish no lower than fifth. That means the Eagles' first game of next week's Sun Belt Championship in Pensacola, Florida, will be Friday, March 5, at either at 6 p.m. or 8:30 p.m. ET in Hartsell Arena on the campus of Pensacola State College.
- Appalachian State can finish as high as second and will need to sweep the Eagles and have Georgia State and Coastal Carolina both get swept in order to move into that spot.
- The Mountaineers won both games against the Eagles in Boone back in the beginning of January.
- The Eagles are coming off a 65-55 road loss at Coastal Carolina Sunday and have lost their last two. GS has played just two games since Feb. 11 because of COVID-19 protocols.
- Georgia Southern has 11 scholarship players averaging over 10 minutes a game, and only Zack Bryant averages more than 10 shots a game. Ten different players have led the Eagles in scoring, eight have led in rebounding and eight have led in assists in a game this season.
- Georgia Southern ranks fourth in the Sun Belt in offensive rebounds per game (11.5).
- Georgia Southern ranks 23rd nationally and second in the Sun Belt in steals per game (8.6) and seventh nationally and first in the Sun Belt in total steals (198). The Eagles are 24th in the country and first in the league in turnovers forced (16.5/gm).
- The Eagles are 78-29 in Hanner Fieldhouse in the last seven seasons and 46-18 in contests against Sun Belt competition (includes 2020 Sun Belt Tourney). GS is 7-3 overall in the building this season.
- Appalachian State has lost its last five and is coming off an 85-71 loss at Georgia State Tuesday. The Mountaineers suffered a pair of two-point losses to East Division leader South Alabama at home last weekend.
- App State leads the league in opponent 3-point field goal percentage, holding opponents to 31.8 percent shooting. The Mountaineers are holding opponents to 62.4 points a game, which ranks second in the Sun Belt and 17th in the nation.