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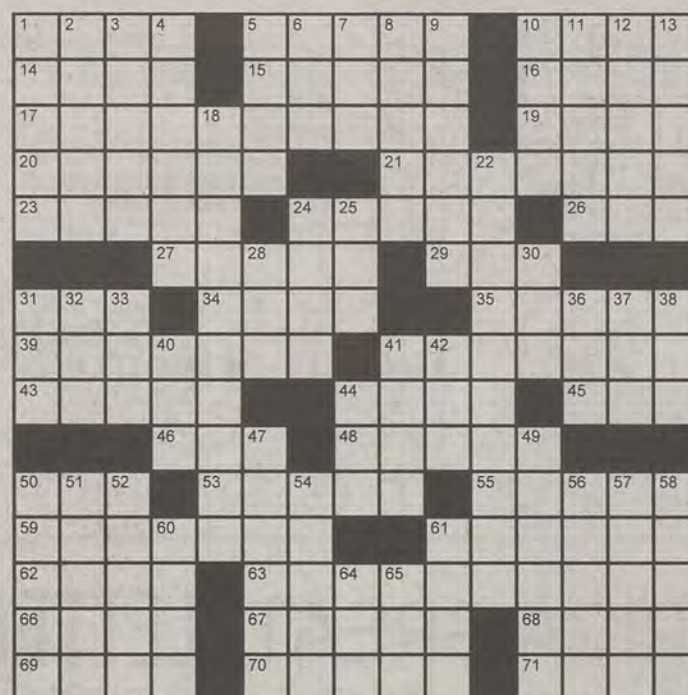
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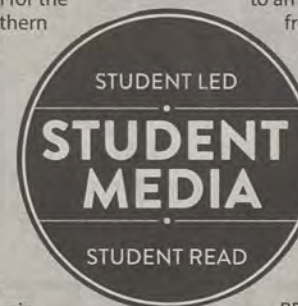
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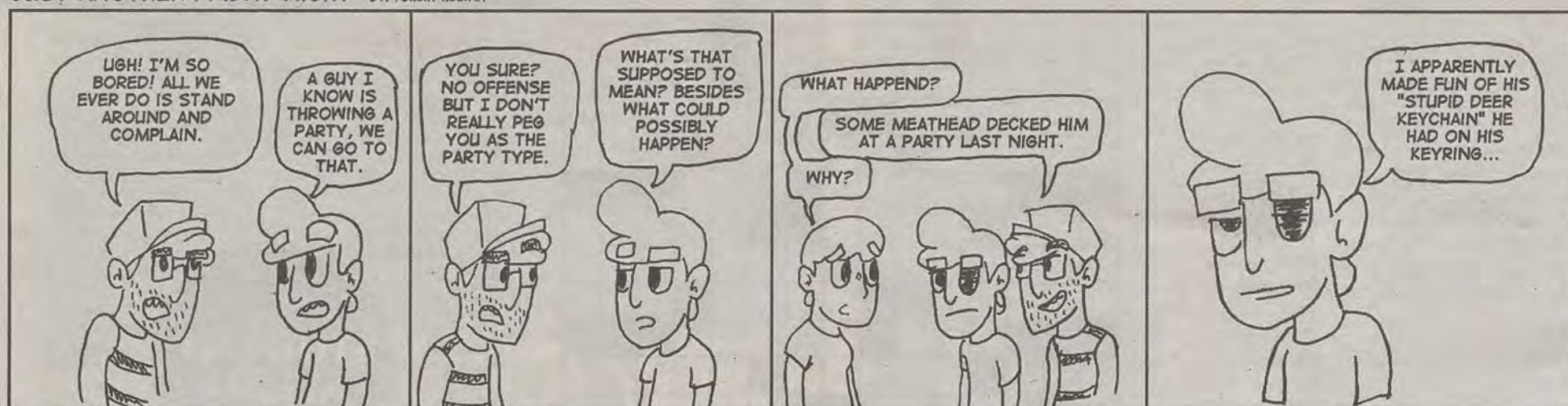
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JUST ANOTHER FRIDAY NIGHT. BY: TOMMY MARTIN



WHAT MAKES AMERICA GREAT



ABDULRAHMAN ALHAWSAI

Alhawsali is a Fulbright Participant and TA in the Foreign Language Department from Yemen.

When I first came to visit the United States, I spent a whole month vacillating through what is known as a cultural shock, since I came as a Fulbright participant from Yemen. Yes! I came here expecting to see a different culture,

but I wasn't sure of the real nature of those differences. However, what I have seen astonished me and triggered the phrase, "this is why America is great!" to come out of my mouth. It is not the politics that make it great, since I come from the Middle East, but it is everything! Just everything!!!

A couple weeks ago, I was invited by the very talented literature professor, Mr. Edward Bradly, to a Jazz festival, an event that I would refuse without even thinking. I decided to go over my rejection and say yes, not to jazz in specifically, but yes to America. I got to see the blues music that touches people's souls, the gatherings that brings memories and enhances passion and desire to live and the simplicity that encapsulates people's behavior. Everything there, as I said, was a sign for the glamorous and shining

stars in "our" southern American sky. America's generosity was also a part of that everything.

This everything is also in the depth of the history, in which we see America's great founders establishing true democracy that not many young Americans appreciate. I can see Mr. Nvotsky, with his passionate voice describing America's founders as legends, talking to his students with the tone of a true American veteran about struggles to have a prosperous and free nation that accepts and welcomes all nations and cultures. Patriotism and education is a part of everything.

If I just give myself a chance to write, I would never stop. This is how we are raised in our Arabic Yemeni culture, to thankfully praise our hosts and wish them a more prosperous future. This is also the scope of being great in everything.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

DEAR EDITOR,

On Tuesday, September 30th, the front page article in the George-Anne was about a presentation the previous Thursday by Reid Milhalko, a world renowned sexual educator. A story telling who Milhalko is, what he does, and why Georgia Southern had him come would have been a perfectly good news story. If that was all there had been to it, I would not have found anything wrong. Instead, what the George-Anne published was an extremely inappropriate and unprofessional story that should never have been placed in any newspaper, much less the front page of a student newspaper.

As a Christian, I am aware that not everybody has the same views on sex that I do. But I believe that many people who have different views than I do, would agree with me in saying the explicit details of that article should never have been printed. I understand the reporter was just reporting on what was said by Milhalko in his presentation, but there is a time and a place for everything. If people attended the presentation to learn what was taught, then that was their choice. But explicit descriptions of what to do during sex should not have been published in the newspaper, much less be the first page story.

I respect the George-Anne writers and editors for all the time put into the newspaper while also being students. This letter is not to criticize what they do, but to say I wish there had been better judgment by the George-Anne staff.

GABETHOMAS

Junior multimedia journalism major from Statesboro, Ga.

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GSU NEWS

BRIEFS

BY EMILY ARNOLD

The George-Anne staff



1. Luke Bryan, Georgia Southern University alum and acclaimed Country singer, will be performing on Oct. 8 in Claxton at Perry Field for his annual Farm Tour. Part of the proceeds made from the tour will go toward providing scholarships for GSU students. Cole Swindell will also be present as the opening act.

2. Registration for the LGBTQ & Allies Conference is now open to students, faculty and residents of Statesboro. The theme of the event is "Queer Expressions - Exploring the Facets of Identity" and will feature keynote speaker Kai Davis, writer and Poet & International Slam Champion. The pre-registration deadline is Oct. 15 and the event is on Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Russell Union. This event is sponsored by the Multicultural Student Center and the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA). To register visit www.georgiasouthern.edu/conferences.

3. Chad Posick, Ph.D., College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences assistant professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, received the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences' (ACJS) New Scholar Award in the victimology section. The New Scholar Award recognizes the achievements of a scholar who shows outstanding merit at the beginnings of his or her career.

4. Li Li, Ph.D., College of Health and Human Sciences research professor in the School of Health and Kinesiology, has been inducted as a Fellow in the National Academy of Kinesiology (NAK). NAK is an honorary organization made up of Fellows who have made significant and lasting contributions in the field of kinesiology through scholarship and professional service.

5. The Georgia Southern University Music Department will present a choral concert for students, faculty and residents of Statesboro this Friday evening in the Carol A. Carter Recital Hall located in the Foy Building on campus. This is a free event.

LIP SYNC BATTLE COMES TO CAMPUS

BY JUSTIN DOIL

The George-Anne contributor

The first ever Screaming Eagles Lip Sync Contest featuring Mentalist Christopher Carter will be held today, Tuesday, Oct. 7 in the Russell Union Ballroom at 6 p.m.

"The event is going to start out with three lip sync performances and after those three performances, the mentalist Christopher Carter will perform for about 30-40 minutes. Then we will have three more lip sync performances and the mentalist will wrap up the show," Cherelle Pinckney, the residence director for Kennedy Hall and coordinator for Screaming Eagles, said.

Immediately following the last act by the mentalist, judges will announce which performance was the best and the winners will be given a \$100 value prize from the University Store.

This contest marks the first time University Housing has held an event

for Homecoming, and Pinckney said that she was ecstatic that the University Programming Board decided to partner with University Housing to make the event successful.

Groups performing are from sororities Alpha Omicron Pi and Kappa

Kappa Gamma, fraternity Pi Kappa Alpha, the Residence Hall Association, the Student Government Association and a team comprised of students known as The Dreams.

"We have some great talent here on campus and what better way to exhibit it than to go about showing your fellow students here what a great performance you can actually put on," Pinckney said. "It is going to be really exciting. There are going to be students putting themselves in the spotlight and everyone should come out to support them."

The event is being sponsored by University Housing, who has partnered with the University Programming Board to bring about this event. According to Pinckney, the event should last between an hour and a half to two hours. Students planning on attending the must bring their Eagle ID to be admitted into the Russell Union Ballroom.



Illustration by James Dawson

HANNER IS BACK FOR BASKETBALL SEASON

BY CASEY CARGLE

The George-Anne staff

Construction has been going on at Hanner Fieldhouse for a little over a month now, and there have been many speculations as to what exactly is being worked on inside the building.

The construction has been on Hanner's eight major structural beams. These beams are being reinforced with steel. A welding company has been working on the beams for the past couple of weeks.

"The construction should be done between Oct. 10 and the 15, if not sooner," Jeffery Blythe, senior associate athletic director for internal operations, said.

It is still volleyball season, and the volleyball team has been playing home games at Statesboro High School, but they plan to move their games back into Hanner for the rest of the season.

There were also rumors of a gas leak inside of Hanner, but these are

false. The fumes from welding caused a smell that went through the whole building, and a staff member thought it was a gas leak. The staff member called the university police, according to Blythe.

Hanner will be utilized for the remaining volleyball games, as well as for the start of basketball season

"We have a student body of over 20,000, and to get Hanner filled up would be outstanding," Blythe said.



Wayne Hayes | The George-Anne

Construction at Hanner Fieldhouse will be completed sometime between Oct. 10 and 15, according to Senior Associate Athletic Director for Internal Operations Jeffery Blythe.

SPRING CONCERT POLL OPENS NEXT WEEK

BY MACY HALLOWAY

The George-Anne staff

The nominees have officially been posted for this year's Spring Concert. Maya Clark, president of the University Programming Board, explained UPB's selection process for the potential artists.

They initially correspond with their agent at Babco Entertainment and accumulate a list of potential artists fitting into the university's price range. After the list has been sent back to them, UPB executives will narrow it down further and eventually, after they have a lengthy list of candidates, the general members will finish vetting the ballot.

The voting polls will be open all of Homecoming week and close the following Wednesday. After the winning artist is chosen, the board will begin attempting to contact the artist's agent to see if they will be available during the desired Spring Concert months.

In case the leading artist ends up not being available, UPB will move to the second most popular artist on the ballot. If that artist is not available, UPB will move to the third most popular artist and so on.

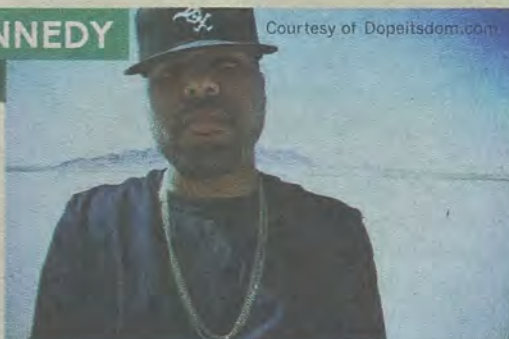
"Well this is why people ended up getting upset last year, because they voted for one person and a completely different group won," Clark said. "We try our best not to go to the very bottom of the list, and if it gets to that we'll usually try to get someone from the same genre as the artist who won."

The concert will most likely be held in the Hanner Fieldhouse according to Clark. Since we had such a popular artist last year, Lady Antebellum, in Paulson Stadium, they

want to try to keep it more low-key this year.

Clark said, "Please vote, vote, vote! I know people are already really excited about the list on social media, so I really want to encourage people to actually vote so that their voice can be heard and we can all choose the best artist possible."

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The recent release of SUPER SMASH BROS. FOR 3DS

BY IAN LEONARD

The George-Anne contributor

Late Thursday night, college students from Georgia Southern were hanging out in an empty parking lot, making tons of noise and bursting with energy. What were they doing you ask? Waiting for the release of the newest Super Smash Brothers, of course.

Super Smash Bros. for Nintendo 3DS was released on Friday, Oct. 3. Statesboro's GameStop hosted a midnight release event for those that pre-ordered the game.

Customers were arriving at the store as early as 9 p.m. to get their line number. Some even elected to stay at the store the entire night until the release at midnight.

The dedication of these faithful fans

was further demonstrated by attendees who had 9 a.m. classes the following day. They were sacrificing a good night's sleep in order to get their hands on the hotly anticipated title as early as possible.

Sophomore biology major Bryant Brumbill was at the event

despite having classes early in the morning, followed by work until 6 p.m.

"It's going to be tough tomorrow, but it'll be worth it because I really enjoy this game. It's my main hobby."

The overall atmosphere surrounding the crowd that night was lighthearted and fun. It was truly a gathering of people who have a passion for something they could all share in.



Photo courtesy of gameinformer

REVIEW OF THE GAME

BY DERIK WUCHTE

The George-Anne staff

The game itself is a unique, easy-to-find gem. As a person who has been playing Smash since the Nintendo 64, the idea of the game hasn't changed a bit: each player gets a damage percentage, you attack your enemies to increase it and then send them flying off the stage for a KO. The simplicity of it has made Smash playable for a very large number of people. The 3DS doesn't change that.

What do we get?

There are four primary ways for playing: Smash, Online, Smash Run and Games & More. Each game mode features a slew of

options so you get the most out of your experience.

With 48 Characters (or 51, if you include the Mii Fighters) including classics like Captain Falcon and Link hitting up the roster again, and newbies like Robin from Fire Emblem: Awakening and Greninja from Pokémon, finding a new favorite character isn't a challenge. Each character is unique with a different moveset (except for a few) so expect variety as you play against others.

Smash Run

A new game mode to the SSB universe, Smash Run takes a bit of the old and combines it with the new. Like The Subspace Emissary (a game mode in Super Smash Bros.

Brawl) and classic Smash, you select a character, fight computer enemies to boost your stats and then join up with others for a final fight. I had my doubts with Smash Run but after playing through it a few times, I was hooked. It has a lot of potential to be great fun.

Exclusivity

While this new Smash may be only for Nintendo 3DS, that does not limit its entertainment value. You can get everything you want out of it. It is still Super Smash Bros., after all. Get a group of friends, put your skills to the test and have a blast. The game is an awesome experience for everyone that plays it.

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FREEMAN FARMS

BY IAN LEONARD

The George-Anne contributor

Size: 4 1/2 acres

Hours: 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. Saturdays, 1-6 p.m. Sundays

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OTTAWA FARMS

BY IAN LEONARD

The George-Anne contributor

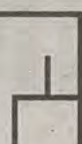
Size: 10 acres

Hours: 1-10 p.m. Saturdays, 1-6 p.m. Sundays

Price: \$8 General Admission, children 5 and under free

Ottawa farms is a slightly more family oriented maze. For your \$8 admission you can enjoy a plethora of different activities, such as wagon rides, pig races, a 100-foot-tall slide and even a corn cannon. Yes, the corn cannon is exactly what it sounds like: you stuff ears of corn into a cannon and shoot it at things. On top of their maze being a massive 10 acres, it is in the shape of a cowboy riding a wild stallion. It does not get much more southern than that folks. Unfortunately, Ottawa farms is 40 minutes away from GSU, so it'll be a bit of a drive.

Address: 702 Bloomingdale Rd., Bloomingdale, GA 31302



POPPELL FARM

BY KATHERYN KEITH

The George-Anne contributor

Hours: Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

Distance: About 1 hour and 15 minutes away

Size: 10 acres

Cost: \$8 for the corn maze, plus \$8 more for all the activities; \$15 for both the corn maze and activities during the daytime hours of 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Special features: The corn maze offers a wide set of activities, especially for the younger crowd. There's a playground, a petting farm, a hayride and a ton of other fun things to play with. There's a catfish pond where you can feed the fish and duck races. And for all you corn hole fanatics out there, what would a corn maze be without a proper area for corn hole? For those who like the creepy crawly things that go bump in the night, Poppell Farm has a section of woods properly deemed "the Frightful Forest." It is a long section of forest that is lined with all things spooky. It opens on Oct. 10. On Oct. 25, there will be a Halloween party and a costume contest. For those who are big on Christmas, Poppell Farms also own a Christmas tree farm that opens for business after Thanksgiving.



INTRAGALACTIC RELOCATION



Meagan Rowe | The George-Anne

BY MEAGAN ROWE

The George-Anne contributor

Roughly a decade ago, there was a small shop called Gallop's Comics & Games located on Highway 67 South near the Kiwanis Fairgrounds. Run by Ted and Debi Gallop, it provided Statesboro with a unique shopping experience for several years.

In November 2006, they decided to sell the shop, but didn't want to see it disappear. The answer came when Keith Brown, an employee at Gallop's, offered to buy the store and move it to a different location. Ted stuck with him, this time as an employee, and they moved downtown.

Now a hidden gem on 25 Siebald St., Galactic Comics & Games has been a presence in downtown Statesboro since January 2006, and they've been growing rapidly ever since.

"We thought this place was huge at first. We held entire tournaments up front and didn't have nearly this much inventory then. We've expanded a lot," Brown said.

They aren't done expanding yet, though. A huge warehouse-style building became available at 20 East Vine St. recently, and Keith jumped at the chance to move and expand the business once more.

"We want more of a kid's section, more space

for miniatures, more places for tournaments. We have tournaments, club meetings and people wanting to hang out. We don't have space for all of them here. We want them all to have space to do anything they want at any time. The new building will give us so much more opportunity for all of those people to do the things that they love," Brown said.

Keith has been looking for a new location for years, but he's been very selective. While there have been spaces opening in other parts of town, he stresses that he doesn't want it to become "an impersonal mall comic shop." According to him, "It's a lot different than owning a convenience store or just a retail store. It's like owning a little Mom and Pop shop. There's a whole service side. People come in just to talk and hang out. It's kind of like 'Cheers.' We have regulars people expect to see here."

He wants a shop that's "a destination, not a place to wander in, then simply wander out." He wants people to come because they love being there, not just because they want to pick up the latest comic or game. The new shop will offer better parking, more visibility, more inventory, and will have "over twice as much gaming space."

There will even be a room dedicated to role-playing games and board games that can be

reserved by anyone who wants to use it. It will have a large table for gaming and comfy chairs that will allow customers to have a place to relax and play longer games with friends.

Brown also said he was glad to be staying downtown. While it has a lot of growing to do, he wants to stick around for it.

"Downtown is missing a nightlife scene. Not clubs, but cool bars, cool pubs. Places that are venues. Ice cream parlors, diners. Downtown has such potential. I want to be here when it happens. I'd love to see that," Brown said.

Mostly, he is just happy to finally see the shop grow into what he's always hoped. He stressed that this isn't a business you go into because you want to make a fortune. It's a labor of love instead.

"It's an old building with a lot of history. Now we'll be able to act upon a lot of our dreams. I'll be able to retire a millionaire, minus the million dollars," Brown said.

So take the time to check out the shop, even if comics and games aren't your normal interests. Brown stresses that, "The customer base isn't what you'd consider stereotypical. There are quite a few girls that play games and read comics, and the age range is huge. We have little kids that play, and they're all really smart kids, too. We even have more young girls than boys."

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TEXAS STATE	(1-0)	(3-2)
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SOUTH ALABAMA	(2-1)	(3-2)
UL MONROE	(2-1)	(3-2)
NEW MEXICO STATE	(1-1)	(2-4)
TROY	(0-1)	(0-5)
APP STATE	(0-2)	(1-4)
GEORGIA STATE	(0-2)	(1-4)
IDAHO	(0-3)	(0-5)

AROUND THE SUN BELT

TEXAS STATE (3-2) VS. IDAHO (0-5): THE BOBCATS GRABBED THEIR FIRST CONFERENCE WIN AGAINST THE IDAHO VANDALS 35-30.

LOUISIANA LAFAYETTE (2-3) VS. GEORGIA STATE (1-4): LAFAYETTE TOOK DOWN GEORGIA STATE AFTER TRAILING BY THREE POINTS ENTERING THE FOURTH
QUARTER FOR THEIR FIRST CONFERENCE WIN.

U-L MONROE (3-2) VS. ARKANSAS STATE (3-2): MONROE WAS BEATEN DECISIVELY IN THEIR FIRST SUN BELT LOSS OF THE SEASON 28-14.

APPALACHIAN STATE (1-4) VS. SOUTH ALABAMA (3-2): APPALACHIAN STATE TOOK A ROUGH BEATING IN A 47-21 LOSS TO THE JAGUARS.

IDLE: TROY (0-5)

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Senior outside hitter Jamie DeRatt (9) recorded 30 kills over a weekend that saw the Eagles go 1-1 in conference play.

BY JORDAN TONEY

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The Georgia Southern Eagles came back to Statesboro this weekend for two conference matchups against Troy and UALR. While they started the weekend off strong with a 3-0 shutout over Troy, they couldn't keep the momentum going. The team ended up losing three straight sets to record their fourteenth loss of the season.

Troy (3-0 W):

Coming into this match, it was hard not to wonder if the Eagles were going to let their loss to Troy earlier in the season affect their play, but with the constant shutdown of the Trojans, it was clear that the Eagles weren't going to make the same mistakes. The Eagles were led by redshirt freshman, Megan Chevalier, who recorded sixteen kills. The match wasn't even a close affair until the third set, where GSU only won by two points. That third set win was cemented with some late kills from Jamie DeRatt and Catherine Murray. This win over Troy was the first home victory for the Eagles all season. Kat Minnerly, as usual, led the team in assists with 43.

UALR (3-1 L):

With all odds against them in this match, the Eagles started off with a win in the first set, but the rest of the match ended up being heartbreaking. The biggest win UALR had was by only six points. In the third set, the Eagles came back from four straight set points, but UALR proved to be too much, as they eventually lost that set 28-26. The stat sheet truly doesn't show how close this match was, as UALR ended up doubling the Eagle hitting percentage with 20.8 percent compared to the Eagles 10.4 percent. This win over GSU keeps UALR's undefeated streak against Sun Belt opponents alive. The most interesting statistic of the entire match was the fact that there were 36 instances of a tie score during the entire match. Losses always hurt, but the fact that the Eagles actually made UALR work for their win should leave them with a moral victory.

With two wins, both coming from Sun Belt opponents, the Eagles will make a road trip to Atlanta where they'll face their eighth straight conference opponent when they go up against Georgia State. The Panthers have yet to record a win at home.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER REMAINS UNDEFEATED IN CONFERENCE PLAY

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Despite the heavy rain that forced teams to play on a wet field, the Georgia Southern women's soccer team (9-2-1, 4-0) was able to continue their win streak while staying undefeated in Sun Belt conference play. The Eagles shutout the Arkansas State Red Wolves (3-9, 0-3) at Eagle Field on Friday with a score of 2-0.

The field was dry by Sunday, and the Eagles continued to win. However, The University of Arkansas Little Rock (9-3-1, 0-3-1) wouldn't go down easy. Both teams were able to score, but when the clock ran out, Georgia Southern was ahead 3-2.

Georgia Southern vs. Arkansas State

The Eagles led the entire game, with both goals coming in the first half.

The Eagles jumped out to an early lead when sophomore forward Melinda Lukas scored off a low cross from senior forward Sydnie Van Curen in the 16th minute of play.

The second goal came in the 38th minute when a cross from sophomore midfielder Taylor Burns was punched in by junior midfielder Stephanie Gratto, giving the Eagles a 2-0 lead.

The Eagles continued to attack throughout the game, and piled up a total of 9 shots on goal. The Red Wolves had chances in the second half, but redshirt senior goalkeeper Katie Merson was

able to keep the clean sheet with a save in the 68th minute.

Georgia Southern held the Red Wolves scoreless throughout the game, giving the Eagles a 2-0 win.

Georgia Southern vs. UALR

The Eagles controlled the first half, with two goals coming seven minutes apart from each other.

The first goal came during the 30th minute, off an assist from junior forward Nora El-Shami to Lukas who hit a chip shot to put it in the top right corner of the net.

The Eagle's second goal came from junior midfielder Stephanie Gratto, who was able to sink a header off a corner kick from redshirt junior midfielder Alli Brashear.

The second half was a different story. UALR made it a game again with their first goal in the 65th minute off the foot of Fali Garuba, bringing the score to 2-1.

It didn't take long for Georgia Southern to respond. The opposing keeper blocked an El-Shami penalty kick to her right, but sophomore forward Taylor Burns was there with a difficult goal to the goalkeeper's short side of the net, giving the Eagles a 3-1 advantage and a comfortable lead.

The Trojans scored another goal in the 79th minute, but at that point the game was firmly in the Eagles' hands. After 90 minutes of play, Georgia Southern got the win with a score of 3-2.





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