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SERIES PREVIEW - Eagles Welcome No. 22 East Carolina to Town  
Baseball  
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**STATESBORO, Ga.** - Georgia Southern baseball returns home to the friendly confines of J.I. Clements Stadium this weekend to host No. 22 East Carolina. First pitch on Friday is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

No. 22 ECU enters play on Friday with a 4-0 record, knocking off No. 25 Duke in the midweek. GS earned their first win of the season on Wednesday, gathering 23 hits and scoring 18 runs against Charleston. Last season the Eagles traveled to Greenville, North Carolina and were swept by the Pirates.

**FRIDAY (2.26.21)**

No. 22 East Carolina at Georgia Southern  
6:30 p.m. (ET) - J.I. Clements Stadium (Statesboro, Ga.)

[RADIO](#) – Ga. Southern Sports Network

[VIDEO](#) – ESPN+

[LIVE STATS](#)

GS – RHP – [Jordan Jackson](#)  
No. 22 ECU – RHP – Tyler Smith

#### **SATURDAY (2.27.2021)**

No. 22 East Carolina at Georgia Southern  
2:00 p.m. (ET) - J.I. Clements Stadium (Statesboro, Ga.)

[RADIO](#) – Ga. Southern Sports Network

[VIDEO](#) – ESPN+

[LIVE STATS](#)

GS – RHP – [Chase Dollander](#)

No. 22 ECU – LHP – Jake Kuchmaner

#### **SUNDAY (2.28.2021)**

No. 22 East Carolina at Georgia Southern  
1:00 p.m. (ET) - J.I. Clements Stadium (Statesboro, Ga.)

[RADIO](#) – Ga. Southern Sports Network

[VIDEO](#) – ESPN+

[LIVE STATS](#)

GS – LHP – [Braden Hays](#)

No. 22 ECU – LHP – Carson Whisenhunt

#### **QUICK HITS**

- Freshman [Jaylen Paden](#) leads the team in batting average, posting a .545 average at the plate. He has scored two runs and has an OPS of 1.090. Paden was 4-for-5 from the leadoff spot on Wednesday against Charleston.
- Five Eagles are batting over .300 for the season through four games, as [Jaylen Paden](#), [Christian Avant](#), [Jason Swan](#), [Mason McWhorter](#) and [Noah Ledford](#) all post averages above .353.
- [Mason McWhorter](#) and [Noah Ledford](#) have traded days as leaders in the clubhouse for home runs this season. Ledford finished the weekend with the lead at 2, before McWhorter took the lead for all of about 35 seconds in Charleston. McWhorter and Ledford homered back-to-back in a three home run effort from the three and four hole hitters.
- [Jordan Jackson](#) will look to seek revenge from his opening day start against No. 19 Tennessee and will also look to get back at the only team that he lost to last season as the Friday night starter.
- For the first time this season, Georgia Southern pitching did not record double-digit strikeouts against Charleston. The Eagles collected eight more strikeouts on Wednesday, after recording 45 against No. 19 Tennessee.

#### **UP NEXT**

The Eagles will hit the road for a midweek battle against North Florida on Wednesday. First pitch is slated for 6:05 p.m. from Jacksonville, Florida. It will be the final midweek road game until the middle of March, when the Eagles will head to No. 15 Georgia Tech.

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