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Baseball

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STATESBORO, Ga. - [Austin Thompson](#) crushed a three-run home run in the bottom of the fifth, as part of a six run inning for the Eagles, defeating No. 22 ECU 10-7 on Saturday. [David Johnson](#) picked up his first win of the season in relief, while his brother [Ben Johnson](#) earned the save. Georgia Southern improved to 2-4 on the season, while No. 22 ECU falls to 5-1.

ECU broke open the scoring in the fourth inning, when Josh Moylan homered to right center. The two-run shot opened the scoring, before the Eagles responded with three runs of their own in the bottom half.

[Austin Thompson](#) doubled to left center and advanced to third on an error to score [Jason Swan](#). [JP Tighe](#) then homered down the line in left for his first hit of the 2021 season. ECU would add three more in the top of the fifth to regain the lead. In the bottom half of the frame, the Eagles exploded for six runs, including a three-run home run by [Austin Thompson](#) to left field.

ECU would continue to cut into the lead, before the Eagles added an insurance run in the bottom of the eighth. GS will look to take the series tomorrow afternoon against No. 22 ECU. First pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m.

SCORING MOMENTS

TOP 4th | GS 0 - ECU 2 | ECU plates two to take the lead in the fourth

BOTTOM 4th | GS 3 - ECU 2 | [Austin Thompson](#) doubled and advanced to third on an error to score Swan. [JP Tighe](#) homered down the line in left to score a pair and take the lead.

TOP 5th | GS 3 - ECU 5 | ECU adds three more in the top of the fifth to retake the lead

BOTTOM 5th | GS 9 - ECU 5 | [Christian Avant](#) singled up the middle, followed by a [Jason Swan](#) double to left center. [Austin Thompson](#) hit a three-run. [Mason McWhorter](#) was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to score the sixth run of the inning.

TOP 7th | GS 9 - ECU 6 | ECU cuts the lead to three with a single up the middle

TOP 8th | GS 9 - ECU 7 | A solo shot cuts the Eagles lead to two

BOTTOM 8th | GS 10 - ECU 7 | [Christian Avant](#) singles up the middle to score [Sam Blancato](#) from third, after a [Noah Ledford](#) triple.

GAME NOTES

- [JP Tighe](#) finally recorded his first hit of the season, homering down the line in left.
- [Austin Thompson](#) recorded his first two hits of the season, doubling to left center and homering down the line in left.
- [Noah Ledford](#) hit his first triple of the season in the eighth inning and later scored to add an insurance run.
- [David Johnson](#) picked up his first win of the season, pitching two innings of work, allowing one run on two hits.
- [Ben Johnson](#) picked up his first career save, working two innings, allowing one run on two hits.
- The Eagles racked up 11 strikeouts in the game, scattered throughout four pitchers.

UP NEXT

Georgia Southern will wrap up the three-game set against the Pirates on Sunday afternoon. First pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m. from J.I. Clements Stadium.