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Ten Takeaways From Georgia Southern's 2021 Football Schedule

Eagles set to play six home games at Paulson Stadium this fall

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**STATESBORO, Ga.** - The Sun Belt Conference yesterday released its 2021 football schedule for all 10 conference members. Here are 10 takeaways from the Eagles' 12-game slate, which is scheduled to begin Sept. 4 at home against Gardner-Webb.

- 1) Three teams that finished in the final 2020 Associated Press Top 25 will play in Statesboro this fall, including both Sun Belt Conference co-champions. Coastal Carolina went 11-1 and finished 14th while Louisiana finished 10-1 and ranked 15th. Also coming to Statesboro is BYU, who went 11-1 and finished 11th.
- 2) Four teams that played in bowl games last season will play in Allen E. Paulson Stadium this fall, making it one of the toughest home schedules in school history. BYU, Coastal Carolina, Georgia State and Louisiana combined to go 38-7 last year with three of those teams winning their respective bowl game.
- 3) GS will play two home games in September, two in October and two in November, just like in 2019.
- 4) This will be the first time in the modern era that Georgia Southern is scheduled to face App State in the season finale. The two teams have played 30 times since 1987, but last season marked the first time the two ended the regular season by playing each other, and that game was rescheduled from an October meeting to Dec. 5 after App had to postpone the original date due to COVID-19. GS and App ended the 1932 season by playing.
- 5) In all, the Eagles will face seven teams that were selected for bowl games last season with four of those games at home: at Florida Atlantic (Montgomery Bowl); at App State (Myrtle Beach Bowl champs); Louisiana (SBC co-champs; First Responder Bowl champs); BYU (Boca Raton Bowl champs); Coastal Carolina (SBC co-champs; Cure Bowl); and Georgia State (Lending Tree Bowl champs). Arkansas's Texas Bowl game against TCU was cancelled.
- 6) The Florida Atlantic game was moved from its originally scheduled date of Sept. 25 to Sept. 11 to keep the Eagles from playing 11 straight weeks. Georgia Southern's open date is Oct. 23.
- 7) After playing at least one home mid-week game each year from 2014 to 2018, the Eagles will play all of their home games on Saturdays for the third straight season.
- 8) Georgia Southern will have two open Saturdays, the two following the Thursday night tilt against South Alabama on Oct. 14 (Oct. 16 and Oct. 23). The Eagles will

have 16 days between the game against USA and its contest against Georgia State.

9) Only one team will have an open week before facing the Eagles this year: BYU. Five squads have to play road games before taking on Georgia Southern and five play home games before their game with the Eagles. Georgia State does get two extra days to prepare for the Eagles by playing on Thursday against Texas State.

10) BYU will be the first team from Utah the Eagles' have ever played. Georgia Southern is scheduled to return the trip to Provo in 2024.

Season ticket holders only have a few weeks left to renew their 2021 season tickets and/parking before the March 31 renewal deadline. Renewals must be either paid in full or set up on a payment plan by the renewal deadline or they will be released to the general public.

Ticket holders can renew online at [GSEagles.com/Renewals](https://GSEagles.com/Renewals) and fans looking to purchase season tickets may pre-order new season ticket packages by visiting [GSEagles.com/FootballTickets](https://GSEagles.com/FootballTickets) or by calling 1(800) GSU-WINS during business hours (Monday-Friday; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.). They can also stop by the Ticket Office at 203 Lanier Drive. Season ticket packages start as low as \$80/each for all six home games this season.

Times and broadcast information for all 12 games, as well as promotional days for the six home contests, will be announced at a later date. Dates and times are subject to change up to 12 days before kickoff due to broadcast rights with the league's television partners. The 2021 season will be the tenth consecutive year that every SBC home game will appear on an ESPN platform.

For the full schedule, [click here](#).

## **2021 Georgia Southern Football Schedule**

### **September**

Sept. 4: Gardner-Webb

Sept. 11: at Florida Atlantic

Sept. 18: at Arkansas

Sept. 25: Louisiana\*

### **October**

Oct. 2: Arkansas State\*

Oct. 9: at Troy\*

Oct. 14: at South Alabama\* (Thursday)

Oct. 23: OPEN

Oct. 30: Georgia State\*

### **November**

Nov. 6: Coastal Carolina\*

Nov. 13: at Texas State\*

Nov. 20: BYU

Nov. 27: at App State\*

### **December**

Dec. 4: SBC Championship [if qualified]

\* - denotes Sun Belt Conference opponent