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From Eagle to actress

Georgia Southern alumnus, Kiana Dancie, continues to make strides in her career as a Netflix actress

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PHOTO: KIANA DANCIE

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SEPT 15	WOMENS SOCCER VS UAB Women's Soccer take on the Blazers at home as they prep for Sun Belt Conference play! Sunday, September 15 at 1 p.m. Eagle Field - Erk Park
SEPT 17	OSA: SOLD SERIES Topic: The Essentials of Budgeting & Fundraising. The cost of attending is free and is open to all students! Tuesday, September 17 at 5:30 p.m. Williams Center Multipurpose Room

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OUR HOUSE

We talked to vendors at this week's Farmer's Market Festival...

ANDREW BALLARD



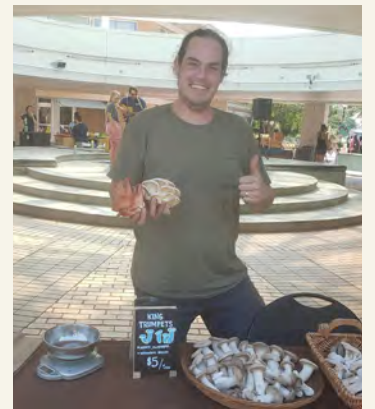
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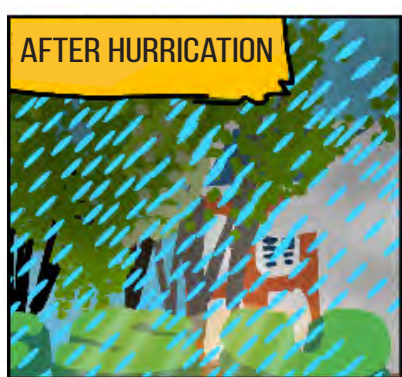
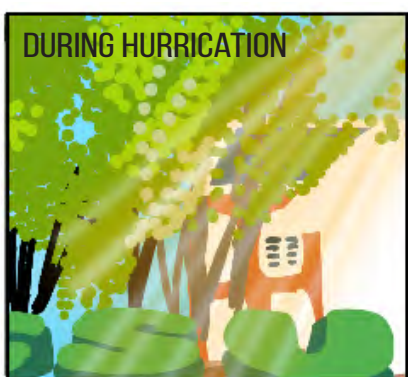


"I own Carpenter's Customs, I do custom signs and sell them on different markets at these campus markets."

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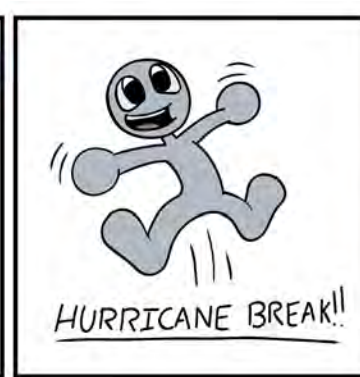
"Mushrooms are decomposers when I'm growing a sacrophite, but it's easier to grow mold. So most of my job is making these bags of mushrooms and not mold."



Comics by Coy Kirkland



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#SeenAtSouthern

Our photographers went out on campus and snapped some photos depicting life at Georgia Southern. Come back every week or follow our Twitter, @GA_Visuals, to see if you have been spotted!

ALEXA CURTIS/staff

Thursday, August 29, eager students attended the Student Employment Job Fair organized by Yolanda Hernandez (bottom) and her office in hopes of landing a part time job. A variety of on and off campus employers collected resumes and greeted potential employees.



LAUREN SABIA/staff

Looking for more leadership and service opportunities? Check out the Office of Leadership and Service Opportunities at the Russell Union to learn more about all the ways you can get involved today (Ashley Mercer at the front desk).



KRISTEN BALLARD/staff

Vendors from the Statesboro community set up shop at the Georgia Southern rotunda on Tuesday. Students and community members walked around shopping for food and clothing while listening to live music.



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CAMPUS OFFICER PASSES AFTER ACCIDENT

Georgia Southern police officer Tristan Clemmons passes away after off-duty car accident



PHOTO COURTESY OF WJCL 22

Clemmons graduated Southeast Bulloch High School in 2015 and then attended Ogeechee Tech.

BY NATHAN WOODRUFF
The George-Anne staff

STATESBORO — Georgia Southern police officer, Tristan Clemmons, died Sunday night after sustaining injuries from an off-duty crash last week.

Clemmons graduated from Southeast Bulloch High School in 2015 and then attended Ogeechee Tech before becoming a GS police officer.

“Georgia Southern Police Officer Tristan Clemmons has succumbed to injuries sustained in an accident that took place last week while he was off-duty,” a GS Police Facebook post read. “Tristan was a remarkable young man who inspired all of us with his willingness to serve others.”

Tristan’s mother Elizabeth Clemmons said her son was loved.

“Tristan was a wonderful, caring person,” Elizabeth Clemmons said.

“Always, always doing things for other people, too young to go, a lot of people loved him, all over.”

Monday, a procession left Memorial Hospital in Savannah at 8 a.m. and arrived in Statesboro at 9 a.m., taking the route of I-16 Westbound, Highway 67, Fair Rd. & S. Main St., & Highway 80 to Joiner Anderson Funeral Home in Statesboro, Georgia. The funeral will be held later this week.

“Always, always doing things for other people, too young to go, a lot of people loved him, all over.”

ELIZABETH CLEMMONS
Mother of Tristan Clemmons



LAUREN SABIA/staff

The procession for Clemmons began in Savannah and ended in Statesboro at Joiner Anderson Funeral Home on Monday.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN’S OWN NETFLIX STAR

Georgia Southern alumnus turned Netflix actress continues to make strides in her career



PHOTO COURTESY OF KIANA DANCIE

Georgia Southern alumnus, Kiana Dancie, is successfully pursuing multiple careers and making her mark as an all around business woman.

BY TATIANA JOSEPH-SAUNDERS

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University alumnus, Kiana Dancie, is making her mark as an actress, comedian, author and all-around business woman.

Dancie can be found not only in movies, but everywhere

lately.

Dancie was most recently seen in Marlon Wayans’ Netflix film, *Sextuplets*. *Sextuplets* follows a dad-to-be named Alan, played by Marlon Wayan, on a wild journey to find long-lost siblings.

“Working with Marlon Wayans and Netflix was

the most challenging and rewarding experience in my life. Marlon was a scenemate that pushed me to be better,” Dancie said. “[Marlon] had changed the script multiple times and you had to just fall in line. Marlon puts in work and if you’re in any scene with him, you will too.”

One *Crazy Christmas* is a holiday movie and follows a successful divorcee, who must sit through a Christmas dinner with her ex-husband and future son-in-law.

Dancie additionally spoke about her time working on *One Crazy Christmas*, a 2018 BET feature film, alongside writer and director, Greg Carter.

“[Greg Carter] has the ability to see a character in you that you may not even see in yourself,” Dancie said. “I enjoyed both projects equally and can’t wait to hit another screen”

Now don’t let her movie credits fool you, Kiana Dancie

is a business woman and is building her brand with venture.

Dancie is one out of the four black women running the franchise, Cell Phone Repair, and she has also recently released her first book “Bye Bye Bags! Laughing To Lighten The Load”.

In her book, she talks about how to overcome obstacles, and healing yourself through letting go of your past challenges.

She was the only female house emcee for the grand Atlanta Comedy Theatre, toured the nation to sold-out crowds, and can be found on well-known tv shows.

Dancie is a former co-host of TV One’s *Sister Circle*, and former competitor on Bill Belamy’s *Who’s Got Jokes!*

During her time at GS, Dancie realized that she found where she was always meant to be. Dancie was a member of *Dyversion* and found a mentor

in Professor Saye, realizing how much she valued being an eagle.

She was a Hope scholar, and received her bachelors in marketing from GS.

“It was a blessing,” Dancie said of her time at Southern. “Being an Eagle, a Georgia Southern Eagle, is not only a privilege but also an honor. GSU installed good southern values about family, faith and friendships!”

Dancie was born in Cleveland, Ohio and raised in Atlanta, Georgia where she is currently living. She has lived in Los Angeles and New York, but always came back to the place she fell in love with, Atlanta.

Dancie wants any student who wishes to get into the entertainment world to never stop trying. “You have to believe in yourself, even if no one else does.”

TALKING MUGSHOT USAGE WITH PROFESSIONALS

BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY
The George-Anne staff

The George-Anne has been covering the felony case of Georgia Southern football player Quan Griffin since he was first arrested in July and published an article about Griffin pleading not guilty on Aug. 22.

The next day the story was tweeted out and received many comments and tweets in regards to the usage of Griffin's mugshot.

The last tweet gained more than 120 retweets and 300 likes over the ensuing days.

Griffin is currently being held at Bradford County Jail with a \$345,000 bail. He was arrested on Aug. 1 for charges of battery, aggravated battery, weapon offense, damaging property, burglary, larceny, robbery and obstruction of justice.

This wasn't the first time The George-Anne has used mugshots when dealing with an arrest, the publication ran an arrest story online and in print after a student was arrested and charged with cocaine and methamphetamine possession. It also won't be the last time a mugshot is ran as The George-Anne published an article two weeks ago with a student being charged with a felony for having a gun on campus.

After the tweets and response to the publication of Griffin's mugshot, The George-Anne reached out to professors, scholars and journalists to get their thoughts on the situation and offer advice on the do's and don'ts of when and when not to use mugshots.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LYNN WALSH

Lynn Walsh

Emmy winning journalist and Society of Professional Journalists Ethics Chair

Walsh said that the publication wasn't breaking any laws with the usage of the mugshot, but since it was a prominent figure like a football player, The George-Anne might've been better off using a different photo.

What is your best policy when publishing mug shots in an ongoing trial?

LW: Generally if someone has been charged with a crime, it can be appropriate to use the individual's mugshot in the story. Now, if you have other images available to use, I think the mugshot image should be used sparingly and maybe not all since the point is to identify who the individual is not harass or embarrass them using a mugshot image.

Does the policy/practice change when its a prominent individual (like starting football player)? If so, how?

LW: If anything you would probably use the mugshot less since you most likely have other images of the individual available.

What laws protect our publication from using mug shots?

LW: I am not an attorney but assuming you obtained the mugshot from police or the court, it is free for you to use.

Another tweet against us reads "@thegeorgeanne is anti-black." We most certainly are not, but how do we change the narrative to prevent future readers from thinking this?

LW: Have you asked this individual or others why they think this? Try to get to the root of why they feel this way. Then think about their response. Is there reason rational or at does their explanation uncover or shed light on anything you could have done better? If so, admit that, thank them and then tell them how you will work to be better. If it does not shed any light and does not have any truth, then I would tell them what your mission is, how you try to cover all people fairly, etc.

I know much of this backlash derives from the national media's history of using mugshots for minority arrests and using happy, cleaner pictures for white criminals. How do I/we do our part in changing this trend, other than just staying constant with our coverage?

LW: Talk about your coverage decisions and how you decided to run certain images. Was there a conversation about whether or not run the mugshot? If so, write about it. I would love to see write an explainer on what your policies are when it comes to using mugshots and then ask your users if they agree, have questions or would do it differently.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARLON WALKER

Marlon Walker

Marlon Walker, Vice President of Print, National Association of Black Journalists and writer for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Walker said that The George-Anne was right in posting the mugshot because it was a crime story and Griffin was charged.

"I read the story, I hadn't seen the tweet so I'm glad you sent me that," Walker said. "It's frustrating. It's one of those lines that we tow as human beings because of sensitivity and yeah, no you guys were not wrong for what photo you used. I'm glad you reached out to me because it shows you understand the complexity and the sensitivities of the situation. I think it's one of those things where people are tired of feeling mistreated or disrespected and so now it's become in every situation, you can do better by xyz."

"He was arrested and this is a crime story. It's not like you're doing a profile on him and you use a picture of when he was arrested. I think that's where you guys are okay and I don't know if there have been plans to respond... I would. I don't think in every case of a person being arrested a mug shot should be used. I think it's about the nature of the crime. A mugshot basically criminalizes someone and so black people are looking at this as you criminalizing this man but he was charged... This is definitely an opportunity to use a mugshot."

"People used what appeared to be a juvenile mugshot of Trayvone Martin when he had not been arrested or apart of any crime," he said. "I truly commend you for how you handled this situation."

Since the article was published and comments have been received, The George-Anne has drafted a formal policy in regards to mugshot usage and reporting on crime. The policy was proposed Wednesday, Sept. 11 and should be adopted by The George-Anne Media Group executive board Sept. 25.

Amanda Arnold and Sarah Smith contributed to the reporting in this article



As a freshman I had a set system & plan for everyday
 After class 1-2 hours for HW & studying another 2 hours set aside for the PAC & then the other hours was just free time.

Don't join a very large friend group

Don't wait till the last minute to study

Make Friends before

Get involved sooner

School!
 Join Clubs, Get connected!

Most profs are great!
 Not all are, learn to speak to deans.

Don't party as much
 You can fail, also
 Don't wait until the last minute

**WE ASKED, YOU ANSWERED:
 What do you wish you knew as a freshman?**

NO 8 am's, dont stress, ~~stay~~ stay calm, cause college aint high school nor easy

Be involved in your school!
 you arent going to be here forever (I hope not)

Pay attention to due dates.

Drop

I would have told freshman me to make sure that I get to class on time.

Do more things in your freshman year.

Tell myself as a freshman -Grade come first, stay up on it. Go to tutoring

It doesn't have to be with the school.

Do your best and just enjoy classes

As a freshman, I wish I knew how to just listen and follow my heart, academically and just life wise in general.



PREVIEW: EAGLES HEAD TO MINNESOTA FOR THIRD CONTEST OF THE SEASON

BY KAITLIN SELLS
The George-Anne staff

Coming off their first win of the season, the Eagles will be traveling to Minneapolis to take on Minnesota.

The Eagles redeemed themselves after an ugly season opener against LSU, claiming their first win of the season over Maine 26-18.

While it was a win for the Eagles, there was a lot of sloppy football that needs to be cleaned up. GS has nine fumbles on the season so far, losing three. There were also many times the offense made it to the redzone, but were unable to finish and score a touchdown, which ultimately led to redshirt-senior kicker Tyler Bass' career-high of four field goals in one game.

"We have whole segments of practice dedicated to ball security," Lunsford said. "We've got to clean that up...the other thing is getting into the redzone. We've got to make sure to get touchdowns on the board."

On offense against Maine, redshirt-freshman Justin Tomlin took over for two year starting quarterback Shai Werts who was sidelined with a shoulder injury. In his first career start, Tomlin became comfortable pretty quickly and rushed for 132 yards and a touchdown and also picked up 63 yards through the air.

"When you start talking about next man up, that was the true definition of it last week," Lunsford said in regards to Tomlin's performance. "We told him to relax and trust his instincts and you know just go run the offense, but the kid went in and did even better than that."

Where the Minnesota defense struggles is in the passing game, allowing nearly 241 yards per

game. Enter Darion Anderson. The redshirt-junior had just one catch for 45 yards against Maine and had he not stumbled, it would've been a touchdown.

That type of big play offense has worked wonders for Anderson, not just this season but last season as well. All four of his catches went for more than 35 yards and three of them went for scores.

With Werts' health still in question, the Eagles are preparing behind Tomlin and Werts. At running back, Logan Wright and Matt LaRoche had breakout games, each of them rushing for more than 100 yards.

The GS defensive line also showed out Saturday, holding Maine to just three points until the fourth quarter. Redshirt-sophomore safety Kenderick Duncan Jr. had an impressive game as he logged five total tackles as well as an interception he returned for 35 yards.

Senior cornerback Monquavion Brinson also stepped up against Maine, notching seven tackles on the night and two pass breakups. The defense held Maine to 27 minutes of possession time, most of that being in the fourth quarter.

"I'm very proud of [the defense] when you start looking at what they did throughout the game," Lunsford said. "Unfortunately part, we had talked all year about finishing whole games and for us to give up two touchdowns in the fourth quarter that was disappointing."

GS is no stranger to big-school environments, playing Auburn in 2017, Clemson in 2018 and LSU earlier in this season. The only stress here is that the Eagles need to show up and play how they know how to play.

"I don't really get worried about our guys about the environment," Lunsford said. "We've just gotta go play Georgia Southern football and we've yet to do that this season. And if we can go do that, anything can happen."

Minnesota is sitting on a 2-0 record after collecting wins against FCS South Dakota State and fellow Group of 5 team Fresno State. They claimed their 38-35 victory over Fresno in a dramatic fashion, going into double overtime and intercepting a pass in the endzone to seal a win.

Redshirt-sophomore quarterback Tanner Morgan impressed many with his 234 passing yards against Fresno, adding to his 410-yard total in the two games he's played. The redshirt-sophomore also put up a rushing touchdown against Fresno.

Defensively, the Eagles need to watch for sophomore defensive back Jordan Howden. Howden has logged 17 total tackles on the season as well as four pass breakups. Redshirt-senior Chris Williamson also poses as a threat on the defense as the 6-foot defensive back has already notched one interception and two pass break ups and well as logging eight total tackles and a sack.

"They really play sound defense," Lunsford said. "They really run to the ball. There's a couple linebackers that have really jumped out on tape. One of their defensive ends is definitely people we got to make sure we're aware of."

The Eagles will travel to Minneapolis to take on the Golden Gophers, with kickoff at 3:30 p.m. Eastern.



Eagles are now 1-1 in the season after victory over Maine last Saturday.



Senior kicker Tyler Bass hit a career high of four field goals against Maine.



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CHAD LUNSFORD

Georgia Southern University Head Football Coach

LUNSFORD TAKES THE PODIUM AFTER FIRST VICTORY OF THE SEASON

BY KAITLIN SELLS
The George-Anne staff

STATESBORO — With their first win of the season under their belt, Georgia Southern football is preparing to travel to take on a Power 5 school in Minnesota this week. Head Coach Chad Lunsford took the podium for the team's weekly press conference.

Here are some of the highlights:

On what needs to be fixed based on the team's last performance:

“We have whole segments of practices dedicated to ball security and we'll overemphasize it this week. We've got to clean that up. The other thing is getting into the redzone. We've got to make sure to get touchdowns on the board. Defense, I'm very proud of them when you start looking at what they did throughout the game. Unfortunate part, we had talked all year about finishing whole games and for

us to give up two touchdowns in the fourth quarter that was disappointing.”

On the positive take-aways from their recent victory:

“There was a lot of adversity in that football game. Our guys never wavered, they continued to go and play, and they went ahead and got the victory. Offensively, 395 yards rushing and three 100-yard rushers and really and truly if we didn't have the self-inflicted wounds we were well over 400. So there's some positives there, but you know again there's no such thing as moral victories. We did get a W and that's what mattered.”

On breakout star Justin Tomlin:

“When you start talking about next man up, that was the true definition of it last week. You know we talk about next man up here all the time, but what it really means is next man up he steps up he's prepared, and then he exceeds the standard that was set for

him. And you know we told him to relax and trust his instincts and you know just go run the offense, but the kid went in and did even better than that. So, excited about JT, we'll clean up his ball security stuff and we'll be better fundamentally when he comes to bat.”

On preparing for Minnesota:

“Well anytime you go up against a Power 5 school you know you worry about depth, you worry about them having a little bit more resources than you have and that type of stuff. But when it comes down to it, we've had a lot of guys play in Power 5 games. Majority of our team played against Auburn in 2017, obviously playing Clemson in 18 and playing LSU at the start of the season. I don't really get worried about our guys about the environment, we've just gotta go play Georgia Southern football and we've yet to do that this season. And if we can go do that, you know anything can happen. Minnesota is a

great team with great players. Obviously a bowl team from last year. We've got our work cut out for us but we need to go play Georgia Southern football and see what we can do.”

On who to watch for Minnesota:

“The quarterback continues to grow and get better. He's pretty impressive. The two running backs, those guys they're real deal. They also have a couple of receivers I think there will definitely be challenges. You know one kid is actually from the state of Georgia. He was a kid that was committed here, and decided to go to Minnesota later. Those guys are dynamic, they make plays. The offensive line, big strong guys that really can hold that football. Great challenge for us.

“Defense you know, several guys. They really play sound defense, they really run to the ball. Aggressive, free safety is really good. There's a couple linebackers that have

really jumped out on tape. One of their defensive ends is definitely people we go to make sure we're aware of.”

On Shai Werts' health:

“Well first and foremost, when we make a decision on a kid and it's about his health and about his safety, if we don't feel like it's good for him and his career and his life and his whole outlook we're not going to play him. If the trainers feel good about him and the kid feels good about him, if Shai on top of things and he's like 'yeah I'm ready to play', we'll let him play. We're not going to hinder him from playing if he's ready to go. We take every game seriously, we're going to play our best players. If he's ready we'll play him. If he's not, if it's not safe, we're not going to. We're going to be smart, we're going to be cautious, we're going to make sure he's ready to go if we do play him.”

MARCO MICALETTO: A PRO CAREER THAT ALMOST DIDN'T HAPPEN



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVE MUSANTE

Micaletto leads the team with eight goals this season.

BY AMANDA ARNOLD

The George-Anne staff

Italian native Marco Micaletto is living his lifelong dream as a professional soccer player for the South Georgia Tormenta USL team here in Statesboro.

Micaletto was born in Rome, Italy where soccer is "pretty much a religion". When he relocated to England at 8-years-old, he concluded that he wanted to make soccer his career. With the help of various academies and clubs, he began to sharpen up his skills and take the sport more seriously.

At the age of 18, he attempted to go pro in England. In such a soccer heavy environment, Micaletto did not succeed.

When that door closed, another one opened in the form of collegiate soccer overseas in America.

"One of my mates was out here playing college," he said. "I had no idea about America, about the college system. I didn't know anything... He called me and said, it was at the end of November, to just come out in January, do University and play soccer. I was like 'Alright, why not? I'm not doing anything else.'"

He started off his collegiate career with Young Harris College. While Micaletto credits the school for having a 'brilliant' soccer program, it was a real culture shock to move from England to North Georgia in such a short amount of time. Before his move, he had never been to America before.

He decided to transfer to the University of Akron his senior year to get a little bit more of a professional soccer feel in a bigger environment, which he found in the Division I FBS giant. Georgia to Ohio was also

quite a jump for the Italian, going from a school with just a little over a thousand students to a school that has more than 15 times more enrollees.

That season, the Zips made it all the way to the NCAA Men's Division I Championship where they lost 1-0, but still clinched the Mid-American Conference Tournament Championship title.

Micaletto received his bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and is working towards finishing his master's degree in Sports Management.

After the initial adjustment period, the midfielder says that he has settled in nicely in the States but goes home every December. His family finds a way to visit at least a few times a year.

"I like living out in America," he said. "I like the people, they're all really friendly in the South."

When Tormenta was just starting out last season, Head Coach John Miglarese reached out to him to play for the 2018 summer team. After a strong summer performance and when the organization became official, they signed Micaletto to a contract in January of this year.

He swiftly made the decision due to the warm weather, strong relationships with teammates and his faith in the Tormenta leadership.

He admits that playing for a first-year professional organization can be challenging at times, but Tormenta does their part in making sure that the players are happy.

"It's the first year, no one really knows how to work things out yet," he said. "The owners... care so much about the players as people, which

is really hard to find in the business that I'm in."

Of course, Statesboro is vastly different from his hometown so he likes to find ways to keep him grounded. When he's not on the field, he is working on getting his up and coming streetwear brand off the ground. In the future, he'd love to have his own fashion brand.

He enjoys going out, much like the average 23-year-old, and prides himself in being a regular at the Blue Room, a local bar favorite.

The team has not been able to pull out a win since the end of July, but that has not affected the team chemistry. He emphasized that the team does not point fingers at each other when losses happen, they just work together to try to improve.

Tormenta's playoff chances have dwindled but they are currently in fifth place following closely behind Forward Madison.

The club has a strong brotherhood, and they have only gotten closer since the traumatic head injury of Lucas Countinho. He has made a miraculous recovery and the team felt support from all over the soccer community when he went down.

"On a Tuesday, he was in a coma with tubes going in every which hole," he said. "On a Thursday, he's walking... It was crazy. Those times brought us together a lot."

Regardless of how the season ends, he is forever grateful for the experiences that Tormenta has given him. He described his relationship between him and the organization as just two rookies trying to make it along.

WOMEN'S SOCCER HOPES TO GET BACK ON TRACK IN ATHENS

BY CHUCK PAGGETT

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern women's soccer team will travel to Athens to take on the Georgia Bulldogs.

GS is coming off two consecutive losses to Stetson and Davidson last week and they will work on playing more aggressive on offense after Interim Head Coach Josh Moffet expressed dismay about the performance on Sunday.

"We controlled the game better in the second half but lacked the ruthlessness we've shown all season inside the box," Moffet said.

UGA has suffered three losses against Purdue, Virginia

Tech and Clemson. The team is led by sophomore goalkeeper Emory Wegener who has notched 18 saves.

The Bulldogs have six players who have scored one or more goal and freshman forward Chloe Chapman leads the team with 3 on the season.

The Eagles turn the page on a rocky week and look towards the next match against a tough team.

"Our focus now turns to UGA before playing in front of Eagle Nation next Sunday," Moffet said.

GS will head to Athens for a 1 p.m. match against the Bulldogs on Friday before a home game against UAB.



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The team goes into the game 3-3.

MEN'S SOCCER LOOKS TO RALLY AT NORTH FLORIDA

BY CHUCK PAGGETT

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern men's soccer team looks to calm the storm as they prepare for the second of three consecutive away games against North Florida in Jacksonville.

The Eagles home opener against Merrimack was cancelled last Friday as the university took precautions from threats of Hurricane Dorian and Sunday's match at Florida Gulf Coast resulted in the team's first loss of the season.

Junior Alhaji Tambadu continued his hot streak of goals scored on the season, accounting for the Eagles sole goal of the afternoon and his fourth in the first three games, in the 5-1 loss to FGCU.

"[I]t was a pretty disappointing result," head coach John Murphy said in a

press release. "The little details at this level are important, so it's back to the drawing board this week."

The Eagles seek to capture their third win of the season Friday against a North Florida team they haven't lost to since 2015.

Sophomore Adam Davie scored a goal within the first three minutes of last year's 3-0 shutout of UNF and with a largely returning cast, the team looks to get back on track over the weekend.

"We will use our time as best we can to prepare for our game this Friday at North Florida," Murphy said.

UNF is coming off a win against USC-Upstate and a cancelled game against Marist because of Hurricane Dorian.

The Eagles and North Florida Ospreys take the field at 7 p.m. on Friday at Hodges Stadium in Jacksonville, Florida.

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