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The Eagles cap the tourney by hosting Winthrop Saturday at 1 p.m.

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Women's Volleyball

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STATESBORO – [Maddie Bryant](#) tallied 31 kills and 23 digs in two matches, and Georgia Southern topped UNC Asheville and Southern Miss in the Georgia Southern Invitational Friday in Hanner Feildhouse. The Eagles beat UNCA 3-1 in the morning and topped Southern Miss 3-0 in the final match of the night.

Eagles of the game vs. UNCA

Bryant notched a season high 17 kills to go along with a career-high 18 digs, and [Madison Brown](#) collected 45 assists and 15 digs.

Key moment vs. UNCA

Down 1-0 in the match, GS trailed 13-10 in the second set before rallying behind the serve of [Landon Jones](#). GS went on a 9-2 run, with [Carly Turner](#) getting two kills and [Baylor Bumford](#) notching a kill and a block, to open a 19-15 lead. UNCA trimmed the margin to 21-19, but [Mya Wilson](#) and Bryant put down balls for the Eagles as they went on to win the set 25-22.

Eagles of the game vs. Southern Miss

Bryant notched 14 kills, and Turner added 12. Jones posted 19 digs, and [Meredith Eckard](#) collected 15.

Key stats vs. Southern Miss

Georgia Southern hit a season-high .309 against the Golden Eagles, and Brown tallied 41 assists, 10 digs and a block.

Quotable from head coach [Chad Willis](#)

"We're showing execution in spurts. We still have our moments where we get a little bit of lulls, but we keep preaching the same message that if we keep having the same effort level every day and control the things we can control in terms of first contact and working on our priorities, we have all the pieces that we need to compete. The first two matches today were validation of that work, and the message being consistent. [Madison Brown](#) did an excellent job of establishing our offense today. We hit over .250 in the first match and over .300 in the second. She's doing a great job, and that starts with our passers and being in system and going back to the service line and attacking when we need to attack."

"It's a solid start at home. We talked a lot about feeding off this energy. We knew this morning it was going to be important for our bench to provide energy, and they have been doing a great job of really providing a boost for us on the court all year. Tonight, this was one of the better crowds we've had here. It was really just electric, and I

think our team really fed off the energy. I think as long as we keep getting people out, we're going to put a good product on the floor, and hopefully everybody will have fun and enjoy the atmosphere."

Next up

The Eagles close the Georgia Southern Invitational by playing host to Winthrop Saturday at 1 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse.

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