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The Eagles finish the season with a match at Georgia State Friday night.

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Women's Volleyball

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STATESBORO – Leah Wilcox tallied 16 kills, 29 digs and three blocks to lead Georgia State to a 3-2 (27-25, 25-19, 22-25, 22-25, 15-9) Sun Belt volleyball victory over Georgia Southern Tuesday night in Hanner Fieldhouse.

The Panthers picked up a half point in the Southern vs. State Rivalry Series.

Eagles of the Match

[Landon Jones](#) collected a career-high 39 digs, one shy of the school record, for the Eagles (7-19, 2-13). [Carly Turner](#) posted 13 kills and three blocks, and [Mya Wilson](#) tallied 13 kills. Sylar Ball finished with 11 kills and a pair of blocks, and [Madison Brown](#) had 47 assists and eight digs.

Key plays

Down 2-0 in the match, Southern fought back from a 16-10 deficit in the third set with a 5-0 run. The Eagles scored four in a row with the aid of a Turner solo block followed by an ace, to open a 23-21 lead. GS pushed the margin to 24-22 and then inserted [Nicoleta Meyer](#), who entered the contest having played in one set all season, into the match to serve. The sophomore promptly served up an ace to give the Eagles the 25-22 win and stay alive in the match.

After Southern won the fourth set 25-22, Georgia State (9-17, 5-10) jumped out to a 7-2 lead in the fifth. The Eagles fought back to trim the margin to 11-9 on a [Haley Fuller](#) kill, but State scored the next four to end the contest.

Key Stats

The Panthers held the Eagles to .000 hitting in the fifth set and tallied three of their nine service aces.

Quotable from head coach [Chad Willis](#)

"The most frustrating part for me was that a lot of our execution errors in the fifth set were more because of hesitation than being aggressive. I gave the example in the locker room of [Mya Wilson](#) taking a big swing in the fifth on that slide and she hit it out, but I explained to them that I'm perfectly fine with that error because she's going hard and going after it and I'd rather take an entire match of those than the hesitant, not wanting to make mistakes. That's something we've been preaching and struggling with all year."

On adjustments for Friday

"Serve and pass. That's the story of this match. They did a better job of getting after us from the service line in the fifth set than we did them. So, I think these type of matches always come down to who can control first contact. We'll address that tomorrow in practice and Thursday when we get down there and hopefully earn that half point Friday night."

Next Up

The Eagles finish the season with a match at Georgia State Friday at 6:30 p.m. in GSU Sports Arena. Another half point is on the line in the Southern vs. State Rivalry Series.

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