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## Strong Bats Down Owls in Slugfest Baseball

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**KENNESAW, Ga.** – Georgia Southern baseball scored in five different innings to defeat the Kennesaw State Owls 11-5 on Wednesday. GS improves to 22-14 on the year, while Kennesaw State falls to 22-10 on the year.

[Jay Thompson](#) improved to 3-0 on the season, coming on in relief in the third. Thompson went one and 1/3 innings, allowing one hit and striking out one. [Hayden Harris](#) worked two innings on Wednesday striking out six Owls, before giving way to [Griffin Davis](#) in the final two innings.

In the first inning the Eagles got on the board first when [Austin Thompson](#) singled through the right-side to score [Mason McWhorter](#) and [Steven Curry](#). [Steven Curry](#) grounded out to third to score [Jason Swan](#) in the second.

Kennesaw State responded in the bottom half of the second, scoring five runs to take the lead 5-3. [Jarrett Brown](#) tripled to left field to tie the ball game in the top of the third. In the fourth [Mason McWhorter](#) would add his 12<sup>th</sup> home run of the season to give the Eagles a 6-5 lead.

GS would go on to score five more runs in the sixth and eighth innings to cap off the 11-5 victory. Georgia Southern will now head West for the first ever meeting between the Eagles and the Sooners.

## SCORING MOMENTS

TOP 1<sup>st</sup> | GS 2 – KSU 0 | [Austin Thompson](#) singled through the right-side scoring [Mason McWhorter](#) and [Steven Curry](#).

TOP 2<sup>nd</sup> | GS 3 – KSU 0 | [Steven Curry](#) grounded out to third to score [Jason Swan](#).

BOTTOM 2<sup>nd</sup> | GS 3 – KSU 5 | Kennesaw State scores five to take the lead.

TOP 3<sup>rd</sup> | GS 5 – KSU 5 | [Jarrett Brown](#) tripled to right field to score [Austin Thompson](#) and [JP Tighe](#).

TOP 4<sup>th</sup> | GS 6 – KSU 5 | [Mason McWhorter](#) homered to right center field.

TOP 6<sup>th</sup> | GS 10 – KSU 5 | [Christian Avant](#) flied out to left field and scored [Jason Swan](#). [Noah Ledford](#) doubled to right center to score [Parker Biederer](#). [Austin Thompson](#) singled up the middle to score [Mason McWhorter](#) and [Noah Ledford](#).

TOP 8<sup>th</sup> | GS 11 – KSU 5 | [Christian Avant](#) grounded out to shortstop to score [Steven Curry](#).

## GAME NOTES

- [Mason McWhorter](#) homered for the 12<sup>th</sup> time this season and in his fourth straight game to take the team lead.
- [Austin Thompson](#) went 4-for-4 on Wednesday, driving in 4 runs and scoring once. Thompson also recorded a walk in the ninth.
- Georgia Southern scored 10+ runs for the seventh time this season in the Eagles 11-5 victory.
- [Noah Ledford](#) knocked home a couple of RBIs in the victory on Wednesday with a double to the gap in right center.

#### UP NEXT

Georgia Southern will take to the skies and head out West for the first ever meeting between the Sooners and the Eagles. First pitch on Friday is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. from Norman, Oklahoma.

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