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Game Preview

Site: Hanner Fieldhouse (3,897)

Tipoff: 7 p.m.

Listen: [GS Sports Network](#) (pregame show starts a half hour before tipoff) - WHKN 94.9 FM (Statesboro), 630 AM WBMQ (Savannah), 1370 AM WLOP (Jesup)

Watch: [ESPN+](#)

Series: GS leads 5-4, W1

Last Meeting: W, 77-64, 1/5/19 (away)

Promotions: Blue Out, GATA Game and Student Appreciation Night - Georgia National Guard, Moe's and Dominos will all hand out food and other promotional items!

Coaches vs. Cancer Suits & Sneakers Week: During games from Jan. 17-26, Sun Belt men's and women's basketball coaches are donning Princess Lacey's laces in their sneakers and men's head coaches are wearing an exclusive Coaches vs. Cancer tie designed by Vineyard Vines to raise awareness for Princess Lacey's Legacy, in memory of eight-year-old basketball fan Lacey Holsworth, and the fight against pediatric cancer. Suits and Sneakers Week is a nationwide event that unites coaches across the country to raise funds and awareness about the fight against cancer and promotes the American Cancer Society as a source of inspiration and hope for those facing cancer.

Probable Starters

#0 - Montae Glenn

#4 - Tookie Brown

#10 - Calvin Wishart

#13 - Quan Jackson

#53 - Isaiah Crawley

- Georgia Southern returns to Hanner Fieldhouse for a two-game stretch, starting Thursday when the Eagles play host to UTA at 7 p.m. on ESPN+.
- It's the second of two meetings against UTA this season. GS won the first contest 77-64 Jan. 5 in the College Park Center. It was the Eagles' first win in the building.
- The Eagles are 4-1 in their last five and coming off an 88-86 overtime win at South Alabama last Saturday.
- Tookie Brown will be honored and given the game ball from UCF Dec. 11 prior to the contest. Brown scored 20 against the Knights to become the Eagles' Division I career scoring leader. He

netted 19 at Troy Jan. 17 to surpass 2,000 career points.

- Brown ranks seventh on the Sun Belt career scoring list and seventh on the NCAA active career scoring list.
- Senior Montae Glenn collected 13 rebounds at South Alabama to become the 12th Eagle to reach 600 career carroms.
- Georgia Southern has trailed by double digits in seven of its last nine contests and came back to win three of those games. The Eagles have come back from double-digit deficits to win five contests this season.
- Georgia Southern is 55-20 in Hanner Fieldhouse in five-plus years under Mark Byington and 30-10 in Sun Belt games. The Eagles are 5-2 in Hanner this season.
- GS ranks eighth in the country in field goal percentage (.503) and 11th in scoring, averaging 85.4 points a game. The Eagles have scored 80-plus 12 times, 90-plus five times and over 100 twice.
- GS ranks 39th in the nation and first in the Sun Belt in turnover margin (+3.2), 17th in the NCAA in turnovers forced (17.3) and 36th in steals (8.2).
- GS finished the non-conference portion of its schedule with an 8-5 record. The slate is rated the 36th most difficult in the country in the latest edition of the NCAA Net (through games Jan. 17), making it the most difficult in the Sun Belt.
- Georgia Southern has finished in the top-3 in three of their four plus seasons in the Sun Belt and has 50 conference victories, the fourth-most since 2014. The Eagles joined Louisiana and UTA as the only three Sun Belt schools to reach double-digit conference wins in each of the last four seasons.
- Tookie Brown has been named to the Lou Henson Award Midseason Watch List. The award is given to the Mid-Major Basketball Player of the Year at the Final Four.
- Brown was named first-team All-Sun Belt and first-team All-District for the third consecutive season last year. He is the 17th player in the 43-year history of the Sun Belt to earn first-team accolades in three seasons and became the first Eagle to accomplish the feat in Georgia Southern history.
- Injuries have kept Georgia Southern from having its full roster available for any game this season, and three opening day starters have missed a combined 14 contests. GS has used eight different starting lineups.
- UTA has won four in a row since falling to the Eagles Jan. 5 and is the hottest team in the league along with Texas State. The Mavericks are coming off an 82-73 home win over Little Rock Saturday.
- The Mavs and Eagles are tied for second in the league standings.
- UTA is 3-7 on the road this season and 2-0 in Sun Belt road games.

The Series

- This is the 10th meeting in the all-time series, which began in 1972 when the Eagles topped the Mavs, 73-69, in the Claxton Fruitcake Classic in Hanner Fieldhouse.
- The Eagles are 4-4 against the Mavs since joining the Sun Belt in 2014.
- GS is 4-1 against the Mavs in Hanner Fieldhouse.