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Game Preview

Site: Hanner Fieldhouse (3,897)

Tipoff: 5 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: [TrueBlue Live](#)

Series: GS leads 6-3, L1

Last Meeting: L, 70-73, 1/3/19 (away)

Promotions: Presenting partner: National Guard. Salute to Heroes Night – All active duty and veteran military personnel, police officers, firefighters, and EMS receive free admission with valid ID and may purchase discount \$5 general admission tickets or \$10 for both games for family members; Football Team Recognition - the Georgia Southern football team will be recognized for winning the Raycom Media Camellia Bowl.

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 takes on Texas State in the second of two scheduled contests this season. Tipoff is at 5 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse.
- Texas State won the first meeting 73-70 back on Jan. 3 in the Sun Belt opener for both teams.
- The Eagles are 3-2 in their last five and coming off a 72-67 loss to UTA Thursday night.
- Tookie 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 caroms.
- Georgia Southern is 55-21 in Hanner Fieldhouse in five-plus years under Mark Byington and 30-11 in Sun Belt games. The Eagles are 5-3 in Hanner this season.
- GS ranks eighth in the country in field goal percentage (.500) and 15th in scoring, averaging 84.5 points a game. The Eagles have scored 80-plus 12 times, 90-plus five times and over 100 twice.
- GS ranks first in the Sun Belt in turnover margin (+3.0), 21st in the NCAA in turnovers forced (16.9) and 41st in steals (8.1).
- GS finished the non-conference portion of its schedule with an 8-5 record. The slate is rated the 24th most difficult in the country in the latest edition of the NCAA Net (through games Jan. 23), 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 15 contests. GS has used eight different starting lineups.
- Texas State comes into the contest in first place in the Sun Belt after topping Georgia State 81-68 in Atlanta Thursday night.
- The Bobcats have won their last five and are receiving votes in the USA Today Top-25 Coaches Poll. They are ranked 17th in the CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major Top-25 Poll.

The Series

- This will be the 10th meeting in the series, which began in 1965. The teams renewed the series in 2014-15 as members of the Sun Belt Conference, and both contests were settled by a combined six points. Eight of the nine meetings in the series have been decided by six points or less and the last five have been decided by four points or less.
- The Eagles' 40-36 win over Texas State (1/3/15) was their fewest points allowed since Dec. 5, 1987, when they held Savannah State to 36 points. It is the first 40-36 game in the shot clock era and ranks in a tie for 19th lowest scoring game for two teams combined and the lowest scoring Sun Belt game in the shot clock era.
- GS is 4-1 against Texas State in Hanner Fieldhouse.