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The Eagles travel to Louisiana Wednesday.

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Men's Basketball

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ATLANTA – D'Marcus Simonds tallied 29 points, six rebounds and two blocked shots, and Georgia State held Georgia Southern without a field goal for the final 4:39 of the game in an 81-72 Sun Belt men's basketball win over the Eagles Saturday afternoon in GSU Sports Arena.

The Panthers earn a point in the Southern vs. State Rivalry Series and now lead it 6-4 after earning two points in basketball today.

Eagles of the Game

[Quan Jackson](#) scored 16 of his game high 20 points in the second half and added three rebounds and a pair of steals. [Isaiah Crawley](#) finished with 15 points and three rebounds, and [Tookie Brown](#) posted 11 points and six assists. [Simeon Carter](#) chipped in 11 points, seven rebounds and a blocked shot.

Key moments

The score was tied 69-69 after the last media timeout with 3:51 to play, and Georgia State (16-6, 7-2) pulled away with a 12-3 run. The Panthers went 3 for 5 from the field, and Kane Williams made all six of his free throws, while Georgia Southern (13-9, 5-4) missed three shots, had two turnovers and made 3 of 4 from the charity stripe.

Georgia State used a 10-2 run, keyed by four points from Williams and a triple by Simonds, to open a 37-27 lead late in the first half. [Montae Glenn](#) (10 rebounds) scored on a putback to halt the run, and Brown added a runner with 2.2 seconds left in the stanza to trim the margin to 37-31 at halftime.

A 9-2 run, capped by a Jackson 3-pointer, gave the Eagles a 47-46 cushion early in the second stanza, and the game featured 11 lead changes and four ties the rest of the way.

Inside the Numbers

State forced 15 Southern turnovers and turned them into 20 points. It was the Eagles' ninth straight loss to the Panthers in Atlanta, a streak that dates back to 1992.

Quotables from head coach [Mark Byington](#)

"We played exactly how we are supposed to for the most part for 36 minutes and about 15 seconds. We played tough and aggressive and made plays and handled the environment and adversity. Then we came out of that timeout, and we were passive. The shots became a little tougher and they made a tough one that gave them the lead, and we let some things compound and the game got away from us. That's the biggest thing we need to learn from this. We have to embrace being in that position

and go out and execute and make plays to win the game because there are going to be a lot of games like this along the way."

Next up

The Eagles continue their three-game conference road trip at Louisiana Wednesday. Tipoff is set for 8 p.m. ET on ESPN+.

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