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# SETTING THE SCENE

## Game Preview

**Site:** Holmes Center (8,325)

**Tipoff:** 2 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 trails 26-23, W1

**Last Meeting:** W, 60-59, 1/13/18 (away)

### Probable Starters:

#0 - Montae Glenn

#4 - Tookie Brown

#10 - Calvin Wishart

#13 - Quan Jackson

#53 - Isaiah Crawley

- Georgia Southern plays its final road game of the regular season as the Eagles travel to Appalachian State Saturday. Tipoff is set for 2 p.m. on ESPN+.
- Following Saturday's game, GS plays its final three contests at home.
- It's the first and only meeting between the Eagles and Mountaineers this season, and it will be the third straight meeting between the teams at the Holmes Center.
- GS is third in the Sun Belt standings, and Appalachian State is tied for 11th.
- The Eagles are 4-1 in their last five and coming off a 79-74 win at Coastal Carolina Thursday night.
- GS ranks fifth in the country in field goal percentage (.499) and 14th in scoring, averaging 83.3 points a game. The Eagles have scored 80-plus 13 times, 90-plus six times and over 100 three times. GS has shot 50 percent or better in 13 contests and 60 percent or better twice.
- GS ranks second in the Sun Belt in turnover margin (+2.1), 28th in the NCAA in turnovers forced (16.0) and 36th in steals (7.9).
- Georgia Southern has finished in the top-3 in three of their four plus seasons in the Sun Belt and has 55 conference victories, tied with UTA for the third-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 ranks sixth on the Sun Belt career scoring list and ninth on the NCAA active career scoring list. He is eight steals away from 200 for his career and the only player in Sun Belt history with over 2,000 points and 500 assists.

- 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.
- Senior Ike Smith will sit out the rest of the season and seek a medical hardship waiver to regain a year of eligibility. Smith, who has amassed 1,480 career points and 492 rebounds, played in the first 10 games of the season and averaged 14.7 points and 5.7 boards for the Eagles, and Georgia Southern is 10-7 since he has been out.
- Senior Montae Glenn is four blocked shots away from 100 for his career. He is currently ranked first on Georgia Southern's career field goal percentage list (.586).
- 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 22 contests. GS has used eight different starting lineups.
- Appalachian State is 2-3 in its last five and coming off an 80-75 home loss to Georgia State Thursday night.
- The Mountaineers are 8-3 at home and 3-3 in home Sun Belt games.
- App has shot 50 percent or better from the floor in its last two games.
- Ronshad Shabazz has 1,948 points in his career, which is second in program history and 11th in Sun Belt history. He needs to score just 10 points to move into the top-10 in scoring in Sun Belt history.

### **The Series**

- Georgia Southern trails the all-time series, which began in 1949, 26-23, but the Eagles have won six of seven since both teams joined the Sun Belt in 2014-15.
- The Eagles are 8-14 in the last 22 contests, dating back to 2006.
- Georgia Southern is 9-14 on the road but has won three of the last four.