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The Eagles tip off the season at No. 24/23 Auburn on the SEC Network Nov. 5.

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STATESBORO – Twenty-seven Georgia Southern men's basketball games will air on the ESPN Family of Networks this season.

All 20 of the Eagles' Sun Belt Conference games and five non-conference contests will air on ESPN+. GS games at No. 24/23 Auburn Nov. 5 and at Georgia Dec. 23 will be broadcast on the SEC Network.

The Sun Belt Conference is slated to showcase a record 341 games – 327 regular-season home games (172 men and 151 women) and 18 Sun Belt Basketball Championship games (nine men and nine women). This year's ESPN broadcast schedule surpasses the league's previous high of 249 games (231 regular season and 18 championship) last year. This year's men's basketball championship contest will air on ESPN2 at 2 p.m. ET March 15, and the remaining Sun Belt Tournament games will be broadcast on ESPN+.

The 2020 Sun Belt Basketball Championship is set to feature 10 teams vying for the conference's bid to the NCAA Division I Basketball Championships. The No. 1 and No. 2 seeds will receive byes directly to the semifinals, and the tournament schedule opens with first-round games on Saturday, March 7, second-round games on Monday, March 9 and quarterfinal games on Wednesday, March 11, hosted by the higher seeds on campus sites. The two teams that advance from the quarterfinals will then converge with the top-two seeds on New Orleans and the Smoothie King Center, home of the NBA's New Orleans Pelicans, for semifinals games Saturday, March 14 and the championship game Sunday, March 15.

Georgia Southern returns three starters and 10 lettermen, including 68 percent of its scoring and 69 percent of its rebounding, to a team that finished fourth in the country in field goal percentage and 15th in scoring a season ago. Georgia Southern reached 20 wins for the third time in five years in 2018-19, posting a 21-12 mark for the second consecutive season. It's the first time GS has won 20-plus games in back-to-back seasons in 30 years, and a number of preseason publications have the Eagles slotted in the top-3 in the Sun Belt this season.

Season tickets are on sale now – men's tickets start at just \$100. Single-game home tickets are also on sale, and all tickets can be purchased at GSEagles.com/tickets.

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