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# SETTING THE SCENE

## Game Preview

**Site:** UNF Arena (5,800)

**Tipoff:** 8 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 1-0, L1

**Last meeting:** L, 74-46, 12/23/12

### Probable Starters:

#2 - Elijah McCadden

#3 - Ike Smith

#10 - Calvin Wishart

#13 - Quan Jackson

#53 - Isaiah Crawley

- Georgia Southern travels to North Florida for a non-conference contest Monday night.
- The Eagles and Ospreys have met just once before on the hardwood, a 74-46 North Florida win at the Continental Tire Las Vegas Classic Dec. 23, 2012.
- Georgia Southern was picked third in the Sun Belt in the conference's Preseason Men's Basketball Coaches Poll. Quan Jackson was named first-team All-Sun Belt, Ike Smith was named second-team all-league and Isaiah Crawley was named third team all-conference.
- The Sun Belt poll follows a trend of preseason praise for the Eagles. Athlon, Lindy's, Street & Smith's and The Blue Ribbon College Basketball Yearbook all have the Eagles picked in the top-3 of the conference.
- The Eagles posted 20 wins in consecutive seasons for the first time in 30 years. The last time GS won 20 games two years in a row was in 1987-88 (24-7) and 1988-89 (22-6). GS has three 20-win seasons in the last five years.
- GS ranked fourth in the country in field goal percentage (.499) and 15th in scoring, averaging 82.6 points a game last year. The Eagles scored 80-plus 18 times, 90-plus seven times and over 100 three times. GS shot 50 percent or better in 17 contests and 60 percent or better three times.
- Senior Ike Smith received a medical hardship waiver to regain a year of eligibility. Smith scored five points against Reinhardt Friday night to pass 1,500 for his career and needs one rebound to become the fifth Eagle with 1,500 career points and 500 rebounds, joining Jeff Sanders (1,861 pts, 893 reb), Kevin Anderson (1,843 pts, 986 reb), Matt Simpkins (1,684 pts,

642 reb) and Louis Graham (1,581 pts, 908 reb).

- Smith has been named to the Lou Henson Award Preseason Watch List. The award is given annually to the nation's top Division I Mid-Major player.
- North Florida was picked second in the Atlantic Sun Conference Preseason Poll, and enters the game with a 1-1 record.
- The Ospreys are coming off an 89-81 home win over Florida National last Thursday. North Florida has four players averaging double figures in the scoring column, and the Ospreys are averaging 11.5 makes a game from long distance.