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Georgia Southern returns to Paulson Stadium after off week to open SBC play

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Football

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. - The Georgia Southern football squad went toe-to-toe with Minnesota Saturday afternoon at TCF Bank Stadium until the final seconds when the Golden Gophers pulled off a 13-play, 75-yard drive with no timeouts to clinch the game's final score with only 13 seconds remaining to win 35-32.

Key Moment: With no timeouts remaining, Minnesota (3-0) faced third and 29 on their own 6 yard line with only three minutes remaining in the game. Tanner Morgan then hit Demetrius Douglas for a 10-yard gain to set up a fourth and 8. Tanner again connected with Douglas for a gain of 10 yards to earn the first down. From there, the Golden Gophers would pace their way all the way to the 1-yard line where Tanner hit Tyler Johnson on a back-shoulder fade in the back corner of the end zone for the go-ahead score.

Key Scoring Plays:

- [Kenderick Duncan Jr.](#) intercepted Tanner Morgan on Minnesota's first offensive drive and returned it 33 yards to set up a 21-yard touchdown run for [Logan Wright](#). GS 7, Minn 0
- The Gophers answered the Eagles' score with a 73-yard strike to Tyler Johnson from Morgan in a two-play, 48-second drive. GS 7, Minn 7
- Georgia Southern's [Cam Brown](#) caught a 1-yard pass from [Justin Tomlin](#) but lost a fumble to the Gophers who capitalized five plays later with a 4-yard touchdown run by Seth Green. Minn 21, GS 10
- The Eagles stuffed Minnesota's Bryce Williams on a fourth and one setting up a five-play, 34-yard drive capped by a Tomlin 12-yard touchdown run late in the first half. Minn 21, GS 20.
- After a pair of penalties inside the 10-yard line, Bryce Williams punched it in on the first play of the fourth quarter.
- [Reynard Ellis](#) blocked a field goal up the middle that was returned 77 yards to the house by [Monquavion Brinson](#). Minn 28, GS 26.
- Tanner Morgan was sacked by [Rashad Byrd](#) causing a huge fumble returned by Byrd for the 44-yard touchdown. GS 32, Minn 28.
- Tanner Morgan clinched the game for Minnesota with a 13-play, 75-yard touchdown drive capped by a 1-yard touchdown catch by Tyler Johnson with only 13 seconds remaining.

Key Stat: The Eagles closed the gap and then took the lead with a pair of non-offensive touchdowns after a [Reynard Ellis](#) blocked field goal that was returned 77 yards for the score by Brinson and a sack-fumble with a 44-yard return by Byrd for the lead in the closing minutes. It was the first time the Eagles have scored in all three phases of the game since last year's ULM game.

Up Next: The Eagles (1-2) will have their first open week of the season next weekend before returning to Allen E. Paulson Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 28 to open Sun Belt Conference play against Louisiana. Tickets are on sale at GSEagles.com/Tickets.

Gallery: (9/14/2019) Eagle Football at Minnesota

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