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Georgia Southern awaits bowl destination

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Football

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**STATESBORO** - The Georgia Southern football team closed out the regular season with a dominating effort in downing in-state rival Georgia State, 38-10, Saturday night at Allen E. Paulson Stadium on Senior Night. The Eagles got four rushing touchdowns and five sacks in rolling to the seventh win of the season.

**Key Moment:** After Georgia State's Brandon Wright missed a 47-yard field goal that would have given the Panthers a 10-7 lead, the Eagles marched down the field and capped a drive on a 49-yard field goal from [Tyler Bass](#). Southern would go on to score 21 more unanswered points to take a 31-7 lead.

## Key Scoring Plays:

- Georgia State capped a nine-play, 86-yard drive with a 15-yard touchdown run up the middle by Tra Barnett. GS 0, GAST 7.
- Georgia Southern took it 75 yards in eight plays to tie it up on [Shai Werts'](#) 11-yard scamper. GS 7, GAST 7.
- [Tyler Bass](#) hit a 49-yard field goal to give the Eagles their first lead. GS 10, GAST 7.
- [J.D. King](#) tore through several tacklers on a hard-fought 7-yard run. GS 17, GAST 7.
- Set up by a 48-yard kickoff return by [Wesley Kennedy III](#) to start the second half, Kennedy III increased the lead on a 13-yard run on the option down the far sideline. GS 24, GAST 7.
- The Panthers' quarterback Dan Ellington was stopped on a fourth-down run near midfield, and six plays later King took it around the left side for a 13-yard touchdown. GS 31, GAST 7.
- King solidified the win with an exclamation mark on a 30-yard run, his third of the night. GS 38, GAST 10.

**Key Stat:** [J.D. King](#) rushed for 107 yards and three touchdowns as the Eagles racked up 279 on the ground. Tra Barnett, who came into the game averaging a Sun Belt-leading 121.5 yards per game, but was held to 53 yards and a score by the Eagle defense.

**Of Note:** The win ties the all-time series at 3-3 and was the first win for the Eagles over Georgia State inside Paulson Stadium ... The win is worth two points in the annual Southern-State Rivalry, which the Eagles now lead 4-3 ... Seventeen seniors were honored before the game before their final game at Paulson Stadium.

**Up Next:** The Eagles (7-5, 5-3 SBC) now await their bowl fate to be announced after next week's conference championship games. Pre-order tickets are available through [GSEagles.com](#).

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