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Eagles will look to even the series on Saturday at 3 p.m. (ET) / 2 p.m. (CT)

Baseball

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**ARLINGTON, TEXAS** - Georgia Southern Baseball was no match for UT Arlington on Friday night in the series opener, dropping the 12-5 decision. The Eagles trailed 8-1 after six and cut the lead to 8-5, before the Mavericks put things out of reach with a four run seventh inning. Game two of the weekend series is set for Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. (ET) / 2 p.m. (CT).

## SCORING INNINGS

**BOT 1st | GS 0 - UTA 1** | Starting pitcher [Seth Shuman](#) got the first two outs quickly, but gave up a walk to the three-hole hitter. Back-to-back singles for the home side plated the run as UTA took an early 1-0 lead.

**TOP 2nd | GS 1 - UTA 1** | A leadoff walk to cleanup hitter [Noah Ledford](#) gave the Eagles the ammunition they needed to tie the game at 1-1. After the leadoff walk, [Austin Thompson](#) doubled down the left field line to move Ledford around to third. A sacrifice fly by [Matt Anderson](#) leveled the game at 1-1.

**BOT 2nd | GS 1 - UTA 5** | Arlington got four in the second off four hits to re-take the lead and take a commanding 5-1 advantage.

**BOT 6th | GS 1 - UTA 8** | The Mavericks took advantage of a one out error to plate three in the sixth and push the lead to 8-1.

**TOP 7th | GS 5 - UTA 8** | Georgia Southern sliced the UTA lead to three in the seventh with a four-spot of runs. [Mason McWhorter](#) got things started with a two-run pinch hit home run to center. Later in the inning [Austin Thompson](#) singled through the left side to plate two more and make it an 8-5 game.

**BOT 7th | GS 5 - UTA 12** | UTA answered the crooked number by the Eagles with a crooked number of their own, scoring four in the home half of the seventh off four hits.

## NOTES

- [Mason McWhorter's](#) two run home run in the seventh was Georgia Southern's first pinch hit home run in more than a year. McWhorter clobbered the no-doubter over the wall in center to spark a four-run seventh inning. The last Eagle to hit a pinch hit home run was [Noah Searcy](#) in the 2018 opener at Georgia on February 16th, 2018.

- Starting pitcher [Seth Shuman](#) lasted just two innings, his shortest career start to fall to 1-4 on the year. He allowed five runs, four earned off six hits with one strikeout.

- [Austin Thompson](#) had a two-hit game, going 2-for-4 with two RBIs to extend his hit streak to six games.

## UP NEXT

Georgia Southern and UT Arlington will resume the three game series on Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. (ET) / 2 p.m. (CT). Coverage is available on the Georgia Southern Sports Network exclusively at GSEagles.com with premium video streaming at UTAMavs.com.