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The Eagles open Sun Belt play in the Pelican State next weekend.

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Women's Volleyball

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STATESBORO – [Hannah McGlockton](#) tallied 11 kills, and [Paige Powers](#) added 10 kills and 11 digs to lead Georgia Southern to a 3-0 (25-12, 25-15, 25-15) volleyball victory over USC Upstate in the final match of the GATA Challenge Saturday afternoon in Hanner Fieldhouse.

Powers was named the tournament MVP, while [Baylor Bumford](#) and Ashlynn Lovett joined the freshman on the all-tournament team.

Eagles of the Match

McGlockton added two blocks and hit .308 in the match, while Powers hit .429. Bumford had eight kills and two blocks and hit .538 for the Eagles (7-3), and [Mya Wilson](#) posted eight kills and a block while hitting .333. [Madison Brown](#) finished with 37 assists, four kills, two aces, two digs and a block, and Lovett recorded 19 digs, three assists and an ace.

Key Moments

The Eagles trailed 5-4 early in the second set but took control with an 11-2 run. With the third set tied 9-9, GS went on an 11-3 run for a 20-12 cushion.

Stat of the Match

The Eagles hit a season-high .394 while holding USC Upstate (3-9) to an .042 mark. It's the highest hitting percentage for the Eagles since they hit .441 in a win at South Carolina State Oct. 16, 2018.

Quotables from Coach [Chad Willis](#)

"It was a great team win; I thought our energy and focus were a carryover from last night's match. We controlled our side defensively and offensively. The numbers show one of the cleanest matches we've played this season, which is a great sign moving into the start of conference. Overall, we're pleased with the growth we've seen in the non-conference slate and feel confident we've got a lot of positive things to build upon as we head into the start of Sun Belt play."

Next up

Georgia Southern opens Sun Belt Conference play on the road next weekend. The Eagles play ULM Friday and Louisiana Saturday.

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