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The Eagles travel to Louisiana tomorrow.

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Women's Volleyball

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MONROE, La. – [Chamblee Russell](#) collected 13 kills, six digs and a block, and [Ashlyn Lovett](#) tallied 26 digs to lead Georgia Southern to a 3-1 (17-25, 25-20, 25-19, 25-22) win over ULM in the Eagles' Sun Belt Conference opener Friday night in Fant-Ewing Coliseum.

Key Moments of the Match

Russell hit .333 to lead the Eagles (8-3, 1-0), while [Maddie Bryant](#) and [Robin Rosser](#) each tallied seven kills in the defensive battle. [Abby Strong](#) finished with a career high 12 digs, and [Baylor Bumford](#) contributed six kills, five blocks and an ace.

Key Moments

With the Eagles leading 2-1 in the match and 16-12 in the fourth, Bryant, Russell and Wilson put down kills, and a ULM hitting error opened a 20-12 lead for the visitors. The Warhawks (5-12, 1-1) stormed back with six straight points, and five came behind the serve of Kaitlin Davis. [Mya Wilson](#) put down a ball for the Eagles to halt the run, and the teams traded points with ULM coming to within one at 23-22. Russell and Bryant posted consecutive kills to give the Eagles the set, 25-22, and the match, 3-1.

Stat of the Match

The Eagles tallied 71 digs and nine blocks to hold ULM to a .077 hitting percentage, their third-lowest of the season.

Quotables from Coach [Chad Willis](#)

"I'm proud of the effort tonight; we showed a lot of resiliency and poise to grab a tough road win. I thought there were moments where we really controlled our side and showed our ability to play clean and efficient but more importantly, I'm happy to see our team stay the course and work through some of the difficult stretches—especially after dropping that first set. Our next-play, next-ball mentality was solid all night long, and our bench did an incredible job of keeping the energy level high throughout the match."

Next up

The Eagles play at Louisiana Saturday at 7 p.m. ET on ESPN+.

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