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# SETTING THE SCENE

## Probable Starters

#0 - Montae Glenn  
#3 - Ike Smith  
#4 - Tookie Brown  
#13 - Quan Jackson  
#53 - Isaiah Crawley

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- Georgia Southern plays host to George Mason Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse. The game will air on ESPN+.
- It will be George Mason's first trip to Hanner Fieldhouse.
- Georgia Southern has won both meetings in the all-time series, including a 74-51 decision on the road last December.
- The Eagles won the first meeting 76-58 Dec. 9, 1988, in the Heritage Drake Classic in Des Moines, Iowa.
- Georgia Southern senior guards Tookie Brown and Ike Smith have been named All-Sun Belt, and the Eagles were picked in a tie for second in the conference's Preseason Men's Basketball Coaches Poll.
- The Sun Belt poll follows a trend of preseason praise for the Eagles. Athlon, Lindy's, Street & Smith's and The Blue Ribbon College Basketball Yearbook all have Brown on the preseason All-Sun Belt team and the Eagles picked in the top-3 of the conference.
- Brown was named first-team All-Sun Belt and first-team All-District for the third consecutive season last year. He is the 17th player in the 43-year history of the Sun Belt to earn first-team accolades in three seasons and became the first Eagle to accomplish the feat in Georgia Southern history.
- GS has six scholarship newcomers on the roster, the most in a season during head coach Mark Byington's tenure. The Eagles return just five lettermen, but three seniors were starters the last two seasons.
- With a 21-12 record last season, Georgia Southern reached 20 wins for the second time in four years.
- Georgia Southern has finished in the top-3 in three of their four seasons in the Sun Belt and has 46 conference victories, the fourth-most since 2014. The Eagles joined Louisiana and UTA as the only three Sun Belt schools to reach double-digit conference wins in each of the last four seasons.
- Georgia Southern is 23-6 in Hanner Fieldhouse in its last 29 contests there, 51-18 in five-plus years under Mark Byington and 29-9 in Sun Belt games. The Eagles were 10-3 in Hanner last season.
- George Mason is the only team in the nation to return 100 percent of its scoring offense and every player from a season ago, and the Green and Gold were picked fourth in the Atlantic 10 preseason poll.
- Mason ranked sixth in the country with 4,306 career points returning to the 2018-19 team, while GS is 12th with 3,936 points back among its five returners.
- CBSSports.com Matt Norlander annually ranks all the teams in college basketball and has the Patriots at 115 and the Eagles at 145.
- The Patriots are coming off a 78-75 overtime loss to American at home Friday night, while the Eagles opened the campaign with a 139-51 win over Carver College Nov. 7.