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Game Preview

Ticket special: \$5.00 for upper-reserved and general admission seating. Purchase the discount tickets online at GSEagles.com/Tickets

Promotion: Hanner for the Holidays - Join us for the most wonderful time of the year! Enjoy classic holiday music, fun games, and a special Santa Claus Cookie Eating contest at halftime

Probable Starters

#3 - Ike Smith
#4 - Tookie Brown
#13 - Quan Jackson
#23 - Simeon Carter
#53 - Isaiah Crawley

- The Eagles host Bradley Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in their final home game of the calendar year.
- Georgia Southern is 25-7 in Hanner Fieldhouse in its last 32 contests there, 53-19 in five-plus years under Mark Byington and 29-9 in Sun Belt games. The Eagles are 3-1 in Hanner this season.
- The Eagles have won 11 of their last 15, dating back to last year, and are coming off a 101-64 home win over Brewton-Parker Friday.
- GS ranks second in the country in field goal percentage (.523) and ninth in scoring, averaging 89.7 points a game.
- The Eagles are ranked 18th in the latest CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major Poll.
- Georgia Southern senior guards Tookie Brown and Ike Smith were named All-Sun Belt, and the Eagles were picked in a tie for second in the conference's Preseason Men's Basketball Coaches Poll.
- 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.
- Brown has been named to the Lou Henson Award Watch List for the second straight season. The award is given to the Mid-Major Basketball Player of the Year at the Final Four.
- GS has six scholarship newcomers on the roster, the most in a season during head coach Mark Byington's tenure. The Eagles returned just five lettermen, but three seniors were starters the last two seasons and the five returners entered the campaign with 3,936 career points among them, the 12th-most in the country.
- Bradley is 2-3 in its last five and coming off a 73-66 home loss against Eastern Illinois Saturday night.
- The Braves are 1-2 on the road this season.
- Bradley was picked fourth in the Missouri Valley Conference Preseason Poll, and Darrell Brown was named preseason second-team all-conference.
- The Braves defeated SMU and Penn State to win the Cancun Challenge in November, setting up a match-up between two early in-season tourney winners. GS won the Islands of the Bahamas Showcase.
- Since the beginning of the 2017-18 campaign, Bradley is 19-1 when its opponent scores fewer than 65 points.