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Volleyball Preview: Georgia Southern Hosts Sun Belt Texas Schools This Weekend
Texas State and UTA will play in Hanner Fieldhouse for the first time since 2018.
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Women's Volleyball

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Ga. Southern (13-7, 6-4) vs. Texas State (12-11, 8-2)

Date: Oct. 29 - 6 p.m. - Hanner Fieldhouse

Series: GS trails 7-0, L7 | [Series History](#)

Promos: Neon Night

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Ga. Southern vs. UTA (6-13, 4-6)

Date: Oct. 31 - Noon - Hanner Fieldhouse

Series: GS trails 10-0, L10 | [Series History](#)

Promos: Volloween

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- The Eagles continue their four-match homestand this weekend as they host Texas State Friday and UTA Sunday. Friday night's match is Neon Night, which includes a glow stick giveaway, and Sunday's contest is Volloween with \$3 tickets for patrons dressed in costumes and a costume contest at halftime. Both schools are making their first appearance in Hanner Fieldhouse since 2018.
- Georgia Southern is coming off a 1-1 weekend as the Eagles fell 3-0 to Little Rock and defeated Arkansas State 3-0. Three-time defending Sun Belt Champions and preseason favorite Texas State has won its last six, including a 3-0 win over Coastal Carolina and a 3-1 victory vs. Appalachian State at home last weekend. UTA has won three of its last four and is coming off a 1-1 weekend. The Mavs topped Appalachian State 3-0 and lost 3-0 to the Chanticleers in Arlington.
- The Eagles are searching for their first win against both schools. Texas State has won all seven meetings against the Eagles, and UTA has won 10. The series against the Bobcats began in 2014 when Georgia Southern joined the Sun Belt, and the series vs. the Mavs began with a neutral site contest in 2009.
- [Ashlyn Lovett](#) has been named the Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Week after averaging 6.50 digs per set and collecting seven assists and two service aces. The freshman recorded 14 digs and four assists against Little Rock and finished with a match-high 25 digs, three assists and two service aces against Arkansas State. It's the second time she has earned the honor this season (Sept. 28). Sophomore [Grace Slader](#) was named the Sun Belt Setter of the Week Oct. 12, and Junior [Mya Wilson](#) was named preseason All-Sun Belt.
- The Eagles rank fifth in the Sun Belt in hitting percentage (.223), fourth in blocks (2.29/set) and sixth in aces (1.41/set). GS also ranks fourth in opponent hitting percentage, holding its opponents to .170, and the Eagles rank sixth in digs (15.50/set).
- [Baylor Bumford](#) ranks second in the Sun Belt in hitting percentage (.361) and is tied for ninth in blocks (0.95) with Wilson.
- Slader ranks fifth in the Sun Belt in assists (8.70/set) and fourth in aces (0.38/set), and Lovett ranks seventh in digs (4.17/set).
- [Madison Brown](#) is the seventh Eagle to surpass 2,500 assists for her career, and the senior ranks sixth on the Georgia Southern all-time list with 2,698. Senior [Maddie Bryant](#) notched 10 kills vs. Arkansas State Oct. 23 to reach 600 for her career. She also has 552 digs and 138 blocks.
- The Eagles' 13 wins so far this season are the most since Georgia Southern went 15-18 in 2016. Their 10 home wins are the most since 2013, when GS went 13-2 in Hanner Fieldhouse.
- Following the weekend, the Eagles return to divisional play when they travel to Coastal Carolina Friday and Appalachian State Sunday.