Cross Country Places 12th at Sun Belt Championships

Georgia Southern University
MOBILE, Ala. – Freshman Katie Ranck ran a season best time of 19:24.7 to lead Georgia Southern in the Sun Belt Cross Country Championships Friday morning at Brookley By the Bay.

Ranck was the Eagles’ top finisher at 42nd, and Georgia Southern finished 12th in the team standings. Arkansas State's Pauline Meyer set a race record with a time of 16:51.5 to lead the Red Wolves to their third straight Sun Belt title.

The Georgia Southern lineup for the race featured four freshmen, and all six Eagles ran in the Sun Belt Championships and on this course for the first time. The race conditions were difficult with wind gusts of up to 30 miles per hour off the bay.

**Quotables from coach Kelly Carter**

“It was a great experience with all of our student-athletes running in the Sun Belt Championships for the first time, and I'm proud of how they competed. We only lose one senior, and we had four freshmen running today. Our group gained invaluable experience, and I'm excited for the future of our program.”

**Individual Results**

42 - Katie RANCK - 19:24.7
56 - Isabel PTACEK - 20:17.0
62 - Ella ZIERDT - 20:45.6
64 - Reese CONNELLY - 20:49.0
73 - Ansley FULLEN - 21:33.4
74 - Isabel CLAYTON - 21:45.7

**Team Results**

1 Arkansas State - 45
2 Appalachian State - 73
3 UTA - 77
4 ULM - 121
5 Coastal Carolina - 136
6 South Alabama - 162
7 Troy - 179
8 Georgia State - 197
9 Texas State - 233
10 Little Rock - 237
11 Louisiana - 288
12 Georgia Southern – 297

**Next Up**
The Eagles are set to compete in the NCAA South Regional Nov. 12 in Huntsville, Alabama.