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Georgia Southern halts a 13-match losing streak to the Chanticleers.

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CONWAY, S.C. – Hannah McGlockton recorded a career-high 18 kills, and Georgia Southern battled back from a 2-0 deficit to top Coastal Carolina 3-2 (17-25, 19-25, 25-22, 25-21, 15-9) in Sun Belt Conference volleyball action Friday night in the HTC Center.

The victory ended a 13-match losing streak against the Chanticleers that dated back to 2009 and was Georgia Southern's third victory over Coastal Carolina in 24 meetings. The Eagle victory also ended a 10-match home win streak for the Chants that began with a 3-0 victory over Iowa Aug. 28.

Eagles of the Match
Robin Rosser matched her career-high with 10 kills, tallied a block and hit .409 for the Eagles (14-9, 7-6), and Baylor Bumford charted 10 kills and a block. Ashlyn Lovett finished with 16 digs and two aces, and Madison Brown collected 46 assists, three aces and 11 digs. Maddie Bryant finished with eight kills, three digs and an ace.

Key Moments
Bryant and McGlockton put down kills, and a block by Bumford opened an 8-4 lead for the Eagles in the fifth. Coastal Carolina scored four of the next five and trailed 11-9 after a kill by Ani Bozdeva, who finished with a team-high 16 kills for the Chants. On the next play, Rosser's attack was called out but reversed after a challenge, extending the margin to 12-9. GS used the momentum to score the next three, capped by consecutive kills by Rosser and Bumford to end the match.

Coastal Carolina (15-8, 9-4) won the first two sets and led the third 15-11, but Bryant's kill sparked a 7-1 Georgia Southern run as the Eagles got back in the set. With the score tied 21-21, Bryant and Bumford tallied consecutive kills, and a hitting error by the Chants gave the Eagles set point. The Chants fought off the first set point but committed a service error, and the Eagles took the set 25-22.

The Eagles led 15-9 early in the fourth, but Coastal Carolina scored seven of eight points and went on to cut the margin to 21-20. McGlockton and Rosser posted kills, and Brown served an ace as Georgia Southern scored the next three to make it set point. Brigitta Petrenko's kill for Coastal cut the margin to 24-21, but McGlockton finished off the set with a kill.

Stats of the Match
The Eagles held a 10-8 edge in aces and hit over .320 in each of the last three sets, including .375 in the fifth, after hitting below .100 in the first two frames. It was the Eagles' seventh conference win, tying their most since joining the Sun Belt in 2014.

Quotables from Coach Chad Willis
"I'm really proud of our group tonight. The team did a great job of staying the course and battling all the way through. Tough couple of sets to open up, but as we settled in and picked up some momentum, the energy and effort just kept willing us to that result. I'm happy for the team for coming on the road and earning a tough win against a quality team to open up the weekend."

Next Up
The Eagles travel to Boone to take on Appalachian State Sunday at 12:30 p.m. on ESPN+.

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