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Volleyball Outlasts App, Wins 3-1

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BOONE, N.C. – Baylor Bumford tallied 13 kills and three blocks, and Georgia Southern served up a season-high 13 aces on its way to a 3-1 (25-22, 25-20, 18-25, 26-24) Sun Belt volleyball victory over Appalachian State Sunday afternoon in the Holmes Center.

Eagles of the Match
Robin Rosser finished with 10 kills, four digs and two blocks, and Megan Vickery collected a career-high nine kills and added two blocks while hitting .533. Madison Brown tallied 42 assists, a career-high six aces and seven digs. Ashlyn Lovett finished with a match-high 19 digs and two aces. Rebekah Farthing had 12 digs and Meredith Eckard posted 10 digs and two aces.

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Key Moments
The Eagles (15-9, 8-6) trailed 18-14 in the first set but scored five points in a row, capped by consecutive aces by Paige Powers. Appalachian State (7-19, 3-11) led 22-21 but a kill by Hannah McGlockton sparked a 4-0 GS run, and Brown ended the set with an ace to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead in the match.

GS led 2-1 in the match and 21-11 in the fourth set, but Appalachian State battled all the way back, including fighting off five match points, to tie the score 24-24. A hitting error by the Mountaineers made it match point again, and Brown's tough serve came back over the net where McGlockton was there to put it away.

Stats of the Match
It was the Eagles' 15th win of the season, the most since the 2016 campaign, and their eight league wins are their most since joining the Sun Belt. GS held a 13-5 edge in aces in the match.

Quotables from Coach Chad Willis
"I'm really proud of our group's effort this entire weekend. Today's match was a grinder, but our first contact set a tone and willed us to a win. We're fighting and learning as we head into the tournament. Friday will be a big match against Troy at home; we need Hanner packed and loud!"

Next Up
The Eagles finish off the regular season by hosting Troy and South Alabama Friday and Saturday. Both contests are set for 6 p.m. and will be broadcast on ESPN+.

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