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Women's Golf
Posted: 11/7/2021 11:43:00 AM
Tournament Name: Mercer Invitational
Dates: Nov. 8-9
Host: Mercer
Course: Brickyard Golf Club - Par 72, 6,171 yds.
Location: Macon, Ga.
Participating Teams (11): Cincinnati, Charleston Southern, Delaware, Georgia Southern, Georgia State, Kennesaw State, Lamar, Mercer, Samford, Seminole State and Southern Miss.

Georgia Southern Lineup (scoring average)
Sarunchana Rattanasin (9 rds, 70.44)
Emma Bell (6 rds, 71.50)
Abby Newton (9 rds, 73.11)
Alexandra Stevenson (9 rds, 73.56)
Mia Kness (9 rds, 74.56)

Individual
Madison Heideman (9 rds, 75.56)

Georgia Southern caps the fall season at the Mercer Invitational for the second consecutive season, and the teams are scheduled to play 36 holes Monday and 18 Tuesday. The Eagles finished sixth in the event last season, and Ella Ofstedahl won medalist honors.

The Eagles are coming off back-to-back second-place finishes with the most recent coming at the Buccaneer Classic Oct. 19 at Oak Point Golf Course on Kiawah Island, S.C.

Sarunchana Rattanasin shot a school-record three-round total of 71-66-68=205 (-11) to finish second. Keyed by a school-record tying 66 in the second round, Rattanasin's 205 topped the 209 shot by Ofstedahl in the 2019 Idle Hour Collegiate by four strokes. Alexandra Stevenson (-1) tied for ninth, Emma Bell (E) tied for 12th and Mia Kness (+6) tied for 23rd.

The Eagles' three-round total of 851 was also a school record and beats the old mark by 20 strokes, and GS shot a school record 278 in the second round, besting the old mark of 280 they set at the Edisto Island Invitational a week earlier.

Bell is the lineup for the 16th time in her career, and Abby Newton makes her 12th start in the lineup for the Eagles. Stevenson, Kness and Rattanasin will be playing in their fourth tournaments for Georgia Southern, and Madison Heideman will play as an individual for the fourth consecutive event.

The Eagles are paired with Cincinnati and will tee off holes 7-9 in a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Monday.