

GEORGIA STATE SPORTS COMMUNICATIONS

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Exhibition Game 2: GEORGIA STATE (0-0) vs. LEES-MCRAE COLLEGE (0-0) Nov. 2, 2017, 7 p.m. • GSU Sports Arena • Atlanta, Ga. Radio: 1340 The Fan 3/103.7 FM & WRAS-FM 88.5

2016-17 RECORDS

Georgia State: 20-13, 12-6 Sun Belt
 H: 11-3, A: 6-9, N: 3-1
 Lees-McRae College: 8-21, 7-13 Carolinas
 H: 6-6, A: 2-14, N: 0-1

HEAD COACH

Ron Hunter (Miami (Ohio), 1986)
 GSU: 123-74 (6th Yr.)
 Career: 397-284 (23rd Yr.)

SERIES RECORDS

All-time series: First meeting

GEORGIA STATE ON THE AIR

Radio: 1340 The Fan 3/103.7 FM
 WRAS-FM 88.5

Dave Cohen is in his 35th year as play-by-play voice of the Panthers. He is joined by 680 The Fan's Brandon Leak.

Internet: Live stats at GeorgiaStateSports.com

Television: None

GET READY FOR THE GAME...IN 140 CHARACTERS OR LESS

- Georgia State and Lees-McRae College will meet for the first time on the basketball court on Thursday.
- The Panthers won their first exhibition game of the season with a 65-58 victory over Georgia Tech last Saturday.
- In the win over Tech, sophomore D'Marcus Simonds scored 30 points on 11-of-19 shooting.
- Simonds was named to the All-Sun Belt Preseason Second Team on Tuesday.
- Georgia State was picked to finish second in the annual Sun Belt Coaches' Preseason Poll.
- Georgia State is a perfect 12-0 under seventh year head coach Ron Hunter in exhibition games, winning by an average of 30.2 points.
- Georgia State returns three starters from a squad that won 20 games and advanced to the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament.
- The Panthers have won 20 or more games in three of the last four seasons, advancing to postseason play in each of those years.
- During the last four years, Georgia State has finished in the top two in the Sun Belt standings three times.
- Since the start of the 2013-14 season, the Panthers have won 86 games, the most of any NCAA Division 1 program in the state of Georgia.
- Head coach Ron Hunter, Georgia State's all-time leader in wins, will enter the 2017-18 season just three wins shy of 400 for his career.
- Hunter has led the Panthers to four of the seven most successful seasons in program history, including a pair of 25-win seasons.
- The Panthers will conclude exhibition play on Monday night facing Coker College at 7 p.m. in the GSU Sports Arena.

PROBABLE STARTERS

Pos	#	Name	Ht	Wt	Cl.	PPG	RPG	Notes
G	15	D'Marcus Simonds	6-3	200	So.	13.4	4.0	All-Sun Belt Preseason 2nd Team; Scored 30 pts. at GT
G	24	Devin Mitchell	6-4	195	Jr.	4.8	1.0	Played in all 33 games last year
F	2	Malik Benlevi	6-5	205	Jr.	8.5	4.2	Named one of two team captains prior to the season
F	23	Jordan Session	6-8	225	Sr.	4.1	3.0	Enters season having played in 93 career games
F	30	Jeff Thomas	6-5	190	Jr.	6.4	2.5	Finished with 12 pts. and 7 boards at GT

RESERVES

G	0	Nile Felton	6-3	175	So.	0.0	0.2	Played in 10 games as a freshman
G	10	Denis Alibegovic	6-2	170	Fr.	-	-	Knocked down 92 3-pointers senior year of high school
G	11	Isaiah Williams	6-2	170	Sr.	7.7	1.6	Enters season just 116 points shy of 1,000 for his career
G	12	Kane Williams	6-3	185	Fr.	-	-	2-Time All-State while at South Paulding HS
F	14	Chris Clerkley	6-9	210	So.	0.5	0.5	Returns after injury derailed his season last Jan.
F	20	Josh Linder	6-9	215	Fr.	-	-	Ranked as high as No. 3 in Georgia during HS
G	35	Matt Chism	6-3	185	Fr.	-	-	Played HS at Dawson Christian Academy for father
F	50	Jordan Tyson	6-9	230	R-So.	-	-	Redshirted last year, transfer from St. Bonaventure

*2016-17 statistics

2016-17 Georgia State Men's Basketball
Georgia State Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 15, 2017)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	20-13	11-3	6-9	3-1
CONFERENCE	12-6	7-2	5-4	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	8-7	4-1	1-5	3-1

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds			pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg			
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot									avg		
01	Hollowell, Jeremy	33-33	1015	30.8	175-411	.426	59-176	.335	91-121	.752	33	163	196	5.9	102	7	57	85	25	32	500	15.2		
15	Simonds, D'Marcus	29-22	787	27.1	145-271	.535	16-45	.356	82-114	.719	32	84	116	4.0	58	1	58	77	8	36	388	13.4		
02	Benlevi, Malik	33-27	866	26.2	97-192	.505	34-79	.430	51-75	.680	42	97	139	4.2	89	4	32	35	29	36	279	8.5		
11	Williams, Isaiah	32-24	656	20.5	82-191	.429	29-85	.341	54-65	.831	7	45	52	1.6	39	0	60	34	5	22	247	7.7		
20	Seymour, Justin	14-7	254	18.1	33-83	.398	15-44	.341	12-16	.750	8	20	28	2.0	23	0	15	18	0	6	93	6.6		
30	Thomas, Jeff	33-5	618	18.7	72-171	.421	42-106	.396	26-35	.743	19	62	81	2.5	48	0	27	26	21	19	212	6.4		
21	Clayton, Willie	33-23	694	21.0	88-137	.642	0-0	.000	24-79	.304	97	140	237	7.2	97	4	16	58	25	14	200	6.1		
24	Mitchell, Devin	33-4	391	11.8	52-129	.403	34-95	.358	22-33	.667	6	27	33	1.0	40	0	20	19	3	10	160	4.8		
04	Dennis, Isaiah	33-9	511	15.5	62-101	.614	2-3	.667	31-53	.585	14	49	63	1.9	51	1	60	45	2	29	157	4.8		
23	Session, Jordan	32-10	494	15.4	51-120	.425	9-35	.257	21-42	.500	35	61	96	3.0	83	4	13	22	17	8	132	4.1		
10	Donaldson, Austin	28-1	295	10.5	25-71	.352	4-14	.286	9-19	.474	9	25	34	1.2	37	2	40	27	1	23	63	2.3		
34	Cagle, Carter	6-0	12	2.0	2-5	.400	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.3	1	0	1	1	0	0	6	1.0		
14	Clerkley, Chris	11-0	26	2.4	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	2	3	5	0.5	5	0	0	1	4	0	5	0.5		
00	Felton, Nile	10-0	7	0.7	0-3	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0.0		
Team											30	60	90											
Total.....		33	6626		885-1888	.469	246-690	.357	426-658	.647	334	840	1174	35.6	673	23	399	463	140	236	2442	74.0		
Opponents.....		33	6625		758-1844	.411	274-846	.324	522-734	.711	339	762	1101	33.4	607	-	442	474	90	203	2312	70.1		

TEAM STATISTICS	GSU	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.		
SCORING	2442	2312	11/11/16	THOMAS	w 111-69	1690		
Points per game	74.0	70.1	1 11/14/16	at Auburn	L 65-83	6980		
Scoring margin	+3.9	-	2 11/18/16	at Purdue	L 56-64	14302		
FIELD GOALS-ATT	885-1888	758-1844	3 11/22/16	vs NJIT	w 74-53	1610		
Field goal pct	.469	.411	3 11/23/16	vs Eastern Kentucky	w 82-65	1610		
3 POINT FG-ATT	246-690	274-846	11/30/16	WRIGHT STATE	w 81-74	1256		
3-point FG pct	.357	.324	12/04/16	at Mississippi State	L 60-82	6805		
3-pt FG made per game	7.5	8.3	12/10/16	GA. SOUTHWESTERN	w 83-52	907		
FREE THROWS-ATT	426-658	522-734	12/14/16	ALABAMA A&M	w 94-79	1183		
Free throw pct	.647	.711	12/18/16	at ODU	L 46-58	4052		
F-Throws made per game	12.9	15.8	12/21/16	at Middle Tennessee	w 64-56	4502		
REBOUNDS	1174	1101	12/28/16	MASSACHUSETTS	L 65-74	1639		
Rebounds per game	35.6	33.4	* 12/31/16	at Georgia Southern	L 65-88	2356		
Rebounding margin	+2.2	-	* 01/07/17	SOUTH ALABAMA	w 78-77	1231		
ASSISTS	399	442	* 01/09/17	TROY	L 77-80	1400		
Assists per game	12.1	13.4	* 01/14/17	at ULM	wot 73-65	1634		
TURNOVERS	463	474	* 01/16/17	at Louisiana	w 101-86	3497		
Turnovers per game	14.0	14.4	* 01/21/17	COASTAL CAROLINA	w 76-56	1479		
Turnover margin	+0.3	-	* 01/23/17	APPALACHIAN STATE	w 83-72	1418		
Assist/turnover ratio	0.9	0.9	* 01/28/17	at Troy	w 78-72	1248		
STEALS	236	203	* 01/30/17	at South Alabama	w 83-80	2110		
Steals per game	7.2	6.2	* 02/04/17	LOUISIANA	w 85-82	1951		
BLOCKS	140	90	* 02/06/17	ULM	w 69-55	1015		
Blocks per game	4.2	2.7	* 02/11/17	at Appalachian State	L 72-77	2169		
ATTENDANCE	22229	66872	* 02/13/17	at Coastal Carolina	L 64-65	2061		
Home games-Avg/Game	14-1588	15-4062	* 02/18/17	UT ARLINGTON	L 67-68	1800		
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	4-1487	* 02/20/17	TEXAS STATE	w 67-51	1406		
Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals	* 02/25/17	at Little Rock	w 71-54	3830
Georgia State	1155	1273	14	2442	* 02/27/17	at Arkansas State	L 67-78	4482
Opponents	1029	1277	6	2312	* 03/04/17	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	w 72-67	3854
					3/10/17	vs Louisiana	w 86-76	1118
					3/11/17	vs Troy	L 63-74	1609
					3/15/17	at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	L 64-80	897

* = Conference game
1 = Cancun Challenge (Auburn, Ala.)
2 = Cancun Challenge (West Lafayette, Ind.)
3 = Cancun Challenge (Cancun, Mexico)