

Southern Miss Knocks off Georgia, 62-60, in Overtime in the Progressive Legends Classic

Dwayne Davis led the Golden Eagles with 14 points and 12 rebounds.

[box score](#)

ATHENS, Ga. - Dwayne Davis' layup with 30 seconds left in overtime was the winning margin as Southern Miss defeated Georgia, 62-60, in its opening game of the Progressive Legends Classic.

It is the first time that the Golden Eagles have opened the year with two straight overtime games, and the first time since the 1995-96 season that they have played back-to-back overtime games.

Davis recorded his first career double-double, scoring 14 points and pulling down a game-high 12 rebounds. [Jerrold Brooks](#) scored a game-high 17 points on 5-of-10 three-point shooting.

"I thought our guys played extremely hard," said Southern Miss head coach [Donnie Tyndall](#). "I knew that we would have to be even on the boards, and we actually outrebounded them by nine. We turned it over a little too much, but our guys showed great resiliency. It didn't look like things were going our way in overtime, but we got critical stops when we needed to, and [Michael Craig](#) made a great play to tip the ball to Dwayne for the winning basket."

Georgia took its first lead of the game since the 18:27 mark of the first half 22 seconds into overtime. Thirty seconds later, Brooks drilled his fifth three-pointer of the game to give the Golden Eagles a 58-57 lead. But Georgia came back with a three-pointer of its own, this time by Vincent Williams to regain the lead 60-58 with 3:38 to play.

The teams traded possessions before Davis drove to the basket, got fouled and hit the ensuing free throws to tie the game with 2:00 minutes left. Two possessions later, the Bulldogs had the ball with time winding down on the shot clock. Williams attempted a pass, but [Michael Craig](#), stepped in front, and fought off his defender, before tipping the ball to Davis who laid the ball in for the winning basket.

Georgia grabbed the early lead on a three-pointer by Williams. But Southern Miss made its next seven shots as it went on an 18-4 run, including scoring 15 straight points, to take an 18-7 lead with 10:52 to play in the half.

The teams traded baskets over the next four minutes. Georgia pulled to within six points, but a three-pointer by Brooks pushed the lead back to nine with 1:09 to play. John Cannon made it a seven point lead with a layup, and it seemed that it would stay that way until halftime. But Sherrard Brantley connected on a trey from 35 feet at the buzzer to trim the Golden Eagles' lead to 31-27 at the half.

The second half was a struggle from the start. UGA pulled to within two points early, but a three-pointer by Brooks, followed by a pair of baskets by [Rashard McGill](#) pushed the lead back out to nine points. Georgia then went on a 9-2 run to make it 40-38 with 11:17 to play. The teams traded baskets, but a trey by [Neil Watson](#) made it a five-point game.

Georgia twice got it to one-point. But a Brooks three-pointer followed by a layup by Davis gave Southern Miss a six-point lead with 4:30 to play. However, the Golden Eagles would go without a point for the rest of the second half, as the Bulldogs slowly trimmed at the lead, eventually sending the game into overtime.

Kentavious Caldwell-Pope had 17 points for the Bulldogs and Nemanja Djuricic scored 12. Marcus Thornton added a team-high seven rebounds.

The Black and Gold shot 51.0-percent from the floor (25-of-49) and 38.9-percent from behind the arc (7-of-18). Georgia was held to just (20-of-52) 38.5% from the floor and 30.0-percent (9-of-30) from three. Southern Miss also outrebounded UGA, 36-to-27.

Southern Miss continues the Progressive Legends Classic next week when it travels to Huntsville, Texas for the final three games. The Golden Eagles will play Sam Houston State on Monday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m.