Werts leads Georgia Southern past UL Monroe 51-29

STATESBORO, Ga. -- Shai Werts threw for one touchdown, ran for two and the defense came up with three turnovers as Georgia Southern rolled to a 51-29 win over Louisiana Monroe on Saturday.

Werts had touchdown runs of 11 and 24 yards and a 33-yard connection with Darion Anderson to put the Eagles on top 24-7 at halftime.

Donald Rutledge Jr. had a 42-yard interception return in the opening minute of the fourth quarter, which made it 38-14. The Warhawks scored twice in the fourth quarter but each time Georgia Southern responded, including a 42-yard return by Monquavion Brinson on an onside kick attempt in the final minute.

The Eagles (6-4, 4-2 Sun Belt Conference) were outgained 370-325 in total offense. J.D. King had 102 yards rushing and a 6-yard touchdown run in the closing minute of the third quarter.

Caleb Evans went 21-of-36 passing for 285 yards and two touchdowns for the Warhawks but was intercepted twice.

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ULM	7	0	7	15	29
GASO	7	17	7	20	51

Scoring Summary ---------------

FIRST QUARTER		**ULM**	**GASO**
GASO TD 11:07 Shai Werts 11 Yd Run (Tyler Bass Kick)			
3 plays, 21 yards, 1:14		0	7
ULM TD 4:56 Austin Vaughn 3 Yd Run (Jared Porter Kick)			
13 plays, 75 yards, 6:11		7	7
SECOND QUARTER		**ULM**	**GASO**
GASO FG 13:29 Tyler Bass 26 Yd Field Goal			
7 plays, 34 yards, 3:00		7	10
GASO TD 9:00 Shai Werts 24 Yd Run (Tyler Bass Kick)			
6 plays, 73 yards, 3:30		7	17

GASO TD 0:37 Darion Anderson 33 Yd pass from Shai Werts (Tyler Bass Kick)

		ULM	GASO
9 plays, 84 yards, 3:13		7	24
THIRD QUARTER		**ULM**	**GASO**
ULM TD 6:41 Caleb Evans 1 Yd Run (Jared Porter Kick)			
8 plays, 84 yards, 3:19		14	24
GASO TD 0:25 J.D. King 6 Yd Run (Tyler Bass Kick)			
2 plays, 6 yards, 0:44		14	31
FOURTH QUARTER		**ULM**	**GASO**

GASO TD 14:41 Donald Rutledge Jr. 42 Yd Interception Return (Tyler Bass Kick)

		ULM	GASO
3 plays, 5 yards, 0:44		14	38

ULM TD 12:15 Markis McCray 1 Yd pass from Caleb Evans (Caleb Evans Pass to Josh Pederson for Two-Point Conversion)

		ULM	GASO
7 plays, 75 yards, 2:26		22	38

GASO TD 2:48 Wesley Kennedy III 1 Yd Run (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)

		ULM	GASO
14 plays, 75 yards, 9:27		22	44

ULM TD 0:20 Josh Pederson 16 Yd pass from Caleb Evans (Jared Porter Kick)

		ULM	GASO
11 plays, 75 yards, 2:28		29	44

GASO TD 0:13 Monquavion Brinson 42 Yd Kickoff Return (Tyler Bass Kick)

		ULM	GASO
0 plays, 0 yards, 0:00		29	51

Team Stats

	ULM	GASO
First Downs	18	19
Passes for First	12	4
Rushes for First	5	13
Penalties for First	1	2
Third Down Efficiency	2-13	5-12
Fourth Down Efficiency	4-4	0-0
Total Yards	369	325
Total Plays	67	62
Avg Gain Per Play	5.5	5.2
Net Yards Rushing	85	245
Rushes	31	52
Yards Per Rush	2.7	4.7
Net Yards Passing	284	80
Comp-Att	21-36	5-10
Yards Per Pass	7.9	8.0
Times Sacked	0	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-7
Interceptions	2	0
Punts	6	6
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	7	5
Penalty Yards	59	25
Fumbles	1	2
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Time of Poss	26:24	33:36

Individual Stats

RUSHING

UL MONROE	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Josh Johnson	12	43	3.6	0	14
Caleb Evans	14	27	1.9	1	14
Austin Vaughn	5	15	3.0	1	5
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	**Rush**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**LONG**
J.D. King	16	102	6.4	1	30
Wesley Kennedy III	19	76	4.0	1	12
Shai Werts	13	53	4.1	2	24
Matt LaRoche	3	9	3.0	0	3
Malik Murray	1	5	5.0	0	5

PASSING

UL MONROE	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Caleb Evans	21	36	285	7.9	2	2	32.6
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	**Comp**	**Att**	**Yds**	**Y/A**	**TD**	**Int**	**QBRat**
Shai Werts	5	10	80	8.0	1	0	74.3

RECEIVING

UL MONROE	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Perry Carter Jr.	2	95	47.5	0	49
Jonathan Hodoh	6	68	11.3	0	22
Markis McCray	4	34	8.5	1	21
Zach Jackson	3	31	10.3	0	22
Josh Johnson	2	22	11.0	0	13
Josh Pederson	1	16	16.0	1	16
Jahquan Bloomfield	1	12	12.0	0	12
Austin Vaughn	1	5	5.0	0	5
Kayin White	1	2	2.0	0	2
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**LONG**
Darion Anderson	1	33	33.0	1	33
Wesley Kennedy III	2	21	10.5	0	20
Dexter Carter Jr.	1	13	13.0	0	13
Malik Murray	1	13	13.0	0	13