

The following is the result of the Kennesaw State University protest of their game scheduled against Georgia Southern, on October 15th, 2011.

Game protested by Kennesaw State for Georgia Southern's in-game known roster violation

Requested action - Forfeit game.

Protest:

Kennesaw State is protesting their 3:00 pm, 10/19/11 game against Georgia Southern, requesting a forfeit victory because Georgia Southern knowingly used an illegal player, by NCSA guidelines.

6.01.0 Players are not deemed eligible to participate in any **NCSA Sanctioned Softball Game** until their paperwork has been processed with the league. When the player appears on the team's roster, which is available on the Official NCSA Website (www.clubsoftball.org), then that player is then eligible to compete in **NCSA Sanctioned Softball Games**.

6.02.0 Any team found playing an ineligible player will be penalized by forfeiting all games that that ineligible player participated in while holding an ineligible status.

Investigation:

"2 players- #21 and #9 played the entire game and were not on the official roster on the NCSA website. They only had 9 players. Evidently, after researching, #21 is actually #3 on the official NCSA roster. The girl that played as #9 is actually Lauren Hogan, who played varsity at Truett McConnell college and went to Greenbriar High School in Georgia. There is no one on the official roster that matches that information."

-Brittany Orton, Kennesaw State Club Softball President

Defense:

"As for Lauren Hogan, correct she did play with Truett a few years ago, but she played with us last year on our team. She is still currently a student at GA Southern, but not full time. The week we were going to Kennesaw, one of my girls got injured and we were short a player and we couldn't afford to forfeit all three games. My player got hurt the practice before we left for Kennesaw, which was Saturday morning and there was nothing else we could do because hotels were booked. So, I ask her could she play with us because we needed a body, not because she could carry the team, but because we couldn't afford to forfeit anything. Unfortunately, we did get caught and I felt bad enough to even ask Lauren, but I was put in a corner and didn't know what else to do, so I had to make a decision. I also understand that the games she played in have to be forfeited. She didn't play on that Sunday and correct she wasn't even on the line up as a sub because they already figured it out. So, we did have to get my player with a broken hand to play Sunday to make us legit. I do apologize and I will understand the necessary actions that will have to take place."

-Brittany Walker, Georgia Southern Club Softball President



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Ruling: Protest Granted – Despite Georgia Southern’s defense, the NCSA holds strict rules about player’s eligibility. To be deemed eligible, every girl must not only appear on the academic eligibility form from the school, but must have also to register online and be cleared by the NCSA. Since Georgia Southern played an individual who wasn’t on either, therefore she was an illegible player, violating the NCSA rulebook. The score of this game will be updated to reflect a 7 to 0 victory for Kennesaw State and all player statistics should be disallowed for each team for this game.

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