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Football Preview It's Gamecock Time



Chris Lundy
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Sports Editor

The tailgating will be underway this weekend as college football kicks off, literally.

Jacksonville State will travel to Greenville, South Carolina to take on the Furman Paladins in the September 2 season opener. JSU will look for some payback as Furman took the game in the last seconds of last season to win 37-35. The Paladins finished 11-3 overall and a 5-2 Southern Conference record.

"I think they are the best team in the country," says Head Coach Jack Crowe. "We wanted Furman on the schedule to put ourselves against solid competition and to know for ourselves where we



The Gamecocks prep for the 2006 season. The Gamecocks face Furman (away game) this Saturday to start the season.

Photo by Jessica Summe

pose yards and 1,352 rushing yards last year, placing him second on the JSU list of single season rushers and making him the 10th Gamecock to rush for over 1,000 yards in a season. He received First



plishment," says Green. "I know I just have to step my game up for this year."

Green is also looking to continue his 100-yard rushing game streak. The running back finished the season with eight consecutive 100-yard games and nine overall, one of which was a 24-carry,

yards, completing 43 of his 98 passes with only one interception. His six touchdowns and 43.9 percent completion rate will grow as he takes the starting position. Coach Crowe has given Hardin the green

team's style of play," says Crowe. "(Furman Quarterback) Renaldo Gray is more



winning ways against in state rival Samford.

The toughest part of the 2006 season is the road schedule.

"We have seven games on the road this year," says Crowe. "Being on the road that much puts us in a position to take on an attitude that we can come in and takeover the game."

This is the first year the team will have a television contract.

Through Comcast, the football games will be broadcast on College Sports Television and Comcast Sports Southeast. Residents in the area with Comcast and CSTV can watch games on TV or online.

The Gamecock Football

against solid competition and to know for ourselves where we stand as far as competing for the national championship."

Crowe led the Gamecocks to a 6-5 overall record, and a 6-2 Ohio Valley Conference third-place finish during the 2005 campaign.

The Gamecocks return 15 starters, eight on offense and five on defense. The other two starters are on special teams.

Two key players returning for the Gamecocks, safety Kenny Brown and running back Clay Green, are Pre-season All-OVC selections. Last season, Brown led the team with 73 tackles, which earned him a First Team All-OVC bid.

Green is coming off a very productive 2005 season. Green recorded 2,048 all-pur-

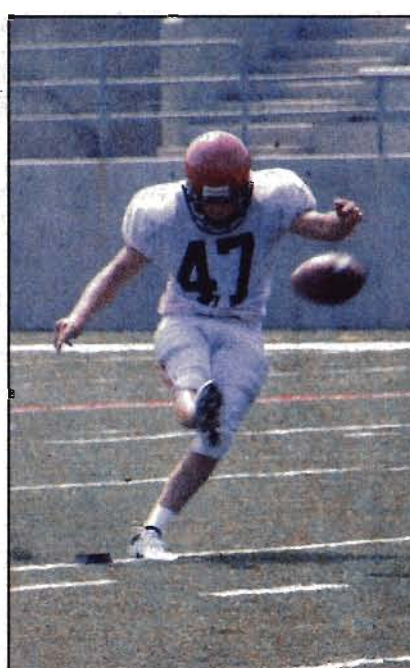


Photo by Jessica Summe
Kicker Brett Rushing.

Team All-OVC honors; Third Team All-America honors as a tailback and Second Team All-America honors as an all-purpose back. His statistics also earned him a nod on the Walter Payton Watch List for 2006, an award given to the top player in Division I-AA.

"It's a pretty big accom-

eight consecutive 100-yard games and nine overall, one of which was a 24-carry, 111-yard game versus Furman. However, his solo performance will not carry the Gamecocks alone.

"We're a team, so it's not on any one person's shoulders," Green says. "We all have to pull our weight and do our assignments. If we do that, then we'll have a pretty good football team."

A big change for the Gamecocks will be Junior Matt Hardin taking over as the starting quarterback. Playing in only seven games last year and ten in 2004, he looks to be one of the core players on the offensive side of the ball.

"I definitely gained experience coming in the games last year and knowing the pace of the game," says Hardin. "Last year, we found out we can play with Furman. The momentum is in our corner."

Coming into this season, Hardin has thrown for 779

position. Coach Crowe has given Hardin the green light to take over the team.

"Matt is the total package," says Crowe. "What separates him is that he is a prolific thrower."

Though Hardin and last year's quarterback Maurice Mullins are different in approach, they still have some similarities.

"Hardin is not really a running quarterback, but he's still a mobile guy," says Crowe. "He has great arm strength and his precision is unbelievable."

Right now, Coach Crowe is focused on Furman and what the team has to do to get an opening win on the road. Like the Gamecocks, the Paladins start the season with a new quarterback:

"They've changed quarterbacks, which will change any



Photo by Jessica Summe
Quarterback Shea Allen.

a of a scrambling guy. I think they have gotten better defensively, but we're anticipating playing a really good football team."

In addition to Furman, the Gamecocks are out to take the sting off another last second loss from last season when they travel to Chattanooga Nov. 4. The team looks to shock the Mississippi State Bulldogs on Oct. 14 when they head to Starkville, Miss.

The Gamecocks will attempt to regain conference momentum versus Eastern Kentucky and Eastern Illinois, and hope to keep their

watch games on TV or online.

The Gamecock Football Network will feature radio broadcaster Matt Coulter, who has a wealth of knowledge in the broadcast booth. Joining Coulter will be former JSU All-American quarterback Ed Lett. Lett will provide color commentary this season for the network. Coulter and Lett will make their home on WLJS 91.9 FM, the flagship station of the JSU Gamecock football network.

With a new TV contract, new broadcasting, and a new season, the Gamecocks look to take on the world en route to a national championship and continue their winning tradition.

Fan Day draws large crowd

By Reagan Williams
The Chanticleer News Editor

"He's going to freak when he sees me in the school paper," said young Trey Washington, nephew of Gamecock Football

runningback Clay Green.

Trey and Josiah Washington, along with many others, spent the afternoon of Sunday, August 20, at the JSU Fan Day. While their grandmother stood in line for autographs, the two boys played football on the same field their uncle plays on.

Fan day was about just that: families, friends, fans and the community coming together to show support for their favorite athletes.

"We came here to support the teams," said Lester Quilliams, an attendee at the event. "We've been here before and it's always been fun."

Attendees were given small JSU posters for the athletes

to sign, while SGA officers made snow cones for everybody who wanted one.

While the JSU Cheerleaders pumped up the crowd, the girl's soccer team, volleyball team and the entire football team were introduced, one by one. After running onto the field through two lines of cheerleaders, members of all teams sat down to sign autographs.

"It is good to reach out to the community and meeting the kids and to get them to come to our games," said Sarah McAulay of the soccer team.

Even a slight drizzle of rain couldn't dampen the crowd's spirits.

"I'm just happy to be here with all my teammates and JSU fans," said Clay as he signed autographs. "[And] it is a good feeling to know your family supports you."



Photo by Jessica Summe

Trey (left) and Josiah (standing) Washington play on the field during Fan Day.



Photo by Jessica Summe

JSU athletes sign autographs during Fan Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alpha Omicron Pi: Welcome Back. We hope everyone had a great summer. **Contact:** Meredith, merharvey@aol.com

JSU Rugby Club: Practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. until dark. The first practice is on Sept. 5. Please come out and join us. **Contact:** Wilson, 256-225-1310.

Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow (STAT): The STAT Club will host an ice cream and information social on Thursday, Sept. 7, at 4:30p.m. **Contact:** Alan, 782-8256.

92J: 92J will be raffling off giveaway big prize packs on Sept. 19, 20 and 21 in the TMB. **Contact:** Chad, WLB92J@gmail.com.

The Chanticleer: *The Chanticleer*, along with *The Mimosa*, 92J and Counseling and Career Services will be hosting a viewing of *9/11* on Sept. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Leone Cole Auditorium. **Contact:** Jessica, chantynews@yahoo.com.



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Breaking ground for art building



Photos by Blair Eddings

Above and right: Construction site on Forney Ave. for the new art annex.

By Lacey Nisbett
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Many students probably have already noticed the construction taking place behind Mason Hall. This is one of the university's newest projects: a new building for the Art Department, to support the already existing Hammond Hall.

Over the last few years, JSU's Art Department has flourished and outgrown its original home. Many subjects -- including ceramics, photography, drawing, and design -- will be moving



down the street to the new accommodations. This new building will allow the interests of both students and faculty to grow.

"We are very excited for the new addition and looking forward to the expansion," says Jane Green, department secretary.

Construction is estimated to be complete during the fall of 2007.

92J changes afternoon programming

By Chris Lundy

The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Beginning this fall, JSU's campus radio station, WLJS 91.9 FM, will be modifying its program times to accommodate both news and music.

Matt Reese will be taking over the station's premier music show, 92j Rocks, which

will now air from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

National Public Radio News' All Things Considered will follow 92j Rocks. Both hours of the popular news show will air from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Every weekday, between NPR at noon and 92j Rocks at 2 p.m., WLJS will feature a new type of show that has yet to be determined.

"This will give our listeners a taste of dif-

ferent types of shows every day," said WLJS Assistant Program Director Chris Yow.

92J is always welcoming volunteers to the station. If you are interested in radio broadcasting, you can visit the office, located in the basement of Self Hall, and pick up a volunteer form.

WLJS is online at www.jsu.edu/92j.

JSU's green school

By Jason Bollen

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

60 acres of land has been deeded in the Little River Canyon National Preserve for the construction of a field school. The field school will be set up as a public building; meaning anyone can access the museum, library, and many other exhibits. It will be of great importance especially to Jacksonville State University's students,

who may be able to take classes there after construction is complete in 2008.

The building will also be used as rented office space to the national park officers, which will bring in additional funds to the University.

The most interesting thing about the Center will be the type of building it will be: a Green Building.

That doesn't mean the building is green.

The Green Building is an

environmental friendly building. The latest, most cutting edge, ecological technology will be used. They will use a new form of insulation made of recycled blue jeans. This building will constitute a national model for all environmentally-friendly buildings in the future.

\$6.3 million has been set aside for the construction scheduled to begin mid-October.



Welcome Week Events

Thursday, Aug. 31
Pep Rally for Fall Sports
8 p.m., Paul Snow Stadium

Friday, Sept. 1
Gamecock Spirit Day

Monday, Sept. 4
Labor Day - No Classes

Tuesday, Sept. 5
Student Appreciation Day
Poster Sale

CAMPUS CRIME

August 23

Manuel Sablon was arrested for possession of alcohol by a minor at the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity House.

Robert Shell was arrested for possession of alcohol by a minor/consumption at the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity House.

August 25

Reed Dowlen was arrested for driving under the influence on a Forney Ave.

August 28

Edgar Keeler was arrested for driving under the influence and an open container on Hwy. 204.

August 29

Noel Carter was arrested at Patterson Hall for criminal mischief.



Information in the Campus Crime column is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Self Hall. These records are public documents which any individual has the right to examine under Alabama state law. If you believe this information to be in error, please call 782-5701, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050.



Courtesy of Renee Morrison

Artist's rendering of JSU's "Green Building."

Power of 125

By Jason Bollen

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

While we like to think Jacksonville State University can survive on our tuition alone, JSU actually receives just over half of its funding from state and federal governments, while the rest comes from private donations.

"The Power of 125" is a promotion directed at raising 25 million dollars for university improvements through private donations. While many people have given to this program, one standout donor anonymously pledged two million dollars.

The campaign began on January 1, 2004, with an initial goal of 17.5 million dollars. In 2003, the Board of Trustees asked "the departments for a wish list of what they needed," says Earl Warren, the director for Institutional Development. This wish list was cut down to the bare essentials,

and "that is how we came up with the [original] goal".

"The Power of 125" had received a total of 22 million a full two years before the deadline, so the Board of Trustees increased the goal from 17.5 to 25 million. As of this month, "The Power of 125" is three million dollars away from its goal and almost two years ahead of schedule.

The donors can be any individual or company, and the money is directed to wherever the giver designates. Donations can be as general as a gift to the entire school, a donation to help a building project, or as specific as buying new American maps for the History department.

Anyone interested in giving may contact the funds coordinator at (256) 782-5306 or 1-800-231-5291 ex5306, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., or via e-mail at jsufnd@jsu.edu.

Student Appreciation Day

Poster Sale

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Quad

Wednesday, Sept. 6

"Funny T-shirts and Photos Too"

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., TMB Foodcourt

Poster Sale

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Quad

Thursday, Sept. 7

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Friday, Sept. 8

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FEATURES

We can't keep eating like this

people will talk...

by Toni Merriss
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Are you tired of using precious gas driving to Oxford just to get your morning 'cup of joe'? What about the expensive prices once you get there? Well, thanks to Java Jolt, located on the Square, those days are long gone.

Java Jolt, Jacksonville's own coffee shop, first opened their doors this summer to many eager customers. And since the USA is the world's largest consumer of coffee, it only makes sense that this new café has been a big hit with almost everyone who has entered the door.

Jennifer Kittle, of Summerville, Ga., was really impressed on her initial visit to the coffee house.

"The decor inside is very classy, I really felt at home right when I first walked in. Overall, this place went above and beyond my expectations. I will be back all the time," Kittle said. She has stayed true to her word and even has a favorite drink there now, the Twenty-Below Frappe.

Java Jolt offers both cold and hot coffee drinks with a variety of flavors and sizes. The customer can pick one flavor or mix it up and add more for a unique taste to their beverage. Some of the flavors offered include blue-

berry-pomegranate, lemon-pine-apple coconut, wildberry, peach, strawberry, vanilla, white chocolate, chocolate peanut butter, and heath mocha.

Java Jolt offers two choices for lunch; chicken salad croissant or a roast beef wrap. Along with the lunch, they offer fresh pastries made daily.

Unlike most of the franchise coffee shoppes that put high prices on a small drink, Java Jolt has reasonable prices that even broke college students can work with.

Speaking of reasonable prices, two new restaurants in Jacksonville have opened their doors

this summer, Casa Fiesta and La Mariposa offer good quality food for a low price.

Casa Fiesta (or House Party in English) has a large menu that has a little something for everyone; with combination dinners "you can create your own", or just order off the regular menu with choices like fajitas, seafood, steak and chicken.

Josh Bomar, from Lafayette, Ga., said "It is something that Jacksonville really needed. I enjoyed the food and loved the variety they have on their menus."

Casa Fiesta has a vegetarian menu with seven different din-

ners to choose from. Many vegetarians have had a hard time eating out in Jacksonville because there are not many places that offer this luxury.

Casa Fiesta is located in the old A&W/Long John Silver's building on Pelham Rd.

La Mariposa (or The Butterfly in English) is right around the corner from Brother's Bar, and their menu offers Cuban food, a treat

most Jacksonville residents are not used to. They offer items such as bollitos (black-eye pea fritters), black bean soup, ropa vieja (shredded beef in red creole sauce), palomilla (sauteed top sirloin with onions/garlic), and a Cuban sandwich (roast pork, ham, swiss cheese, pickle, mustard and mayo). Keep in mind, those are only a few items and there are explanations beneath each item so you have an idea of what you are ordering.

Kittle has also visited this establishment and she said, "Al-

though the restaurant is small, the staff will work to accommodate everyone, and the service was really good. I recommend trying the Cuban coffee."

Back to coffee eh? Well, supposedly an ordinary cup of coffee contains about 150 milligrams of caffeine - what most physicians call a "therapeutic dose," so you can use that as an excuse to get out and try some new restaurants in town!

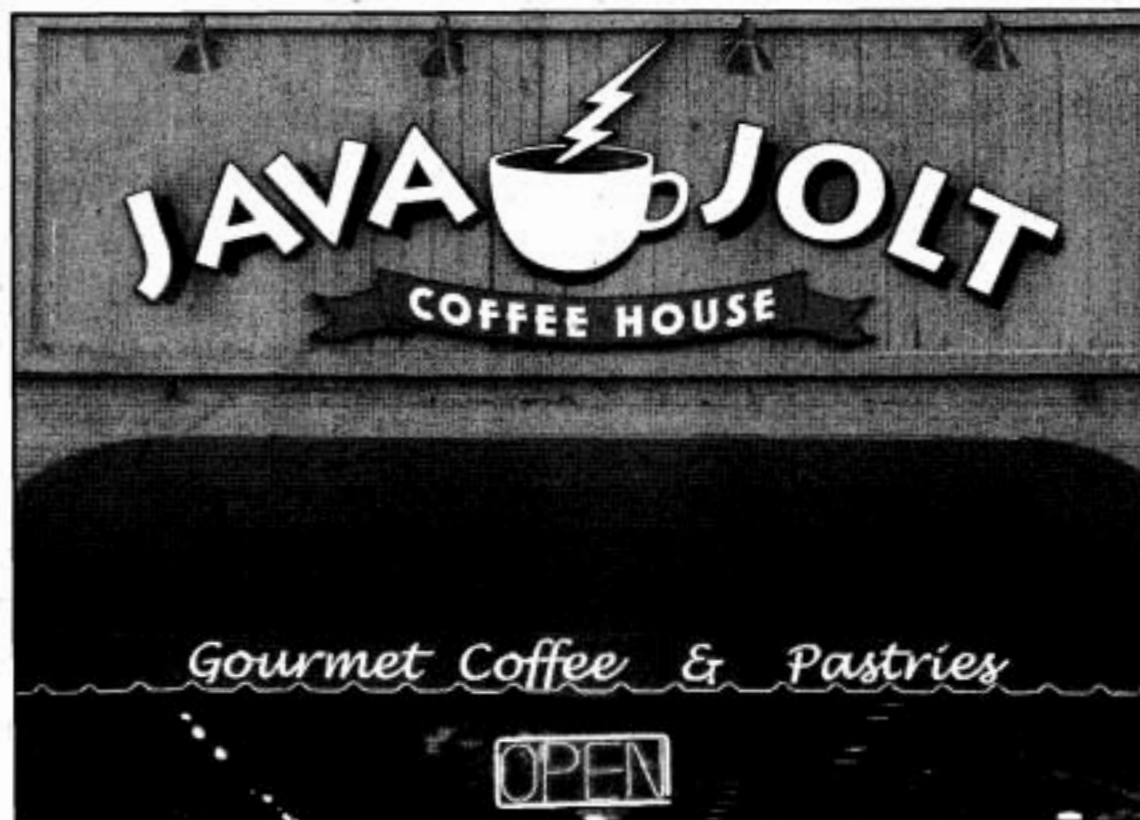


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Java Jolt management is considering extending evening hours past 8 p.m.





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I agree with
the question.



I agree with
the question.

Day in the Life: Abby Breit

by Toni Merriss
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Meet Abbey Breit, a junior Chemistry major from Louisville, Ky., who plays middle blocker for the Gamecock Volleyball team. She was nice enough to give us a rundown of her busy schedule so that we can take part in a day in the life of ABBEY BREIT.

During pre-season the team kicks practice into high gear and spends almost all their time together, both on and off the court.

"In volleyball, chemistry between players is really important," said Breit. "If we can't find a way to gel together, we can't get it going. It is such a good thing that we all get along, sure, we get on each others nerves occasionally but that just means we are really close."

They wake up six days a week at 7:30 am for a team breakfast. From there, they either head off to practice or hit the weight room (depending on what day it is) until lunch time. After sharing a team lunch, the girls usually get a short break before they have to be back at the gym for even more practice.

If any player has had an injury then they go to treatment both before and after practices and games. Treatment generally consists on heat before and ice afterwards. This process can take anywhere from 15-30 minutes depending on the severity of the injury.

Night practice can last anywhere

from an hour and a half to three hours if the team needs more work. Once practice is over, the team has dinner together and then everyone heads home to prepare to repeat the whole process the next day.

Things start to get complicated once school starts and the juggling process begins between classes, homework, practice, and games.

"We put a lot of effort into doing well in school. Coach Nold hates for us to miss class, so when we have road games he gives us study time on the bus. Last year, I think the volleyball team had the highest GPA of all the athletic teams on campus," Breit said. "Sometimes it is hard to get into the classes you need since we have to have them all done by noon. This semester I could not get into any of my major classes because the schedules conflicted, so that makes it rough," she added.

When it can be worked out, the team has breakfast together on game day and then head their separate ways to class. After class, they meet up for a short

pre-game practice. They eat their pre-game meal together about three and half hours before game time and then

get a break before they have to be back. "Rebekah Nichols and I like to go to Stephenson and play ping-pong before we have to be back at the gym," Breit said.

Once they get back, the girls start getting ready and head off to treatment. Once treatment is finished, the whole team

gathers in the locker room to play music and get pumped up about the game. A fun part for everyone is the "dance circle".

"Everyone gets a turn in the middle and we all just joke around and do the stupidest stuff. It's a lot of fun, and it really gets us going before the game," Breit said.

About an hour before game time, Coach Nold comes in and discusses the game plan with the team. After leaving the locker room, the team starts their pre-game warmups.

Once the game ends, the team stays

around to thank fans for coming. Sometimes they even sign autographs. "We usually get pizza delivered after the games," Breit said. "Once we eat we normally head on home. It is sometimes after 10 p.m. when we get home, so it has been a long day for us by then."

Abbey Breit is no stranger to receiving volleyball awards, but last year was an outstanding performance year, even for her. Her honors read like a wishlist any volleyball player could have: 2005 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District, OVC All-Tournament Team, First Team All-OVC, All-Midwest Region, Honorable Mention All-American, OVC Player of the Year, and 2006 First Team Pre-Season All-OVC.

Now, keep in mind she is only a junior and the volleyball season has only just begun, so she still has two more seasons left to play. She is already starting this season off on the right foot by receiving not only the University of Louisville Cardinal Tournament MVP this past weekend -- where the Gamecocks won the tournament championship -- but also being named the National Player of the Week by College Volleyball Update (CVU) and the OVC Player of the Week.

Congratulations to Abbey Breit and the entire volleyball team, and good luck this season!

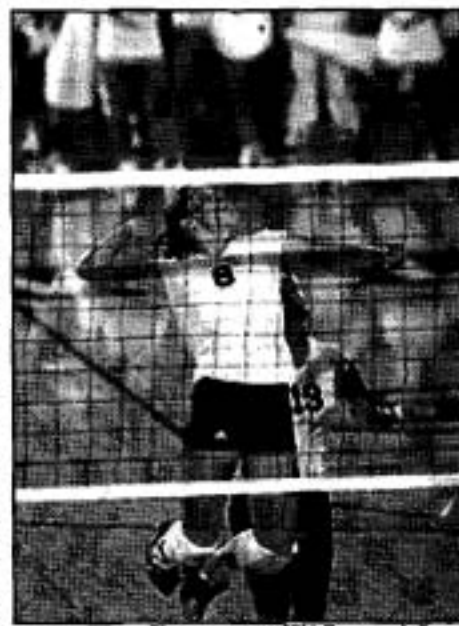


Photo courtesy JSU Gamecock Sports

Georgia State no match for Gamecocks in home opener

By Chris Lundy
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

After a big win this weekend at the Cardinal Tournament, The Jacksonville State volleyball team continued their winning ways with a 3-0 win against Georgia State Tuesday night at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

"We put a lot of offensive pressure on them early," says Head Coach Rick Nold. "Our serv-

Whitten recorded ten kills and one ace in Tuesday's match. Her contribution to the team has been a vital key to the Gamecocks' 4-0 start.

"It's definitely hard to come in as freshmen on a team that won conference last year," says Whitten. "The playing atmosphere is very easy to fit into. The other girls have been very open."

Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week and College Volleyball Update National Player

Gamecock Soccer Falls to Birmingham-Southern, Auburn

by Chris Lundy
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The Jacksonville State Gamecocks took a tough loss against the Birmingham Southern University Panthers 2-0 in the home opener.

The Gamecocks came out strong, but struggled throughout the game. Panther forward Anne McIntyre stopped the Gamecock's early momentum when she scored in the 14th minute with an assist by midfielder Claire Hooten. The Gamecocks



Rob Baker
sophomore

I think that sucks that he doesn't eat cookies. He's the Cookie Monster.



Luke Diehl
junior

Cookies are a "sometimes" food. They wrote a song about it.



Quint Bergheld
freshman

It's a good attack on obesity. The identity issues it will raise are a far more damaging monstrosity. For Pete's sake.

Mathews Coliseum.

"We put a lot of offensive pressure on them early," says Head Coach Rick Nold. "Our serving definitely took over, and we did great getting aces."

Coming in to the new season, Nold has four freshmen on the roster. They took the vacancies of graduates Kim Halbach and Suzi Terrell and Kisha West, and filled in the voids left by Katie Moyers and Annie O'Connor.

"You never know how freshmen are going to handle themselves coming in," says Nold. "The first game of the season, they're taking on #12 Louisville. They are a big reason we won the game."

"The energy is there and that's what Coach Nold looks for in a team," said freshman outside hitter Brittney Whitten, who is one of the four freshmen who stepped up in Tuesday's match.

open."

Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week and College Volleyball Update National Player of the Week Abbey Breit recorded 21 of the team's 50 kills.

"There is a certain style of play we have on the court, and we were lucky enough to come out with the win," says Breit. "It can be difficult to bring in new people and mesh with them," Breit says in reference to the freshmen. "But it's awesome to have them fit in very well."

The Gamecocks will head to Creighton University to play in the Bluejay Invitational this weekend. They will face Creighton on Saturday and face Iowa and North Dakota State in double header fashion on Sunday. The team will return to Pete Mathews Coliseum Wednesday, September 27 to take on in state rival Samford.

Intyre stopped the Gamecock's early momentum when she scored in the 14th minute with an assist by midfielder Claire Hooten. The Gamecocks team had a few chances to score, but did not convert any of their 12 shots. In the 40th minute, Hooten shot a high, unassisted goal over goalie Elizabeth Selasky.

The Gamecocks regained the pace in the second half, but failed to convert shots into goals. Selasky saved five shots during the game, while Panther Goalie Brittany Green saved six shots. Both teams attempted twelve shots, but the gamecocks took six shots toward the goal, and the BSU shot seven at the goal.

"It was a very good learning experience," said

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Take a trip around the world.
Anniston Museum of Natural History



Take a trip back in time.
Berman Museum of World History

Visit the Museums, Tuesday through Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 1-5pm and summer Mondays. JSU students with valid ID receive free admission to both museums during fall semester 2006.

Wesley Weekly

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Gamecocks picked third in preseason poll

From Staff Reports

NASHVILLE — Jacksonville State, the winners of two of the last three Ohio Valley Conference football titles, is picked third in the 2006 preseason football poll, as selected by the league's head football coaches and sports information directors.

Eastern Kentucky edged out

Eastern Illinois to earn preseason first-place honors after the Colonels earned 11 first-place votes and 120 points, just ahead of EIU's seven first-place votes and 117 points. The Gamecocks earned 102 points, while Samford (75) is picked fourth, followed by Murray State (64), UT Martin (46), Tennessee State and Tennessee

Tech (tied at 45) and South-

east Missouri State (34).

Jax State won five of its last six games to finish third at 6-2 in the league and returns 15

starters, including All-American tailback Clay Green. Green rushed for 1,352 yards in 2005, averaging 6.1 yards and posted nine 100-yard efforts in 11 games. Green was a preseason All-Conference selection.

Joining Green on the preseason All-OVC team is senior safety Kenny Brown, who earned

All-OVC honors in 2005. The Cartersville, Ga., native led the Gamecocks with 73 tackles last season and tied for the team lead with three interceptions.

Jacksonville State reports to campus on August 6th and will practice in pads for the first time on August 11th.



2006 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE PRE-SEASON FOOTBALL POLL

1. Eastern Kentucky, 120
2. Eastern Illinois, 117
3. Jacksonville State, 102
4. Samford, 75
5. Murray State, 64
6. Tennessee-Martin, 46
- T-7. Tennessee State, 45
- T-7. Tennessee Tech, 45
9. Southeast Missouri, 34



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Above: Maxwell Thurmond goes over plays with the defence.

Lower left: Punt return during practice.

Far left: Gamecocks work on football drills.

Gamecock Rugby hopes for title this year



The Chanticleer File Photo

by Chris Lundy
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

"With Alabama and Auburn, we make the only three colleges in the state of Alabama to have rugby teams," says Gamecock Rugby Coach Michael Trowse.

Rugby, an international sport popular overseas, is gaining more attention here in the United States. In addition to

playing Alabama and Auburn, the team faces Clemson, Ole Miss, and Kennesaw State University this fall.

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midfielder and co-captain Christina Balint. "We have a young team, but I think today we proved that we have a lot of heart, which is a great place to start. I think we proved to be good competition this year."

Although the team has 10 freshmen players, that will not stop the Gamecocks from winning.

opportunities, but just didn't capitalize on them. Overall, the game was a great experience for our younger players and it showed the potential that our squad has."

The Gamecocks also lost to Auburn during their away game on Sunday by a score of 4-0.

The team will travel to Murfreesboro, Tenn., to participate in the Middle Ten-

Although the team has 10 freshmen players, that will not stop the Gamecocks from winning.

"It's tough having only two seniors on the team, but I see them [the freshman] stepping up," says Balint. "They just have to get [over] those 'Freshmen Jitters' and become great starters."

Head Coach Julie Davis feels the freshmen will be ready ahead of schedule.

"I think right now they are a little timid. They just have to adjust to the style of play in a Division I game. Once they adjust, they will start to learn and be more educated and be more successful."

Overall, Davis was pleased with the performance of the game.

"We struggled a little in the first half with the rhythm and the pace of the game, but the team was more composed as far as maintaining possession of the ball," Davis says as she continues to describe the second half.

"We generated a lot more scoring op-

score of 4-0.

The team will travel to Murfreesboro, Tenn., to participate in the Middle Tennessee State University College Classic on Sept. 1 and 3. They will take on Middle Tennessee State University and Western Kentucky University.

The Gamecocks will return home on Sept. 8 to face Alabama State at 7 p.m. at the JSU Soccer Field.



JSU Rifle draws new blood

by Chad Hoffman
Chanticleer Senior Reporter

The rifle team of Jacksonville State University looks to expound on last year's endeavors. With some changes in the rotation, the renovated range, and a new coach being added, the Gamecocks look to take the OVC and NCAA by storm.

"The upcoming season is going to be very good," Head Coach Ron Frost said. "In fact, it might be the best one we've had so far."

The Gamecocks have five incoming freshman coming in from all across the United States -- from as far away

as Arizona and Maryland. These shooters are very strong shooters and look to pick up where last year's team left off.

One very familiar face that will be returning to the rifle range is graduate assistant James Hall. James has joined the staff and will be the position coach for the Gamecocks. He brings a wide range of experience, coming from two NCAA Championship teams here at JSU.

"My talents and experiences on the range and in matches are going to be beneficial to the freshmen," James Hall states. "These

will show through them as the year progresses."

The three returning members Joseph Hall, Michael Dickinson, and Tanelle McMillian are going to step up and lead the team.

"The returners will be able to lead, act as mentors, and in a sense, be the bunnies out there for the freshmen," stated Frost. "The freshmen will know what their goals need to be by watching these talented returners."

The Gamecocks will open there season at home against Tennessee Tech on Sept. 23, at the JSU Rifle Range in Rowe Hall.

playing Alabama and Auburn, the team faces Clemson, Ole Miss, and Kennesaw State University this fall.

Trowse attended several orientations this summer to tell incoming students about rugby. He feels his recruiting tactics will show results at the first practice on Sept. 5.

"Overall, I spoke to about thirty kids at orientation who seemed interested," says Trowse. "A great turnout would be half of those guys coming out and actually taking that interest to the next level."

The team has a great chance to compete for a title this year. Losing only two players, the club looks to fight for a national title.

"If we ever had a chance for a championship, it would be this year," says senior Brad Cook, who serves as the rugby vice-president. "I really feel like this is our year to do something special."

Students who are interested in joining the rugby football club should come out to practice on Sept. 5 at the Paul Carpenter Village Field starting at four. The team will hold practices throughout the fall and participate in the Nigel Platt Camp Sept. 9 and 10. The club opens the fall schedule on the sixteenth at the Birmingham Men's Club.

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