



CAMPUS

Gamecock Royalty JSU crowns Homecoming Court

Breanna Hill
News Editor

On Tuesday September 26, 2018, the candidates for Jacksonville State's homecoming king and queen were joined with tons of JSU students, faculty members, and other supporters in Leone Cole Auditorium for the much-anticipated homecoming announcement.

Everyone was on the edge of their seat as they patiently waited for President Beehler and SGA President Kasey Gamble to announce the homecoming king and queen for the 2018-2019 year.

Finally, it was announced.

Jacksonville State's 2018-19 Homecoming Queen and King are Madison Burrell and Stone Alexander.

"Representing the university I call home has always been such a great honor to me," Alexander said after the announcement. "I am truly appreciative of the immense support I have received over the past few weeks and I can't wait to continue working with m philanthropy on campus! I would like to thank everyone who voted for me! This is an amazing opportunity to reach the campus and community in a unique way, and I'm looking forward to it!"



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Madison Burrell and Stone Alexander were crowned as JSU Homecoming Queen and King on Tuesday.

Alexander was sponsored by Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. He is a junior majoring in pre-health professional biology.

Madison Burrell was sponsored by Sigma Alpha Omega Christian Sorority and serves as social committee head. She is a junior majoring in family and consumer science, with a focus in merchandising. The homecoming queen took to Facebook to give a bit of a background about herself while running for homecoming queen. Madison's

platform is known as Know Your Worth. Burrell posted "I am so blessed to have this opportunity!"

Filling out the rest of the homecoming court for 2018 are Brianna Caudle, Dayleigh Dorsett, Ashlee Goff, Camden Swatts, Jakobe Perry, Jack Gehrdes, Antonio Dix and Eric Cline.

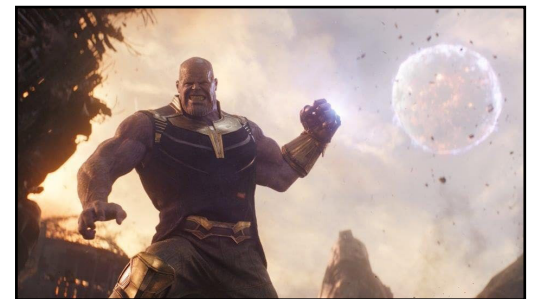
The new Homecoming court will take the field Saturday afternoon as Jacksonville State hosts Austin Peay for the homecoming game.

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**SGA Shrimp Boil/
Homecoming
Celebration
Thursday,
September 27,
2018, 5 – 7PM
Dillon Field**

The SGA will be hosting a Shrimp Boil on Dillon field from 5-7 pm. Come by and enjoy yummy food while you meet the 2018 Homecoming Court.

**United Nations
Day Tea
Sunday,
September 30,
2 – 5pm
International
House**

The UN Day Tea is an International House tradition and one of the biggest events of the year. Students from the House will perform for our guests with songs, dances, displays and more! Refreshments served after the performances.

COMMUNITY

'Peter the Patriot' helps Jacksonville embrace history

Daniel Mayes
Editor-in-Chief

Even if you don't know Peter Leavitt, you probably know of him.

If you've driven by the Jacksonville square on a "patriotic" holiday in the past few years and thought "Is that an American Revolutionary with a musket?" or you've gotten mail at the Jacksonville State Mail Center, you've come in contact with the man known as "Peter the Patriot."

Peter, a Jacksonville native, has been dressing up as an advocate for American History since a school project on the second amendment for history class in his senior year of high school.

"I never was a spokesperson, but that all changed when a spark ignited my fire," Leavitt said.

Leavitt says that he had a last-minute idea to dress up as a "minuteman" from the American Revolution to show the importance of the second amendment for everyday people. "Luckily, I already had an outfit matching for that time period. I dressed up like a minuteman from the revolution, which would be just like you and me today if we were in the 1700s."

During some down time at the history fair, Leavitt visited the lo-

cal mall, still dressed in revolutionary garb, and that's when he started getting feedback.

"People asked me what I was doing. The most common thing was 'Are you in a play?'" Leavitt remembers. "That really sparked an interest when I started to dress up like that. It just expanded from there."

Peter began dressing up on holidays, traveling to area schools to

speak with children, and reciting the Declaration of Independence, which he says he can almost do from memory now.

Leavitt says he gets lots of feedback and interaction when locals see him on the square, and most of it is positive. Peter says that to prepare for naysayers, he studies history to ground his beliefs in historical fact.

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Photo Courtesy of "Peter the Patriot" on Facebook

Peter "the Patriot" Leavitt poses in the Jacksonville town square in remembrance for Memorial Day.



COMMUNITY

Kolectic Treasures brings 'antique' atmosphere to Jacksonville

Lauren Moore
Staff Writer

Some say making a good first impression is crucial to success; and, if that is the case, Kolectic Treasures Antique Market is off to a phenomenal start.

The store, which branched off of a location of the same name in Anniston, officially opened for business on September 5 on Jacksonville's square.

The unique yellow sign above the store's entrance portrays only a fraction of interesting items inside. When the doors open, it is nearly overwhelming to see the amount of decades and memories collected by each piece.

The antique business is something that owner Jason Kellner has been involved in throughout his life. His family business began in Florida, and, when he decided a change was needed for himself, he began his own antique store here in Alabama.

"My family has been doing it for about 50 years," Kellner stated, "so I decided I wanted to start helping people sell their handmade, vintage items, and help them make a little money here and there."

Kolectic Treasures allows vendors, or anyone with something unique to sell, to rent one of a few booths in the store to put their items on the market.



Daniel Mayes/The Chanticleer

Kolectic Treasures Antique Market recently opened for business on the Square in Jacksonville.

"Kolectic Treasures" has been a name in the works since he was 19 years old, and Kellner had always dreamed of using it for a business.

When asked about his favorite antique item currently in the store, Kellner was quick to point out a cabinet displayed in the front window.

"And what is the oldest piece in here?" I questioned. Smiling, he mentioned it was that same cabinet. "There might be older in here, but that is probably one of the oldest."

As for the growth of the store, Kellner hopes to keep the family appeal. "I just want some-

where people can come in and feel like friends and family. When people come in here, I just want it to be calming... for them to kind of be able to get away from the outside world."

Although new, this place embraces all of the qualities that one would hope for in an antique store. Rows are filled with old yet fascinating artifacts, each one having a story as special as the next.

Kolectic Treasures is something exciting for Jacksonville residents, and will hopefully bring even more business into the town's busy square.

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"There are people who know history but might not necessarily be a patriot, but every patriot has to know their history."

Leavitt says most of his costume comes from everyday clothing, much like what would have been gathered for use in the 1700s. He had to pick up a few specialty items, like his soccer socks, Tri-corn hat and musket, to complete the look.

In his spare time, Leavitt says he enjoys reading the bible and going to antique car shows. He owns a 1976 Corvette which he says, of course, he sought out specifically for the bicentennial.

Leavitt's motivation behind his "Peter the Patriot" persona is to remind the community of the heroes and ideals that went into the creation of the United States.

"I love going and talking to little kids, it's probably one of my favorite things," Leavitt says. "I love to see their eyes magnify when they are hearing about our history and heroes. I love telling the kids what they

went through and what they fought pass on for their own nation and for that next generation."

Peter, much like the founding fathers he teaches about, wants to pass on the ideals he feels are important to future generations. Leavitt feels that the community should remember the biblical principles involved in the founding of the U.S.

"My patriotism, before starting to do this, started out for the bible," Leavitt says. "I just hope to remind everybody of our founding when it came to those fundamentals. At the Continental Congress leading up to the Declaration, they prayed every day."

Leavitt hopes that by spreading the ideas of patriotism, the country will heal some of the divisions that have grown since its founding.

"People need to have that same patriotism that was there on 9/11. Everybody, democrat or republican, felt the same way because it was an attack on our nation."



Photo Courtesy of "Peter the Patriot" on Facebook

Peter demonstrates the firing of his musket at the the Jacksonville Community Center.



Scott Young/The Chanticleer

Gerald Satterwhite, a meteorologist of the NWS, discusses RADAR during the free storm spotter course in Jacksonville on Thursday.

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NWS Storm Spotter Course held in Jacksonville

Scott Young
Staff Reporter

The National Weather Service (NWS) Birmingham visited Jacksonville Thursday evening to hold a free storm spotter training course which was open to the public. The event was designed to teach attendees how to become storm spotters, who, according to the National Weather Service's website, "play a critical role of giving the NWS vital ground truth data, which helps the NWS perform its primary mission, to save lives and property."

"When we talk about investing our time and effort to give a class, where better to do

that than a community that's been affected by a significant tornado," said John Block of the NWS. "This is about you getting information and understanding the principles of storm spotting."

During the spotter course, Gerald Satterwhite, a meteorologist of the NWS, overviewed topics such as identifying types of clouds and tornadoes, development and structure of thunderstorms, and how to safely report this information to the NWS. With a little over six months since tornadoes pillaged the homes of many living in Jacksonville, weather awareness has become a higher concern, especially among those directly affected.

"The severe weather event was forecast a couple days ahead of time, so there was an awareness that something could happen," said Satterwhite, in reference to the March 19 Jacksonville tornadoes. "It was a moderate risk day, so there was a lot of attention because moderate risks are pretty rare."

To report any severe weather such as tornado activity, hail or flooding, you can send a report via Twitter to @NWSBirmingham or make an online report. Before making any reports, be sure to become aware of the basics of storm spotting, which can be found at <http://www.weather.gov/bmx/spottertraining>.



Viewpoints

Turtles don't belong on fence posts

A former Editor's thoughts on a popular JSU phrase

Katie Cline
Special to the Chanticleer

"If you're walking through the Talladega National Forest and see a turtle on a fence post, you can be sure that it didn't get there by itself."

If you've ever been to a formal JSU function that Dr. John M. Beehler deemed worthy of his presence, you've heard that metaphor. At graduations, it's followed by a round of applause for the family, friends and faculty that helped each student to this momentous occasion in their lives.

But let me break down everything that's wrong with this metaphor and why it's become more of a running joke among students than an actual illustration:

1. Turtles don't belong on fence posts. Let's just assume that this is a regular old box turtle sitting on this metaphorical fence post. If the turtle fell—which it probably would, because fence posts aren't very wide, and the little fella is

probably terrified—it could be seriously hurt or even killed. So, is Dr. Beehler saying that our loved ones put us in a potentially perilous situation?

2. Anyone over the age of four should know that turtles don't belong on fence posts, so if someone did put a turtle on a

fence post, they'd have to be a pretty cruel and sadistic human being. Does Dr. Beehler think graduates' families are that mean-spirited?

3. There's the whole matter of being in the Talladega National Forest. If a park ranger were to catch you putting a turtle on a fence post, they would have every right to report you, and you could be charged for animal cruelty. And Alabama's animal cruelty reads as follows: "Cruelty to animals is a Class A misdemeanor and on the first conviction of a violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000) or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year, or both fine and imprisonment..."(Section 13A-11-14)

It doesn't take much thought for the metaphor to fall apart. It's true that college graduates never get to graduation alone. There are friends, family, faculty and staff, high school teachers and dozens of other people and groups who help us get there. These aren't the people would intentionally put us in precarious situations.

But what if it's a metaphor for JSU? It almost makes sense now. You'd be hard-pressed to find a student who hasn't been inconvenienced by something JSU has done in recent years or is planning to do in the future. From the Financial Aid fiasco of Spring



Hollie Ivey

Former Editor-in-Chief Katie Cline has some thoughts on the words of JSU President John Beehler.

2016 to signing Landon Rice and the clearly failed "It's On US" campaign to increasing fees and tuition almost every year, it's easy to feel that the administration is the hand putting you on a fence post you're afraid to get off of.

And if I were to extend Dr. Beehler's metaphor, I would say that a graduate's friends, family, and teachers represent the person walking past a turtle on a fence post who has enough sympathy

and intelligence to help it down and let it go about its way. They are the person who helps the turtle succeed.

So, in summary, if you're walking in the Talladega National Forest and see a turtle on a fence post, just know that it didn't get there by itself, it doesn't want to be there, someone should be facing animal cruelty charges, and you need to be the person who helps the turtle instead of hurting it.

Register to Vote in the TMB!

The Calhoun County Board of Registrars will be accepting applications for voter registration on October 17 in the TMB Lobby from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.!

- Citizen of the U.S.
- Resident of Calhoun County AL
- Must not have been convicted of a disqualifying felony, or must have had your civil rights restored
- Must be at least 18 years old on or before election day

For more information or to register online, go to alabamavotes.org

Staying healthy at Jacksonville State

Breanna Hill
News Editor

Fast food and non-existent work out routines--these two habits are the major causes of obesity and lack of good nutrition in the US today. Think about it. Those who live on college campuses, much like Jacksonville State University, are drawn to fast food chains and unhealthy food options because it is quick, cheap, and available. We have all been subject to grab Chick-fil-a on a night when cramming for a test is the only thing on the brain.

Despite having a great workout destination right here on campus (Stephenson Hall), most of us neglect to take advantage of the outstanding resources that is offered to us through JSU, such as yoga and basic cardio classes and the gym equipment. Even

a simple cardio routine that takes less than thirty minutes a day or even taking a few of the classes in Stephenson a few times a week can slow down, or even completely halt the weight gain that all haunts college students today. Studies show that 70% of college students suffer from weight gain throughout their college experience.

Avoiding weight gain can be a bit more difficult than expected, especially when you are out on your own. Simply keeping up with the calories you consume, and having a steady, constant workout routine can help make things a bit easier.

Make it a habit to choose a healthier option every now and then, and grab a friend and head to Stephenson. A difference in your appearance and even your attitude will be noticed.



Photos courtesy of JSU





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Meet Cocky Esports

Sydney Spencer
A&E reporter

Esports, or electronic sports, is an up and coming type of competition featuring video games being played competitively in a tournament fashion. This new type of sports promotion has been increasing rapidly in popularity over the last few years. With the rise of things like Overwatch League, an Esports league with teams and seasons structured much like Major League Baseball, it appears to be here to stay.

Not unsurprisingly, this has led to the creation of college level competition as well. In fact, there is an up and running gaming program at JSU called Cocky Esports. Cocky Esports started three years ago and is a program that allows students to compete in tournaments to showcase their skills. This program not only gives the opportunity of participating in gaming competitively, but the chance to become the best player students can possibly be. People from all walks of life join because they enjoy gaming or to help cure their social anxiety.

I got the opportunity to speak with Christian Webb, who is one of the owners of Cocky eSports, and he provides nothing but positive information about how the program has been going, the amazing people he has met along the way, as well as what the world of competitive gaming has done for him. He has been a part of the program for two years. When asked what got him into competitive gaming



Courtesy of Cocky Esports

Webb says, “I started out playing sports like baseball and football and once I got injured, I had to find another way to use my competitive nature.”

Webb is very proud of what he has been able to do so far in such a short period of time. What he has invested into gaming, he has been able to make back and more. Webb also adds how his team of Esports is semi-pro while most at other universities only compete on a purely collegiate level. While traveling, he explains how he takes the players to tournaments and how he may not be able to pay for their food, he is able to accommodate for their hotel rooms and entry to the tournament. Before attending

the tournament, Webb will prepare all players on his team with all they need to know about the competitive gaming world.

The program does not require much experience, as there are regular practices and teams are split into different skill levels. Players attend at least one tournament a year to compete and experience the atmosphere. Webb says he started his team “not only to get people from JSU into video gaming, but to realize it can be competitive.” Jacksonville State University’s Esports program has become one of the best video gaming programs in the nation.

FILM REVIEW

Incredibles 2 fails to live up to the wait

James King
A&E Writer

The first *Incredibles* movie is a classic piece of superhero cinema. One of those rare movies that is both celebrated in its own time, and gotten better with time. Director Brad Bird crafts a believable, human, and just plain fun animated movie. It’s no wonder that *The Incredibles* is many people’s favorite Pixar movie. It nails what makes superheroes great and fun while also creating a great movie for the ages.

With all that said, does *Incredibles 2* stand up to the first one? The simple answer is no. The main problem with the *Incredibles 2* is that its plot overly predictable. The movie’s set up is really interesting, having the characters essentially switch roles from the first movie. A rich benefactor contacts old superheroes with promises of making the superheroes legal again. Bob is now made a homemaker and has to take care of the kids while Helen has to go be superhero as Elastigirl. The benefactor, Winston Deavor and his sister Evelyn, use their technology to film Elastigirl’s super-heroics and show the masses that superheroes are needed again.

The movie’s main villain, the Screen Slaver, is better than a lot of more overtly bad villains in a similar vein of Marvel movie villains. The character just has very weak motivations, wanting to keep superheroes illegal. The villain is very menacing using hypnotism in order to threaten people and force them to do things against their will. The mystery of who this character is, becomes rather obvious though from the start and really makes the movie drag as you have to wait for the characters to catch on to what you already know. The final fight between the two while hectic at first ends with a bit of an anti-climax.

All these are minor gripes as when the movie works it really works. The fight scenes in this movie are much more inventive than in the first one. A train chase early on in the movie really uses Elastigirl’s powers to their fullest with her jumping from building to building in a tricked-out motorcycle. A scene where Jak-Jak uses his many powers to terrorize a raccoon is one of the funniest things I’ve seen in any movie lately. Edna Mode, the superhero fashion designer from the first one continues to steal every scene she’s in. The movie expands on the plot point of violet’s budding romance that was hinted at in the first movie’s ending.

I have a lot of complaints about this movie, but I did enjoy it. It has had the same problems a lot of sequels have had this year in



Courtesy of IMDB.com

that it is on par with the first movie without really fully surpassing it or doing new things with the franchise. I hope to see more out of this franchise in the future, because I feel like it has a lot of potential. I hope that this lukewarm sequel paves the way for an even better one in the future. I really want the next movie to live up to the name.



Arts & Entertainment

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

How Marvel challenges us

The commentary present in the MCU

Taylor Mitchell
A&E Editor

Superhero movies have evolved in our culture as the modern equivalent to the spaghetti western. They are mass market entertainment to the highest degree, movies meant to entertain and make their studios a whole heaping lot of money. They are made to be almost universally relatable and consumable to increase ticket sales. The continued popularity has caused many to see them as having flooded the market, a bubble getting ready to burst, much like westerns before them. This has even been applied to the greatest of these super hero film franchises, the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

Please don't misunderstand me the MCU has very consistently provided entertaining movies that are much loved by audiences around the world. Yet, much like the rest of the superhero genre and westerns before it the MCU is filled with primarily movies not films. A movie is there to entertain, a simple product of your enjoyment, while a film presents an idea and uses that to challenge you in some way. A film isn't made to be inherently relatable it's made to make a point. Superhero movies are movies, just as many westerns were, but just as *Shane* and *The Outlaw Josey Wales* are films of the highest order, I believe we are starting to see true films pop up in the superhero genre. One must look no further to find these than the aforementioned MCU and its recent hits *Black Panther* and *Avengers: Infinity War*.

Black Panther is a movie often praised for its depiction of an Afro-futuristic society and its willingness to tackle the important issue of the effects that slavery and years of oppression have had on both the continent of Africa and those of African descent. Yet, the movie doesn't use this as a backdrop, this isn't just given lip service, it is the root conflict of the film. Every conflict both within Wakanda and T'Challa come from people with different ideas of how Wakanda should address



(Marvel Studios)

Thanos throws a MOON

this issue. The main conflict of the film is rooted in the ideological conflict between T'Challa's struggle to stick to his father's policies of non interference, and his cousin, Erik Killmonger's idea that Wakanda should not just be responsible; but actually actively overthrow the oppressors. In the end, T'Challa's answer to the question comes somewhere in the middle, that the only way to deal with oppression is to lift up the oppressed. Yet, this debate isn't new, its old and its bitter. We are still having this same debate that leads *Black Panther* into conflict, yet many times we ignore it. I think the film resonates with people because it forces them to confront this issue, they are made to decide if it is better to do nothing or to act. It then offers two options on what this action should look like. It shows all sides their faults, their triumphs, and what leads to each conclusion. It isn't common for a superhero movie to tackle an issue like this and certainly not in this level of detail, but in so many ways this is what makes *Black Panther* so great. It engages us with a subject that is relevant to our society while entertaining us.

Infinity War, on the other hand, challenges us more in its structure than

its content. By this I mean that Thanos, the undisputed big bad of the MCU, goes through the traditional story beats reserved for a film's protagonist. With this distinction the film allows us a look into how he justifies his own actions. It forces the audience to come to the conclusion of understanding a genocidal maniac even if they are incapable of agreeing. Presenting Thanos in this light, while making it very clear he is still a monster, forces the audience to decide where the line is. In the end, the villain is given a triumphant moment, not the heroes. This forces people to consider the fact that what has happened is a triumph, just not in the way we would prefer.

I think that the reason these films resonate is because they challenge us. Like some old greats like *Shane* they have something they want us to walk away with. They want us to think and confront something about ourselves and our society. That is when films are at their best. The same is true for superhero movies. If they are willing to keep challenging us instead of just entertaining us, I wholeheartedly believe they will be around just as long as westerns have been.

WLJS SPOTLIGHT

The Gamerock

Host: JP Wood and Cassidy Nance

Time: Tuesdays 2pm-3pm, Fridays 5pm-6pm

The Gamerock is a twice weekly show focusing on the world of rock n' roll. The Gamerock's hosts JP Wood and Cassidy Nance strive to offer a setlist that walks the line between modern day mainstream rock and roll, and the extensive catalog that old school rock has to offer. Aside from the amazing set list, The Gamerock also focuses heavily on news within the industry, such as album and tour announcements. Although there is definitely a primary focus on the music, the Gamerock strives to produce interesting discussion on topics relating to the genre-topics like which versions of covered songs we prefer, albums we're most excited for, and new bands to have on your radar.

On the Gamerock, we love to take advantage of the fact that we aren't bound by the limitations of most rock stations. Not typically heard live tracks? We've got those. Songs not released as singles? Those too. Songs so new they haven't even been picked up by the airwaves? Those are our favorite ones to play. There's no better time to become a part of the listener base than now! Next month, two of the biggest up and coming rock bands since the days of GNR or Nirvana are releasing their highly anticipated albums within days of each other. We plan on giving those albums the same treatment. So tune in to the LOUDEST show on campus Fridays at 5, and Tuesdays at 2 and listen to the rock n roll renaissance as it happens, or take a step back with us to the days of Soundgarden and Skid Row. See you on the airwaves!



(The Gamerock)



Study Break



Word Scramble! Cartoon Characters Edition:

NYNAD HANTPOM

TREPE FIFGRN

MYMTI NTURRE

NINEWI HET HOPO

TSRA TRPACKI

OPYPEE

MCIKYE USMEO

SOCOYB ODO

Riddle me this...



Two bodies with ribs, exposed. What am I?

I fall with the waves, rise with the tide, and drift with the current alongside. What am I?

I'm light as a feather, yet the strongest man can't hold me for more than 5 minutes. What am I?

I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?



Did YOU know?

The most popular item at Walmart is bananas. They sell more bananas than any other single item they have in stock.

Sunsets on Mars are blue.

Elephants make friends, bury their dead, travel for 'funerals', speak to each other, and show extreme intelligence.

As of 1998, over 50% of Iceland's population believed in the existence of elves.

In 2005, Mark Zuckerberg unsuccessfully tried to sell Facebook for \$75 million. Back then it was called TheFacebook.

The Flintstones was the most profitable network cartoon franchise for 30 years, that's before The Simpsons came along.

Sports

2018 JSU Football Schedule

Aug. 25
North Carolina A&T
Montgomery, Ala.
6 p.m.
LOSS

Sept. 8
Mississippi Valley State
6 p.m.
WIN

Sept. 22
*Tennessee Tech
6 p.m.
WIN

Sept. 29
*Austin Peay (Homecoming)
3 p.m.

Oct. 6
*at Eastern Kentucky
3 p.m.

Oct. 13
*Eastern Illinois
3 p.m.

Oct. 20
*at Southeast Missouri State
1 p.m.

Oct. 27
*at Murray State
3 p.m.

Nov. 3
*UT Martin
1 p.m.

Nov. 10
*at Tennessee State
2 p.m.

Nov. 17
at Kennesaw State (Sun-Trust Park)
TBA

*-OVC Game
All times Central

JSU FOOTBALL

Jax State eighth in both polls after win over Tennessee Tech



Sydney Sorrells
Sports Photographer

JSU celebrates after touchdown

JACKSONVILLE – Following Jacksonville State’s win over Tennessee Tech in its Ohio Valley Conference opener on Saturday, the Gamecocks moved up to eighth in the polls on Monday.

After a 48-20 rout of the Golden Eagles at Burgess-Snow Field, the voters moved the Gamecocks (2-1, 1-0 OVC) up one spot in the AFCA Coaches Poll and two in the STATS FCS Top 25.

It’s the second-straight week that JSU has been in the Top 10 and the 62ndtime in the past 64 weeks the Gamecocks have been there. They’ve been in the polls for 64 weeks in a row, the third

longest active streak in the nation right now behind North Dakota State (110) and South Dakota State (82).

JSU’s win over the Golden Eagles extends the longest active conference win streak in all of Division I football to 33 games. The longest streak in JSU and OVC history is just six away from the FCS record of 39-straight conference wins by Duquesne of the Metro Atlantic Conference from 1996-2006.

The Gamecocks are the lone Ohio Valley Conference team in both polls, while Austin Peay is receiving votes in each. Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee State each received votes in the STATS

poll.

Defending champion North Dakota State sits atop both polls, while James Madison, South Dakota State, Kennesaw State and Eastern Washington round out both Top Fives, respectively.

The Gamecocks will host Austin Peay at 3 p.m. on Saturday at Burgess-Snow Field on what will be Homecoming on JSU’s campus. Tickets are available online at www.jsugamecockssports.com or by calling 256-782-8499.

AFCA Coaches Poll

1. North Dakota State
2. James Madison
3. South Dakota State
4. Kennesaw State
5. Eastern Washington
6. Wofford
7. Weber State
8. Jacksonville State
9. Elon
10. Illinois State

STATS FCS Top 25

1. North Dakota State
2. James Madison
3. South Dakota State
4. Kennesaw State
5. Eastern Washington
6. Weber State
7. Wofford
8. Jacksonville State
9. Illinois State
10. McNeese

JSU Sportwire

JSU GOLF

Vega, Gamecocks both first entering final round



GLENCOE – Led by senior Paula Vega’s 1-over, 73, the Jacksonville State women’s golf team maintained its first-place position after the second round of the Chris Banister Golf Classic on Monday.

Vega’s 73 was the lowest round carded by a Gamecock during the second round of the three-day tournament. Her two-day score of 142 stands as the only individual below par courtesy of her 3-under, 69 over

the first 18 holes on Sunday. Behind Vega, Murray State’s Linette Holmslykke sits four strokes back at 2-over, 146, after she parred Monday’s round to jump from fourth to second in the field of 39. JSU’s Valentina Giraldo shot 3-over, 75 on Monday and sits tied for fourth with Austin Peay’s Meghann Stamps entering Tuesday’s final round.

Junior Chloe Borders finished just behind Giraldo with a 76,

to remain in sixth place, while Pia Ohlenbusch and Valentina Curet both improved upon their opening rounds to card 77’s during the second round to secure a team total of 302 for the Gamecocks.

Second-place Murray State improved their team score by a stroke from 304 to 303 on Monday, but the Gamecocks still managed to add another stroke to its narrow lead. JSU will enter Tuesday leading the

Racers by four strokes, 603-607, before an 18-stroke gap separates third-place Austin Peay.

Alabama State and Tennessee State will tee off from the 10th hole beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, while APSU and Tennessee Tech lead off from the first hole. The Gamecocks will play alongside the Racers and take to the course at 8:24 a.m.

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JSU BASEBALL

New baseball stadium to be named after Jim Case

JACKSONVILLE — The name of Jacksonville State baseball head coach Jim Case, who played such a giant role in making the school's new facility become a reality, will always be a part of the Gamecocks' new home.

The Gamecocks announced on Wednesday that Case's name will adorn the state-of-the-art facility, which will be named Rudy Abbott Field at Jim Case Stadium. The JSU Board of Trustees approved the naming of the stadium at its quarterly meeting in July, granting the request of Bob Kenamer and Earlon McWhorter, the two private donors that made the facility a possibility with their contributions to the project.

"When Earlon and I made our pledge to support the construction of a new baseball facility, our only request for consideration was the naming rights to the stadium," said Kenamer, a longtime member of the JSU Board of Trustees. "I can't think of a more deserving name to be on this first-class facility that will be the home of a first-class

program that Jim Case has run in his time here at JSU.

"We feel this is the perfect way to honor the job that Coach Case has done at Jacksonville State and with our baseball program. He has built a program based not only on success on the field but also success in building young men that become great members of their communities. This will be one of the best college baseball facilities at any level, and we are proud to have a part in adding Coach Case's name to Rudy Abbott Field."

The first year in the renovated park will be Case's 18th at the helm of the Gamecocks, a career that has seen unparalleled success in the Ohio Valley Conference during that time. He is the dean of the coaches in the league and leads all active coaches with 262 OVC wins and a .639 winning percentage in league play. He has posted an overall record of 547-453, won six league titles and claimed two OVC Coach of the Year honors. Having his name on the new stadium he has helped oversee from the

start of the planning process will be extra special for him.

"I do not have words to express how grateful I am to have my name associated with one of the finest stadiums that I have ever seen," Case said. "It's an overwhelming honor and I am so thankful for it. This stadium is a generous tribute to the tradition of JSU Baseball and is a great commitment to its future."

The dedication of the stadium will take place on Sept. 28 with a ceremony that will feature former players from the eras of both Abbott and Case. The field was named after Abbott on October 7, 2000, prior to his last season as head coach. The Hall of Fame coach won over 1,000 games and back-to-back National Championships in 1990 and 1991.

The stadium, which has been under construction since the spring of 2017, will open its doors to fans this fall. The first game in the park will be on Sunday, Sept. 30, when the Gamecocks host Mississippi State in an exhibition game that will be free for fans. The

game comes as a result of a new NCAA rule allowing baseball teams to play a limited number of games in the fall.

"What a great way to open this facility against one of the premier programs in all of college baseball," JSU Athletics Director Greg Seitz said. "The entire weekend will be in conjunction with Homecoming, making it what should be a wonderful event for all of the players and staff members that have made JSU baseball the program that it is. This field is a testament to Coach Case and Coach Abbott and to all of those players and coaches that have helped build a program that we are so proud of."

The Bulldogs will come to Jacksonville fresh off an appearance in the Championship Series of the College World Series in June. It will be the first time they've been to JSU since the 2006 season, when they brought the No. 1 ranked team in the country to Rudy Abbott Field.

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JSU VOLLEYBALL

WOOD: JSU Looking to bounce back at home

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Jax St. volleyball began their conference schedule last week, falling in two five-set matches on the road. The Gamecocks (7-8, 0-2) started the OVC slate at Morehead State on Friday night. The two teams traded set wins for the first four sets, forcing a decisive fifth. Jax St. kept it close but could not finish off the Eagles. Kaylie Milton led JSU in kills (14), followed by Lena Kindermann, Mackenzie Rombach, and Kaylee Frear with 13, 12, and 11 respectively. The Gamecocks had a chance to seal the deal in the fourth set, holding a 24-23 match point, but MSU fought through multiple match points to grab the win 27-25. JSU had the set tied at 13 apiece in the fifth set, but MSU pulled away yet again to clinch the W.

JSU continued through the state of Kentucky the next day. JSU fell to the Colonels of Eastern Kentucky in another five set match—their fourth straight—on Saturday. Kindermann led the way with 21 kills, a career high. Kaylie Milton earned a double-double with 15 kills and 16 assists. Lexie Libs set a personal best with 55 assists, and Jade Humphrey led the team in digs with 18. Jax State jumped to an early lead in the fifth set at 8-5, but the Colonels went on a devastating 7-1 run, and jumped to a 12-9 advantage. EKV would hold on to win 15-12.

The Gamecocks will return to Kenamer Hall for the first time in a month this weekend, playing host to conference foes Tennessee State on Friday night at 7, and Belmont Saturday night at 8.



JSU SOCCER

JSU tops the Redhawks in a thrilling matchup

Garrett Sanders
Sports Writer

JSU started out conference play in the OVC with a rough start. JSU lost a tough road loss to the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles. Along with that, the Gamecocks were coming off a losing three-game losing streak. To make thing even worse, JSU has not won a soccer match since August 19th. If it were ever time for the Gamecocks to get a win, it was now. Last Sunday, after an eight-day break, JSU hosted Southeast Missouri. At this point, either team had a conference win this season. Both sides knew that this game was important. Whoever wins this game will have confidence going forward. Whoever loses this game could have their season crumble to the ground. Either way, you knew that a lot was at stake for this game.

While both JSU and Southeast Missouri were below average teams on paper, this game did not disappoint. There were a lot of positive things to take away for the Gamecocks. Especially on the defensive side of the ball where JSU has mightily struggled at the past couple of weeks.

Now don't get me wrong, it wasn't pretty, to begin with. Southeast Missouri came out in the first half and pretty much did what other teams have done to JSU. Play in the defensive side. The Redhawks had eight first-half shots compared to JSU's four. However, thankfully for the Gamecocks, Southeast Missouri's accuracy kicking the ball was not on point.

For Freshmen phenom goalkeeper Morgan Lerch, her day was pretty quiet. She only had to be on full alert for one shot. As well as Lerch has been playing this year, she got the save. It's no surprise on how well Lerch has been playing all season. She continues to dominate on the field game in and game out. After the first half with Southeast Missouri being in JSU's defensive side all game long, things had to change. JSU had been lacking getting offensive possession all year long. If there was a time to deliver that problem, it was now. That's exactly what the Gamecocks had in mind going into the second half.

JSU managed to keep the possession of the ball in the Redhawks defensive zone for the majority of the second half. JSU had eleven shots compared to Southeast Missouri's four. In addition to that, the Gamecocks kept Southeast Missouri's goalkeeper, Bailey Redden, busy all second half. JSU forced Redden to make five crucial saves to keep this game alive for the Redhawks. While it's excellent that JSU had five shots on goal in the second half, superb goalkeeping kept this game alive.

Two halves were not enough to decide this matchup for either team. After 90 minutes of play, the Gamecocks and Redhawks would head into Overtime to decide this matchup. Both teams would get their chances to win the game. Fortunately for the Gamecocks, they seized the opportunity to finish the game once and for all.

In the 96th minute, two Freshmen for the Gamecocks synchronized together and made

the game-winning play. Abigail Martinez had the ball and looked for an opportunity to cross it to a fellow teammate. As Martinez looked, she saw Julia Papa with an opening to head the ball past Redden.

With a Redhawk defender in front of Martinez, she lofted the ball over the defender. Papa knew the ball was heading towards her took a chance. Papa headed the ball past the reach of Redden and scored the game-winning goal for JSU.

For Papa, this would be her first collegiate career goal of many to come. She exemplified herself as a clutch player and a rising star for the future of JSU Soccer.

With JSU scoring that goal, it led them to victory and gave the Gamecocks a much-needed win. This would be JSU's first conference win in the OVC. Not only that, this was the first time in over a month that JSU has won a soccer game.

If there is one thing that this team does well that is, they do not quit. This is a group that finds ways to win when they need it. Going forward, this win will only help the Gamecocks season moving forward.

Next week for the Gamecocks they will be out of town. The Gamecocks will travel to Austin Peay on Friday. After that, they will have a full day of rest. Then it will be back to business as JSU will go to Murray State on Sunday.

Both the Governors of Austin Peay and the Racers of Murray State have very talented squads. If you are looking for a matchup that could have a potential upset, these two are for you! If the Gamecocks can pull either one of