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ONE YEAR LATER A year after the March 19 tornadoes, Jacksonville picks up the pieces of a wounded community

Daniel Mayes Editor-in-Chief

One year ago. An EF-3 tornado. \$100 million in damage. All but seven campus buildings affected. Three academic buildings that were complete losses. Two weeks of missed class. Thirty-nine homes in the surrounding communities that were condemned. 6,000 volunteers that flooded into the town in the next few days.

There are several statistics bouncing around Jacksonville, Alabama this week.

One year ago, on March 19, 2018, the little college town that houses Jacksonville State University was slammed with a storm that altered many lives. The statistic heard most often as those on campus and in the community look back on the events of that grim day? ABOVE: JSU's Logan Hall as it stood after the March 19, 2018 tornado. (Matt Reynolds/JSU) BELOW: Logan Hall has been completely repaired and reopened for student access last fall. (Grace Cockrell/JSU)



None of those altered lives were taken.

"The biggest blessing of the tornadic event is that we lost no lives," JSU president John Beehler said at a commemoration event on Tuesday. "We were blessed that it was spring break, and that no one was killed a year ago. The recent tornado in Lee County illustrates that it is far too easy to have loss of life."

Hearing stories from survivors of the tornado in Jacksonville a year ago, it truly is amazing that such devastation didn't result in a single death, like the Lee County tornado that claimed 23 lives just weeks ago.

Stories like Kate Mason's, who rode out the tornado in the former Winn Place apartments while her roof was literally ripped from over her head.

Or Phany Gangbo's, an International student whose first ever experience with a tornado was last year when her room in the International House was severely damaged while she stayed with her host family

Or Paul Lindsay's, a veteran who settled in Jacksonville for a peaceful life after serving two stints in Iraq, who had his left arm amputated after an iron pipe hit him during the storm.

Or Meagan Medders's, an employee of

the since demolished and rebuilt Dollar General on Highway 204, who had just gotten under a table in the break room of the store before the roof collapsed in on her.

All of those individuals told their stories in a candlelight ceremony Tuesday night, 365 days to the hour of that night that has left such lasting impact for each of them.

These stories are echoed by the hundreds of students still on campus during spring break and the residents of a town hit hard. Those that were in Gamecock

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CAMPUS One year later, James Spann visits JSU to talk March 19 tornado, storm safety

Scott Young

Staff Reporter

James Spann, the ABC 33/40 meteorologist familiar to many Alabamians, visited the campus of Jacksonville State University on Monday almost a year after an EF-3 tornado devastated Jacksonville to meet with attendees and illustrate the importance of staying weather aware.

Spann broadcasted live weather forecasts in between meeting with members of the Jacksonville community as they filed into the fifth floor of the Burgess-Snow stadium.

Although many in the community were displaced by the tornadoes, the silver lining is that no lives were lost to the EF-3 tornado that impacted Jacksonville, Spann says. Buildings can be rebuilded; trees can be replanted; but lives cannot be replaced.

"It seems like people in Calhoun County were ready," Spann said. "They planned ahead and had a way of hearing warnings. They knew where to go and got



Scott Young/The Chanticleer

Spann broadcasted ABC 33/40 weather telecasts from JSU's campus on Monday.

there when the warning was issued. This is the mindset we want for all Alabamians."

Spann compliments the university on its speedy recovery and the repairs made to the many buildings that were damaged.

"I am in Jacksonville on a regular basis, and you can't help but be impressed by the tornado recovery in just one year," Spann said. "Yes, there is work left to be done, but most buildings on campus look great and student housing is back in order."

Alongside Cocky the Gamecock, Spann encouraged viewers to purchase a weather radio, stressing that people should never rely on outdoor sirens alone to notify them of tornado warnings. "Every Alabama home and business needs a NOAA Weather Radio (NEVER rely on an outdoor siren), and everyone needs Wireless Emergency Alerts enabled on their phone," Spann said. "Everyone must know in advance where they are going during a tornado warning and have helmets for everyone in that safe place."

People gathered with their weather radios in hand to have their radios programmed by the weather team, sign up for a drawing to win a free weather radio, and even get a cutout of Spann's face.

On Tuesday, anniversary ceremonies commemorating oneyear since the tornadoes are planned around campus with the first one at 11:30 a.m. at the Pete Mathews Coliseum and a candlelight vigil at 7:30 p.m. in front of Bibb Graves Hall. Offices will be closed and classes between 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. are cancelled to allow faculty and students the opportunity to attend the ceremony.



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Village, The Reserve, or any of the other apartment complexes that were ravaged on that night. Those that lived in the over 400 houses in Jacksonville that received damage. The members of West Point Baptist Church, which was almost completely blown away by the tornado and has since been long finished off by bulldozers.

So much damage, so much devastation, so many people who lost all their possessions or their homes.

Yet, a year later, you sometimes have to be looking hard to even see the results of that March night.

You'll still notice the spots of blank where hundreds of trees used to be. You'll still see the hulking ruined desolation of Merrill Hall as the University fights for more insurance money before tearing it down. You'll still inevitably have to walk around fences and cross under covered pathways as the few repairs that are finishing up around campus are completed.

One year later though, Jacksonville and its University have done so much healing for the little time they've had.

"It's hard to believe that it's already the one year anniversary, and it's hard to believe how far we've come in rebuilding our campus in such a short period of time," Beehler said on the anniversary of the storms. "FEMA personnel have told us that they've never seen a campus with such destruction come so far, so fast."

Ask anyone what makes Jacksonville special, and they'll immediately respond that it's not the buildings and landscape that was lost or scarred, but its people. A people that came together to prove why the "Friendliest Campus in the South" moniker has little to do with the physical campus itself.

"It's really a celebration of how far we've come so fast," Beehler said. "It's a celebration of the human spirit that came together to help us rebuild. We got knocked down physically and mentally, but we immediately took action."

That human spirit saw thousands of volunteers, with a great number of them students or Jacksonville residents that were less affected than some, coming together to get a community back on its feet. Restoring a campus that was able to hold class just over two weeks later.

For a University that could have easily been affected for a long, long time, students were patient and understanding while recovery took place.

"We couldn't have made the recovery that we have made without the students being patient with us as we scrambled and struggled through all the issues that we dealt with," said Timothy B. King, the Vice President for Student Affairs at Jacksonville State.

"When we talk to our students, we find that the students really wanted to come back and rebuild JSU because they love it here," Beehler stated. "Typically when there is a natural disaster, a university will lose 5%-10% of enrollment."

Yet JSU hasn't. A small dip of enrollment in Fall 2018 was followed by an increase that saw Spring 2019 actually boast more students than the pre-tornado Spring 2018.

A year later, JSU stands poised to rebound from the March 19 disaster better than before.

With repairs completed on all but three buildings, a new recreation center, and newand-improved Merrill and Wallace Halls on the way in the next few years, JSU is putting the finishing touches on a remarkable recovery.

Although no one in Jacksonville will likely ever forget March 19, 2018, they are ready to put it in the rear-view mirror.

"In the wake of devastation and disaster, we all showed a true Gamecock spirit," Beehler said on Tuesday. "We did not complain, we did not waver, we did not succumb to defeat. With the help of God and many others, we will come out of this victorious. That Gamecock spirit is just going to carry us through, no matter what hits us."



Remembering March 19

Listen to the sirens, hymns and cries while help is on the way

Chris Allen Brown

JSU Graduate/Former Associate Editor

Chris Allen Brown, the Associate Editor of The Chanticleer at the time of the March 19 tornadoes last year, wrote this piece in the late night after walking through the damaged campus and community just after the storms.

If you listen, you can hear it.

You can hear the ear-piercing alarm from an apartment building missing most of its exterior; the sounds of chainsaws slicing up fallen trees blocking the roads; the sirens from emergency vehicles racing through a dampened city.

But if you listen closer, you can hear the cries for help from the students who just had their world rocked by a tornado moments prior. A tornado that wasn't supposed to hit Jacksonville State University. A tornado that wasn't supposed to hit ... home.

If you asked any of those displaced 18-22-year-old students why they chose to come to JSU, the unanimous response would be, "because it felt like home."

It felt like home because they are surrounded by friends — some young, some older — they consider family. Just look at the Instagram posts. The football team. The basketball teams. The softball team. The baseball team. Sororities and Fraternities. Those who work together and those who only see each other during study sessions.

"It was never the buildings, the trees or the stadiums that made Jacksonville home," said former JSU punter and Australian native Hamish Macinnes on social media Tuesday afternoon. "It was the incredible people that made it so special. No wind can blow that away."

Everyone intertwines to form a bond that shares one thing in common: We are all Jacksonville State Gamecocks and we are all hurting right now.

If you listen, you can hear the sound of a 1929 gospel song echo through the halls of a weathered Mason Hall. Or ringing through an emptied Burgess-Snow Field at JSU Stadium.

The Marching Southerners singing "I'll Fly Away" has been a



Photo Courtesy of Chris Brown

Brown snapped a photo of a heavily Damaged Dollar General on Highway 204 during last year's devastation.

staple of Jacksonville State since the downed trees along Highway 204 were planted. The hymn gives hope; it gives meaning; it gives inspiration to those who listen.

"In the wake of all these storms and seeing the damage done to our treasured university, I think all of us Gamecocks are singing 'I'll Fly Away' in our hearts," tweeted JSU graduate Caden Crosby deep into Monday night. "We are JSU."

Fellow Gamecock graduate Collin Barnwell took it a step further and posted the lyrics on his social media.

When all feels lost. When all seems clueless. When all hurts.

Continue to listen.

Because help is on the way.

As sure as roofs will be placed back on Logan and Patterson Hall and as sure as Pete Mathews Coliseum will be repaired, you aren't alone. A simple tweet asking for someone to check on a pet; a Facebook message asking a friend for a place to stay or a Snapchat post reaffirms that belief.

That's what makes Jacksonville State home. No one is ever alone, especially in a time of such need.

"Go into the world and do well. But more importantly, go into the world and do good."

Carter: Pell case is a reminder that power and influence shouldn't affect sentencing

Devin Carter

Staff Writer

On March 12, 2019, former Catholic Church cardinal and Vatican chief financial officer, George Pell, was sentenced to serve six years in prison for the molestation of two young boys in 1996. I was outraged to hear this. The crimes for which he was convicted are, to me, among the most detestable acts that a human being could do. And the fact that Pell held such a powerful and influential position made my anger even greater, since it looked like yet another example of power and influence winning over law and order.

I do not think that I have to spend any time convincing you or anybody else that Pell's crimes were hideous, nor do I think people will need convincing that people of power have a much easier time avoiding punishment than those who are powerless. Other factors, like the fact that he will be eligible for parole after less than four years, and that the judge considered things like Pell's age and influence when he handed down the light sentence, makes this situation even more outrageous. I'm certain that many people who are reading this article are every bit as furious about the sentencing as I am.

And yet, while I was thinking about the entire situation, I was able to see a silver lining. And I would like to bring attention to my realization in the hope that others who feel similarly to myself can take at least a little amount of positivity away from all of this. This situation is undoubtedly yet another example of power winning over justice, but people like myself, who believe in the rule of law over all other things, can take some comfort from the fact that, despite the leniency, Pell was still given a prison sentence. And, although he may be able to walk free before some of us have graduated from college, he will still be listed as a sex offender for the rest of his life. In this situation, justice was still served, even though it may not have been to the degree it should have been.

But we can look back through history to find evil people who used their position to escape justice, and it is very likely that these instances will continue to happen until the end of time. It would not have been a shock to have seen Pell walk free, considering the position he once held. Hopefully, despite the light sentence, this case marks a turning point for how we deal with powerful people who break the law and commit horrid acts. Maybe, just maybe, this will start a trend where we as a people can look world leaders in the face and show them that they are not above the law. I know this is not likely to happen, at least not all the time, but hopefully we will start seeing less people walk away freely, and more people being served justice.

With that being said, I am absolutely NOT ok with this sentencing. I may even go so far as to call it, in and of itself, an injustice. But maybe it would be asking too much, at this point, to ignore the influence and power that these individuals hold. It certainly should not be taken into account when it comes to the crimes they have committed, and in rendering appropriate punishments. And hopefully we can get to the point where there is complete impartiality in our courts, whether that is in the United States, Australia, or anywhere else.

But let's not look at this as a loss. A man who was one of the top-ranking officials of the largest Christian denomination in the world is in prison because he broke the law. In the past, he probably would have gone free. We should always look to further justice, and we should be critical of this sentencing. But this is still a victory for those who believe in the sanctity of the law, and it should be viewed as such.

One year later: #JSUstrong





Right: Damage outside Merril Hall. The building, which was a complete loss, still sits awaiting demolition one year later. (Matt Reynolds/JSU) Left: A view of damage to the Houston Cole Library. The Library is currently still undergoing repair.

Bottom Right: A view of the damaged Alumni House. The Alumni House was deemed a total loss and demolished. (Matt Reynolds/JSU)













Above left: (Top) JSU pep band sings "I Fly Away" at the anniversary event. (Bottom) SGA President Casey Gamble also gave remarks. (Taylor Mitchell/The Chanticleer), Above right: JSU President John Beehler gives remarks at an event commemorating the anniversary of the tornado. (Sydney Sorrels/ The Chanticleer), Below: Damage in front of Ayers Hall. (Matt Reynolds/JSU)







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Liam Neeson (right) as Nels Coxman and Tom Bateman (left) as Trevor "Viking" Calcote

FILM REVIEW

Cold Pursuit warms the heart

Devin Carter A&E Writer

I tend to avoid movies that are released in the first few months of the year, because they usually do not turn out to be very good. They are fine for turning one's brain off and passing the time, I guess, but I usually find earlyyear releases to be boring and cheaply-made. After all, everybody knows that the *real* movie year does not kick off until April. These were the things I was thinking when I went to the movies recently. And I only got more pessimistic about my prospects when the person I was with decided to see *Cold Pursuit*, Liam Neeson's 47th action movie. Bad movies are one thing, but bad action movies are another. They are usually boring, incredibly predicable, and always feel like they're about 30 minutes too

MEET NELS COXMAN. CITIZEN OF THE YEAR.

long. I expected no different this time.

But I was happily surprised. Not only was *Cold Pursuit* a fun time, but it was unlike any movie I've seen. The basic premise seems cookie-cutter enough: Neeson goes on a revenge tour after a loved one is killed. And the film throws the book of clichés in your face throughout, with some being appropriately used and others being entirely unnecessary. And yet, inexplicably, the unnecessary bits are what add the most to the movie's charm, because it makes it stand out as a wonderful jumble of clichés and wasted screen time and poor decisions on the part of our characters.

If it sounds as if I haven't given the movie any specific praise yet, then you would be right. Nothing in it is done particularly well. And yet it works, because the numerous flaws that are littered without are so zany, and so different, that you simply can't help but like it. The antagonist is wonderfully over-the-top as a germophobic, healthcrazed drug lord, and Neeson's character, while not quite as interesting, still does things that help lead to scenarios you can't help but be amused by.

The best part of the movie was also the worst. There are three major storylines in the film: Neeson's revenge story, a story following two police officers, and a story involving a Native American gang. The latter of these two plots serve no real purpose to the overall story, and yet the characters were so over-the-top and delightful that the move was made better by their addition. The police officers, who get roped into Neeson's story, made the film seem eerily similar to *Fargo*, which is one of the greatest movies ever made as far as I'm concerned. This movie is not *Fargo*. It's poorly structured and littered with inconsistencies, clichés, and other problems. But it seems to capture some of the delight that is contained within



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Fargo and other movies like it. But whereas *Fargo* is an expertly-constructed comedic masterpiece, *Cold Pursuit* is a horrible mess that somehow manages to entertain.

I cannot say that *Cold Pursuit* is a good movie. In fact, it has far more bad elements that good. But this is a movie that is greater than the sum of its parts, and it pulls off the feat of being a bad movie that works. And, in my opinion, it works for the right reasons. It's not a garbage flick that just happens to be entertaining- it is deliberately crafted to provide viewers with a memorable experience, and, for that, the filmmakers should get some credit. I do not know how fondly remembered this movie will be, or if it will be remembered at all, based on its box office numbers, but I do think it is a fun time that is worth a watch. You may be surprised, as I was, at just how much fun Liam Neeson's 58th action move can be.







Everyday Life Hacks



1. You can restore a shirt to its normal size by putting it in a bowl filled with ice water and one cup of hair conditioner.

2. The best way to get rid of an itchy bug bite is to rub a glue stick on it.

3. Have a bunch of old dried up nail polish bottles? Add a drop or two of nail polish removed and shake it up. Good as new!

4. While washing your clothes, always turn the ones with designs on them inside out to prevent the designs from cracking.

5. Having trouble getting those annoying barcode stickers off something? Rubbing a cloth soaked in vinegar will instantly remove it including the glue it leaves behind.







A courtroom artist was arrested today for an unknown reason... details are sketchy.

I've just written a song about tortillas - actually, it's more of a rap.

This morning some clown opened the door for me. I thought to myself that's a nice Jester.

My first job was working in an orange juice factory, but I got canned: couldn't concentrate.

A book just fell on my head. I've only got myshelf to blame.



Riddle of the week...

A man taking the census walks up to the apartment of a mathematician and asks him if he has any children and how old they are. The mathematician says "I have three daughters and the product of their ages is 72." The man tells the mathematician that he needs more information, so the mathematician tells him "The sum of their ages is equal to our apartment number." The man still needs more information so the mathematician tells him "My oldest daughter has her own bed and the other two share bunk beds."

How old are his daughters?

United States Trivia!



- 1. CBGB, the former infamous New York music club, stands for what?
- 2. Which water sport is the official state individual sport of Hawaii?
- 3. Who was first U.S. president to be impeached?
- 4. Which city served as the capital of the United States from 1785 until 1790?
- 5. What inland U.S. state has the longest shoreline?

6. In 1863, which U.S. President declared that the last Thursday in November should be celebrated as Thanksgiving?

7. American Gothic, a 1930 portrait depicting a farmer and his daughter posing in front of their house, was painted by which artist?



Sports

UPCOMING EVENTS

Baseball

@ Murray St 3/22 - 3/24

vs Alabama State 3/27

vs Tennessee Tech 3/29-3/31

@ SEMO 4/5-4/7

Men's Tennis

@ EIU 3/22

vs Austin Peay 3/29

Vs Belmont 3/30

Women's Tennis

> @ EIU 3/22

vs Austin Peay 3/29

JSU BASKETBALL

Mayes: Gamecocks didn't win the OVC in 2019, but planted the seeds of respect

Daniel Mayes Editor-in-Chief

The 2018-19 Jacksonville State Men's Basketball team didn't win the OVC. But so what?

Neither did Belmont. Belmont has been relevant on the national stage as a mid-major for years, and they haven't won the conference now for five seasons.

So nationally relevant, in fact, that they just got into the big dance as an atlarge team, something that an OVC team hasn't done since 1987.

So yeah, it's bittersweet for the Gamecocks to be on the outside looking in. To see a Belmont team that they swept in the regular season get to board a plane to go play on the big stage. To see Murray State, who the Gamecocks beat by 20 in their only matchup in the regular season, get to celebrate with a conference trophy after taking down JSU with a last-second shot in the OVC semis.

The fact of the matter is, there's really no denying this season's Gamecocks were the best version to take the floor during JSU's Division I history. There's a reason the official Men's Basketball twitter account had to put out a thread last week detailing the program bests the Gamecocks set this year. Stats like 24 overall wins. 15 conference wins. An 8-game win streak. Third place OVC finish, single-digit losses, a sellout of Pete Mathews Coliseum. All Program Division I bests or firsts. It's almost cruel for such a year for the Gamecocks to also coincide with one of

the best years the OVC has ever had at the top of the league.

Nevertheless, the year that JSU just finished up is the type of year that is necessary for the Gamecocks to start getting that national respect that got Belmont into the tournament as an at-large. Despite the never before seen successes that Ray Harper has brought to Jacksonville in his first three seasons, the Gamecocks are still such a new player on the national, heck, even the OVC, scene.

If Jacksonville State keeps this up, it will, slowly but surely, get that respect. With six seniors from 2018-19 departing, Harper and the Gamecocks will face a new challenge of keeping this thing rolling.

Keep proving that he's made JSU a good program, not just a good team. From what Harper's accomplished in his short time in Jacksonville so far, who could doubt he'll conquer this one just as easily.



Matt Reynolds/JSL

JSU's Jason Burnell walks off the floor for the final time as a Gamecock after falling to Murray State in the OVC Semifinals.

JSU BASKETBALL Men's basketball declines postseason tournament invitations

Vs Murray State 3/30

Softball

@Morehead State 3/22

> @ EKU 3/24

> @UAB 3/27

vs SIUE 3/29

vs EIU 3/31

Beach Volleyball

@Mercer 3/29

@ North Alabama 3/30



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JSU TENNIS Men's tennis falls 4-3 to Kennesaw State

KENNESAW, Ga. – The Jacksonville State men's tennis team was unable to pick up a non-conference win Tuesday, falling in a tight 4-3 match at Kennesaw State.

The Gamecocks (7-4) got off to a good start by winning two of the match's first two points, but dropped three of the last four contests to the Owls (5-8).

Aljaz Kaplja and Sergio Lizarraga won 6-3 at No. 1 doubles, while Joaquin Vallejo and Alexander Vishnevskiy grabbed a 7-6 win at No. 3 doubles to claim the match's first point. Vallejo took the No. 2 singles point in two sets (7-6, 6-4) and Jordi Blanchar won his No. 6 singles match in an exciting three sets that finished with a 10-4 super-set in the third (2-6, 6-4, 10-4), but that that would be all the points JSU could muster.

KSU took games at No. 1, 3 and 5 in two sets, while Vishnevskiy put up a three-set fight at No. 4 before falling 6-0 in the third set.

The Gamecocks were unable to stop a skid that reached four matches with Tuesday's loss. After going 7-4 in non-conference play, Jacksonville State turns its attention to Ohio Valley play beginning Friday, March 22 at Eastern Illinois. The Gamecocks' OVC matchup is set to begin at 2 p.m. in Charleston, Ill.

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JACKSONVILLE – After receiving invitations to participate in both the College Insider Tournament and College Basketball Invitational national tournaments, the Jacksonville State men's basketball team has withdrawn its name from postseason consideration.

"We were honored to receive invitations to participate in both the CIT and CBI," athletic director Greg Seitz said. "However, after speaking with head coach Ray Harper and the team, we felt it best to decline postseason opportunities."

Jacksonville State was a participant in the 2018 CBI, reaching the semifinals of the bracket before falling to eventual-champion North Texas. JSU has never participated in the CIT. It marks the third season in a row head men's basketball coach Ray Harper has steered the Gamecocks to receive an invitation to participate in a postseason national tournament.

"I am very proud of our team for the season we had," Harper

said. "We accomplished a lot this year and broke a few records along the way. We won 24 games at the Division-I level for the first time in program history, put together the school's longest Division-I winning streak and earned our best finish ever in conference play.

"We were fortunate to receive invitations to the CIT and CBI, but, as a team and staff, decided it was best our student-athletes return to the classroom and shift their focus to finishing out the academic semester."

Jacksonville State finished third – its highest Division-I finish – in the Ohio Valley Conference regular season standings, reached at least the semifinals of the OVC Men's Basketball Championships for the third year in a row and set a new program record for consecutive conference tournament appearances since moving to the D-I level in 1995-96.

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JSU TENNIS

JSU BASEBALL

Women's tennis tops Kennesaw State

KENNESAW, Ga. – The Jacksonville State women's tennis team snapped a twomatch losing streak Tuesday with a 5-2 non-conference win Tuesday at Kennesaw State.

The Gamecocks (7-2) took the doubles point to begin the match and claimed four singles matchup in a row to down the Owls (1-11) at the Betty Siegel Courts at Kennesaw State.

Malin Buechner and Alba Conejero began the day with a 6-1 defeat of Juliana Castellanos and Kensall Nash at No. 1 doubles, and Harriet Hamilton and Elena Tendero secured the point with a 6-3 win at No. 2 doubles.

KSU's Lara Mehlsam took the second point at No. 2 singles over Alessia Locati and Kendall Nash won the final point of the day in three sets over Conejero at No. 4, but the rest of the morning was dominated by the visitors.

Buechner at No. 3, Hamilton at No. 1, Tendero at No. 5 and Cristina Moll Alles at No. 6 singles each took their matches in just two sets.

Following a phenomenal 7-2 start to the season, Jacksonville State turns its attention to Ohio Valley play beginning Friday, March 22 at Eastern Illinois. The Gamecocks' OVC matchup is set to begin at 10 a.m. in Charleston, Ill. JSU Sportswire

Gamecocks silence Purdue for series win

JACKSONVIILE – The Jacksonville State baseball team picked up its second consecutive series win after blanking Big Ten foe Purdue for the second time during the three-game series with a 3-0 decision on Sunday on Rudy Abbott Field at Jim Case Stadium.

The Gamecocks (10-11) shutout the Boilermakers 4-0 on Friday behind the arm of Garrett Farmer and four extra base hits. On Sunday, it was the bullpen and a three-run second inning for Jax State. JSU will be idle during the midweek and returns to Ohio Valley Conference action next weekend with its first road test in the league at Murray State. The series with the Racers will get started on Friday, March 22 at 3 p.m. Purdue dropped to 4-14 on the season after the loss.

Junior Corley Woods continued to be solid in relief as he squashed Purdue's hopes of a runproducing sixth inning after loading the bases with no outs. Woods induced a pop up on the infield, recorded one of his two strikeouts and ended the threat with an inning-ending ground ball. Woods did not surrender a hit and worked



around a leadoff walk in the seventh. After getting the first out of the ninth, JSU went to closer Christian Edwards to finish off the game. Edwards fanned both Boilermakers he faced to earn his second save of the series and fifth of the season.

For the series, the JSU pitchers posted 22 strikeouts and issued six walks and was touched for nine runs. Purdue's nine-run fifth inning on Saturday was the only inning in the 27-inning series that it scored on the Gamecocks. The Boilermakers were 0-7 with runners in scoring position.

The Gamecocks strung together four if their

opened the frame with back-to-back singles before sophomore Isaac Alexander doubled down the left field line for the first RBI of the contest. Junior Devin Brown laid down a perfect bunt to score Strachan for the second run. Back-toback walks by Purdue starter Ryan Beard added the third run as Tanner Anderson was issued a bases loaded-walk.

Sunday starter Dylan Hathcock maintained the three-run cushion with a quality 4.1 innings of work. Hathcock scattered five hits and struck out one. Sophomore Colin Casey finished the fourth inning with the fiJSU Sportswire

Gaddis was the lone Gamecock to have multiple hits on Sunday, pushing his seasons total to nine multi-hit games. The Trenton, Georgia native has reached base in 11 consecutive games.

After the OVC series at Murray State, the Gamecocks return home to wrap of the month of March with a four-game homestand with Alabama State during spring break week at JSU on Wednesday, March 27. JSU's next conference home series will be the weekend of March 29-31. The homestand concludes a month in which JSU will have played 15 of the 19 games on its home turf.

seven hits in the second inning. Senior Nic Gaddis and Alex Strachan

nal two outs and tallied the first out of the fifth inning.

JSU Sportswire

SU SOFTBALL Chisolm's Homers lift Gamecocks to series sweep of Dolphins

JACKSONVILLE – Anna Chisolm homered twice and drove in four runs to lead the Jacksonville State softball team to a 7-5 win and the series sweep of Jacksonville on Sunday at University Field.

The Gamecocks (16-6) extended their win streak to five games behind Chisolm's explosive day at the plate, one that started with a three-run blast in the first inning that capped an 11-pitch at bat. The native of St. Louis, Mo., fouled off five-straight two-strike pitches before launching that 11thpitch well over the wall in center to put JSU up 3-1 early.

Chisolm scored the team's next run in the fourth, when she led off the inning with a walk, stole second and scored on Jada Terry's double into the right centerfield gap. After Taylor Beshears hit her team-leading



ninth homer of the year in the fifth, Chisolm answered with her second long ball of the game to pull to within one of her team lead and give JSU a 7-2 lead.

The Dolphins (12-16) scored twice in the sixth and once in the seventh to cut the GameJSU Sportswire cocks lead to two, but the JSU pitching staff held on to preserve the win.

Faith Sims started the game and tossed the first three innings, slowing just a run on one hit and a walk. She struck out six just a day after tying the school record for strikeouts in a game with 16 and wrapped up a week that saw her go 2-0 with 32 strikeouts in 17 and 1/3 innings.

Reagan Watkins (1-0) made her University Field debut in relief of Sims and earned her first career win. The native of Daphne, Ala., struck out two and allowed a run on a hit in two innings of work.

Freshman Lexi Androlevich didn't allow a hit or an earned run in her inning of work, but a pair of errors behind her let two unearned runs cross. Alexus Jimmerson tossed the final inning, allowing a run on two hits and striking out one to earn her first save.

The Gamecocks will now turn their attention to Ohio Valley Conference play, beginning on Friday with a doubleheader at Morehead State.

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