**Alcohol sales now allowed in stadium**

Josie Howell
Sports Editor

While Gamecock fans have many reasons to be excited about the start of football season, the implementation of alcohol sales during home games has given them much more to look forward to.

Jacksonville State University will be joining over 100 colleges and universities that sell alcohol at athletic events, in an attempt to improve the fan-based experience.

During the first few months prior to Saturday, Sept. 7, JSU's first home football game of the season, the JSU athletics department had been doing their best to create policies and regulations that help to keep a safe and secure environment for all Gamecock fans during these games.

Athletic Director, Greg Seitz, emphasizes that JSU's first priority is making sure that JSU home games are a safe and family friendly environment.

"Universities across the country have seen both a decrease in alcohol-related incidents and an enhanced fan experience when they provide a controlled environment for alcohol sales," said Seitz.

In order to ensure the safety of everyone, JSU will be hiring special law enforcement that will be specially trained to recognize behavior such as underage drinking, binge drinking, passing off alcohol to minors and any other alcohol related incidents.

Individuals will be escorted from the stadium if seen doing any of the aforementioned things, as well as trying to use a fake ID, failing to provide ID at any time, or are intoxicated.

**JSU hosts the Calhoun County Band Exhibition**

Brooklynn Wilkes
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Local Calhoun County bands showcased their halftime shows with great pride on Burgess Snow Field, Wednesday, Sept. 10. One by one, each band took the field to put on what they have all been working on these past couple months.

Donoho High School opened up the exhibition with songs from the musical "Chicago". The size of a band can be deceiving, even the smallest can blow you away. Ohatchee High School took the field with a heartfelt performance of their show, "You Will Be Found," which showcased a message about bullying and finding your place.

Not having to travel too far, Jacksonville High School also took the field bringing with them more reasons to be proud of this small town. While there were not any scores or trophies handed out, these bands certainly have a lot to be proud of.

Everyone was in for a treat at the end of the exhibition, the Jacksonville State Marching Southerners performed part of their show “Earth, Wind, and Fire,” which is sure to continue turning heads over the rest of this marching season. High schoolers sat in awe of the size and pure talent the Southerners brought to the field. Many of them have probably already pictured themselves in that iconic red, white and black uniform.

It is clear that band is more than just an after-school activity for these high schoolers. They all have passion and a love for marching that is clearly displayed on the field.

Photo by Brooklynn Wilkes
Clear bag policy still in effect at JSU athletic events

Jacksonville State University implemented a clear bag policy for its athletic events in 2016. This policy requires fans entering all athletic venues at JSU. Fans are advised to review the policy page at jsu.edu/security/clear-bag-policy.

JSU reviews its public safety and stadium security policies on an annual basis and will make needed changes to improve them. The University strongly believes that the clear bag policy enhances public safety and reduces time at stadium turnstiles and avenues, access efficiency. This proactive measure ensures safety inside and outside the stadium and speeds the screening process for our fans. The clear bag policy has been adopted by many other NCAA member schools over the last four years.

Allowed clear bags are available at the Campus Bookstore at Jacksonville State University in the Thorton Montgomery Building.

Why did JSU adopt this policy? Clear bag policy was motivated by campus officials, and ensuring their safety is a top priority. World events continue to impact our security, and we believe this proactive approach is the most effective

annual analysis of our public safety and stadium security policies at all of our venues. Jacksonville State University reviews its public safety and stadium security policies every calendar year, and this policy was created by security experts. The clear bag policy has provided JSU with a clear bag policy forJSU. Clear bag policy is in place to ensure JSU is in line with other venues that host entertainment events including college football games. Many other NCAA member schools have adopted a clear bag policy over the last two years. This policy is certified by the Department of Homeland Security.

How does this policy improve public safety?

Clear bags provide layers of security with less inconvenience to our guests. As guests walk toward our events, law enforcement can easily spot prohibited items and have the ability to remove them before our guests even get into the line. The clear bags are easier and faster to search, which greatly reduces a threat to our campus, and JSU is a team sport, with local merchants and JSU students that know a clear bag has already been searched and that any non-clear bags without a security tag requires their attention. How many clear bags can someone bring in?

Each ticket holder is allowed one clear bag such as a one-gallon Ziploc style bag, which has a top that does not exceed 12" by 6" by 12," plus a small clutch purse. This can be a one-gallon bag, and JSU officials endorsed by security experts. The clear bag policy has provided JSU with a clear bag policy forJSU. Clear bag policy is in place to ensure JSU is in line with other venues that host entertainment events including college football games. Many other NCAA member schools have adopted a clear bag policy over the last two years. This policy is certified by the Department of Homeland Security.

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Clear bags are allowed, the binocular case or camera case. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact us. 

Can I bring a blanket into the stadium during cold weather?

Yes. If you are asking if fans bringing blankets into the stadium toss them over a seat or set them down for easy screening when entering the stadium. If I have items I need to bring into the stadium for a football or basketball game, will I ‘fit in’ the clear bag, what do I do?

We fully understand that exceptions need to be made in certain circumstances and added items are needed. Yes, we do encourage fans to be prepared for specialized screening and enter into the stadium.

No. The policy states that a small clutch purse, with or without a handle or strap, is permitted along with either the 12" by 6" by 12" clear tote bag or the one-gallon freezable bag. While we strongly encourage fans not to bring bags with a lock or closures, it is not required. Security tags will not be allowed to the Main Ticket Plaza on the East Outside the stadium, and we will provide bags for checked items.

Do I have to put everything I’m carrying in a clear bag?

No. We are only limiting the type of bags that can be brought into the stadium. The clear bag policy does not apply to any other items you normally bring to a game. For example, fans can continue to carry items in jackets, backpacks, handbags, purses, products, combs, phone, wallet, credit cards, keys, small clutch purse, or items like binoculars and camera around your neck or in your hands. You may also carry a Zimmer frame, medications, insulin, diabetes related, and we cannot ignore them in the annual State of the University Address. On August 19, this number has increased to 11.3 million dollars to the amount of nearly $55 million announced at the Gala.

This was placed under a list of “highlights of our accomplishments over the last four years,” and also included announcements such as adding The Pointe @ JSU to JSU’s housing inventory and the avoidance of a tuition freeze out of the past three years.

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International program hosts open house

Eric Taunton
News Correspondent

The JSU International House welcomed visiting students at their open house this past Saturday, September 7. As a part of Jacksonville State’s Previews Day, residents and faculty of the House welcomed visitors with refreshments and tours of the building.

“Our goal is to make sure we have 40 students each year,” said Jason Mallet, the coordinator of the International House and study abroad.

Mallet said that the International House recruits students from all over the world, including India, Nepal and Vietnam.

The International House program was created in 1946, but the International House itself wasn’t built until 1964, which is when it became the version of the program that it is today.

Some students live in the International House through scholarships, and others as exchange students.

American students and international students share rooms, each room having one international student and one American student, which Mallet appreciates.

“I love seeing American students getting to interact with international students,” said Mallet.

“So many [American students] have never been on a plane, or out of the tri-state area or the country.”

Residents of the International House are required to do one presentation about their countries to the other residents.

“We’re trying to do something different than just doing a presentation,” said Mallet. “We’re thinking about having students performing dances or bringing food from their countries.”

Students are able to build personal and professional relationships not just with each other but with other alumni.

Victor Chukwuma, a resident of the International House, said that he has learned so much since being in the program.

“There’s so much you learn that you think you know but it hits you when you don’t,” said Chukwuma.

The International House is officially open to everyone on Mondays from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. but Mallet encourages anyone to come anytime before 10 p.m.

“Anyone is welcome here,” said Mallet.

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Sen. Doug Jones launches 2020 re-election campaign

Scott Young
News Editor

Sen. Doug Jones officially announced that he plans to seek re-election to the United States Senate in Birmingham last Sunday, Sept. 8.

Rep. Terri Sewell, Birmingham Mayor Randall Woodfin, actor Michael O’Neill and Jones’ wife Louise Jones took the stage as guest speakers prior to the Senator’s appearance.

“I am still as convinced today as I was in 2017 when I announced my candidacy for the Senate that the people of Alabama have more in common than divides us,” said Jones to a crowded room in the B&A Warehouse.

Jones touted his efforts to “bridge the partisan divide,” citing his work to include protections for farmers impacted by the Chinese trade war in last year’s farm bill, secure more funding for historically black colleges and universities and provide more funding for rural broadband.

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Organizations of JSU

Tabletop and CCG Club

Organization name: JSU Tabletop and CCG Club

How many members does your organization have? Over 30 members.

When are your meetings held? Mondays and Fridays from 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. in Martin Hall rooms 319, 332 and 334.

How can students get involved with the organization? Just swing by a club meeting and play some games!

What does the organization stand for? We are a group of people who all share the love for tabletop gaming. We provide a fun, inclusive, stress-free environment for everyone.

What type of activities does the organization partake in? We have a large collection of board games. People also play Magic: The Gathering, Pokemon TCG, Yu-Gi-Oh and D&D.

Organizations of JSU is a questionnaire designed to allow student organizations reach new members and spread the word about what they represent. If your organization would like to take part in this questionnaire, please email bhill@jsu.edu.

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Campus Crime Log

September 10, 2019, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Meehan Hall

September 9, 2019, Possession of Marijuana, Meehan Hall

September 9, 2019, Medical Emergency, Bennett Field

September 8, 2019, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Campus Parking Lot

September 7, 2019, Medical Emergency, JSU Stadium

September 5, 2019, Suicide Attempt, Sails Hall

September 4, 2019, Medical Emergency and Vehicle Damage, Sails Hall

September 3, 2019, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Meehan Hall

September 3, 2019, Theft of Property, Carlisle Building

September 2, 2019, Duty Upon Striking an Unattended Vehicle, Paul Carpenter Village

September 2, 2019, Arrest - Obstruction of Governmental Operations, International House

August 31, 2019, Medical Emergency, Curtis Hall

August 29, 2019, Criminal Mischief, Crow Hall

August 29, 2019, Infor- mation Report - Suspicious Vehicle, Crow Hall Parking Lot

August 28, 2019, Infor- mation Report - Domestic Dispute, Crow Have an Emergency? Dial (256) 782-5555 or 911
Mason set for spring reopening

Robert Woods, Associated Press

The JSU David L. Wal- ter Building will open on March 19, 2018 by an EF-3 tornado that affected the city of Jacksonville. The building was heavily damaged on March 19, 2018 by an EF-3 tornado that affected the city of Jacksonville and the campus of Jacksonville State University.

Since then, classes at the JSU music program have been dispersed across nine different buildings on campus, including Mehan Hall, the School of Business and Industry, Angus Hall, Hous- ton Cole Library, the RMC JSU complex and others. Not having Mason Hall as a home base for the band program has been extremely challenging,” said Ken Bodiford, director of university bands and a JSU assistant professor of music. “We are completely at the mercy of other departments around campus.”

Membership in the Marching Southerners has grown to 551 for the 2019 school year, which is a 39 percent increase since the year 2008. Of those 551 members, 191 of them are freshmen.

Bodiford illustrated the importance of having a music building with record band membership. He added that the musicology department, athletic department, housing and events department, the Jack- sonville Community Center and the Baptist Campus Ministries have all provided space for band rehearsals to take place.

“At a minimum, the band needs 12 large rooms for the individual sections to hold sectional rehearsals,” said Bodiford. “In addition, we have to have one large room (at least the size of a gym) to hold all of the wind players for full band music rehearsals.”

Bodiford said that the department has been prom- ised a building with sound proof practice rooms and studios, a soundproof band room and a recital hall.

“For over four decades, the music faculty and mu- sic majors have had broken promises of a new building,” said Bodiford. “I remember being told back in 1983 as a freshman music major that the next building to be built on campus will be a music building and perfor- mance hall. Well, 36 years later I am still waiting to see this happen. Needless to say, I am very excited to see the broken promises of the past come to an end."

The JSU David L. Wal- ter Department of Music is selling seats in Mason Hall’s new recital hall which includes an engraved plaque that the donor may personal- ize.

A premium seat goes for $300 for a seat in the middle section of the recital hall or a standard seat for $250. The proceeds for the seats are used to pay di- rect costs.

Thompson says that furniture has not yet been ordered for Mason Hall, and that the university is work- ing to reopen Mason Hall as soon as possible.

“They want to get back in the building sooner rather than later, but they want to make sure things are done right,” said Thompson.

For more information, you may contact JVil- le2Go at 256-952-2840, or email JVille2Go@gmail.com.

News Correspondent

Jville2Go is a new food delivery service specific to Jacksonville outside of Struts in Jacksonville. JVille2Go advertises their ‘fresh, fast and friendly’ delivery service to specific Jacksonville residents including Meehan Hall and others.

Construction at Mason Hall continues as classes for JSU music students are spread around campus.
As of September 9, the Top 5 songs on the Billboard Hot 100 are as follows: “Truth Hurts” by Lizzo, “Senorita” by Shawn Mendes and Camila Cabello, “Bad Guy” by Billie Eilish, “You Need to Calm Down” by Taylor Swift and “Old Town Road” by Lil Nas X, featuring Billy Ray Cyrus.

One song in particular has made my ears perk up. It’s the song that has climbed to the fourth spot on the Billboard top 100, “You Need to Calm Down”. The believe the song is incredible, and I’m thrilled about how the music video turned out. I believe everyone should see it. The plot of the video is inspiring, and it features Katy Perry and Taylor Swift making up. Hello, what more could you need?

The fifth song generally makes me roll my eyes now. I am all for Lil Nas X and Billy Ray Cyrus, but the song has been played over and over again on dozens of stations, and there have been who knows how many remakes and additions to the song that it has grown tiresome. It reminds me of when Pharrell’s song ‘Happy’ would play all day, every day. I appreciate the boundaries that the song pushed, but there’s only so much of it that I can take and I’ve about had enough. Maybe I can listen to it once every six months. Maybe.

Overall, the songs by all of the artists in the Top 5 are great songs. I enjoy all the instrumental aspects in each song. I appreciate the time and effort that the artists and songwriters put in to making them. Pop music has definitely come a long way, and I’m eager to see what comes next.
Hollywood has been making movies about costumed superheroes for as long as there have been moving pictures. The idea of a costumed vigilante with special abilities who stops crime on screen is not a new idea.

The beginnings of the genre started in the 1920s with the early Zorro movies, beginning with the “Mark of Zorro”. In the 1930s and 40s, America saw the birth of characters like The Shadow and Dick Tracy, pulp detectives with special abilities and gadgets. The genre would keep steady through the 50s, when cheaper television visions finally started to kill the movie serial. In 1951, “Superman and the Mole Men” became the first feature-length theatrical film based on a comic book superhero.

The genre went quiet after that until the 1960s. In 1966, the feature-length pilot of the Adam West “Batman” series came to the screens. It was one of the most popular shows of its time, it even helped save the then failing ABC network and spawned all sorts of merchandising; just a few short years in 1968 it was cancelled due to low ratings.

The genre went quiet after that again until 1978 with Richard Donner’s “Superman”. This movie would lay the groundwork for all other superhero movies, though the three sequels would basically run the genre back into the ground until the late 80s.

In 1989, Tim Burton’s “Batman” would be released and take the world by storm. The dark, gritty take on the character was just what fans wanted to see. Many fans of the original Batman comics were disappointed by the bright and silly 60s version of the character.

This new version would influence many of the big-budget superhero movies of the 90s like “Spawn” and “The Crow”. After the next Batman sequel bombed, Joel Schumacher picked up the reins of the franchise and his two sequels “Batman and Robin” and “Batman & Robin” would try to restart interest back into the genre.

The X-men movies and Sam Raimi Spiderman films would help revitalize the genre in a big way from there. The Nolan Batman movies set the golden standard from which all superhero movies are judged and Iron man would start the Marvel Cinematic Universe to show us everything could be connected through the comic-like continuity. Continuity other companies like Sony, Warner Brothers and Universal would try to emulate to mixed results.

Superhero movies are breaking records as “Avengers: Endgame” has become the highest-grossing film of all time (not adjusted for inflation), with many other Marvel Studios films taking similar top spots. It’s not a genre that looks to be slowing down in popularity and there are plenty of new superheroes getting their own time to shine, and their future is looking bright.

The life of a college student is anything but simple. Adding on a relationship to that creates complexity. For some, dating is just a priority, making things stressful. It is an other block to put into an already packed schedule. Others seek the relief and comfort that a partner can bring. A future with that person is foreseen. Some singles want to stay fit and feel healthy, as a form of self-love.

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Adulting can be depressing. It’s even harder having to go through it alone. Many college students use apps like Tinder or Bumble to meet people. They want companionship, someone to rely on, talk to and spend time with. Having another person in one’s life makes it less stressful. Especially, in times of need. There is another person that can relate, offer advice or help with an issue. An individual is placed in new situations and surroundings; meeting their boyfriend’s or girlfriend’s friends and family. A future with that person is foreseen. Having someone is like a distraction from everything else. It’s a different perspective of life, rather than seeing everything one way. Being in a relationship can increase self-esteem. An individual might feel more comfortable in their own skin, knowing that someone loves them.

Overall, it’s an individual’s decision on whether they want to be in a relationship or not in college. Students should excel in their studies. Staying single helps them, they should reevaluate their situation. Staying single helps for less distractions and a tight schedule. Whereas, dating provides a resort from the stress of life.
Gamecocks end on a high note in weekend tournament

Sadie Appleton
Sports Correspondent

The Jacksonville State University volleyball team traveled to Birmingham, Alabama this weekend to face three different in-state opponents: UAB, Samford, and North Alabama. In their match against long-time university rival, North Alabama and Samford, Carolina moved on to face off against long-time university rival, North Alabama and Samford.

After giving up the first two sets, Jacksonville State battled UAB for two more intense sets to decide the winner of the match. Although the Gamecocks let up the first two sets with 25 points scored in each by UAB, JSU rallied in late in the third to score 26 and take the set. While they looked to overcome a 2-0 deficit against UAB, Jackson State prepared to face off against North Alabama and Samford.

Facing off against the host team of Samford, the Gamecocks were unable to get the ball rolling as they dropped the first set in a 22-18 decision in the first set. The Bulldogs prevented the Gamecocks from getting close again as they took the next two sets with 25-16 decision in the second and a 25-19 decision in the third. Jacksonville State was only able to post a .169 hitting percentage as they fell to Samford put up a .306 hitting percentage.

Moving on to their tournament finale, Jacksonville State prepared to face off against university rival, North Alabama and Samford. In their match, the Gamecocks would go on to sweep the Lions with a final score of 3-0. Once again, Lena Kindermann led the Gamecocks and proved to be a giant factor in their win over UNA.

In total on Saturday, Kindermann posted 19 kills, 20 swings, and zero errors. All of this combined with a .600 hitting percentage helped lead her to being named to the all-tournament team. Kaylie Milton and Erin Carmichael both also proved to be valuable assets in the match against North Alabama, with Milton earning eight digs and seven kills while Carmichael put up 10 attacks.

After the weekend tournament in Birmingham, Alabama, the Gamecocks record moves to 2-4. They will host the Gamecock Classic in Jacksonville, Ala. and prepare to face off against Sam Houston State, Mississippi State, and Stetson in Pete Mathews Coliseum on September 13 and 14.

Soccer team wins in double-overtime

Baylee Morris
Sports Correspondent

On Sunday afternoon, the Jacksonville State University soccer team traveled to Birmingham, Alabama to face off against Alabama State. While they looked to overtake their record. Unfortunately, they came back to win 3-2 in double-overtime.

The first half of the game was dominated by the Hornets. Their two goals in the first half were their only two scored in the whole match. The Hornets first goal came from Isabella Beortegui in minute 27 of the game. Their second goal came courtesy of Jane Brown in minute 34. Both of their goals came from assists from two other Lady Hornets.

The second half of the game, however, was all about the Gamecocks. The two goals scored in the second half were courtesy of Senior Emma Meadows and Junior Alicia Pallister.

“Scoring a goal in the game meant a lot to me, especially since it was my third of the season so far,” said Meadows. “It's good to get a confidence boost before OVC starts and it always feels good to help the team out... The win against Alabama State was huge for our team. We were losing 2-0 at halftime even though we knew we were the better team and we came back to win 3-2 in double-overtime.”

Meadow's goal marked her third one of her senior season and was set up for her by the Freshman Cynthia Bugozeri. Pallister, however, had four shots on the day before connecting with one and tying the match up to send the game into overtime. Meadows has played an integral role for the gamecocks. Along with her three goals of the season, Meadows has put up a .306 hitting percentage while Samford put up a .228 hitting percentage.

That was one of the hottest games I've ever played in and we didn't have a lot of subs on the bench, so it just showed how hard our team worked and how bad we wanted to win,” said Meadows.

Throughout the final minutes of the second half there were many chances for Gamecocks to score, but they just couldn't make it work. After a scoreless first overtime, Pallister assisted Senior Rachel Blanding and she scored not only the game winning shot, but the first score of her senior season.

"I’d say I think it was a relief for me but also for the team just because we needed momentum for our following weekend and not only winning that game I think helped our attitude, but it was a relief for me getting my first seasonal goal in, so I’ll be hunger to score more," said Blanding about her game winning shot.

With the thrilling win the Gamecocks look to extend their streak this weekend against the University of Alabama with kickoff at 7 p.m. and at JSU soccer complex.

To keep up with the JSU girls’ soccer team and for future events and dates, follow them on Facebook at jsgamecocksathletics, on Twitter at JSUGamecocksSOC and on Instagram at jsugamecockssoc.

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In total on Saturday, Kindermann posted 19 kills, 20 swings, and zero errors. All of this combined with a .600 hitting percentage helped lead her to being named to the all-tournament team. Kaylie Milton and Erin Carmichael both also proved to be valuable assets in the match against North Alabama, with Milton earning eight digs and seven kills while Carmichael put up 10 attacks.

After the weekend tournament in Birmingham, Alabama, the Gamecocks record moves to 2-4. They will host the Gamecock Classic in Jacksonville, Ala. and prepare to face off against Sam Houston State, Mississippi State, and Stetson in Pete Mathews Coliseum on September 13 and 14.

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The Jacksonville State University volleyball team traveled to Birmingham, Alabama this weekend to face three different in-state opponents: UAB, Samford, and North Alabama. Coming off a sweep of Southeastern Louisiana University in the previous week, the Gamecocks looked to improve upon their record. Unfortunately, they came short early in the tournament.

After giving up the first two sets, Jacksonville State battled UAB for two more intense sets to decide the winner of the match. Although the Gamecocks let up the first two sets with 25 points scored in each by UAB, JSU rallied in late in the third to score 26 and take the set. While they looked to overcome a 2-0 deficit against UAB, Jackson State prepared to face off against North Alabama and Samford.

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After a tough loss against SoutheasternLouisiana, the gamecocks were able to come back strong for their first home game against the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and pull out a victory.

About half way through the first quarter, Chattanooga was unable to score a touchdown, and instead they went for a field goal on an attempt to get some points on the board. UTC kicker, Victor Ulmo, was able to successfully put these first few points in for UTC.

It was not long until the Gamecocks answered back. Four minutes later, JSU came back with a touchdown by Jamiyn Kinsley who received a 39-yard pass from Zerrick Cooper and an extra point from Bryant Wallace, putting the first quarter to an end.

Five minutes into the second quarter, JSU came back even stronger and scored their second touchdown by Austin Kinsley in a 26-yard rush and Bryant Wallace putting the extra point on the scoreboard. This was followed by yet another touchdown by the gamecocks, giving JSU a generous lead for the game. Chattanooga continued to fall short of scoring a touchdown, forcing them to go for another field goal, which was once again successful by UTC kicker Victor Ulmo, bringing the score to 20-6 at halftime.

Once the third quarter began, Chattanooga came back stronger and more determined to gain the lead from the Gamecocks. JSU was able to finally score a touchdown by starting quarterback Nick Tiano with an assist in Troy's first goal. JSU also had a total of six attempts from the Gamecocks and was not able to make any more points.

After another touchdown from the Gamecocks, UTC answered back just as quick, scoring a touchdown from a two-yard rush by Ayahnn Ford and Kiersten Ulmo putting an extra point on the board for the Mocs. At the end of the third quarter, the score stood at a close 27 to 20, giving UTC a chance to come back for a win.

Come the fourth quarter, the gamecocks had control of the ball. Within just 15 plays and a total of six minutes and 27 seconds, JSU's junior quarterback from Athens, Georgia scored the first touchdown of the fourth quarter. Once JSU regained possession, after forcing UTC to punt, starting quarterback Zerrick Cooper was able to rush one yard to score the second touchdown for the fourth quarter. The game ended with JSU 41 and Chattanooga 20.

Wide receiver Josh Person, had three complete passes from Zerrick Cooper, and also had a total gain of 25 yards throughout the game. As for quarterback Zerrick Cooper, he had a tremendous night and he came back strong, bringing the game to a close and Troy walking away with a victory.

JSU football wins first home game

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Sports Correspondent

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FOOTBALL

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