

2012-2013



JACKSONVILLE STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Jacksonville State at Alabama

GAMECOCKS TRAVEL TO ALABAMA FOR 2012-13 SEASON DEBUT

2012-13 GAMECOCK SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER

5 (Mon.)	BLUE MOUNTAIN (Ex.)	W, 81-67
11 (Sun.)	at Alabama	2 p.m.
14 (Wed.)	at Georgia State	6 p.m.
17 (Sat.)	at Mercer	1 p.m.
19 (Mon.)	SAMFORD	7 p.m.
25 (Sun.)	JACKSONVILLE (Fla.)	2 p.m.
28 (Wed.)	KENNESAW STATE	7 p.m.

DECEMBER

7 (Fri.)	REINHARDT	6 p.m.
9 (Sun.)	at Lipscomb	2 p.m.
12 (Wed.)	at Chattanooga	6 p.m.
14 (Fri.)	! at North Florida	2:30 p.m.
15 (Sat.)	! vs. Campbell	12 p.m.
20 (Thur.)	at Mississippi State	7 p.m.
29 (Sat.)	* TENNESSEE TECH	2 p.m.
31 (Mon.)	* at UT Martin	2 p.m.

JANUARY

5 (Sat.)	* TENNESSEE STATE	2 p.m.
7 (Mon.)	* BELMONT	7 p.m.
12 (Sat.)	* at Eastern Illinois	4 p.m.
14 (Mon.)	* at SIU Edwardsville	7 p.m.
19 (Sat.)	* EASTERN KENTUCKY	1 p.m.
23 (Wed.)	* at Tennessee State	7 p.m.
26 (Sat.)	* MURRAY STATE	2 p.m.
28 (Mon.)	* AUSTIN PEAY	7 p.m.

FEBRUARY

2 (Sat.)	* MOREHEAD STATE	2 p.m.
9 (Sat.)	* at Tennessee Tech	5:30 p.m.
16 (Sat.)	* at Eastern Kentucky	3 p.m.
18 (Mon.)	* at Morehead State	5 p.m.
23 (Sat.)	* SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	6 p.m.

MARCH

2 (Sat.)	* at Belmont	2 p.m.
6 (Wed.)	OVC Tournament	TBA
7 (Thur.)	OVC Tournament	TBA
8 (Fri.)	OVC Tournament	TBA
8 (Sat.)	OVC Tournament	TBA

* - OVC Game

! - Osprey Holiday Classic (Jacksonville, Fla.)

All Times Central and subject to change

GAMEDAY CENTRAL



ALABAMA
Crimson Tide
(0-0, 0-0 SEC)



JACKSONVILLE STATE
Gamecocks
(0-0, 0-0 OVC)

GAME STORYLINES

Gamecocks Open Season at Alabama: Jacksonville State will usher in its 30th season of women's basketball on the road in Tuscaloosa, Ala. against the Crimson Tide of Alabama. Sunday's meeting with the Crimson Tide marks the 17th season opener against an in-state program since the 1983-84 season.

The Jax State-Bama Series: Jax State and Alabama will be meeting for the sixth time on the hardwood and the Gamecocks will be looking for their first win in the series that first started during the 1989-90 season. Today's visit to the Capstone will be the fifth one as Alabama traveled to Jacksonville for the 2001 meeting. The last meeting came during the 2007 campaign with UA edging JSU, 63-54. The nine-point win by the Crimson Tide was one of three close decisions in the series. In the first meeting ever, UA claimed a 69-63 win and topped JSU, 86-79 the following season.

JSU vs. The SEC: Today's contest with Alabama marks the second consecutive season in which JSU has opened the season against a team from the Southeastern Conference. Last season, JSU opened the docket at Mississippi State and dropped a 78-41 decision. The Gamecocks will make a return trip to MSU to close out the pre-Christmas slate on Dec. 20. Jax State faces a pair of SEC squads for the second-straight season as it faced Kentucky in the second game of the 2011-12 season. Jax State has faced four SEC squads in its women's basketball history - Alabama (0-5), Auburn (1-10), Kentucky (0-1) and Mississippi State (0-3). The Gamecocks are 1-18 combined versus those teams with the lone win coming against the Tigers during the 2005 season - a 71-66 win in Jacksonville.

Gamecocks Have Three Straight Road Tests: The Gamecocks will have three straight road tests to begin the season, beginning with Sunday's tilt at Alabama. After the season opener, JSU will make the short trip over to Atlanta, Ga. on Wednesday, Nov. 14 for a match up with Georgia State. Jax State returns to the Peach State next Saturday with a contest versus the Bears of Mercer in Macon, Ga. The Gamecocks conclude the four games in a nine-day stretch with their season opener on Monday, Nov. 19 against Samford at the Pete Mathews Coliseum on the JSU campus.

JSU PROBABLE STARTERS (*Exhibition Statistics*)

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	PPG	RPG	APG
1	Dashauna Truss	G	5-8	Jr.	13.0	5.0	5.0
3	Amanda McCarthy	G	5-8	Sr.	4.0	1.0	1.0
4	Candace Morton	G	5-8	So.	19.0	5.0	2.0
5	Briana Morrow	F	5-11	So.	21.0	14.0	0.0
33	Peyton Hisel	C	6-1	Fr.	14.0	7.0	1.0

OFF THE BENCH

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	PPG	RPG	APG
21	Marikate Gardler	G	5-10	So.	4.0	4.0	0.0
23	Bria'unna Buckner	G	5-6	So.	4.0	1.0	0.0
50	Sydney Brown	C	6-1	Fr.	2.0	4.0	0.0



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JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Jacksonville, Ala.
Enrollment 9,504
Founded 1883
Colors Red and White
Nickname Gamecocks
Facility Pete Mathews Coliseum/5,500
Conference Ohio Valley Conference
President Dr. William A. Meehan
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Years at JSU Third Season
Record at JSU 14-46
Career Record 158-167 (12th year)
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Alma Mater Greensboro College, 2004
Assistant Coach Courtney Payne
Alma Mater University of Alabama, 2007

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TEAM INFORMATION

All-Time Record 437-512 (29 years)
All-Time OVC Record 57-89 (9 years)
First Season 1982-83
2011-12 Overall Record 4-25
2011-12 OVC Record 1-15
Starters Returning/Lost 3/2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost 6/6
Newcomers 7

A LOOK AT THE GAMECOCKS

Starters Returning (3)

Briana Morrow (5-11, So., F)

11.4 ppg • 7.5 rpg • 0.6 bpg (28 gp/26 gs)

Danielle Vaughn (6-0, Sr. C)

10.8 ppg • 9.2 rpg • 1.0 bpg (29 gp/27 gs)

Candace Morton (5-8, So., G)

8.2 ppg • 4.2 rpg • 2.9 apg (29 gp/27 gs)

Other Returning Letterwinners (4)

Miranda Cantrell (6-0, So., C)

3.8 ppg • 2.8 rpg • 0.4 spg (29 gp/3 gs)

Bria'unna Buckner (5-6, So., G)

2.2 ppg • 0.4 rpg • 0.2 apg (13 gp/0 gs)

Amanda McCarthy (5-8, Sr., G)

2.0 ppg • 1.3 rpg • 0.9 apg (29 gp/9 gs)

Gia Banks (5-9, So., F)

1.0 ppg • 1.5 rpg • 0.4 apg (20 gp/0 gs)

Newcomers (7)

Dashaunna Truss (G, 5-8, Jr., Jacksonville, Fla./Stetson)

Dareyelle Avant (G, 5-9, Fr., Miami, Fla./Archbishop McCarthy HS)

Destany McLin (G, 5-9, Fr., Athens, Ala./Athens HS)

Destiny James (G, 5-8, Fr., Barlett, Tenn./Bartlett HS)

Marikate Gardler (G, 5-10, So., Springfield, Pa./Jefferson College)

Peyton Hisel (C, 6-1, Fr., Lexington, Ky./Tates Creek HS)

Sydney Brown (C, 6-1, Fr., Lawrenceburg, Ky. (Anderson County HS)



JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



2012-2013 JACKSONVILLE STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

NUMERICAL

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	YR.	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
1	Dashauna TRUSS	G	5-8	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla. (Stetson)
3	Amanda McCARTHY	G	5-8	Sr.	Boston, Mass (New Orleans)
4	Candace MORTON	G	5-8	So.	Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay HS)
5	Briana MORROW	F	5-11	So.	Nashville, Tenn. (Glenclyff HS)
10	Dareyelle AVANT	G	5-9	Fr.	Miami, Fla. (Archbishop McCarthy HS)
11	Destany McLIN	G	5-9	Fr.	Athens, Ala. (Athens HS)
14	Destiny JAMES	G	5-8	Fr.	Bartlett, Tenn. (Bartlett HS)
21	Marikate GARDLER	G	5-10	So.	Springfield, Pa. (Jefferson (Mo.) College)
23	Bria'unna BUCKNER	G	5-6	So.	Detroit, Mich. (Detroit King HS)
24	Gia BANKS	F	5-9	So.	Loganville, Ga. (Walnut Grove HS)
33	Peyton HISEL	C	6-1	Fr.	Lexington, Ky. (Tates Creek HS)
42	Miranda CANTRELL	C	6-0	So.	College Park, Ga. (North Clayton HS)
44	Danielle VAUGHN	C	6-0	Sr.	Huntsville, Ala. (Sparkman HS)
50	Sydney BROWN	C	6-1	Fr.	Lawrenceburg, Ky. (Anderson County HS))

ALPHABETICAL

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	YR.	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
10	Dareyelle AVANT	G	5-9	Fr.	Miami, Fla. (Archbishop McCarthy HS)
24	Gia BANKS	F	5-9	So.	Loganville, Ga. (Walnut Grove HS)
50	Sydney BROWN	C	6-1	Fr.	Lawrenceburg, Ky. (Anderson County HS)
23	Bria'unna BUCKER	G	5-6	So.	Detroit, Mich. (Detroit King HS)
42	Miranda CANTRELL	C	6-0	So.	College Park, Ga. (North Clayton HS)
21	Marikate GARDLER	G	5-10	So.	Springfield, Pa. (Jefferson (Mo.) College)
33	Peyton HISEL	C	6-1	Fr.	Lexington, Ky. (Tates Creek HS)
14	Destiny JAMES	G	5-8	Fr.	Bartlett, Tenn. (Bartlett HS)
3	Amanda McCARTHY	G	5-8	Sr.	Boston, Mass (New Orleans)
11	Destany McLIN	G	5-9	Fr.	Athens, Ala. (Athens HS)
5	Briana MORROW	F	5-11	So.	Nashville, Tenn. (Glenclyff HS)
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1	Dashauna TRUSS	G	5-8	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla. (Stetson)
44	Danielle Vaughn	C	6-0	Sr.	Huntsville, Ala. (Sparkman HS)

HEAD COACH: Annette **WATTS** (3rd Season at JSU; East Tennessee State, 1981)

ASSISTANT COACH: Yvette **SPARKS** (2nd Season at JSU; Clearwater Christian College, 1994)

ASSISTANT COACH: Jason **WILLIAMS** (1st Season at JSU; Greensboro College, 2004)

ASSISTANT COACH: Courtney **PAYNE** (1st Season at JSU; University of Alabama, 2007)





JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

HEAD COACH ANNETTE WATTS • THIRD SEASON • EAST TENNESSEE STATE, 1981



Annette Watts, with more than 22 years of coaching experience at both the high school and collegiate level, became the program's 11th coach when she came onboard in May of 2010.

In 2011-12, Watts had a mixture of veteran players along with a talented group of young players that now have a season of collegiate action under their belt. One of those new faces in the program was Briana Morrow, who was

named to the Ohio Valley Conference All-Newcomer Team after leading the Gamecocks in the scoring column and ranked among the top freshmen in the OVC in scoring and rebounding. Morrow was named the OVC Freshman of the Week four times during 2011-12. Watts, who has instilled academic success in the program, had five players named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll for the 2011-12 academic year.

Watts used those years under her belt in her first season at JSU as she began the process of moving the women's basketball program to the next level. She guided her first Gamecock squad to the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament - the first appearance for JSU since 2009. JSU advanced to the second round after downing Tennessee State in the opening round. Watts' first season ended with a 10-21 overall mark and 6-12 in league play. She moved past the 150 career wins plateau in her first season at JSU with a win over Morehead State.

Watts spent the nine years as the head coach at Davidson from 2001-10, where she was the winningest head coach in the program's history, and led the Wildcats to five-straight winning seasons. She enters her first season in charge of the Gamecocks with an overall mark of 144-121. After nine seasons in the Southern Conference, she compiled 102 wins. Last season, the Wildcats posted a 14-15 overall mark and 12-8 within the league to finish fourth in the final standings.

Watts has served on a staff that has made the Women's NCAA Division I Final Four, as well as coached a high school team to the state quarterfinals, and also led Davidson to its first-ever postseason appearance with a trip to the 2006-07 WNIT.

The East Tennessee-native was named the 2005 Southern Conference Coach of the Year by the league's media, the first Davidson coach to earn SoCon Coach of the Year honors, after leading the Wildcats to a school-record 18 wins. Davidson also had a school-record 14 conference victories and earned the second seed in the SoCon Tournament, the highest seed ever for Davidson in its 13 trips to the league tourney that season.

In her first four years at the helm of the Wildcats' program, Davidson's record improved every season. After Davidson finished 9-19 in the 2000-01 season, Watts was brought in to turn the program around. As witnessed by her career record, the win totals increased from 10 in Watts' first year to 18 by her fourth season.

Watts' players have excelled off the court as well as she coached 26 players at Davidson that were named to the conference academic honor roll. While at the North Carolina-based school, Watts mentored eight All-SOCon players and seven players reached the 1,000-point career scoring mark in the Watts system. She had four newcomers during her time at DC that were named to the league's All-Freshman Team and one player named the top freshman of the year.

Prior to arriving at Davidson, Watts spent two seasons as head coach at Jackson County Comprehensive High School in Jefferson, Ga. She guided that team to the 2001 state quarterfinals and compiled an overall record of 38-20 in two years as head coach of the Lady Panthers. Her success on the court at Jackson County earned her Coach of the Year honors from the Jackson Herald News.

Before her stint at Jackson, Watts spent two seasons as an assistant under Hall of Fame coach Kay Yow at N.C. State. While with the Wolfpack, she was responsible for scouting opposing teams and recruiting, as well as on-floor coaching. Watts helped lead the 1997-98 Wolfpack squad to its first Final Four appearance. During her two-year tenure in Raleigh, the Wolfpack went 42-19 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament both years.

As a collegiate athlete, Coach Watts spent four seasons at East Tennessee State University where she played guard for the Lady Bucs. She received a bachelor of science degree from ETSU in 1981. Watts continued her post-graduate work at East Tennessee State, earning a master's degree in secondary math education in 1985.

After departing ETSU, Watts taught and coached basketball at Greeneville (Tenn.) High School for eight years. Active in the Greeneville community, she headed up the Lady Devil (YMCA) Basketball Camp for seven years.

Watts then moved south from Greeneville and served as head women's coach and full-time teacher at Robert Wood Johnson Comprehensive High School in Gainesville, Ga., where she compiled a career mark of 125-51. She was named Gainesville Times Coach of the Year three times (1992, '95 and '96) and also served as director of the Lady Knight Basketball Camp from 1990-95.

In addition to her wealth of coaching experience, Watts was also selected to a three-year term as a member of the NCAA Regional Advisory Committee for Division I women's basketball. She has also represented the SoCon as a member of the WBCA conference captains for three years. Watts is also a member of the National Association of Collegiate Women's Athletic Administrators.



GAMECOCK COACHING STAFF



**YVETTE
SPARKS**

2nd Season

Yvette Sparks joined the JSU staff prior to the start of the 2011-12 season after spending a year in the Nashville, Tenn. area teaching and coaching at Davidson Academy. She taught history and served as coached women's basketball and volleyball.

Prior to her year on the prep level, she spent four seasons, from 2006-10, on the bench at Belmont University under the direction of former Bruin head coach Tony Cross. While at BU, Sparks experienced the NCAA Tournament in her first season at the Nashville-based school. The Bruins claimed the Atlantic Sun regular season title and claimed an NCAA bid after capturing the tournament championship in 2006-07. Belmont reached the A-Sun Tournament semifinals in back-to-back seasons in 2008-09 and 2009-10.

Before her tenure at Belmont, Sparks spent two seasons at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania as an assistant coach. While at EUP, she helped the Fighting Scots to three appearances at the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Tournament (2004, 2005), including a second-place finish in 2006. The team also earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Sparks earned her first head coaching job at Malone College in Canton, Ohio in 2001 and spent the next two years in the Buckeye State. She led the Pioneers of MC to a 37-23 record during her two seasons, including a 24-7 finish in 2001-02. Malone made its first-ever trip to the NAIA National Tournament after finishing third in the American Midwest Conference with a 16-4 record. Sparks was named the NCCAA East Region Coach of the Year following the 2001-02 campaign.

Her coaching roots started on the NCAA Division II level at Gulf South Conference member Valdosta State. Sparks served on the Lady Blazer staff from 1996-2001. The 1996-97 team won the GSC East Division Championship and earned a spot in the NCAA Division II South Regional, finishing with a 20-7 mark. With Sparks at the helm as interim coach during the 1999-2000 season, VSU led the nation in blocked shots and rebounds.

A graduate of Clearwater Christian College in 1994, Sparks holds a B.S. in Physical Education. She was a four-year letterwinner in both basketball and volleyball. She also earned a Master's in Sports Science from Valdosta State in 1998.

She is married to Jeff Sparks. The couple has one daughter, Kara.



**JASON
WILLIAMS**

1st Season

Head coach Annette Watts named Jason Williams to her staff in May and begins his first season on the Gamecocks' bench.

Williams joins the Gamecock program after eight years at Belmont Abbey College, an NCAA Division II school located in Charlotte, N.C. Williams was on the Crusaders' men's basketball coaching staff under head coach Stephen Miss. Along with his duties with the varsity program at BAC, Williams served as the head coach of the junior varsity program. He oversaw the recruiting efforts and operations efforts while at Belmont Abbey.

He draws his insight from his time as a stand-out guard on teams at Cuesta College in California (where he played under head coach Rusty Blair) and Greensboro College (coached by Lynn Romage).

Williams is a 2004 graduate of Greensboro College in North Carolina, where he was co-captain of the men's basketball team. A stellar performer in the classroom as well by being named to the Deans List at Greensboro College and at Cuesta College. He is received his Master's in counseling and development from Winthrop University. He was a member of the Chi-Chi Sigma Iota Honor Society at Winthrop in 2008 and 2009. Since 2008, he has been involved on community counseling services in the Charlotte, N.C. area - having internships at the Morgan School and a skills trainer and community support worker with the Alexander Youth Network in 2009.

He is the son of Barclay and Celeste Williams. He has two brothers (Darold and Justin) and two sisters (Shanda and Karisa).



**COURTNEY
PAYNE**

1st Season

Courtney Payne begins her first season on the Jax State bench as she came on board in August of 2012.

A native of Scottsboro, Ala., Payne joins JSU after spending one season as varsity girls head coach at Shades Mountain Christian School in the Birmingham, Ala. A graduate of Scottsboro High School and Snead State Community College, Payne finished her undergraduate studies in 2007 at The University of Alabama. At SSCC she ranked in the Top 20 of the National Junior College Athletic Association in field goal percentage.

While in Tuscaloosa, Payne specifically worked day-to-day with the women's hoops program as a student assistant, also serving as a Strength and Conditioning student assistant from 2006-07 under the guidance of strength coach Michelle Diltz. Payne moved on to her second Southeastern Conference program after graduating from UA as she spent time at Louisiana State University as a Strength and Conditioning Intern in 2007. While at LSU, she was mentored by Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach Melissa Moore. That season, LSU advanced to the Women's Final Four.

With a passion for Strength and Conditioning, Payne was a member of the training staff at Fitness Together in Birmingham, Ala. from 2008 to 2011 before moving on to Next Total Fitness. She returned to the court last September at Shades Mountain Christian School.

Payne earned her undergraduate degree in Human Performance and Nutrition in 2007. She will be working towards her Master's at JSU in the school's Sports Management program.



JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

There will be new faces on the Jax State bench this season as Watts brought in a pair of staff members in the off season. Jason Williams comes to JSU program after eight years at Belmont Abbey College, an NCAA Division II school located in Charlotte, N.C. Williams was on the Crusaders' men's basketball coaching staff. The final piece of the coaching staff was added when Courtney Payne came on board in August. A native of Scottsboro, Ala., Payne joins JSU after spending one season as varsity girls head coach at Shades Mountain Christian School in the Birmingham, Ala. area. A graduate of Scottsboro High School and Snead State Community College, Payne finished her undergraduate studies in 2007 at The University of Alabama. Payne moved on to her second Southeastern Conference program after graduating from UA as she spent time at Louisiana State University as a Strength and Conditioning Intern in 2007. While at LSU, she was mentored by Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach Melissa Moore. That season, LSU advanced to the Women's Final Four.

BASKETBALL BLOODLINES

Three members of the 2012-13 JSU women's basketball squad have siblings or relatives that have played major college basketball or are still playing at the collegiate level. Newcomers Marikate Gardler, Destiny James and Sydney Brown all have basketball bloodlines. Gardler's sister, Meghan, played at the University of Connecticut from 2006-10 and was a member of the 2010 NCAA National Championship Huskie squad and is currently playing professional basketball overseas. Gardler's father, Harrison and brother, Chris, attended Saint Joseph University and played for the Hawks of St. Joseph. James' older sister, Jasmine is a member of the University of Georgia women's basketball program. Brown, who hails from the Bluegrass State, is a relative of former University of Kentucky standout and current member of the Detroit Pistons, Tayshaun Prince.

GAMECOCKS' LEADING SCORER RETURNS

It is very rare to have a freshman leading the way in scoring and rebounding for an NCAA Division I program, but last season with so many new faces in the JSU program, first-year player Briana Morrow paced the Gamecock offense and led the squad on the boards. The rising sophomore from Nashville, Tenn. finished the season scoring 11.4 points per game and ranked second on the team in rebounds with a 7.5 per contest mark. Following her stellar freshman campaign, Morrow was named to the OVC All Newcomer Team. She was selected as the league's Newcomer of the Week four times (Dec. 6, Dec. 20, Jan. 10 and Feb. 7).

Morrow scored in double figures in 17 of the 28 games played and in nine OVC games. The 5-foot-11 forward posted five double-doubles and scored a season-best 25 points at Jacksonville on Dec. 15 of 2011. Morrow's best OVC performance came against Tennessee State on Jan. 7 with 14 points and 16 rebounds.

GOING TO THE GLASS UNDER WATTS

One of the benchmarks of an Annette Watts program is going to the glass and winning the rebounding edge in each contest. In the first two seasons under Watts, the Gamecocks have averaged 39.8 rebounds per game and have a slim +0.8 rebounding margin over the opposition in the first 60 games of the Watts regime. JSU has been one of the top programs in the Ohio Valley Conference in rebounding in the last two seasons. In 2010-11, Watts' first year at Jax State, her squad ranked fourth in the OVC in offensive and defensive rebounds and averaged 39.3 boards per game and equaled the opponents with a +0.0 margin.

In 2011-12, JSU averaged over 40 rebounds per contest and once again were listed among the league leaders in the rebounding category. JSU finished with a +1.6 rebounding lead over its opponents last season and ranked second in the OVC in rebound margin. JSU led the OVC in offensive rebounding percentage with a .390 mark. In OVC games only, Jax State out-rebounded OVC foes by a +4.3 margin, which ranked second in the league.

Prior to Watts' arrival, JSU ranked eighth and ninth respectively in the OVC in offensive and defensive rebounds. The Gamecocks were listed tenth among the 11 teams in the league in 2009-10.

VAUGHN ON THE MEND

Senior Danielle Vaughn, who is JSU's top returning post player, had off season knee surgery and will be sidelined until mid December or the beginning of January. Vaughn, who played in 27 of the 29 games a season ago, nearly averaged a double-double with 10.5 points per game and pulling down 9.2 rebounds per contest. The Huntsville, Ala.-native turned in 11 double-doubles as a junior and enters her final season at JSU with 18 career double-doubles. Vaughn established a new career high last season against LeMoyne-Owen with 26 points. She connected on 63.2 percent from the field and ranked among the OVC leaders in that category.

TRUSS SET TO TAKE POINT GUARD SPOT

Junior Dashauna Truss joined the program this year after transferring from Stetson after two seasons with the Hatters. After sitting out last season due to NCAA transfer rules, the Jacksonville, Fla.-product is set to lead the Gamecocks their floor general. She made 59 appearances for the Hatters in two seasons, including 14 starts as a freshman and averaged 3.3 points and 1.6 rebounds per game. Truss led the Hatters with 33 steals and ranked third on the squad with 36 assists. In her first outing as a Gamecock in Monday's exhibition contest, Truss finished with 13 points and five assists in 37 minutes of action.

NEWCOMERS SHINE IN EXHIBITION WIN OVER BLUE MOUNTAIN

JSU has five freshmen on the roster this season and four of the five newcomers saw action in the Gamecocks' season tune up with Blue Mountain. Center Peyton Hisel drew the start in the post and finished the game with 14 points and seven rebounds in 28 minutes of floor time. Sydney Brown came in to relieve Hisel and registered a basket and four rebounds. Guards Dareyelle Avant and Destany McLin saw limited time off the bench. Junior college transfer Marikate Gardler came off the bench for 21 key minutes and scored four points and dished out four assists.

BUCKNER SPREADING THE WORD

Jacksonville State's Brianna Buckner took one final summer trip in before classes started back on campus in late August, but this trip was a basketball tour through Europe with the News Release Basketball ministry. News Release Basketball is an athletic ministry whose vision is to - be and build the family of God. News Release Basketball has traveled throughout Europe, playing high-caliber basketball and serving our hosts and the local church for 40 years. This year marked the 40th year of service for News Release Basketball. News Release Basketball is an athletic ministry that brings teams to Europe to - be and build the family of God- through the game of basketball. The ministry uses its abilities on the court to build Christ-centered relationships with those we meet, and grow in our faith and knowledge of Jesus. The tour will make stops in Hanover and Berlin, Germany.

JAX STATE PICKED SIXTH IN OVC'S EAST DIVISION

The Ohio Valley Conference announced its annual preseason prognostications for the 2012-13 women's basketball season at the league's media day in October. Jacksonville State was picked sixth in the East Division by the conference's coaches and sports information directors.

With the addition of Belmont University, the OVC now has 12 competing institutions and has two divisions in the league. The Gamecocks are grouped with the Bruins of BU, Eastern Kentucky, Morehead State, Tennessee State and Tennessee Tech.

The Golden Eagles of TTU were picked as the preseason favorite in the OVC East Division, followed by ECU in the second slot. Belmont, Morehead State and Tennessee State were slated three through five.

Defending OVC Champion UT Martin was a unanimous selection to win the West Division. Eastern Illinois and SIU Edwardsville claimed the second and third spots among the West squads. Murray State, Austin Peay and Southeast Missouri round out the West Division.



SECOND HALF SURGE PROPELS JSU PAST BLUE MOUNTAIN

The Jacksonville State women's basketball team overcame a halftime deficit with a 49-point second half effort to surge past Blue Mountain College, 81-67, in an exhibition tune up for the 2012-13 season on Monday evening.

The second half onslaught was aided by a 51 percent shooting half by the Gamecocks and limiting the Toppers of BMC to just 8-24 from the field in the final 20 minutes. BMC, a NAIA program from the state of Mississippi, held a slim, 33-32, edge at the intermission after knocking down 13-of-30 from the field and four of its nine made three-pointers in the first half.

Sophomore Briana Morrow picked right back up where she ended her freshman campaign with a double-double effort. Morrow, who led JSU in scoring last season, poured in 21 points and 14 rebounds in the contest. The member of the Ohio Valley Conference All Newcomer Team last season scored 11 of her 21 points in the second half and pulled down eight second half boards. The Nashville, Tenn.-native was credited with four steals and a block on the night.

Jax State took its first lead of the second half, 37-36, on a Peyton Hisel lay up at the 17:36 mark. The Gamecocks would not relinquish the lead the rest of the way, but had to stave off a few Topper runs. JSU built its margin out to double figures with a 14-3 scoring run to take a 50-39 lead with just over 13 minutes left in the contest. After pushing the lead out to 14 points at 58-44 at the midway point, BMC trimmed the deficit down to four points at 60-56 after a 12-2 scoring spurt.

JSU pushed the lead back out to double figures the rest of the way to secure the exhibition win. JSU took advantage of the post by out-scoring BMC, 48-16 and turned 28 Topper turnovers into 24 points on the other end. The Red and White scored 30 of the 48 inside the paint points in the second half. A benchmark of an Annette Watts squad is winning the edge on the backboards and JSU was a plus-six in rebounding, while dishing out 13 assists and 19 steals as a team.

The contest marked the debut for many new faces in Watts' program. Hisel, a freshman from Lexington, Ky., drew the start in the post and finished her first collegiate action with 14 points and seven rebounds. Dashaunna Truss, a junior transfer from Stetson, garnered the start at the point guard position and turned in 13 points, five assists and seven steals in her Jax State debut. Candace Morton was the third Gamecock to register double digits in the scoring column with 19 points. Sophomore newcomer Marikate Gardler came off the bench for four points and four rebounds in 21 minutes of action.

JAX STATE IN SEASON OPENERS

The Gamecocks are 13-16 in season openers dating back to the 1983-84 season. Since moving to the NCAA Division I level, Jax State has claimed seven season-opening wins and opened the 2010-11 season and the Watts Era with a win over Stillman College. Last season, JSU dropped its opening contest at Mississippi State.

TIPPING OFF AGAINST IN-STATE PROGRAMS

Sunday's meeting with the Crimson Tide marks the 17th season opener against an in-state program since the 1983-84 season. JSU has played nine different Alabama programs, but Sunday's JSU-UA meeting will be the first season-opening contest between the two schools. Today's contest with Alabama is the first of two games this season for JSU against an in-state rival. The Gamecocks will host former Ohio Valley Conference member, Samford on Monday, Nov. 19 for their home opener.

GAMECOCKS VS. ALABAMA SCHOOLS

Jacksonville State will be playing its 261st game against a team from the state of Alabama. Entering the Alabama contest, JSU sports a 149-112 overall record and a 57% winning percentage against schools within the state lines. The Gamecocks have posted a 73 wins against the other NCAA Division I programs in the Yellowhammer State.

YOUNG GAMECOCKS

The Gamecocks will start the 2012-13 season as the youngest team in the Ohio Valley Conference. Head coach Annette Watts has a combined 11 sophomores and freshmen on her third JSU squad. The roster features five freshmen and six sophomores, in which five of them gain valuable minutes as a freshman. The five sophomores - Briana Morrow, Candace Morton, Miranda Cantrell, Gia Banks and Brianna Buckner accounted for 43% of JSU's scoring last season. Morrow led the team in scoring with an 11.4 scoring mark in her rookie season.

TWELVE HOME GAMES HIGHLIGHT 2012-13 SCHEDULE

Twelve home dates and a pair of road games against Southeastern Conference opponents are apart of the 2012-13 schedule for the Jacksonville State women's basketball team.

The Gamecocks will play four consecutive home games that spans over the final week of November and opens December play before tipping off the Ohio Valley Conference slate at home on Dec. 29 against Tennessee Tech. JSU will host in-state rival Samford for its home opener on Nov. 19, before taking on a duo of Atlantic Sun Conference foes - Jacksonville and Kennesaw State on Nov. 25 and Nov. 28 respectively. The four-game homestand wraps up on Dec. 7 as Reinhardt College visits Pete Mathews Coliseum.

The OVC moved to divisional play for this season and JSU is slated for the East Division. The Gamecocks will play home-and-home contests with TTU, Tennessee State, Eastern Kentucky, Morehead State and league newcomer-Belmont.

JSU will visit West Division foes - UT Martin, who won the conference for a second-straight year last year, Eastern Illinois and SIU Edwardsville. Murray State, Austin Peay and Southeast Missouri will travel to Jacksonville from the West Division.

GAMECOCKS RETURN TO JACKSONVILLE ... FLORIDA'S VERSION

For the Second season in a row, the Gamecocks will travel to the state of Florida's city of Jacksonville to compete in the University of North Florida-hosted Hampton Inn/UNF Osprey Holiday Classic on Dec. 14 and 15. Last season, JSU faced Florida International and host-UNF. The 2012-13 field includes the Ospreys of UNF, Jax State, Campbell and Maryland Eastern Shore. JSU squares off with UNF on the opening day (Dec. 14) and will wrap up the two-day event against Campbell.

NEW DIVISIONS

With the addition of Belmont for the 2012-13 season, the Ohio Valley Conference will move to divisional play for both men and women's basketball regular-season schedules. The East Division will include Belmont, Eastern Kentucky, Jacksonville State, Morehead State, Tennessee State and Tennessee Tech. The West Division will consist of Austin Peay, Eastern Illinois, Murray State, Southeast Missouri, SIU Edwardsville and UT Martin.

In the sports of men's and women's basketball, the top team in each division based on conference winning percentage automatically earns a berth in the OVC Basketball Championship. The next six teams with the highest winning percentage will also earn a bid, regardless of division. The No. 1 seed will go to the divisional winner with the top conference winning percentage, while the No. 2 seed will automatically go to the other divisional winner. The remaining six teams will be seeded 3-8 by conference winning percentage, regardless of division.

JAX STATE ON THE OVC DIGITAL NETWORK

This summer, the OVC and Sidarm Sports launched the OVC Digital Network, the new and improved home for live streaming of athletic contests involving OVC member institutions. Events will be available for free to fans and can be seen on any computer or mobile device without the need for a mobile app or download. The new portal includes live stats and social media integration. All of JSU's home and road OVC games will be available on the OVC DN this season. Links to the OVC DN are available on Jax State's official web site - www.JSUGamecockSports.com.



JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

GAMECOCK RETURNING PLAYERS



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AMANDA McCARTHY

Sr. • G • 5-8

Boston, Mass. (New Orleans)

HONORS

2011 OVC COMMISSIONER'S HONOR ROLL

2012 OVC COMMISSIONER'S HONOR ROLL

2011-12: Saw action in all 29 games as a junior and started nine games... averaged 16.2 minutes per game and played a season-best 29 at Samford (11/30)...finished with eight points and a season-best five rebounds in the Samford contest...turned in a season-high nine points against Eastern Illinois (1/28) with three treys...dished out four assists versus Troy (12/4)... credited with two steals and five points against SIUE (1/30)... Named to the Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll.

2010-11: Played in all 31 games as a first-year transfer from the University of New Orleans ... Started four games, including the first three contests of the season at the point guard position ... Played a season-high 30 minutes against Florida State (12/12/10) along with recording her best scoring game of the season against FSU with a team-best 12 points ... Knocked down four three-pointers in the contest and pulled down three rebounds ... Dished out four assists and a pair of steals in 29 minutes of action at Georgia Tech (1/2/11) ... Turned ... Finished the season 11-of-12 from the free throw line (91%) ... Named to the Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll.

2009-10: Played in 26 games as a freshman at the University of New Orleans...transferred to JSU after UNO dropped its athletic programs to the NCAA's Division III level...started in seven games as a rookie and averaged 13.4 minutes on floor...turned in a 3.0 scoring mark and connected on 33 percent from the field and 66.7 from the free throw line...dished out 16 assists and credited with seven steals...turned in a pair of 12-point performances against Middle Tennessee State twice (12/30/09 & 1/27/10)...scored in 12 of her 26 games played...pulled down a season-best four rebounds versus Southeastern Louisiana (12/1/09).

HIGH SCHOOL: All-time leading scorer in school history with 1,529 points over a four-year career, spending three years at Savio Prep and a year at Pope John XXIII...Named All-Scholastic team by the Boston Herald (2008) after averaging 21 points, 11 assists and 5 rebounds per game while maintaining a 4.0 GPA during her senior season...Named Catholic Central League MVP in 2008, as well as a Catholic Central Division II All-Star from 2005 through 2008...Led the Catholic League in scoring in 2008 and earned placement to the All-Eastern Mass. Regional Team honorable mention squad... Was named Boston Globe Player of the Week and a Boston Herald Weekly Hero on Jan. 21, 2008 after a week that included a 40 point, six-assist effort against Marian...Received her second Boston Globe Player of the Week on Feb. 11, 2008 - racking up 74 points, 20 assists and 14 steals over a three-game stretch...Named top 20 at Syracuse Elite Camp (2007) and named Big Apple All-American Camp All-Star in 2006 and 2007...Selected to compete in the Medina Dixon Diamond in the Rough All-Star Game and earned the Medina Dixon Diamond in the Rough Coaches Award in 2006...During her sophomore year, led the Catholic Central League in scoring, including a seven three-point performance in a game...Also played soccer.

PERSONAL: Full name is Amanda McCarthy...daughter Chris and Joy McCarthy...born October 20, 1989...has one three brothers, Christopher, Matthew and Michael, and one sister, Elaina...majoring in business.



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CANDACE MORTON

So. • G • 5-8

Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay HS)

HONORS:

OVC FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK (1/17/12)

2012 OVC COMMISSIONER'S HONOR ROLL

2011-12: Played both guard positions throughout her first season on the collegiate level...saw action in all 29 games and started 22 as a freshman... ranked fourth on the squad in points with 8.2 per contest...reached double digits in the scoring column in eight games, including a season-best 23-point performance at Austin Peay (1/14)...turned in a double-double vs. APSU with 15 rebounds...finished the game 9-of-20 from the field and credited with seven assists...was named the OVC's Freshman of the Week after her 25-point effort at APSU and eight points the following game against Murray State (1/16)...scored 19 points against Eastern Kentucky (12/20) in her first OVC contest...closed out the season with a 14-point effort vs. UT Martin (2/25)...registered 13 points in a road game at Kennesaw State (11/19)... averaged 4.2 rebounds per game and just shy under three assists per contest...named to the 2012 OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Came to Jax State after wrapping up her high school career at Henry Clay High School in the Bluegrass State ... Finished her prep career averaging 21 points per game and pulling down six rebounds per game ... Eclipsed the 500 point mark as a senior at HCHS ... Enjoyed a decorative high school career as she was a three-time All-District performer and named All-Region twice ... Her accolades continued off the court as well by earning Academic Scholar honors for four consecutive years ... As a senior, she tallied 30 points in a district tournament contest, scoring 16 of her points from the free throw line ... Finished the season shooting 70 percent from the charity stripe ... Member of the National Honor Society at HCHS.

PERSONAL: Full name is Candace Morton ... Daughter of Dan and Leseia Morton ... Born January 13, 1993 in Lexington, Ky. ... Has one brother, Daniel (21) ... majoring in exercise science at JSU.



GAMECOCK RETURNING PLAYERS



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BRIANA MORROW

So. • F • 5-11

Nashville, Tenn. (Glenclyff HS)

Honors:

2012 OVC All-Newcomer Team

OVC Freshman of the Week (Dec. 6)

OVC Freshman of the Week (Dec. 20)

OVC Freshman of the Week (Jan. 10)

OVC Freshman of the Week (Feb. 7)

2011-12: Led JSU in scoring as a freshman with an 11.4 scoring clip and pulled down 7.5 rebounds per game...played in 28 games and made 26 starts, including 15 in OVC play...named to the 2012 OVC All-Newcomer Team and was tabbed the league's top freshman of the week four times...turned in back-to-back double figure scoring outings against Samford and Troy to earn her first of four weekly honors...earned her second honor after accumulating 43 points on Jax State's three-game trip to Jacksonville, Fla...registered a season-high 25 points against Jacksonville after knocking down 12-of-17 from the field... (12/15)...recorded double digit points in 17 of the 28 games played and in nine OVC contests...claimed double doubles in both match ups with Tennessee State...carded 14 points and a season-best 16 rebounds in the game in Jacksonville and finished with 12 points and 10 boards in her hometown of Nashville, Tenn...Sank the game-winning three-pointer at the buzzer at Austin Peay (1/14)...tallied four double-doubles on the season...ranked 14th in OVC in scoring in all games and 19th in OVC games only...listed third in the OVC in field goal percentage with a mark of .453...among the league leaders in rebounds with 7.5...turned in three assists versus Eastern Kentucky (12/20)...credited with two blocks on three occasions.

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at Glenclyff High School in the Nashville, Tenn. area ... Averaged 23 points as a senior and pulled down seven boards per contest ... Also a member of the GHS volleyball squad ... Morrow recently scored 33 of GHS' 47 points in the District 12-AAA consolation game ... Posted 26 points, including the game-winning lay up against Antioch in the 12-AAA quarterfinals ... Earned First All State status after her senior campaign after being tabbed to the State's Second Team as a junior ... A four-time All District and All Region selection ... Named District Tournament Most Valuable Player in 2009-10 after leading the Colts to the title ... Accumulated over 1,800 points on the prep level ... A two-sport standout at Glenclyff, competing in volleyball all four years ... Named First Team All District and All Region on the volleyball court for four seasons ... Credited with 209 kills, 250 digs, 85 blocks and 20 assists throughout her volleyball career ... Helped The Colt volleyball program to a District Title in 2009 and 2010.

PERSONAL: Full name is Briana Morrow ... Daughter of Jason and Darlene Crawley- Morrow ... Born August 31, 1993 in Nashville, Tenn. Father and mother both participated in athletics at Middle Tennessee State University ... Has one brother, Jason (16) ... Undecided on major at JSU.



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BRIA'UNNA BUCKNER

So. • G • 5-6

Detroit, Mich. (Detroit King HS)

2011-12: Played in 13 games as a freshman before suffering a season-ending injury in early January...a three-point threat of the bench in 2011-12 with seven of her nine made baskets coming from behind the three-point arc...connected on two treys against SIU Edwardsville (12/31) en route to posting a season-best nine points in the contest...saw a season-high 13 minutes of action off the bench at SIUE...registered eight points at Jacksonville (12/15) and four points against Southern Mississippi (11/25)...pulled down a rebound in five games...was a perfect 2-for-2 at the free throw line versus Eastern Kentucky (12/20)...participated in a basketball ministry overseas with the News Release basketball... News Release Basketball is an athletic ministry whose vision is to - be and build the family of God... The tour made stops in Hanover and Berlin, Germany.

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at Detroit King High School for head coach William Winfield ... Earned Player of the Week status on the prep level along with earning Third Team All District honors ... Helped guide the Crusaders to three district crowns as a freshman, junior and senior ... Participated with the Detroit All Star Game as a member of the East squad ... Also played in the state of Michigan All Star contest on the East Team ... Averaged points in her final season on the prep level ... An active participant on the AAU circuit as a member of The Family squad, which participated in the Division II national tournament, finishing 17th ... Averaged 8.3 points per game as a junior along with grabbing 9.5 boards per contest...Connected on 56 percent from the field ... Made Hoops Talent.com's list of top players from the state of Michigan ... Also a member of the cross country team at Detroit King, claiming All City honors as a freshman and sophomore.

PERSONAL: Full name is Bria'unna Buckner ... Daughter of Robert and Elaine Buckner ... Born September 15, 1993 in Detroit, Mich. ... Majoring in biology and pre-health at JSU ... Has four siblings, three brothers - Christopher, Robert and Kortez and one sister, Reshuniece.



JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

GAMECOCK RETURNING PLAYERS



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GIA BANKS

So. • F • 5-9

Loganville, Ga. (Walnut Grove HS)

2011-12: Saw action 20 of the 29 games as a freshman...made her collegiate debut in the season opener at Mississippi State (11/11), playing a season-best 29 minutes...pulled down a team-high seven rebounds in the MSU contest...turned in a season-high four points versus OVC foe Eastern Illinois (1/28)...credited with two blocks at Kentucky (11/5)...finished with three rebounds and three points in 14 minutes of action against Eastern Kentucky (12/20)...dished out two assists versus Tennessee State (1/7)...knocked down a three-pointer at North Florida (12/18).

HIGH SCHOOL: Played for head coach Kirk Call at Walnut Grove High School ... Scored over 1,000 points in her high school career ... Named MVP of the Walnut Grove Holiday Classic after posting 18 points in the title game ... Helped her squad to 19 straight wins to begin the 2010-11 season and a No. 4 ranking in the state of Georgia before bowing out of the high school state tournament to Troup County ... Earned First Team All-State status as a freshman at Loganville High School and a member of the Second Team All State squad as a junior at WGHS ... Also competed in track and field on the prep level.

PERSONAL: Full name is Gia Alexandria Banks ... Daughter of Tamara Banks ... Born October 23, 1993 ... Undecided on major at JSU.



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MIRANDA CANTRELL

So. • C • 6-0

College Park, Ga. (North Clayton HS)

Honors

2012 OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll

2011-12: Added depth at the post position in 2011-12, playing in all 29 games and starting three contests...in the starting line up at Samford (11/30), vs. Troy (12/4) and against OVC foe SIU Edwardsville (1/30)...averaged 3.8 points per game and pulled down 2.8 rebounds...scored in double figures twice against Florida International (12/17) and 11 versus Morehead State (1/9)...turned in a season-best 12 in the FIU contest...hailed in seven rebounds against Troy (12/4)...registered six of her 12 points vs. FIU from the free throw line...credited with three steals versus Eastern Kentucky (12/20) and dished out a pair of assists on three occasions...tallied a block at Kentucky (11/15), at North Florida (12/18) and at Southeast Missouri (1/2)... named to the Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played four seasons at North Clayton High School in the Atlanta, Ga. area ... Voted NCHS's Most Valuable Player all four seasons ... Named to the Atlanta Journal Constitution's All-Metro Second Team as a junior ... Named All-Region 4-AAAA her junior season and honored by 4shot.com as an All-Star ... Averaged a double-double as a senior with 14.2 points per game along with pulling down 15 rebounds per contest ... Helped guide NCHS to the state tournament after posting a 15-6 mark on the season ... Ranked second in the region in scoring and led Region 4-AAAA in rebounds with 15.9 per game ... Participated in volleyball, football and track and field as an NCHS Eagle ... A First Team All District volleyball selection in 2009 and a First Team All Region honoree in 2009 on the volleyball court ... An Honor Student at NCHS ... Maintained a 3.8 grade point average and ranked 21st in her class at NCHS.

PERSONAL: Full name is Miranda Cantrell ... Daughter of Robert Cantrell, Jr. and Cynthia Allen ... Born February 25, 1993 in College Park, Ga. ... Has two sisters (Cynthia Cantrell, Tameka Cantrell) and two brothers (Isiah Cantrell, Elijah Cantrell).



GAMECOCK RETURNING PLAYERS/NEWCOMERS



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DANIELLE VAUGHN

Sr. • C • 6-0

Huntsville, Ala. (Sparkman HS)

Honors:

OVC Freshman of the Week (1/25/10)

2011-12: Anchor in the post for JSU by laying in all 29 contests and in the starting line 27 times ... nearly averaged a double-double with 10.5 points per game and pulling down 9.2 rebounds per contest ... ranked third on the team in scoring and turned in 11 double-doubles on the season...credited with 30 blocks and 32 steals...established a new career high in points against LeMoyne-Owen (11/17) with 26 points...connected on 11-of-14 from the field in that game along with three blocks...set a new career standard for rebounds with 16 versus Southeast Missouri (1/2)...scored in double figures in ten of the 16 OVC games...registered three consecutive double-doubles against SEMO (1/2) - 20 points, 16 rebounds, Tennessee State (1/7) - 13 points, 11 rebounds and Morehead State (1/9) - 14 points, 14 rebounds...scored in double figures in six of the final seven games of the year...connected on 63.2 percent from the field, which ranked among the leaders in the league...listed third among the rebounding leaders in the OVC and seventh in blocks...averaged 5.9 defensive rebounds and 3.3 on the offensive end of the floor...averaged a double-double against OVC competition with 10.6 points a game and 10.3 boards per OVC match up...averaged 30 minutes of floor action and played all 40 minutes at Morehead State (2/13).

2010-11: Started 30 of 31 games as a sophomore ... Averaged 27.2 minutes per game and scoring 8.8 points per contest ... Led JSU on the boards with 7.3 per game ... Led the Ohio Valley Conference for the second-straight year in field goal percentage with a .582 mark ... Turned in six double-double performances, including a pair of 20-plus point conference outings against Morehead State (2/3/11) and at UT Martin (2/10/11) ... Finished with a career-best 22 points and 11 rebounds at MSU and 20 points and a season-high 13 rebounds at UTM ... Drained 11 of 13 from the field against Morehead State ... Pulled down 3.2 offensive rebounds and 4.1 on the defensive end of the floor ... Averaged a blocked shot per game with 30 total on the season ... Credited with four blocks at Stetson (11/29/10) along with 13 points and 12 rebounds ... Played a season-high 38 minutes in Jax State's opening contest of the OVC Tournament with Tennessee State en route to posting ten points, eight rebounds and five blocked shots.

2009-10: Earned OVC Freshman of the Week honors on Jan. 25 after posting 16 and 14 point efforts against Tennessee State (1/19/10) and Austin Peay (1/23/10)...ranked third on the team in scoring with a 7.6 scoring margin...averaged 5.3 rebounds per game...led the OVC in field goal percentage at 53 percent and ranked second in the OVC in field goal percentage at 40 percent shooting in league games...played in 26 games. Starting in 22 of those games as a rookie...turned in nine double figure scoring games along with a pair of double-doubles in both games against Tennessee State...Pulled down a career-high 16 boards against TSU (2/20/10)...credited with four blocked shots and 14 points against Morehead State (1/9/10)...scored at least a point in every game she participated in.

HIGH SCHOOL: Attended Mount Vernon High School in Alexandria, Va., from 2005-06 before transferring to play at Sparkman High School in Harvest, Ala., from 2006-09...played for June Seals at Mount Vernon and Patrick Delay at Sparkman...selected to play in the North-South All-Star game...helped the senators to the 2006-07 AHSAA 6A State title... also played three seasons of club basketball for Alabama Elite.

PERSONAL: Full name is Danielle Renee Vaughn...daughter of Patrick and Cassandra Vaughn...born Feb. 28, 1991...has one brother, Patrick, and one sister, Glenise...majoring in business management.



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DASHAUNA TRUSS

Jr. • G • 5-8

Jacksonville, Fla. (Stetson)

PRIOR TO JSU: Started her career at Stetson University in DeLand, Fla.... played as a freshman in 2009-10 and a sophomore in 2010-11...made 59 appearances for the Hatters in two seasons, including 14 starts as a freshman... averaged 3.3 points and 1.6 rebounds per game...led the Hatters with 33 steals and ranked third on the squad with 36 assists...scored nine points on three separate occasions (Nov. 14 at Florida, Dec. 29 vs. Buffalo and Jan. 2 at Lipscomb)...seven points and five assists vs. Belmont (Feb. 18)...eight points, four rebounds and four steals in Feb. 20 win over Lipscomb that clinched Stetson's spot in the Atlantic-Sun tournament...played in 29 games as a sophomore and dished out 21 assists and matched her career high with six rebounds against Florida State (Dec. 30).

HIGH SCHOOL: Team captain and an honor roll student for Head Coach Tony Bannister at Potter's House Christian Academy in Jacksonville...also played for Bannister in AAU basketball for the Jacksonville Lady Rams...led the PCHA Lions deep into the state tournament as well as the NCSAA national tournaments the last two years...also garnered a National Association of Christian Athletes (NACA) All-Tournament Team award.

PERSONAL: Full name is Dashauna Truss...The daughter of James Truss, Jr. and Renee McGraw...born on August 22, 1991 in East Elmhurst, N.Y. ... majoring in sociology...has one younger brother, James Truss, III.



JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

GAMECOCK NEWCOMERS



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DAREYELLE AVANT

Fr. • G • 5-9

Miami, Fla. (Archbishop McCarthy HS)

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at Archbishop McCarthy High School in the Miami, Fla. area...played for Wally Haywood at AMHS...helped guide the Mavericks to a 25-1 record as a senior and one of the top programs in the state of Florida last season...served as captain for AMHS as a senior...averaged seven points and three assists per game as a junior...named All County after her senior season by the Sun Sentinel.



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DESTANY McLIN

Fr. • G • 5-9

Athens, Ala. (Athens HS)

HIGH SCHOOL: A four-year member of the Athens High School basketball program under head coach Eddie Murphree, who is the brother of Jax State assistant baseball coach, Mike Murphree...named First Team All-State as a senior...averaged 17 points and ten rebounds in her final season on the prep level...helped guide the Golden Eagles to a spot in the AHSAA Northwest Regional semifinals...AHS claimed the Area 16 crown to advance to the regional round...participated in the AAU circuits with the Alabama Southern Starz, who claimed a national championship in 2011...played three seasons for the AAU program under the guidance of Kent Looney and Doug Bush...was named Who's Who Among American High School Students at AHS.

PERSONAL: Full name is Destany McLin...born on April 2, 1994 in Athens, Ala. ... the daughter of Chiqwita McLin...undecided on major...has two siblings, one sister – Matique Redus and a brother – Jakirun McLin.



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DESTINY JAMES

Fr. • G • 5-8

Barlett, Tenn. (Barlett HS)

HIGH SCHOOL: Played for Coach Lynn Whitfield at Barlett High School, just outside metro Memphis, Tenn....A four-time All-District and All-Region selection...named to the Second Team All-Region as a freshman and First Team selection from her sophomore season through her senior campaign at BHS...averaged 19 points, six rebounds and dished out five assists per contest as a senior...finished her prep career averaging 17.6 points and five assists...member of the ESPN Hoopgurlz Top 100 list in 2012...Earned a spot on the Memphis Commercial Appeal's Best of the Preps Team as sophomore, junior and senior...Helped guide the Panthers of BHS to 84 wins during her four-year stint in the program, including a 26-7 mark as a freshman and posting a 22-6 final record as a senior...Named to the Tennessee East-West All Star Team...An honor student at BHS and was a member of the National Spanish Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students and was voted the Most Athletic Girl at BHS.

PERSONAL: Full name is Destiny James...born on November 3, 1993 in Jonesboro, Ark. ... the daughter of Greg and Janine James...majoring in exercise science... has two sisters – Jasmine and Deidre ... Jasmine James is a member of the University of Georgia women's basketball program...also has a relative that participates in track and field at Arkansas State University.



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MARIKATE GARDLER

So. • G • 5-10

Springfield, Pa. (Jefferson College)

PRIOR TO JSU: Played one season at Jefferson College in Hillsboro, Missouri...played for Steve Cochran at JC and helped the Vikings to a 31-5 mark in 2011-12...played in 33 games...connected on 24-of-72 three-pointers (.333) and 21-of-32 free throws (.666)...pulled down 68 total rebounds and averaged 2.0 rebounds per game...dished out 25 assists and credited with 27 steals in 2011-12...also posted 11 blocks.

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at Cardinal O'Hara High School under the direction of head coach Linus McGinty...helped lead the Lions of COHS to a No. 1 national ranking on the prep level...COHS claimed the Arizona Nike Elite Christmas Tournament during her sophomore season.

PERSONAL: Full name is Marikate Gardler ... daughter of Harrison Gardker and Mary Joan Lake ... born October 12, 1992 in Philadelphia, Pa. ... comes from an athletic family with her father playing college basketball at St. Josephs University as well as her brother, Chris ... sister Meghan played at the University of Connecticut from 2006-10 and was a member of the 2010 NCAA National Championship Huskie squad and is currently playing professional basketball overseas ... majoring in communication at JSU.



JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

GAMECOCK NEWCOMERS



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PEYTON HISEL

Fr. • C • 6-1

Lexington, Ky. (Tates Creek HS)

HIGH SCHOOL: Played for Justin Cheatham at Tates Creek High School in the Lexington, Ky. area...named All-District in 2011 and 2012...tabbed All-Region First Team as a senior in 2012...earned All-City First Team honors as a junior in 2011 and Second Team accolades as a senior...earned Most Valuable Player honors at the 2010 Berea Christmas Tournament...averaged 11 points and ten rebounds in her final season at TCHS and accumulated over 1,500 career points and over 1,300 total rebounds as a member of the Commodore program...member of the 2011 Kentucky Junior All-Star Team and the 2012 Kentucky-Ohio All-Star Team...listed 16th in the state of Kentucky's 2012 Class according to the Louisville-Courier Journal.



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SYDNEY BROWN

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Lawrenceburg, Ky. (Anderson County HS)

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at Anderson County High School...named All-District in 2008 and 2012 and earned All-Region honors in 2010 and 2012...helped lead the Bearcats of ACHS to the District Championship in 2011 and 2012...ACHS claimed the Regional title in 2010...ranked the 21st-best player in the state of Kentucky for the Class of 2012 according to the Louisville-Courier Journal...was on the varsity squad since 2008...averaged double figures in scoring as a senior...a member of the Spanish National Honors Society.

PERSONAL: Full name is Sydney Brown...born on August 9, 1994 in Frankfort, Ky. ... the daughter of Victor and Alice Brown...majoring in special education...has one younger brother, Taylor...a relative of Tayshaun Prince, who played at Kentucky and now on the Detroit Pistons of the NBA.



JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



2011-2012 JACKSONVILLE STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STATISTICS

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	4-25	3-9	1-14	0-2
CONFERENCE	1-15	0-8	1-7	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-10	3-1	0-7	0-2

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fita	ft%	off	def	tot	avg								
05	MORROW, Briana	28-26	774	27.6	141-311	.453	5-21	.238	32-54	.593	112	97	209	7.5	84	2	24	69	17	22	319	11.4
14	LANE, Destiny	29-29	974	33.6	113-349	.324	35-137	.255	51-66	.773	32	107	139	4.8	52	0	59	90	17	40	312	10.8
44	VAUGHN, Danielle	29-27	877	30.2	127-201	.632	0-0	.000	50-90	.556	95	172	267	9.2	93	3	25	70	30	32	304	10.5
04	MORTON, Candace	29-22	871	30.0	82-267	.307	8-42	.190	66-98	.673	38	84	122	4.2	62	0	84	114	8	39	238	8.2
20	MANNING, Brittany	29-27	827	28.5	85-248	.343	10-53	.189	37-51	.725	28	67	95	3.3	67	1	56	122	20	35	217	7.5
42	CANTRELL, Miranda	29-3	403	13.9	42-113	.372	0-1	.000	25-43	.581	47	35	82	2.8	52	0	13	45	3	11	109	3.8
23	BUCKNER, Bria'unna	13-0	52	4.0	9-34	.265	7-25	.280	4-6	.667	3	2	5	0.4	3	0	2	4	0	2	29	2.2
03	MCCARTHY, Amanda	29-9	470	16.2	20-80	.250	12-45	.267	5-7	.714	12	27	39	1.3	34	2	27	47	0	10	57	2.0
33	MILLER, Hannah	22-0	163	7.4	7-33	.212	4-20	.200	5-5	1.000	3	9	12	0.5	12	0	10	12	0	2	23	1.0
24	BANKS, Gia	20-0	160	8.0	7-38	.184	0-3	.000	6-12	.500	7	22	29	1.5	12	0	7	15	3	5	20	1.0
10	PACHOLKE, Kaitlynn	18-2	121	6.7	3-15	.200	3-13	.231	0-0	.000	1	4	5	0.3	9	0	16	34	0	8	9	0.5
40	TAITE, Carolyn	23-0	74	3.2	2-13	.154	0-1	.000	4-5	.800	6	7	13	0.6	9	0	1	14	1	0	8	0.3
21	DAVIS, Deidra	15-0	33	2.2	2-5	.400	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1	3	4	0.3	1	0	1	1	0	1	5	0.3
01	CROWDER, Lakeria	6-0	26	4.3	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	4	7	0	0	1	0.2
Team											69	79	148				16					
Total.....		29	5825		640-1708	.375	85-363	.234	286-441	.649	454	715	1169	40.3	492	8	329	660	99	207	1651	56.9
Opponents.....		29	5825		780-1807	.432	204-596	.342	367-541	.678	414	709	1123	38.7	436	-	459	463	107	348	2131	73.5

TEAM STATISTICS	JSU	OPP
SCORING	1651	2131
Points per game	56.9	73.5
Scoring margin	-16.6	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	640-1708	780-1807
Field goal pct	.375	.432
3 POINT FG-ATT	85-363	204-596
3-point FG pct	.234	.342
3-pt FG made per game	2.9	7.0
FREE THROWS-ATT	286-441	367-541
Free throw pct	.649	.678
F-Throws made per game	9.9	12.7
REBOUNDS	1169	1123
Rebounds per game	40.3	38.7
Rebounding margin	+1.6	-
ASSISTS	329	459
Assists per game	11.3	15.8
TURNOVERS	660	463
Turnovers per game	22.8	16.0
Turnover margin	-6.8	-
Assist/turnover ratio	0.5	1.0
STEALS	207	348
Steals per game	7.1	12.0
BLOCKS	99	107
Blocks per game	3.4	3.7
ATTENDANCE	4383	20138
Home games-Avg/Game	12-365	15-1288
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	2-409

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
Jacksonville State	734	907	10	1651
Opponents	1028	1089	14	2131

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
11-11-11	at Mississippi State	L 41-78	1225
11/15/11	at KENTUCKY	L 25-100	6842
11/17/11	LEMOYNE-OWEN	W 83-67	378
11/19/11	at Kennesaw State	L 67-81	511
11/21/11	LIPSCOMB	W 81-72	421
! 11/25/11	at Southern Miss	L 58-75	1117
! 11/26/11	vs Georgia Southern	L 49-72	200
11/30/11	at Samford	L 40-73	670
12/4/11	TROY	W 65-54	336
12/15/11	at Jacksonville	L 74-87	636
# 12/17/11	vs FIU	L 52-79	618
# 12/18/11	at North Florida	L 47-63	581
* 12/20/11	EASTERN KENTUCKY	Lot 76-80	442
12/28/11	GEORGIA STATE	L 60-68	182
* 12/31/11	at SIUE	L 39-79	2007
* 01/02/12	at SE Missouri State	L 48-66	682
* 1/7/12	TENNESSEE STATE	L 57-67	417
* 1/9/12	MOREHEAD STATE	L 52-68	256
* 1/14/12	at Austin Peay	W 74-73	860
* 1/16/12	at Murray State	L 57-73	241
* 01/23/12	at Tennessee Tech	L 59-65	1184
* 1/28/12	EASTERN ILLINOIS	L 55-71	486
* 1/30/12	SIUE	L 57-78	357
* 2/4/12	TENNESSEE TECH	L 50-62	441
* 2-6-12	at UT Martin	L 67-99	1699
* 2/13/12	at Morehead State	L 60-79	668
* 2/18/12	at Tennessee State	L 59-61	397
* 2/23/12	SE MISSOURI STATE	L 47-54	336
* 2/25/12	UT MARTIN	L 52-87	331

* = Conference game

! = Lady Eagle Thanksgiving Classic (Hattiesburg, Miss.)

= Comfort Inn Classic (Jacksonville, Fla.)





JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

BLUE MOUNTAIN vs. JACKSONVILLE STATE (11/5/12)

Blue Mountain 67

##	Player	*	Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
15	PRINCE, Kati	*	3-6	2-4	1-2	1	1	2	1	9	1	0	1	1	24
21	HAYLES, Jessi	*	3-14	0-3	3-4	2	5	7	2	9	2	5	0	1	20
24	ROBINSON, Shaquinta	*	2-5	1-2	0-2	2	3	5	2	5	0	4	1	3	23
25	PAGE, Brooke Ann	*	3-8	0-0	1-1	1	1	2	3	7	2	4	0	1	25
55	BURNS, Samantha	*	1-5	1-3	4-6	2	5	7	2	7	1	4	3	0	28
01	DAVIS, Candace		1-1	1-1	0-0	1	0	1	1	3	0	5	0	0	11
10	HUSSEY, Chelsea		1-3	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	0	2	3	1	0	0	9
11	LAWHON, Chelsey		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	12
12	JOHNSON, Amber		1-2	1-2	2-2	1	2	3	1	5	0	1	0	0	14
14	MILEWSKI, Kristen		2-2	2-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6
22	BEARD, Bradi		0-1	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	4
23	CLARK, Kyesha		2-4	1-3	2-2	0	3	3	1	7	3	2	1	1	16
30	HILL, Laterea		0-0	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	3
43	CUNNIHNHAM, Lane		1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	5
Team						1	4	5							
Totals			21-54	9-21	16-23	11	29	40	18	67	14	28	6	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-30 43.3% 2nd half: 8-24 33.3% Game: 21-54 38.9%
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-10 40.0% 2nd half: 5-11 45.5% Game: 9-21 42.9%
 FT % 1st Half: 3-5 60.0% 2nd half: 13-18 72.2% Game: 16-23 69.6%

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Rebounds
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Jacksonville State 81

##	Player	*	Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
01	TRUSS, Dashauna	*	5-14	2-7	1-2	1	4	5	3	13	5	7	0	7	37
03	MCCARTHY, Amanda	*	2-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	3	4	1	0	0	1	15
04	MORTON, Candace	*	8-17	1-2	2-2	3	2	5	3	19	2	1	2	4	30
05	MORROW, Briana	*	8-13	0-0	5-9	8	6	14	2	21	0	4	1	4	36
33	HISEL, Peyton	*	7-16	0-1	0-3	2	5	7	4	14	1	1	0	1	28
10	AVANT, Dareyelle		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
11	MCLIN, Destany		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
21	GARDLER, Marikate		1-4	0-1	2-2	2	2	4	2	4	4	0	1	0	21
23	BUCKNER, Bria'unna		1-3	0-2	2-2	1	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	12
24	BANKS, Gia		0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
50	BROWN, Sydney		1-2	0-0	0-0	0	4	4	2	2	0	5	0	2	13
Team						4	1	5				1			
Totals			33-76	3-14	12-20	22	24	46	21	81	13	19	4	19	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-37 35.1% 2nd half: 20-39 51.3% Game: 33-76 43.4%
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-8 25.0% 2nd half: 1-6 16.7% Game: 3-14 21.4%
 FT % 1st Half: 4-8 50.0% 2nd half: 8-12 66.7% Game: 12-20 60.0%

Deadball
Rebounds
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Officials: R-Courtney Walker, U1-Howard Hall, U2-Al Tutson
 Technical fouls: Blue Mountain-None. Jacksonville State-None.
 Attendance:

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Blue Mountain	33	34	67
Jacksonville State	32	49	81

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
BMC	16	18	9	0	30
JSU	48	24	16	14	10

Last FG - BMC 2nd-00:21, JSU 2nd-01:17.
 Largest lead - BMC by 6 1st-03:38, JSU by 17 2nd-01:17.

Score tied - 5 times.
 Lead changed - 7 times.