

# JACKSON ST TIGERS

HC: RICK COMEGY (21-14) • JACKSON, MS

## OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS STATS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	TTL	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	TOTAL	RECORD	RET	DEF	TTL	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	%
STS	PTS	OFF	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	TURN		STS	PTS	DEF	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	
7	21.1	298	142	3.8	156	49.3	-4	2008 7-5	7	20.7	239	77	2.4	162	51.9	
7*	29.2	377	139	3.6	238	54.2	+1	2007 8-4	7	22.3	290	90	2.6	200	46.6	
-	28.4	330	156	4.1	174	59.4	-9	2006 6-5	-	24.8	271	94	3.1	177	46.2	
-	18.3	301	152	3.9	149	49.8	+1	2005 2-9	-	33.2	416	231	5.1	185	68.1	
-	22.0	286	156	4.2	131	45.9	-5	2004 4-7	-	27.3	368	180	4.5	188	55.0	

**OFFENSE** - The Tigers ret'd 7 Off str's LY and had to replace former JC QB Jimmy Oliver and looked to then-junior QB Trae Rutland. The Off was up and down LY going from 29.2 ppg and 377 yds total Off in '07 to #7 in scoring (21.1) and #7 total Off (297.8). Production was down due to injuries on the OL. They return 5 Off str's from LY and return Trae Rutland who threw for 1,423 (56.9%) with a 7-10 ratio. He did not look comfortable until the 2nd half of the season. RFR Dedric McDonald and senior Michael Mosley (La Tech trans), will battle for backup duty. Mosley did well and had 442 pass yds LY and saw time at WR late in the year. LY they lost their top 4 rushers but the majority of the rushing production back this should be a strength TY as they return the top 3 rushers incl QB Rutland (497), and soph's Luther Edwards (445 yds) and Darius Bolela (308 yds). Edwards took over the starting job LY after highly touted recruit Bloi-Dei Dorzon went down with an injury. JSU lost 3 of their top 4 rec incl 6th round pick Jaymar Johnson. They must replace #1 WR Carlos Simpson (401) and 2nd Tm SWAC TE Marcel Frost (257) soph Keenan Tillman (#2, 300, 13.0) and Marcellos Wilder (#5, 200, 18.2) both should have breakout seasons. The OL ret'd 3 starters LY (rush ypc 3.6 to 3.8). They return all 5 starters from LY who are all seniors and are anchored by 1st Tm SWAC RT Mikael Harshaw and 2nd Tm SWAC C Eric Jones (6-3, 296) who is moving to LG. The rest of the group will be LT Demarcus Pace, C Antonio Colston, and RG Michael Harness while soph Keyun Swinney (6-5, 315), Jr Terrael Williams (6-8, 350), and soph Rod Scott (6-3, 310) all started gms LY.

**DEFENSE** - The "Dark Side" DEF will return 7 starters as they did LY with 2 of the top 6 tkl's back from last yr's #1 DEF in sacks (39), #2 total DEF (238.5yds/gm). One key to TY group will be staying healthy as LY 8 of 9 top tkl' played in every gm. They must replace SWAC DEF POY Marcellus Speaks, 1st Tm SWAC DL Marcus Benard and CB Domonique Johnson. The DL was led by Benard's 21.5 tfl, 84 tkl, and 15 sk. Expect senior DE Sam Washington (#4 tklr, 15.5 tfl, 6.5 sk) and junior DT Neil Pogue II (19 tkl, 1 tfl, 0.5 sk) to anchor the front. The LB unit had 3 sts from LY back and return 2 TY. Seniors Marcus Jamison (#3 tklr) and Malcolm Palmer (#6 tklr) headline the unit. Filling out the unit is junior Ryan Rich (49 tkl, 4.5 tfl) and senior Timothy Clark (24 tkl, 1 pbu). The secondary will miss 27 pbu and 10 int from '07 and '08 from Johnson (NFL). Senior Marcell Young (6-2, 200, #9 tklr) who has NFL size is back.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - JSU should be solid with 2nd Team SWAC senior K Eric Perri back and senior P Brett Bennett.

**COACHES** - HC Rick Comegy enters his 4th season after serving as HC at Tuskegee for 10 yrs. He is coming off leading JSU to a 2nd straight Divisional title. OC James Woody and DC Darrin Hayes both return following with Comegy from Tuskegee.

**FORECAST** - The Tigers have never won the IAA/FCS Championship despite going to the playoffs 12 times. They do have 3 Black College titles with the last coming in 1996. They enter '09 with 16 SWAC Championships all-time. LY they went 7-5 after a 1-4 start with a loss to Grambling St in the SWAC Title gm. The Off should be outstanding w/10 starters back and the DEF will bring back 7 and are among the favorites once again for the SWAC Title.

<b>Sep. 5</b>	at Mississippi St
<b>Sep. 12</b>	Tennessee St
<b>Sep. 19</b>	Grambling St
<b>Sep. 26</b>	
<b>Oct. 3</b>	at Southern
<b>Oct. 10</b>	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
<b>Oct. 17</b>	Texas Southern
<b>Oct. 24</b>	at Miss Valley St
<b>Oct. 31</b>	
<b>Nov. 7</b>	Alabama St
<b>Nov. 14</b>	at Alabama A&M
<b>Nov. 21</b>	Alcorn St

Last 10 FCS Playoff Games			
YEAR	GAME	OPPONENT	SCORE
1982	FR	E Illinois	13-16
1985	FR	Georgia So	0-27
1986	FR	Tennessee St	23-32
1987	FR	Arkansas St	32-35
1988	FR	SF Austin	0-24
1989	FR	Montana	7-48
1990	FR	Middle Tenn St	7-28
1995	FR	Marshall	8-38
1996	FR	William & Mary	6-45
1997	FR	W Illinois	24-31
<b>RETURNING STARTERS:</b>			
<b>OFFENSE:</b>		<b>10*</b>	
<b>DEFENSE:</b>		<b>7</b>	



2006 RESULTS (6-5)	
OPPONENT	SCORE
Paul Quinn	44-20
at Tennessee St	30-31
Miss Valley St	29-24
at Texas Southern	29-5
at Alabama St	19-13
Southern	31-28
at Grambling St	7-36
at Ark-Pine Bluff	40-43
Alabama A&M	21-34
Prairie View A&M	31-7
Alcorn St	31-32

2007 RESULTS (8-4)	
OPPONENT	SCORE
Delta St	15-27
at Tennessee St	13-16
Texas Southern	28-7
at Miss Valley St	50-16
Alabama St	32-20
at Southern	32-26
Grambling St	20-30
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	17-6
at Alabama A&M	43-40
at Prairie View A&M	27-30
Alcorn St	31-19
at Grambling St	42-31

2008 RESULTS (7-5)	
OPPONENT	SCORE
at Hampton	13-17
Stillman	17-7
at Tennessee St	18-41
at Grambling St	5-14
Southern	28-35
at Arkansas-Pine Bluff	21-10
at Texas Southern	30-14
Miss Valley St	29-27
at Alabama St	20-0
Alabama A&M	37-21
Alcorn St	26-21
Grambling St	9-41

## 2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING										PLAYER									
	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG					TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT				
Trae Rutland	127	726	229	497	4	3.9				Marcellus Speaks	122	5	15.5	3	1				
Luther Edwards	111	492	47	445	7	4.0				Marcus Benard	84	15	6.5	1	0				
Darius Bolela	44	330	22	308	2	7.0				Marcus Jamison	61	0	6	3	0				
Bloi-Dei Dorzon	70	290	40	250	2	3.6				Sam Washington	57	6.5	8	0	0				
Jaward Smith	19	73	8	65	0	3.4				Ryan Rich	49	1	3.5	3	3				
Carlos Simpson	11	59	6	53	0	4.8				Malcolm Palmer	47	1	1	10	1				
Michael Mosley	26	100	50	50	0	1.9				Domonique Johnson	44	0	2.5	13	5				
Demario Phippen	13	45	4	41	0	3.2				Marcus Smith	37	1	1	4	1				
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT				Marcell Young	25	0	0	2	0				
Trae Rutland	202	115	56.9	1423	7	10				Timothy Clark	24	0	0.5	1	0				
Michael Mosley	86	27	31.4	442	4	3				Dennis Coit	22	3.5	3	0	0				
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG					Neal Pogue	19	0.5	0.5	1	0				
Carlos Simpson	42	401	9.5	2	36					Ernest Brooks	18	1	3.5	0	0				
Carlos Everett	16	304	19.0	2	72					Anthony Atkins	16	1	1.5	0	0				
Keenan Tillman	23	300	13.0	0	29					Carlos Meeks	15	1	1.0	1	0				
Marcel Frost	14	257	18.4	2	58					Jeremy Pierce	12	0	1	0	0				
Marcell Wilder	11	200	18.2	1	50					Terrance Oniuke	12	1	5	0	0				
Cedric Dixon	4	60	15.0	1	27					Donavan Robinson	10	2	1	0	0				
Rodney Gray	2	57	28.5	1	32					Terrence Banks	10	0.5	2	0	0				
Brian Jackson	6	50	8.3	0	16					PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD					
Kethonne McLaurin	3	44	14.7	0	32					Carlos Simpson	16	94	5.9	0					
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	In20					Terrell Walters	1	23	23.0	0					
Brett Bennett	65	2552	39.3	30.5	14					KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD					
KICKING	XP	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG					Carlos Everett	11	237	21.5	0					
Eric Perri	22-26	3-5	0-0	13-16	49					Domonique Johnson	5	120	24.0	0					