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The 2011 JU Softball Team at NCAA Regionals Gainesville, FL

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## 2011 SEASON IN REVIEW

The 2011 season was one of the best campaigns in JU's short history.

The 'Phins racked up a 15-game winning streak at the end of their season which included winning the A-Sun regular season and tournament titles. They also set new program records in wins (44) and home victories (22). JU was ranked in the top three in the nation in ERA and hit 41 HR's doubling their team's total from the previous year.

The team ended their season falling to UCLA 12-4 in the first round in the NCAA Tournament in Gainesville, FL. Despite the loss, the 2011 season is undoubtedly one of the best campaigns in JU history.

After a crazy summer filled with recruiting and coaching changes, the 2011-12 'Phin staff and team are anxiously awaiting another monumental season.

Individual offensive and defensive practices began on August 29th. It is evident that the team, including the freshmen, have worked hard over the summer. The entire staff was very impressed with the results of the dreaded 300 yard shuttle fitness test. This year JU is the team to beat, the target is on their back and they are ready to "DEFEND THE 'SHIP!"

## MEET THE 2011-12 STAFF

Head Coach Ali Higgs was hired in July, replacing previous head coach Amanda Lehotak, who took the head coaching position at the University of Texas San Antonio. Coach Higgs, who served as assistant coach the previous five years, is excited for the opportunity to continue the success of JU softball.

In August Higgs hired former Seton Hall stand out Laura Taylor. Before coming to JU Taylor



coached at St. Johns and Providence College. Last year she was the National Softball Director of Frozen Ropes.



Rachael Click joined the Dolphins' staff in 2011. Prior to JU, Click was an assistant coach at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire. During her playing career at Gustavus Adolphus she earned NFCA All American Honors.



## PLANS FOR FALL 2011

### SCHEDULE

**August 29-Sept 9: Individuals**

**Sept 8-9: Walk on Try Outs**

**Sept 12: 1st TEAM Practice**

**Sept 24: DH @ JU vs. FSCJ 1pm**

**Sept 30: DH @ JU vs. SJRCC 4pm**

**Oct 1: DH @JU vs. Flagler 1pm**

**Oct 7: DH @ JU vs Seminole 5pm**

**Oct 15: ALUMNI Game 11am**

After two weeks of individuals, the team will begin their first week of five total fall team practices. In addition to five weeks of team practice, the 'Phins will be competing in four double headers. They will be playing Florida State College of Jacksonville, Saint Johns River Community College, Flagler College and Seminole State College of Florida.

The team will wrap up their fall season on October 15th with the annual Alumni Game. Please join us at 11am for an alumni/intersquad game followed by the Jacksonville University football game at 1pm and evening socializing!