Mayor Alvin Brown's Sports Accomplishments

- Mayor Brown has made attracting major sporting events to Jacksonville a top priority. Each event highlights the city on a national and international scale that provides media exposure, increased economic impacts and local community engagement.

- Mayor Brown worked closely with Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus to garner Navy support for Jacksonville to host the inaugural Navy-Marine Corps Classic. The Navy has agreed to send the USS Bataan to Naval Station Mayport to serve as the platform for this nationally-broadcast game on Nov. 9 at 9 p.m.

- Jacksonville hosted the international friendly U.S. Men's National Team vs. Scotland match on Saturday, May 26, 2012 at EverBank Field. The last professional soccer game in Jacksonville was held on Feb. 6, 1999, when the USMNT defeated defending European Champion Germany 3-0 in front of 17,259 fans, and set an attendance record. This year's game greatly surpassed the attendance record with more than 40,000 tickets sold.

- Mayor Brown, alongside United States Tennis Association's Jeff Ryan, announced that Jacksonville will host the 2013 Davis Cup Feb. 1 -3; the United States will begin its chase for the 2013 title when it hosts Brazil in first round matches at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena. The two teams will face off in a best-of-five series for the right to advance to the second round and compete against the winner of the Serbia-Belgium match.

- Jacksonville is home to the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars. The team was established in 1993 as an expansion franchise awarded by the NFL. The NFL has designated the Jaguars to kick of the NFL's "Salute to Service" weekend.

- Mayor Brown worked to bring the NCAA Division 1 Men's and Women's East Outdoor Preliminary Round Regional Track & Field events to Jacksonville for 2012 and 2014.

- The City of Jacksonville renamed the Baseball Grounds – now called Bragan Field at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville. The dedication honored the late Peter Bragan, Sr. for his contributions as the Suns owner and as a generous member of the community.

- The annual Georgia-Florida game is held in Jacksonville at the EverBank Field, with a sellout crowd of more than 84,000 fans annually in attendance.

- Jacksonville is also home to the American Basketball Association's Jacksonville Giants, Minor League Baseball's Jacksonville Suns, and Arena Football League's Jacksonville Sharks.