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San Jose State almost gives Nevada a game. Accidentally lose 62-7

Last week's Sunday night ESPN match up between WAC powerhouse Nevada and WAC doormat San Jose State nearly treated a national audience of viewers to a thrilling game before tragically spiraling downward into a blowout shortly after kickoff.

"We had them right where we wanted them," said Spartan head coach Dick Tomey. "We had the ball after kickoff and everything, and we even gained four yards in that first three-and-out series of ours."

Nevada promptly scored the first points of the game after 10-play, 73-yard touchdown drive; a lead from which they even came close to relinquishing. The Wolfpack also pulled off the impressive feat of having two different players rush for more than 100 yards in a game... twice. As if allowing four opposing players to go over 100 yards rushing wasn't enough, the Spartans also gave up eight touchdowns on the ground as well. Regardless of Nevada's staggering success on offense, Tomey spoke as highly of his team's performance after the game as he had any game this season.

"We didn't make anything happen defensively or offensively," Tomey said. "We didn't get a stop and we didn't move the ball. It was a dismal performance by everybody."

Nevada finished the game having not punted the ball even a single time, with their only non-scoring drive coming as a result of a missed 34-yard field goal. Every other time the Wolfpack touched the football, they ended up in the end zone. While Nevada finished the game with 59 rushing attempts for 517 yards (8.8 YPC), the Spartans got just 30 yards on 22 rushing attempts (much worse YPC). All in all the SJSU program is reflecting positively on their near-upset, calling it a giant step in the right direction.

Utah State

(2-7)



VS.

(1-7)



San Jose State

Apology for being MIA vs. La Tech

If you were at the Louisiana Tech game back on Oct. 24, you may have noticed there was no Bull-Sheet to be found. Part of the disadvantage of having a one-man staff of a publication is that if that one man ends up in the hospital with swine flu and pneumonia, there is nobody to pick up the slack and continue producing this newsletter. My apologies go out to everyone for missing out on that game. Just remember that while you were enjoying a thrilling Aggie victory, I was on day four of a crappy six-day hospital stay while I cheated death yet again.

- Fafner, a.k.a. Matt Sonnenberg

Refining the home-field advantage

Since we're still very much a work in progress for a dominant home crowd, as well as a solid football team (although our record is not indicative of how well we've played), we're going to continue to refine some things for bringing the pain at Romney.

Showing up to games - The openers are always packed, often even the second game, but then nobody bothers as the season goes on. That's weak-sauce. Drag everyone you know out to games.

Abandon chanting "Block that kick" - It's so generic, boring, non-hostile, lame, and I'm pretty sure they chant that at BYU. We can come up with better. If you got it, chant it. "Block that kick" dies.

Bull Sheet scouting report

A Game Preview

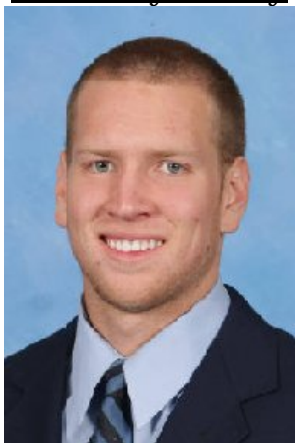
To put it plainly, San Jose State has been an absolutely horrible team this season. While USU has been less than spectacular, the Aggies have been losing games by close margins despite often times playing down to their competition. San Jose State just tends to get rolled by whichever team they play. Thus far this season both SJSU and USU have four losses in WAC play. The average point margin among those four losses for the Aggies is by 5.75 points. For the Spartans however, they have lost four WAC contests by an average margin of 29.25 points. Basically, when they fall, they fall hard. Despite USU's defensive woes this season, especially as of late with all the injuries, San Jose actually brings in a defense that is rated lower than the Aggies'. The kicker is that while the Spartans offense (No. 115 in the nation) rates even worse than their defense, the Aggies still have the No. 21 total offense in the nation. The biggest worry is that USU tends to play to their competition this season, and if they play down to San Jose State, this game could be a little closer than it should be.

In the next "Bull Sheet" ...

- Aggie fans everywhere shocked to learn that it's no joke that ESPN2 is coming to Romney Stadium for the Boise State game.

- Coach Andersen scavenges team roster to find a single senior who ISN'T injured to play on senior night... but fails.

Know Thy Enemy



#12 - Jordan La Secla Jr. - Quarterback

Jordan La Secla is at the helm of the fearsome Spartan offense that is the No. 115 offense in the nation. To his credit, San Jose's passing attack comes in at No. 85 among the nation's best passing threats, but it's still only managed to give SJSU a narrow victory over an FCS team as the only thing the Spartans can hang their hat on.

La Secla has a 61.9 percent completion percentage on the season to go along with is 1,362 yards, eight touchdowns and seven interceptions. In high school he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. As far as anything even remotely interesting about him goes, it doesn't seem like there's anything out there. Nice work Jordan... way to build that legacy of not even being mediocre.

RBs Lamond Muldrow and Patrick Perry - So far this season, San Jose State has allowed opponents to rush for 2,216 yards against them while only rushing for 588 yards themselves. One need look no further than to San Jose State's top two rushers in Lamond Muldrow and Patrick Perry to explain the SJSU rushing differential of -1,628. Muldrow and Perry's combined rushing total is a sparse 461 yards. For comparison's sake, USU's No. 2 and 3 rushers (Diondre Borel and Michael Smith) have a combined 569 yards. Then there's that Turbin guy who isn't too shabby either (932 yards this season). Considering how USU has struggled in stopping the run lately, I'd like to kindly welcome these two to Romney Stadium.

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