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Streak: Win 5

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Streak: Loss 7

The Hit List

#	Name	Ht	Pos	Yr.
1	Caleb Simmons	6'6	G	RSr.
2	Brae Ivey	6'2	G	Sr.
4	Zach Chappell	6'3	G	So.
5	Isaiah Nichols	6'5	G	Sr.
10	Omari Moore	6'6	G	Fr.
11	Christian Anigwe	6'9	F	So.
12	Eduardo Lane	6'10	F	Jr.
13	Seneca Knight	6'6	G	So.
14	Samuel Japhet-Mathias	6'11	C	RJr.
21	Kaison Hammonds	6'4	G	So.
22	Richard Washington	6'6	G	Jr.
35	Ralph Agee	6'8	F	Jr.
44	Trey Smith	6'3	G	So.
50	Harminder Dhaliwal	6'10	C	Fr.

San Jose State Celebrates A Relatively Successful Year of Basketball

It's been a banner year for San Jose State (7-21). Any team that sits perennially at the bottom of the Mountain West Conference standings might have something to celebrate whenever a new bottom dweller decides to take their place. This is the school of the conference that just considers participation a plus and is probably first to tell you "It's not always about winning but about having fun." So, whenever they get to move up a spot in the rankings it's a cause for celebration.

When our ultra-talented reporters reached out to Head Coach Jean Prioleau to comment on his team's newfound success he added "It's like that card game called SCUM. You spend years as the Butt Scum and finally you reach a breakthrough. This year we just get to be Scum, and it has never felt so good. Maybe even next year we might just move out of the Scum part altogether."

Team leader Seneca Knight added, "Shout out to Wyoming for helping us get to where we are today. It's no easy task to suck more than we do. And somehow they managed to pull it off."

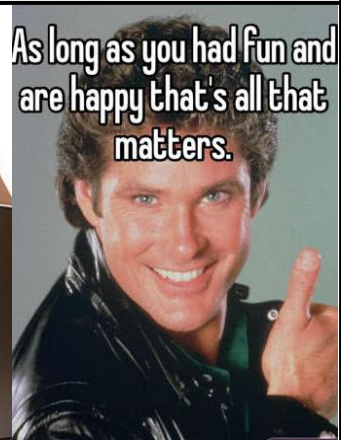
It's clear that San Jose has some room to improve, but they have graciously agreed to send our seniors off in style. So, expect a big night from our seniors. It's about all SJSU can do, is sit back and watch our seniors go to work. Let's Give SJSU Hell!

In All Honesty: A Game Preview

They aren't the Butt Scum of the conference. Just the Scum. They gave us a challenge when we played them during our little slump, but I think that won't be the case again this time. We should dispatch of these guys quite easily. Just focus on giving our own seniors some love.

Mark Your Calendars!!!

UP NEXT: I thought about leaving this part blank, but I wouldn't feel right until I put in a plug about supporting our boys down in Vegas. Make Spring Break plans to get there and have fun!



The Dirt – What you should know, that they wish you didn't.

~"If you ever felt so bad for the other team that you felt like cheering for them to keep trying...you might have played SJSU." ~ **Jeff Foxworthy**

~Analysts for the Spectrum Magic just finished transcribing a hidden mic recording of **SJSU Coach Prioleau**: It turns out what we originally thought was coaching strategy was actually him pleading with the players to stay on the court and not run onto the bus until the game is over.

13 Seneca Knight-Loves three and only three things in life...going on long walks, anime, and retweeting people's retweets of what he ORIGINALLY tweeted. He also establishes his dominance as team leader by chewing obnoxiously loud. Then trying to fight anyone who confronts him about it. Weird dude.

#2 Brae Ivey- He used to be impressive. But over the last couple years he seems to have just disappeared, along with his followers. He claims that yoga is his passion, maybe he can declare for the National Yoga Draft? Rumor also has it that he is the kind of guy who farts then asks, "Do you smell popcorn?"

#50 Harminder Dhaliwal- When you get back home, say this name out loud. Does your furniture start floating too? Or is it just me?

#22 Richard Washington- Word on the street is he has a dope Pokémon card collection. Stolen from other kids on the playground as a child. He also can't decide what major he wants to declare...Which is scary seeing he is finishing up his Junior year.

#14 Samuel Japheth-Mathias- Despite being the biggest dude on the team, he still leaves passive aggressive notes around the locker room instead of confronting teammates.

Farewell from the Spectrum Magic Writers

Yes, it's been fun, but it's time for this year's writers to pass the torch to the next avid fans. Who are we? Well, we aren't going to put our names into print. But, its two brothers who grew up here in Cache Valley as well as one of our best friends from Tremonton. The three of us grew up going to games since we were kids and have been sitting near the front our entire college career. We have been avid fans for years now and when nobody from last year printed the Newsletter, we decided to take it up for conference play. We spent our own time, money and resources to print this. We wanted to continue the tradition that started 10-ish years ago with the Refraction. However, I am graduating and the other two are entering their senior years of much more rigorous programs than mine.

So, it's time for somebody else to pick it up. If you want tips pointers or even our old resources and techniques, email us at spectrummagicdiehards@gmail.com and we can get you started. It takes a lot of work and creativity to produce this. As well as knowing where the line is of going too far and when some ideas are good or just plain bad. Although we are willing to get you started in the right direction. There are lots of people that show up early to these games, and it helps pass the time and keep the crowd on the same page and informed.

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Senior Spotlight

Sam Merrill -Sheesh, what do we say about our MVP? Sam is going down as one of the all-time greats in Utah State history. His accolades and records basically speak for themselves. It going to be tough to lose our team leader. Sam showed up night in and night out and competed at a high level. We just want to say how much we appreciate Sam for all his hard work. It doesn't seem real to watch him perform one last time here in the spectrum. Especially since some of us writers of this newsletter are seniors and we have watched Sam from the beginning. Here are some of his records that he holds. It's not all of them. I didn't have space. So, here are some of his top records: MW All Time Scorer; 4th with 2078 points. USU All Time Scorer; 3rd with 2078 points. The rest of these categories are USU All-Time records. He was 1st in Free Throw % with .892%. He is 2nd place all time with Career Assists, made 3-Pointers and Career Total Minutes Played. 4th in 10-point games. 5th in made free throws, games started, and field goals attempted. I could go on. But I need to leave some space for the other guys. It could be fitting to get some MVP chants going for Merrill tonight he has earned it.



HONORS: Mountain West Player of the Year (2019)... Mountain West Tournament MVP (2019)... First-team all-Mountain West (2019)... 2019 Third-team All-American (stadium)... AP Honorable Mention All-American (2019)... USBWA all-District VIII... NABC first-team all-District 17... Third-team all-Mountain West (2018)... academic All-Mountain West (2017, 2019)... Whitesides Scholar-Athlete (2017, 2018, 2019).



STATS	GP	MIN	FG%	3P%	FT%	REB	AST	BLK	STL	PF	TO	PTS
2019-20	27	35.0	45.2	41.4	89.7	4.3	4.0	0.1	0.8	2.4	1.6	18.9
2018-19	35	35.3	46.1	37.6	90.9	3.9	4.2	0.3	1.1	2.5	1.9	20.9
2017-18	34	35.4	50.4	46.4	84.9	3.3	3.1	0.2	1.0	2.2	1.8	16.3
2016-17	30	26.7	45.0	45.1	87.8	3.1	3.2	0.2	1.0	2.6	1.0	9.4

Diogo Brito - Our Sixth Man. For those of you that don't know that what means, it means that you are the designated first person off the bench. You typically have your starting 5, then the 6th man's job is to provide a spark of energy to that starting lineup. Brito has excelled in this role even though he easily could have been in the starting lineup. I personally think he would have won the MW 6th man of the year last year if it weren't for Sam Merrill winning MVP, Quetta winning Freshman of the year and Defensive Player of the year and Coach Smith winning Coach of the Year, but it wouldn't have been fair if we swept ALL the awards. So, Brito got runner up instead. Our Portuguese Native has been a friend and Mentor to Quetta and a key part to our success. Rumor has it he is the kind of guy girls pray to have in their recitation classes. So, it looks like he will be missed outside of the Spectrum too. 🙏



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2019-20	29	26.9	39.2	27.2	86.0	4.4	2.6	0.2	1.5	1.8	1.7	8.6
2018-19	35	23.6	43.1	39.6	73.0	4.2	2.2	0.1	1.1	1.7	1.6	8.2
2017-18	34	24.6	46.1	30.0	60.4	3.5	2.0	0.1	0.8	1.6	1.6	6.0
2016-17	17	6.1	26.1	10.0	20.0	0.8	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.8

Abel Porter-You might be confused that this is considered Porters last year. Yes, he is a junior technically. However, he is graduating with his master's this year and is starting his next chapter of life. Porter has been a stabilizing force on the team and his presence on the court lead to our miraculous MW Tournament championship. I feel like the local newspaper, the Herald Journal, said it best. "With Porter at the point last year, the Aggies had more assists, fewer turnovers, shot better from beyond the 3-point line, averaged more points and won 15 of the last 17 games." The former walk-on was also high school friends with Sam Merrill and has been a contributor both on and off the court.



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2019-20	29	26.9	38.7	30.4	76.1	2.4	3.5	0.1	0.6	2.3	1.8	6.3
2018-19	34	21.9	42.0	40.5	71.2	2.3	2.8	0.1	0.6	2.1	1.4	5.5
2017-18	23	7.4	38.1	22.2	53.3	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.3	1.0	0.4	1.1
2016-17	3	4.3	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3



Roche Grootfaam We didn't see a lot of action from Grootfaam. He was a JUCO transfer with two years of eligibility. He spent his junior year injured and his senior year buried in the depth chart behind three seven footers. But, I will say this about Grootfaam. He is probably one of the funniest guys on the team. Those of us that showed up early to the games and interacted with him will miss this guy.

SCHOOL	CONF	OVERALL	STREAK
San Diego	15-1	26-1	L1
Utah State	11-5	22-7	W5
Nevada	11-5	18-10	W5
Bosie State	11-6	19-10	W2
UNLV	10-6	19-10	W1
Colorado State	10-6	15-14	W3
New Mexico	6-10	17-12	L4
Fresno State	6-11	10-18	L1
Air Force	4-12	10-18	L2
San Jose State	3-13	7-21	L7