



Game Notes Fresno State vs. San José State October 7, 2017



Fresno State Game Notes

- Team Captains: Malik Forrester, Aaron Mitchell, KeeSean Johnson and James Bailey
- Fresno State calls tails and wins the toss, Fresno State elects to defer. SJSU will start with the ball.

First Quarter

- Jaron Bryant ended San Jose State's opening drive with his third interception in the last two games. It was the Spartans' second play from scrimmage.
- The Bulldogs like San Jose State, did not produce a first down on its opening drive.
- Fresno State recorded the game's first, first down on third-and-1, picked up by Josh Hokit's 4-yard run, 11:13 into the game.
- Fresno State was 2-of-3 on third downs during its second drive. Fresno State totaled four first downs en route to scoring the game's first points.
- Jordan Mims picked up three yards on fourth-and-1 to extend the Bulldogs' drive, moving Fresno State to 3-of-5 on the season on fourth downs.
- With 6:06 left in the first quarter, Ronnie Rivers ran for his third touchdown of the season, a 15-yard scamper.
- With 4:53 left in the first quarter, Juju Hughes grabbed his first-career interception, setting the 'Dogs up with a first-and-10 at their own 47.
- Fresno State's two INTs in the first quarter and three INTs last week, marks the first time the Bulldogs have had back-to-back games with multiple INTs since Sept. 28-Oct. 5, 2013 (vs. Hawai'i, 2, vs. Idaho 4).
- With 2:24 remaining in the first quarter, Ronnie Rivers doubled his rushing touchdown count, with a 3-yard rush, bringing his total to four.
- San Jose State's four, first quarter drives resulted in two interceptions, one three-and-out, and one drive that ended in a punt after picking up one first down with 16 yards total. San Jose State earned two first downs in the first quarter. 13 plays, 3.4 yards per play vs. the 'Dogs' 6.3 yards per play.
- Fresno State's four drives in the first quarter started with an average field position of their own 42.
- San Jose State completed one pass for five yards in the opening frame. The Bulldog defensive backs caught two of his five first quarter attempts.

Second Quarter

- At 10:24, San Jose State completed its second pass of the game.
- Josh Hokit scored his third rushing touchdown of the season (third career), increasing the Bulldogs' lead to 21-0 with 0:35 remaining in the half.
- By number of plays and time, Fresno State's 17-play drive and 8:04 run off the clock that led to its third score, was the Bulldogs' longest drive and single time of possession this season.

HALFTIME

- Fresno State shut its opponent out in the first half for the second time this season (Incarnate Word).
- McMaryion was 10-of-15 for 129 yards in the opening half.
- Ronnie Rivers rushed for 78 yards in the first half, just four yards off his season-high.
- George Helmuth led the team with four tackles in the first half.
- Da'Mari Scott led the team in receptions in the first half with five (for 46 yards.)
- Fresno State led total offense 285 yards to San Jose State's 79 yards.
- Fresno State was 5-of-10 on third down while limiting SJSU to 1-of-4 on conversions.
- Fresno State was 2-of-2 on fourth down attempts. SJSU did not attempt a fourth down.
- Fresno State was 3-of-3 on trips to the red zone on the first half.
- Fresno State committed six penalties for 64 yards in the first half. Eight penalties is a season-high for the game for the 'Dogs.
- San Jose State had 52 tackles to Fresno State's 17 at the halftime break. The Bulldogs led the time of possession 22:20-7:40.

Third Quarter

- San Jose State used its best field position start of the game (Fresno State 49-yard line) at the 9:53 mark to score its first points of the game – bringing the 'Dogs lead to 21-7, with 6:24 left in the third quarter.
- San Jose State had 79 in the first half. They produced 49 on their first scoring drive of the game.
- Jeffrey Allison made a three-yard tackle for a loss on third-and-1, forcing a punt on fourth-and-4 from the Bulldogs' 47-yard line. It was the fifth Bulldog TFL of the game and brought Allison's total to 2.5 for the season.
- On the final play of the quarter, Rivers' 6-yard rush put him over the top for a new season-high in rushing, surpassing 82 set the previous week vs. Nevada. (14 carries, 87 yards).
- San Jose State outgained the Bulldogs' 74 yards to 32 yards in the third quarter. It was Fresno State's lowest output in terms of yards in a single quarter all season. Topping just 37 yards gained by Fresno State in the third quarter at Alabama.
- Fresno State was 4-of-6 passing for nine yards in the third quarter.

Fourth Quarter

- Juju Hughes, who registered his first career interception in the first quarter, forced the first fumble of his career (recovered by Emeka Ndoh), it was recovered on the San Jose State 21-yard line. It turned into three points off of the turnover.
- Jimmy Camacho connected on a 38-yard field goal to up the Bulldogs' lead to 24-7 with 13:40 left in the game. It was his ninth make of the season.
- The Bulldogs' lead was reduced to 24-10 after a 51-yard field goal by San Jose State with 8:36 remaining in the game.
- San Jose State attempted an onside kick with 8:31 left on the clock, Fresno State recovered it at the San Jose State 38.
- Fresno State dropped to 0-of-5 on third down in the second half on a failed third-and-3 – Camacho 50-yard field goal.
- Jimmy Camacho connected on a career-long 50-yard field goal to move the Bulldogs in front 27-10 – 6:14 left in the game.

GAME

- - Fresno State returns claimed the Valley Trophy for the second time (2014) after the schools created the traveling trophy in 2013.
- The Bulldogs improved to 41-37-3 all-time against the Spartans and won for the first time in San Jose since 2010.

- Fresno State improved to 2-0 in Mountain West play for the first time since 2014, and for the third time since joining the MW in 2012.
- [KeeSean Johnson](#) extended his consecutive games with a reception to 27 games.
- Ronnie Rivers went for 105 yards on the ground to become the first Bulldog to go over the century mark rushing since Oct. 8, 2016 (Dontel James, 169 yards).
- The last time the 'Dogs had four turnovers was on Nov. 14, 2015 at Hawai'i.
- Fresno State rushed for over 200 yards as a team for the first time this season.
- The 205 yards allowed by the Bulldogs were the fewest for an FBS opponent since Nov. 15, 2008 in a 24-17 win against New Mexico State.
- It was the third game since 2011 that the 'Dogs have had time of possession greater than 37 minutes. The 'Dogs held the ball for 37:01 on Saturday.
- The Bulldogs now have 11 turnovers, surpassing the 2016 season total of nine.