



Game Notes Nevada vs. San José State October 15, 2016



San Jose State University Game Notes

In both San Jose State wins this season, the Spartans did not have a turnover and rushed the football at least 50 times. Against Nevada, San Jose State had 54 rushes for 137 yards and two touchdowns. In the Portland State victory, the Spartans had a season-high 57 carries for 409 yards and six TDs.

The last time a San Jose State opponent in the Football Bowl Subdivision scored just one touchdown in a game against the Spartans was a 47-7 win over New Mexico State on November 10, 2012.

For the second week in a row, the San Jose State defense limited its opponent to less than 150 yards rushing. The 113 yards Nevada gained are the fewest yielded by the Spartans in a game this season. Nevada's 257 yards of total offense is the least allowed by San Jose State in a 2016 game.

The Nevada game marked the first time this season San Jose State kept an opponent scoreless in the first half. The last time the Spartans did that was in the November 12, 2015 game at Hawaii. San Jose State defeated Hawaii, 42-23.

San Jose State's time of possession against Nevada, 36:28, is a season-high.

Offensive lineman **Nate Velichko** made his first start since the September 10 Portland State game. Velichko had started 27 consecutive games before a knee injury on a PAT attempt forced him to the sidelines. Velichko started at right guard in place of Dominic Fredrickson.

Malik Roberson made his first major college start in the Nevada win. His 139 rushing yards are the most by a Spartan in a game this season. Roberson is the third San Jose State player to rush for at least 100 yards in a game in 2016. **Deontae Cooper** had 126 yards against Portland State. **Zamore Zigler** rushed for 111 yards against Portland State and 104 yards at Iowa State. The last time three Spartans rushed for at least 100 yards in a game in the same season was in 2001 by the trio of Jarmar Julien, Deoncé Whitaker and Lamar Ferguson.

Jermaine Kelly made his first start for San Jose State as a cornerback replacing **Dakari Monroe**. Kelly started two games as a redshirt freshman for the University of Washington in 2014.

Rahshead Johnson's 70-yard kickoff return to open the game was a season long and the longest by a Spartan in 2016. Johnson's previous long was 41 yards at Tulsa on September 3.

Trevon Bierria came up with his first major college interception in the Nevada game. His interception was turned into the game's first touchdown.

Andre Chachere's interception was his team-high third of the season.

Christian Tago was the Spartans leading tackler with a season high nine and 2.0 tackles for loss.