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San Jose State University Football Game Notes

Game captains: Quarterback **Kenny Potter**, wide receiver **Tim Crawley**, linebacker **Mark Amann** and defensive end **Isaiah Irving** served as team captains for the Tulsa game.

First time starters: Offensive tackle **Troy Kowalski**, wide receiver **Tre Hartley**, defensive tackle **Owen Roberts**, defensive backs **David Williams**, **Trevon Bierria**, **Dakari Monroe** and Jeremy Kelly made their first major college starts in the Tulsa game. Running back **Deontae Cooper** made his first start for San Jose State. Cooper started two games in his three seasons for the University of Washington.

A loss in the season opener: San Jose State lost a season opener for the first time since the 2012 season when Stanford topped the Spartans, 20-17. The last time San Jose State won a season-opening game on the road was in 2002 against Arkansas State, 33-18, in Little Rock, Ark.

Turnover margin goes against San Jose State: Seeking to “win” the turnover battle, San Jose State gave away the football three times and did not gain any “takeaways” from Tulsa. All three Spartan turnovers occurred in the first half.

Spartans allow 38 points in first half: The 38 Tulsa points in the first half matched the most points scored against San Jose State in a first half since Auburn’s 38 in a 59-13 win over the Spartans on September 6, 2014.

Spartans get to the quarterback: San Jose State was credited with four quarterback sacks against Tulsa. Linebacker **Frank Ginda** and defensive tackle **Owen Roberts** each had two. For Roberts, he recorded his first two major college sacks.

San Jose State unable to fully cash in on “red zone” opportunities: San Jose State only scored three points on its two “red zone” possessions, both in the second half. Tulsa was inside the San Jose State 20-yard line four times and scored 24 points.

Productive start for Johnson: Wide receiver **Rahshead Johnson’s** 64-yard touchdown reception is the longest pass reception by San Jose State since Jabari Carr caught an 86-yard touchdown pass from Joe Gray in the November 8, 2014 loss at Fresno State. Johnson also returned four kickoffs for 114 yards and rushed once for six yards.

Crawley gets 100th career reception: Wide receiver **Tim Crawley** became the 27th player in San Jose State history to catch at least 100 passes in a career with a fourth quarter reception. He finished the game with four receptions for 39 yards.

Ginda leads all players: Linebacker **Frank Ginda** was the game’s leading tackler with 13 stops and 2.0 quarterback sacks. His career high in tackles is 14 at last year’s overtime win at UNLV.

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Career highs for Owen Roberts: In his first start for San Jose State, defensive tackle **Owen Roberts** finished with career highs of eight tackles and two quarterback sacks.

Michael Carrizosa with strong start: Punter **Michael Carrizosa** averaged 46.0 yards on seven punts and booted all three of his kickoffs into the end zone for touchbacks in the Tulsa game. Four of Carrizosa's punts were ruled as fair catches and four were fielded inside the 20-yard line. The Spartans had a 44.4 yard net punting average in the opener.

McKnight with nine tackles: Despite playing only the second half, safety **Maurice McKnight** was credited with nine tackles. McKnight did not play in the first half as a result of a "targeting" penalty he incurred in the second half of the 2015 Cure Bowl. By rule, McKnight did not complete the Cure Bowl game and was mandated to miss the first half of San Jose State's next game.

Injury sidelines Tago: Linebacker **Christian Tago** did not play against Tulsa following a recent surgical procedure for a nagging knee problem.