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San Jose State University Football Game Notes

The San Jose State-UNLV overtime time marked the second time the two teams played an overtime contest. San Jose State now is 3-5 in overtime games with two of its three wins against UNLV. The Spartans beat the Rebels, 55-48, in one overtime on November 22, 1997.

The overtime win vs. UNLV was the first time San Jose State won an overtime game by taking the ball second.

San Jose State's win marked the first time this season the Spartans came from behind for a victory.

For the UNLV game, fullback Shane Smith carried the team's tool box; wide receiver Tyler Winston, the team's sword; and offensive tackle Wes Schweitzer, the team's sledgehammer, to the field prior to the game.

The San Jose State-UNLV game marked the fifth time current Spartans' offensive coordinator Al Borges and former San Jose State defensive coordinator Kent Baer coached against each other. The first meeting was in 1986 when Borges was the Portland State offensive coordinator and Baer was the Idaho defensive coordinator. There was a 13-year break before they were on opposite sides of the field for the 1999 and 2000 UCLA-Stanford games. In 2001, Borges was the offensive coordinator at Cal and Baer was the defensive coordinator at Stanford. Borges holds a 3-2 edge in wins as a coordinator over Baer.

Kenny Potter started at quarterback for San Jose State for the third time this season. Potter last played at Oregon State before missing the Fresno State and Auburn games due to injury. He finished 30-for-48 with one interception for 329 yards and two TDs.

Kenny Potter's 20-yard touchdown run to give San Jose State a 17-10 lead was the longest touchdown run by a Spartan quarterback since at least the 2001 season. In 2001, quarterback Clint Carlson scored on an 18-yard touchdown run in an October 16 win at UTEP.

Maurice McKnight came up with his first interception of the season. His 54-yard return is the longest by a Spartan since Justin Cole's 62-yard interception return for a touchdown vs. Boise State on October 18, 2008.

Tyler Winston's 42-yard reception to set up the Spartans' second touchdown of the game was his longest reception since the 2013 season-finale against Fresno State.

The UNLV game marked the 15th time in his career and the first time this season Austin Lopez kicked two or more field goals in a game. Lopez converted tries of 30 and 34 yards.

Austin Lopez had a season-high five kickoffs that were touchbacks in the game.

Christian Tago picked up his first sack of the season in the third quarter of the UNLV game. He finished the game with 13 tackles.

Tyler Ervin's eight pass receptions are a career high. His previous best was six receptions twice including the September 19 game at Oregon State.

Ervin scored two or more touchdowns in a game for the fifth time in six games this season.

Freshman linebacker Frank Ginda finished with a season-high 14 tackles.

Isaiah Irving's block of Noland Bornand's overtime field goal attempt was the second blocked kick by the Spartans this season.