

# **SAN JOSE STATE AT UNLV GAME NOTES**

(Oct. 10, 2015)

-UNLV and San Jose State faced each other for the 20<sup>th</sup> time on the football field. With their 33-27 overtime victory, the Spartans won their sixth straight over the Rebels and improved to 14-5-1 all-time in the series.

-UNLV fell to 4-9 all-time in overtime games and two of SJSU's three all-time OT wins have come in Las Vegas (the Spartans also owned the Rebels 55-48 after the first extra period on Nov. 22, 1997).

-Saturday's loss was the first by UNLV in its conference home opener since losing to BYU in the Las Vegas league lid-lifter in the 2009 season.

-Kickoff temperature was 91 degrees.

-Sophomore JC transfer Kurt Palandech made his first career start as a Rebel quarterback. He led the team on a 75-yard scoring drive on the game's opening drive. He finished the night completing half of his 30 attempts for 217 yards and two touchdown passes. He also netted 47 yards rushing.

-George Naufahu ran in from one yard out for his first touchdown of the season and the second of his career to make the score 7-0.

-Senior S Peni Ve'a made his first interception of the season (third of his career) to give the team 10 picks on the year by nine different players. Ve'a's seven TT vs. SJSU moved him into fifth place on UNLV's career tackles list with 294.

-Palandech threw his second interception as a Rebel to end the ensuing drive and then tossed his third in the second quarter, which led to SJSU's first touchdown of the game.

-UNLV junior PK Nicolai Bornand put the Rebels up 10-0 with a 27-yard field goal in the second quarter. He also nailed a 49-yarder with 11 seconds left to send the game into overtime. His third attempt, a 43-yarder in OT, was blocked.

-After UNLV recovered a muffed punt in the fourth quarter, Palandech found TE Andrew Price for a 25-yard touchdown play that marked the first score of Price's career and brought the Rebels to within 20-17.

-Price finished with two catches for a career-high 47 yards while WR Kendal Keys finished with a team-high five receptions for a career-high 84 yards.

-Junior LB Ryan McAleenan finished with a team-high 12 total tackles, which were also a career high for the former SJSU player.