


Breaking Down the Spartans

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San Jose State opened its 2008 season in dramatic fashion last Saturday, as the Spartans found the end zone in the closing seconds to pull out a 13-10 victory over UC Davis. SJSU, which finished 5-7 in 2007, was down 10-0 at halftime and trailed 10-6 before Kyle Reed found Kevin Jurovich for a 17-yard touchdown pass with eight seconds remaining in the game.

San Jose State Facts

Location: San Jose, Calif.
Nickname: Spartans
Enrollment: 31,906
Colors: Gold, White & Blue
Conference: Western Athletic (WAC)
Stadium: Spartan Stadium (30,456)
Series Record: Nebraska leads, 1-0
Head Coach: Dick Tomey
Record at SJSU: 18-19 (four years)
Career Record: 176-129-7 (28 years)

The game-winning touchdown pass capped a terrific outing for Reed in his collegiate debut. A junior transfer from Cal, Reed was the difference-maker in a defensive showdown.

Reed completed 14-of-18 passes for 132 yards while throwing for two touchdowns. He was also the Spartans' leading rusher, gaining 28 yards on seven carries. In addition to his game-winning touchdown grab,

Jurovich finished with 11 catches for 99 yards.

Defensively, San Jose State shut out UC Davis over the final three quarters. The Spartans allowed UC Davis to gain only 101 yards after the first quarter, including just 69 in the second half. After allowing a touchdown and a field goal in UC Davis' first three possessions, the Spartan defense stiffened up as five of UC Davis' final nine drives lasted just three plays or less.

SJSU held UC Davis to just 13 first downs and 254 total yards, but the Spartans managed only 15 first downs and 273 yards of offense.

Series History

Nebraska and San Jose State will be meeting for just the second time ever today. In the only previous meeting, the top-ranked Huskers opened the 2000 season with a 49-13 victory at Memorial Stadium.

NU rushed for 505 yards in the win, the program's highest total in nearly five seasons. Dan Alexander led the way with a career-high 208 yards rushing on only 17 carries, becoming the first Husker to eclipse the 200-yard mark since Ahman Green in 1997. The totals marked the first time Nebraska rushed for 500 yards as a team and had a 200-yard rusher under Head Coach Frank Solich. Correll Buckhalter added 117 yards on the ground, while Eric Crouch rushed for three touchdowns.

Nebraska scored touchdowns on each of its first four possessions and scored at least one touchdown in every quarter. All seven touchdown drives covered at least 65 yards.

San Jose State was led by running back Deonce Whitaker, who rushed for 147 yards. Whitaker broke lose on a 69-yard run on the Spartans' first drive of the game and had 113 rushing yards at the end of the first quarter.

Tomey Ranks Among Nation's Best

Spartan Head Coach Dick Tomey is in his 28th season as a major college head coach, including his fifth season at San Jose State. Tomey boasts a career record of 176-129-7, including an 18-19 mark at SJSU.

Tomey's 176 career victories at the Football Bowl Subdivision level rank fourth among all active FBS coaches, trailing only Joe Paterno (373), Bobby Bowden (342) and Mack Brown (184). In his career, Tomey has coached 313 games, a total that ranks fourth among all active FBS coaches and 18th all-time.

Tomey has some familiarity with the Big 12 Conference, as prior to taking the head job at San Jose State, he spent the 2004 season as the assistant head coach at Texas. Tomey was the head coach at Arizona from 1987 to 2000, compiling a 95-64-4 record, including a 23-20 victory over Nebraska in the 1998 Holiday Bowl.

Overall, Tomey is 1-2 against Nebraska, as he went 0-2 against the Huskers as Hawaii's head coach from 1977 to 1986.



Nebraska Cornhuskers
(1-0 Overall, 0-0 Big 12)



San Jose State Spartans
(1-0 Overall, 0-0 WAC)

Statistical Comparison

Category (per game)	NU	SJSU	Big 12	WAC	Natl.	Natl.
Rushing Offense	138.0	42.0	7th	7th	60th	96th
Passing Offense	345.0	231.0	2nd	2nd	11th	40th
Total Offense	483.0	273.0	5th	4th	28th	84th
Scoring Offense	47.0	13.0	5th	5th	19th	88th
Rushing Defense	8.0	61.0	1st	2nd	5th	25th
Pass Defense	342.0	193.0	10th	3rd	101st	54th
Pass Efficiency Defense	161.66	141.22	4th	2nd	22nd	43rd
Total Defense	350.0	254.0	6th	3rd	t-63rd	34th
Scoring Defense	24.0	10.0	8th	2nd	t-63rd	23rd
Net Punting	31.0	35.0	9th	5th	78th	54th
Punt Returns	13.67	3.5	4th	4th	27th	66th
Kickoff Returns	20.4	23.75	9th	1st	54th	35th
Turnover Margin	0.0	0.0	5th	2nd	t-40th	40th
Sacks	4.0	1.0	3rd	4th	10th	t-63rd
Tackles For Loss	7.0	4.0	3rd	5th	t-28th	75th
Sacks Allowed	0.0	4.0	1st	6th	t-1st	t-95th

San Jose State Statistical Leaders

Rushing	G	Att.	Yards	YPC	TD	Avg./G
Kyle Reed, QB	1	7	28	4.0	0	28.0
Yonus Davis, RB	1	7	26	3.7	0	26.0
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Int.	Yards	TD
Kyle Reed, QB	18	14	77.8	0	132	2
Myles Eden, QB	13	10	76.9	1	86	0
Receiving	G	No.	Yards	Avg.	Avg./G	TD
Kevin Jurovich, WR	1	11	99	9.0	99.0	1
David Richmond, WR	1	6	60	10.0	60.0	0
Jalal Beauchman, WR	1	4	40	10.0	40.0	0
Tackles	G	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks
Carl Ihenacho, DE	1	5	4	9	1	1.0
Coye Francies, CB	1	6	2	8	0	0



Yonus Davis, Sr., RB



Kevin Jurovich, Sr., WR