

San Jose State University  
Men's Basketball Game Notes  
December 20, 2008

San Jose State played its first game at the San Jose Civic Auditorium since January 22, 1995 when the Spartans dropped a 85-74 decision to UC Irvine. The last San Jose State win in the Civic Auditorium was on January 3, 1989 when the Spartans topped Pacific, 76-72.

San Jose State's 66.7 percent field goal shooting in the Northern Colorado win marked the first time since January 30, 1999 that the Spartans shot at least 60 percent from the field in a game. The Spartans beat San Diego State, 82-57, shooting 62.3 percent from the field.

San Jose State seems to have found its range at the free throw line. Since the second half of the win at San Diego on December 8, the Spartans have made 18-of-19 attempts including 17 in a row. The team is shooting a season-best 63.9 percent from the free throw line.

For the first time this season, two San Jose State players scored 20 or more points in the same game. Adrian Oliver's 27 points were the most scored by a Spartan since Justin Graham scored 29 against Hawaii at Walt McPherson Court last season. Tim Pierce's 26 points were a career best.

Pierce has scored 49 points in the last two games, both victories. He matched his previous career high of 23 in the win over San Diego on December 8. Pierce is the first Spartan since Carlton Spencer to post back-to-back 20-point games. Spencer closed out his San Jose State career in March 2007 with 26 points in the regular season finale against Idaho and added 21 against the Vandals in the opening round game of the 2007 WAC Tournament.

Pierce set a San Jose State career record for 3-point baskets with his 124<sup>th</sup> early in the first half. Michael Quinney, who played on the 1998 and 1999 teams, held the record with 123. Pierce has made 11-of-16 three point basket attempts in the last two games and has 128 in the 66 games he has played for the Spartans.

Justin Graham's 13 assists match the second best single-game total on record in a San Jose State game. Ken Mickey set the record in a 1977 game against Illinois State with 17. Ricky Berry was credited with 13 assists in a 1985 win over Idaho in the Hoosier Classic.

For the first time in several seasons, the Spartans have a player who is averaging over 5.0 assists per game. Graham's 13 assists raised his season average to 5.3 per game. He also now has a positive assist-to-turnover ratio of 1.23-to-1.

Chris Oakes, who came into the game as the conference leader in blocked shots, added two against Northern Colorado to raise his season total to 17. Oakes led all players in the game with seven rebounds, more than twice the amount by any player on either team in a game in which the two teams combined to shoot 60.8 percent from the field.

Northern Colorado became the first team to make at least 50 percent of its field goal tries against San Jose State in a game this season. The Bears made 55.4 percent of their attempts. For the season, the Spartan opponents have 37.6 percent of their field goal tries.