



# *WOMEN'S BASKETBALL* **GAME DAY**



**vs UTAH STATE**



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The background image shows two students, a young man and a young woman, smiling and talking on a university campus. The man is wearing a white t-shirt and a backpack, and the woman is wearing a white button-down shirt and glasses, holding a laptop. Other students are blurred in the background.

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HEAD COACH

# JAMIE CRAIGHEAD

ASSISTANT COACHES: RYAN COOPER, CARLOTTA KLOPPENBURG-PRUITT,  
ARIELLE WIDEMAN



## SPARTAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Class	Hometown/Previous School
0	Raziya Potter	G	5-9	Jr.	Tracy, Calif. / Kimball HS
2	Sophia Jones	PG	5-8	Fr.	Miami, Fla. / Cypress Bay HS
3	Ayzhiana Basallo	PG	5-5	Jr.	San Francisco, Calif. / St. Ignatius Prep / Cal Poly
5	Analyss Benally	G	5-7	Sr.	Shiprock, N.M. / Wichita-Heights HS
10	Autam Mendez	G	5-8	Jr.	St. Paul, Minn. / Cretin-Derham Hall HS / North Iowa Area CC
12	Shaila Mays	G	5-9	So.	Phoenix, Ariz. / Pinnacle HS
13	Kalina Obrey	G/F	5-10	So.	Honolulu, Hawaii / Kamehameha Kapalama HS
15	Tyra Whitehead	F	6-3	Sr.	Richmond, Va. / Cosby HS / Wake Forest
21	Irene Chukwudi	C	6-2	Jr.	Port Harcourt, Nigeria / Atlantic Heralds / Barton CC
22	Danae Marquez	PG	5-5	Sr.	Fresno, Calif. / Clovis West HS
23	Miyah Lewis-Hampton	F	6-0	So.	San Francisco, Calif. / Leadership HS
24	Meghan Oberg	F	6-1	Sr.	Islip, N.Y. / Islip HS / Rhode Island
32	Alani Fluker	F	6-1	Fr.	San Antonio, Texas / Brennan HS
33	Courtesy Clark	G	5-8	Sr.	Sacramento, Calif. / McClatchy HS
35	Cydni Lewis	F	6-0	Sr.	Long Beach, Calif. / Mater Dei HS

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# KAYLA ARD

ASSISTANT COACHES: **KARLIE BURRIS, JAUWAN SCAIFE, JEANNE KENNEY**

## STATE AGGIES ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Class	Hometown/Previous School
0	Faith Brantley	G	5-7	So.	Tacoma, Wash. (Garfield HS)
1	Kamalu Kamakawiwo'ole	G	5-11	So.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Kalani HS)
2	Meagan Mendazona	G	5-9	Fr.	Monmouth, Ore. (Central HS)
3	Elli Emrich	G	5-11	So.	Bonn, Germany (Schloss Hagerhof)
4	Jessica Chatman	G/F	6-0	Gr.	Ridgefield, Wash. (Union HS / BYU / Southern Utah)
5	Kinley Falslev	G	5-8	Fr.	Benson, Utah (Green Canyon HS)
10	Emmie Harris	G	5-10	Sr.	Danville, Ky. (Boyle County HS)
11	Amit Lustgarten	G	5-5	Fr.	Salt Lake City, Utah (Skyline HS)
13	Paris Williams	G	5-8	Jr.	St. Petersburg, Fla. (Lakewood High School / Daytona State)
14	Monique Pruitt	G	5-9	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. (Montverde Academy / Miami Dade College / WVC)
22	Jocelyn Polansky	G	5-10	So.	Wallingford, Conn. (Choate Rosemary Hall)
23	Shyla Latone	G	5-4	R-So.	San Diego, Calif. (Bonita Vista HS / Cleveland State)
24	Bre Mathews	G/F	6-0	Jr.	Garland, Texas (Lakeview Centennial HS / New Mexico / RC)
25	Halle Nelson	G/F	6-1	Fr.	American Fork, Utah (American Fork HS)
42	Taylor Franson	G/F	6-1	Jr.	American Fork, Utah (American Fork HS)
44	Emily Jarrell	F/C	6-2	Fr.	Sanford, Fla. (Seminole HS)

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# GAME NOTES

## ANALYZING THE AGGIES

Utah State is off to a 2-3 start on the 2020-21 season and will also tip-off its conference season when it meets the Spartans. The team is coming off a 68-65 victory over UTEP - a win that snapped a three-game losing streak for the Aggies. Seniors Emmie Harris and Jessica Chatman led their team with 13 points a piece in the win against the Miners.

It's Chatman who leads Utah State in scoring with an average of 14.2 points per game. The forward also tops the team on the glass, pulling down 8.8 rebounds per game.

The Aggies are 0-2 away from home so far this season. Its last victory outside of Logan came back on March 1, an 81-79 overtime win against San Diego State in Las Vegas.

## AN SJSU WIN WOULD (MONDAY EDITION)

- > Give SJSU its fourth straight win over Utah State
- > Mark the program's first 2-0 start since the 2013-14 campaign
- > Be better than a loss

## SJSU VS. THE MOUNTAIN WEST

Overall, San José State is 124-227 against the current make up of schools in the Mountain West. The Spartans last victory over a Mountain West member came on March 2 against UNLV at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas.

## ABOUT ARIZONA

San José State has played nine games in the 48th state throughout the program's history, most recently facing No. 16 Arizona State in 2016 when current assistant coach Carlotta Kloppenburg-Pruitt was on staff with the Sun Devils. Monday's contest will mark the program's first-ever game in the city of Phoenix (have previously played in Flagstaff, Tempe and Tucson).

## FINAL (FORTY) FOUR

San José State is one of just 44 unbeatens among Division I teams that have started their 2020-21 seasons.

## SUCCESS IN A SEASON-OPENER

SJSU's Nov. 25 victory at California marked the program's first win in a season-opener since the 2015-16 campaign (92-78 vs. Southern Oregon). The 48 points scored by the Golden Bears were the fewest for a Spartan opponent in a season-opener since 2004 (46 - Sacramento State).

## WHITEHEAD NAMED COLLEGE SPORTS MADNESS MW PLAYER OF THE WEEK

San José State may have only played one game this year, but that was all senior Tyra Whitehead needed to make an early impression. The forward was named the Mountain West Player of the Week by College Sports Madness on Nov. 30 after scoring 12 points and pulling down 10 rebounds in the team's road win at California.

## A HISTORIC DOUBLE-DOUBLE

Tyra Whitehead's double-double at California marked the program's first double-double against a power conference opponent in 16 years. The last Spartan to accomplish the feat was Amber Jackson, who totaled 18 points and 15 rebounds in a 66-60 loss at Mississippi State on Dec. 19, 2004.

## IT'S A DRY HEAT

The Spartan women's basketball program has relocated its day-to-day operations to the Arizona Grand Resort & Spa due to the current public health directives in Santa Clara County. Each member of the team will continue to be tested regularly for COVID-19 while in Phoenix. While in the desert, the coaches, student-athletes and staff members will be in as controlled an environment as possible while getting the opportunity to host games against conference opponents.

## MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE MEDIA INFORMATION

For any information concerning Mountain West basketball, contact Theresa Kurtz, Associate Director of Strategic Communications. Mountain West information is also available online at [www.themw.com](http://www.themw.com).

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# SCHEDULE & RECORD

**Overall**  
1-0

**Conference**  
0-0

**Home**  
0-0

**Away**  
1-0

**Neutral**  
0-0

**CAL**  
NOV. 25 | W 56-48

**SAN FRANCISCO**  
NOV. 30 | CANCELED

**UC IRVINE**  
DEC. 8 | CANCELED

**PACIFIC**  
DEC. 13 | CANCELED

**SACRAMENTO STATE**  
DEC. 18 | CANCELED

**UTAH STATE**  
DEC. 21, 23 | PHOENIX, ARIZ.

**BOISE STATE**  
DEC. 31, JAN. 2 | BOISE, IDAHO

**FRESNO STATE**  
JAN. 8, 10 | PHOENIX, ARIZ.

**COLORADO STATE**  
JAN. 14, 16 | FORT COLLINS, COLO.

**NEW MEXICO**  
JAN. 21, 23 | PHOENIX, ARIZ.

**AIR FORCE**  
JAN. 28, 30 | USAF ACADEMY, COLO.

**SAN DIEGO STATE**  
FEB. 8, 10 | PHOENIX, ARIZ.

**NEVADA**  
FEB. 13, 15 | RENO, NEV.

**UNLV**  
FEB. 19, 21 | LAS VEGAS, NEV.

**WYOMING**  
FEB. 25, 27 | PHOENIX, ARIZ.

**MW TOURNAMENT - FIRST ROUND**  
MAR. 7 | LAS VEGAS, NEV.

**MW TOURNAMENT - QUARTERFINALS**  
MAR. 8 | LAS VEGAS, NEV.

**MW TOURNAMENT - SEMIFINALS**  
MAR. 9 | LAS VEGAS, NEV.

**MW TOURNAMENT - CHAMPIONSHIP**  
MAR. 10 | LAS VEGAS, NEV.

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