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San Jose State University Football Game Notes

San José State game captains for the Utah State are S Forrest Hightower and RB Tyler Ervin. They join team captains C David Peterson and DT Travis Raciti.

Quarterback Blake Jurich made his fourth start of the season. He replaced Joe Gray who was experiencing shoulder and foot discomforts following the Hawaii game. Jurich started the first three games of the season and became the first San Jose State quarterback since 2009 to start a game at the beginning of a season and then return in a starting capacity as late as the 11th game in a year. In 2009, quarterback Kyle Reed, in 2009, started the season opener and returned in a starting role in game 11 that season.

Linebacker Christian Tago, the team's leading tackler, did not travel with the team to the Utah State game. Tago was bothered by concussion-related symptoms mid-week. William Ossai, who started in the November 1 Colorado State game, replaced Tago. In his first start, Ossai was credited with a season-high, eight tackles.

In a week-long competition for the placekicking duties, Austin Lopez was deemed ahead of Michael Carrizosa and handled the kick-scoring duties. Lopez missed a 48-yard field goal attempt in the first quarter.

DT Travis Raciti and LB Vince Buhagiar saw their first action of their respective San Jose State careers on offense during the Spartans' first scoring drive of the game. Raciti finished with a single-game career-high nine tackles including 1.5 tackles for loss.

Safety Akeem King was credited with a career-high 11 tackles and two pass break-ups in the game.

Mitch Ravizza became the first San Jose State player since 1996 to play on the Spartan baseball and football teams with his entry into the Utah State game. Patrick Walsh, who played on the 1993 through 1996 football teams and three seasons with the Spartan baseball teams, was the last Spartan before Ravizza to play both sports.

For the third game in a row, cornerback Jimmy Pruitt intercepted a pass with his second quarter interception in the Utah State game. The school record is four last accomplished by Bené Benwikere in the 2013 season.

Tyler Winston became the eighth player in San Jose State history to have a 70-reception season. Winston caught four passes for 22 yards in the Utah State game to give him 72 catches in 2014. With 130 career receptions, Winston now is ninth on the school's career pass receiving list.

Tyler Ervin picked up his third 100-yard rushing game of the season in the Utah State contest with 104 yards on 22 carries. With 170 all-purpose yards in the game, Ervin moved into sixth place on the San Jose State career list for all-purpose yardage with 3,376.

Jabari Carr moved into fourth place on the San Jose State career receiving list. With his two receptions, he now has 150 catches and moved past Guy Liggins who 149 during the 1986 and 1987 seasons.