MEN'S BASKETBALL

Spartans poach visiting Bison

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San José State junior guard Alvaro Cardenas dribbles down the court against North Dakota State University in the Spartans' third-straight win Monday.

The San José State men's basketball team captured its third win in a row after defeating North Dakota State University 78-65 Monday night at home.

Senior forward Trey Anderson led all scorers with 21 points on 7-of-10 shooting from the field. Junior forward Tibet Görener scored 15 points and guard Myron Amey Jr. added 14 points to go along with 10 rebounds.

"It was a good win for the Spartans tonight," SJSU head coach Tim Miles said. "North Dakota State's a tough team physically and mentally. They challenged us in a lot of different ways."

BISON 65

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The Spartans struggled to shoot the ball in the first half. SJSU shot just 40% from the field and 33% from behind the arc.

Despite the cold shooting half, the Spartans led 32-27 going into halftime.

SJSU took control of the game 10 minutes into the second half. The Spartans went on a 25-19 run to end the game, led by a 14-point second half performance from Anderson.

"This team needs me to score first, so I feel like every game I have to have the mindset to come in and score," Anderson said.

Miles and SJSU players said the game had a Mountain West feel to it.

"They are a strong program that could compete with Mountain West teams," Miles said. "I scheduled this game for a reason."

Miles also confirmed forward Robert Vaihola underwent season-ending surgery on a leg injury and will miss the rest of the season at the post-game press conference junior.

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SJSU @ Cal Poly
Nov. 29 @ 7 p.m. PST
TV: ESPN+

Vaihola averaged 7.6 points and 6.5 rebounds coming off the bench this season. He was slated to be a starter after Ibrahima Diallo, last season's starting center, transferred to the University of Central Florida earlier this year.

This won't be the only time these two teams will meet. The Spartans are set to travel to Fargo, North Dakota on Dec. 4 to face the Bisons on the road.

But first, SJSU is scheduled to travel to San Luis Obispo to face Cal Poly in its next game at 7 p.m. at the Mott Athletics Center on Wednesday.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Spartans stomp out the Flames



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San José State senior forward Alani Fluker surveys the court in the Spartans' blowout win against Bethesda at the Provident Credit Union Event Center on Monday.

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It was the biggest ass-whooping a San José State basketball team has ever given out— literally.

The Spartans (4-4) defeated Bethesda University (0-8) 122-28 on Monday night at Provident Credit Union Event Center, capping off a record-breaking night.

Sophomore guard Sabrina Ma led SJSU with a career-high 31 points and shot seven of 15 from behind the arc. Junior forward/center Amhyia Moreland added 26 points and 12 rebounds, both were career-highs.

"Tonight was a good opportunity to get back to a good game," SJSU head coach April Phillips said. "Some of our players got high numbers and that's always a fun experience."

Ma got going in the first half, hitting four corner 3-pointers in a row. SJSU shot 57.8% from the field and 40% from the 3-point line in the first half.

"I was surprised at how open I was honestly," Ma said. "But the way (Bethesda) were in a 2-3 zone, I think we handled it well."

At halftime, the Spartans led 63-18.

The second half was much of the same for SJSU. Bethesda was only able to score 10 points in the second half.

Senior point guard Sophia Jones, daughter of ESPN commentator Mark Jones, made her season debut in the second half.

Jones tore her ACL before the 2022-23 season and was sidelined for the beginning of this season.

With her dad in the stands, Jones scored her first points since the 2021-22 season on a right-wing jumper that gave SJSU a 97-23 lead in the fourth quarter. As Sophia ran back on defense, Mark Jones was seen tearing up in the stands.

He later took to X to say, "Fourteen months of painful rehab and physiotherapy from a torn ACL & meniscus..and my daughter @sophiajones_2 finally made it back into the court. Sometimes your children inspire you in unimaginable ways. Grateful to have been there for the moment."

UPCOMING GAME

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The Spartans set a record with most field goals made in a game with 49. SJSU is still missing four players (Marisa Davis-Jones, Finau Tonga, Jasmine Singleton and Sofia Kelemeni) out with injury.

Up next for the Spartans is a four-game road trip on the west coast. SJSU is scheduled to play at 7 p.m. on Wednesday against the California State University of Fullerton at the Titan Gym in Fullerton.

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