

2020 San Jose St Football Preview



Head Coach (Yr)
Brent Brennan (4)
Offensive Coord.
Kevin McGivern (3)
Defensive Coord.
Derrick Odum (4)
Conference/Div
MWC/West

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	56.5	108
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	-2.9	108
2020 Strength of Schedule	62.4	89
2020 Season Win Projection	5.2	97
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	13 (6/7)	69
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	NO	
Returning Production %	56%	91
Returning Offense Production	49%	102
Returning Defense Production	63%	65
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	20	115
2020 Roster Talent Rank		107

2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

After going 3-22 SU in first two years here, San Jose St head coach Brent Brennan did a really good job last year getting the Spartans close to bowl eligibility. San Jose St finished 5-7 but three of those losses came by a combined 8 points. We upgraded San Jose 8 points in our power ratings from the start of the season (6th most in the country) but this year the Spartans could take a step back.

It starts with losing QB Josh Love who threw for 3,923 yards and was named 1st-Team All-MWC last year. His replacement will likely be Nick Nash (70.6% completions and 255 rush yards last year) or former Arkansas/Texas A&M QB Nick Starkel. No matter who starts, they will be throwing to a deep and talented receiving corps led by Tre Walker (1,161 yards, 1st-Team All-MWC), Bailey Gaitner (812 yards, 6 TD's) and Isaiah Hamilton (718 yards, 16.7 ypc). The Spartans do lose leading rusher DeJon Parker but San Jose only averaged 89 rushing ypg last year (No. 125 in the country). The defense returns seven starters led by safety Jay Lenard (95 tackles, 4.5 TFL's, 2 INT's). Similar to the offense, the defense did much better in the passing game (allowed only a 16-16 TD-to-INT ratio) but allowed 232 rushing ypg (No. 125).

The schedule is tough early with road games at Central Michigan, Penn State and Boise State along with a home game vs Air Force. However, the schedule eases up later and San Jose St could find themselves once again flirting with bowl eligibility. That says a lot considering the loss of a QB like Josh Love.

2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	at Central Mich	5.6	35%				
9/12	UC Davis	-5.4	65%				
9/19	at Penn State	37.7	2%				
9/26							
10/3	at Boise State	21.5	7%				
10/10	Air Force	6.3	34%				
10/17	UNLV	-6.1	67%				
10/24	at San Diego St	11.2	24%				
10/31	at New Mexico	-5.8	66%				
11/7	Nevada	-2.0	55%				
11/14	Connecticut	-14.0	84%				
11/21	Hawaii	0.4	50%				
11/28	at Fresno State	8.4	30%				
Projected Wins		5.19					

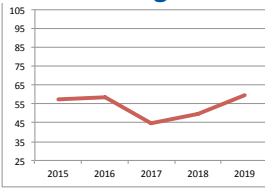
Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	6-7	4-8	2-11	1-11	5-7	18-44
Home	3-3	3-3	2-4	1-5	3-3	12-18
Away	2-4	1-5	0-7	0-6	2-4	5-26
Neutral	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Conference	4-4	3-5	1-7	1-7	2-6	11-29
Non-Conf	2-3	1-3	1-4	0-4	3-1	7-15
ATS	8-5	5-6	5-7-1	8-4	7-4-1	33-26-2
Home Fav	3-1	1-2	1-0	1-1	1-0-1	7-5
Home Dog	1-1	1-1	2-2-1	2-2	2-2	8-8-1
Away Fav	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-1
Away Dog	1-3	3-3	2-5	5-1	4-1	15-13
Conference	4-4	5-3	3-4-1	6-2	5-3	23-16-1
Non-Conf	4-1	0-3	2-3	2-2	2-1-1	10-10-1
O/U	7-5-1	5-6	6-7	6-6	6-6	30-30-1

ATS Stat

San Jose St's upset of Arkansas last year as 20.5-point underdogs was their 2nd largest upset in 40 years! (Illinois 2002)

End of Season Power Rating 2015-19



2019 Stats

	SJSt	Rk	Opp	Rk
Rushing				
YPC	3.5	118	4.8	102
YPG	89.4	125	232.1	125
Passing				
SJSt	Rk	Opp	Rk	
Comp %	61.2%	60	61.2%	79
YPA	8.1	28	7.5	74
YPG	338.0	4	211.7	43
TD-INT	24-8		16-16	
Total				
SJSt	Rk	Opp	Rk	
YPP	6.4	21	5.8	81
YPG	427.4	50	443.8	106
Scoring				
SJSt	Rk	Opp	Rk	
PPG	30.1	57	31.9	98
3rd Down				
SJSt	Rk	Opp	Rk	
%	40.9%	55	47.2%	124
Red Zone				
SJSt	Rk	Opp	Rk	
TD %	57.1%	83	66.0%	99
Scoring %	83.9%	62	82.0%	56
KO Ret				
SJSt	Rk	Opp	Rk	
Avg	19.7	83	20.7	64
Punt Ret				
SJSt	Rk	Opp	Rk	
Avg	4.8	109	12.2	113
Sacks				
By	Rk	Vs	Rk	
#	17	111	14	
TFL's				
By	Rk	Vs	Rk	
#	61	109	48	
Net Punt				
SJSt	Rk	Opp	Rk	
Avg	35.6	120		
4th Down				
Off	Rk	Opp	Rk	
Att P/Gm	1.3	88		
Turnovers				
Margin	+10	10		
Penalties				
Rk	70			
Per Game	6.2	70		

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Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
SJSt	80	107	66	108	0	361
Opp	87	93	87	116	0	383

2019 Stat Margins

Margins	+/-	Rk
Rush YPC	-1.3	120
Pass YPA	+0.7	50
YPP	+0.6	44
YPG	-16.4	80
Scoring	-1.8	84

2019 Individual Stats

	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
Passing				
Josh Love	481	3923	60.9	22-8
Nick Nash	17	133	70.6	2-0
Rushing				
Att Yds	YPC	TD		
DeJon Packer	125	567	4.5	11
Nick Nash	40	255	6.4	3
Receiving				
Rec Yds	YPC	TD		
Tre Walker	79	1161	14.7	2
Bailey Gaitner	52	812	15.6	6
Isaiah Hamilton	43	718	16.7	4
DeJon Packer	27	270	10.0	1
Defense				
Tkl	Sks	TFL	Int	
Ethan Aguayo	102	2	1.5	1
Jay Lenard	95	0	4.5	2
Kyle Harmon	89	2	4	0
Jesse Osuna	64	3	4	0
Tre Webb	58	0	1	1
Sailosii Latu	54	0	2.5	0
Kicking				
FG	LG	XP		
Matt Mercurio	20-24	49	37-39	
Punting				
Avg	120	50+	BLK	
Alex Galland	39.7	17	4	

2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
North. Colorado	59.5	59.5	18	Push
San Jose State	-10.5	-17	35	Under: 6.5
-Big money came in on San Jose St as the line moved about a TD (-10.5 to -17.5).				
Tulsa	-4	-6.5	34	Cover: 11.5
San Jose State	56.5	53.5	16	Under: 3.5
-Tulsa had 27-18 first down and 539-348 yard edges including 256-115 on the ground.				
San Jose State	56	61.5	31	Cover: 27.5
Arkansas	-18	-20.5	24	Under: 6.5
-San Jose St only had 27-26 first down and 503-487 yard edges as they were +4 in TO's.				
-Coming in, the last time San Jose St beat a power 5 team was in 2006 when the Spartans beat Stanford -- a team that finished 1-11 -- by a single point. San Jose State had never beaten an SEC team before.				
San Jose State	54	57.5	24	Cover: 3
Air Force	-24	-20	41	Over: 7.5
-Air Force had a 513-378 yard edge including 382-98 on the ground.				
-Bad Beat: Air Force (-20) was leading 41-10. San Jose St scored a TD with 3:51 left. AF inexplicably went for it on 4th&1 at their own 22-yard line on the following possession. They were stuffed. San Jose St goes 22 yards in 4 plays and gets the back-door TD with :52 left.				
-San Jose St did get stopped on downs FOUR TIMES inside Air Force's 25-yard line!				
New Mexico	69	69	21	Under: 16
San Jose State	-7	-6.5	32	Cover: 4.5
Misleading Final: San Jose St did have a 464-399 yard edge but the Spartans were +5 in TO's.				
-San Jose St did lead 26-0 late in the 2nd quarter.				
San Jose State	59.5	60	38	Over: 19
Nevada	-5	-2.5	41	Cover: 0.5
-Nevada had 25-16 first down and 541-420 yard edges including 189-15 on the ground but nearly blew a 3-TD second half lead.				
-The Wolf Pack had the ball for 39:16 and kicked a 40-yard FG on the final play for the win.				
San Diego State	-6.5	-7.5	27	Cover: 2.5
San Jose State	48.5	45.5	17	Under: 1.5
-San Diego St controlled the game with 22-15 FD & 348-272 yard edges including 260-54 on the ground.				
-The Aztecs did return the opening kickoff 95 yards for a TD but they dominated the time-of-possession battle 40:22 to 19:38.				
San Jose State	51	54	34	Cover: 14.5
Army	-10	-9.5	29	Over: 9
-Army had 28-19 FD & 429-402 yard edges including 326-88 on the ground (San Jose St 314-103 pass edge).				
"This is an incredible win for our team," Spartans coach Brent Brennan said. "Coming on the road like this with such long travel for an early game, we woke our kids up at 4 a.m. West Coast time for pregame meal and to get everyone started and they handled it incredibly well."				
Boise State	-18	-16.5	52	Over: 34
San Jose State	61	60	42	Cover: 6.5
-San Jose St had 28-23 first down and 497-466 yard edges. However, Boise did have a 253-59 rush yard edge.				
-San Jose St QB Josh Love threw for 438 yards and WR Tre Walker had 9 receptions for 193 yards.				
San Jose State	76.5	78	40	Cover: 5.5
Hawaii	-7.5	-7.5	42	Over: 4
-San Jose St had a 28-26 first down edge but Hawaii a 509-497 yard edge including 200-122 on the ground.				
-San Jose St scored on every one of their possessions and still lost!				
San Jose State	-3.5	-7	35	Over: 7.5
UNLV	65	65.5	38	Cover: 10
Misleading Final: San Jose St had 26-21 first down and 564-455 yard edges but were -4 in TO's.				
San Jose St was intercepted at the UNLV 4-yard line late. QB Love threw for 465 yards but also 4 INT's.				
Fresno State	66	-2	16	Under: 27.5
San Jose State	-2	60.5	17	Cover: 3
-Fresno St had a 18-15 first down edge but San Jose a 402-352 yard edge in a game played on heavy rain.				
-Fresno led 16-3 at halftime.				

2015 (SU: 6-7, ATS: 8-5, O/U: 7-5-1)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
9/3	New Hampshire	-27	43-13	W 053
9/12	at Air Force	+6	16-37	L u58
9/19	at Oregon St	+7	21-35	L u49
9/26	Fresno St	-4	49-23	W 055
10/3	at Auburn	+21	21-35	W p56
10/10	at UNLV-ot	-3	33-27	W 050
10/17	San Diego St	-2	7-30	L u48
10/24	New Mexico	-7	31-21	W u56
11/6	BYU	+12	16-17	W u55
11/14	at Nevada-ot	+1	34-37	L 052
11/21	at Hawaii	-10	42-23	W 052
11/27	Boise St	+7	23-40	L 058
12/19	at Georgia St	-1	27-16	W u55

2016 (SU: 4-8, ATS: 5-6, O/U: 5-6)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
8/26	at Tulsa	+4	10-45	L u67
9/10	Portland St		66-35	
9/17	Utah	+13	17-34	L u46
9/24	at Iowa St	+7	10-44	L 053
10/1	at New Mexico	+11	41-48	W 052
10/8	Hawaii	-3	17-34	L u63
10/15	Nevada	-2	14-10	W u56
10/21	at San Diego St	+23	3-42	L u48
10/29	UNLV	+3	30-24	W u55
11/4	at Boise St	+30	31-45	W 058
11/11	at Nevada			
11/18	at Colorado St	+11	38-41	W 056
11/25	Wyoming	-3	16-14	L u51

2017 (SU: 2-11, ATS: 5-7