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SAN JOSE SABERCATS 2011 SEASON IN REVIEW



2011 IN REVIEW

After a promising start, the SaberCats season ended in disappointment with a 7-11 record. The SaberCats were hit hard with injuries this season as they totaled 23 different players on Injured Reserve in 2011 combining for 170 games missed which proved to be insurmountable for the proud franchise.

San Jose's season got off to a quick start as they took on the 2010 defending ArenaBowl champion, the Spokane Shock, at HP Pavilion in the first home game played at HP since June 21, 2008. The team was led by a great all-around effort on both offense and defense as they dominated the Shock from start to finish for a 76-48 victory. The SaberCats would make it two in a row after defeating the Kansas City Command on a Juan Gamboa field goal with two seconds remaining, putting San Jose ahead for good at 60-57.

On their first road contest of the season, San Jose traveled to the Midwest to take on the Chicago Rush. The Rush proved to be too much for San Jose as their defense forced three interceptions despite 15 receptions and 143 yards from WR Rodney Wright. The SaberCats would return home to face the Iowa Barnstormers in one of the highest scoring games in the AFL in 2011 where they lost by a final of 76-69. QB Mark Grieb threw for 391 yards and nine touchdowns but he was outdueled by Iowa QB Brad Banks. Looking for a victory, San Jose found one thanks to a boost in the secondary from All-Arena DB Eddie Moten who led the team with three passes defensed. On the offensive side of the ball, San Jose FB Chad Cook rushed for four touchdowns to seal the victory for the 'Cats, 75-55. San Jose then traveled to Tulsa where they would earn their first road victory once again thanks to the strong play of DB Eddie Moten who posted two interceptions in the 42-33 win.

After a convincing 68-61 win over the Philadelphia Soul, San Jose took on their longtime rival, the Arizona Rattlers, in a battle for first place in the division. The two teams were close until the final twenty seconds that saw Arizona score 14 points for a 65-43 victory. The SaberCats then suffered a franchise-long seven-game losing streak that saw them lose four games by no more than eight points in the final minutes despite impressive play from the team throughout the streak. During that stretch, FB Chad Cook became the SaberCats' single-season record holder for rushing touchdowns at Pittsburgh on May 14. QB Mark Grieb reached 40,000 passing yards vs. Georgia on May 28 in a game that also saw WR Ben Nelson reach 500 career receptions.

The 'Cats would rebound against the Jacksonville Sharks at home in a big way, who came in with the best record in the AFL. Behind QB Mark Grieb's 402 passing yards and nine touchdown passes, San Jose pulled out the 83-70 win, snapping the Sharks 13-game winning streak. The SaberCats would back their win up with a 60-40 victory over the Orlando Predators as WR Ben Nelson hauled in seven passes for 87 yards and a touchdown putting them in position for a playoff spot.

In their biggest test of the season, the 'Cats traveled to Spokane where they controlled the tempo of the game until the final seconds behind WR James Roe's 11 receptions for 132 yards and four touchdowns. Their hard work was undone by a Hail Mary pass as time expired, however, as San Jose lost 63-61, eliminating them from playoff contention. They traveled to Tampa for their final game of the season, but were defeated 57-44 despite 315 passing yards from QB Mark Grieb.



SABERCATS 2011 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	RADIO	TV	TIME (PDT)
MAR. 11	SPOKANE SHOCK	KLIV	CSN	W, 76-48
MAR. 18	KANSAS CITY COMMAND	KLIV		W, 60-57
MAR. 25	@ CHICAGO RUSH	KLIV	CSN	L, 54-41
APR. 1	IOWA BARNSTORMERS	KLIV		L, 76-69
APR. 8	UTAH BLAZE	KLIV		W, 75-55
APR. 16	@ TULSA TALONS	KLIV	CSN	W, 42-33
APR. 22	PHILADELPHIA SOUL	KLIV		W, 68-61
APR. 30	BYE			
MAY 7	ARIZONA RATTLERS	KLIV		L, 65-43
MAY 14	@ PITTSBURGH POWER	KLIV	CSN	L, 54-48
MAY 21	@ UTAH BLAZE	KLIV	CSN	L, 76-68
MAY 28	GEORGIA FORCE	KLIV		L, 55-49
JUN. 4	@ DALLAS VIGILANTES	KLIV	CSN	L, 70-57
JUN. 11	BYE			
JUN. 18	@ ARIZONA RATTLERS	KLIV	CSN	L, 64-57
JUN. 25	@ CLEVELAND GLADIATORS	KLIV	CSN	L, 82-21
JUL. 1	JACKSONVILLE SHARKS	KLIV		W, 83-70
JUL. 9	ORLANDO PREDATORS	KLIV		W, 60-40
JUL. 16	@ SPOKANE SHOCK	KLIV	CSN	L, 63-61
JUL. 23	@ TAMPA BAY STORM	KLIV	CSN	L, 57-44



SABERMETRICS

42,158	Number of career passing yards by QB Mark Grieb
10,057	Number of career receiving yards by WR James Roe
817	Number of career receptions by WR James Roe
810	Number of career touchdown passes by Grieb
114	Consecutive regular season starts by Grieb
103	Number of regular season victories by Grieb
48	Number of 300-yard passing games by Grieb
30	Number of rushing touchdowns by FB/LB Chad Cook in 2011



2011 STANDINGS



WEST DIVISION

TEAM	OVERALL	PCT.	PF	PA
ARIZONA	16-2	.889	1114	836
SPOKANE	9-9	.500	1058	1027
UTAH	9-9	.500	1082	1117
SAN JOSE	7-11	.389	1022	1080



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WHERE SJ RANKED IN 2011



2011
CATEGORY



SABERCATS (RANK)	RECORD	AFL AVG.
56.8 (6TH)	SCORING OFFENSE	53.4
322.2 (1ST)	TOT. OFFENSE/GM	291.8
301.0 (2ND)	PASSING YARDS/GM	267.6
21.2 (12TH)	RUSHING YARDS/GM	24.1
51.3 (4TH)	THIRD DOWN CONV %	48.2
45.9 (12TH)	FOURTH DOWN CONV %	49.1
427 (1ST)	FIRST DOWNS	372
22.0 (5TH)	SACKS ALLOWED	28
21.8 (8TH)	OPP. RUSH YARDS/GM	24.1
60.0 (16TH)	OPP. POINTS/GM	53.4
320.4 (18TH)	OPP. TOTAL OFF/GM	291.8
298.6 (17TH)	OPP. PASSING/GM	267.6
43.9 (6TH)	OPP. THIRD DOWN %	48.2
52.5 (14TH)	OPP. FOURTH DOWN %	49.1
375 (10TH)	OPP. FIRST DOWNS	372
26.0 (13TH)	SACKS	28
17.7 (8TH)	KICKOFF RETURN AVG.	18.3



SJ WEEK-BY-WEEK RANKINGS

	OFFENSE			DEFENSE		
	TOTAL	PASS	RUSH	TOTAL	PASS	RUSH
Week 1	12TH	12TH	6TH	18TH	18TH	2ND
Week 2	8TH	7TH	12TH	18TH	18TH	2ND
Week 3	8TH	6TH	5TH	18TH	17TH	9TH
Week 4	5TH	4TH	13TH	18TH	18TH	9TH
Week 5	6TH	5TH	14TH	18TH	18TH	7TH
Week 6	4TH	5TH	13TH	18TH	18TH	5TH
Week 7	7TH	T-7TH	T-14TH	18TH	18TH	4TH
Week 8	7TH	T-7TH	T-14TH	18TH	18TH	4TH
Week 9	7TH	7TH	13TH	18TH	18TH	7TH
Week 10	6TH	6TH	12TH	18TH	18TH	7TH
Week 11	6TH	4TH	11TH	18TH	18TH	6TH
Week 12	5TH	4TH	11TH	18TH	18TH	5TH
Week 13	2ND	4TH	12TH	18TH	18TH	9TH
Week 14	2ND	4TH	2TH	18TH	18TH	9TH
Week 15	4TH	2ND	13TH	17TH	18TH	8TH
Week 16	4TH	2ND	11TH	18TH	18TH	10TH
Week 17	1ST	2ND	12TH	18TH	18TH	9TH
Week 18	1ST	1ST	12TH	18TH	18TH	9TH
Week 19	1ST	1ST	12TH	18TH	18TH	8TH
Week 20	1ST	2ND	12TH	18TH	17TH	8TH



SJ INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

QB MARK GRIEB

CATEGORY	TOTAL	AFL RANK
PASSING YARDS	5,312	1ST
PASS COMPLETIONS	455	1ST
PASS ATTEMPTS	676	1ST
COMPLETION PERCENTAGE	67.3	3RD
PASSING TOUCHDOWNS	98	5TH

FB/LB CHAD COOK

CATEGORY	TOTAL	AFL RANK
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS	30	2ND
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	99	3RD
RUSHING YARDS	294	7TH

K JUAN GAMBOA

CATEGORY	TOTAL	AFL RANK
PATs ATTEMPTS	141	2ND
PATs MADE	118	T-4TH

CATEGORY	TOTAL	AFL RANK
FIELD GOALS MADE	6	T-4TH
SCORING (AMONG KICKERS)	136	T-5TH
PAT KICKING PCT.	83.7	9TH

WR/DB MERVIN BROOKINS

CATEGORY	TOTAL	AFL RANK
KICKOFF RETURN AVG.	18.3	9TH
MISSED FIELD GOAL RETURN AVG.	20.2	T-1ST

DL FRANCIS MAKA

CATEGORY	TOTAL	AFL RANK
FUMBLES RECOVERED	3	T-5TH



PLAYERS OF THE GAME

OPPONENT	OFFENSIVE	DEFENSIVE	IRONMAN
SPO	M. Grieb	D. Mclean	R. Wright
KC	S. Goodson	F. Maka	R. Wright
@ CHI	R. Michna	G. Nyenhuis	J. Simpson
IOW	B. Banks	C. Perri	C. Felder
UTA	M. Grieb	G. Hypolite	C. Nwokocha
@ TUL	T. McBroom	E. Moten	F. Shaw
PHI	D. Morgan	J. O'Neal	C. Nwokocha
ARI	R. Windsor	V. Gray	M. Brookins
@ PIT	M. Grieb	E. Moten	C. Cook
@ UTA	T. Grady	B. Taylor	C. Bocage
GEO	L. Shipp	T. Belton	M. Brookins
@ DAL	D. Ross	C. Brown	M. Brookins
@ ARI	N. Davila	V. Hill	J. Geathers
@ CLE	T. Bergeron	L. Brown	Q. Payne
JAC	J. Roe	M. Robinson	B. Nelson
ORL	B. Nelson	T. Coleman	M. Thomas
@ SPO	J. Roe	B. Bell	V. James
@ TB	A. Jackson	M. Hawthorne	M. Thomas



AMERICAN CONFERENCE



EAST DIVISION

TEAM	OVERALL	PCT.	PF	PA
CLEVELAND	10-8	.556	904	842
PITTSBURGH	9-9	.500	870	972
MILWAUKEE	7-11	.389	914	969
PHILADELPHIA	6-12	.333	872	867



SOUTH DIVISION

TEAM	OVERALL	PCT.	PF	PA
JACKSONVILLE	14-4	.778	1158	909
ORLANDO	11-7	.611	1001	933
GEORGIA	11-7	.611	1007	931
TAMPA BAY	7-11	.389	802	993
NEW ORLEANS	3-15	.167	826	1017



NATIONAL CONFERENCE



CENTRAL DIVISION

TEAM	OVERALL	PCT.	PF	PA
CHICAGO	13-5	.722	957	833
DALLAS	11-7	.611	1061	1007
TULSA	8-10	.444	894	889
KANSAS CITY	6-12	.333	854	974
IOWA	5-13	.278	916	1116



WEST DIVISION

TEAM	OVERALL	PCT.	PF	PA
ARIZONA	16-2	.889	1114	836
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'CATS MAKING AN IMPACT IN 2011



PROTECTING THE QUARTERBACK

The SaberCats were one of the best teams in the AFL in 2011 at protecting the quarterback. Offensive linemen Atlas Herrion, Ailao Eliapo, Mark Lewis, Dan Loney, Ray Hisatake and FB/LB Chad Cook kept the quarterback upright all season, ranking in the top five in sacks against in the AFL with 22 this year. San Jose didn't allow their first sack until the third quarter of their third game against the Chicago Rush and didn't given up a sack in seven games this season, allowing only one in five others.



UNCONVENTIONAL WEAPON

While offensive linemen don't get much recognition for their efforts, OL Mark Lewis proved to be more than a great protector, ranking second in the AFL with 11 receptions and four touchdown receptions, while acting as a human battering ram with 167 yards on multiple catch and runs. In Week 17 against the Jacksonville Sharks, Lewis made SaberCats history after posting a 27-yard touchdown, the longest touchdown reception by an offensive lineman.



SETTING THE STANDARD

SaberCats FB/LB Chad Cook was an offensive force for San Jose, after breaking the franchise record for rushing touchdowns in a season. He finished the season with the second-highest total in the AFL, with 30 on the year. Cook posted at least two touchdowns in 12 of San Jose's 16 games. He also sits as the SaberCats all-time leader in rushing attempts (99), yards (294) and in Week 17, Cook set the franchise record for the longest touchdown reception by a fullback on his 34-yard score against the Jacksonville Sharks. Cook would later score on a 26-yard reception, making him the only 'Cats fullback with two touchdown receptions of 25-or-more yards.



WEEKLY MILESTONES

QB Mark Grieb has had his share of accolades in his career and added to his already impressive resume in 2011. On the season, he surpassed 40,000 career passing yards, 800 touchdown passes while registering his 100th career win followed by the 100th of his SaberCats career. On July 1, Grieb threw for 401 yards, marking only the fourth time in his career he surpassed the 400-yard mark. The total also was the fourth largest passing effort in franchise history. In the same game, Grieb became the only player in AFL history to pass for more than 4,000 yards in six consecutive seasons, and 70-or-more touchdown passes in eight consecutive seasons.



PERENNIAL PRODUCER

SaberCats WR Ben Nelson got back to his old ways following an injury that slowed him early in the year, posting outstanding numbers while leading the SaberCats receiving corps despite playing in only 11 games. Nelson averaged seven receptions for over 93 yards and two touchdowns while posting his 500th career reception against the Georgia Force on May 28. Nelson finished the year with 76 receptions for 1,019 yards and 24 touchdowns, becoming the first player in AFL history to surpass the total.



BREAKING OUT

WR James Roe returned to the SaberCats on May 5, but didn't see the football field until the team took on the Pittsburgh Power on May 14. After being sidelined for two weeks, Roe took over the SaberCats game against league-leading Jacksonville on July 1. In the game, Roe totaled 12 receptions, his most since March 3, 2008 at Chicago. He also posted 139 receiving yards, his largest total since May 19, 2007 at Grand Rapids. In San Jose's final game in 2011, he became the 11th player in league history to pass 10,000 career receiving yards for his career, finishing ranked 10th all-time. The game prior to Week 20, Roe surpassed 800 career receptions.



ARBET, WAGNER, HERNANDEZ ELECTED TO AFL HALL OF FAME

The SaberCats welcomed their first three members into the AFL Hall of Fame in 2011 as Owner/Head Coach Darren Arbet, WR/DB Barry Wagner and OL/DL Sam Hernandez were among 10 members among this season's Hall of Fame class. It marked the first time all three were eligible for the Hall of Fame with San Jose being the most heavily represented among all 10 that were selected.



OWNER/HC DARREN ARBET



Arbet becomes just the fourth head coach to be elected into the AFL Hall of Fame and the first since former Utah Blaze and Arizona Rattlers Head Coach Danny White was inducted in 2002. During his 15 years with the franchise, 11 as head coach (1999-2008, 2011), Arbet has compiled a 129-62 overall record (114-56 regular season, 15-6 postseason), earning three ArenaBowl titles (2002,

2004, 2007) and Coach of the Year honors (2000, 2002) during his coaching career. He currently ranks fourth in league history with 114 regular season wins, posting the third-highest winning percentage (.671). One of the most successful coaches in AFL postseason history, Arbet holds the highest winning percentage among coaches with at least 20 games (.714).



WR/DB BARRY WAGNER



Wagner (6-3, 225) becomes just the fifth wide receiver/defensive back to be named to the Hall of Fame after spending seven seasons (2000-06) with San Jose following the first eight years of his career with the Orlando Predators (1992-99). He earned three ArenaBowl titles, winning two with San Jose in 2002 and 2004 after winning his first championship with the Orlando Predators in 1998.

Wagner was voted the second greatest player in league history by the AFL Historical Committee in 2006 and currently ranks third all-time in AFL career annals with 13,363 receiving yards after holding the career receiving title until the 2010 season. Wagner also earned Ironman of the Year honors from 1992-97 and Offensive Player of the Year in 1995 and 1997. He currently ranks as the San Jose franchise career leader in rushing touchdowns (58) and forced fumbles (19) while ranking third in all-purpose yards (6,641) and total tackles (345.5).



OL/DL SAM HERNANDEZ



Hernandez (6-3, 255) becomes the fifth offensive/defensive lineman to be elected to the AFL Hall of Fame, currently ranking as the league's all-time leader in sacks with 59.0. A 13-year veteran of the AFL, he served the final eight seasons of his career with the SaberCats (1998-2005) helping them to two ArenaBowl titles (2002, 2004). Hernandez is also the franchise leader in career (38.5) and single-season sacks (12.0, 2000), while ranking second with 16 forced fumbles and 14.5 tackles for loss. Prior to San Jose, he served stints with the Charlotte Rage (1992), Las Vegas Sting (1994-95) and Anaheim Pirahnas (1996-97).



ALL-TIME REG. SEASON VICTORIES

COACH	YEARS	RECORD	PCT.
1. Tim Marcum	21	185-87	.680
2. Danny White	16	143-82	.636
3. Mike Hohensee	17	134-111	.547
4. Darren Arbet	11	114-56	.671
5. Mike Dailey	12	104-77	.575
6. Jay Gruden	9	82-54	.487
7. Michael Trigg	12	77-81	.726
8. John Gregory	12	76-67	.531
9. Perry Moss	9	75-28-1	.726
10. Ed Hodgkiss	7	57-53	.518



ALL-TIME RECEIVING YARDS

PLAYER	REC. YARDS
1. WR Damien Harrell, MIL	15,135
2. WR Chris Jackson, ARI	13,378
3. WR/DB Barry Wagner, SJ	13,363
4. WR Eddie Brown, IND	12,730
5. WR Lawrence Samuels, TB	11,708



ALL-TIME RECEPTIONS

PLAYER	RECEPTIONS
1. WR Damien Harrell, MIL	1,164
2. WR Lawrence Samuels, TB	1,020
WR Chris Jackson, ARI	1,004
4. WR/DB Barry Wagner, SJ	991
5. WR Eddie Brown, IND	950



ALL-TIME SACKS

PLAYER	SACKS
1. OL/DL Sam Hernandez, SJ	59.0
2. DL James Baron, NSH	52.5
3. DL Tom Briggs, TB	49.5
4. DL B.J. Cohen, ORL	45.5
5. DL Ernest Allen, GEO	44.5





FRY NAMED EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

The SaberCats were proud to announce Managing Member David Fry was named the 2011 Arena Football Executive of the Year.

"It's a great honor to be named Executive of the Year," said Fry. "We accomplished a great deal in 2011 and our staff was tremendous in providing our fan base with a great game day experience and I look forward to bigger and better things in 2012."

The SaberCats have been regarded as one of the AFL's model franchises under the Fry family's guidance. David Fry has played an integral role in rebuilding the SaberCats brand and defining San Jose's unique game day experience in the franchise's successful return to the AFL in 2011.

"Dave has been heavily involved with this franchise from day one," said Owner/Head Coach Darren Arbet. "He has a passion for Arena Football and we are excited to see he is being honored for his efforts."

The squad's opening game against Spokane attracted more than 10,000 fans and the team's attendance hovered around that figure all season. In the team's first year back in Arena Football, San Jose ranked among the league's best in overall sales and attendance.

Fry has been an influential voice in the Arena Football League and continues to play an important role in helping it grow. He also currently serves on the league's finance and strategic planning committee.



LEAGUE HONORS

The SaberCats earned their share of accolades on the field this season as both OL Mark Lewis and FB Chad Cook were named second-team All-Arena for their efforts in 2011. No strangers to honors themselves, WR Rodney Wright and QB Mark Grieb both earned weekly awards throughout the season.



PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER	HONOR	WEEK
WR Rodney Wright	Ironman	3
QB Mark Grieb	Offensive	17
QB Mark Grieb	MVP	17
QB Mark Grieb	MVP	18



SABERCATS RECORD WHEN

	SCORING		ALLOWING	
	2011	ALL-TIME	2011	ALL-TIME
0-9 Points	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
10-19 Points	0-0	0-1	0-0	3-0
20-29 Points	0-1	0-8	0-0	18-1
30-39 Points	0-0	8-17	1-0	31-5
40-49 Points	1-5	21-27	2-0	46-15
50-59 Points	0-2	20-23	2-3	46-18
60-69 Points	3-3	43-19	1-4	31-31
70-79 Points	2-0	41-7	1-3	7-19
80+ Points	1-0	8-0	0-1	0-1
		2011		ALL-TIME
Decided by 7 or fewer points		1-4		40-36
Decided by 3 or fewer points		1-1		17-25
Leading after the 1st		3-5		88-25
Trailing after the 1st		2-5		29-40
Tied after the 1st		2-1		26-16
Leading at Half		6-3		108-21
Trailing at Half		1-6		28-52
Tied at Half		0-2		7-8
Leading after the 3rd		7-5		119-18
Trailing after the 3rd		0-5		20-57
Tied after the 3rd		0-1		4-6
Scoring First		5-2		85-36
Opp. Score First		2-9		59-44
More Total Offense		2-8		93-46
Less Total Offense		5-3		51-34
More Pass Yards		3-7		82-48
Less Pass Yards		4-4		60-32
Equal Pass Yards		0-0		1-1
More Rushing Yards		4-7		111-35
Less Rushing Yards		3-4		31-43
Equal Rushing Yards		0-0		1-3
Thursday Games		0-0		4-1
Friday Games		5-2		42-22
Saturday Games		2-9		75-39
Sunday Games		0-0		18-17
Monday Games		0-0		4-3



ROSTER FACTS & FIGURES

Oldest SaberCats Player: WR James Roe - 8/23/73
Youngest SaberCats Player: OL/DL Ailao Eliapo - 12/13/88
Most Seasons as a SaberCat: QB Mark Grieb - 11
Most AFL Seasons: QB Mark Grieb - 11
Most Consecutive Starts: QB Mark Grieb - 114
Most Playoff Experience: QB Mark Grieb - 17 Games
Heaviest SaberCat: OL Ray Hisatake - 325
Tallest SaberCat: QB McLeod Bethel-Thompson, DL Adam Huebner, DL Gabe Nyenhuis, DL Kai Ellis - 6-4
Shortest SaberCat: K Juan Gamboa - 5-8
All-Arena Selections: QB Mark Grieb, WR Ben Nelson, DB Eddie Moten, DL Gabe Nyenhuis, FB Chad Cook, OL Mark Lewis
Coaches Who Played In The AFL: 2 - Darren Arbet and Steve Papin
College With The Most SaberCats: 3 - Sacramento State



SABERCATS USUAL STARTERS

OFFENSE

WR JAMES ROE

- Roe returned to the SaberCats on May 7, playing in his first game of 2011 May 14 against the Pittsburgh Power.
- Finished second on the team with 55 receptions for 605 yards and 16 touchdowns in only seven games.
- Surpassed 800 receptions (817) at the Spokane Shock on July 16, becoming the 11th player to reach the total in AFL history. Finished the season with the 10th-most receptions in league history, surpassing WR Darryl Hammond in the same game.
- Became the 11th player in league history to reach 10,000 receiving yards (10,057), doing so at the Tampa Bay Storm on July 23.

WR BEN NELSON

- Led the team with 76 receptions for 1,019 yards and 24 touchdowns in only 11 games.
- Posted his 500th career receptions against the Georgia Force on May 28.

OL MARK LEWIS

- Led all SaberCats offensive linemen with 11 receptions for 167 yards and four touchdowns, earning second-team All-Arena honors.
- Part of an offensive line effort that finished in the top five in sacks allowed with 22 on the year.
- Started in all 18 games for San Jose, seven at center.

C DAN LONEY

- Joined San Jose on June 15, 2011, starting in five games before being sidelined due to injury.
- Part of an offensive line effort that finished in the top five in sacks allowed with 22 on the year.

OL AILAO ELIAPU

- Joined San Jose on June 9, 2011, starting in final six games.
- Part of an offensive line effort that finished in the top five in sacks allowed with 22 on the year.

WR MARCO THOMAS

- Joined San Jose on June 8, 2011, starting in final six games.
- Earned Ironman of the Game twice in six games after hauling in 45 passes for 398 yards and five touchdowns while averaging 18.3 yards per return.

QB MARK GRIEB

- Started in 18 games, throwing for an AFL single-season record 5,312 yards while ranking first in completions (455), attempts (676) while ranking third in completion percentage (67.3) for 95 touchdowns.
- Named Offensive Player of the Game three times.
- Surpassed numerous milestones including throwing for 40,000 yards (42,158), 800 touchdown passes (810), his 100th career victory and 100th victory with the SaberCats.
- Became the only player in league history to have six consecutive seasons with at least 4,000 passing yards and 70-or-more touchdown passes in eight consecutive years.

FB CHAD COOK

- Broke the SaberCats single-season record for rushes (99), rushing yards (294) and rushing touchdowns (30).
- Holds the SaberCats records for a fullback for receptions (34) and receiving yards (368).
- Became the only fullback in San Jose history to have two receiving touchdowns over 25 yards including the longest in team history at 34 yards against Jacksonville on July 1.
- Finished the season ranked second in the AFL with his 30 rushing touchdowns.

DEFENSE

DB DWIGHT MCLEAN

- Led the team with 91.5 tackles and finished second with eight passes defended.
- Opened his AFL career with a strong defensive effort, earning Defensive Player of the Game honors after posting 10.0 tackles an interception return of 46 yards for a touchdown.

DB EDDIE MOTEN

- Ranked second on the team with 58.0 tackles, while finishing with a team-high four interceptions for 43 yards in only 12 games.
- Made his SaberCats debut against Utah on April 8 where he tied for the team lead with 6.5 tackles to go along with three passes defended.
- Posted only multiple interception game of the season for San Jose at Tulsa on April 16 after posting 6.0 tackles to go along with two interceptions and one pass defended.

DL GABE NYENHUIS

- Sidelined for eight games due to a hip injury.
- Finished the season with 14.0 tackles, 4.0 sacks, 1.5 tackles for loss, one forced fumble and recovery to go along with his first career interception return for a touchdown.
- Earned Defensive Player of the Game honors at Chicago on March 25 after posting 3.0 tackles and his first career interception for a touchdown.

DL ADAM HUEBNER

- Started the most games on the defensive line, finishing with 16 out of possible 18 at nose guard.
- Finished tied for the team lead with 5.0 sacks to go along with 15 tackles, one pass defended and one forced fumble. Joined San Jose on June 15, 2011, starting in five games before being sidelined due to injury.

DL KAI ELLIS

- Joined San Jose on June 9, 2011, starting in final six games.
- Totaled 11.0 tackles, four quarterback hits, one forced fumble and a recovery.

DB QUINTON ANDREWS

- Joined San Jose on June 9, 2011, starting in final six games, split between defensive back and JACK linebacker.
- Posted 35.0 tackles, good for fourth on the team to go along with one pass defended and one fumble recovery.
- Led team with 10.0 tackle against Orlando on July 8.

LB FRANCIS MAKU

- Tied for the team lead with 5.0 sacks from the MACK linebacker position despite only playing in 12 games.
- Proved to be a playmaker with 22.0 tackles, 11 quarterback hits, two passes defended, three fumble recoveries and one blocked extra point.

DB TRESTIN GEORGE

- Split time between defensive back and JACK linebacker in 10 game for San Jose
- Finished fifth on the team with 29.0 tackles.
- Posted three passes defended and one interception.
- Returned 23 kicks for 396 yards for an average of 17.2 per kick.



TITLE TOWN

The SaberCats clinched their third straight Western Division title and eighth overall with their 73-70 win over Tampa Bay on June 14, 2008 and own the most division crowns of any team since the AFL went to a four-division format 14 seasons ago in 1995. Arizona, Tampa Bay and the defunct Albany Firebirds each own five titles while Chicago, Orlando and Iowa have four each.



WINNING CULTURE

San Jose currently ranks fourth in the AFL with 158 victories. Tampa Bay, Orlando and Arizona entered the AFL prior to San Jose's existence with the Tampa Bay Storm joining the league as the Pittsburgh Gladiators in 1987, Orlando gaining existence in 1991 and Arizona joining in 1992. The Iowa Barnstormers/New York Dragons franchise has recorded 137 wins and the now-defunct Albany/Indiana Firebirds team won 120 games.



ALL-TIME AFL RECORDS

TEAM	RECORD	PCT.
1. Pittsburgh/Tampa Bay	221-131	.628
2. Orlando Predators	202-121	.625
3. Arizona Rattlers	195-114	.631
4. San Jose SaberCats	158-90	.637
5. Iowa/New York	137-121	.531



ALL-TIME AFL RECORDS (SINCE 2000)

TEAM	RECORD	PCT.
1. San Jose SaberCats	109-47	.699
2. Arizona Rattlers	104-66	.612
3. Orlando Predators	103-69	.599
4. Tampa Bay Storm	96-75	.561



HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE

The SaberCats ended the 2008 regular season winning their last five home games and had a 6-2 record on the HP Pavilion turf in 2008. San Jose has won 26 of it's last 31 regular season home games and five of it's last six home playoff games. Under Owner/Head Coach Darren Arbet the SaberCats are 81-19 (.810) overall at HP Pavilion, including a 13-3 (.813) playoff ledger.



HIGH OCTANE

The SaberCats scored 60-or-more points in a game nine times in 2008, including the final three and five times during their season-ending six-game win streak, and were unbeaten in those games. With a pair of postseason wins in 2008, the SaberCats had won 22 straight games when reaching 60-or-more points until their loss to the Iowa Barnstormers in Week 4. In 2011, the San Jose offense has posted a game of more than 80 points, two games with 70-or-more points and has scored over 60 six times.



COACHING LEGEND

An instant success when he became head coach of the SaberCats, Darren Arbet has turned San Jose into one of the most respected organizations in AFL history. The SaberCats have become a dynasty since Arbet took over and he ranks among the all-time leaders in regular season wins and winning percentage.



ALL-TIME REG. SEASON VICTORIES

COACH	YEARS	RECORD	PCT.
1. Tim Marcum	21	185-87	.680
2. Danny White	16	143-82	.636
3. Mike Hohensee	17	134-111	.547
4. Darren Arbet	11	114-56	.671
5. Mike Dailey	12	104-77	.575
6. Jay Gruden	9	82-54	.487
7. Michael Trigg	12	77-81	.726
8. John Gregory	12	76-67	.531
9. Perry Moss	9	75-28-1	.726
10. Ed Hodgkiss	7	57-53	.518



REG. SEASON WINNING PCT.

COACH	RECORD	PCT.
1. Perry Moss	75-28-1	.736
2. Tim Marcum	185-87	.680
3. Doug Plank	43-21	.672
4. Darren Arbet	114-56	.671
Will McClay	55-26-1	.671

MINIMUM 50 GAMES



LEADER IN THE CLUTCH

While many coaches have had success during the regular season, Arbet has shown a knack for getting his players to perform at their best when it matters the most, ranking first overall in postseason winning percentage and third in victories.



POSTSEASON WINNING PCT.

COACH	RECORD	PCT.
1. Darren Arbet	15-6	.714
2. Tim Marcum	27-12	.692
3. Jay Gruden	11-7	.611
4. Perry Moss	11-7	.611
5. Danny White	20-13	.606

MINIMUM 20 GAMES



ALL-TIME POSTSEASON VICTORIES

COACH	YEARS	RECORD	TITLES
1. Tim Marcum	21	27-12	7
2. Danny White	16	20-13	2
3. Darren Arbet	10	15-6	3
4. Mike Hohensee	16	12-12	1
5. Jay Gruden	9	11-7	2



CAT SCRATCH FEVER

The SaberCats offense has got off to its hottest start in franchise history in 2011 after posting 136 points in their first two games scoring on the ground and in the air. The team finished first in total offense, tied for fourth in offensive touchdowns and sixth in points per game.

They had a streak of 22 consecutive victories when scoring 60-or-more points snapped in Week 4. The streak dated back to 2007, ending on April 1, 2011.



TOTAL OFFENSE/GM (2011)

TEAM	YARDS/GM
1. San Jose SaberCats	322.2
2. Orlando Predators	319.5
3. Utah Blaze	318.2
4. Iowa Barnstormers	314.5
5. Dallas Vigilantes	313.9



OFFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS (2011)

TEAM	TDs SCORED
1. Jacksonville Sharks	155
2. Utah Blaze	150
3. Arizona Rattlers	144
4. San Jose SaberCats	139
Dallas Vigilantes	133



POINTS PER GAME (2011)

TEAM	PTS/GM
1. Jacksonville Sharks	64.3
2. Arizona Rattlers	61.9
3. Utah Blaze	60.1
4. Dallas Vigilantes	58.9
5. Spokane Shock	58.8
6. San Jose SaberCats	56.8



PUNCHING IT IN

The SaberCats showed the ability to get the ball down the field when they backed their opponent into their endzone, the team has converted on 92-of-109 opportunities, including the fourth most touchdowns (88). Part of the team's success inside the 10 was their ability to run the ball in, with San Jose ranking fourth with 41 rushing touchdowns, thanks to the second-highest total in the league from FB/LB Chad Cook (30).



RED ZONE OFFENSE (2011)

TEAM	FG	ID	ATT	PCT.
1. Spokane Shock	5	81	101	85.1
2. San Jose SaberCats	4	88	109	84.4
3. Georgia Force	7	80	104	83.7
4. Arizona Rattlers	2	90	111	82.9
5. Milwaukee Mustangs	18	60	95	82.1



RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS (2011)

TEAM	TDs
1. Dallas Vigilantes	44
2. Milwaukee Mustangs	42
Tulsa Talons	42
4. San Jose SaberCats	41
5. Philadelphia Soul	33



THIRD DOWN SUCCESS

San Jose were successful on both sides of the ball in 2011 on third downs. They ranked fourth in third down conversions (51.3%) while opponents only managed a 43.9% success rate, good for sixth in the AFL.



THIRD DOWN CONVERSIONS (2011)

TEAM	CONV	ATT	PCT
1. Arizona Rattlers	57	92	62.0
2. Jacksonville Sharks	44	84	52.4
3. Dallas Vigilantes	60	116	51.7
4. San Jose SaberCats	60	117	51.3
5. Tulsa Talons	72	141	51.1



THIRD DOWN DEFENSE (2011)

TEAM	CONV	ATT	PCT
1. Tampa Bay Storm	38	101	37.6
2. Chicago Rush	47	121	38.8
3. Orlando Predators	39	96	40.6
4. Jacksonville Sharks	59	141	41.8
5. Georgia Force	52	119	43.7
6. San Jose SaberCats	47	107	43.9





PROLIFIC PASSER



Labeled as one of the best signal callers to take center in the indoor game, Mark Grieb is proving to the fans and his peers that he could be the greatest. He became the first player in AFL history to throw for more than 4,000 yards in six straight seasons and is the second QB to toss 100-or-more touchdown passes in consecutive years, following 2008. Grieb elevated

his numbers in the all-time passing charts in his 11th season, moving into fifth place in yardage with 36,846 and fifth place in pass completions with 2,956. His 100 touchdown passes topped all quarterbacks in 2008 and Grieb is the only player to ever throw 70-plus scores in eight straight seasons. He also became the fifth player in league history to amass 800 career touchdown passes and now has 810 under his belt. Grieb set a franchise mark with 455 completions, most in the league, and broke his own record for attempts at 676 in 2011. Besides his offensive production, Grieb is one of the most resilient playmakers in the AFL, starting every game since 2003, a string of 114 regular season contests and 123 overall.



ALL-TIME QUARTERBACK RATING

QUARTERBACK	YEARS	RATING
1. Mark Grieb	1997, 99-2008, 2011	122.1
2. Raymond Philyaw	2000-08, 2010	118.7
3. Clint Dolezel	1995-99, 2001-07	118.0
4. Aaron Garcia	1995-08, 2010-11	117.8
5. Sherdrick Bonner	1993-2008	115.8

MINIMUM 100 GAMES



ALL-TIME COMPLETION PCT.

QUARTERBACK	YEARS	PCT
1. Mark Grieb	1997, 99-2008, 2011	67.1
2. Clint Dolezel	1995-99, 2001-07	65.9
3. Aaron Garcia	1995-08, 2010-11	64.7
4. John Dutton	2000-08, 2010-11	63.2
5. Andy Kelly	1993-2007	62.4

MINIMUM 100 GAMES



ALL-TIME PASSING YARDS

QUARTERBACK	YEARS	YARDS
1. Aaron Garcia	1995-08, 2010-11	50,047
2. Clint Dolezel	1995-99, 2001-07	44,559
3. Sherdrick Bonner	1993-2008	42,295
4. Andy Kelly	1993-2007	42,258
5. Mark Grieb	1997, 99-2008, 2011	42,158



ALL-TIME TOUCHDOWNS PASSES

QUARTERBACK	YEARS	TDs
1. Aaron Garcia	1995-2008, 2010-11	1,078
2. Clint Dolezel	1995-99, 2001-07	931
3. Sherdrick Bonner	1993-2008	855
4. Mark Grieb	1997, 99-2008, 2011	810
5. Andy Kelly	1993-2007	809



ALL-TIME PASS COMPLETIONS

QUARTERBACK	YEARS	COMP.
1. Aaron Garcia	1995-08, 2010-11	4,031
2. Andy Kelly	1993-2007	3,885
3. Clint Dolezel	1995-99, 2001-07	3,751
4. Mark Grieb	1997, 99-2008, 2011	3,411
5. Sherdrick Bonner	1993-2008	3,361



RECORD BREAKER

Grieb didn't lose a step, picking up right where he left off in 2008. He passed for 5,312 yards in 2011, marking the largest season total in AFL history. He also ranked second in the league after throwing for 295.1 passing yards per game on the third highest completion percentage in the league (67.3). He also led the league with 455 completions on the year.



PASSING YARDS (SEASON)

	QUARTERBACK	SEASON	YARDS
1.	Mark Grieb, SJ	2011	5,312
2.	Chris Greisen, MIL	2010	5,146
3.	John Dutton, CLE	2010	5,104
4.	Brett Dietz, TB	2010	5,034



PASSING YARDS (2011)

	QUARTERBACK	YARDS
1.	Mark Grieb, SJ	5,312
2.	Aaron Garcia, JAC	4,953
3.	Nick Davila, ARI	4,916
4.	Nick Hill, ORL	4,758
5.	Dan Raudabaugh, DAL	4,741



PASSING YARDS/GM. (2011)

	QUARTERBACK	YARDS/GM
1.	Nick Hill, ORL	297.4
2.	Mark Grieb, SJ	295.1
3.	Tommy Grady, UTA	291.0
4.	Aaron Garcia, JAC	275.2
5.	Nick Davila, ARI	273.1



COMPLETION PERCENTAGE (2011)

	QUARTERBACK	PCT
1.	Aaron Garcia, JAC	71.5
2.	Nick Davila, ARI	70.7
3.	Mark Grieb, SJ	67.3
4.	Nick Hill, ORL	67.0
5.	Russ Michna, CHI	66.6



COMPLETIONS (2011)

	QUARTERBACK	COMPLETIONS
1.	Mark Grieb, SJ	455
2.	Nick Davila, ARI	427
3.	Aaron Garcia, JAC	402
4.	Nick Hill, ORL	387
5.	Tommy Grady, UTA	382



STEADY PRESENCE



WR James Roe put together a 100-plus reception, 1,000-plus yard and 30-plus touchdown season for the fourth consecutive year in 2008 after hauling in 102 balls for 1,076 yards and 31 touchdowns, moving up the receiving charts his last season in all three categories. Roe is the SaberCats career leader in all three of those receiving categories.



SABERCATS ALL-TIME RECEPTIONS

PLAYER	REC
1. WR James Roe	817
2. WR/DB Barry Wagner	340
3. WR/DB Rodney Wright	331
3. WR/DB Steve Papin	326
5. OS James Hundon	307



SABERCATS ALL-TIME RECEIVING TDs

PLAYER	TDs
1. WR James Roe	247
2. OS James Hundon	99
3. WR/DB Jerry Reese	76
4. WR/DB Steve Papin	65
5. WR/LB Shalon Baker	61



SABERCATS ALL-TIME RECEIVING YARDS

PLAYER	YARDS
1. WR James Roe	10,057
2. OS James Hundon	4,648
3. WR/DB Steve Papin	4,284
4. WR/DB Barry Wagner	3,873
5. WR/LB Shalon Baker	3,575



ELITE TERRITORY

In the SaberCats final two games, James Roe joined a short list of AFL receivers after surpassing 800 career receptions at the Spokane Shock on July 16 followed by 10,000 career receiving yards at the Tampa Bay Storm. He came only the 10th player in league history to have 800 reception and 10,000 yards. He ranks among the all-time leaders in both categories including touchdown receptions.



AFL ALL-TIME RECEPTIONS

PLAYER	REC
1. WR Damian Harrell, MIL	1,164
2. WR/LB Lawrence Samuels, TB	1,020
3. WR Chris Jackson, ARI	1,004
4. WR/DB Barry Wagner	991
5. WR/DB Eddie Brown, IND	950
6. WR/LB Mike Horacek, KC	880
7. WR/LB Cory Fleming, NSH	846
8. WR Siah Burley, ARI	836
9. WR/LB Greg Hopkins, LA	832
10. WR James Roe, SJ	817



AFL ALL-TIME RECEIVING YARDS

PLAYER	YARDS
1. WR Damian Harrell, MIL	15,135
2. WR Chris Jackson, ARI	13,378
3. WR/DB Barry Wagner, SJ	13,363
4. WR/DB Eddie Brown, IND	12,730
5. WR/LB Lawrence Samuels, TB	11,708
6. WR/LB Mike Horacek, KC	11,677
7. WR Siah Burley, ARI	10,686
8. WR/LB Gary Compton, PHI	10,327
9. WR/LB Greg Hopkins, LA	10,300
10. WR/LB Cory Fleming, NSH	10,217
11. WR James Roe, SJ	10,057



AFL ALL-TIME REC. TDs

PLAYER	REC TDs
1. WR Damian Harrell, MIL	357
2. WR Chris Jackson, ARI	325
3. WR/DB Eddie Brown, IND	303
4. WR/DB Barry Wagner, SJ	265
5. WR/LB Mike Horacek, KC	252
6. WR James Roe, SJ	248
7. WR Siah Burley, ARI	247
8. WR/LB Cory Fleming, NSH	235
9. WR/LB Randy Gatewood, ARI	213
10. WR/LB George Lafrance, TB	197



TANKDOWN

SaberCats FB/LB Chad Cook was a scoring machine for San Jose, hitting paydirt on 30 rushing touchdowns in 2011, good for second in the AFL. He registered a score in all but two games this season and opened 2011 with seven consecutive games of two-or-more touchdowns.



RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS (2011)

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>RUSHING TDs</u>
1. Derrick Ross, DAL	36
2. Chad Cook, SJ	30
3. Ryan Vena, PHI	20
4. Kirby Griffin, JAC	18
5. Odie Armstrong, ARI	17
Mykel Benson, MIL	17
7. Ben Stallings, UTA	16
8. Johnnie Kirton, CHI	14
9. Bobby Reid, TUL	13
Kurt Rocco, CLE	13



FRANCHISE RUS. ATTEMPTS (SEASON)

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>SEASON</u>	<u>ATT.</u>
1. FB/LB Chad Cook	2011	94
2. FB/LB Phil Glover	2006	55
3. FB/LB Brian Johnson	2008	50
4. FB/LB Keala Keannaina	2003	49



FRANCHISE RUS. YARDS (SEASON)

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>SEASON</u>	<u>YARDS</u>
1. FB/LB Chad Cook	2011	294
2. FB/LB Keala Keannaina	2003	250
3. Tom Petithomme	1996	214
4. Joey Dozier	2001	188



FRANCHISE RUS. TDs (SEASON)

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>SEASON</u>	<u>TDs</u>
1. FB/LB Chad Cook	2011	30
2. WR/DB Barry Wagner	2003	18
3. FB/LB Phil Glover	2006	15
4. WR/DB Steve Papin	1999	13



ADDED FIREPOWER

WR Ben Nelson made his return to the SaberCats and put together 76 receptions for 1,019 yards and 24 touchdowns in only 11 games. After finishing the season with over 1,000 yards for the fifth consecutive season, Nelson became the only player in AFL history with at least 1,000 yards in his first five seasons. He was also among the league leaders in numerous offensive categories in 2010.



RECEIVING YARDS (2010)

<u>SEASON - TEAM</u>	<u>YARDS</u>
1. 2006 - San Jose	1,405
2. 2007 - San Jose	1,257
3. 2008 - Colorado	1,358
4. 2010 - Cleveland	1,867
5. 2011 - San Jose	1,019



RECEIVING YARDS (2010)

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>YARDS</u>
1. Rod Windsor, ARI	2,372
2. Ben Nelson, CLE	1,867
3. Anthony Jones, MIL	1,810
4. Hank Edwards, TB	1,748
5. Donovan Morgan, TUL	1,707





SABERTOOTH

While the SaberCats have some of the best players on the field, they also have some of the most interesting players off of it. San Jose has people on their roster from all over the country with a wide variety of backgrounds that make this team even more unique.



MERVIN THE POET



WR/DB Mervin Brookins

A little known fact about Mervin is that he likes to write poetry. He mostly writes whatever is on his mind at the moment. "I also love R&B music and I can just put some music on and write and write." Mervin writes about everything from his daughter to more sensitive subject matter. Writing is something that he's very passionate about and he used it as a way of the anger he felt towards his father not being around when he was young. In fact, while it didn't pan out, Mervin had put a book together titled, A Man's Thoughts: A Collection of Articles. The book was a collection of short stories about various different subjects. One of the short stories in the book, titled "The Neighborhood Killer," described the story of a murderer but was actually about drugs and alcohol in a rough neighborhood. It was actually the environment that the main character lived in that was the neighborhood killer.



THE TANK

Chad got the nickname Tank when he was a little boy during football practice. He ran through a guy and people came over because the sound of the impact was so loud that they thought there was a car crash. They had to bring out an ambulance for the other kid. Ever since the hit people have referred to him as Tank, including his two daughters who call Chad, Tank Tank.



FB/LB Chad Cook



MULTI-TALENTED WR



WR Otis Arney

Otis credits his older brothers with helping him get involved in football. "They used to force me to play tackle football as a young kid which made me love football." Otis excelled at baseball as a youth and used to play basketball against Nate Robinson and Eddie House in high school. "My claim to fame is that I beat Eddie House in basketball back in the day."

Otis makes his own music and has a website devoted to it as well as his motivational speaking (foakingdom.com) and also produces his own T-shirts. After football Otis would like to get into the Ministry full-time and use his music



GETTING IN SHAPE

In getting prepared for the 2011 season, Mark spent time doing cardiovascular workouts up a hill in Road City. This particular hill is popular here in the Bay Area because WR Jerry Rice would run full sprint up the hill during his time with the 49ers to get in shape for his NFL career. Being away from the league for two years, Mark struggled at first, but found himself in great shape when it was all said and done. "The first day, it took me near a half an hour. I had to stop in the middle because I was wheezing. The second time I think it was 18 minutes and eventually I got it down to 13:20."



QB Mark Grieb



INSIGHT INTO POLITICS



QB McLeod Bethel-Thompson

Government is something that McLeod is very interested in and led to an internship as a legislative assistant at the state capital with assembly member, Isadore Hall from Los Angeles his senior year of college. He started in the spring and ended up staying throughout the summer. While he was there, he was in charge of staffing three bills and two committees which entailed writing speeches and getting all the necessary paperwork in order. He also escorted the assemblyman around to all the events that he had to attend. "It was a great experience to see a little insight into California politics."



THE NEXT MMA FIGHTER

Atlas works at The Athlete Factory in Alabama and trained with Mixed Martial Arts fighters in the off-season. "I had to dabble in it and did their workouts when they were flipping tires and using some strongman techniques working with barrels and other heavy stuff." Atlas also did some wrestling and trained with fighters Jimmy "Cornbread" Mills, Rich Clementi, Kyle Bradley, and Alan Belcher. He describes it as a totally different workout than what he is used to and it had him in some of the best shape of his life.



OL Atlas Herrion



HOLDING COURT



DL George Hypolite

George has long aspired to be a lawyer and received some great advice about preparing for law school from Assistant Federal Prosecutor Mark Childs. Childs told him that he should choose a major that meant something to him because as long as he was academically successful and had high test scores, the specific major wouldn't matter. "I was drawn to Ethnic Studies (American Indian and African American studies and got done with my Ethnic Studies work quickly. When I found out that I was only a semester away from completing a Women's Studies degree I completed it." After completing his degrees, George wrote an Honors Thesis during his senior year of college.



NEVER GIVING UP

When Chido first returned to Sacramento from college he began working at a group home and eventually a hospital. However, he still had football on his mind and had a tryout with the Sacramento Mountain Lions of the United Football League. The day of his private workouts with the Mountain Lions he got a call from Sutter Medical Center in Sacramento offering him a job. "I had to make the decision whether I was going to take this job, which was a really, really good job or officially start and pursue my football career and get it going again." While it didn't work out with the UFL and he didn't get his job back at Sutter, it did open up new doors for him, reviving his football career. "I would do that again in a heartbeat and wouldn't think twice."



WR Chido Nwokocho



2011 SABERCATS TEAM GAME HIGHS AND LOWS

CATEGORY	HIGH	OPPONENT	DATE
Rushes	13	@PIT	5/14
Rushing Yards	63	@PIT	5/14
Yards/Rush	5.2	ARI	5/7
Rushing TDs	5	UTA	4/8
Pass Attempts	55	@DAL	6/4
Pass Completions	33	IOW	4/1
Passing Yards	401	JAC	7/1
Yards/Att	10.5	GEO	5/28
Passing TDs	9	IOW, JAC	4/1, 7/1
Total Plays	63	@DAL	6/4
Total Offense	408	JAC	7/1
Yards/Play	8.8	GEO	5/28
Points	83	JAC	7/1
Sacks	3.0	KC, @TUL	3/18, 4/16
First Downs	36	@UTA	5/21
Penalties	17	@SPO	7/16
Penalty Yards	117	@UTA	5/21
Takeaways	4	@PIT, JAC	5/14, 7/1
INTs By	3	SPO	3/11

CATEGORY	LOW	OPPONENT	DATE
Rushes	2	IOW	4/1
Rushing Yards	-2	@DAL	6/4
Yards/Rush	-0.4	@DAL	6/4
Rushing TDs	0	@DAL, @CLE	6/4, 6/25
Pass Attempts	25	SPO	3/11
Pass Completions	18	PHI	4/22
Passing Yards	221	PHI	4/22
Yards/Att	5.4	@CLE	6/25
Passing TDs	3	@CHI, @CLE	3/25, 6/25
Total Plays	37	SPO, PHI	3/11, 4/22
Total Offense	237	PHI	4/22
Yards/Play	5.2	@CLE	6/25
Points	21	@CLE	6/25
Sacks	0.0	Three Gms	Last: 7/23
First Downs	18	ARI	5/7
Penalties	3	ORL	7/9
Penalty Yards	22	UTA	4/8
Turnovers	9	@CLE	6/25
INTs Against	4	ARI, @CLE	6/25



2011 OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS AND LOWS

CATEGORY	HIGH	OPPONENT	DATE
Rushes	16	@CHI	3/25
Rushing Yards	74	@DAL	6/4
Yards/Rush	6.0	@UTA	5/21
Rushing TDs	3	@CHI, @DAL	3/25, 6/4
Pass Attempts	50	ORL	7/9
Pass Completions	31	GEO	5/28
Passing Yards	373	IOW	4/1
Yards/Att	10.6	@CHI	3/25
Passing TDs	10	IOW	4/1
Total Plays	57	ORL	7/9
Total Offense	390	IOW	4/1
Yards/Play	9.6	@UTA	5/21
Points	82	@CLE	6/25
Sacks	5.0	ARI	5/7
First Downs	26	IOW, @SPO	4/1, 7/16
Penalties	15	@UTA	5/21
Penalty Yards	101	@UTA	5/21
Takeaways	9	@CLE	6/25
INTs By	4	ARI, @CLE	5/7, 6/25

CATEGORY	LOW	OPPONENT	DATE
Rushes	2	SPO	3/11
Rushing Yards	-4	SPO	3/11
Yards/Rush	-2.0	SPO	3/11
Rushing TDs	0	Three Gms	Last: 6/25
Pass Attempts	21	@CHI	3/25
Pass Completions	14	@DAL	6/4
Passing Yards	183	@DAL	6/4
Yards/Att	5.7	@TUL	4/16
Passing TDs	4	@TUL	4/16
Total Plays	35	@UTA	5/21
Total Offense	257	@DAL	6/4
Yards/Play	5.0	@TUL	4/16
Points	32	@TUL	4/16
Sacks	0.0	Six Gms	Last: 7/9
First Downs	15	@CHI	3/25
Penalties	5	KC, @SPO	3/18, 7/16
Penalty Yards	31	KC	3/18
Turnovers	4	@PIT	5/14
INTs Against	3	SPO	3/11



2011 SABERCATS AND OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

CATEGORY	HIGH	PLAYER	OPPONENT	DATE
Rushes	13	C. Cook	@PIT	5/14
Rushing Yards	63	C. Cook	@PIT	5/14
Rushing TDs	4	C. Cook	UTA	4/8
Long Rush	20	C. Cook	@PIT	5/14
Pass Attempts	47	M. Grieb	IOW	4/1
Pass Completions	33	M. Grieb	IOW	4/1
Passing Yards	401	M. Grieb	JAC	7/1
Passing TDs	9	M. Grieb	IOW, JAC	4/1, 7/1
Long Pass	47	M. Grieb	IOW	4/1
Receptions	15	R. Wright	@CHI	3/25
Receiving Yards	152	M. Brookins	@UTA	5/21
Receiving TDs	4	Four Players	Five Gms	Last: 7/16
Receiving Long	47	B. Toler	IOW	4/1
Field Goals	2	J. Gamboa	KC, PHI	3/18, 4/22
Long Field Goal	41	J. Gamboa	@DAL	5/7
Long MFG Return	27	M. Brookins	PHI	4/22
Long Kickoff Return	58	R. Wright	KC	3/18
Tackles	10.5	Q. Andrews	ORL	7/9
Sacks	2.0	Two Players	KC, @TUL	3/18, 4/16
Tackles For Loss	1.0	Four Players	Five Gms	Last: 7/1
INTs By	2	E. Moten	@TUL	4/16

CATEGORY	HIGH	PLAYER	OPPONENT	DATE
Rushes	10	D. Ross	@DAL	6/4
Rushing Yards	67	D. Ross	@DAL	6/4
Rushing TDs	3	D. Ross	@DAL	6/4
Long Rush	27	B. Morris	@PIT	5/14
Pass Attempts	50	C. Drafts	ORL	7/9
Pass Completions	31	B. Elliott	GEO	5/28
Passing Yards	383	B. Banks	IOW	4/1
Passing TDs	10	B. Banks	IOW	4/1
Long Pass	48	K. Rocco	@CLE	6/25
Receptions	13	Three Players	Three Gms	Last: 4/16
Receiving Yards	183	J. Schmidt	IOW	4/1
Receiving TDs	6	J. Schmidt	IOW	4/1
Receiving Long	48	R. Redd	@CLE	6/25
Field Goals	2	Two Players	Two Gms	4/16, 5/28
Long Field Goal	47	C. Martinez	GEO	5/28
Long MFG Return	0			
Long Kickoff Return	58	V. Gray	@ARI	6/18
Tackles	15.5	L. Brown	@CLE	6/25
Sacks	3.0	T. Glasper	ARI	5/7
Tackles For Loss	2.0	L. Dibbles	@DAL	6/4
INTs Against	2	Two Players	Two Gms	3/25, 6/25



2011 STATISTICS

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	ATT.
3/11	SPOKANE	W, 76-48	10,563
3/18	KANSAS CITY	W, 60-57	9,563
3/25	at Chicago	L, 54-41	7,466
4/1	IOWA	L, 76-69	9,163
4/8	UTAH	W, 75-55	8,763
4/16	at Tulsa	W, 42-33	4,747
4/23	PHILADELPHIA	W, 68-61	8,663
5/7	ARIZONA	L, 65-43	9,499
5/14	at Pittsburgh	L, 54-48	7,333
5/21	at Utah	L, 76-68	8,815
5/28	GEORGIA	L, 55-49	10,231
6/4	at Dallas	L, 70-57	8,634
6/18	at Arizona	L, 64-57	9,397
6/25	at Cleveland	L, 82-21	5,619
7/1	JACKSONVILLE	W, 83-70	8,216
7/8	ORLANDO	W, 60-40	10,302
7/16	at Spokane	L, 63-61	9,680
7/23	at Tampa Bay	L, 57-44	10,738

TEAM STATS	SABERCATS	OPP
SCORING	1022	1080
Points Per Game	56.8	60.0
FIRST DOWNS	427	375
Rushing	58	37
Passing	302	291
Penalty	67	47
RUSHING YARDAGE	381	393
Rushing Attempts	136	101
Average/Game	21.2	21.8
PASSING YARDAGE	5418	5374
Att.-Comp.	719-475	673-434
Intercepted	26	14
Average/Game	301.0	298.6
TOTAL OFFENSE	5799	5767
Total Plays	877	800
Average/Game	322.2	320.4
KICKOFF RETURNS	122-2165	119-2029
MFG RETURNS	8-141	0-0
INT RETURNS	14-128	26-261
FUMBLES-LOST	26-15	20-13
PENALTIES-YARDS	166-1167	163-1090
TIME OF POSSESSION	29:58	29:16
3RD DOWN EFF.	60-117	47-107
3rd Down Pct.	51.3%	43.9%
4TH DOWN EFF.	17-37	21-40
4th Down Pct.	45.9%	52.5%
SACKS-YARDS	26-173	22-114
TOUCHDOWNS	146	154

SCORE BY QTR	1	2	3	4	OT	TOI
SABERCATS	236	304	212	270	0	1022
OPPONENTS	233	324	174	349	0	1080

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Cook	99	294	3.0	30	20
Grieb	17	25	1.5	4	9
Bethel-Thompson	2	24	12.0	0	2
James	11	29	2.2	5	8
Flowers	4	7	1.8	2	3
Brookins	1	7	7.0	0	7
Wright	1	1	1.0	0	1
Huebner	1	-1	-1.0	0	-1
SABERCATS	136	381	2.8	41	20
OPPONENTS	101	393	3.9	19	27

RECEIVING	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Nelson	76	1019	13.4	24	37
Roe	55	605	11.0	16	27
Goodson	46	630	13.7	12	30
Toler	46	516	11.2	4	47
Thomas	45	398	8.8	5	30
Wright	38	399	10.5	3	38
Brookins	36	418	11.6	5	42
Flowers	36	385	10.7	14	29
Cook	34	368	10.8	3	34
Nwokocha	11	172	15.6	3	45
Lewis	11	167	15.2	4	27
James	10	68	6.8	0	31
Guillory	9	76	8.4	0	18
Schoettgen	7	86	12.3	3	19
Amey	6	109	18.2	2	45
Juratovac	3	35	11.7	0	25
Kia	3	34	11.3	0	17
Eliapo	2	39	19.5	0	31
Oredugba	1	8	8.0	0	8
SABERCATS	475	5532	11.6	98	47
OPPONENTS	434	5545	12.8	119	48

KO RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Brookins	43	788	18.3	0	31
Thomas	23	418	18.2	0	46
George	23	396	17.2	0	43
Wright	14	283	20.2	1	58
Vedder	12	257	21.4	1	56
Moten	2	10	5.0	0	7
TEAM	2	0	0.0	0	0
Guillory	1	12	12.0	0	12
Smith	1	3	3.0	0	3
Nwokocha	1	-2	-2.0	0	-2
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0
Mclean	0	19	19.0	0	19
SABERCATS	122	2165	17.7	2	58
OPPONENTS	119	2029	17.1	5	58

MFG RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Brookins	5	101	20.2	0	34
Thomas	1	25	25.0	0	25
Moten	1	15	15.0	0	15
Mclean	1	0	0.0	0	0
SABERCATS	8	141	17.6	0	34
OPPONENTS-	-	-	-	-	-

SCORING	ID	FG	PAT	2PT	S	PTS
Cook	33	0/0	0/0	0	0	198
Nelson	24	0/0	0/0	0	0	144
Gamboa	0	6/10	118/141	1	0	138
Flowers	16	0/0	0/0	0	0	98
Goodson	16	0/0	0/0	1	0	96
Roe	12	0/0	0/0	1	0	74
Brookins	5	0/0	0/0	1	0	32
James	5	0/0	0/0	0	0	30
Thomas	5	0/0	0/0	0	0	30
Lewis	4	0/0	0/0	0	0	24
Wright	4	0/0	0/0	0	0	24
Toler	4	0/0	0/0	0	0	24
Grieb	4	0/0	0/0	0	0	24
Nwokocha	3	0/0	0/0	0	0	18
Schoettgen	3	0/0	0/0	0	0	18
Amey	2	0/0	0/0	0	0	12
Mclean	1	0/0	0/0	1	0	8
Vedder	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	6
Nyenhuis	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	6
O'Neal	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	6
Ellis	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	6
Smith	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	6
SABERCATS	146	6/10	118/141	6	0	1022
OPPONENTS	154	6/17	116/139	9	0	1080

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Gamboa	3/4	1/2	1/2	1/2	0/0
SABERCATS	3/4	1/2	1/2	1/2	0/0
OPPONENTS	0/0	3/5	2/3	1/2	0/4
SABERCATS (6/10):	(-) (17G, 18G)	(-) (-)	(-) (30N) (38G, 16G)	(-) (-) (28N) (41G)	(-) (-) (-) (-) (40N) (18N, 24G)
OPPONENTS (5/17):	(-) (52N, 50N)	(-) (-)	(-) (26G, 29G, 24L) (59N, 51N, 37N) (38G, 44N)	(-) (-) (25G, 47G, 26N)	(-) (43N) (61N) (-) (38N) (-) (30N)

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Moten	4	43	10.8	0	28
Brookins	3	5	1.7	0	6
Mclean	2	42	21.0	1	46
O'Neal	2	15	7.5	1	10
Smith	1	16	16.0	1	16
Nyenhuis	1	7	7.0	1	7
George	1	0	0.0	0	0
SABERCATS	14	128	9.1	4	46
OPPONENTS	26	261	10.0	6	51

DEFENSE	I	S	A	SK	PD	FF	FR
Mclean	91.5	79	18	0.0	8	2	0
Moten	66.0	55	22	0.0	10	0	0
Brookins	49.5	42	15	0.0	6	0	0
Andrews	35.0	30	10	0.0	1	0	1
George	29.0	25	8	0.0	3	0	0
Maka	22.0	20	4	5.0	2	0	3
Mosley	20.5	17	4	0.0	4	0	0
Vedder	15.0	13	4	0.0	1	0	0
O'Neal	15.0	12	6	0.0	0	2	1
Stephenson	15.0	12	6	0.0	1	0	0
Huebner	15.0	13	4	5.0	1	1	0
Gamboa	15.0	13	4	0.0	0	0	0
Nyenhuis	14.0	13	2	4.0	2	1	1
Smith	13.5	10	7	0.0	1	0	0
Clark	12.5	11	3	1.0	0	0	0
Hypolite	11.5	9	5	5.0	0	1	0
Ellis	10.0	6	8	0.0	0	1	1
Toler	11.0	7	8	0.0	0	0	0
James	9.5	7	5	0.0	0	1	0
Tyson	8.0	4	8	1.0	0	0	1
Flowers	8.0	7	2	0.0	0	0	0
Royal	7.5	7	1	0.0	0	0	0
Phillips	6.0	5	2	2.0	0	1	0
Perri	5.5	5	1	1.0	0	1	0
Hunt	5.5	3	5	0.0	0	0	0
Oredugba	5.5	4	3	0.0	0	0	0
Hisatake	5.0	4	2	0.0	0	0	0
Nelson	5.0	5	0	0.0	0	0	0
Cook	4.5	4	1	0.0	0	0	0
Castelo	4.0	3	2	1.0	0	0	0
Bruhn	4.0	3	2	0.0	0	0	1
Lewis	3.0	3	0	0.0	0	0	0
Nwokocha	3.0	2	2	0.0	0	0	0
Kia	2.5	2	1	0.0	0	0	0
Eliapo	2.5	2	1	1.0	0	0	0
Herrion	2.0	2	0	0.0	0	0	0
Graham	2.0	2	0	0.0	0	0	0
Goodson	1.5	1	1	0.0	0	0	0
Ike	1.0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0
Amey	1.0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0
Loney	1.0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0
Thomas	1.0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0
Grieb	1.0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0
Wright	1.0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0
Schoettgen	0.5	0	1	0.0	0	0	0
SABERCATS	556.0	469	174	26.0	40	11	13
OPPONENTS	627.0	481	292	22.0	73	12	13

PASSING	GP/GS	CMP	ATT	YDS	PCT	TD	INT	LG	YDS/GM.	RATE
Grieb	18/18	455	676	5312	67.3	95	25	47	295.1	110.6
Bethel-Thompson	18/0	20	43	220	46.5	3	1	24	18.3	69.9
TEAM		0	0	-114	0.0	0	0	0	-8.1	39.6
SABERCATS		475	719	5418	66.1	98	26	47	301.0	107.5
OPPONENTS		434	673	5374	64.5	119	14	48	298.6	120.0



SABERCATS NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	BIRTHDATE	EXP	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
0	Andrews, Quinton	WR/DB	5-11	205	6-23-87	R	West Virginia	Opa Locka, FL
2	Gamboa, Juan	K	5-8	195	4-15-86	R	Sacramento State	San Jose, CA
4	George, Trestin	DB	5-9	185	8-24-83	2	San Jose State	Berkeley, CA
5	Nwokocha, Chido	WR	6-0	200	5-17-86	R	Ohio	Elk Grove, CA
6	McClean, Dwight	DB	6-1	205	10-28-88	R	Purdue	Corona, CA
7	Bethel-Thompson, McLeod	QB	6-4	230	7-3-88	R	Sacramento State	San Francisco, CA
9	Roe, James	WR	6-1	210	8-23-73	9	Norfolk State	Richmond, VA
10	Vedder, Chris	DB	5-11	200	9-4-83	R	San Jose State	San Jose, CA
11	Thomas, Marco	WR	6-0	190	11-27-83	1	Western Illinois	Chicago, IL
15	James, Victor	WR	6-1	215	5-23-87	R	New Mexico	Denver, CO
16	Grieb, Mark	QB	6-2	200	5-23-74	11	UC-Davis	San Jose, CA
21	Moten, Eddie	DB	5-10	185	8-30-81	5	Texas A&M-Kingsville	Dallas, TX
26	Cook, Chad	FB/LB	6-1	263	7-24-85	1	Murray State	New Orleans, LA
31	Maka, Francis	DL	6-2	250	5-10-85	R	Hawaii	San Mateo, CA
55	Hisatake, Ray	OL	6-3	325	9-18-86	R	Hawaii	San Mateo, CA
68	Robertson, Erik	OL	6-2	300	10-4-84	R	California	Apple Valley, CA
70	Eliapo, Ailao	OL/DL	6-2	300	12-13-88	R	San Jose State	South San Francisco, CA
73	Lewis, Mark	OL	6-3	300	7-17-85	R	Oregon	Pasadena, CA
80	Nelson, Ben	WR	6-3	190	8-21-79	4	St. Cloud State	Anoka, MN
90	Eliapo, Kenape	DL	6-0	300	3-2-86	R	Utah	South San Francisco, CA
92	Ellis, Kai	DL	6-4	260	8-7-86	R	Washington	Kent, WA
93	Huebner, Adam	DL	6-4	300	6-20-83	1	Purdue	St. John, IN
95	Clark, Christian	DL	6-2	260	9-19-88	R	Sacramento State	Los Angeles, CA
97	Nyenhuis, Gabe	DL	6-4	265	6-26-81	3	Colorado	St. John, IL



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3	Toler, Burl	WR	6-2	200	4-7-83	R	California	Berkeley, CA
13	Brookins, Mervin	WR/DB	5-11	185	5-31-85	1	Bethel	Sacramento, CA
15	O'Neal, Jamario	DB	6-1	205	9-24-86	R	Ohio State	Cleveland, OH
18	Flowers, Nichiren	WR	6-3	220	8-26-83	2	Nevada	Tulare, CA
19	Schoettgen, Scott	WR	6-3	210	12-30-87	R	Willamette	Columbia, CA
72	Juratovac, Adam	OL	6-3	310	4-10-87	1	Idaho	Palo Alto, CA
75	Herrion, Atlas	OL/DL	6-4	305	12-3-80	2	Alabama	Daphne, AL
88	Goodson, Samora	WR/DB	6-3	205	10-7-84	R	Southeast Missouri	Hayward, CA
91	Loney, Dan	OL	6-1	280	12-7-77	8	Cal Poly-SLO	Atascadero, CA
98	Hypolite, George	DL	6-1	300	5-1-87	R	Colorado	Los Angeles, CA



LEAGUE SUSPENSION

NO.	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	BIRTHDATE	EXP	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
17	Wright, Rodney	WR/DB	5-9	175	11-28-79	4	Fresno State	Bakersfield, CA



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	Grant, Bakari	WR	6-4	195	6-24-87	R	UC-Davis	Oakland, CA



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	Huebner, Matt	FB/LB	6-4	280	8-2-79	3	St. Cloud State	Rhineland, WI
	Wright, DeAndre	DB	5-11	190	4-13-86	R	New Mexico	Cinton, MD

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0	Andrews, Quinton	WR/DB	5-11	205	6-23-87	R	West Virginia	Opa Locka, FL
7	Bethel-Thompson, McLeod	QB	6-4	230	7-3-88	R	Sacramento State	San Francisco, CA
95	Clark, Christian	DL	6-2	260	9-19-88	R	Sacramento State	Los Angeles, CA
26	Cook, Chad	FB/LB	6-1	263	7-24-85	1	Murray State	New Orleans, LA
70	Eliapo, Ailao	OL/DL	6-2	300	12-13-88	R	San Jose State	South San Francisco, CA
90	Eliapo, Kenape	DL	6-0	300	3-2-86	R	Utah	South San Francisco, CA
92	Ellis, Kai	DL	6-4	260	8-7-86	R	Washington	Kent, WA
2	Gamboa, Juan	K	5-8	195	4-15-86	R	Sacramento State	San Jose, CA
4	George, Trestin	DB	5-9	185	8-24-83	2	San Jose State	Berkeley, CA
16	Grieb, Mark	QB	6-2	200	5-23-74	11	UC-Davis	San Jose, CA
55	Hisatake, Ray	OL	6-3	325	9-18-86	R	Hawaii	San Mateo, CA
93	Huebner, Adam	DL	6-4	300	6-20-83	1	Purdue	St. John, IN
15	James, Victor	WR	6-1	215	5-23-87	R	New Mexico	Denver, CO
73	Lewis, Mark	OL	6-3	300	7-17-85	R	Oregon	Pasadena, CA
31	Maka, Francis	DL	6-2	250	5-10-85	R	Hawaii	San Mateo, CA
6	McClean, Dwight	DB	6-1	205	10-28-88	R	Purdue	Corona, CA
21	Moten, Eddie	DB	5-10	185	8-30-81	5	Texas A&M-Kingsville	Dallas, TX
80	Nelson, Ben	WR	6-3	190	8-21-79	4	St. Cloud State	Anoka, MN
5	Nwokocha, Chido	WR	6-0	200	5-17-86	R	Ohio	Elk Grove, CA
97	Nyenhuis, Gabe	DL	6-4	265	6-26-81	3	Colorado	St. John, IL
68	Robertson, Erik	OL	6-2	300	10-4-84	R	California	Apple Valley, CA
9	Roe, James	WR	6-1	210	8-23-73	9	Norfolk State	Richmond, VA
11	Thomas, Marco	WR	6-0	190	11-27-83	1	Western Illinois	Chicago, IL
10	Vedder, Chris	DB	5-11	200	9-4-83	R	San Jose State	San Jose, CA



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18	Flowers, Nichiren	WR	6-3	220	8-26-83	2	Nevada	Tulare, CA
88	Goodson, Samora	WR/DB	6-3	205	10-7-84	R	Southeast Missouri	Hayward, CA
75	Herrion, Atlas	OL/DL	6-4	305	12-3-80	2	Alabama	Daphne, AL
98	Hypolite, George	DL	6-1	300	5-1-87	R	Colorado	Los Angeles, CA
72	Juratovac, Adam	OL	6-3	310	4-10-87	1	Idaho	Palo Alto, CA
91	Loney, Dan	OL	6-1	280	12-7-77	8	Cal Poly-SLO	Atascadero, CA
15	O'Neal, Jamarion	DB	6-1	205	9-24-86	R	Ohio State	Cleveland, OH
19	Schoettgen, Scott	WR	6-3	210	12-30-87	R	Willamette	Columbia, CA
3	Toler, Burl	WR	6-2	200	4-7-83	R	California	Berkeley, CA



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17	Wright, Rodney	WR/DB	5-9	175	11-28-79	4	Fresno State	Bakersfield, CA



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	Grant, Bakari	WR	6-4	195	6-24-87	R	UC-Davis	Oakland, CA



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	Wright, DeAndre	DB	5-11	190	4-13-86	R	New Mexico	Cinton, MD

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 Eddie Moten: MOAT-en Chido Nwokocha: CHEE-doh WAH-koh-Chah



2011 TRANSACTIONS

January 5, 2011

Placed DB DeAndre Wright on Other League Exempt

January 6, 2011

Assigned WR Ed Berry and QB Kevin Lopina

January 11, 2011

Assigned WR Otis Amey and OL/DL Kristien Poindexter

January 18, 2011

Assigned OL/DL Brennan McFadden

January 20, 2011

Placed FB/LB Marcus Kell on reassignment

February 1, 2011

Assigned QB Nate Longshore
Placed QB Kevin Lopina on reassignment

February 16, 2011

Activated DB DeAndre Wright from Other League Exempt
Placed DB David Richardson on reassignment

February 17, 2011

Assigned OL/DL Mark Lewis
Placed WR/DB Burl Toler on reassignment

February 18, 2011

Assigned WR Joel Filani, DB Damion Owens and WR/DB Rodney Wright
Traded DB Mike Brown to Philadelphia in exchange for future considerations
Placed OL/DL Atlas Herrion on Recallable Reassignment
Placed K Rob Zarrilli on Recallable Reassignment

February 19, 2011

Assigned DL Francis Maka and DB Rapheal Whitfield
Activated OL/DL Atlas Herrion from Recallable Reassignment
Placed WR Joel Filani, DL Shemiah LeGrande, DB DeAndre Wright and WR/DB Rodney Wright on Recallable Reassignment

February 21, 2011

Assigned DL Matt Moss and QB McLeod Bethel-Thompson
Placed OL/DL Qasim Mitchell
Placed WR/DB Courtney Bryan on Left Squad

February 25, 2011

Assigned K Juan Gamboa, WR/LB Marcus Everett, WR/DB Damion Jenkins
Placed OL/DL Adam Juratovac on Refuse to Report
Placed WR/LB Nichiren Flowers, Jamarion O'Neal on Physically Unable to Perform

February 27, 2011

Activated DL Shemiah LeGrande on Refuse to Report

Activated DL Shemiah LeGrande from Refuse to Report

Activated WR Nichiren Flowers from Physically Unable to Perform

Placed WR Kevin Robinson and L.T. Walker on Reassignment

February 28, 2011

Assigned WR Jacob French, DB Dwight Mclean, DB David Richardson, WR Jasper Rose, WR Burl Toler

Placed WR Otis Amey, WR Ed Berry, WR/DB Mervin Brookins and WR Chido Nwokocha on Physically Unable to Perform

Placed FB/LB Mario Reese on Reassignment

March 3, 2011

Activated WR Joel Filani, WR/DB Rodney Wright from Refuse to Report

Activated WR Otis Amey, WR Ed Berry and WR/DB Jamarion O'Neal from Physically Unable to Perform

Traded future considerations to Chicago in exchange for DL Chris Perri

Placed DL Shemiah LeGrande and DL Eric Phillips on Physically Unable to Perform

Placed WR Jacob French, WR/LB Marcus Everett and WR Jasper Rose on Recallable Reassignment

Placed DB Raphael Whitfield on Reassignment

March 4, 2011

Activated WR/DB Mervin Brookins from Physically Unable to Perform

Activated WR/LB Marcus Everett from Recallable Reassignment

Placed DL Chris Perri on Refuse to Report

Placed DB David Richardson on League Suspension

March 5, 2011

Traded WR/LB Marcus Everett to Milwaukee for OL/DL Karl Glimp

Activated DL Chris Perri from Refuse to Report

Placed WR Otis Amey, DL Matt Moss and WR/DB Jamarion on Physically Unable to Perform

March 6, 2011

Placed OL/DL Karl Glimp on Refuse to Report

Placed WR Ed Berry, WR Joel Filani, WR/DB Damon Jenkins, OL/DL Jason Jones, QB Nate Longshore, DB Damion Owens, OL/DL Kristien Poindexter on Reassignment

March 7, 2011

Claimed FB/LB Matt Huebner from Reassignment

March 8, 2011

Placed FB/LB Matt Huebner on Refuse to Report

March 9, 2011

Placed WR Otis Amey, DL Shemiah LeGrande, DL Matt Moss, WR Chido Nwoko-

cha, WR/DB Jamarion O'Neal, OL/DL Eric Phillips on Injured Reserve

March 13, 2011

Activated OL/DL Karl Glimp from Refuse to Report

Placed WR Bobby Guillory on Recallable Reassignment

March 14, 2011

Activated WR Bobby Guillory from Recallable Reassignment

Placed OL/DL Karl Glimp from Recallable Reassignment

March 16, 2011

Placed OL Karl Glimp on League Suspension

March 18, 2011

Activated OL Patrick Afif from Other League Exempt and placed on Refuse to Report

March 23, 2011

Assigned DB Trestin George
Placed WR/DB Melvin Stephenson on Recallable Reassignment

March 28, 2011

Assigned DB Eddie Moten
Placed WR/DB Rodney Wright on Reassignment

March 29, 2011

Assigned FB/LB Gus Tyson
Placed FB/LB Tyrell Graham on Reassignment

April 5, 2011

Activated DL Matt Moss and WR Chido Nwokocha from Injured Reserve

Placed DL Gabe Nyenhuis on Injured Reserve

Placed WR Bobby Guillory on Other League Exempt

April 6, 2011

Activated DB Jamarion O'Neal from Injured Reserve

Placed WR/DB Courtney Smith on Recallable Reassignment

April 18, 2011

Assigned FB/LB Matt Castelo
Placed DL Chris Perri on Injured Reserve

April 19, 2011

Activated DL Eric Phillips from Injured Reserve

Placed DL Matt Moss on Reassignment

April 20, 2011

Assigned DL Christian Clark
Placed DB Trestin George on Injured Reserve

April 28, 2011

Claimed DB Chris Royal from Reassignment



2011 TRANSACTIONS

April 29, 2011

Placed DB Chris Royal on Refuse to Report
Placed WR/DB Samora Goodson and OL Robert Powell on Injured Reserve

April 30, 2011

Activated WR Otis Amey from Injured Reserve

May 4, 2011

Assigned FB/LB Chris Bruhn, WR Ben Nelson
Placed FB/LB Matt Castelo on Reassignment

May 5, 2011

Assigned WR/LB James Roe

May 11, 2011

Assigned WR Ed Berry
Activated DB Chris Royal from Refuse to Report
Placed WR Chido Nwokocha on Injured Reserve
Placed WR Otis Amey on Recallable Reassignment

May 12, 2011

Activated WR Otis Amey from Recallable Reassignment and placed on Injured Reserve

May 16, 2011

Activated OL/DL Adam Juratovac from Refuse to Report
Placed DL Adam Huebner on Recallable Reassignment

May 17, 2011

Activated DL Adam Huebner from Recallable Reassignment
Traded OL Patrick Afif and future considerations to Philadelphia for WR/DB Rodney Wright
Placed WR James Roe on League Suspension

May 18, 2011

Assigned DL Kenape Eliapo
Placed FB/LB Chris Bruhn on Injured Reserve

May 19, 2011

Activated DB Trestin George from Injured Reserve
Placed DB Jamarion O'Neal on Injured Reserve

May 25, 2011

Assigned WR Victor James, WR/DB Olukayode Oreduga and WR Scott Schoettgen
Placed DB Chris Royal on League Suspension
Placed WR Rodney Wright on Injured Reserve
Placed FB/LB Gus Tyson on Recallable Reassignment

May 27, 2011

Placed FB/LB Gus Tyson on Injured Reserve

May 30, 2011

Activated DB Chris Royal from League Suspension and traded to Utah in exchange for WR/DB Rod Mosley
Placed OL Aaron Kia on League Suspension

June 1, 2011

Assigned DL Ikenna Ike
Activated WR James Roe from League Suspension
Placed DB Eddie Moten on Injured Reserve
Placed WR Victor James on Reassignment

June 8, 2011

Assigned WR Marco Thomas
Placed DL George Hypolite on Injured Reserve

June 9, 2011

Assigned WR/DB Quinton Andrews, OL/DL Ailao Eliapo and DL Kai Ellis
Activated OL Robert Powell from Injured Reserve and traded to Philadelphia for past considerations
Placed WR/DB Mervin Brookins on Injured Reserve

June 10, 2011

Activated WR Bobby Guillory from Other League Exempt
Placed WR Scott Schoettgen on League Suspension

June 13, 2011

Assigned FB/LB Jason Hunt and LB Chris Vedder
Placed DL Ikenna Ike on Reassignment
Placed DB Trestin George on League Suspension
Activated OL Aaron Kia from League Suspension and placed on reassignment

June 14, 2011

Placed DL Francis Maka on Injured Reserve

June 15, 2011

Assigned OL/DL Dan Loney
Assigned WR Victor James
Activated DL Gabe Nyenhuis from Injured Reserve
Placed OL Adam Juratovac on Injured Reserve

June 22, 2011

Assigned WR Edward Britton and OL/DL Kiano Prater
Activated WR Scott Schoettgen from League Suspension and placed on Injured Reserve
Placed OL/DL Atlas Herrion and WR Burl Toler on Injured Reserve

June 27, 2011

Activated DB Trestin George from League Suspension
Activated DB Eddie Moten from Injured Reserve

Placed OL Ray Hisatake and LB Chris Vedder on Recallable Reassignment

June 28, 2011

Activated OL Ray Hisatake from Recallable Reassignment
Placed OL Kiano Prater on Reassignment
Placed LB Chris Vedder on League Suspension

June 30, 2011

Activated DL Chris Perri and LB Chris Vedder from League Suspension and placed on reassignment

July 5, 2011

Activated DL Francis Maka from Injured Reserve
Placed FB/LB Jason Hunt on Reassignment

July 12, 2011

Activated WR Chido Nwokocha from Injured Reserve
Placed WR Edward Britton on Recallable Reassignment

July 15, 2011

Activated WR Rodney Wright off Injured Reserve and placed him on League Suspension

July 18, 2011

Assigned DB Chris Vedder

July 21, 2011

Assigned OL Erik Robertson
Placed OL Dan Loney on Injured Reserve

August 15, 2011

Placed DB Rod Mosley on Reassignment



SABERCATS OFFENSE

QB	16	MARK GRIEB	7	MCLEOD BETHEL-THOMPSON
FB	26	CHAD COOK	93	ADAM HUEBNER
WR	9	JAMES ROE	15	VICTOR JAMES
WR	80	BEN NELSON	5	CHIDO NWOKOCHA
WR	11	MARCO THOMAS	15	VICTOR JAMES
OL	73	MARK LEWIS	55	RAY HISATAKE
C	91	DAN LONEY	55	RAY HISATAKE
OL	70	AILAO ELIAPPO	55	RAY HISATAKE



SABERCATS DEFENSE

DE	97	GABE NYENHUIS	90	KENAPE ELIAPPO
NG	93	ADAM HUEBNER	90	KENAPE ELIAPPO
DE	92	KAI ELLIS	90	KENAPE ELIAPPO
MLB	31	FRANCIS MAKA	93	ADAM HUEBNER
JLB	0	QUINTON ANDREWS	10	CHRIS VEDDER
DB	4	TRESTIN GEORGE	10	CHRIS VEDDER
DB	21	EDDIE MOTEN	10	CHRIS VEDDER
DB	6	DWIGHT MCLEAN	10	CHRIS VEDDER



SABERCATS SPECIALISTS

K	2	JUAN GAMBOA		
H	7	MCLEOD BETHEL-THOMPSON		
LS	55	RAY HISATAKE	70	AILAO ELIAPPO
KR	11	MARCO THOMAS	4	TRESTIN GEORGE



OFFENSIVE GAME STARTERS

	QB	FB	WR	WR	WR	OL	C	OL
SPO	GRIEB	COOK	FLOWERS	GOODSON	WRIGHT	HERRION	POWELL	LEWIS
KC	GRIEB	COOK	FLOWERS	GOODSON	WRIGHT	HERRION	POWELL	LEWIS
@ CHI	GRIEB	COOK	FLOWERS	GOODSON	WRIGHT	HERRION	POWELL	LEWIS
IOW	GRIEB	COOK	FLOWERS	GOODSON	GUILLORY	HERRION	POWELL	LEWIS
UTA	GRIEB	COOK	FLOWERS	GOODSON	TOLER	HERRION	POWELL	LEWIS
@ TUL	GRIEB	COOK	FLOWERS	GOODSON	TOLER	HERRION	POWELL	LEWIS
PHI	GRIEB	COOK	FLOWERS	GOODSON	TOLER	KIA	POWELL	LEWIS
ARI	GRIEB	COOK	AMEY	NELSON	TOLER	HERRION	LEWIS	KIA
@ PIT	GRIEB	COOK	BROOKINS	NELSON	TOLER	HERRION	LEWIS	KIA
@ UTA	GRIEB	COOK	BROOKINS	NELSON	TOLER	HERRION	LEWIS	JURATOVAC
GEO	GRIEB	COOK	BROOKINS	NELSON	TOLER	HERRION	LEWIS	KIA
@ DAL	GRIEB	COOK	BROOKINS	NELSON	TOLER	HERRION	LEWIS	JURATOVAC
@ ARI	GRIEB	COOK	ROE	NELSON	THOMAS	A. ELIAPPO	LONEY	LEWIS
@ CLE	GRIEB	COOK	ROE	NELSON	THOMAS	A. ELIAPPO	LONEY	LEWIS
JAC	GRIEB	COOK	ROE	NELSON	THOMAS	A. ELIAPPO	LONEY	LEWIS
ORL	GRIEB	COOK	ROE	NELSON	THOMAS	A. ELIAPPO	LONEY	LEWIS
@ SPO	GRIEB	COOK	ROE	NELSON	THOMAS	A. ELIAPPO	LONEY	LEWIS
@ TB	GRIEB	COOK	ROE	NELSON	THOMAS	A. ELIAPPO	LEWIS	HISATAKE



DEFENSIVE GAME STARTERS

	DE	NG	DE	MLB	JLB	DB	DB	DB
SPO	NYENHUIS	HUEBNER	HYPOLITE	MAKA	SMITH	STEPHENSON	BROOKINS	MCLEAN
KC	NYENHUIS	HUEBNER	HYPOLITE	MAKA	SMITH	STEPHENSON	BROOKINS	MCLEAN
@ CHI	NYENHUIS	PERRI	HYPOLITE	HUEBNER	SMITH	GEORGE	BROOKINS	MCLEAN
IOW	NYENHUIS	HUEBNER	HYPOLITE	TYSON	SMITH	GEORGE	BROOKINS	MCLEAN
UTA	PERRI	HUEBNER	HYPOLITE	TYSON	GEORGE	BROOKINS	MOTEN	MCLEAN
@ TUL	PERRI	HUEBNER	HYPOLITE	MAKA	O'NEAL	BROOKINS	MOTEN	MCLEAN
PHI	MAKA	HUEBNER	HYPOLITE	CASTELO	O'NEAL	BROOKINS	MOTEN	MCLEAN
ARI	PHILLIPS	HUEBNER	HYPOLITE	MAKA	O'NEAL	BROOKINS	MOTEN	MCLEAN
@ PIT	PHILLIPS	HUEBNER	HYPOLITE	MAKA	O'NEAL	ROYAL	MOTEN	MCLEAN
@ UTA	PHILLIPS	HUEBNER	CLARK	MAKA	GEORGE	ROYAL	MOTEN	MCLEAN
GEO	PHILLIPS	HUEBNER	CLARK	MAKA	OREDUGBA	GEORGE	MOTEN	MCLEAN
@ DAL	PHILLIPS	K. ELIAPPO	CLARK	HUEBNER	OREDUGBA	GEORGE	MOSLEY	MCLEAN
@ ARI	NYENHUIS	HUEBNER	ELLIS	HUNT	VEDDER	ANDREWS	MOSLEY	MCLEAN
@ CLE	NYENHUIS	HUEBNER	ELLIS	HUNT	VEDDER	ANDREWS	MOSLEY	MCLEAN
JAC	NYENHUIS	K. ELIAPPO	NYENHUIS	HUNT	ANDREWS	GEORGE	MOTEN	MCLEAN
ORL	NYENHUIS	K. ELIAPPO	ELLIS	MAKA	ANDREWS	GEORGE	MOTEN	MCLEAN
@ SPO	NYENHUIS	HUEBNER	ELLIS	MAKA	ANDREWS	GEORGE	MOTEN	MCLEAN
@ TB	NYENHUIS	HUEBNER	ELLIS	MAKA	ANDREWS	GEORGE	MOTEN	MCLEAN



PARTICIPATION CHART

	SPO	KC	CHI	IOW	UTA	TUL	PHI	ARI	PIT	UTA	GEO	DAL	ARI	CLE	JAC	ORL	SPO	TB	
	3-11	3-18	3-25	4-1	4-8	4-16	4-22	5-7	5-14	5-21	5-28	6-4	6-18	6-25	7-1	7-9	7-16	7-23	
0 Andrews	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	P/S/DNP/IA
1 Mosley	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	6/6/0/0
2 Gamboa	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	4/4/0/2
3 Toler	IA	IA	IA	P	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	18/0/0/0
4 Stephenson	DB	DB	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	9/8/0/4
4 George	NR	NR	DB	DB	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	DB	DB	SPD	SPD	DB	DB	IA	NR	2/2/0/0
5 Nwokocho	IR	IR	IR	IR	P	P	P	P	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IA	IA	8/8/0/1
6 Mclean	DB	DB	DB	DB	DB	DB	DB	DB	DB	DB	DB	DB	DB	DB	DB	DB	DB	DB	4/0/0/2
7 Bethel-Thompson	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	18/18/0/0
9 Roe	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	IA	P	SPD	SPD	IA	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	18/0/0/0
10 Amey	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	WR	IR	IR	IR	IR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	7/6/0/2
10 Vedder	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	1/1/0/0
11 Oredugba	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	3/3/0/0
11 Royal	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	2/2/0/0
11 Smith	DB	DB	DB	DB	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	2/2/0/0
11 Thomas	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	4/4/0/0
13 Brookins	DB	DB	DB	DB	DB	DB	DB	DB	WR	WR	WR	WR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	6/6/0/0
15 Guillory	IA	P	IA	WR	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	13/13/0/0
15 James	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	P	P	P	P	P	P	2/1/0/0
15 O'Neal	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	DB	DB	DB	DB	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	6/0/0/1
16 Grieb	OB	OB	OB	OB	OB	OB	OB	OB	OB	OB	OB	OB	OB	OB	OB	OB	OB	OB	4/4/0/0
17 Wright	WR	WR	WR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	IA	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	SPD	SPD	18/18/0/0
18 Britton	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	3/3/0/1
18 Flowers	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	0/0/0/3
19 Schoettgen	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	P	P	P	SPD	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	7/7/0/0
21 Moten	NR	NR	NR	IA	DB	DB	DB	DB	DB	DB	DB	IR	IR	IR	DB	DB	DB	DB	2/0/0/0
26 Cook	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	12/12/0/1
31 Maka	LB	IA	IA	IA	P	DL	DL	LB	LB	LB	LB	IA	IR	IR	IR	LB	LB	LB	18/18/0/0
40 Bruhn	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	P	IR	IR	IR	SPD	SPD	SPD	SPD	SPD	SPD	12/11/0/3
40 Castelo	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	1/0/0/0
40 Hunt	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	1/1/0/0
44 Graham	IA	IA	LB	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	3/3/0/0
44 Ike	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	P	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	1/0/0/2
44 Tyson	NR	NR	NR	NR	P	P	IA	P	IA	P	IR	IR	IR	IR	NR	NR	NR	NR	1/0/0/0
55 Hisatake	IA	IA	IA	IA	IA	IA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	5/1/0/2
68 Powell	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	12/1/0/6
68 Prater	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	7/7/0/0
68 Robertson	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0/0/0/2
70 Perri	IA	P	DL	P	DL	DL	DL	IR	IR	IR	IR	SPD	SPD	SPD	NR	NR	NR	DNP	0/0/1/0
70 Eliapo	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	5/3/0/1
72 Juratovac	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	6/6/0/0
73 Lewis	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	IA	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	2/2/0/1
75 Herrion	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	IA	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	18/18/0/0
77 Kia	P	P	IA	P	P	OL	OL	OL	OL	P	OL	SPD	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	11/11/0/2
80 Nelson	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	10/5/0/1
88 Goodson	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	11/11/0/0
90 Eliapo	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	P	DL	P	P	DL	DL	IA	IA	7/7/0/0
91 Loney	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	OL	6/3/0/2
92 Ellis	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	5/5/0/0
92 Phillips	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	IR	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	6/6/0/0
93 Huebner	DL	DL	LB	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	6/6/0/0
95 Clark	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	16/16/0/2
97 Nyenhuis	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	8/3/0/5
98 Hypolite	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	DL	10/10/0/0

POSITION = START, P = PLAYED, IA = INACTIVE, IR = INJURED RESERVE, SPD = SUSPENDED, NR = NOT ON ROSTER, LE = LEAGUE EXEMPT



GAME SUMMARY

GAME 1



FRIDAY, MARCH 11 SPOKANE 48, SAN JOSE 76 HP PAVILION



The SaberCats return to the AFL was marked by a strong offensive attack and big plays on the defensive side of the ball in a decisive 76-48 victory over the defending champion Spokane Shock, the highest point total put up by San Jose since April 22, 2005. QB Mark Grieb picked up right where he left off, throwing for 222 yards on 84 percent passing (21-for-25) for a QB rating of 143.2. His go-to target all night was WR/DB Rodney Wright, who led San Jose with 123 yards receiving on 12 receptions and a 25-yard touchdown on the opening drive. On Spokane's ensuing drive, Shock QB Kyle Rowley threw an interception to San Jose WR/DB Courtney Smith who returned the ball 16 yards for a touchdown, the first of his career. The Shock answered back, cutting the SaberCats lead in half after a two-yard pass to WR Markee White before the SaberCats scored 27 unanswered that included a 46-yard interception return for a touchdown by DB Dwight Mclean that put San Jose up 41-14. The SaberCats began the second half where they left off, thanks to two touchdown runs by FB/LB Chad Cook, who set a then single-game career-high with three. WR Nichiren Flowers also contributed four receiving touchdowns, good for a tie of his single-game career-high. The win marked San Jose's 21st consecutive victory win scoring 60-plus points and only the fourth time in franchise history the team had two interceptions returned for touchdowns.

TEAM STATISTICS

	SJ	SPO
FIRST DOWNS	20	23
NET YARDS GAINED	247	344
RUSHES/YARDS	12/25	2/-4
PASSING YARDS	222	356
ATT/COMP/INT	25/21/0	47/30/3
SACKED/YARDS LOST	0/0	1/8
FUMBLES/LOST	1/0	1/0
PENALTIES/YARDS	6/40	8/62
TIME OF POSSESSION	27:45	32:15

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	PTS
SPO	14	13	7	14	48
SJ	27	21	7	21	76

- SJ R. Wright 25 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (2-30, 1:31)
- SJ C. Smith 16 interception return (J. Gamboa kick)
- SPO M. White 2 pass from K. Rowley (T. Rowan kick) (3-33, 2:21)
- SJ N. Flowers 7 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (3-30, 1:33)
- SPO M. White 24 pass from K. Rowley (T. Rowan kick) (6-47, 3:46)
- SJ S. Goodson 25 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (1-25, 0:15)
- SJ D. Mclean 46 interception (J. Gamboa kick)
- SJ C. Cook 1 run (J. Gamboa kick) (6-39, 3:29)
- SPO T. Sanders 56 kick return (T. Rowan kick)
- SJ N. Flowers 8 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (2-7, 0:25)
- SPO K. Rowley 1 run (T. Rowan kick) (6-45, 0:43)
- SPO R. Vijil 25 pass from K. Rowley (T. Rowan) (3-48, 2:00)
- SJ C. Cook 1 run (J. Gamboa kick) (7-45, 5:04)
- SJ C. Cook 1 run (J. Gamboa kick) (6-28, 3:25)
- SPO G. Orton 2 pass from K. Rowley (T. Rowan kick) (6-45, 3:18)
- SJ N. Flowers 5 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (1-5, 0:29)
- SPO G. Orton 29 pass from K. Rowley (T. Rowan kick) (4-45, 2:06)
- SJ N. Flowers 9 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (3-17, 1:51)

RUSHING: SJ - C. Cook 11-21-3TD, M. Grieb 1-5...SPO - K.Rowley 1-1-1TD, M. White 1-(-5)

RECEIVING: SJ - R. Wright 12-123-1TD, N. Flowers 6-46-4TD, S. Goodson 2-40-1TD, C. Cook 1-13...SPO - R. Vijil 13-161-1TD, M. White 9-92-2TD, G. Orton 7-103-2TD, E. Sammons 1-8

PASSING: SJ - M. Grieb 25-21-222-6TD...SPO - K.Rowley 30-47-356-5TD

INTERCEPTIONS: SJ - D. Mclean 1-46-1TD, C.Smith 1-16-1TD, M. Brookins - 1-0...SPO - None

SACKS: SJ - G. Nyenhuis 1-8...SPO - None

SABERCATS TURNOVER RATIO: None



QB Mark Grieb



WR Nichiren Flowers TD Catch



GAME SUMMARY

GAME 2



FRIDAY, MARCH 18 KANSAS CITY 57, SAN JOSE 60 HP PAVILION



San Jose topped their electric home opener in Week 1 with an impressive victory over the Kansas City Command. QB Mark Grieb plunged into the endzone late in the game to score a touchdown en route to a 60-57 win, thanks to a Juan Gamboa field goal with two seconds left. The SaberCats were led by WR/DB Rodney Wright who made SaberCats history returning a kickoff 58 yards for a touchdown, tying the SaberCats record for longest kickoff return, a feat that has happened only three other times in San Jose history. QB Mark Grieb notched the 41st 300-yard passing game of his career (340) on 27-of-39 passing (69.2%). Kansas City struck back before the half on a 19-yard touchdown pass to close within six at halftime, 34-28. On the night, Wright had 298 all-purpose yards, marking the highest total in the AFL through Week 2. The third quarter opened with a 30-yard touchdown pass from QB J.J. Raterink to WR Bradley Chavez to give the Command their first lead at 35-34. After falling behind 42-40, the SaberCats took a one point lead on kicker Juan Gamboa's first career field goal. The two teams traded touchdowns until WR/DB Mervin Brookins came up with a clutch interception to give the SaberCats the ball with under three minutes to play and the SaberCats down 50-49. On fourth-and-goal on the two-yard line, Grieb shocked the crowd by avoiding defenders on a bootleg to put the 'Cats up 55-50. The Command answered back with a quick touchdown to tie the game at 57 with 39 seconds to play. On the ensuing drive, the crowd at HP Pavilion erupted when Gamboa kicked the game-winning field goal to give the SaberCats a 60-57 victory.

TEAM STATISTICS

	SJ	KC
FIRST DOWNS	22	18
NET YARDS GAINED	349	356
RUSHES/YARDS	6/9	5/13
PASSING YARDS	340	343
ATT/COMP/INT	39/27/0	45/28/1
SACKED/YARDS LOST	0/0	3/21
FUMBLES/LOST	1/0	0/0
PENALTIES/YARDS	5/27	5/31
TIME OF POSSESSION	27:04	32:56

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	PTS
KC	6	22	14	15	57
SJ	14	20	9	17	60

- SJ N. Flowers 9 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (4-35, 2:04)
- SJ S. Goodson 27 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (2-44, 0:43)
- KC S. Savoy 32 pass from J. Raterink (M. Salerno kick failed) (4-45, 2:24)
- SJ C. Cook 1 run (J. Gamboa kick) (8-49, 4:29)
- KC B. Smith 33 pass from J. Raterink (M. Salerno kick) (5-45, 2:56)
- SJ R. Wright 58 kick return (J. Gamboa kick)
- KC S. Savoy 14 pass from J. Raterink (S. Savoy rush) (3-14, 0:28)
- SJ R. Wright 38 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick failed) (1-38, 0:11)
- KC B. Smith 19 pass from J. Raterink (M. Salerno kick) (2-36, 0:18)
- KC B. Chavez 30 pass from J. Raterink (M. Salerno kick) (3-43, 2:06)
- SJ N. Flowers 11 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick failed) (3-45, 1:58)
- KC B. Chavez 18 pass from J. Raterink (M. Salerno kick) (7-48, 4:46)
- SJ J. Gamboa 17 FG (6-39, 3:24)
- KC C. Wise 10 pass from J. Raterink (S. Savoy catch) (6-41, 3:35)
- SJ C. Cook 2 run (J. Gamboa kick failed) (7-39, 5:10)
- SJ M. Grieb 2 run (S. Goodson catch) (5-23, 2:29)
- KC B. Chavez 35 pass from J. Raterink (M. Salerno kick) (2-35, 0:14)
- SJ J. Gamboa 18 FG (7-42, 0:37)

RUSHING: SJ - C. Cook 4-6-2TD, M. Grieb 1-2-1TD, R. Wright 1-1...KC - J. Raterink 4-8, V. Mann 1-5

RECEIVING: SJ - R. Wright 11-133-1TD, S. Goodson 8-144-1TD, N. Flowers 6-49-2TD, B. Guillory 1-9, C. Cook 1-5...KC -B. Smith 12-132-2TD, B. Chavez 8-123-3TD, S. Savoy 5-73-2TD, V. Mann 1-20, C. Wise 1-10-1TD, R. Ranglin 1-6

PASSING: SJ - M. Grieb 27-39-340-4TD...KC - J. Raterink 28-45-8TD-1INT

INTERCEPTIONS: SJ - M. Brookins - 1-(-1)...KC - None

SACKS: SJ - F. Maka 2-14, G. Nyenhuis 1-7...KC - None

SABERCATS TURNOVER RATIO: +1 (1 INT/None)



K Juan Gamboa hits game-winning 18-yard field goal



WR/DB Rodney Wright returns kick 58 yards for TD



GAME SUMMARY

GAME 3



FRIDAY, MARCH 25 SAN JOSE 41, CHICAGO 54 ALLSTATE ARENA



In a slugfest between two of the AFL's most storied franchises, Chicago defeated San Jose by a score of 54-41 as the SaberCats fell to 2-1 on the young season. SaberCats QB Mark Grieb finished with 279 passing yards and three touchdowns. The Rush were led by QB Russ Michna, who totaled seven touchdowns (five passing, two rushing) and 229 yards passing for Chicago. The Rush proved to be effective on the defensive side of the ball, forcing the SaberCats into three interceptions on the night. San Jose got off to a slow start with Chicago scoring on their opening drive. On the ensuing extra point, DB Dwight Mclean returned a botched kick 49 yards for San Jose's first two points of the game. QB Mark Grieb steadied the ship, throwing his first touchdown of the game to OL Mark Lewis followed by two touchdowns from FB/LB Chad Cook to put the SaberCats up 21-13. The Rush struck back quickly with a 39-yard touchdown pass by QB Russ Michna to WR Reggie Gray to close the Rush to within one, 21-20 at the half. Chicago started fast in the third stanza, scoring 13 unanswered points before WR/DB Rodney Wright hauled in a five-yard pass from Grieb to make the score 28-33. Wright has notched three consecutive games with at least 10 receptions, 100 yards and a receiving touchdown, totaling 15 receptions, 143 receiving yards and one touchdown on the night. Michna followed the San Jose touchdown grab with one of his own to WR Charles Dillon to put the Rush up 40-28. Needing a play, San Jose got one from the 2010 Defensive Player of the Year DL Gabe Nyenhuis who caught a tipped pass and returned it seven yards for his first career interception and return for a touchdown. The Rush answered back with a quick touchdown following an onside kick to put Chicago up 47-35 until QB Mark Grieb connected with WR/DB Samora Goodson for a 10-yard touchdown pass to pull the 'Cats to within six at 47-41. Chicago put together a long drive that ran 5:30 off the clock to seal the victory for the Rush by a final of 54-41.

TEAM STATISTICS

	SJ	CHI
FIRST DOWNS	21	15
NET YARDS GAINED	278	277
RUSHES/YARDS	3/6	16/55
PASSING YARDS	272	222
ATT/COMP/INT	46/28/3	21/15/1
SACKED/YARDS LOST	1/7	10/6
FUMBLES/LOST	0/0	1/0
PENALTIES/YARDS	9/86	10/52
TIME OF POSSESSION	31:38	28:22

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	PTS
SJ	8	13	7	13	41
CHI	6	14	29	14	54

- CHI R. Gray 46 pass from R. Michna (C. Gould kick) (4-45, 2:47)
- SJ D. Mclean PAT return
- SJ M. Lewis 13 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick failed) (7-45, 4:50)
- SJ C. Cook 1 run (J. Gamboa kick failed) (7-2, 5:14)
- CHI R. Michna 17 run (C. Gould kick) (3-34, 1:52)
- SJ C. Cook 1 run (J. Gamboa kick) (4-45, 2:54)
- CHI R. Gray 39 pass from R. Michna (C. Gould kick) (1-39, 0:38)
- CHI R. Gray 22 pass from R. Michna (C. Gould kick failed) (1-22, 0:16)
- CHI R. Michna 7 run (C. Gould kick) (3-16, 1:50)
- SJ R. Wright 5 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (2-45, 1:10)
- CHI C. Dillon 7 pass from R. Michna (C. Gould kick) (3-26, 1:50)
- SJ G. Nyenhuis 7 interception return (J. Gamboa kick)
- CHI M. Rucker 4 pass from R. Michna (C. Gould kick) (1-4, 0:28)
- SJ S. Goodson 10 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick failed) (3-38, 1:27)
- SJ J. Kirton 1 run (C. Gould kick) (8-49, 5:30)

- RUSHING:** SJ - C. Cook 3-6-2TD...CHI - R. Michna 9-38-2TD, J. Kirton 7-17-1TD
- RECEIVING:** SJ - R. Wright 15-143-1TD, N. Flowers 7-75, S. Goodson 4-41-1TD, M. Lewis 1-13-1TD, Cook 1-7...CHI - R. Gray 8-149-3TD, M. Rucker 4-56-1TD, C. Dillon 3-24-1TD
- PASSING:** SJ - M. Grieb 28-46-279-3TD-3INT...CHI - R. Michna 15-21-229-1TD
- INTERCEPTIONS:** SJ - G. Nyenhuis 1-7-1TD...CHI - J. Simpson - 2-0, V. Hall 1-0
- SACKS:** SJ - G. Hypolite 1-7...CHI - Q. Vickerson 1-8
- SABERCATS TURNOVER RATIO:** -2 (1 INT/3 INTS)



QB Mark Grieb threw for 279 yards



One of WR/DB Rodney Wright's career-high 15 catches



GAME SUMMARY

GAME 4



FRIDAY, APRIL 1 IOWA 76, SAN JOSE 69 HP PAVILION



A shootout between the San Jose SaberCats and Iowa Barnstormers ended in a 76-69 victory by the visiting Barnstormers as the SaberCats fell to 2-2 on the season. SaberCats QB Mark Grieb finished the game with 391 yards and nine touchdowns through the air in the effort. The Barnstormers were led by QB Brad Banks who threw for 383 yards and scored 11 total touchdowns (10 passing, one rushing). The SaberCats wasted no time scoring a touchdown in Grieb's 100th consecutive AFL start on a 17-yard touchdown pass to WR Nichiren Flowers, who tied a single-game career high with four touchdown receptions. Following an Iowa touchdown and second missed PAT of the game, San Jose answered with an 18-yard connection from Grieb to FB/LB Chad Cook. The teams traded touchdowns with the SaberCats score highlighted by Grieb connecting with Goodson for a 23-yard touchdown to give the 'Cats a 28-27 lead. After Iowa regained the lead 34-28, OL Mark Lewis hauled in his second touchdown reception of the season to tie the game at 34 at halftime. SaberCats WR Samora Goodson finished with career-highs in receptions (10) and receiving touchdowns (2). Iowa kicked off the second half with a touchdown on the first play regaining a seven point lead before Nichiren Flowers caught his third touchdown of the game in the corner of the endzone to knot the game at 41. Following another Iowa touchdown the SaberCats drove the length of the field scoring on a Chad Cook touchdown run, his eighth rushing touchdown of the season to knot the game at 48 following the third stanza. Iowa struck back with a touchdown pass to WR Jesse Schmidt, who led the Barnstormers with 178 yards receiving on 12 receptions for six touchdowns. The Barnstormers picked QB Mark Grieb in the final minutes to help seal the victory for Iowa.

TEAM STATISTICS

	SJ	IOW
FIRST DOWNS	26	26
NET YARDS GAINED	385	390
RUSHES/YARDS	2/8	4/17
PASSING YARDS	377	373
ATT/COMP/INT	47/33/1	37/24/0
SACKED/YARDS LOST	2/14	2/12
FUMBLES/LOST	2/1	1/1
PENALTIES/YARDS	6/40	6/36
TIME OF POSSESSION	30:46	29:14

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	PTS
IOW	13	21	14	28	76
SJ	14	20	14	21	69

- SJ** Flowers 17 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (2-36, 1:06)
- IOW** J. Schmidt 5 pass from B. Banks (P. Marfuggi kick) (5-45, 2:58)
- IOW** T. Blythe 8 pass from B. Banks (P. Marfuggi kick failed) (2-27, 0:59)
- SJ** N. Flowers 3 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (6-31, 3:42)
- IOW** T. Blythe 20 pass from B. Banks (P. Marfuggi kick failed) (5-47, 2:34)
- SJ** C. Cook 18 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (3-32, 2:06)
- IOW** J. Schmidt 4 pass from B. Banks (T. Blythe catch) (5-30, 3:32)
- SJ** S. Goodson 23 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (3-34, 1:49)
- IOW** J. Schmidt 9 pass from B. Banks (P. Marfuggi kick) (2-34, 1:19)
- SJ** M. Lewis 2 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick failed) (10-49, 2:12)
- IOW** T. Blythe 11 pass from B. Banks (P. Marfuggi kick) (1-11, 0:37)
- SJ** N. Flowers 16 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (7-45, 4:04)
- IOW** J. Schmidt 15 pass from B. Banks (P. Marfuggi kick) (3-42, 1:47)
- SJ** C. Cook 4 run (J. Gamboa kick) (7-29, 4:42)
- IOW** J. Schmidt 18 pass from B. Banks (P. Marfuggi kick) (5-48, 2:12)
- SJ** B. Toler 47 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (1-47, 0:32)
- IOW** T. Blythe 38 pass from B. Banks (P. Marfuggi kick) (4-48, 2:34)
- SJ** N. Flowers 19 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (1-19, 0:30)
- IOW** J. Schmidt 42 pass from B. Banks (P. Marfuggi kick) (2-42, 1:20)
- IOW** B. Banks 7 run (P. Marfuggi kick) (2-15, 0:58)
- SJ** S. Goodson 8 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (3-38, 0:22)

RUSHING: **SJ** - C. Cook 1-4-1TD, M. Grieb 1-4-...**IOW** - B. Banks 4-17-1TD

RECEIVING: **SJ** - S. Goodson 10-131-2TD, B. Guillory 8-67, N. Flowers 6-80-4TD, B. Toler 5-70-1TD, C. Cook 2-29-1TD, M. Brookins 1-12, M. Lewis 1-2-1TD...**IOW** - J. Schmidt 13-183-6TD, E. McCown 6-107, T. Blythe 5-93-4TD

PASSING: **SJ** - M. Grieb 47-33-391-9TD-1INT...**IOW** - B. Banks 37-24-383-10TD

INTERCEPTIONS: **SJ** - None...**IOW** - C. Felder 1-(-3)

SACKS: **SJ** - A. Huebner 1-7, C. Perri 1-5...**IOW** - B. Sesay 1-8, D. Dixon 1-6

SABERCATS TURNOVER RATIO: -1 (1 FF/1INT, 1FF)



WR/DB Samora Goodson hauls in one of his 10 catches



DL Chris Perri forces a fumble



GAME SUMMARY

GAME 5



FRIDAY, APRIL 8 UTAH 55, SAN JOSE 75 HP PAVILION



The SaberCats defeated the Utah Blaze, 75-55 for their second divisional win of the season thanks to a balanced effort on both sides of the ball. San Jose put together 311 yards in total offense with the defense forcing Utah to turn the ball over on downs three times on Friday night along with an interception. San Jose's offense was in high gear at the beginning of the game scoring a pair of rushing touchdowns as FB/LB Chad Cook rushed for the first of his two rushing touchdowns of the quarter and WR Nichiren Flowers scored the first rushing touchdown of his career. Utah answered with a 14-yard touchdown pass from QB Tommy Grady to WR Ernie Pierce and a rushing touchdown to tie the score at 14 at the end of the first quarter. After the first of WR Samora Goodson's career-high four touchdown receptions, the teams traded scores putting San Jose up 33-28. Defensive Player of the Game DL George Hypolite's first career forced fumble on fourth down shifted the momentum in the SaberCats' favor and gave San Jose the ball with seconds left on the clock. SaberCats QB Mark Grieb hit Samora Goodson for a two-yard touchdown pass to cap off a perfect 16-for-16 effort to put San Jose up 40-28 at the half. The third quarter opened with Grieb's nine-yard touchdown pass to Goodson who had a career high eleven receptions. San Jose continued to put pressure on Grady highlighted by DL Adam Huebner's second sack of the year and quarterback hurries throughout the game from defensive linemen Francis Maka, Chris Perri, and Hypolite. The third quarter ended with San Jose leading 47-34. The fourth quarter kicked off with two quick touchdowns including Goodson's fourth touchdown reception of the game. The score remained the same until WR Chido Nwokocha scored his first career touchdown on a 30-yard pass from Mark Grieb with just over three minutes remaining. Utah answered with a touchdown but was unable to stop Chad Cook, who ran for a career-high four rushing touchdowns and a total of 33 yards as he recorded his fifth consecutive game with at least two touchdowns. Cook's touchdown sealed the victory as San Jose notched a 75-55 victory over the Blaze.

TEAM STATISTICS

	<u>SJ</u>	<u>UTA</u>
FIRST DOWNS	25	21
NET YARDS GAINED	311	322
RUSHES/YARDS	9/38	3/15
PASSING YARDS	273	307
ATT/COMP/INT	34/25/0	48/27/1
SACKED/YARDS LOST	1/6	2/14
FUMBLES/LOST	1/0	1/0
PENALTIES/YARDS	4/22	7/41
TIME OF POSSESSION	27:05	32:15

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	PTS
UTA	14	14	6	21	55
SJ	14	26	7	28	75

- SJ Cook 3 run (J. Gamboa kick) (4-34, 2:22)
- UTA E. Pierce 14 pass from T. Grady (G. Gundersen kick) (4-45, 2:14)
- SJ N. Flowers 3 run (J. Gamboa kick) (3-39, 1:29)
- UTA N. Flowers 3 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (6-31, 3:42)
- SJ S. Goodson 8 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick blkd) (5-35, 2:37)
- UTA A. Boone 10 pass from T. Grady (G. Gundersen kick) (5-45, 3:27)
- SJ N. Flowers 5 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick failed) (5-44, 3:20)
- UTA A. Robinson 35 pass from T. Grady (G. Gundersen kick) (1-35, 0:41)
- SJ C. Cook 2 run (J. Gamboa kick) (2-6, 1:12)
- SJ S. Goodson 2 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (3-32, 0:18)
- SJ S. Goodson 9 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (3-10, 2:07)
- UTA A. Boone 40 pass from T. Grady (G. Gundersen kick failed) (2-45, 1:47)
- UTA A. Boone 10 pass from T. Grady (G. Gundersen kick) (6-25, 3:12)
- SJ S. Goodson 9 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (5-29, 2:41)
- SJ C. Nwokocha 30 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (3-44, 1:42)
- UTA E. Pierce 2 pass from T. Grady (G. Gundersen kick) (5-47, 1:54)
- SJ C. Cook 13 run (J. Gamboa kick) (1-13, 0:07)
- UTA A. Robinson 55 kickoff return (G. Gundersen kick)
- SJ N. Flowers 19 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (1-19, 0:30)
- SJ C. Cook 9 run (J. Gamboa kick) (2-17, 0:11)

RUSHING: SJ - C. Cook 3-33-4TD, N. Flowers 2-5-1TD, M. Grieb 1-0...UTA - T. Grady 1-12, B. Stallings 2-3-1TD

RECEIVING: SJ - S. Goodson 11-113-4TD, C. Nwokocha 5-80-1TD, B. Toler 3-43, N. Flowers 3-17-1TD, M. Lewis 2-25, C. Cook 1-1...UTA - A. Boone 11-147-3TD, E. Pierce 8-58-2TD, A. Robinson 3-66-1TD, A. Lesue 2-33, R. Blaszczyk 2-9, B. Stallings 1-8

PASSING: SJ - M. Grieb 33-25-279-6TD, M. Bethel-Thompson 0-1-0...UTA - T. Grady 48-27-321-6TD-1INT

INTERCEPTIONS: SJ - M. Brookins 1-6...UTA - None

SACKS: SJ - G. Hypolite 1-9, A. Huebner 1-5...UTA - G. Long 1-6

SABERCATS TURNOVER RATIO: +1 (None/11INT)



FB/LB Chad Cook running in one of his 4 TDs



DB Eddie Moten made his presence felt in his SaberCats debut



GAME SUMMARY

GAME 6



SATURDAY, APRIL 16 SAN JOSE 42, TULSA 33 BOK CENTER



The SaberCats pulled out a hard fought 42-33 victory over the Tulsa Talons for San Jose's first road win of the season. The win marked QB Mark Grieb's 100th career regular season victory in the AFL after he threw for 302 yards and four touchdowns completing 25-of-32 passes (78.1 percent) in front of 4,747 at the BOK Center. The SaberCats came out of the gate slowly, despite QB Mark Grieb throwing two touchdowns passes to wide receivers Samora Goodson (nine yards) and Nichiren Flowers (29 yards). The Talons defense forced the team into three turnovers in the first half (two interceptions and one forced fumble) and the offense started the game off quickly with QB Matt Bassuener throwing for 172 yards and three touchdowns. Offensive Player of the Game WR Troy McBroom hauled in 129 yards and one touchdown in the first half to help give the Talons a 24-14 lead heading into halftime. San Jose started the second half off quickly taking a 28-24 lead, scoring on consecutive drives. Samora Goodson notched his second touchdown grab of the game followed by DB Eddie Moten's second interception of the contest, helping him net Defensive Player of the Game honors. FB/LB Chad Cook punched it on the ensuing play to give the 'Cats their first lead of the game. Tulsa scored their first touchdown of the second half in the fourth quarter, cutting the SaberCats lead to 35-33 with under seven minutes remaining in the stanza. San Jose answered back thanks to another Cook touchdown, marking his sixth consecutive game with at least two touchdowns. The SaberCats put the game away, after Talons K Juan Bongarra missed a 24-yard field goal with 26 seconds remaining in the game and the San Jose offense ran the clock out to seal the victory. WR/DB Samora Goodson set a career-high with 145 receiving yards, marking the third consecutive game he's totaled at least 10 receptions, 100 receiving yards and two touchdowns. WR Burl Toler finished with career highs in receptions (12), and receiving yards (99). QB Mark Grieb posted his 43rd career 300-yard passing game, while on the defensive side of the ball, DL George Hypolite posted two sacks now leading the team with four on the season.

TEAM STATISTICS

	<u>SJ</u>	<u>TUL</u>
FIRST DOWNS	22	19
NET YARDS GAINED	322	259
RUSHES/YARDS	8/20	6/12
PASSING YARDS	302	247
ATT/COMP/INT	32/25/2	43/22/2
SACKED/YARDS LOST	0/0	3/18
FUMBLES/LOST	1/1	1/1
PENALTIES/YARDS	13/92	8/58
TIME OF POSSESSION	25:36	34:14

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	PTS
SJ	7	7	21	7	42
TUL	14	10	3	6	33

- TUL D. Davis 3 pass from M. Bassuener (J. Bongarra kick) (6-45, 4:44)
 TUL T. McBroom 8 pass from M. Bassuener (J. Bongarra kick) (5-31, 2:48)
 SJ N. Flowers 29 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (1-29, 0:30)
 TUL A. Hunt 8 pass from M. Bassuener (J. Bongarra kick) (6-22, 4:39)
 SJ S. Goodson 9 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (3-23, 1:57)
 TUL J. Bongarra 26 FG (7-26, 1:41)
 SJ S. Goodson 25 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (4-49, 2:09)
 SJ C. Cook 2 run (J. Gamboa kick) (1-2, 0:30)
 TUL J. Bongarra 29 FG (8-29, 6:20)
 SJ S. Goodson 7 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (6-41, 3:04)
 TUL T. McBroom 6 pass from M. Bassuener (M. Bassuener pass failed) (11-47, 7:12)
 SJ C. Cook 3 run (J. Gamboa kick) (7-42, 4:58)

RUSHING: SJ - C. Cook 7-19-2TD, N. Flowers 1-1...TUL - M. Bassuener 4-10, A. Hunt 1-3, B. Reid 1-(-1)

RECEIVING: SJ - B. Toler 12-99, S. Goodson 10-145-3TD, N. Flowers 2-48-1TD, C. Cook 1-10...TUL - T. McBroom 13-177-2TD, A. Hunt 7-74-1TD, D. Davis 2-14-1TD

PASSING: SJ - M. Grieb 32-25-302-4TD-2INT...TUL - M. Bassuener 43-22-265-4TD-2INT

INTERCEPTIONS: SJ - E. Moten 2-28...TUL - F. Shaw 1-10, V. De-grate 1-1

SACKS: SJ - G. Hypolite 2-12, G. Tyson 1-6..TUL - None

SABERCATS TURNOVER RATIO: 0 (2INT, 1FF/2INT, 1FF)



GAME SUMMARY

GAME 7



FRIDAY, APRIL 22 PHILADELPHIA 61, SAN JOSE 68 HP PAVILION



In a rematch of ArenaBowl XXII, the SaberCats earned a 68-61 victory over the Philadelphia Soul for their third consecutive win. San Jose never trailed in the game as MVP of the Game QB Mark Grieb passed for 221 yards and four touchdowns and ran for another in the win for his 100th career regular season victory with the SaberCats before 8,663 fans at HP Pavilion. The game began with the San Jose defense picking up where they left off in Tulsa, forcing the Soul into a missed field goal that SaberCats WR/DB Mervin Brookins returned 29 yards. Four plays later, FB/LB Chad Cook scored on a four-yard run, his 15th rushing touchdown of the season. Philadelphia answered when QB Justin Allgood found Offensive Player of the Game WR Donovan Morgan in the back of the endzone to even the score at seven. The SaberCats responded quickly, needing just three plays to regain a seven point lead on a 27-yard touchdown pass from QB Mark Grieb to WR Nichiren Flowers and taking a 14-7 lead into the start of the second quarter. After the Soul got within a point, it took Grieb just one play to find Ironman of the Game WR Chido Nwokocha downfield for a 45-yard touchdown, the longest reception of his career. Philadelphia again closed within one point when WR/KR Keith Stokes recovered a fumble forced by San Jose DB Jamarion O'Neal in the endzone, O'Neal's second forced fumble in as many games. The 'Cats advanced to the Philadelphia one-yard line on a connection from Grieb to Flowers, and two plays later Flowers found the endzone on a one-yard touchdown run. K Juan Gamboa capped off San Jose's scoring with a career-long 38-yard field goal as the 'Cats took a 31-20 lead into the half. A six-yard touchdown pass from Grieb to Flowers and an O'Neal interception return for a touchdown gave the 'Cats a 45-20 lead midway through the third period. Following a Grieb interception, Philadelphia scored to cut the lead to 45-27 at the end of the third quarter. Grieb found Nwokocha for a diving catch over the boards in the corner of the endzone to put the 'Cats up 52-27 to start the fourth quarter. A Philadelphia touchdown brought the Soul within 18, but Cook found the endzone for his second rushing touchdown of the game, extending his season-long streak of consecutive games with two touchdowns to seven. Philadelphia WR Donovan Morgan hauled in his second touchdown pass of the game to cut the San Jose lead to 59-41. Two touchdowns by the Soul cut the lead to single digits at 62-54 with 47 seconds remaining in the game. The teams traded touchdowns in the final minute for a final score of 68-61.

TEAM STATISTICS

	SJ	PHI
FIRST DOWNS	19	24
NET YARDS GAINED	237	357
RUSHES/YARDS	9/16	3/10
PASSING YARDS	221	347
ATT/COMP/INT	28/18/1	40/27/1
SACKED/YARDS LOST	0/0	2/5
FUMBLES/LOST	4/1	1/0
PENALTIES/YARDS	9/72	12/81
TIME OF POSSESSION	28:11	31:49

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	PTS
PHI	7	13	7	34	61
SJ	14	17	14	23	68

- SJ** C. Cook 4 run (J. Gamboa kick) (3-21, 2:10)
- PHI** D. Morgan 3 pass from J. Allgood (M. Scaccia kick) (8-45, 6:17)
- SJ** N. Flowers 27 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (3-43, 1:34)
- PHI** D. Ross 3 run (M. Scaccia kick failed) (6-37, 3:59)
- SJ** C. Nwokocha 45 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (1-45, 0:37)
- PHI** K. Stokes 0 fumble recovery (M. Scaccia kick) (4-45, 3:20)
- SJ** N. Flowers 1 run (J. Gamboa kick) (5-31, 4:09)
- SJ** J. Gamboa 38 FG (4-0, 0:27)
- SJ** N. Flowers 6 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (4-34, 0:03)
- SJ** J. O'Neal 10 interception return (J. Gamboa kick)
- PHI** K. Stokes 11 pass from R. Vena (M. Scaccia kick) (1-11, 0:32)
- SJ** C. Nwokocha 17 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (3-38, 1:41)
- PHI** S. Newton 5 pass from R. Vena (M. Scaccia kick) (4-45, 3:02)
- SJ** C. Cook 3 run (J. Gamboa kick) (4-14, 2:23)
- PHI** D. Morgan 45 pass from R. Vena (M. Scaccia kick) (1-45, 0:41)
- SJ** J. Gamboa 16 FG (4-4, 2:40)
- PHI** S. Newton 45 pass from R. Vena (M. Scaccia kick) (2-45, 1:20)
- PHI** R. Vena 4 run (M. Scaccia kick failed) (3-31, 1:07)
- SJ** M. Grieb 4 run (J. Gamboa kick failed) (5-16, 0:28)
- PHI** K. Stokes 25 pass from R. Vena (M. Scaccia kick) (2-24, 0:19)

RUSHING: **SJ** - C. Cook 4-11-2TD, M. Grieb 4-4-1TD, N. Flowers 1-1-1TD...**PHI** - R. Vena 1-4-1TD, D. Ross 1-3-1TD, K. Stokes 1-3

RECEIVING: **SJ** - N. Flowers 6-70-2TD, C. Nwokocha 5-75-2TD, B. Toler 3-41, C. Cook 3-19, S. Goodson 1-16...**PHI** - D. Morgan 11-163-2TD, K. Stokes 8-81-3TD, S. Newton 6-82-2TD, D. Whitley 1-20, T. Nsekhe 1-6

PASSING: **SJ** - M. Grieb 28-18-221-4TD-1INT...**PHI** - J. Allgood 24-15-135-2TD-1INT, R. Vena 16-12-217-5TD

INTERCEPTIONS: **SJ** - None...**PHI** - M. Brown 1-19

SACKS: **SJ** - M. Castelo 1-4, F. Maka 1-1...**PHI** - None

SABERCATS TURNOVER RATIO: -1 (1FF/1INT, 1FF)



FB/LB Chad Cook extended his consecutive game streak to seven games with at least two touchdowns



WR Nichiren Flowers had three total touchdowns



GAME SUMMARY

GAME 8



SATURDAY, MAY 7 ARIZONA 65, SAN JOSE 43 HP PAVILION



A matchup between the top two teams in the West Division resulted in a back and forth battle as the Arizona defeated San Jose by a score of 65-43 before 9,499 fans at HP Pavilion. QB Mark Grieb finished with 264 passing yards and four passing touchdowns along with a rushing score. Wide receivers Otis Amey and Ben Nelson each hauled in a pair of touchdowns in the 2011 debuts, and the defense collected two sacks and forced two fumbles in the loss. WR/DB Mervin Brookins posted 155 return yards and 6.0 tackles on his way to being named JLS Ironman of the Game. Things got off to a quick start when Arizona QB Nick Davila found WR Trandon Harvey for a touchdown on the first play from scrimmage. Moments later, San Jose QB Mark Grieb hit Amey for a four-yard touchdown in Amey's first game in a SaberCats uniform. After the second Rattlers touchdown of the quarter, Arizona forced San Jose to turn the ball over on downs and took over deep in their own territory. On the ensuing drive, San Jose DL Eric Phillips collected his first career sack, forcing a fumble that was recovered by DL Francis Maka. One play later FB/LB Chad Cook scored on a five-yard run, his 17th rushing touchdown of the season, bringing the SaberCats within one point at 14-13 at the end of the first quarter. After Arizona pulled ahead by eight, San Jose embarked on an 11-play drive culminating with a nine-yard touchdown run by Grieb to pull San Jose within a point at 21-20. Rattlers FB Odie Armstrong found the endzone with under a minute remaining in the half, giving Arizona a 28-20 lead heading into halftime. Arizona took advantage of Grieb's second interception with a 38-yard field goal to take a 31-20 lead midway through the third quarter. San Jose answered back as Grieb found Nelson in the corner of the endzone for his first touchdown of the season, narrowing the deficit to 31-27 at the conclusion of the third stanza. The Rattlers struck back with a touchdown on their first drive of the fourth quarter on a nine-yard pass from QB Davila to WR/DB Jason Geathers to put Arizona ahead, 38-27. The back and forth scoring continued when Grieb found Nelson for a 31-yard diving touchdown catch, Nelson's second touchdown reception of the game. After a quick score by Arizona, the SaberCats answered back when Grieb found Amey for a 45-yard touchdown pass, his second of the game. A PAT attempt following a Rattlers touchdown was blocked by DL Francis Maka and returned for a two-point score by WR/DB Mervin Brookins that brought San Jose within one score at 51-43. The SaberCats stalled the Rattlers next drive that resulted in a missed 44-yard field goal by K Fabrizio Scaccia, but FB/LB Kevin McCullough recovered the miss in the endzone to help the Rattlers pull away.



WR/DB Mervin Brookins earned Ironman honors after leading in kick return yards to go along with 6.0 tackles

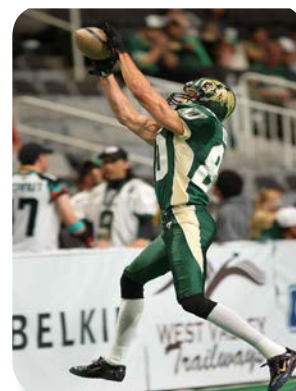
TEAM STATISTICS

	SJ	ARI
FIRST DOWNS	18	20
NET YARDS GAINED	266	296
RUSHES/YARDS	4/21	8/43
PASSING YARDS	245	253
ATT/COMP/INT	38/20/4	32/23/4
SACKED/YARDS LOST	5/19	2/13
FUMBLES/LOST	1/1	2/1
PENALTIES/YARDS	9/40	14/100
TIME OF POSSESSION	32:28	27:32

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	PTS
ARI	14	14	3	34	65
SJ	13	7	7	16	43

- ARI** T. Harvey 26 pass from N. Davila (F. Scaccia) (1-26, 0:35)
- SJ** O. Amey 4 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick failed) (4-23, 2:44)
- ARI** T. Harvey 13 pass from N. Davila (F. Scaccia kick) (3-42, 1:46)
- SJ** C. Cook 5 run (J. Gamboa kick) (1-5, 0:11)
- ARI** R. Windsor 14 pass from N. Davila (F. Scaccia kick) (5-34, 2:59)
- SJ** M. Grieb 9 run (J. Gamboa kick) (11-47, 7:01)
- ARI** O. Armstrong 1 run (F. Scaccia kick) (9-45, 3:27)
- ARI** F. Scaccia 38 FG (6-(-1)), 4:58)
- SJ** B. Nelson 17 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (10-46, 6:27)
- ARI** J. Geathers 9 pass from N. Davila (F. Scaccia kick) (6-36, 3:28)
- SJ** B. Nelson 31 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (3-40, 1:54)
- ARI** R. Windsor 43 pass from N. Davila (F. Scaccia kick) (1-43, 0:40)
- SJ** O. Amey 45 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (2-40, 1:51)
- ARI** J. Geathers 17 pass from N. Davila (F. Scaccia kick blkd) (3-35, 1:51)
- SJ** M. Brookins PAT return
- ARI** K. McCullough 2 net recovery (F. Scaccia kick)
- ARI** K. McCullough 11 interception return (F. Scaccia kick)

- RUSHING:** **SJ** - C. Cook 2-10-1TD, M. Grieb 2-11-1TD...**ARI** - O. Armstrong 5-41-1TD, N. Davila 2-3
- RECEIVING:** **SJ** - O. Amey 6-109-2TD, 6-82-2TD, B. Toler 6-46, C. Nwokocha 1-17, C. Cook 1-10...**ARI** - R. Windsor 9-110-2TD, T. Harvey 7-87-2TD, J. Geathers 7-69-2TD
- PASSING:** **SJ** - M. Grieb 38-20-264-4TD-4INT...**ARI** - N. Davila 32-23-266-6TD
- INTERCEPTIONS:** **SJ** - None...**ARI** - V. Gray 1-17, K. McCullough 1-11-1TD, V. Hill 1-1, M. Floyd 1-0
- SACKS:** **SJ** - A. Huebner 1-7, E. Phillips 1-6...**ARI** - T. Glasper 3-15, K. Harrington 1-2, A. Hawthorne 1-2
- SABERCATS TURNOVER RATIO:** -4 (1FF/4INT, 1FF)



WR Ben Nelson made his return to San Jose



GAME SUMMARY

GAME 9



SATURDAY, MAY 14 SAN JOSE 48, PITTSBURGH 54 CONSOL ENERGY CENTER



The SaberCats suffered their second road defeat of the season, 54-48 to the Pittsburgh Power, following a 31-yard touchdown pass to WR Jason Willis from QB Bernard Morris with 0:14 remaining in front of 7,333 at CONSOL Energy Center. San Jose got off to a slow start, yielding scores on the first two drives to Pittsburgh as QB Bernard Morris found wide receivers Jason Willis (15 yards) and Mike Washington (13 yards) to give the Power an early 14-0 advantage. San Jose responded with 21 unanswered points, including one of FB/LB Chad Cook's three rushing touchdowns, helping him break the SaberCats' single-season record for rushing scores in a season (20) which was originally set by WR/DB Barry Wagner (18) in 2003. Wide receivers Ben Nelson and James Roe, who saw his first action of the 2011 season, posted a receiving touchdown each during San Jose's stretch, making it 21-14 as the first quarter expired. The SaberCats offensive flurry was ignited by take-aways on their defense as DB Jamarion O'Neal notched his second interception of the season, followed by a DL Francis Maka fumble recovery off of a failed snap. Pittsburgh responded as MVP of the Game WR Mike Washington hauled in two touchdown receptions, totaling 12 receptions for 120 yards and four touchdowns on the night. At the tail end of the first half, Pittsburgh stuffed a San Jose offensive drive at the goal line to hold the score at 34-33 heading into the half. At the start of the second half, the two teams exchanged scores, with Roe posting his second touchdown of the game, followed by Cook's record-setting rushing score. The San Jose defense held the Pittsburgh offense to only one touchdown as the two teams headed into the fourth stanza. The final quarter saw both teams turn the ball over on downs, with San Jose driving deep into Pittsburgh territory with under 1:00 remaining in the game. The Power came up with another goal line stand giving their offense the ball in the final minute before QB Bernard Morris connected with WR Jason Willis with 0:14 remaining to seal the victory. The SaberCats put together a last second drive, but came up short when a grab from WR Burl Toler near the goal line wasn't enough as time expired. The SaberCats defense forced four turnovers on the night, the second largest total on the season. San Jose WR Ben Nelson posted five receptions for 75 yards and a touchdown, passing the 6,000 receiving yard mark for his career. WR/DB Mervin Brookins saw significant time at wide receiver where he posted single-game career highs with six receptions for 72 yards.

TEAM STATISTICS

	SJ	PIT
FIRST DOWNS	22	19
NET YARDS GAINED	352	282
RUSHES/YARDS	13/63	6/32
PASSING YARDS	289	250
ATT/COMP/INT	41/27/1	39/24/2
SACKED/YARDS LOST	1/5	2/13
FUMBLES/LOST	0/0	3/2
PENALTIES/YARDS	11/98	6/43
TIME OF POSSESSION	32:10	27:50

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	PTS
SJ	21	13	14	0	54
PIT	14	19	7	14	48

- PIT J. Willis 15 pass from B. Morris (P. Edinger kick) (5-46, 3:42)
- PIT M. Washington 13 pass from B. Morris (P. Edinger kick) (2-41, 0:56)
- SJ B. Nelson 11 pass from B. Morris M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (3-34, 1:32)
- SJ C. Cook 5 run (J. Gamboa kick) (1-5, 0:14)
- SJ J. Roe 6 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (3-8, 1:32)
- PIT J. Willis 14 pass from B. Morris (P. Edinger kick failed) (7-30, 3:54)
- SJ J. Roe 15 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick failed) (3-35, 1:43)
- PIT M. Washington 22 pass from B. Morris (P. Edinger kick failed) (2-31, 0:54)
- SJ C. Cook 2 run (J. Gamboa kick) (6-42, 3:30)
- PIT M. Washington 4 pass from B. Morris (P. Edinger kick) (2-6, 0:15)
- SJ C. Cook 3 run (J. Gamboa kick) (2-20, 1:38)
- PIT L. Dewalt 9 pass from B. Morris (P. Edinger kick) (5-30, 3:07)
- SJ B. Toler 11 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (6-37, 3:53)
- PIT M. Washington 18 pass from B. Morris (B. Morris pass failed) (2-18, 0:46)
- PIT J. Willis 31 pass from B. Morris (L. Dewalt pass from B. Morris) (5-49, 0:27)

RUSHING: SJ - C. Cook 13-63-3TD...PIT - B. Morris 4-29, C. Fulton 1-2, J. Rue 1-1

RECEIVING: SJ - B. Toler 8-77-1TD, 7-53-2TD, M. Brookins 6-72, B. Nelson 5-75-1TD, A. Kia 1-17...PIT - M. Washington 12-120-4TD, J. Willis 6-88-3TD, C. Fulton 4-40, L. Dewalt 1-9-1TD, M. Byrne 1-6

PASSING: SJ - M. Grieb 41-27-294-4TD-1INT...PIT - B. Morris 39-24-263-8TD-2INT

INTERCEPTIONS: SJ - E. Moten 1-15, J. O'Neal 1-5...PIT - B. Lay 1-12

SACKS: SJ - E. Phillips 1-9, F. Maka 1-4..PIT - A. Degrate 0.5-3, D. Benson 0.5-2

SABERCATS TURNOVER RATIO: +2 (1FF, 1INT/2INT, 2FF)



The SaberCats defense applied pressure to QB Bernard Morris all night



GAME SUMMARY

GAME 10



SATURDAY, MAY 21 SAN JOSE 68, UTAH 76 ENERGYSOLUTIONS ARENA



The SaberCats suffered their third consecutive loss at the hands of the Utah Blaze, 76-68 in front of 8,815 at EnergySolutions Arena as the Blaze were led by Russell Offensive Player of the Game QB Tommy Grady who threw for 319 yards on 23-of-32 passing and nine touchdowns. The two teams opened the game with an offensive assault, scoring on all five drives in the first quarter. SaberCats QB Mark Grieb, who threw for 323 yards (44th career 300-yard game) and seven touchdowns, found WR Ben Nelson on San Jose's first offensive play from scrimmage on a 13-yard pass while FB/LB Chad Cook continued his outstanding play of late with one of his three rushing touchdowns, pushing his total to 23 on the season. Blaze QB Tommy Grady threw for 123 yards in the opening stanza on 10-of-12 passing for three touchdown passes, putting Utah ahead 21-14 early on. Cook once again showed his ability to get into the endzone with another rushing score in the second quarter while Nelson posted another touchdown grab. The Blaze responded with two touchdowns of their own as WR Chris Bocage hauled in touchdown passes from QB Tommy Grady. With the SaberCats driving with under a minute remaining in the half, Riddell Defensive Player of the Game DB Brandon Taylor intercepted a pass before the San Jose defense responded when DL Francis Maka recovered a bad snap for the second consecutive game giving the SaberCats the ball back. The offense scored on the following drive with a nine-yard touchdown pass from Grieb to WR Burl Toler to knot the game at 35 heading into the half. The SaberCats opened the second half with a score as QB Mark Grieb found WR/DB Mervin Brookins for his first career touchdown reception on a 21-yard strike. On the night, Brookins notched career highs with 13 receptions for 152 yards and two touchdown catches. Utah scored on their ensuing drive with a 23-yard pass to WR Ernie Pierce from QB Tommy Grady before Brookins hauled in another score on a 23-yard toss from Grieb. The Blaze were ignited by a 56-yard kickoff return by WR Chris Bocage on the ensuing kickoff. Following a Cook touchdown, Grady spread the ball around to his receivers in the final quarter with WR Ernie Pierce (18 yards), OL Jason Boone (3 yards) and Alvan Robinson (47 yards) all recording touchdown receptions. WR Ben Nelson scored in the final minute putting San Jose down by one with 29 seconds remaining. The Blaze special teams came through in the clutch, however, blocking the ensuing extra point before Grady ran the ball in on an eight-yard scamper with five seconds remaining,



The SaberCats offense was able to put up 68 points, but couldn't come up with the victory

TEAM STATISTICS

	SJ	UTA
FIRST DOWNS	36	22
NET YARDS GAINED	352	337
RUSHES/YARDS	8/29	3/18
PASSING YARDS	323	319
ATT/COMP/INT	43/29/1	32/23/0
SACKED/YARDS LOST	2/6	0/0
FUMBLES/LOST	0/0	1/1
PENALTIES/YARDS	16/117	15/101
TIME OF POSSESSION	37:43	22:17

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	PTS
SJ	14	21	20	13	68
UTA	21	14	14	27	76

- UTA E. Pierce 10 pass from T. Grady (A. Aguila kick) (6-47, 3:12)
- SJ B. Nelson 13 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (1-13, 0:26)
- UTA C. Bocage 20 pass from T. Grady (A. Aguila kick) (2-31, 0:59)
- SJ C. Cook 4 run (J. Gamboa kick) (5-37, 3:55)
- UTA A. Robinson 14 pass from T. Grady (A. Aguila kick) (4-45, 2:10)
- SJ C. Cook 1 run (J. Gamboa kick) (10-48, 7:18)
- UTA C. Bocage 7 pass from T. Grady (A. Aguila kick) (2-15, 0:51)
- SJ B. Nelson 9 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (5-43, 3:10)
- UTA C. Bocage 13 pass from T. Grady (A. Aguila kick) (4-44, 2:05)
- SJ B. Toler 9 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (3-9, 0:19)
- SJ M. Brookins 21 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick failed) (5-39, 3:20)
- UTA E. Pierce 23 pass from T. Grady (A. Aguila kick) (3-36, 1:46)
- SJ M. Brookins 23 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (3-45, 3:34)
- UTA C. Bocage 56 kickoff return (A. Aguila kick)
- SJ C. Cook 3 run (J. Gamboa kick) (4-38, 2:48)
- UTA E. Pierce 18 pass from T. Grady (A. Aguila kick) (4-45, 2:00)
- UTA J. Boone 3 pass from T. Grady (A. Aguila kick failed) (3-24, 1:22)
- SJ B. Nelson 23 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (4-32, 2:47)
- UTA A. Robinson 47 pass from T. Grady (A. Aguila kick) (1-47, 0:33)
- SJ B. Nelson 6 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick blkd) (5-45, 2:27)
- UTA T. Grady 8 run (A. Aguila kick) (4-16, 0:24)

RUSHING: SJ - C. Cook 7-26-3TD...UTA - B. Stallings 1-10, T. Grady 2-8-1TD

RECEIVING: SJ - M. Brookins 13-152-2TD, B. Nelson 9-107-4TD, C. Cook 3-40, B. Toler 3-29-1TD, A. Juratovac 1-1...UTA - E. Pierce 10-136-3TD, C. Bocage 6-75-3TD, A. Robinson 4-73-2TD, J. Boone 2-16-1TD, B. Stallings 1-19

PASSING: SJ - M. Grieb 43-29-329-7TD-1INT...UTA - T. Grady 32-23-319-9TD

INTERCEPTIONS: SJ - None...UTA - B. Taylor 1-11

SACKS: SJ - None..UTA - C. Rayford 0.5-2, B. Taylor 0.5-2, D. Johnson 0.5-1, M. Lewis 0.5-1

SABERCATS TURNOVER RATIO: 0 (1INT/1FF)



GAME SUMMARY

GAME 11



SATURDAY, MAY 28 GEORGIA, 55, SAN JOSE 49 HP PAVILION



A close contest between the Georgia Force and the San Jose SaberCats ended in another tough loss as the Force emerged victorious in front of 10,231 fans at a packed HP Pavilion. Despite the loss, National Guard MVP of the Game QB Mark Grieb became the fifth player in AFL history to surpass 40,000 passing yards for his career after posting 358 yards connecting on 24-of-34 (70.6%) for five touchdowns. After the SaberCats turned the ball over on downs, Force QB Brett Elliott connected with WR CJ Johnson for a 47-yard touchdown on the second play of their drive to put the Force up 7-0. San Jose evened the score at seven on the following offensive series when Grieb found WR Ben Nelson in the back of the endzone, who registered his 500th reception of his career. On the ensuing drive the San Jose defense held fast, forcing Georgia into a 27-yard field goal putting them ahead by three at the end of the first quarter, 10-7. The second quarter began with a rushing touchdown by FB/LB Chad Cook and Georgia answered back when Elliott found WR/DB Larry Shipp on a 10-yard touchdown pass. The scoring continued as Grieb found WR/DB Mervin Brookins for a 42-yard touchdown, the first of his career-high three for the game. Georgia's OL Benji McDowell scored a rushing touchdown to put Georgia up 31-21. With just seconds to go in the half, Elliott rushed for a 4-yard touchdown following a Grieb interception. Following a penalty on Georgia, the SaberCats scored with no time left on the clock as Grieb found Brookins for a 24-yard touchdown after he avoided numerous defenders to cut the lead to three at 31-28. The second half opened with a touchdown by Georgia WR/DB Michael Johnson. On the next drive, Grieb found Brookins for a 14-yard touchdown to surpass 40,000 career passing yards before Georgia was able to convert a 47-yard field goal attempt to go up 41-35. Cook scored his 25th rushing touchdown of the season and K Juan Gamboa recovered the ball in the endzone after a blocked extra point attempt, putting the 'Cats up 43-41. A quick 14-yard touchdown catch by Force WR/DB Larry Shipp opened the final quarter of the game and San Jose followed with Nelson's second touchdown grab of the contest putting San Jose up 49-47. Shipp caught his third touchdown of the game to put Georgia up 55-49 with 29 seconds on the clock, after a successful two-point conversion. The game ended when Grieb connected with WR Scott Schoettgen in the endzone, but the touchdown catch was nullified by a holding penalty with no time left on the clock, giving San Jose their fourth consecutive loss.



WR/DB Mervin Brookins had another huge night with nine receptions for 136 yards and three touchdowns

TEAM STATISTICS

	SJ	GEO
FIRST DOWNS	21	24
NET YARDS GAINED	370	360
RUSHES/YARDS	8/12	4/3
PASSING YARDS	358	357
ATT/COMP/INT	34/24/1	46/31/0
SACKED/YARDS LOST	0/0	0/0
FUMBLES/LOST	0/0	0/0
PENALTIES/YARDS	15/89	8/51
TIME OF POSSESSION	27:04	32:56

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	PTS
GEO	10	21	10	14	55
SJ	7	21	15	6	49

- GEO C. Johnson 47 pass from B. Elliott (C. Martinez kick) (2-47, 0:49)
- SJ B. Nelson 8 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (4-38, 2:14)
- GEO C. Martinez 25 FG (7-37, 4:19)
- SJ C. Cook 1 run (J. Gamboa kick) (7-30, 3:53)
- GEO L. Shipp 10 pass from B. Elliott (C. Martinez kick) (6-48, 3:35)
- SJ M. Brookins 42 yard pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (1-42, 0:37)
- GEO B. McDowell 1 run (C. Martinez kick) (7-41, 4:46)
- GEO B. Elliott 4 run (C. Martinez kick) (4-43, 0:20)
- SJ M. Brookins 24 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (1-24, 0:03)
- GEO M. Johnson 8 pass from B. Elliott (C. Martinez kick) (6-42, 3:51)
- SJ M. Brookins 14 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (2-45, 1:03)
- GEO C. Martinez 47 FG (7-6, 4:31)
- SJ C. Cook 1 run (J. Gamboa rush) (5-30, 2:48)
- GEO L. Shipp 13 pass from B. Elliott (C. Martinez kick failed) (3-30, 1:23)
- SJ B. Nelson 12 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick failed) (5-45, 3:12)
- GEO L. Shipp 16 pass from B. Elliott (M. Johnson pass) (6-45, 2:05)

- RUSHING:** SJ - C. Cook 8-14-2TD...GEO - B. Elliott 1-4-1TD, B. McDowell 1-1-1TD, L. Shipp 2-(-2)
- RECEIVING:** SJ - M. Brookins 9-136-3TD, B. Nelson 7-110-2TD, B. Toler 4-76, C. Cook 2-19, A. Kia 2-17...GEO - C. Johnson 13-159-1TD, L. Shipp 9-104-3TD, M. Johnson 7-76-1TD, K. McAlmont 2-29
- PASSING:** SJ - M. Grieb 34-24-358-5TD-1INT...GEO - B. Elliott 46-31-368-5TD
- INTERCEPTIONS:** SJ - None...GEO - T. Belton 1-18
- SACKS:** SJ - Huebner 1-13..GEO - None
- SABERCATS TURNOVER RATIO:** -1 (None/1INT)



QB Mark Grieb became the fifth player in AFL history to surpass 40,000 career passing yards



GAME SUMMARY

GAME 12



SATURDAY, JUNE 4 SAN JOSE 57, DALLAS 70 AMERICAN AIRLINES CENTER



The SaberCats were unable to end their losing streak as they fell to the Dallas Vigilantes 70-57 in front of 8,634 at American Airlines Center. QB McLeod Bethel-Thompson saw his first action of the season after QB Mark Grieb was removed from the game for precautionary reasons midway through the third quarter. Bethel-Thompson finished the game throwing for 146 yards for two touchdowns in the defeat. The SaberCats got off to a slow start, as Dallas took a 21-7 lead midway through the first quarter. The Vigilantes opened the game with a 22-yard touchdown pass to WR DeAndrew Rubin before San Jose answered back with a 13-yard pass to WR Burl Toler. The Vigilantes registered back-to-back scores following an interception return for a touchdown by FB/LB Brendan Pahulu giving Dallas the early advantage. The SaberCats followed with an 11-yard touchdown pass to WR Ben Nelson, but San Jose wasn't able to stop the Vigilante offense who maintained their two touchdown lead heading into the second quarter thanks to FB/LB Derrick Ross' 24th rushing touchdown of the season. San Jose stretched the field to open the second quarter as QB Mark Grieb found WR Ben Nelson on a 37-yard pass to bring the SaberCats to within seven at 28-21. Dallas FB/LB Derrick Ross found the endzone again for the Vigilantes before WR Scott Schoettgen hauled in the first touchdown catch of his AFL career. Dallas once again posted back-to-back scores with WR Tiger Jones notching his first touchdown grab before DB Chris Brown returned an interception 20 yards, putting the Vigilantes up 49-28. Needing a score, San Jose responded when Grieb found a wide open Schoettgen, making it 49-35 at the end of the first half. The SaberCats opened the second half with a career-long 41-yard field goal by K Juan Gamboa, but San Jose was unable to stop the Vigilantes, who scored on a 38-yard pass from QB Dan Raudabaugh to Jones. In only his second game in the AFL, Scott Schoettgen posted his third touchdown catch. Following a Dallas score, QB Mark Grieb left the game for precautionary reasons, giving QB McLeod Bethel-Thompson his first extended action of the season. On his first drive as quarterback with San Jose, Bethel-Thompson found WR Ben Nelson for a seven-yard touchdown, making it 63-51 Vigilantes at the start of the fourth quarter. Following a failed onside kick, Dallas made it 70-51 before San Jose scored with 0:54 remaining and the SaberCats recovered the onside kick. San Jose was unable to score as the team turned the ball over on downs, allowing the Vigilantes to run out the clock, for the victory. SaberCats WR Ben Nelson posted his third consecutive game with over 100 yards with eight catches for 132 yards and four touchdowns. WR Scott Schoettgen set career-highs with seven receptions for 86 yards and three touchdowns in his second game with San Jose.

TEAM STATISTICS

	<u>SJ</u>	<u>DAL</u>
FIRST DOWNS	25	18
NET YARDS GAINED	338	257
RUSHES/YARDS	5/-2	4/3
PASSING YARDS	340	183
ATT/COMP/INT	55/29/2	22/14/1
SACKED/YARDS LOST	3/23	0/0
FUMBLES/LOST	3/1	0/0
PENALTIES/YARDS	11/65	10/80
TIME OF POSSESSION	36:33	23:27

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	PTS
SJ	14	21	9	13	57
DAL	28	21	14	7	70

- DAL D. Rubin 22 pass from D. Raudabaugh (R. Hamilton kick) (4-45, 2:43)
- SJ B. Toler 13 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (1-13, 0:18)
- DAL A. Jones 0 fumble recover (R. Hamilton kick)
- DAL B. Paulu 17 interception return (R. Hamilton kick)
- SJ B. Nelson 11 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (3-30, 1:48)
- DAL D. Ross 3 run (R. Hamilton kick) (4-42, 2:39)
- SJ B. Nelson 37 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (1-37, 0:10)
- DAL D. Ross 4 run (R. Hamilton kick) (5-41, 3:07)
- SJ S. Schoettgen 15 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (7-39, 4:20)
- DAL A. Jones 17 pass from D. Raudabaugh (R. Hamilton kick) (1-17, 0:20)
- DAL C. Brown 20 interception return (R. Hamilton kick)
- SJ S. Schoettgen 4 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (4-3, 0:21)
- SJ J. Gamboa 41 FG (7-12, 4:16)
- DAL A. Jones 38 pass from D. Raudabaugh (R. Hamilton kick) (3-28, 1:38)
- SJ S. Schoettgen 14 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick failed) (3-44, 1:48)
- DAL D. Ross 1 run (R. Hamilton kick) (3-5, 1:22)
- SJ B. Nelson 7 pass from M. Bethel-Thompson (J. Gamboa kick) (11-38, 6:52)
- DAL A. Jones 13 pass from D. Raudabaugh (R. Hamilton kick) (1-13, 0:26)
- SJ B. Nelson 24 pass from M. Bethel-Thompson (M. Bethel-Thompson pass failed) (7-48, 4:06)

RUSHING: SJ - M. Brookins 1-7, A. Huebner 1-(-1), C. Cook 2-(-3), M. Grieb 1-(-5)...DAL - D. Ross 10-67-3TD, M. Fields 2-4, A. Jones 1-3

RECEIVING: SJ - B. Nelson 8-132-4TD, S. Schoettgen 7-86-3TD, M. Brookins 7-45, B. Toler 2-35-1TD, A. Juratovac 2-34, C. Cook 2-23, O. Oredugba 1-8...DAL - A. Jones 6-95-3TD, D. Rubin 4-38-1TD, M. Fields 2-31, D. Ross 2-29

PASSING: SJ - M. Grieb 17-29-217-6TD-2INT, M. Bethel-Thompson 12-26-146-2TD...DAL - D. Raudabaugh 14-22-193-4TD-1INT

INTERCEPTIONS: SJ - D. Mclean 1-(-4)...DAL - C. Brown 1-20-1TD, B. Pahulu 1-17-1TD

SACKS: SJ - C. Clark 1-10..DAL - L. Dibbles 1-10, S. Watson 1-6, K. Kinney 0.5-3, J. Warren 0.5-4

SABERCATS TURNOVER RATIO: -2 (2INT, 1FF/1INT)



GAME SUMMARY

GAME 13



SATURDAY, JUNE 18 SAN JOSE 57, ARIZONA 64 US AIRWAYS CENTER



The SaberCats suffered their sixth consecutive loss at the hands of the Arizona Rattlers, 64-57, after Arizona scored with 10 seconds remaining on a QB Nick Davila pass to former SaberCat WR/DB Jason Geathers in front of 9,397 at US Airways Center. The Arizona defense proved to be tough on the opening drive forcing Mark Grieb into an interception that they turned into seven points on a QB Nick Davila 12-yard touchdown pass to WR Kerry Reed. On the ensuing kickoff, recently signed LB Chris Vedder returned the kickoff 56 yards for a touchdown on only his second career return in the AFL tying it at seven a piece. Following one of former SaberCat Jason Geathers' four touchdowns, WR James Roe caught his second touchdown pass of the season, playing in his first game since May 14. Rattlers DB Virgil Gray returned the ball 58 yards for a touchdown on the following drive before QB Mark Grieb found Ben Nelson for San Jose's next two scores. QB Nick Davila kept the pressure on with Geathers accounting for the Rattlers final points of the half. After the two teams exchanged onside kick attempts, QB Mark Grieb hit WR Marco Thomas to send the game into the half tied at 35. San Jose came out of the gates quickly as DB Dwight Mclean forced a FB Odie Armstrong fumble, recovered by 2010 Defensive Player of the Year Gabe Nyenhuis. FB/LB Chad Cook found paydirt, punching it in for his 26th rushing touchdown of the season, carrying defenders into the endzone for the score. Arizona drove to the San Jose one-yard line on the following drive, but the SaberCats stuffed the Rattlers on four consecutive plays for an impressive goal line stand. WR James Roe showed his sure hands in the red zone once again, making an impressive catch into the pads putting the team up by two scores at 49-35. On the ensuing kickoff, DB Virgil Gray returned the kickoff for a touchdown, his second of the game, making it 49-42 heading into the fourth quarter. With the SaberCats driving, a fumbled snap gave the Rattlers the ball back and they tied the game at 49 when QB Nick Davila found WR Kerry Reed for 23-yard score. Arizona forced San Jose to turn the ball over on downs and with 1:07 remaining WR Rod Windsor caught his first touchdown of the game, putting the Rattlers up 56-49. Needing a score, QB Mark Grieb found WR Ben Nelson for a 26-yard touchdown. Owner/Head Coach Darren Arbet went with a two-point conversion and WR James Roe made a spectacular catch in the back of the endzone, giving the SaberCats the lead with 23 seconds remaining at 57-56. The Rattlers found the endzone for the final time, putting Arizona up 64-57 following a successful two-point conversion to seal the victory. The SaberCats were led by WR Marco Thomas who posted 10 receptions for 87 yards and one touchdown in his first game for San Jose. LB Chris Vedder became the first SaberCats rookie to return a kick for a touchdown since DB Trestin George returned a kick 56 yards against the Utah Blaze on April 28, 2007.

TEAM STATISTICS

	SJ	ARI
FIRST DOWNS	27	21
NET YARDS GAINED	294	277
RUSHES/YARDS	9/19	4/10
PASSING YARDS	275	267
ATT/COMP/INT	40/26/1	34/22/0
SACKED/YARDS LOST	1/10	1/3
FUMBLES/LOST	2/1	1/1
PENALTIES/YARDS	10/78	12/98
TIME OF POSSESSION	33:59	26:01

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	PTS
SJ	7	28	14	8	57
ARI	14	21	7	22	64

- ARI** K. Reed 12 pass from N. Davila (F. Scaccia kick) (3-34, 1:48)
- SJ** C. Vedder 56 kickoff return (J. Gamboa kick)
- ARI** J. Geathers 13 pass from N. Davila (F. Scaccia kick) (6-43, 4:11)
- SJ** J. Roe 8 pass from M. Grieb (J. gamboa kick)
- ARI** V. Gray 58 kickoff return (F. Scaccia kick) (10-45, 6:36)
- SJ** B. Nelson 24 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (5-45, 3:04)
- ARI** J. Geathers 8 pass from N. Davila (F. Scaccia kick) (4-38, 2:19)
- SJ** B. Nelson 5 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (3-39, 1:58)
- ARI** J. Geathers 5 pass from N. Davila (F. Scaccia kick) (2-8, 0:19)
- SJ** M. Thomas 3 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (2-5, 0:18)
- SJ** C. Cook 9 run (J. Gamboa kick) (3-45, 1:26)
- SJ** J. Roe 9 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (5-49, 3:23)
- ARI** V. Gray 54 kickoff return (F. Scaccia kick)
- ARI** K. Reed 23 pass from N. Davila (F. Scaccia kick) (2-41, 0:55)
- ARI** R. Windsor 6 pass from N. Davila (F. Scaccia) (6-33, 3:43)
- SJ** B. Nelson 26 pass from M. Grieb (J. Roe pass from M. Grieb) (3-44, 0:44)
- ARI** J. Geathers 12 pass from N. Davila (R. Windsor from N. Davila) (2-38, 0:13)

RUSHING: SJ - C. Cook 6-21-1TD, M. Grieb 3-(-2)...**ARI** - O. Armstrong 2-9, J. Geathers 2-1

RECEIVING: SJ - M. Thomas 10-87-1TD, B. Nelson 5-80-3TD, J. Roe 5-52-2TD, C. Cook 3-16, M. Lewis 2-42, V. James 1-8...**ARI** - J. Geathers 8-73-4TD, R. Windsor 5-53-1TD, K. Reed 4-72-2TD, G. Fox 4-60, O. Armstrong 1-12

PASSING: SJ - M. Grieb 26-40-285-6TD-1INT...**ARI** - N. Davila 22-33-270-7TD-1INT, O. Armstrong 0-1-0

INTERCEPTIONS: SJ - None...**ARI** - V. Hill 1-4

SACKS: SJ - G. Nyenhuis 1-3...**ARI** - M. Pittman 1-10

SABERCATS TURNOVER RATIO: -1 (1FF/1INT, 1FF)



GAME SUMMARY

GAME 14



SATURDAY, JUNE 25 SAN JOSE 21, CLEVELAND 82 QUICKEN LOANS ARENA



The SaberCats suffered their seventh consecutive loss at the hands of the Cleveland Gladiators, 82-21. The Gladiators took over following a stretch that saw Cleveland score three touchdowns in the final minute of the first half, putting them up 41-7 heading into halftime, which proved too difficult to overcome for San Jose in front of 5,619 at Quicken Loans Arena. The Gladiators scored the first 20 points of the game as QB Andrico Hines found WR Troy Bergeron for the first score of the contest, making it 6-0. LB Chris Vedder fumbled on the ensuing kickoff, but the SaberCats were able to stop the Gladiators inside their own five-yard line. The Gladiators came up with a goal line stand of their own, allowing Bergeron to score his second receiving touchdown of the game for a 12-0 lead following another missed extra point. The Gladiator defense then came up with another stop as San Jose turned it over on downs. Following a missed field goal, QB Mark Grieb fumbled on a sack, giving Cleveland possession before QB Kurt Rocco entered the game for an injured Andrico Hines, as he connected with WR Robert Redd for a 12-yard touchdown to make it 20-0 after a successful two-point conversion. San Jose found the endzone for the first time when Grieb, who threw for 203 yards on 20-of-34 passing, connected with WR Marco Thomas on a four-yard strike. K Juan Gamboa recovered his own onside kick, as the SaberCat offense drove into the Gladiator red zone but were unable to score when DB Levy Brown returned a Grieb pass 51 yards for a score. The Gladiators recovered their onside kick before Rocco found Bergeron once again for the 13-yard touchdown. Cleveland DL Conor Reilly recovered the ensuing kickoff in the endzone after the ball took an awkward bounce off of a field goal post, putting the Gladiators up 41-7 heading into the half, registering all three scores in the final twenty seconds. San Jose opened the second half with interceptions on consecutive drives which Cleveland capitalized on with touchdowns on each possession. QB McLeod Bethel-Thompson entered the game in the third quarter and the Gladiators registered one of their nine takeaways of the contest after DB Joe Phinisee returned his pass seven yards for a touchdown, putting Cleveland up 61-7. On the following SaberCats possessions, Bethel-Thompson found wide receivers Ben Nelson, who led the team with eight receptions for 101 yards with a receiving score, and Victor James for touchdowns, but the Gladiators continued to pour it on as they scored three more times, defeating the SaberCats 82-21.

TEAM STATISTICS

	SJ	CLE
FIRST DOWNS	23	21
NET YARDS GAINED	303	362
RUSHES/YARDS	7/34	6/25
PASSING YARDS	269	337
ATT/COMP/INT	50/28/4	35/26/0
SACKED/YARDS LOST	1/8	0/0
FUMBLES/LOST	6/5	1/1
PENALTIES/YARDS	6/51	14/86
TIME OF POSSESSION	29:46	30:14

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	PTS
SJ	0	7	7	7	21
CLE	12	29	20	21	82

- CLE T. Bergeron 15 pass from A. Hines (M. Denny kick failed) (4-43, 3:20)
- CLE T. Bergeron 24 pass from A. Hines (M. Denny kick failed) (4-45, 2:23)
- CLE R. Redd 12 pass from K. Rocco (R. Redd pass from K. Rocco) (1-23, 0:47)
- SJ M. Thomas 4 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (5-36, 1:29)
- CLE L. Brown 51 interception return (D. Goodman pass from K. Rocco)
- CLE T. Bergeron 13 pass from K. Rocco (M. Denny kick) (3-33, 0:15)
- CLE C. Reilly 0 net recovery (M. Denny kick failed)
- CLE T. Bergeron 4 pass from K. Rocco (M. Denny kick failed) (6-4, 3:15)
- CLE R. Redd 20 pass from K. Rocco (M. Denny kick) (4-48, 3:07)
- CLE J. Phinisee 7 interception return (M. Denny kick)
- SJ B. Nelson 14 pass from M. Bethel-Thompson (J. Gamboa kick) (2-23, 0:44)
- CLE Q. Payne 24 pass from K. Rocco (M. Denny kick) (3-46, 1:13)
- SJ V. James 8 pass from M. Bethel-Thompson (J. Gamboa kick) (4-25, 2:33)
- CLE T. Bergeron 28 pass from K. Rocco (M. Denny kick) (4-42, 2:17)
- CLE R. Redd 48 pass from K. Rocco (M. Denny kick) (4-40, 1:53)

RUSHING: SJ - M. Bethel-Thompson 2-24, V. James 1-(-3), C. Cook 3-5...CLE - K. Rocco 1-10, R. Monk 1-5, R. Redd 1-4, A. Hines 1-4, Q. Payne 1-1, T. Bergeron 1-1

RECEIVING: SJ - M. Thomas 9-67-1TD, 8-101-1TD, J. Roe 6-62, C. Cook 3-30, V. James 2-17...CLE - T. Bergeron 10-136-5TD, D. Goodman 7-61, R. Redd 6-97-3TD, Q. Payne 2-31-1TD, R. Monk 1-12

PASSING: SJ - M. Grieb 20-34-203-1TD-3INT, M. Bethel-Thompson 8-16-74-1TD-1INT...CLE - K. Rocco 18-20-235-7TD, A. Hines 8-15-102-2TD

INTERCEPTIONS: SJ - None...ARI - D. Robinson 2-9, L. Brown 1-51-1TD, J. Phinisee 1-7-1TD

SACKS: SJ - None...CLE - T. Cheatwood 1-8

SABERCATS TURNOVER RATIO: -9 (None/4INT, 5FF)



The SaberCats defense applied pressure on Cleveland quarterback Andrico Hines, but it wasn't enough



Gladiators WR Troy Bergeron led Cleveland with five touchdown receptions



GAME SUMMARY

GAME 15



FRIDAY, JULY 1 SAN JOSE 83, JACKSONVILLE 70 HP PAVILION



Before a crowd of 8,216 at HP Pavilion the San Jose SaberCats returned home for the first time since May 28th to upset the Jacksonville Sharks 83-70, for the largest point total in the AFL this season and ended Jacksonville's 13-game winning streak. The initial Jacksonville drive saw Garcia lead the Sharks the length of the field culminating with a 5-yard touchdown pass to WR Jamarko Simmons to open the scoring. The SaberCats answered with a game-tying 27-yard touchdown pass from Grieb to OL Mark Lewis, his third touchdown reception of the season and Grieb's 70th of the season, making him the only player in AFL history to have 70-or-more touchdown passes in eight consecutive seasons. On Grieb's second completion of the game to WR Ben Nelson, he surpassed 4,000 passing yards for the sixth consecutive season, another AFL record. The Sharks started the second quarter with Garcia connecting with WR Jomo Wilson for a 45-yard touchdown. After fumbling a snap that Jacksonville recovered, San Jose fell behind by two touchdowns when Garcia found Wilson for his second receiving touchdown of the game extending the Sharks lead to 28-14. Jacksonville regained a two score advantage when Garcia hit Wilson for a 10-yard touchdown. San Jose cut the lead to 42-28 on the last play from scrimmage of the first half when Grieb found WR Marco Thomas in the corner of the end zone for a 24-yard touchdown. The SaberCats struck quickly to open the second half on a 12-yard pass from Grieb to WR James Roe to bring them within seven at 42-35. The teams traded scores with Grieb connecting with Cook for a 34-yard score his first receiving touchdown since April 1st versus Iowa and the longest in franchise history by a fullback. DB Dwight Mclean forced a fumble on the ensuing kickoff that was recovered by DL Kai Ellis to knot the score at 49 with 3:52 remaining in the third quarter. Following the score, San Jose forced another fumble on the kickoff that was recovered by WR Ben Nelson in Jacksonville territory and established a season high for fumbles recovered in a game with three. Grieb found WR James Roe in the corner of the end zone for a go ahead touchdown giving San Jose their first lead of the game, 56-49. After a Grieb rushing score, DB Trestin George intercepted Garcia in the end zone. After the teams exchanged scores San Jose answered with Cook's second receiving touchdown of over 25 yards of the contest, the first time in franchise history a fullback has accomplished the feat to help finish off the Sharks.

TEAM STATISTICS

	<u>SJ</u>	<u>JAC</u>
FIRST DOWNS	30	24
NET YARDS GAINED	408	369
RUSHES/YARDS	5/7	5/21
PASSING YARDS	401	369
ATT/COMP/INT	48/32/2	34/27/1
SACKED/YARDS LOST	0/0	1/6
FUMBLES/LOST	1/1	4/3
PENALTIES/YARDS	9/54	6/40
TIME OF POSSESSION	35:09	24:51

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	PTS
SJ	14	28	7	21	70
JAC	14	14	28	27	83

- JAC J. Simmons 5 pass from A. Garcia (M. Capozzoli kick) (4-41, 2:20)
- SJ M. Lewis 27 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (5-35, 3:37)
- JAC J. Simmons 1 run (M. Capozzoli kick) (3-30, 2:10)
- SJ C. Cook 3 run (J. Gamboa kick) (7-44, 3:48)
- JAC J. Wilson 45 pass from A. Garcia (M. Capozzoli kick) (3-49, 1:57)
- JAC J. Wilson 12 pass from A. :Garcia (M. Capozzoli kick) (3-23, 1:30)
- SJ B. Nelson 4 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (6-39, 3:49)
- JAC J. Wilson 10 pass from A. Garcia (M. Capozzoli kick) (1-10, 1:09)
- JAC J. Wilson 20 pass from A. Garcia (M. Capozzoli kick) (4-20, 0:42)
- SJ M. Thomas 24 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (2-45, 0:12)
- SJ J. Roe 12 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (4-39, 2:31)
- JAC J. Hughley 18 pass from A. Garcia (M. Capozzoli kick) (3-48, 2:04)
- SJ C. Cook 34 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (4-48, 2:43)
- SJ K. Ellis 0 fumble recovery (J. Gamboa kick)
- SJ J. Roe 6 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (4-18, 2:20)
- JAC J. Simmons 12 pass from A. Garcia (M. Capozzoli kick) (5-44, 3:22)
- SJ M. Grieb 4 run (J. Gamboa kick) (8-45, 5:08)
- SJ B. Nelson 29 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (3-45, 1:45)
- JAC J. Wilson 12 pass from A. Garcia (M. Capozzoli kick) (3-21, 1:36)
- SJ C. Cook 26 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (1-26, 0:08)
- JAC J. Simmons 11 pass from A. Garcia (M. Capozzoli kick) (5-45, 0:27)

RUSHING: SJ - M. Grieb 2-4-1TD, C. Cook 3-3-1TD...JAC - K. Griffin 3-20, J. Simmons 1-1-1TD, A. Garcia 1-0

RECEIVING: SJ - J. Roe 12-143-3TD, B. Nelson 9-103-2TD, M. Thomas 5-48-1TD, C. Cook 4-79-2TD, M. Lewis 1-23-1TD, V. James 1-5...JAC - J. Hughley 10-143-1TD, J. Wilson 10-134-5TD, J. Simmons 6-64-3TD, K. Griffin 1-13

PASSING: SJ - M. Grieb 32-48-401-9TD-2INT...JAC - A. Garcia 27-34-354-9TD-1INT

INTERCEPTIONS: SJ - T. George 1-0....JAC - L. Jackson 1-13, M. Robinson 1-0

SACKS: SJ - G. Nyenhuis 1-6...JAC - None

SABERCATS TURNOVER RATIO: 0 (2FF, 1INT/1FF, 2INT)



QB Mark Grieb threw for the fourth largest total in team history with 401 yards to along with 10 total touchdowns



FB/LB Chad Cook had a record night for San Jose with two touchdown receptions of 25-or-more yards



GAME SUMMARY

GAME 16



SATURDAY, JULY 9 SAN JOSE 60, ORLANDO 40 HP PAVILION



San Jose registered their second consecutive win in front of a crowd of 10,302 on fan appreciation night at HP Pavilion, defeating the Orlando Predators (9-7) by a score of 60-40. The SaberCats played a great team game in all three facets of the contest in the victory. San Jose started strong when QB Mark Grieb found WR James Roe for a nine-yard touchdown on the second play of the game. Orlando answered with a 40 yard drive to cut the lead to one at 7-6 midway through the quarter. The SaberCats next drive was thwarted by a Travis Coleman interception and Orlando took advantage of the turnover when QB Collin Drafts ran for a three-yard touchdown. On the ensuing drive San Jose drove the length of the field to tie the game at 13 on Roe's second touchdown reception of the game. The teams traded touchdowns before the Predators jumped ahead by six, 26-20, on a 35-yard touchdown reception by WR T.T. Toliver. San Jose FB/LB Chad Cook responded with a rushing touchdown to give the SaberCats a one point lead with 4:48 remaining in the half. On Orlando's next drive San Jose DL Francis Maka tackled Drafts on fourth-and-goal to give the SaberCats the ball back. Chad Cook concluded the scoring with his second rushing touchdown of the game to take a 33-26 lead into halftime. Orlando began the third quarter with a third touchdown strike from Drafts to Toliver to tie the game at 33. The SaberCats answered when Ben Nelson hauled in a 16-yard touchdown reception from Grieb giving San Jose the lead going into the final quarter, 39-33. The SaberCats defense forced another turnover on down on an Orlando drive that lasted 8:13 to regain possession at the beginning of the fourth quarter. After finding OL Mark Lewis for a long gain, WR Victor James found the end zone for his second rushing touchdown of the game to give San Jose their biggest lead of the game, 46-33. Orlando cut the lead to five with a 40-yard scoring strike from Drafts to WR Robert Quiroga with 8:21 remaining in regulation. The SaberCats responded with a 34 yard drive culminating in a touchdown pass from Grieb to Lewis to extend the lead to 13 at 53-40. The San Jose defense then collected its third turnover on downs and Grieb found WR Ben Nelson in the end zone for the final score of the game. National Guard MVP Mark Grieb threw for 295 yards and five touchdowns and Russell Athletic Offensive Player of the Game Ben Nelson caught seven passes for 87 yards and two touchdowns. JLS Ironman of the Game WR Marco Thomas accumulated 251 all-purpose yards to giving the SaberCats good field position all night.

TEAM STATISTICS

	SJ	ORL
FIRST DOWNS	26	18
NET YARDS GAINED	323	323
RUSHES/YARDS	9/28	6/31
PASSING YARDS	295	306
ATT/COMP/INT	32/26/1	32/26/1
SACKED/YARDS LOST	0/0	1/7
FUMBLES/LOST	0/0	0/0
PENALTIES/YARDS	3/26	7/39
TIME OF POSSESSION	24:26	35:34

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	PTS
SJ	13	20	6	21	60
ORL	13	13	7	7	40

- SJ J. Roe 9 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (2-39, 1:15)
- ORL T. Toliver 8 pass from C. Drafts (M. Lewis kick failed) (5-40, 3:24)
- ORL C. Drafts 3 run (M. Lewis kick) (7-45, 4:14)
- SJ J. Roe 9 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick failed) (2-33, 1:38)
- ORL J. Bush 9 pass from C. Drafts (M. Lewis kick failed) (1-9, 0:35)
- SJ V. James 2 run (J. Gamboa kick) (5-38, 2:34)
- ORL T. Toliver 35 pass from C. Drafts (M. Lewis kick) (3-41, 1:58)
- SJ C. Cook 2 run (J. Gamboa kick failed) (5-39, 2:44)
- SJ C. Cook 10 run (J. Gamboa kick) (7-46, 0:34)
- ORL T. Toliver 13 pass from C. Drafts (M. Lewis kick) (7-49, 5:04)
- SJ B. Nelson 16 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick failed) (4-45, 2:20)
- SJ V. James 5 run (J. Gamboa kick) (4-45, 2:24)
- ORL R. Quiroga 40 pass from C. Drafts (M. Lewis kick) (3-48, 1:52)
- SJ M. Lewis 2 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (5-34, 3:35)
- SJ B. Nelson 14 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (1-14, 0:29)

- RUSHING:** SJ - C. Cook 5-17-2TD, V. James 4-11-2TD. ORL - C. Drafts 4-27-1TD, T. Toliver 1-5, M. Robinson 1-(-1)
- RECEIVING:** SJ - M. Thomas 7-96, B. Nelson 7-87-2TD, J. Roe 6-69-2TD, V. James 3-9, M. Lewis 2-27-1TD, C. Cook 1-7...ORL - J. Bush 10-84-1TD, R. Quiroga 9-127-1TD, T. Toliver 7-96-3TD, M. Robinson 1-6
- PASSING:** SJ - M. Grieb 26-32-295-5TD-1INT...ORL - C. Drafts 27-50-313-5TD
- INTERCEPTIONS:** SJ - None...ORL - T. Coleman 1-0
- SACKS:** SJ - K. Eliapo 1-7...ORL - None
- SABERCATS TURNOVER RATIO:** -1 (None/1INT)



WR Ben Nelson hauled seven passes for 87 yards and two touchdowns



The SaberCat defense forced Orlando to turn the ball over four times on downs



GAME SUMMARY

GAME 17



SATURDAY, JULY 16 SPOKANE 63, SAN JOSE 61 SPOKANE ARENA



The SaberCats lost to the Shock on a QB Kyle Rowley 34-yard Hail Mary pass to WR Randy Hymes as time expired to give Spokane the victory 63-61 over San Jose in front of 9,680 fans at Spokane Arena, knocking the SaberCats out of playoff contention. QB Mark Grieb finished the game with 315 passing yards on 32-of-44 (72.7%) passing for seven touchdowns, earning MVP honors in the process. He also passed 800 career touchdown passes, becoming only the fifth player in AFL history to reach that number. WR James Roe earned Russell Athletic Offensive Player of the Game after posting his second 100-yard receiving game of the season, hauling in 11 passes for 132 yards and four touchdowns, surpassing 800 receptions for his career in the process. He became only the 11th player in AFL history to surpass the milestone. The SaberCats opened the game quickly with a Juan Gamboa kick recovered by JLS Ironman of the Game WR Victor James after the ball bounced off a field goal post. San Jose would capitalize on the early turnover as QB Mark Grieb found WR James Roe for the seven-yard score. On the ensuing drive, Spokane QB Erik Meyer was knocked out of the game on a rushing attempt that also saw DB Eddie Moten ejected for a personal foul penalty after the play. The Shock would score on a QB Kyle Rowley sneak, making it 7-6 after the failed extra point attempt. San Jose answered back with back-to-back Victor James rushing touchdowns after the SaberCat defense was able to force the Shock to turn the ball over on downs. The two teams exchanged scores in the second quarter with San Jose taking the final advantage heading into the half after QB Mark Grieb threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to WR James Roe in the back of the end zone with no time left, sending San Jose into the half up 35-27. The SaberCats opened the second half the way they started the game as the connection of Grieb to Roe proved successful once again with a 26-yard catch and run to put San Jose up two scores at 41-27. After San Jose pushed their advantage to 48-40, the two teams would exchange scores on the next two drives, as WR Ben Nelson found the end zone for the second time. With 1:31 remaining, QB Kyle Rowley hit WR Randy Hymes for the short score, before tying the game with on a Brandon Thompkins end around. On the ensuing kickoff, WR Marco Thomas was tackled for a safety with under one minute left, but K Juan Gamboa recovered his third onside kick of the season on the kickoff. The SaberCats methodically ran the clock down to four seconds where WR James Roe found the end zone for the fourth time. With one play left to run, QB Kyle Rowley hit Randy Hymes in between the uprights for the final touchdown, giving Spokane the victory, 63-61.

TEAM STATISTICS

	SJ	SPO
FIRST DOWNS	22	26
NET YARDS GAINED	327	296
RUSHES/YARDS	11/13	3/6
PASSING YARDS	314	296
ATT/COMP/INT	44/32/0	35/27/1
SACKED/YARDS LOST	1/9	1/1
FUMBLES/LOST	0/0	1/1
PENALTIES/YARDS	17/104	5/29
TIME OF POSSESSION	30:13	29:44

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	PTS
SJ	21	14	6	20	61
SPO	6	21	7	29	63

SJ J. Roe 7 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (2-5, 0:50)
 SPO K. Rowley 1 run (T. Rowan kick failed) (5-42, 3:23)
 SJ V. James 3 run (J. Gamboa kick) (7-46, 3:44)
 SJ V. James 5 run (J. Gamboa kick) (2-14, 0:58)
 SPO R. Hymes 3 pass from K. Rowley (T. Rowan kick) (6-41, 3:08)
 SJ V. James 2 run (J. Gamboa kick) (5-38, 2:34)
 SPO B. Thompkins 22 pass from K. Rowley (T. Rowan kick) (8-48, 5:24)
 SJ B. Nelson 8 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (3-4, 0:14)
 SPO A. Tennell 17 pass from K. Rowley (T. Rowan kick) (2-17, 0:10)
 SJ J. Roe 14 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (3-39, 0:16)
 SJ J. Roe 26 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick blkd) (7-40, 4:38)
 SPO A. Tennell 2 pass from K. Rowley (T. Rowan kick) 4-36, 4:14)
 SPO R. Hymes 3 pass from K. Rowley (T. Rowan kick blkd) (3-45, 1:33)
 SJ M. Thomas 1 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (8-30, 4:08)
 SPO R. Hymes 4 pass from K. Rowley (T. Rowan kick) (3-41, 1:57)
 SJ B. Nelson 9 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (4-28, 2:03)
 SPO R. Hymes 1 pass from K. Rowley (B. Thompkins rush) (3-30, 1:57)
 SPO Team Safety
 SJ J. Roe 11 pass from M. Grieb (M. Grieb rush failed) (7-42, 0:55)
 SPO R. Hymes 34 pass from K. Rowley (K. Rowley rush failed) (1-34, 0:03)

RUSHING: SJ - C. Cook 7-7, V. James 2-8-2TD...SPO - R. Hymes 1-3, C. Harrell 1-2, K. Rowley 1-1-1TD

RECEIVING: SJ - J. Roe 11-132-4TD, B. Nelson 8-103-2TD, M. Thomas 8-36-1TD, M. Lewis 2-31, C. Cook 2-17, V. James 1-(-4)...SPO - R. Hymes 12-100-4TD, A. Tennell 9-92-2TD, B. Thompkins 4-55-2TD, C. Pino 1-32, E. Sammons 1-26

PASSING: SJ - M. Grieb 32-44-315-7TD...SPO - K. Rowley 24-31-281-8TD

INTERCEPTIONS: SJ - None...SPO - None

SACKS: SJ - A. Huebner 1-9...SPO - A. Okpokowuruk 1-1

SABERCATS TURNOVER RATIO: +1 (1FF/None)



GAME SUMMARY

GAME 18



SATURDAY, JULY 23 TAMPA BAY 57, SAN JOSE 44 ST. PETE TIMES FORUM



The SaberCats suffered another late loss at the hands of the Tampa Bay Storm, 57-44, after WR Hank Edwards caught a 22-yard touchdown pass from QB Matt Grothe with eight seconds remaining in front of 10,738 at the St. Pete Times Forum. The SaberCats opened the game with the ball, but turned it over on a muffed snap that Storm DB Michael Hawthorne returned 34 yards for a touchdown, giving Tampa Bay an early 6-0 advantage. San Jose responded quickly as QB Mark Grieb put together a four-play 41 yard drive that saw San Jose score on a 10-yard pass to WR James Roe. Three plays later, Storm QB Matt Grothe connected with WR Amarri Jackson for the 35-yard touchdown, who finished the game with 112 receiving yards on eight receptions and four touchdowns. Chad Cook would tack on his 30th rushing touchdown of the year, as San Jose took a 14-13 lead into the second quarter. It was a big second quarter for WR James Roe, who on his third catch of the game became the 11th player in AFL history to surpass 10,000 career receiving yards. Grieb would later find WR Ben Nelson for an eight-yard touchdown, making it 21-16 in San Jose's favor. WR Amarri Jackson posted the Storm's next two scores, but WR James Roe would notch his second touchdown reception in between Jackson's touchdowns. On the touchdown pass, Grieb became the AFL single-season record holder for passing yards. The record was originally set by former Milwaukee Iron QB Chris Greisen who threw for 5,146 yards in 2010. He finished the contest with 315 passing yards, pushing his season total to 5,312. Tampa Bay took a 29-28 lead into the second half. The Storm came out hot in the second half as WR Amarri Jackson caught his fourth touchdown of the game on a 39-yard pass from QB Matt Grothe. The connection of Grieb to Roe proved successful again, cutting the Storm lead to 36-35. The San Jose defense forced Tampa Bay to turn the ball over on downs and on 4th-and-15 of the ensuing drive, Grieb found WR Marco Thomas for a 25-yard touchdown. Storm QB Matt Grothe proved tough, rushing the ball in from three yards out, putting Tampa Bay up 43-41. K Juan Gamboa missed on a 26-yard attempt before the Storm drove deep into San Jose territory where DB Eddie Moten came up with a big play, intercepting the ball with 3:26 remaining. With just :36 left in the contest, Gamboa connected on a 27-yard field goal, but Tampa Bay moved quickly with no timeouts remaining where WR Hank Edwards found paydirt to seal the victory. WR James Roe finished the game with eight receptions for 98 yards and four touchdowns, with his career totals now standing at 817 receptions for 10,057 yards and 247 touchdowns. Grieb now sits at 42,158 yards and 810 touchdown passes. WR Ben Nelson surpassed 1,000 yards for the season, doing so in only 11 games. It marked the fifth consecutive season he has reached 1,000, finishing 2011 with 1,019.

TEAM STATISTICS

	SJ	TB
FIRST DOWNS	22	16
NET YARDS GAINED	340	286
RUSHES/YARDS	8/35	5/7
PASSING YARDS	305	279
ATT/COMP/INT	44/25/2	34/17/1
SACKED/YARDS LOST	3/10	0/0
FUMBLES/LOST	0/0	1/1
PENALTIES/YARDS	7/68	9/62
TIME OF POSSESSION	34:11	25:49

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	PTS
SJ	14	14	7	9	44
TB	13	16	7	21	57

- TB** M. Hawthorne 36 fumble recovery (C. Camay kick)
- SJ** J. Roe 10 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (4-45, 2:14)
- TB** A. Jackson 35 pass from M. Grothe (C. Camay kick) (2-35, 1:09)
- SJ** C. Cook 1 run (J. Gamboa kick) (6-45, 3:10)
- TB** C. Camay 30 FG (7-31, 4:39)
- SJ** B. Nelson 8 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (7-43, 4:29)
- TB** A. Jackson 9 pass from M. Grothe (C. Camay kick) (4-20, 2:19)
- SJ** J. Roe 5 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (2-5, 0:15)
- TB** A. Jackson 12 pass from M. Grothe (C. Camay kick failed) (2-13, 0:14)
- TB** A. Jackson 39 pass from M. Grothe (C. Camay kick) (3-45, 1:10)
- SJ** J. Roe 9 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick) (8-37, 5:47)
- SJ** M. Thomas 25 pass from M. Grieb (J. Gamboa kick failed) (4-20, 2:10)
- TB** M. Grothe 3 run (C. Camay kick) (5-33, 3:28)
- SJ** J. Gamboa 27 FG (6-32, 2:50)
- TB** H. Edwards 22 pass from M. Grothe (M. Grothe pass) (4-47, 0:28)
- TB** E. McIntosh 46 interception return

RUSHING: **SJ** - C. Cook 7-33-1TD, V. James 1-2...**TB** - M. Grothe 3-8-1TD, T. royal 1-1, T. McGill 1-(-2)

RECEIVING: **SJ** - J. Roe 8-98-3TD, M. Thomas 6-64-1TD, B. Nelson 4-38-1TD, C. Cook 3-43, A. Eliapo 2-39, V. James 2-33...**TB** - H. Edwards 8-112-1TD, A. Jackson 6-116-4TD, M. Lindsey 3-51

PASSING: **SJ** - M. Grieb 25-44-315-5TD-2INT...**TB** - M. Grothe 14-34-279-5TD-1INT

INTERCEPTIONS: **SJ** - E. Moten 1-0...**TB** - E. McIntosh 1-46, T. Polo 1-(-3)

SACKS: **SJ** - None...**TB** - J. Smith 2-9, TEAM 1-1

SABERCATS TURNOVER RATIO: -2 (1INT/1FF, 2INT)

QUINTON ANDREWS

WIDE RECEIVER/DEFENSIVE BACK

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5-11, 205 6/23/87 | OPA LOCKA, FL
 WEST VIRGINIA MONSIGNOR EDWARD PACE HS, OPA LOCKA, FL
 1ST YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ ACQUIRED: FA IN '11

A standout in college, Quinton Andrews got his first taste of the AFL with the Utah Blaze in 2011, posting 13.5 tackles in three contests for Utah. He provided size and speed for the SaberCats down the stretch.

and two forced fumbles as a senior. Also caught 26 passes for 637 yards and eight scores.

- Won the state title as a junior.
- Part of the state championship basketball team his sophomore year and a track letterman.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Made a team-high 6.5 tackles in his SaberCats debut at Arizona (6/18).
- Led defense with 6.5 tackles vs. Jacksonville (7/1).
- Registered a career-high 10.5 tackles vs. Orlando (7/9).

2011 (Utah):

- Played in three games with the Utah Blaze in 2010 where he posted 13.5 tackles and one pass defended.

COLLEGE:

- Played three years at West Virginia University (2006-08), totaling 203 tackles (116 solo), six interceptions, 13 passes defended to go along with one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. Andrews was a Freshman All-America selection after posting 75 tackles and five interceptions in his first season for the Mountaineers.

PERSONAL:

- First team all-state, all-Dade County at Miami's Monsignor Edward Pace High, registering 85 tackles, three interceptions

ANDREWS' GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Asst	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR
SIGNED TO UTA ROSTER ON 9/29/10													
Mar. 17	TB	W											
Mar. 26	at Orl	W											
Mar. 31	DAL	L											
Apr. 8	at SJ	L											
Apr. 15	SPO	W											
Apr. 23	at Ari	W	1/1	4.5	2	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
May 6	at Geo	W	1/1	5.0	5	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
May 14	MIL	L	1/1	4.0	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0
May 21	SJ	L											
May 27	at low	L											
Jun. 4	ARI												
PLACED ON REASSIGNMENT BY UTA ON 6/6/11													
SIGNED TO ACTIVE ROSTER ON 6/13/11													
Jun. 18	at Ari	L	1/1	6.5	6	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jun. 25	at Cle	L	1/1	5.0	5	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jul. 1	JAC	W	1/1	6.5	4	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jul. 9	ORL	W	1/1	10.5	10	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jul. 16	at Spo	L	1/1	4.0	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0
Jul. 23	at TB	L	1/1	2.5	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTALS				9/9	48.5	41	15	0.0	0.0	0	0	2	0

ANDREWS' CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS				FUMBLES	
			TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	TD	PD	FF	FR
2011	UTA	3	13.5	11	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2011	SJ	6	35.0	30	10	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	1
TOTALS		9	48.5	41	15	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	2	0	1

ANDREWS' CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: 10.5 vs. ORL (7/9/11)

Solo: 10 vs. ORL (7/9/11)

Assists: 5 (Two Times) Last: vs. JAC (7/1/11)

Passes Defended: 1 (Two Times) Last: at SPO (7/16/11)

Fumble Recoveries: 1 at TB (7/23/11)



MCLEOD BETHEL-THOMPSON

QUARTERBACK

7

6-4, 230
SACRAMENTO STATE
1ST YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

7/3/88 | SAN FRANCISCO, CA
BALBOA HS, SAN FRANCISCO, CA
ACQUIRED: FA IN '10

McLeod Bethel-Thompson proved to be a reliable backup to QB Mark Grieb in 2011 with a strong, accurate arm. A graduate of Balboa High School in San Francisco, he joined San Jose after spending four seasons between UCLA and Sacramento State.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Saw his first action in the AFL after throwing for 146 yards and two touchdowns on 12-of-26 passing at Dallas (6/4).
- Entered the game for QB Mark Grieb, throwing for 72 yards on 8-of-16 passing and one touchdown at Cleveland (6/25).

SABERTOOTH

- Government is something that McLeod is very interested in and it led to an internship as a legislative assistant in Sacramento with assembly member Isadore Hall (D-CA) during his senior year of college. He started in the spring and stayed throughout the summer. While he was there, he was in charge of staffing three bills and two committees which entailed writing speeches and getting all the necessary paperwork in order. He also escorted the assemblyman around to all his events. "It was a great experience to get a little insight into California politics."
- For his post-football career, McLeod plans to attend law school, but that's not all he's interested in. He'd also like to join the peace corps or some type of foreign service. "I've never really left America, I want to get out there and see places and the best way to do that is to serve other people." McLeod's uncle, Steven A. Browning, currently works for Hillary Clinton and was the Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, Minister Counselor for Management in the US Embassy in Iraq, and the Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi. That's what inspired him to want to join those organizations. He'd also like to teach in inner city schools or join "Teach for America."
- High school shaped McLeod into the person he is today. "I went to a very inner city high school [Balboa High] with a lot of great people." McLeod didn't realize he was the only

white male in his graduating class until a friend of his pointed it out in college after seeing his class photo. That experience is something that he cherishes. "Growing up in San Francisco right in the heart of the city, a real inner city experience, you just see so many diverse cultures, diverse people and things, I think it's great. I'm a city kid, I like the city. I think growing up there you kind of get used to it and it becomes home." High school is also when McLeod began playing football.

- When McLeod was born his parents were expecting a girl and hadn't chosen a boy's name. He didn't have an official name until he was about six months old so his family called him "Biff." That nickname stuck with him until he was five or six and some of his parent's friends still call him "Biff" or "Biffy." His other nickname is Mac.

COLLEGE:

- Played three seasons at Sacramento State after transferring from UCLA. In 24 career games, he totaled 1,615 passing yards and eight touchdowns.

PERSONAL:

- Attended Balboa (CA) High School where he lettered in football for three seasons (2003-05). Bethel-Thompson earned first-team all-city, player of the year, and all-metro honors after throwing for 2,100 yards and 22 touchdowns.
- Majored in history with a minor in government at Sacramento State.
- Spent time working for his dad doing manual labor including putting up fencing for parties. He was also a groundskeeper while he was at UCLA.
- Enjoys watching Peyton Manning and Aaron Rodgers. Is also a fan of the great 49ers quarterbacks, Joe Montana, Steve and Young, as well as Jerry Rice.
- Parents are Mark and Patricia. His father is a production manager for Live Events and used to be a roadie for rock and roll bands like George Harrison, Carlos Santana. His mother is an artist and is back in school. Has two siblings, brother: Dylan (28), a mechanical engineer and sister, Cassady (26) is a geologist.

BETHEL-THOMPSON'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Att	Cmp	Pct	Yds	TD	Int	Lg	Rating	Rus	Yds	TD	Total Net Yds.	Pct. Offense
Mar. 11	SPO	W	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Mar. 18	KC	W	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Mar. 25	at Chi	L	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Apr. 1	IOW	L	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Apr. 8	UTA	W	1/0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Apr. 16	at Tul	W	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Apr. 22	PHI	W	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
May 7	ARI	L	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
May 14	at Pit	L	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
May 21	at Uta	L	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
May 28	GEO	L	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Jun. 4	at Dal	L	1/0	26	12	46.2	146	2	0	24	89.6	0	0	0	130	38.5
Jun. 18	at Ari	L	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Jun. 25	at Cle	L	1/0	16	8	50.0	74	1	1	15	57.9	2	24	0	98	32.3
Jul. 1	JAC	W	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Jul. 9	ORL	W	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Jul. 16	at Spo	L	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Jul. 23	at TB	L	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTALS			18/0	42	20	47.6	220	3	1	24	69.9	2	24	0	228	3.9

BETHEL-THOMPSON'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	PASSING								RUSHING		
				ATT	CMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	LG	RTG	RSH	YDS	TD
2011	SJ	18	0	42	20	47.6	220	3	1	24	77.5	2	24	0
TOTALS		18	0	42	20	47.6	220	3	1	24	77.5	2	24	0

BETHEL-THOMPSON'S CAREER HIGHS

Passes Attempted: 26 at DAL (6/4/11)
Completions: 12 at DAL (6/4/11)
Completion Percentage: 50.0 at CLE (6/25/11)

Passing Yards: 146 at DAL (6/4/11)
Touchdowns: 2 at DAL (6/4/11)
Rating: 89.6 at DAL (6/4/11)

CHRISTIAN CLARK

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

95

6-2, 260
SACRAMENTO STATE
1ST YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

9/19/88 | LOS ANGELES, CA
PALISADES CHARTER HS, LOS ANGELES, CA
ACQUIRED: FA IN '11

A local talent out of Sacramento State, Clark brought his size to the defensive line and sound technique to put pressure on opposing quarterbacks this season.

- As a senior, shifted to defensive end and recorded 54 tackles in ten games.
- Sociology major.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Recorded 1.5 total tackles in first action of the season at Utah (5/21).
- Registered 3.0 tackles and a tackle for loss vs. Georgia (5/28).
- Posted first career sack for a 10-yard loss at Dallas (6/4).

COLLEGE:

- A standout on the defensive line for Sacramento State, Clark finished his collegiate career with 129 tackles, 19.5 sacks, 31.0 tackles for loss, three forced fumbles, and five passes defended.
- Named All-Big Sky at Defensive Tackle in 2009, leading the team with 10.0 sacks.

PERSONAL:

- Prepped at Palisades Charter (CA) HS where he played both offensive and defensive line for the Dolphins.

CLARK'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR
Mar. 11	SPO	W											
Mar. 18	KC	W											
Mar. 25	at Chi	L											
Apr. 1	IOW	L											
Apr. 8	UTA	W											
Apr. 16	at Tul	W											
Apr. 22	PHI	W											
May 7	ARI	L											
May 14	at Pit	L											
May 21	at Uta	L	1/1	1.5	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
May 28	GEO	L	1/1	3.0	3	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jun. 4	at Dal	L	1/1	3.0	3	0	1.0	10.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jun. 18	at Ari	L											
Jun. 25	at Cle	L											
Jul. 1	JAC	W	1/0	2.0	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jul. 9	ORL	W	1/0	2.0	1	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jul. 16	at Spo	L	1/0	1.0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jul. 23	at TB	L											
TOTALS			6/4	12.5	11	3	1.0	10.0	0	0	0	0	0

CLARK'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS				FUMBLES	
			TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	TD	PD	FF	FR
2011	SJ	6	12.5	11	3	1.0	10.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		6	12.5	11	3	1.0	10.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CLARK'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: 3.0 vs. GEO (5/28/11)
Solo: 3 vs. GEO (5/28/11)

Assists: 2 vs. ORL (7/9/11)
Sacks: 1.0 at DAL (6/4/11)



CHAD COOK

FULLBACK/LINEBACKER

26

6-1, 263
MURRAY STATE
2ND YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

7/24/85 | NEW ORLEANS, LA
WEST MONROE HS, NEW ORLEANS, LA
ACQUIRED: FA IN '10

Cook finished his second season in the AFL and first with San Jose as one of the most productive back in 'Cats history. A stand-out running back at Murray State, Cook enjoyed a productive rookie season split between the 2010 American Conference Champion Tampa Bay Storm and the Oklahoma City Yard Dawgz. He'll help protect QB Mark Grieb's blind side while being a force in the running game where he earned second-team All-Arena honors this season.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- San Jose record holder for rushing attempts (92), yards (261) and rushing touchdowns (29) in a single-season.
- Also holds the SaberCats' single-season record for receptions (31) and receiving yards (325) by a fullback.
- Set the SaberCats single-season rushing touchdown record after running for three scores pushing his total to 20 on the season and breaking WR/DB Barry Wagner's record (18 in 2003). He also ran for a career-high 63 yards on 13 carries to along with three touchdowns at Pittsburgh (5/14).
- Became the only San Jose fullback to post two touchdown receptions of 25-or-more yards including a franchise-long 34-yard touchdown reception vs. Jacksonville (7/1).

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Set single-game career-highs in rushes (11) and rushing touchdowns (three) in his first game with San Jose vs. Spokane (3/11).
- Rushed for two touchdowns in Week 2 victory over Kansas City (3/18).
- Added two more rushing touchdowns at Chicago (3/25).
- Scored two touchdowns (one receiving, one rushing) vs. Iowa (4/1) and set a career-high with 29 receiving yards.
- Rushed for career-high 33 yards and four touchdowns vs Utah (4/8).
- Extended streak to six games with at least two touchdowns at Tulsa (4/16).
- Had a streak of seven consecutive games with at least two touchdowns ended after posting only one touchdown vs. Arizona (5/7).
- Broke the franchise record for rushing touchdowns in one season with three at Pittsburgh (5/14), to bring his season total to 20.
- Recorded three more rushing touchdowns at Utah (5/21).
- Posted a career-high 79 receiving yards and three touchdowns earning NiFTy Playmaker of the Game honors vs. Jacksonville (7/1).
- Scored two more rushing touchdowns, pushing his season total to 29 on the season vs. Orlando (7/9).
- Totaled 76 yards of offense and a rushing touchdown at Tampa Bay (7/23).

SABERTOOTH

- Chad got the nickname Tank when he was a little boy during football practice. He ran through a guy and people came over because the sound of the impact was so loud that they thought there was a car crash. They had to bring out an ambulance for the other kid. Ever since the hit people have referred to him as Tank, including his two daughters who call Chad, Tank Tank.
- His mom has always been on Chad to have a backup plan with education and she's been his support system throughout playing football. Chad has always had positive role models in the football world, including his father Charles Cook who played for the Pittsburgh Steelers from 1962 to 1965 and went on to become a wrestler in the WWF alongside Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson's father, Rocky Johnson. His godfather, Roosevelt Taylor who played for the Chicago Bears and his uncle Jamie Caleb who was a fullback for Jim Brown of the Cleveland Browns were also great influences in his life.
- He was born and raised in New Orleans and while he was away at college when Hurricane Katrina hit, he still felt the impact. His parents had thankfully gotten out before it hit and he received news from his godbrother that their neighborhood had been wiped out just days before his first game his junior year. "When I finally went down there it literally looked like a ghost town. The smell was just horrible, you had to put on masks just to go down there it was that bad." His parents were able to rebuild their home and moved back to New Orleans in 2009. While there are homes being rebuilt there isn't much else, so Chad has aspirations of setting up a foundation that can build a community center in his hometown. "I would like to do something, put a community center in our area because right now it's nothing and it's hard for people to even move back."
- When he was younger Chad and his cousin started a lawn mowing business called, Chad and Noah's Lawn Mowers Company. They put up fliers on poles around the neighborhood and mowed lawns for around \$10. However, business was halted after they mowed a certain lady's lawn. The lady in particular had been cutting her grass with a pair of scissors so it was all patched up. She wanted them to fix her lawn which was relatively large and all they had was a push mower. They cut the front and she wanted them to cut the back as well, however, with the way New Orleans is the roots of the oak trees come out of the ground making it difficult to do an effective job. By the time they reached the back they realized it was very dirty and that she was a borderline hoarder. They both looked at each other and decided that the lawn mowing business wasn't for them.

COLLEGE:

- Totaled 2,095 rushing yards on 457 attempts for 24 touchdowns in four seasons for the Racers.

- Led the team in rushing during his sophomore (834) and junior (692) seasons.
- Caught 24 passes for 185 yards.

- for 1,730 yards and 17 touchdowns.
- Has two daughters, Angie and Carina.
- His future plans include getting his real estate license.
- Lists RB Eddie George as his favorite player growing up due to his large size for running back. Also enjoys watching Philadelphia Eagles QB Michael Vick play.

PERSONAL:

- Attended West Monroe (LA) High School where he was an all-state, all-district and all-area pick as a senior after rushing

COOK'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2011 Rushing								2011 Receiving									
Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rsh	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Mar. 11	SPO	W	1/1	11	21	1.9	6	3	Mar. 11	SPO	W	1/1	1	13	13.0	13	0
Mar. 18	KC	W	1/1	4	6	1.5	2	2	Mar. 18	KC	W	1/1	1	5	5.0	5	0
Mar. 25	at Chi	L	1/1	3	6	2.0	4	2	Mar. 25	at Chi	L	1/1	1	7	7.0	7	0
Apr. 1	IOW	L	1/1	1	4	4.0	4	1	Apr. 1	IOW	L	1/1	2	29	14.5	18	1
Apr. 8	UTA	W	1/1	6	33	5.5	13	4	Apr. 8	UTA	W	1/1	1	1	1.0	1	0
Apr. 16	at Tul	W	1/1	7	19	2.7	12	2	Apr. 16	at Tul	W	1/1	1	10	10	10	0
Apr. 22	PHI	W	1/1	4	11	2.8	4	2	Apr. 22	PHI	W	1/1	3	19	6.3	11	0
May 7	ARI	L	1/1	2	10	5.0	5	1	May 7	ARI	L	1/1	1	10	10.0	10	0
May 14	at Pit	L	1/1	13	63	4.8	20	3	May 14	at Pit	L	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
May 21	at Uta	L	1/1	7	26	3.7	8	3	May 21	at Uta	L	1/1	3	40	13.3	16	0
May 28	GEO	L	1/1	8	12	1.5	5	2	May 28	GEO	L	1/1	2	19	9.5	10	0
Jun. 4	at Dal	L	1/1	2	-3	-1.5	-3	0	Jun. 4	at Dal	L	1/1	2	23	11.5	16	0
Jun. 18	at Ari	L	1/1	6	21	3.5	9	1	Jun. 18	at Ari	L	1/1	3	16	5.3	10	0
Jun. 25	at Cle	L	1/1	3	5	1.7	3	0	Jun. 25	at Cle	L	1/1	3	30	10.0	15	0
Jul. 1	JAC	W	1/1	3	3	1.0	3	1	Jul. 1	JAC	W	1/1	4	79	20.0	34	2
Jul. 9	ORL	W	1/1	5	17	3.4	10	2	Jul. 9	ORL	W	1/1	1	7	7.0	7	0
Jul. 16	at Spo	L	1/1	7	7	1.0	3	0	Jul. 16	at Spo	L	1/1	2	17	8.5	12	0
Jul. 23	at TB	L	1/1	7	33	4.7	16	1	Jul. 23	at TB	L	1/1	3	43	14.3	25	0
TOTALS			18/18	99	294	3.0	20	30	TOTALS			18/18	34	368	10.8	18	3

COOK'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	RUSHING				RECEIVING			
			NO	YDS	AVG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
2010	OKC	13	45	140	3.1	8	15	105	7.1	1
2010	TB	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2011	SJ	18	99	294	3.0	30	34	368	10.8	3
TOTALS		32	144	434	3.0	38	49	474	9.7	4

COOK'S CAREER HIGHS

- Rushes:** 13 at PIT (5/14/11)
- Rushing Yards:** 63 at PIT (5/14/11)
- Rushing Touchdowns:** 4 vs. UTA (4/8/11)
- Receptions:** 4 vs. JAC (7/1/11)
- Receiving Yards:** 79 vs. JAC (7/1/11)

- Receiving Touchdowns:** 2 vs. JAC (7/1/11)
- Tackles:** 3 vs. TUL (5/22/10)
- Solo:** 3 vs. TUL (3/22/10)
- Assists:** 1 (Three Times), Last vs. GEO (5/28/11)

AILAO ELIAPO

EYE-LOW
OFFENSIVE/DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

70

6-2, 300
SAN JOSE STATE
1ST YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

12/13/88 | SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO HS, SAN FRANCISCO, CA
ACQUIRED: FA IN '11

A defensive lineman at the start of his collegiate career, Ailao Eliapo made the seamless transition to offensive line where he earned second-team ALL-WAC honors as a senior. He proved to be a reliable starter for the final six games of the season.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Made his AFL debut with the SaberCats, starting and splitting time at tackle at Arizona (6/18).
- Started in consecutive games after starting at Cleveland (6/25).
- Part of an offensive line unit that helped produce 408 yards in total offense and didn't allow a sack vs. Jacksonville (7/1).
- Posted his first two career receptions for 39 yards at Tampa Bay (7/22).

COLLEGE:

- Played four seasons at San Jose State playing on the offensive line for the Spartans. He made the transition from defensive line to offensive line as a freshman, finishing his career playing in 41 games (27 starts) mainly at right guard
- Earned 2010 All-Western Athletic Conference honors as a senior.

PERSONAL:

- Graduate of South San Francisco (CA) High School where he was named a 2005 CalHi Sports first-team all-state and first-team All-Central Coast Section defensive lineman
- Two-time league 'Offensive Lineman of the Year.'
- Also lettered in track and field.
- Brother of fellow SaberCat DL Kenape Eliapo.

ELIAPO'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED (6/6): 2011 (6/6)

KENAPE ELIAPO

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

90

6-0, 300
UTAH
1ST YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

3/2/86 | SAN FRANCISCO, CA
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO HS, SAN FRANCISCO, CA
ACQUIRED: FA IN '11

A native of San Francisco, CA, Kenape Eliapo will provide size and depth along the defensive line for San Jose for the remainder of the 2011 season.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Made his AFL and SaberCats debut vs. Georgia (5/28).
- Posted his first career sack vs. Orlando (7/9).

COLLEGE:

- Played for the University of Utah where he totaled 63 tackles, three sacks and 8.5 tackles for loss in 37 games. His best season came as a sophomore, where he registered 29 tackles, 2.5 for loss and one sack in 13 games (two starts) for the Utes.

PERSONAL:

- Eliapo attended South San Francisco (CA) High School where he was a first-team all-league linebacker and conference player of the year.
- As native of San Francisco, CA

ELIAPO'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR
Mar. 11	SPO	W											
Mar. 18	KC	W											
Mar. 25	at Chi	L											
Apr. 1	IOW	L											
Apr. 8	UTA	W											
Apr. 16	at Tul	W											
Apr. 22	PHI	W											
May 7	ARI	L											
May 14	at Pit	L											
May 21	at Uta	L											
May 28	GEO	L	1/0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jun. 4	at Dal	L	1/1	1.0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jun. 18	at Ari	L	1/0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jun. 25	at Cle	L	1/0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jul. 1	JAC	W	1/1	0.5	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jul. 9	ORL	W	1/1	1.0	1	0	1.0	7.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jul. 16	at Spo	L											
Jul. 23	at TB	L											
TOTALS			6/3	2.5	2	1	1.0	7.0	0	0	0	0	0

ELIAPO'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS				FUMBLES	
			TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	TD	PD	FF	FR
2011	SJ	6	2.5	2	1	1.0	7.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		6	2.5	2	1	1.0	7.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ELIAPO'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: 1.0 (Two Times) Last: vs. ORL (7/9/11)
Solo: 1 (Two Times) Last: vs. ORL (7/9/11)

Assists: 1 vs. JAC (7/1/11)
Sacks: 1.0 vs. ORL (7/9/11)

KAI ELLIS

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

92

6-4, 260
WASHINGTON
1ST YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

8/7/86 | KENT, WA
KENTRIDGE HS, KENT, WA
ACQUIRED: FA IN '11

A physical specimen coming out of college, Kai Ellis enjoyed a solid career in the CFL. He brought a drive and tenacity to the SaberCats defensive line while providing solid play on special teams.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Made his AFL debut with the SaberCats posting 0.5 tackles at Arizona (6/18).
- Posted 3.0 tackles and recovered a fumble for a touchdown on special teams vs. Jacksonville (7/1).
- Registered 2.5 tackles and two quarterback hits vs. Orlando (7/9).
- Proved to be a force on both special teams and defense, posting 2.5 tackles and one quarterback hit at Spokane (7/16).
- Forced a fumble at Tampa Bay (7/23)

OTHER PRO EXPERIENCE:

- Spent the past eight seasons in the CFL, playing for the Calgary Stampeders (2003), Ottawa Renegades (2004-05), Montreal Alouettes (2006-08) Winnipeg Blue Bombers (2008) and the Edmonton Eskimos (2009-10).
- Totaled 316 tackles, 22 sacks, two interceptions and five fumble recoveries.

COLLEGE:

- Registered 90 tackles (55 solo), seven sacks, 11.0 tackles for loss, six passes defended, three forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries in 24 games for the Huskies. While at the City College of San Francisco, he earned Defensive Player of the Year honors as voted on by the California Community

Colleges Association of America.

- SuperPrep's highest-rated junior college defensive player, and third-ranked JUCO player overall.
- One of just five linebackers nationally to earn a perfect five-star rating from Rivals.com.
- A two-time JC Grid-Wire All-American.
- Named California JUCO Defensive Player of the Year, Golden Gate Conference Player of the Year, and Northern California Player of the Year in 2000.

PERSONAL:

- Majored in American ethnic studies.
- Nicknamed "The Creature."
- Attended Kentridge High School in Kent, WA

ELLIS' GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Asst	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	
Mar. 11	SPO	W						NOT ON ROSTER						
Mar. 18	KC	W						NOT ON ROSTER						
Mar. 25	at Chi	L						NOT ON ROSTER						
Apr. 1	IOW	L						NOT ON ROSTER						
Apr. 8	UTA	W						NOT ON ROSTER						
Apr. 16	at Tul	W						NOT ON ROSTER						
Apr. 22	PHI	W						NOT ON ROSTER						
May 7	ARI	L						NOT ON ROSTER						
May 14	at Pit	L						NOT ON ROSTER						
May 21	at Uta	L						NOT ON ROSTER						
May 28	GEO	L						NOT ON ROSTER						
Jun. 4	at Dal	L						NOT ON ROSTER						
Jun. 18	at Ari	L	1/1	0.5	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Jun. 25	at Cle	L	1/1	1.5	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Jul. 1	JAC	W	1/1	3.0	2	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Jul. 9	ORL	W	1/1	2.5	1	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Jul. 16	at Spo	L	1/1	2.5	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Jul. 23	at TB	L	1/1	1.0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	
TOTALS				6/6	11.0	7	8	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0

ELLIS' CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS				FUMBLES	
			TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	TD	PD	FF	FR
2011	SJ	6	11.0	7	8	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
TOTALS		6	11.0	7	8	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0

ELLIS' CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: 3.0 vs. JAC (7/1/11)
Solo: 2 (Two Times) Last: vs. SPO (7/16/11)

Assists: 3 vs. ORL (7/9/11)
Forced Fumbles: 1 at TB (7/23/11)



JUAN GAMBOA

GAM-BOW-UH KICKER

2

5-8, 195
SACRAMENTO STATE
1ST YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

4/14/86 | SAN JOSE, CA
BELLARMINO PREP HS, SAN JOSE, CA
ACQUIRED: FA IN '11

A graduate of Bellarmine Preparatory in San Jose, Juan Gamboa showed a strong leg for the SaberCats in 2011. He was one of the most accurate kickers in 2011 in his first season of professional football.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Connected on 10-of-11 extra point attempts vs. Spokane (3/11).
- Converted first career field goal as well as the game-winning field goal with 0:02 remaining against Kansas City (3/18).
- Connected on 6-of-6 extra point attempts at Tulsa (4/16).
- Scored career high 14 points and kicked career-long 38-yard field goal vs. Philadelphia (4/22).
- Connected on 5-of-6 extra point attempts and recovered a blocked extra point attempt in the endzone vs. Georgia (5/28).
- Hit a career-long 41-yard field goal while connecting on 6-of-7 extra point attempts at Dallas (6/4).
- Surpassed 100 points on the season after going 7-for-7 on extra point attempts at Arizona (6/18).
- Hit a career-high 11 extra point attempts vs. Jacksonville (7/1).
- Recovered an onside kick for the second time in 2011 while hitting on 7-of-8 extra point attempts a. Spokane (7/16).

COLLEGE:

- Served as Sacramento State's place kicker with the Hornets.

- Connected on 36 field goals on 56 attempts (64.3%), while accounting for over 200 points. As a senior he averaged 59.0 yards per kickoff, notching 12 touchbacks.

PERSONAL:

- Ranked as the second-best kicker in the country by Super-Prep and the sixth-best by Rivals.com.
- Made all 30 extra points as a senior and also connected on a career-long 55-yard field goal. He earned all-league and all-state honors as a junior and senior and was also named All-America after each season.

GAMBOA'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opp	W/L	Pts	XP-XPA	FG-FGA	Kick-by-Kick
Mar. 11	SPO	W	10	10-11	0-0	-
Mar. 18	KC	W	10	4-7	2-2	17G, 18G
Mar. 25	at Chi	L	3	3-6	0-0	-
Apr. 1	IOW	L	9	9-10	0-0	-
Apr. 8	UTA	W	9	9-11	0-0	-
Apr. 16	at Tul	W	6	6-6	0-1	30N
Apr. 22	PHI	W	14	8-9	2-2	38G, 16G
May 7	ARI	L	5	5-6	0-0	-
May 14	at Pit	L	6	6-7	0-0	-
May 21	at Uta	L	8	8-10	0-0	-
May 28	GEO	L	5	5-6	0-1	28N
Jun. 4	at Dal	L	9	6-7	1-1	41G
Jun. 18	at Ari	L	7	7-7	0-0	-
Jun. 25	at Cle	L	3	3-3	0-0	-
Jul. 1	JAC	W	11	11-12	0-0	-
Jul. 9	ORL	W	6	6-9	0-0	-
Jul. 16	at Spo	L	7	7-8	0-1	40N
Jul. 23	at TB	L	8	5-6	1-2	18N, 27G
TOTALS			136	118-141	6-10	Long: 41

GAMBOA'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	XP	XPA	PCT	FG	FGA	PCT	LG	PTS
2011	SJ	18	118	141	83.7	6	10	60.0	41	136
TOTALS		18	118	141	83.7	6	10	60.0	41	136

GAMBOA'S CAREER HIGHS

PAT: 11 vs. JAC (7/1/11)
PAT Attempts: 12 vs. JAC (7/1/11)
Tackles: 1 (Six Times), Last vs. GEO (5/28/11)

Field Goals: 2 (Two Times), Last vs. PHI (4/22/11)
Field Goal Long: 41 at DAL (6/4/11)
Points: 14 vs. PHI (4/22/11)



TRESTIN GEORGE

4

DEFENSIVE BACK

5-9, 185

SAN JOSE STATE

3RD YEAR, 3RD WITH SJ

8/24/83 | PASADENA, CA

ST. MARY'S HS, BERKELEY, CA

ACQUIRED: FA IN '11



A member of the SaberCats 2007 championship team, Trestin George rejoined San Jose for his third season. An explosive returner during his time with the SaberCats, he will make his presence felt in defensive backfield this past season.

- Notched his first career kickoff return touchdown, going 56 yards on the opening kick vs. Utah (4/28).
- Tallied his second kickoff return touchdown of the season and first career fumble recovery vs. Las Vegas (5/12).

2007 (Postseason)

- Became the fifth player in ArenaBowl history with a kickoff return for a touchdown vs. Columbus (7/29). The 56-yard return marked the fourth length of the field kickoff return for a touchdown in ArenaBowl history.

OTHER PRO EXPERIENCE:

- Played for the BC Lions of the CFL from 2009-10.
- Signed as an undrafted free agent by the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2006 and appeared in three preseason games.
- Recorded one tackle and two passes defended at cornerback.
- Returned two kickoffs for 56 yards as a special teams member.

COLLEGE:

- Played in 46 games for San Jose State, compiling more than 1,300 all-purpose yards.
- Scored a touchdown five different ways (rushing, receiving, interception return, kickoff return, punt return) during his career.
- Tallied 148 tackles and five interceptions at defensive back.

PERSONAL:

- A graduate of St. Mary's (CA) High School in Berkeley, lettering in football and track.
- Rushed for 3,809 yards and 60 touchdowns during prep career.
- Featured in PBS documentary "Playing for Keeps" as a freshman in college.
- Published a poem on www.poetry.com entitled "The Intro."
- First name is Indian for "noble warrior."
- Majored in African-American Studies.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Started in first game back, finishing with three tackles at Chicago (3/25).
- Made his return from Injured Reserve, starting at linebacker at Utah (5/21).



- Posted career-highs with 6.0 tackles vs. Georgia (5/28).
- Returned a kickoff for a season-high 43 yards at Dallas (6/4).
- Posted first interception of the season and second of his career vs. Jacksonville (7/1).

2008 (San Jose)

- Played in five games before season was ended due to injury.
- Finished the season with 616 kick return yards on 29 returns (21.2 average).

2007 (San Jose)

- Emerged as a top kickoff return threat in 2007 posting a league-best average.
- Played in eight games during his rookie season emerging as a top kickoff return threat.
- Totaled 872 yards on 37 kickoff returns for a league-best 23.6 average, the third best in team history.
- Returned two kickoffs for scores and had four returns of 50-or-more yards.
- Credited nine tackles, three passes defended, one fumble recovery and his first career interception playing as a reserve defensive back.
- Made his AFL debut returning three kickoffs for 82 yards, including a 50-yarder, and played defensive back at Georgia (3/24).
- Returned to the lineup after missing three games with a lower body injury to post his first career interception vs. Los Angeles (4/21).

GEORGE'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2011 Defense

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR
Mar. 11	SPO	W											
Mar. 18	KC	W											
Mar. 25	at Chi	L	1/1	3.0	3	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Apr. 1	IOW	L	1/1	5.0	4	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0
Apr. 8	UTA	W	1/1	2.5	1	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Apr. 16	at Tul	W											
Apr. 22	PHI	W											
May 7	ARI	L											
May 14	at Pit	L											
May 21	at Uta	L	1/1	1.5	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
May 28	GEO	L	1/1	6.0	6	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jun. 4	at Dal	L	1/1	3.0	3	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jun. 18	at ARI	L											
Jun. 25	at Cle	L											
Jul. 1	JAC	W	1/1	3.0	3	0	0.0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0
Jul. 9	ORL	W	1/1	3.5	3	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0
Jul. 16	at Spo	L											
Jul. 23	at TB	W	1/1	2.5	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS			9/9	30.0	26	8	0.0	0.0	1	0	1	0	0

2011 Kickoff Returns

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Mar. 11	SPO	W						
Mar. 18	KC	W						
Mar. 25	at Chi	L	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Apr. 1	IOW	L	1/1	4	68	17.0	24	0
Apr. 8	UTA	W	1/1	5	98	19.6	27	0
Apr. 16	at Tul	W						
Apr. 22	PHI	W						
May 7	ARI	L						
May 14	at Pit	L						
May 21	at Uta	L	1/1	5	81	16.2	24	0
May 28	GEO	L	1/1	4	50	12.5	17	0
Jun. 4	at Dal	L	1/1	5	99	19.8	43	0
Jun. 18	at ARI	L						
Jun. 25	at Cle	L						
Jul. 1	JAC	W	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Jul. 9	ORL	W	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Jul. 16	at Spo	L						
Jul. 23	at TB	L	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
TOTALS			9/9	23	396	17.2	43	0

GEORGE'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS				FUMBLES	
			TOI	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	TD	PD	FF	FR
2007	SJ	8	9.0	6	6	0.0	0.0	1	0	0	3	0	1
2008	SJ	5	1.0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2011	SJ	9	30.0	26	8	0.0	0.0	1	0	0	2	0	0
TOTALS		22	40.0	33	14	0.0	0.0	2	0	0	6	0	1

YEAR	TEAM	GP	KICKOFF RETURNS				MISSED FIELD GOAL RETURNS			
			NO	YDS	AVG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
2007	SJ	8	37	872	23.6	2	1	10	10.0	0
2008	SJ	5	29	616	21.2	0	1	5	5.0	0
2011	SJ	8	23	396	17.2	0	0	0	0.0	0
TOTALS		21	89	1,884	21.2	2	2	15	7.5	0

GEORGE'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 6.0 vs. GEO (5/28/11)

Solo: 6 vs. GEO (5/28/11)

Assists: 2 (Four Times) Last: vs. IOW (4/1/11)

Interceptions: 1 vs. LOS (4/21/07)

Passes Defensed: 1 (Five Times) Last vs. ORL (7/9/11)

Fumble Recoveries: 1 vs. LVS (5/12/07)

Kick Returns: 9 at CHI (3/3/08)

Kick Return Yards: 178 at CHI (3/3/08)



MARK GRIEB

QUARTERBACK

16

6-2, 200
UC-DAVIS

5/24/74 | TORRANCE, CA
OAK GROVE HS, SAN JOSE, CA

12TH YEAR, 11TH WITH SJ ACQUIRED: FA IN '10[®]

A three-time ArenaBowl champion and two-time ArenaBowl MVP, Mark Grieb returned for his 12th season in the AFL and 11th with the SaberCats. A legend in league circles, he ranks among the all-time leaders in franchise and AFL history. With an accurate arm and an advanced offensive mind, Grieb reached numerous milestones while breaking the league single-season passing record.

• Became the fifth player in AFL history to surpass 800 career touchdown passes after throwing for 315 yards on 32-of-44 (72.7%) passing for a 132.1 rating at Spokane (7/16/11). Also surpassed QB Andy Kelly for fourth on the all-time completions list sitting at 3,386 following the contest and earning game MVP honors, while setting single-season career-highs in attempts (676), completions (555) and passing yards (5,312).
• Broke the single-season passing record with 5,312 after throwing for 315 yards and five touchdowns on 25-of-44 passing.



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Became first player in AFL history to throw for 4,000 yards in six consecutive seasons in 2011 and is the only quarterback to throw for 70+ touchdowns in eight consecutive seasons.
- Surpassed 10,000 career passing yards in a win at Arizona on 2/2/03, 20,000 in a win vs. Grand Rapids on 3/18/05, and 30,000 yards vs. Utah on 4/28/07. Became the sixth quarterback in AFL history to throw for 35,000 yards vs. Orlando (5/3/08),

- Earned Offensive Player of the Game honors, completing 21-of-25 passes (84.0%) for 222 yards and six touchdowns and a league-high passer rating of 143.2.
- Threw for 279 passing yards and three touchdown passes at Chicago (3/25).
- Threw for 391 yards and nine touchdowns in Week 4 vs. Iowa (4/1).
- Was named Russell Athletic Offensive Player of the Game after completing all 16 pass attempts in the first half and finished with 279 and six touchdowns vs. Utah (4/8).
- Won his 100th game as a SaberCat and threw for 221 yards and four touchdowns and rushed for another in a win vs. Philadelphia (4/22).
- Registered third rushing touchdown of the season vs. Arizona (5/7).
- Threw for 294 yards on 27-of-41 (65.9%) passing and four touchdowns at Pittsburgh (5/14).
- Posted 43rd career 300-yard passing game with 329 yards and seven touchdowns at Utah (5/21).
- Threw for a season-high 401 yards on 32-of-48 (66.7%) passing, marking the fourth-highest total in franchise history to go along with 10 total touchdowns vs. Jacksonville (7/1).

moving into fifth place on the all-time passing yards list, finishing the season with 36,846.

SABERTOOTH

• During his two-year hiatus from the league, Mark earned his teaching credential and taught biology at Arnold O. Beckman High School in Southern California. The three-time champion admits that a classroom full of students was no easy task, despite his background on the big stage. "It was a real eye opener as far as how to teach, how to work with a group of people, that many people at one time because you essentially have 35 kids that are all at somewhat different levels and you are trying to teach a unit and yet make it apply to each one of them." Mark also served as offensive coordinator for the high school team and sees himself getting involved in coaching at the collegiate level or above when his career is over. His background in teaching and coaching will be a huge asset in helping the team in 2011. "I think teaching has made a huge difference as far as understanding what people's motivations are, understanding what my role is."

• One of the most cerebral quarterbacks in AFL history, Mark admires the talents of some of the smartest quarterbacks in the NFL including Peyton Manning, Joe Montana and Kurt

- Threw his 300th career touchdown vs. Chicago on 4/16/04, connecting for his 500th career touchdown vs. Austin on 4/22/06 and completed his 700th career touchdown pass vs. Tampa Bay on 6/14/08.
- Grieb's toughness and durability have contributed to him starting 114 consecutive regular season games from 2003-08, 2011.
- Has the highest career quarterback rating in the history of the AFL for players with a minimum of 100 games at 122.1. Also holds AFL career records in completion percentage at 67.1, fourth in pass completions (3,411) and touchdowns (810).
- Holds AFL postseason records for quarterback rating (123.9) and completion percentage (68.0) for players with at least 15 postseason games. Is second in AFL postseason history with 5,037 passing yards and 112 passing touchdowns.
- Has passed for 400 yards in a game four times with a career high 445 at New Orleans (4/13/07) and has surpassed 300 yards in 47 games, most recently at Spokane (7/16/11).
- Surpassed 3,000 completions for his career, throwing for 340 yards and four touchdowns along with a rushing touchdown in Week 2 victory over Kansas City (3/18).
- Posted his 100th career regular season victory at Tulsa (4/16) after throwing for 302 yards and four touchdowns on 25-of-32 passes (78.1%).
- Won his 100th game as a SaberCat and threw for 221 yards and four touchdowns and rushed for another, earning game MVP honors in a win vs. Philadelphia (4/22).
- Passed 40,000 career passing yards and recorded 45th career 300-yard passing game with 358 yards and five touchdowns vs. Georgia (5/28). Also tied former Arizona Rattlers QB Sherdrick Bonner for the second most 3,000 yard passing seasons with nine.

Warner. A 12-year veteran of Arena Football, Mark once squared off against QB Kurt Warner as a member of the Anaheim Piranhas in 1997. The game was played in Iowa against Warner and the Barnstormers and Grieb had a victory within reach before Warner took over at the end of the game. "We had him on the ropes for three quarters and then the wheels on the bus came off."

- In getting prepared for the 2011 season, Mark spent time doing cardiovascular workouts up a hill in Road City. This particular hill is popular here in the Bay Area because WR Jerry Rice would run full sprint up the hill during his time with the 49ers to get in shape for his NFL career. Being away from the league for two years, Mark struggled at first, but found himself in great shape when it was all said and done. "The first day, it took me near a half an hour. I had to stop in the middle because I was wheezing. The second time I think it was 18 minutes and eventually I got it down to 13:20."

OTHER PRO EXPERIENCE:

- Signed by the Las Vegas Outlaws (XFL) on 2/18/01 and played four games making two starts.
- Completed 37-of-78 passes for 408 yards and three touchdowns.
- Played the 1998 season with the Scottish Claymores of NFL Europe and made two starts completing 38-of-72 passes for 499 yards and three touchdowns.
- Earned game MVP honors in his first starts by hitting 15-of-

25 passes for 231 yards and two touchdowns in a win over Barcelona.

COLLEGE:

- Played three year at UC-Davis ending his career ranked in the top 10 in six different offensive categories.
- A Harlon Hill Award (Div. II MVP) finalist his senior year after throwing for a school record 3,320 yards and 25 touchdowns.
- A first-team CoSIDA all-region pick and a Football Gazette honorable mention All-America.
- Only 26th football player to earn NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

PERSONAL:

- A three sport star at San Jose's Oak Grove High School, also playing basketball and baseball.
- Majored in biochemistry at UC-Davis and earned a Master's degree in Education from Stanford and served as a graduate assistant football coach.
- Has identical twin daughters, Ava and Madeline, with his wife Erin.
- His brother Mike, who was an All-Pac 10 tight end at UCLA, works as a equity salesman for Merriman, Curhan and Ford and Co. in San Francisco. Brother Tim, who completed his MBA from the University of Washington, lives in the Pacific Northwest with his family and works for Seattle Cancer Care Alliance.

GRIEB'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Att	Cmp	Pct	Yds	TD	Int	LG	RTG	Rus	Yds	TD	Total Net Yds.	Pct. Offense
Mar. 11	SPO	W	1/1	25	21	84.0	222	6	0	25	143.2	1	4	0	226	91.5
Mar. 18	KC	W	1/1	39	27	69.2	340	4	0	38	121.7	1	2	1	342	98.0
Mar. 25	at Chi	L	1/1	46	28	60.9	279	3	3	35	67.2	0	0	0	272	97.5
Apr. 1	IOW	L	1/1	47	33	70.2	391	9	1	47	126.0	1	4	0	381	99.0
Apr. 8	UTA	W	1/1	33	25	75.8	279	6	0	30	140.0	1	0	0	273	89.7
Apr. 16	at Tul	W	1/1	32	25	78.1	302	4	2	29	111.7	0	0	0	302	93.8
Apr. 22	PHI	W	1/1	28	18	64.3	221	4	1	45	109.4	4	4	1	225	94.9
May 7	ARI	L	1/1	38	20	52.6	264	4	4	45	61.6	2	11	1	256	96.2
May 14	at Pit	L	1/1	41	27	65.9	295	4	1	22	109.2	0	0	0	289	82.1
May 21	at Uta	L	1/1	43	29	67.4	329	7	1	23	134.7	1	3	0	326	96.7
May 28	GEO	L	1/1	34	24	70.6	358	5	1	42	129.3	0	0	0	358	96.8
Jun. 4	at Dal	L	1/1	29	17	58.6	217	6	2	37	93.0	1	-5	0	210	62.1
Jun. 18	at Ari	L	1/1	39	26	65.0	285	6	1	26	113.1	3	-2	0	283	96.3
Jun. 25	at Cle	L	1/1	34	20	58.8	203	1	3	28	49.0	0	0	0	195	64.4
Jul. 1	JAC	W	1/1	48	32	66.7	401	9	2	34	114.7	2	4	1	405	99.3
Jul. 9	ORL	W	1/1	32	26	81.3	295	5	1	30	131.1	0	0	0	295	91.3
Jul. 16	at Spo	L	1/1	44	32	72.7	315	7	0	32	132.1	0	0	0	314	96.3
Jul. 23	at TB		1/1	44	25	56.8	315	5	2	31	88.8	0	0	0	305	89.7
TOTALS			18/18	676	455	67.3	5,312	95	25	47	110.6	17	25	4	5,257	90.7

GRIEB'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	PASSING								RUSHING		
				ATT	CMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	LG	RTG	RSH	YDS	TD
1997	ANA	8	4	158	88	55.7	1,003	20	4	45	104.0	6	15	2
1999	SJ	12	1	45	17	37.8	135	2	0	17	60.9	3	14	0
2000	SJ	14	13	336	216	64.3	3,095	62	3	47	129.9	12	40	2
2001	SJ	8	6	229	157	68.6	2,331	47	4	45	133.9	6	24	0
2002	SJ	13	13	385	249	64.7	3,346	70	5	47	126.4	5	13	0
2003	SJ	16	16	476	310	65.1	3,966	72	16	47	114.9	8	-4	0
2004	SJ	16	16	459	335	73.0	4,111	75	7	45	133.5	9	2	1
2005	SJ	16	16	546	374	68.5	4,796	84	16	45	122.0	9	20	1
2006	SJ	16	16	606	396	65.3	4,841	83	11	46	116.5	13	3	0
2007	SJ	16	16	562	399	71.0	4,608	100	13	47	124.5	7	27	2
2008	SJ	16	16	606	415	68.5	4,613	100	18	41	118.1	15	43	1
2011	SJ	18	18	676	455	67.7	5,312	95	25	47	112.1	17	25	4
TOTALS		169	151	5,084	3,411	67.1	42,158	810	122	47	122.1	110	222	13

GRIEB'S CAREER HIGHS

Passes Attempted: 55 at NO (4/5/08)

Completions: 38 at NO (4/5/08)

Completion Percentage: 100.0 (15/15), at COL (4/22/05)

Passing Yards: 445 at NO (4/13/07)

Touchdowns: 10 at UTA (6/9/07)

Rating: 158.3 (Two Times), Last: at COL (4/22/05)



RAY HISATAKE

HEE-SAH-TAH-KAY

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

55

6-3, 325
HAWAII
1ST YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

9/18/86 | DALY CITY, CA
WESTMOOR HS, DALY CITY, CA
ACQUIRED: FA IN '10

An athletic player on the offensive line, Ray Hisatake joins the SaberCats for his rookie season in the AFL. Relatively new to football, Ray played in 12 games for San Jose while serving as the team's long snapper on special teams.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Saw first action of the season at and yielded no sacks vs. Philadelphia (4/22).
- Part of an offensive line unit that helped produced 408 yards in total offense and didn't allow a sack vs. Jacksonville (7/1).
- Made his first career start at Tampa Bay (7/23).

SABERTOOTH

- Growing up, Ray's mother, Tauava, wouldn't let him get a job because she wanted him to work on his studies. "My mom never let me get a job while I was growing up because she wanted me to focus on school work." So now that he's out of school, during the offseason Ray got his first job ever working at Costco in Foster City. He ended up working there as a stocker for two months last winter, his last day being Christmas Eve. "They took advantage of my size and strength and had me stocking the largest and heaviest isles."
- The most influential person in his life is father, Wesley Hisatake. The former Vietnam veteran was the first to graduate college in his family and pushed Ray to become the first to do the same from his siblings. Other influential people in his life include longtime head football coach at the College of San Mateo, Larry Owens, As well as defensive line coach, Dave Heck. When Ray first got to the College of San Mateo he didn't even know how to put pads on and Coach Heck helped him with all aspects of learning football.
- Ray loves going fishing. When he was younger he usually went to Candlestick and Pacifica with his dad. He enjoys the

sport of fishing and his other interests include playing Guitar Hero. "I love playing Guitar Hero! But I don't really like other games because I'm usually not to good at them."

- While Ray went to the University of Hawaii at Manoa, interestingly he never really went to the beach. "Just being in Hawaii was enough for me." He did however, go to Waimea Bay on the North Shore of Oahu to "jump off the rock," which was an exhilarating experience for him.

OTHER PRO EXPERIENCE:

- Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by the Carolina Panthers out of Hawaii, Hisatake spent the 2010 offseason with the team.

COLLEGE:

- Played two seasons at Hawaii following two years at the College of San Mateo. Hisatake made the switch to guard with the Warriors after playing defensive tackle at San Mateo. In his senior year, Hisatake started in 13 games at left guard after playing five games as a reserve offensive lineman as a junior, primarily at right guard.
- At the College of San Mateo, he was named a second-team All-NorCal Conference selection as a sophomore.

PERSONAL:

- Attended Westmoor (CA) High School in Daly City, CA.
- Nickname is Mei Mei which he received from his grandmother.
- Enjoys watching Polynesian players in the NFL like, Samson Satele of the Oakland Raiders, Albert Toeaina previously with the Tennessee Titans and John Estes with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

HISATAKE'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

GAMES PLAYED/GAMES STARTED (12/1): 2011 (12/1)



ADAM HUEBNER

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

93

6-4, 300
 PURDUE
 2ND YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

6/20/83 | MUNSTER, IN
 LAKE CENTRAL HS. ST. JOHN, IN
 ACQUIRED: FA IN '10

A tall, physical presence at the nose on the defensive line, Adam Huebner finished his second season in the AFL and first with San Jose. In his first season with the SaberCats, he tied for the team lead for sacks with 5.0 after playing in 16 games in 2011.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Recorded first sack of the season vs. Iowa (4/1).
- Recorded second sack of the season vs. Utah (4/8).
- Registered third sack and first forced fumble of the season for a loss of seven yards to go along with 1.5 tackles vs. Arizona (5/7).
- Recorded a sack for a loss of 11 yards vs. Georgia (5/28).
- Posted a sack for a loss of nine yards at Spokane (7/16).

SABERTOOTH:

- Adam majored in pre-law and has taken the LSAT and applied to law school. He has been accepted into a few programs but decided to pursue football for the time being. He is also interested in staying involved in football and says, "more and more I wouldn't mind getting into coaching, but I feel like I can do anything, whatever comes my way."
- To maximize their time off the field, Adam and fellow SaberCats DL Gabe Nyenhuis have made it a habit to go to the beach as much as possible while they're in California. On most off-days, the teammates try to get out to a variety of coastal spots to relax and enjoy the waves.
- Both of Adam's siblings are Boilermakers and also attended Purdue University. His brother graduated with a degree in electrical engineering before Adam played football there, and his sister really liked the university and decided to enroll as well. "We're not a Purdue family in that sense, but we all ended up going there."

2010 (Tulsa):

- Played in six games in his lone season for the Talons.
- Finished with 14 tackles, two sacks, three tackles for loss and two fumble recoveries.

- Part of a defensive effort that led the AFL in sacks with 36.0 on the season.

COLLEGE:

- Prior to transferring to Purdue as a sophomore, Huebner played 11 games as a redshirt freshman at Indiana State in 2003 where he had 23 tackles and two sacks.

PERSONAL:

- Attended Lake Central (IN) High School, where he recorded 78 tackles, including seven for loss and four sacks, with one interception as senior.
- Father, Dane works for an oil company and mother is a kindergarten teacher.
- Considers Dyer, IN his hometown.

HUEBNER'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	
Mar. 11	SPO	W	1/1	1.0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	
Mar. 18	KC	W	1/1	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mar. 25	at Chi	L	1/1	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Apr. 1	IOW	L	1/1	2.5	2	1	1.0	7.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Apr. 8	UTA	W	1/1	2.0	2	0	1.0	5.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Apr. 16	at Tul	W	1/1	2.0	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Apr. 22	PHI	W	1/1	0.5	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
May 7	ARI	L	1/1	1.5	1	1	1.0	7.0	0	0	0	1	0	
May 14	at Pit	L	1/1	1.0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
May 21	at Uta	L	1/1	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
May 28	GEO	L	1/1	1.0	1	0	1.0	11.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Jun. 4	at Dal	L	1/1	2.0	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Jun. 18	at ARI	L	1/1	1.0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Jun. 25	at Cle	L	1/1	0.5	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Jul. 1	JAC	W												
Jul. 9	ORL	W												
Jul. 16	at Spo	L	1/1	1.0	1	0	1.0	9.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Jul. 23	at TB	L	1/1	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS				16/16	16.0	14	4	5.0	39.0	0	0	1	1	0

HUEBNER'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS				FUMBLES	
			TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	TD	PD	FF	FR
2010	TUL	6	11.0	8	6	2.0	17.0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2011	SJ	16	16.0	14	4	5.0	39.0	0	0	0	1	1	0
TOTALS		22	27.0	22	10	7.0	56.0	0	0	0	1	1	2

HUEBNER'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 6 vs. SPO (6/18/10)

Solos: 4 at SPO (6/18/10)

Assists: 2 (Two Times), Last at SPO (6/18/10)

Sacks: 1.0 (Seven Times), Last: vs. SPO (7/16/11)

Passes Defensed: 1 vs. IOW (4/1/11)

Forced Fumbles: 1 vs. ARI (5/7/11)

VICTOR JAMES

WIDE RECEIVER

15

6-1, 215
NEW MEXICO
1ST YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

10/17/84 | DENVER, CO
MONITBELLO HS, DENVER, CO
ACQUIRED: FA IN '11[®]

An athletic player throughout his football career, Victor James originally was a quarterback before making the switch to wide receiver at New Mexico. He brought his athleticism, playing in all three facets of Arena Football for San Jose in 2011.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Originally signed by the SaberCats on 5/27.
- Saw his first action in the AFL, catching one pass for eight yards at Arizona (6/18).
- Registered his first career rushing touchdown at Cleveland (6/25).
- Posted two rushing touchdowns vs. Orlando (7/9).
- Earned JLS Ironman honors after playing in all three facets of the game, finishing with two rushing touchdowns and 6.0 tackles at Spokane (7/16).
- Posted a career-long 31-yard reception at Tampa Bay (7/23).

COLLEGE:

- Played for New Mexico spending time at wide receiver and quarterback. Playing primarily at wide receiver as a senior, James totaled 35 receptions for 398 receiving yards and three touchdowns playing in 12 games (eight starts) for the Lobos.

PERSONAL:

- Earned honorable mention honors as a senior at quarterback after throwing for more than 1,600 yards at Denver Montbello (CO) High School.

JAMES' GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2011 Receiving

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	
Mar. 11	SPO	W						NOT ON ROSTER	
Mar. 18	KC	W						NOT ON ROSTER	
Mar. 25	at Chi	L						NOT ON ROSTER	
Apr. 1	IOW	L						NOT ON ROSTER	
Apr. 8	UTA	W						NOT ON ROSTER	
Apr. 16	at Tul	W						NOT ON ROSTER	
Apr. 22	PHI	W						NOT ON ROSTER	
May 7	ARI	L						NOT ON ROSTER	
May 14	at Pit	L						NOT ON ROSTER	
May 21	at Uta	L						NOT ON ROSTER	
May 28	GEO	L						INACTIVE	
Jun. 4	at Dal	L						NOT ON ROSTER	
Jun. 18	at Ari	L	1/0	1	8	8.0	8	0	
Jun. 25	at Cle	L	1/0	2	17	8.3	9	0	
Jul. 1	JAC	W	1/0	1	5	5.0	5	0	
Jul. 9	ORL	W	1/0	3	9	3.0	7	0	
Jul. 16	at Spo	L	1/0	1	-4	-4.0	-4	0	
Jul. 23	at TB	L	1/0	2	33	15.5	31	0	
TOTALS				6/0	10	68	6.8	31	0

JAMES' CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	RECEIVING				RUSHING			
			NO	YDS	AVG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
2011	SJ	6	10	68	6.8	1	11	26	2.6	5
TOTALS		6	10	35	6.8	1	11	26	2.6	5

JAMES' CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 2 (Two Times) Last: at TB (7/23)

Receiving Yards: 33 at TB (7/23)

Receiving Touchdowns: 1 at CLE (6/25)

Rushing Touchdowns: 2 (Two Times) Last: at SPO (7/16)



MARK LEWIS

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

73

6-3, 300
OREGON

1ST YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

7/17/85 | PASADENA, CA

ARROYO GRANDE HS, ARROYO GRANDE, CA

ACQUIRED: FA IN '11

The only 'Cats offensive lineman to start in all 18 games, Mark Lewis was one of the most versatile offensive linemen in the AFL. Proving to be a threat in the passing game, Lewis had seven starts at center, which helped him earn second-team All-Arena honors.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Started on the offensive line, helping the offense to a 76-48 victory, the highest point total in the AFL vs. Spokane (3/11).
- Started on offensive line helping the 'Cats to a 60-57 win vs. Kansas City (3/18).
- Continued a streak of 82 plays without a sack against Kansas City (3/18).
- Caught the first touchdown of his career on an 11-yard pass from QB Mark Grieb at Chicago (3/25).
- Registered second touchdown of the season vs. Iowa (4/1).
- Started on the offensive line and yielded no sacks vs Philadelphia (4/22).
- Caught two passes for 42 yards at Arizona (6/18).
- Posted the longest touchdown reception in franchise history by an offensive lineman after hauling in a 27-yard grab vs. Jacksonville (7/1). Also, part of an offensive line unit that helped produced 408 yards in total offense and didn't allow a sack vs. Jacksonville (7/1).
- Registered two receptions and his fourth touchdown catch of the season vs. Orlando (7/9).
- Caught two more passes for 31 yards at Spokane (7/16).

SABERTOOTH

- Mark has aspirations to enter law enforcement for his post football career. He plans to enter a police academy in Cali-

fornia and become a sheriff and also plans on doing ride alongs with the San Jose Police Department and before he signed with the SaberCats, was set on attending the Allan Hancock academy in July.

- Outside of football, Mark enjoys fishing. He recently purchased a boat with four of his friends and they spend a lot of time out in the ocean fishing and relaxing. "there's nothing like fresh fish tacos," says Mark.
- While he was with the St Louis Rams they used MMA fighting as a training technique which is something that was really tough on the body says Mark. He's also trained on the beach, running sand dunes.
- When he was younger Mark and his friends would work at a local farm cutting down Christmas trees and getting them ready for people to take home. He actually spent this past summer doing the same with a group of guys he went to high school with.
- Some players that Mark enjoys watching in the NFL are Jake Long, Jeff Schwartz, Max Unger and Steve Hutchinson. He admires their ability and technique and often watches and follows the careers of guys that he personally knows.

COLLEGE:

- A two-year starter on the offensive line for the Oregon Ducks.
- Helped key Oregon's school-record rushing offense (second nationally) that churned out 280.1 running yards per game.

PERSONAL:

- Born Mark Gregory Lewis in Pasadena, Calif. Wife: Amber.
- Parents: Bruce and Kathy Lewis. Family: One sister.
- Majored in Sociology with business minor

LEWIS' CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	RECEIVING				RUSHING			
			NO	YDS	AVG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
2011	SJ	18	11	157	14.3	4	0	0	0.0	0
TOTALS		18	11	157	14.3	4	0	0	0.0	0

LEWIS' CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 2 (Four Times) Last: vs. SPO (7/16)

Receiving Yards: 42 at ARI (6/18)

Receiving Touchdowns: 1 (Four Times) Last: vs. ORL (7/9/11)



FRANCIS MAKA

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

31

6-2. 250
HAWAII
1ST YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

5/10/85 | SAN MATEO, CA
BELLARMINE PREP, SAN JOSE, CA
ACQUIRED: FA IN '11

A quick, explosive pass rusher, Maka joined the SaberCats after spending time with the Spokane Shock and Arkansas Diamonds of the of the Indoor Football League. He was one of the 'Cats best playmakers from the MACK linebacker position, tying for the team-lead with 5.0 sacks to go along with three fumble recoveries.

of San Mateo. Originally played for Arizona before transferring to the College of San Mateo.

PERSONAL:

- Attended high school in the Bay Area prior to playing for the College of San Mateo.
- A native of San Mateo, CA

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Earned Defensive Player of the Game honors after leading the team with two sacks vs. Kansas City (3/18).
- Had career-high 2.5 tackles including one for an 11-yard loss vs. Utah (4/8).
- Recorded two tackles one for a five-yard loss at Tulsa (4/16).
- Had career high 4.5 tackles vs. Arizona (5/7).
- Posted another sack, fumble recovery and a tackle for loss at Pittsburgh (5/14).
- Recorded one tackle and a fumble recovery for the third consecutive game at Utah (5/21).
- Applied pressure to QB Collin Drafts with three quarterback hits vs. Orlando (7/9).

COLLEGE:

- Played two seasons at Hawaii, where he totaled 27 tackles, 2.5 sacks and two passes defended in 16 games for the Warriors. Maka joined Hawaii after transferring from the College

MAKA'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	
Mar. 11	SPO	W												
DID NOT PLAY														
Mar. 18	KC	W	1/1	2.0	2	0	2.0	14.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mar. 25	at Chi	L												
INACTIVE														
Apr. 1	IOW	L												
INACTIVE														
Apr. 8	UTA	W	1/0	2.5	2	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Apr. 16	at Tul	W	1/1	2.0	2	0	1.0	5.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Apr. 22	PHI	W	1/0	1.0	1	0	1.0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	
May 7	ARI	L	1/1	4.0	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	
May 14	at Pit	L	1/1	2.5	2	1	1.0	4.0	0	0	0	0	1	
May 21	at Uta	L	1/1	1.0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	
May 28	GEO	L	1/1	3.0	3	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Jun. 4	at Dal	L												
INACTIVE														
Jun. 18	at ARI	L												
INJURED RESERVE														
Jun. 25	at Cle	L												
INJURED RESERVE														
Jul. 1	JAX	W												
INJURED RESERVE														
Jul. 9	ORL	W	1/1	1.0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Jul. 16	at Spo	L	1/1	1.0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Jul. 23	at TB	L	1/1	2.0	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	
TOTALS				11/9	22.0	20	4	5.0	24.0	0	0	1	0	3

MAKA'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS				FUMBLES	
			TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	TD	PD	FF	FR
2011	SJ	11	22.0	20	4	5.0	24.0	0	0	0	1	0	2
TOTALS		11	22.0	20	4	5.0	24.0	0	0	0	1	0	2

MAKA'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4.0 vs. ARI (5/7/11)
Solo: 3 (Two Times), Last vs. GEO (5/28/11)
Sacks: 2.0 vs. KC (3/18/11)

Tackles for Loss: 1.0 (Three Times), Last at PHI (4/16/11)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (Three Times), Last at UTA (5/21/11)
Passes Defensed: 1 at TB (7/23/11)



DWIGHT MCLEAN

DEFENSIVE BACK

6

6-1, 205
 PURDUE
 1ST YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

10/28/88 | CORONA, CA
 SANTIAGO HS, CORONA, CA
 ACQUIRED: FA IN '11

A consistent starter at Purdue, Dwight Mclean joined the SaberCats following a tryout with the team prior to the beginning of training camp. He finished the season as the team-leader in tackles as the only defensive back to start all 18 games.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Earned Defensive Player of the Game honors after leading the team in tackles (10.0) to go along with a 46-yard interception return for a touchdown vs. Spokane (3/11).
- Tallied a 6.0 tackles to go along with a single-game career-high two passes defended at Tulsa (4/16).
- Posted his second interception of the season to go along with 4.0 tackles at Dallas (6/4).
- Registered 4.0 tackles on defense while forcing a fumble on special teams vs. Jacksonville (7/1).
- Tallied 6.0 tackles and one pass defended vs. Orlando (7/9).
- Led team with 8.0 tackles at Spokane (7/16).

SABERTOOTH:

- Both of Dwight's parents were born in Jamaica and he has a taste for unique dishes including oxtail, curry goat, chicken feet, and chicken soup with the chicken feet in it. Dwight's uncle recently made jerk chicken for Easter and Dwight has been to Jamaica five times in his life.
- Dwight recently graduated from Purdue with a degree in Law & Society. He would like to return to school and get a Master's degree that will allow him to work with kids and is considering career counseling and coaching

COLLEGE:

- Appeared in all 12 games, including six starts after transferring from Fullerton College. Shared team lead with two interceptions while, recording 36 tackles (22 solo, 14 assists) and three passes defended.

PERSONAL:

- Attended Santiago (CA) High School in Corona, where he earned all-league honors as a senior at wide receiver after catching 25 passes for 402 yards (16.1 average) with five touchdowns.
- Law and society major

MCLEAN'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Asst	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	
Mar. 11	SPO	W	1/1	10.0	9	2	0.0	0.0	1	46	0	0	0	
Mar. 18	KC	W	1/1	7.0	7	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mar. 25	at Chi	L	1/1	6.0	6	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Apr. 1	IOW	L	1/1	4.0	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Apr. 8	UTA	W	1/1	4.0	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	
Apr. 16	at Tul	W	1/1	6.0	6	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	2	0	0	
Apr. 22	PHI	W	1/1	6.5	5	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
May 7	ARI	L	1/1	3.0	2	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	
May 14	at Pit	L	1/1	5.0	4	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	
May 21	at Uta	L	1/1	3.5	3	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
May 28	GEO	L	1/1	5.0	4	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	
Jun. 4	at Dal	L	1/1	4.0	4	0	0.0	0.0	1	-4	0	0	0	
Jun. 18	at Ari	L	1/1	4.5	3	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	
Jun. 25	at Cle	L	1/1	2.0	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	
Jul. 1	JAC	W	1/1	4.0	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Jul. 9	ORL	W	1/1	6.0	6	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	
Jul. 16	at Spo	L	1/1	8.0	7	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Jul. 23	at TB	L	1/1	2.5	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS				18/18	91.0	80	22	0.0	0.0	2	42	8	1	0

MCLEAN'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS				FUMBLES	
			TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	TD	PD	FF	FR
2011	SJ	18	91.0	80	22	0.0	0.0	2	42	1	8	1	0
TOTALS		18	91.0	80	22	0.0	0.0	2	42	1	8	1	0

MCLEAN'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 10 vs. SPO (3/11/11)
Solo: 9 vs. SPO (3/11/11)
Assists: 2 (Six Times), Last at SPO (7/16/11)
Interceptions: 1 (Two Times) Last: at DAL (6/4/11)

Int. Return Touchdowns: 1 vs. SPO (3/11/11)
Passes Defended: 2 at TUL (4/16/11)
Forced Fumbles: 1 at ARI (6/18/11)

EDDIE MOTEN

MOAT-EN DEFENSIVE BACK

21

5-10, 185
TEXAS A&M KINGSVILLE
6TH YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

8/30/81 | DALLAS, TX
LANCASTER HS, DALLAS, TX
ACQUIRED: FA IN '11

A three-time All-Arena selection during his six seasons in the AFL, Eddie Moten has been of the most dynamic playmakers in the defensive backfield throughout his career. The holder of numerous franchise records with the Philadelphia Soul, he brought his ballhawking skills to the SaberCats in 2011 leading them in interceptions and passes defended.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Tied the AFL record for interception in a season after posting 13 interceptions in 2006.
- Broke the record for interception return yards in a season (204), originally set by former SaberCats' DS Pat McGuirk in 2003.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- In SaberCats debut, tied for team-high with 6.5 tackles and had 2 passes defended vs. Utah (4/8).
- Recorded 6.0 tackles, two interceptions and one pass defended to earn Defensive Player of the Game honors at Tulsa (4/16).
- Recorded team-high 7.5 tackles vs. Arizona (5/7).
- Registered a season-high 10.0 tackles vs. Georgia (5/28).
- Totaled 6.0 tackles, one pass defended and one fumble recovery vs. Jacksonville (7/1).
- Posted 5.0 tackles, three passes defended and 0.5 tackles for loss vs. Orlando (7/9).
- Posted an interception at Tampa Bay (7/23).

2010 (Dallas)

- Posted 39.5 tackles, 12 passes defended and two interceptions in only seven games for the Vigilantes.

2008 (Philadelphia)

- Led the team with six interceptions, 23 passes defended and 93.5 tackles.

2008 (Postseason)

- Helped lead the team to an ArenaBowl XXII victory with a team-high four interceptions and five passes defended.

2007 (Philadelphia)

- Started in all 16 games for the Philadelphia Soul, earning first team All-AFL honors after finishing tied for third in the league with nine interceptions and second with 24 passes defended.
- Named Defensive Player of the Game five times.

- Finished as a finalist for Defensive Player of the Year.

2007 (Postseason)

- Posted an interception and 8.5 tackles in two games for the Soul.

2006 (Philadelphia)

- Earned first team All-AFL honors for the first time in his career after tying a league record with 13 interceptions.
- Tallied 104 total tackles, 18 passes defended and one fumble recovery and one forced fumble.
- Named Defensive Player of the Game six times.

2006 (Postseason)

- Posted an interception and 12 tackles in two games for the Soul.

2005 (Philadelphia)

- Played in 13 games for the Philadelphia Soul in his rookie season and led the team in tackles (71.5) and passes defended (18).
- Returned four interceptions for a total of 58 yards.

OTHER PRO EXPERIENCE:

- Spent time with the California Redwoods in 2009.
- Originally joined the Rio Grande Valley Dorados of af2, earning first-team All-af2 honors, finishing tied for the league lead with 10 interceptions.
- Finished the season with 47.5 tackles 18 passes defended and two forced fumbles.

COLLEGE:

- Spent freshman and sophomore seasons at Trinity Valley Community College.
- Played at Texas A&M Kingsville from 2002-03.
- Recorded 61 total tackles, nine interceptions and 17 passes defended in his two seasons at Texas A&M-Kingsville.
- Earned Don Hansen honorable mention All-American and was named Lone Star Conference Defensive Back of the Year in 2003.
- West Region Defensive Back of the year in 2003 and was a Division II first-team All-American in 2003.

PERSONAL:

- Has one child, Ejae.
- Likes to play basketball and Madden in his spare time.
- Admires former Philadelphia 76er Allen Iverson.

MOTEN'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR
Mar. 11	SPO	W										
Mar. 18	KC	W										
Mar. 25	at Chi	L										
Apr. 1	IOW	L										
Apr. 8	UTA	W	1/1	6.5 5	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	2	0	0
Apr. 16	at Tul	W	1/1	6.0 6	0	0.0	0.0	2	28	1	0	0
Apr. 22	PHI	W	1/1	4.5 4	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0
May 7	ARI	L	1/1	7.5 6	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
May 14	at Pit	L	1/1	5.0 5	0	0.0	0.0	1	15	1	0	0
May 21	at Uta	L	1/1	4.5 4	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
May 28	GEO	L	1/1	10.0 10	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jun. 4	at Dal	L										
Jun. 18	at Ari	L										
Jun. 25	at Cle	L										
Jul. 1	JAC	W	1/1	6.0 5	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	1
Jul. 9	ORL	W	1/1	5.0 4	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	3	0	0
Jul. 16	at Spo	L	1/1	1.0 1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jul. 23	at TB	L	1/1	1.5 1	1	0.0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0
TOTALS			11/11	57.5 51	13	0.0	0.0	4	43	9	0	1

MOTEN'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS				FUMBLES	
			TOI	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	TD	PD	FF	FR
2005	PHI	13	71.5	64	15	0.0	0.0	4	58	0	18	0	0
2006	PHI	16	104.0	91	26	0.0	0.0	13	168	3	11	1	1
2007	PHI	16	89.0	75	28	0.0	0.0	9	204	3	24	1	0
2008	PHI	16	93.5	83	21	0.0	0.0	6	98	1	23	1	NA
2010	DAL	7	39.5	36	7	0.0	0.0	2	16	7	12	0	0
2011	SJ	11	57.5	51	13	0.0	0.0	4	43	0	9	0	1
TOTALS		72	455.0	400	110	0.0	0.0	38	587	14	97	3	NA



BEN NELSON

WIDE RECEIVER

80

6-3, 190
ST. CLOUD STATE
4TH YEAR, 3RD WITH SAN JOSE

BORN 8/21/79 | COON RAPIDS, MN
ANOKA HS, ANOKA, MN
ACQUIRED: FA IN '11



One of the most dynamic wide receivers since joining the AFL in 2006, Ben Nelson earned first-team All-Arena honors in 2010 with the Cleveland Gladiators after setting career highs in receptions (151), receiving yards (1,867) and receiving touchdowns (47). He posted his 500th career reception in 2011 while becoming the only player in AFL history to reach 1,000 yards receiving in his first five seasons in the league.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Became the only player in AFL history to post at least 1,000 yards in their first five season after hauling in four passes for 38 yards and one touchdown at Tampa Bay (7/23).

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Registered six receptions for 82 yards and two touchdowns in return to San Jose vs. Arizona (5/7).
- Caught five passes for 75 yards and one touchdown, passing 6,000 career receiving yards at Pittsburgh (5/14).
- Posted single-game season high with nine receptions for 107 yards and team-leading four touchdowns at Utah (5/21).
- Notched his 500th career reception following a seven-reception for 110 yard performance and two touchdowns vs. Georgia (5/28).
- Posted his third consecutive game with at seven receptions and 100 receiving yards after registering eight receptions for 132 yards and four touchdowns at Dallas (6/4).
- Led the team with 101 receiving yards on eight receptions for one touchdown at Cleveland (6/25).
- Registered nine receptions for 103 yards and two touchdowns including a fumble recovery on special teams vs. Jacksonville (7/1).
- Earned Russell Athletic Offensive Player after posting seven receptions for 87 yards and two touchdowns vs. Orlando (7/9).
- Caught eight passes for 103 yards and two touchdowns at Spokane (7/16).

2010 (Cleveland)

- Totaled over 100 yards in 12 games, opening the season with seven consecutive games with 100-or-more.
- Posted 10 games with 10-or-more receptions, including five consecutive games in the final six games.
- Set season highs in receiving yards (202) and receiving touchdowns (6) vs. Tulsa (5/15).
- Set a career-high with 17 receptions to go along with 163 yards and two touchdowns at Orlando (7/3).

2008 (Colorado)

- Led the Crush with 126 receptions for 1,358 yards and 30 touchdowns in 14 games.

2008 (Postseason)

- Notched 21 receptions for 185 yards and five touchdowns in two playoff games with Colorado.

2007 (San Jose)

- Began sophomore campaign with San Jose, setting a team record with nine consecutive 100-yard receiving games.
- Surpassed Titus Dixon for seventh all-time in career receiving yards for the SaberCats.
- Tied a team game record with 14 receptions against Los Angeles (3/4) and was also named the game's Ironman with 180 yards and four touchdowns.
- Matched a team record of 15 receptions in consecutive games the following week against Chicago (3/9).
- Recorded the 10th 100-yard receiving game of his career with eight catches for 109 yards and a touchdown at Georgia (3/24).
- Reached the 2,000 career receiving yard mark against Colorado when he hauled in 127 yards (tying a then-team record) on 12 catches with three touchdowns (4/6).
- Had his streak of consecutive 100-yard receiving games broken when he totaled seven receptions for 97 yards against Las Vegas (5/12), but eclipsed 50 career touchdowns.
- Missed five games due to a leg injury but made it back for the season finale, where he went over the 100-reception mark in just 11 games.

2007 (Postseason)

- In the divisional round against Colorado (7/7), he had three touchdowns on seven receptions for 79 yards.
- Recorded four receiving touchdowns on only seven receptions for 75 yards against Chicago (7/14)
- Notched five receptions for 47 yards and one touchdown (7/29).

2006 (San Jose)

- Played in 12 games his rookie season with San Jose starting the final 11 at offensive specialist.
- Became the second SaberCat to earn Rookie of the Year honors.
- Set franchise rookie records with 94 receptions, 1,405 yards and 26 touchdowns.
- Tied a team season record with seven 100-yard receiving games and held the second longest streak in team history with four straight 100-yard games.
- Tied a team mark with consecutive double-digit reception games.
- Made his AFL debut as a backup WR/LB after sitting out the first two games with an injury at Arizona (2/12).
- Caught seven passes including his first career touchdowns, while making his first AFL start at OS at Utah (3/4).
- Caught a then-career-best 13 passes, for the then-second highest total in team history vs. Georgia (3/17).
- Notched his third straight 100-yard receiving game with 138

yards on nine grabs at Nashville (3/25).

- Totaled 203 receiving yards, the second highest total in team history and fourth straight 100-yard receiving game, with five touchdowns on 11 catches for Offensive Player of the Game vs. Austin (4/22).
- Had nine catches for 117 yards, equaling a team season record with seven, 100-yard games vs. Colorado (5/6).
- Totaled 81 receiving yards to become the second rookie in AFL history to reach 1,400 in a season.

2006 (Postseason)

- Dominated in first AFL playoff game by setting team playoff game records with 12 catches, 202 receiving yards and six touchdowns vs. Arizona (5/27), earning Offensive Player of the Week.

OTHER PRO EXPERIENCE:

- Signed in 2003 with the Minnesota Vikings as an undrafted free agent.
- had two different stints on the club's practice squad that season.
- Allocated to Cologne of NFL Europe for the 2004 season.
- Caught 15 passes for 182 yards and a touchdown playing in the franchise's first season.
- Spent the first six weeks of 2004 season on Vikings practice squad before being promoted to active roster.
- Played in three consecutive games (11/8 to 11/21) on special teams following promotion.
- Signed by the Atlanta Falcons in 2007, spending training camp with the squad.

COLLEGE:

- Had an outstanding four-year career at Division II St. Cloud (MN) State University.
- Ended his career as SCSU's all-time leader in touchdown receptions (43) and points (266).
- Also ranked second all-time in receptions and third in receiving yards in school history.
- Had a streak of 34 consecutive games with a reception.
- Named All-American by Associated Press, AFCA Division II Coaches and Football Gazette following 69 receptions as a senior.
- Earned North Central Conference's Most Valuable Receiver and first-team all-conference honors.
- Caught a school record four touchdowns in consecutive games.
- Earned second-team All-NCC as a junior and caught a pass in every game his sophomore year.

PERSONAL:

- Earned all-conference honors while playing at Anoka (MN) High School.
- Also an honorable mention All-Metro and All-State honoree.
- Lettered three times as a member of the basketball team
- Graduated with academic honors and received President's Scholarship to SCSU.
- His parents Dennis and Marge, brother, Eric, and sister, Stephanie, all live back home in Minnesota.

NELSON'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2011 Receiving

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Mar. 11	SPO	W						NOT ON ROSTER
Mar. 18	KC	W						NOT ON ROSTER
Mar. 25	at Chi	L						NOT ON ROSTER
Apr. 1	IOW	L						NOT ON ROSTER
Apr. 8	UTA	W						NOT ON ROSTER
Apr. 16	at Tul	W						NOT ON ROSTER
Apr. 22	PHI	W						NOT ON ROSTER
May 7	ARI	L	1/1	6	82	13.7	31	2
May 14	at Pit	L	1/1	5	75	15.0	22	1
May 21	at Uta	L	1/1	9	107	11.9	23	4
May 28	GEO	L	1/1	7	110	15.7	31	2
Jun. 4	at Dal	L	1/1	8	132	14.5	37	4
Jun. 18	at Ari	L	1/1	5	80	16.0	26	3
Jun. 25	at Cle	L	1/1	8	101	12.6	28	1
Jul. 1	JAC	W	1/1	9	104	11.4	29	2
Jul. 9	ORL	W	1/1	7	87	12.4	16	2
Jul. 16	at Spo	L	1/1	8	103	12.9	32	2
Jul. 23	at TB	L	1/1	4	38	9.5	17	1
TOTALS			11/11	76	1,019	13.4	37	24

NELSON'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	RECEIVING				RUSHING			
			NO	YDS	AVG	TD	RUS	YDS	AVG	TD
2006	SJ	12	94	1,405	14.9	26	0	0	0.0	0
2007	SJ	11	101	1,257	12.4	25	0	0	0.0	0
2008	COL	14	126	1,358	10.8	30	0	0	0.0	0
2010	CLE	14	151	1,867	12.4	47	2	10	5.0	0
2011	SJ	11	76	1,019	12.6	24	0	0	0.0	0
TOTALS		60	549	6,906	12.6	152	2	10	5.0	0



CHIDO NWOKOCHA

CHEE-DOH WAH-KOH-CHAH
WIDE RECEIVER

5

6-0, 200
OHIO

1ST YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

5/17/86 | ELK GROVE, CA
LAGUNA CREEK HS, ELK GROVE, CA
ACQUIRED: FA IN '10

A local product, Chido Nwokocho most recently played for the Sacramento Mountain Lions of the UFL. A great all-around athlete, he added depth and speed to the SaberCats receiving corps.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Was named JLS Ironman of the game vs. UTA (4/8) after recording career-highs with 1.5 tackles and five receptions for 80 yards and a touchdown.
- Hauled in five passes for 75 yards and a career-high two touchdowns including another career-high 45-yard reception.

SABERTOOTH

- Chido's parents were born and raised in Nigeria so growing up was challenging for him being first generation American. "Growing up was hard just because you kind of have to live the double life. You have to live the cultural way from Nigeria and then also the American way how your friends grew up. My friends would do things that kind of didn't translate to how my parents were raised and it was always conflicting and clashing especially because I was first generation American." Chido is one of the oldest out of his six siblings so he was one of the first ones to experience life growing up in America. "I always feel like my younger brothers and sisters have it easy now because I went through all the hard stuff and now my parents understand a little more."
- He describes himself as very confident and extremely outgoing; a social butterfly of sorts. "I genuinely like meeting new people, talking to new people and getting to know them." Chido also thinks of himself as being goofy. "Just because of what I am physically people don't know that I'm a goofball. My friends love hanging out with me, I'm always cracking jokes. I just like to make sure when you're around me you're always having a good time, smiling and laughing."
- Holding a degree in Health Services, Chido worked as a mental health worker at a psychiatric hospital in Sacramento. He's very much hands on with the patients and works specifically in the children's unit with kids ages 13 to 17. Having a background working with children in football and basketball camps made this job a logical choice. "It's something that I've grown with and it just comes natural to me."
- Chido would like pursue a career in stand up comedy. He has a knack for doing impressions and telling animated stories, so acting is something else that he would really like to try out.

- In 2007 during Chido's senior year of college his older brother Chimex passed away at the age of 24 during a heart operation. "That definitely affected me, I didn't have a great senior year. I was kind of on an emotional roller coaster, up and down. He was the reason I played so I was still struggling with it." They were very close growing up as they were only two and a half years apart. "With my brother he was special needs so all his baseball organizations and camps I was always really involved in those and that's what kind of transitioned me into working with kids. So I've always been involved in that working with special systems kids."
- When Chido first returned to Sacramento from college he began working at a group home and eventually a hospital. However, he still had football on his mind and had a tryout with the Sacramento Mountain Lions of the United Football League. The day of his private workouts with the Mountain Lions he got a call from Sutter Medical Center in Sacramento offering him a job. "I had to make the decision whether I was going to take this job, which was a really, really good job or officially start and pursue my football career and get it going again." While it didn't work out with the UFL and he didn't get his job back at Sutter, it did open up new doors for him, reviving his football career. "I would do that again in a heartbeat and wouldn't think twice."

OTHER PRO EXPERIENCE:

- Played for the Sacramento Mountain Lions of the UFL, during the 2010 offseason. He made the offseason roster after trying out for the team.

COLLEGE:

- Played two seasons at Ohio (2006-07). In 26 games for the Bobcats, he totaled 45 catches for 562 yards and one touchdown.
- Transferred to Ohio after spending two seasons at Sacramento City College where he was an All-Nor-Cal Conference pick both seasons, totaling 119 catches for 1,665 yards and 14 touchdowns in his junior college career.

PERSONAL:

- Enjoys watching receivers like Reggie Wayne of the Indianapolis Colts and Andre Johnson of the Houston Texans.
- Sacramento Kings fan
- He also enjoys watching players like LeBron James, Derrick Rose and Blake Griffin.
- Has a soft spot for home cooking.
- Full name is Chidozie Nwokocho.

NWOKOCHA'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2011 Receiving

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Mar. 11	SPO	W						INJURED RESERVE
Mar. 18	KC	W						INJURED RESERVE
Mar. 25	at Chi	L						INJURED RESERVE
Apr. 1	IOW	L						INJURED RESERVE
Apr. 8	UTA	W	1/0	5	80	16.0	30	1
Apr. 16	at Tul	W	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Apr. 22	PHI	W	1/0	5	75	15.0	45	2
May 7	ARI	L	1/0	1	17	17.0	17	0
May 14	at Pit	L						INJURED RESERVE
May 21	at Uta	L						INJURED RESERVE
May 28	GEO	L						INJURED RESERVE
Jun. 4	at Dal	L						INJURED RESERVE
Jun. 18	at Ari	L						INJURED RESERVE
Jun. 25	at Cle	L						INJURED RESERVE
Jul. 1	JAC	W						INJURED RESERVE
Jul. 9	ORL	W						INJURED RESERVE
Jul. 16	at Spo	L						INACTIVE
Jul. 23	at TB	L						INACTIVE
TOTALS			4/0	11	172	15.6	45	3

NWOKOCHA'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	RECEIVING				RUSHING			
			NO	YDS	AVG	TD	RUS	YDS	AVG	TD
2011	SJ	4	11	172	15.6	3	0	0	0.0	0
TOTALS		4	11	172	15.6	3	0	0	0.0	0

NWOKOCHA'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 5 (Two Times), last vs. PHI (4/22/11)

Receiving Touchdowns: 2 vs. PHI (4/22/11)

Receiving Yards: 80 vs. UTA (4/8/11)



GABE NYENHUIS

NINE-HEISS

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

97

6-4, 265
 COLORADO
 4TH YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

6/26/81 | ST. CHARLES, IL
 ST. CHARLES HS, ST. CHARLES, IN
 ACQUIRED: FA IN '10

The reigning AFL Defensive Player of the Year and sack leader in 2011, Gabe Nyenhuis solidified his status as one of the elite defensive players in the league in 2010 with the Tulsa Talons. He earned an ArenaBowl championship with the Philadelphia Soul in 2008, against the SaberCats, but his first season with the SaberCats was sidelined due to a hip injury, but he still managed to post four sacks.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Registered only sack of the game for an eight-yard loss vs. Spokane (3/11).
- Recorded second sack of season vs. Kansas City (3/18).
- Earned Defensive Player of the Game honors after notching his first career interception and return for touchdown at Chicago (3/25).
- Made his return to the lineup at Ari (6/18) after being sidelined with a hip injury for eight games, registering a sack and a fumble recovery.
- Posted a sack and a forced fumble vs. Jacksonville (7/1).

OTHER PRO EXPERIENCE:

- Originally signed as undrafted rookie free agent on 4/29/04 before being signed to the Jacksonville Jaguars practice squad on 9/7/04.
- Spent time on the Indianapolis Colts and Atlanta Falcons practice squad in 2005.
- Last stint in the NFL came with the Colts in 2006 before his season was ended due to injury.

COLLEGE:

- Joined the Colorado Buffaloes in 2002, where he was reunited with Coach Gary Barnett, who originally recruited him in 1999 at Northwestern University.
- Transferred to Garden City (KS) Community College, where he was rated the No. 2 defensive end in the junior college ranks by Rivals.com

In 25 games for the Buffaloes, he recorded 85 tackles (63 solo) with eight sacks, 24 tackles for loss, 24 quarterback pressures, a fumble recovery, two forced fumbles and 10 passes defended.

PERSONAL:

- Attended St. Charles (IL) High School where he was named SuperPrep All-American, Chicago Sun Times first-team all-area and all-state, Chicago Tribune first-team all-state as a junior and senior.
- Recorded 76 tackles, 31 for loss, six forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and two passes defended his senior season.
- He enjoys fishing and the biggest fish he caught was a 65 pound sturgeon out in a small town Shawano, Wisconsin where his family owns some property.
- Enjoys watching Kyle Vanden Bosch because of hard he plays. Also likes defensive linemen Julius Peppers and Derrick Burgess and John Abraham.
- Son of Paul and Sue Nyenhuis.

NYENHUIS' GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR
Mar. 11	SPO	W	1/1	1.0	1	0	1.0	8.0	0	0	0	0	0
Mar. 18	KC	W	1/1	2.0	2	0	1.0	7.0	0	0	0	0	0
Mar. 25	at Chi	L	1/1	3.0	3	0	0.0	0.0	1	7	0	0	0
Apr. 1	IOW	L	1/1	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Apr. 8	UTA	W											
Apr. 16	at Tul	W											
Apr. 23	PHI	W											
May 7	ARI	L											
May 14	at Pit	L											
May 21	at Uta	L											
May 28	GEO	L											
Jun. 4	at Dal	L											
Jun. 18	at ARI	L	1/1	1.0	1	0	1.0	3.0	0	0	0	0	1
Jun. 25	at Cle	L	1/1	2.0	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jul. 1	JAC	W	1/1	1.5	1	1	1.0	6.0	0	0	1	1	0
Jul. 9	ORL	W	1/1	1.5	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0
Jul. 16	at Spo	L	1/1	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jul. 23	at TB	L	1/1	2.0	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS				10/1014.0	13	2	4.0	24.0	1	7	2	0	1

NYENHUIS' CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS				FUMBLES	
			TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	TD	PD	FF	FR
2007	PHI	16	18.0	13	10	3.0	18.0	0	0	0	2	2	0
2008	PHI	16	28.0	19	18	9.5	NA	0	0	0	1	5	0
2010	TUL	16	26.5	21	11	15.5	47.5	0	0	0	4	9	2
2011	SJ	10	14.0	13	2	4.0	24.0	1	7	1	2	1	1
TOTALS		58	86.5	66	41	32.0	NA	1	7	1	9	18	3

NYENHUIS' CAREER HIGHS

Sacks: 4.0 vs. ALA (5/8/10)

Forced Fumbles: 3 vs. OKC (5/22/10)

Fumble Recoveries: 1 (Two Times) last at ALB (7/17/10)

Interceptions: 1 vs. CHI (3/25/11)

Interception Return Yards: 7 vs. CHI (3/25/11)

Interception Return Touchdowns: 1 vs. CHI (3/25/11)

ERIK ROBERTSON

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

68

6-2, 300
CALIFORNIA
1ST YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

10/4/84 | APPLE VALLEY, CA
APPLE VALLEY HS, APPLE VALLEY, CA
ACQUIRED: FA IN '10

An late addition to the San Jose roster, Eric Robertson joined the SaberCats following an injury to OL Dan Loney but didn't see any action in his game with the team.

Selected as the team's most valuable offensive lineman, wrapping up the regular season with 22 pancakes and 36 knockdowns.

OTHER PRO EXPERIENCE:

- Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by the Carolina Panthers out of Hawaii, Hisatake spent the 2010 offseason with the team.

COLLEGE:

- Played in 24 games (23 starts) his final two seasons at California.
- Honorable mention all-league selection after starting all 13 games despite battling various injuries in his senior season/

PERSONAL:

- Named by the Los Angeles Times as a first team All-Desert/Mountain Region as an offensive lineman
- Also earned all-league as both an offensive and defensive lineman in 2001.
- A two-time, all-league wrestler and also earned all-league honors in the shot put.
- Enjoys playing the bass guitar and lists jiu jitsu as an off-field interest.
- Earned his degree in Scandinavian studies

ROBERTSON'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

GAMES PLAYED/GAMES STARTED (0/0): 2011 (0/0)



JAMES ROE

WIDE RECEIVER



6-1, 210

NORFOLK STATE

10TH YEAR, 10TH WITH SAN JOSE

BORN 8/23/73 | RICHMOND, VA

HENRICO HS, RICHMOND, VA

ACQUIRED: FA IN '11

The SaberCats all-time leader in numerous receiving categories,

James Roe returned for his 10th season in the AFL where he helped the team to three ArenaBowl championships. He reached two milestones this season after passing 10,000 receiving yards and 800 touchdown receptions.



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Team's career leader in receptions, receiving yards, touchdown catches, scoring and touchdowns scored.
- Has 32 career 10+ reception games and 44 100-yard receiving games.
- Became the 17th player in AFL history with 600 career receptions and 16th player with 8,000 receiving yards.
- Holds the top four single-season reception totals in team history.
- Had over 1,000 receiving yards in 2008 for the fourth straight season and team record sixth overall.
- Tabbed ArenaBowl XVIII Ironman after a record-tying five touchdown grabs.
- Surpassed 800 receptions for his career, becoming the 11th player in league history to reach the milestone after posting 11 receptions for 132 yards and four touchdowns at Spokane (7/16/11). Also surpassed WR Darryl Hammond for 10th on the all-time receptions list.
- Became the 10th player in AFL history to surpass 10,000 career receiving yards after posting eight receptions for 98 yards and three touchdowns at Tampa Bay (7/23/11).

2011

- Made his 2011 debut with the SaberCats, posting seven receptions for 53 yards for two touchdowns at Pittsburgh (5/14).
- Returned to action, catching five passes for 52 yards and two touchdowns, including a two-point conversion in his 100th game played with the SaberCats at Arizona (6/18).
- Hauled in a season-high 12 receptions for 139 yards and three touchdowns, earning Offensive Player of the Game honors vs. Jacksonville (7/1).

2008

- Became the 13th player in AFL history to record 750 career receptions and moved past Gary Compton into 12th place all-time with 762.
- Surpassed Randy Gatewood (8,999) and George LaFrance (9,004) into 11th place in career receiving yards with 9,452.
- Moved into 8th place in career touchdown receptions with 232.
- Totaled over 100 receptions for a team record fourth straight season and fifth overall.
- Amassed over 1,000 receiving yards for a team record fourth straight season and sixth overall
- Had 31 touchdown catches giving him a team record five

seasons with 30-or-more.

- Posted 12 catches, his 24th career 10+ reception game, for 114 yards, his 36th career 100-yard game, with a touchdown and solo tackle playing in his 100th career regular season game at Chicago (3/3).
- Surpassed the 8,500 level in career receiving yards (8,571) with 81 on a game-high nine catches with two touchdowns at Grand Rapids (3/10).
- Had seven catches giving him 693 for his career passing Randy Gatewood (687) for 13th place all-time and totaled two touchdowns and 83 yards with two solo tackles vs. Dallas (3/22).
- Posted the 700th reception of his career and totaled eight for 84 yards with three touchdowns returning to the starting lineup after missing the previous two games vs. Philadelphia (4/12)
- Had three touchdowns, including the 210th of his career, on four receptions for 56 yards, moving past Calvin Schexnayder (8,812) into 13th place all-time with 8,860 playing in his 105th regular season game at Utah (4/18).
- Tallied two receiving touchdowns, passing Randy Gatewood (213) for eighth place all-time with 214, with 76 yards on eight catches with a solo special teams tackle vs. Los Angeles (4/26).
- Eclipsed the 9,000 mark in career receiving yards with 96, moving past Randy Gatewood (8,999) and George LaFrance (9,004) into 11th place all-time with 9,032, and had three touchdown catches on eight total with an assisted tackle at Orlando (5/3).
- Registered 11 catches, his 25th career 10+ reception game, for 112 yards, his 37th career 100-yard game, and three touchdowns giving him exactly 220 in his career at Arizona (5/9).
- Had a game-high 10 catches, his 26th career 10+ catch

ROE'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2011 Receiving

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Mar. 11	SPO	W		NOT ON ROSTER				
Mar. 18	KC	W		NOT ON ROSTER				
Mar. 25	at Chi	L		NOT ON ROSTER				
Apr. 1	IOW	L		NOT ON ROSTER				
Apr. 8	UTA	W		NOT ON ROSTER				
Apr. 16	at Tul	W		NOT ON ROSTER				
Apr. 22	PHI	W		NOT ON ROSTER				
May 7	ARI	L		INACTIVE				
May 14	at Pit	L	1/0	7	53	7.6	16	2
May 21	at Uta	L		SUSPENDED				
May 28	GEO	L		SUSPENDED				
Jun. 4	at Dal	L		INACTIVE				
Jun. 18	at Ari	L	1/1	5	52	10.2	14	2
Jun. 25	at Cle	L	1/1	6	62	10.3	14	0
Jul. 1	JAC	W	1/1	12	139	11.6	21	2
Jul. 9	ORL	W	1/1	6	69	11.5	19	2
Jul. 16	at Spo	L	1/1	11	132	12.0	26	4
Jul. 23	at TB	L	1/1	8	98	12.3	27	3
TOTALS			7/6	55	605	11.0	27	15

game and moved ahead of Gary Compton (750) into 12th place all-time with 753, with 117 yards, his 38th career 100-yard game, with two touchdowns at Los Angeles (5/31).

- Totaled 53 receiving yards, surpassing the 1,000 level for a team record fourth consecutive season and sixth overall with three touchdowns, his 43rd career three-plus touchdown catch of the game, on five receptions vs. Tampa Bay (6/14).
- Posted four catches, topping the 100 mark for the fourth straight season and fifth overall, for 50 yards and was held without a touchdown grab for only the second time this season vs. Georgia (6/21).
- Started all 16 games at wide receiver, earning second-team All-Arena accolades.

2007

- Set team season records for reception (127), receiving yards (1,560) and touchdown catches (40).
- Placed sixth in receiving yards, seventh in receptions and tied for seventh in touchdown catches.
- Established a team record with his third consecutive 1,000 yard receiving season.
- Moved into 14th place on AFL's career receptions list with 660.
- Moved into second place on team's career regular season games played list with 99.
- Tied a team record for the second most touchdown catches in a game with six.
- Had at least one touchdown catch in 15 games and multiple touchdown grabs 12 times.
- Had 11 receptions for his 20th career 10+ catch game at Chicago (3/9).
- Eclipsed the 7,000 mark in career receiving yards at Georgia (3/24).
- Tied a team game record with six touchdown receptions in his 90th career regular season vs. Los Angeles (4/21).
- Surpassed the 7,500 career mark in career receiving yards vs. Utah (4/28).
- Had eight catches to become the 17th player in AFL history with 600 in a career receptions at Arizona (5/5).
- Surpassed the 1,000 receiving yard mark for a club record tying third consecutive season vs. Grand Rapids (5/19).
- Had 11 catches to move into 14th place all-time with 631 at Nashville (5/25).
- Became the 16th player in AFL history with 8,000 career receiving yards by totaling 130 vs. Orlando (6/1).

2007 (Postseason)

- Started at wide receiver in all three games vs. Arizona (6/16).
- Became the sixth player in AFL history with 100 career playoff receptions.
- Tied for the most postseason games played in team history.
- Set a then-team playoff record with 14 receptions vs. Colorado (7/7).
- Had eight catches and two touchdowns in ArenaBowl XXI win vs. Columbus (7/29).

2006

- Played in 14 games missing two after sustaining a concussion in the season opener.
- Team leader with 113 receptions and 31 touchdowns catches.
- Totaled 1,310 receiving yards, his team record fourth, 1,000-yard season.
- Caught his 500th career pass and reached the 6,000 yard mark in career receiving yards.
- Had five double-digit reception games and seven 100-yard receiving games.

- Established a team record for most catches in consecutive games 25.
- Led team in scoring (188) and touchdowns (31), finishing 10th in the AFL in both categories.
- Added a season career-best 27.0 tackles and his eighth career interception on defense.
- Tied James Hundon with his 22nd career 100-yard receiving game and captured game Ironman honors at Chicago (2/26).
- Surpassed the 6,000 mark in career receiving yards for Offensive Player of the Game vs. Los Angeles (3/12).
- Had 111 receiving yards, his 25th career 100-yard game, with four touchdowns, the 15th time he's had four-or-more in a game vs. Arizona (4/2).
- Posted his first interception of the year, (eighth overall) but failed to catch a touchdown pass for the first time all season at Tampa Bay (4/7).
- Had his 500th career reception and caught the 150th touchdowns pass of his career vs. Las Vegas (4/14).
- Tied a team-game record with 14 catches for Offensive MVP vs. Austin (4/22).
- Caught seven passes to reach the 100-mark for the third time in his career at Los Angeles (4/29).

2006 (Postseason)

- Played in both games totaling 111 yards and two touchdown on 13 catches.
- Had a pair of touchdown catches to surpass James Hundon for team's all-time playoff lead with 19 vs. Chicago (6/3).

2005

- Played in all 16 games earning All-Ironman Team honors for a third straight season.
- Started 14 games at WR/LB and two at offensive specialist.
- Team leader with 116 catches and 1,440 receiving yards.
- Tied with Rashied Davis for second on team with 30 touchdown catches.
- Added 24.5 tackles, an interception and two passes defended on defense.
- Became team's all-time receptions leader and receiving yardage leader.
- Placed sixth in the AFL in receiving yards and receiving yards/game (90.0), tied for sixth in receptions and ninth in touchdown catches.
- Starting offensive specialist surpassing Steve Papin as team's career receptions leader after a season-high 13 vs. New Orleans (2/13).
- Had three touchdown receptions and second career rushing touchdown as starting offensive specialist at Los Angeles (2/20).
- Totaled 136 receiving yards to pass James Hundon as team's career leader vs. Philadelphia (3/11).
- Caught three touchdown passes, his 12th straight game with a touchdown reception vs. Arizona (4/3).
- Named Defensive Player of the Game after collecting his first interception of the year (seventh career) to preserve the victory in the waning moments of the fourth quarter and had eclipsed the 1,000-yard receiving mark for the third time in his career vs. Dallas (4/15).
- Had the 400th reception of his career vs. Los Angeles (5/7).
- Became the second player in team history with 100 receptions in a season at Arizona (5/14).
- Had 12 catches with 2.5 tackles for game Ironman honors vs. Georgia (5/21).

2005 (Postseason)

- Game-high three touchdowns and 120 yards on playoff

career-high-tying nine receptions as starting WR/LB at Colorado (5/29).

2004

- Played in 12 games, earning All-Ironman Team accolades for a second straight year.
- Missed the final four regular season games after being placed on IR May 8 with a groin strain.
- Caught a team-high 27 touchdown passes to place eighth in the AFL.
- Placed second on the team with 75 receptions and 884 receiving yards.
- Had a team-best four 10-plus reception games.
- Named AFL's Ironman of the Week in Week 8 and Co-Offensive Player of the Week for Week 9.
- Credited with 25.5 tackles (19 solo), two passes defensed, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries on defense.
- Became the first player in team history with 100 career touchdown catches and the second player to score 100 career touchdowns overall.
- Tied an AFL record and set team mark with seven touchdown catches in a game at Tampa Bay (4/4).
- Had the fourth interception return touchdown of his career vs. Los Angeles (3/26).
- Completed his first-ever pass to James Hundon for a five-yard touchdown.
- Had 10 receptions to move ahead of Barry Wagner into second in career catches at New York (3/7).
- Caught three touchdowns becoming the second player in team history with more than 80 vs. Colorado (3/14).
- Had a season-long 42-yard reception for a touchdown and a career-high four assisted tackles vs. Las Vegas (3/20).
- Caught the 300th pass of his career and eclipsed the 4,000 mark in receiving yards at Georgia (4/25).
- Caught the 99th and 100th touchdown passes of his career on his only two receptions vs. New Orleans (5/1).

2004 (Postseason)

- Played in all three games with 24 catches for 298 yards and seven touchdowns.
- Set a playoff career-high with nine receptions vs. Chicago (6/12).
- Tied ArenaBowl records for touchdowns (five), touchdown catches (five) and points scored (30) to earn Ironman honors at Arizona (6/27).

2003

- Played in all 16 games and named on the league's All-Ironman Team.
- Had the fourth highest reception total in the AFL with 115 for 1,440 yards and 31 touchdowns.
- Placed seventh in AFL in receiving yards and touchdown catches.
- Led the team and tied for eighth in the AFL with 198 points.
- Placed third on team with three interceptions.
- Tabbed AFL's Ironman of the Month for March.
- Caught the 45th touchdown pass of his career at Los Angeles (2/9).
- Notched seven receptions for 97 yards and one touchdown to go along with his third career interception return for 12 yards and a touchdown for Ironman honors vs. Colorado (2/22).
- Had two touchdown catches and returned a fumble seven yards for a score to move into sixth place on team's touchdowns scored list at Las Vegas (3/2).
- Snared his second interception of the season at Chicago (3/9).

- Had his 50th career touchdown catch and grabbed his career interception for game Ironman honors vs. Buffalo (3/14).
- Caught the game-winning touchdown pass with no time left and totaled nine catches for 103 yards to earn MVP vs. Arizona (3/23).
- Had four touchdown grabs, including the 60th of his career, on a season-high 11 catches at Dallas (4/6).
- Caught the 200th pass of his career at Colorado (4/27).
- Posted nine receptions, becoming the first San Jose player with 100 in a season vs. Grand Rapids (5/3).
- Tied his season-high with 11 catches and had a season-best 2.5 tackles vs. Los Angeles (5/17).

2003 (Postseason)

- Caught four passes for 43 yards vs. Georgia (5/31).
- Recorded six receptions for 75 yards and two touchdowns with 1.5 on defense vs. Arizona (6/8).

2002

- Played in four games on the year, totaling 14 catches for 228 yards and four touchdowns.
- Had four catches for 44 yards vs. Arizona (4/20).
- Recorded a season-high 2.5 tackles but sustained a shoulder injury after his only catch at Tampa Bay (4/27).
- Posted season-highs of six catches, 95 yards and three touchdowns at Arizona (7/12).

2002 (Postseason)

- Notched 14 catches for 189 yards and three touchdowns in three games.
- Caught the game-winning 35-yard touchdown pass late in the fourth quarter vs. Tampa Bay (8/3).
- Made three catches, including a 12-yard touchdown vs. Arizona in ArenaBowl XVI (8/18).

2001

- Led team in receptions (78), receiving yards (1,232), receiving touchdowns (28) and scoring (180) in 11 games played.
- Scored 30 touchdowns on the year becoming the second SaberCat to score 30 in a season.
- Named AFL's Ironman of the Week for Week 4.
- Had at least one touchdown catch in every game he played and three-or-more in seven games.
- Posted four touchdown catches of 40-or-more yards.
- Had seven games with 100-or-more receiving yards.
- Returned both of his interceptions on the year for scores.
- Registered a season-high 13 catches for 152 yards and three touchdowns to earn game MVP honors vs. Arizona (4/21).
- Returned his first career interception for a touchdown and caught three touchdown passes earning AFL Ironman of the Week vs. Oklahoma (5/5).
- Posted three touchdown catches and returned his second career interception 10-yard for a score to earn game Ironman and MVP honors at Milwaukee (5/18).
- Became the first SaberCat receiver with back-to-back double-digit reception games when he snared 12 at Los Angeles (6/2) and 11 vs. Nashville (6/16).
- Posted a career-high 195 yards on 11 receptions with four touchdowns and gained 11 yards on his first career rush attempt vs. Nashville (6/16).
- Caught the 100th pass of his career in the regular season finale at Indiana (7/15).

2001 (Postseason)

- Made his AFL playoff debut with six catches for 102 yards and two touchdowns with three solo tackles on defense at

Nashville (8/11).

2000

- Played in 10 games, finishing fourth on the team with 22 receptions, 282 yards and 10 touchdowns, finishing fifth on the team in scoring (72).
- Posted four catches for 57 yards and two touchdowns and added an assisted tackle in his first AFL game vs. Houston (4/15).
- Notched season-highs of five catches and 58 yards vs. Oklahoma (5/12).
- Matched his season-high with five catches, including two touchdowns at Buffalo (5/19).
- Caught a touchdown pass, a one-yard net recovery touchdown and added his first career fumble recovery vs. Los Angeles (5/27).
- Returned a fumble 32-yards for a score and added three solo tackles at Arizona (6/1).
- Returned to lineup after missing three games and had three receptions for 51 yards and two touchdown at Los Angeles (7/8).

OTHER PRO EXPERIENCE:

- A sixth-round pick (186th overall) of the Baltimore Ravens in the 1996 NFL draft.
- Played in 20 games with seven starts over four seasons with the Ravens.
- Totaled 15 receptions for 239 yards and a touchdown in his NFL career.
- Also utilized as a kick return specialist by the Ravens.
- Set a Ravens team game record with seven punt returns for 64 yards vs. Philadelphia (11/16/97)
- Caught his first NFL touchdown pass, a 15-yarder from Jim Harbaugh, vs. Indianapolis (11/29/98).
- Participated in training camp with NFL's Orlando Rage in 2001.

COLLEGE:

- Played four years (1992-95) at Norfolk State with career totals

of 239 receptions for 4,468 yards and 46 touchdowns.

- Consensus Division II All-American who dominated at that level.
- Finished his career ranked second among collegiate yardage leaders (behind Jerry Rice, 4,693), third among Division II reception leaders (239) and fourth in touchdown receptions (46).
- Recorded 22 100-yard games and 16 games with two-or-more touchdown catches.
- Surpassed the 200-yard mark three times.
- Had receptions in 41 straight games, one in each game he played.
- Caught 64 passes for 1,248 yards and 15 touchdowns as a senior in 1995.
- Posted his best season as a junior when he caught 77 passes for 1,454 yards and 17 touchdowns to set NSU and CIAA records.
- Caught 52 passes for 916 yards and five touchdowns as a sophomore.
- Grabbed nine touchdowns as a freshman on 46 receptions for 850 yards.

PERSONAL:

- Played receiver and defensive back at Henrico (VA) High School in Richmond.
- Was an all-state selection in football, an all-league pick in basketball and also ran track.
- Majored in physical education at NSU.
- Has spent the offseason coaching little league football in Richmond and plans to start up his own AAU basketball team.
- He and his wife Rene have three children, son James 'Lil Noonie,' and daughter LaChyna and Zayin.
- Hopes to coach high school football and help his wife open a beauty salon after football career.
- An avid bowler, once rolled a 287 game and also also enjoys video games and playing with his children.

ROE'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	RECEIVING				RUSHING			
			NO	YDS	AVG	TD	RUS	YDS	AVG	TD
2000	SJ	10	22	282	12.8	10	0	0	0.0	0
2001	SJ	11	78	1,232	15.8	28	1	11	11.0	0
2002	SJ	4	14	228	16.3	4	0	0	0.0	0
2003	SJ	16	115	1,440	12.5	31	1	8	8.0	0
2004	SJ	12	75	884	11.8	27	4	3	0.8	1
2005	SJ	16	116	1,440	12.4	30	4	0	0.0	1
2006	SJ	14	113	1,310	11.6	31	0	0	0.0	0
2007	SJ	16	127	1,560	12.3	40	0	0	0.0	0
2008	SJ	14	102	1,076	10.5	31	0	0	0.0	0
2011	SJ	7	55	605	11.0	15	0	0	0.0	0
TOTALS		120	817	10,057	12.3	247	10	22	2.2	2

ROE'S CAREER POSTSEASON AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	RECEIVING				RUSHING			
			NO	YDS	AVG	TD	RUS	YDS	AVG	TD
2001	SJ	2	6	102	17.0	2	0	0	0.0	0
2002	SJ	3	14	189	13.5	3	0	0	0.0	0
2003	SJ	2	10	118	11.8	2	0	0	0.0	0
2004	SJ	3	24	298	12.4	7	0	0	0.0	0
2005	SJ	1	9	120	13.3	3	0	0	0.0	0
2006	SJ	2	13	111	8.5	2	1	2	2.0	0
2007	SJ	3	32	319	10.0	7	0	0	0.0	0
2008	SJ	3	7	53	7.6	3	0	0	0.0	0
TOTALS		16	115	1,310	11.4	29	1	2	2.0	0

ROE'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 14 vs. Austin (4/22/06)

Receiving Yards: 195 vs. Nashville (6/16/01)

Receiving Touchdowns: 7 at Tampa Bay (4/4/04)

Receiving Long: 47 vs. Oklahoma (5/5/01)

MOST RECEPTIONS IN A GAME

14, vs. Austin (4/22/06); 13, at New Orleans (2/13/05); 13, vs. Los Angeles (5/17/03); 11, at Dallas (4/6/03); 11, vs. Nashville (4/21/01); 12 vs. Jacksonville (7/1/11); 12, at Chicago (6/16/01); 11 at Spokane (7/16/11); 10 at Los Angeles (3/3/08); 12, at New Orleans (4/13/07); 12, vs. Los Angeles (5/31/08); 10, at Georgia (3/24/07); 10, vs. Arizona (4/2/06); (3/12/06); 12, at Utah (3/4/06); 12, vs. Georgia (5/21/05); 12, at Los Angeles (2/20/05); 10, vs. Arizona (4/3/05); 10, at Los Angeles (6/2/01); 11 at Spokane (7/16/11); 11 at Arizona Chicago (4/16/04); 10, vs. Los Angeles (3/26/04); 10, at New (5/9/08); 11, at Nashville (5/25/07); 11, at Chicago (3/9/07); York (3/7/04); 10, vs. Indiana (4/19/03); 11, vs. Las Vegas (4/14/06); 11 at Tampa Bay (4/4/04); 11,

MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN A GAME

195, vs. Nashville (6/16/01); 168, at New Orleans (2/13/05); 165, (2/20/05); 136, vs. Philadelphia (3/11/05); 139 vs. Jacksonville at New Orleans (4/13/07); 158, at Tampa Bay (4/4/04); 154, vs. (7/1/11); 134, at Houston (4/28/01); 133, vs. Austin (4/22/06); Los Angeles (3/12/06); 152, vs. Grand Rapids (5/19/07); 152, vs. 132 at Spokane (7/16/11); 130, at Utah (6/9/07); 130, vs. Or-Arizona (4/21/01); 151, vs. Detroit (4/11/03); 149, at Los Angeles (6/1/07); 130, vs. Los Angeles (4/21/07); 130, vs. Los Angeles (6/2/01); 147, vs. Las Vegas (4/14/06); 147, at Los Angeles

MARCO THOMAS

WIDE RECEIVER

11

6-0, 190
WESTERN ILLINOIS
2ND YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

11/27/83 | CHICAGO, IL
BOGAN HS, CHICAGO, IL
ACQUIRED: FA IN '11[®]

Entering his second season in the AFL, Marco Thomas saw his first action in the league with the Chicago Rush in 2010. A solid all-around contributor in college at Western Illinois, Thomas was originally signed as an undrafted free agent by the New York Giants and will bring his athleticism to San Jose in 2011.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Led San Jose in his SaberCat debut with 10 receptions for 87 yards and one touchdown at Arizona (6/18).
- Once again led San Jose with nine receptions for 67 yards and one touchdown at Cleveland (6/25).
- Posted 251 all-purpose yards (96 receiving) vs. Orlando (7/9).
- Registered 123 all-purpose yards including a receiving touchdown at Spokane (7/16).

2011 (Chicago):

- Hauled in 16 passes for 140 yards and one touchdown grab in three games.

2010 (Chicago):

- Posted 25 receptions, 323 yards and two touchdowns in only three games at the tail end of the season.

OTHER PRO EXPERIENCE:

- Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by the New York Giants (2006).
- Spent time with the New York Jets (2007-08), Oakland Raiders (2008) and San Diego Chargers (2008).
- Joined the Montreal Alouettes of the CFL from 2008-09.

COLLEGE:

- Played in 43 games where he totaled 109 receptions for 1,691 yards and 11 touchdowns in 43 games for the Leathernecks.

PERSONAL:

- Earned two letters in football as a quarterback at Bogan (IL) High School where he selected to play in the all-star game.
- Named team MVP twice.
- Also lettered in basketball and track where he was the city's number one runner in the 100-meter dash and placed second in the 200.

THOMAS' GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2011 Receiving

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
SIGNED TO CHI ROSTER ON 4/25/11								
Apr. 30	NO	W	0/0	0	0	0.0	0	0
May 7	at Tul	L	1/0	5	43	8.6	11	0
May 14	at Ari	W	1/0	4	46	11.5	19	0
May 22	DAL	W	1/0	7	51	7.3	9	1
PLACED ON REASSIGNMENT ON 5/26/11								
Apr. 22	PHI	W						NOT ON ROSTER
May 7	ARI	L						NOT ON ROSTER
May 14	at Pit	L						NOT ON ROSTER
May 21	at Uta	L						NOT ON ROSTER
May 28	GEO	L						NOT ON ROSTER
Jun. 4	at Dal	L						NOT ON ROSTER
SIGNED TO SJ ROSTER ON 6/8/11								
Jun. 18	at Ari	L	1/1	10	87	8.7	16	1
Jun. 25	at Cle	L	1/1	9	67	7.4	14	1
Jul. 1	JAC	W	1/1	5	48	9.6	24	1
Jul. 9	ORL	W	1/1	7	96	13.7	30	0
Jul. 16	at Spo	L	1/1	8	36	4.5	11	1
Jul. 23	at TB	L	1/1	6	64	10.7	25	1
TOTALS			9/6	61	538	8.8	30	6

THOMAS' CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	RECEIVING				RUSHING			
			NO	YDS	AVG	TD	RUS	YDS	AVG	TD
2010	CHI	4	25	323	12.9	2	0	0	0.0	0
2011	CHI	3	16	140	8.8	1	0	0	0.0	0
2011	SJ	6	45	398	8.8	5	0	0	0.0	0
TOTALS		13	86	861	10.0	8	0	0	0.0	0

THOMAS' CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 13 vs. TB (7/2/10)

Receiving Yards: 147 vs. TB (7/2/10)

Receiving Touchdowns: 1 (Seven Times) Last: at TB (7/23/11)

CHRIS VEDDER

LINEBACKER

10

5-11, 220
 SAN JOSE STATE
 1ST YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

9/4/85 | SAN JOSE, CA
 SIERRA HS, MANTECA, CA
 ACQUIRED: FA IN '11

A two-year starter at safety for San Jose State, Chris Vedder was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Miami Dolphins. In his brief stint with San Jose, he proved to tough, physical linebacker in the middle of the field.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Returned a kick 56 yards for a touchdown at Arizona (6/18), becoming the first SaberCats rookie since DB Trestin George on 4/28/07 vs. Utah to return a kick for a touchdown. Also finished second on the team with 6.0 tackles and one pass defended.
- Posted 104 kick return yards and 6.0 tackles at Cleveland (6/25).

OTHER PRO EXPERIENCE:

- Signed as an undrafted free agent for the Miami Dolphins in 2007, playing through training camp and preseason.

COLLEGE:

- Posted 157 tackles (87 solo), two interceptions, seven passes defended, three fumble recoveries and one forced fumble in two seasons for the Spartans.
- Best season came as a senior, where he broke the century mark with 101 tackles to go along with one interception and two fumble recoveries.
- Received 2004 Junior College Athletic Bureau first-team All-American recognition playing for Butte College. Credited with 58 tackles, three quarterback sacks and came up with three interceptions as a sophomore.

PERSONAL:

- Lettered in football at Sierra High School in Manteca, CA and was an all-league selection.
- Lettered in football and basketball at Oak Grove High School in San Jose.
- Father, David Vedder, had 51 professional boxing matches in a 10-year career.
- Sociology major.

VEDDER'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2011 Defense

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Asst	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR
Mar. 11	SPO	W						NOT ON ROSTER					
Mar. 18	KC	W						NOT ON ROSTER					
Mar. 25	at Chi	L						NOT ON ROSTER					
Apr. 1	IOW	L						NOT ON ROSTER					
Apr. 8	UTA	W						NOT ON ROSTER					
Apr. 16	at Tul	W						NOT ON ROSTER					
Apr. 22	PHI	W						NOT ON ROSTER					
May 7	ARI	L						NOT ON ROSTER					
May 14	at Pit	L						NOT ON ROSTER					
May 21	at Uta	L						NOT ON ROSTER					
May 28	GEO	L						NOT ON ROSTER					
Jun. 4	at Dal	L						NOT ON ROSTER					
Jun. 18	at Ari	L	1/1	6.0	5	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0
Jun. 25	at Cle	L	1/1	6.0	5	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jul. 1	JAC	W						NOT ON ROSTER					
Jul. 9	ORL	W						NOT ON ROSTER					
Jul. 16	at Spo	L						NOT ON ROSTER					
Jul. 23	at TB	L	1/1	3.0	3	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS			3/3	15.0	13	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0

2011 Kickoff Returns

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Mar. 11	SPO	W						NOT ON ROSTER
Mar. 18	KC	W						NOT ON ROSTER
Mar. 25	at Chi	L						NOT ON ROSTER
Apr. 1	IOW	L						NOT ON ROSTER
Apr. 8	UTA	W						NOT ON ROSTER
Apr. 16	at Tul	W						NOT ON ROSTER
Apr. 22	PHI	W						NOT ON ROSTER
May 7	ARI	L						NOT ON ROSTER
May 14	at Pit	L						NOT ON ROSTER
May 21	at Uta	L						NOT ON ROSTER
May 28	GEO	L						NOT ON ROSTER
Jun. 4	at Dal	L						NOT ON ROSTER
Jun. 18	at Ari	L	1/1	7	153	21.9	56	1
Jun. 25	at Cle	L	1/1	5	104	20.8	34	0
Jul. 1	JAC	W						NOT ON ROSTER
Jul. 9	ORL	W						NOT ON ROSTER
Jul. 16	at Spo	L						NOT ON ROSTER
Jul. 23	at TB	L	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
TOTALS			3/3	12	257	21.4	56	1

VEDDER'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS				FUMBLES	
			TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	TD	PD	FF	FR
2011	SJ	3	15.0	13	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
TOTALS		3	15.0	13	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0

YEAR	TEAM	GP	KICK RETURNS				MISSED FIELD GOAL RETURNS			
			NO	YDS	AVG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
2011	SJ	3	12	257	21.4	1	0	0	0.0	0
TOTALS		3	12	257	21.4	1	0	0	0.0	0

VEDDER'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 6.0 (Two Times) Last: at Cle (6/25/11)
Solo: 5 (Two Times) Last: at Cle (6/25/11)
Assists: 2 (Two Times) Last: at Cle (6/25/11)
Passes Defended: 1 at Ari (6/18/11)

Kick Returns: 7 at Ari (6/18/11)
Kick Return Yards: 153 at Ari (6/18/11)
Kick Return Touchdowns: 1 at Ari (6/18/11)



INJURED RESERVE



MERVIN BROOKINS

WIDE RECEIVER/DEFENSIVE BACK

13

5-11, 185

BETHEL

2ND YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

5/31/85 | SACRAMENTO, CA

FLORIN HS, SACRAMENTO, CA

ACQUIRED: FA IN '10



In his first season in the AFL, Mervin Brookins won his first ArenaBowl championship with the Spokane Shock in 2010. A versatile player at both defensive back and returner, Brookins was a true Ironman, but his season was sidelined due to injury.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Registered first career interception and finished second on the team with 6.5 tackles vs. Spokane (3/11).
- Recorded second interception and a pass defended in Week 2.
- Finished second on the team with 4.5 tackles at Chicago (3/25).
- Recorded first catch of season to go with 118 return yards and 7.0 tackles in vs. Iowa (4/1).
- Recorded third interception of the season and tied for team-high 6.5 tackles vs. Utah (4/8).
- Recorded team-high 6.5 tackles at Tulsa (4/18).
- Recorded 185 return yards and 5.0 tackles vs. Philadelphia (4/22).
- Recorded career-high nine kick returns for 155 yards earning Ironman of the Game honors vs. Arizona (5/7).
- Started at wide receiver for the first time in his AFL career, posting six receptions for 72 yards while leading the team with seven kick returns for 122 yards at Pittsburgh (5/14).
- Notched his first career touchdown reception and recorded a career high 13 receptions for 152 yards and two touchdown catches in his second game at wide receiver at Utah (5/21).
- Posted nine receptions for 136 yards, a career-high three touchdowns and earned JLS Ironman of the Game honors vs. Georgia (5/28).

SABERTOOTH

- Mervin enjoys writing poetry and mainly writes whatever is on his mind at the moment. "I also love R&B music and I can just put some music on and write and write." Mervin writes about everything, from his daughter to more sensitive subject matter. Writing is something that he's very passionate about and was a way of addressing the anger he felt towards his father not being around when he was young. Mervin had put an unpublished book together titled, A Man's Thoughts: A Collection of Articles. The book is a collection of short stories about various different subjects. One of the short stories in the book, titled "The Neighborhood Killer," describes the story of a murderer but was actually about drugs and alcohol in

a rough neighborhood. The environment that the main character lived in that was the neighborhood killer.

- Although Mervin doesn't use any unusual training methods at the moment, his coach at Sacramento City College had him do something he had never done before. While he was training with the school's football team, the coach had Mervin run up a large hill that was well known throughout the school with chains that are normally used for 18 wheeler trucks on his back.
- Mervin has worked at McDonald's, Pizza Hut/Wingstop, as a cashier clerk, an overnight stocker at Safeway, and at Prestressed Concrete making concrete slabs that are used as dividers at coliseums. However, his best memory of all his jobs comes from his days at Taco Bell. Mervin and his coworkers would participate in fast food Olympics during which his boss would set up as competitions between the workers. They had two food lines and would race to see who could make the most orders in the shortest amount of time correctly. There was one instance when Mervin and his coworkers knew a competition was coming up and planned something special for their manager. Both lines filled a tostada shell with everything possible and when it got to the end of the line they crushed the two tostadas on each side of their manager's head. "He wasn't expecting it at all. He had nacho cheese, beef, pico de gallo, everything was just smashed on the side of his face, taco shell, everything. It was probably my greatest experience working at a fast food restaurant."

OTHER PRO EXPERIENCE:

- Played in six games, recording seven interceptions, seven pass breakups and two fumble recoveries for the Stockton Lightning of af2.

COLLEGE:

- Brookins played at Bethel College (KS) of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics prior to playing in the AFL. He played at Sacramento City College (CA) before transferring to Bethel.

PERSONAL:

- Attended Florin (CA) High School.
- Has three sisters, Tanika (23), Tannia (20) and Alexandria (12). Mervin's mother, Yolanda, works for the Employment Development Department of California.
- Has a daughter, Briel.

BROOKINS' GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2011 Defense

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Asst	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR
Mar. 11	SPO	W	1/1	6.5	6	1	0.0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0
Mar. 18	KC	W	1/1	3.5	2	3	0.0	0.0	1	1	1	0	0
Mar. 25	at Chi	L	1/1	4.5	4	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	3	0	0
Apr. 1	IOW	L	1/1	7.0	6	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Apr. 8	UTA	W	1/1	6.5	6	1	0.0	0.0	1	6	1	0	0
Apr. 16	at Tul	W	1/1	6.5	6	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0
Apr. 22	PHI	W	1/1	5.0	4	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
May 7	ARI	L	1/1	6.0	4	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0
May 14	at Pit	L	1/1	1.0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
May 21	at Uta	L	1/1	1.0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
May 28	GEO	L	1/1	1.0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jun. 4	at Dal	L	1/1	1.0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Jun. 18	at Ari	L											
Jun. 25	at Cle	L											
Jul. 1	JAC	W											
Jul. 9	ORL	W											
Jul. 16	at Spo	L											
Jul. 23	at TB	L											
TOTALS			12/12	49.5	42	15	0.0	0.0	3	7	7	0	0

2011 Missed FG Returns

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Mar. 11	SPO	W	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Mar. 18	KC	W	1/1	2	12	6.0	12	0
Mar. 25	at Chi	L	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Apr. 1	IOW	L	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Apr. 8	UTA	W	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Apr. 16	at Tul	W	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Apr. 22	PHI	W	1/1	3	89	29.7	34	0
May 7	ARI	L	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
May 14	at Pit	L	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
May 21	at Uta	L	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
May 28	GEO	L	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Jun. 4	at Dal	L	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Jun. 18	at Ari	L						
Jun. 25	at Cle	L						
Jul. 1	JAC	W						
Jul. 9	ORL	W						
Jul. 16	at Spo	L						
Jul. 23	at TB	L						
TOTALS			12/12	5	101	20.2	34	0

2011 Receiving

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Mar. 11	SPO	W	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Mar. 18	KC	W	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Mar. 25	at Chi	L	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Apr. 1	IOW	L	1/1	1	12	12.0	0	0
Apr. 8	UTA	W	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Apr. 16	at Tul	W	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Apr. 22	PHI	W	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
May 7	ARI	L	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
May 14	at Pit	L	1/1	6	72	12.0	17	0
May 21	at Uta	L	1/1	13	152	11.7	23	2
May 28	GEO	L	1/1	9	136	15.1	22	3
Jun. 4	at Dal	L	1/1	7	45	6.4	21	0
Jun. 18	at Ari	L						
Jun. 25	at Cle	L						
Jul. 1	JAC	W						
Jul. 9	ORL	W						
Jul. 16	at Spo	L						
Jul. 23	at TB	L						
TOTALS			12/12	36	418	11.6	23	5

2011 Kickoff Returns

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Mar. 11	SPO	W	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Mar. 18	KC	W	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Mar. 25	at Chi	L	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Apr. 1	IOW	L	1/1	6	118	19.7	26	0
Apr. 8	UTA	W	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Apr. 16	at Tul	W	1/1	6	124	20.7	31	0
Apr. 22	PHI	W	1/1	5	96	19.2	27	0
May 7	ARI	L	1/1	9	155	17.2	27	0
May 14	at Pit	L	1/1	7	122	17.4	22	0
May 21	at Uta	L	1/1	2	38	19.0	20	0
May 28	GEO	L	1/1	3	58	19.3	22	0
Jun. 4	at Dal	L	1/1	4	72	18.0	19	0
Jun. 18	at Ari	L						
Jun. 25	at Cle	L						
Jul. 1	JAC	W						
Jul. 9	ORL	W						
Jul. 16	at Spo	L						
Jul. 23	at TB	L						
TOTALS			12/12	43	788	18.3	31	0

BROOKINS' CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS				FUMBLES	
			TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	TD	PD	FF	FR
2010	SPO	4	16.0	15	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	2	0	0
2010	OKC	6	11.5	9	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	1	2
2011	SJ	12	49.5	42	15	0.0	0.0	3	7	0	6	0	0
TOTALS		22	77.0	66	22	0.0	0.0	3	7	0	9	1	2

YEAR	TEAM	GP	RECEIVING				RUSHING			
			NO	YDS	AVG	TD	RUS	YDS	AVG	TD
2011	SJ	12	36	418	11.6	5	1	7	7.0	0
TOTALS		12	36	418	11.6	5	1	7	7.0	0

YEAR	TEAM	GP	KICK RETURNS				MISSED FIELD GOAL RETURNS			
			NO	YDS	AVG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
2010	SPO	4	16	291	18.2	1	0	0	0.0	0
2010	OKC	6	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2011	SJ	12	43	788	18.3	0	5	101	20.2	0
TOTALS		21	59	1,079	18.3	1	5	101	20.2	0

BROOKINS' CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 9.0 vs. ARI (7/2/10)
Solo: 9 vs. ARI (7/2/10)
Assists: 3 vs. SPO (5/16/10)
Interceptions: 1 (Three Times), Last vs. UTA (4/8/11)
Passes Defensed: 2 at CHI (3/25/11)
Forced Fumbles: 1 vs. CLE (4/17/10)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (Two Times), Last at IOW (4/24/10)
Fumble Recovery Yards: 44T at IOW (4/24/10)

Fumble Recovery Touchdowns: 1 at IOW (4/24/10)
Kick Returns: 9 vs. ARI (5/7/11)
Kick Return Yards: 156 vs. CHI (7/23/10)
Kick Return Touchdowns: 1 vs. CHI (7/23/10)
Kick Return Long: 56T vs. CHI (7/23/10)
Receptions: 13 at UTA (5/21/11)
Receiving Yards: 152 at UTA (5/21/11)
Receiving Touchdowns: 3 vs. GEO (5/28/11)



NICHIREN FLOWERS

NEECH-RIN
WIDE RECEIVER

18

6-3, 215
NEVADA
2ND YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

8/26/83 | TULARE, CA
TULARE HS, TULARE, CA
ACQUIRED: FA IN '11

A tall, physical receiver, Nichiren Flowers joined the SaberCats for his second season in the AFL and first with San Jose. A force in the red zone, Flowers has ranked among the leaders on his respective teams in both the AFL and af2 throughout his career and was on his way as one of the team's leading receivers before he was injured midway through 2011.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Tied a single-season career-high in receiving touchdowns in his first game with the SaberCats vs. Spokane (3/11).
- Caught two touchdown passes vs. Kansas City (3/18).
- Tied career-high with four touchdown receptions vs. Iowa (4/1).
- Notched first career rushing touchdown vs. Utah (4/8).
- Caught two touchdowns and rushed for another vs. Philadelphia (4/22).

SABERTOOTH

- The passing of his father, Ron Flowers, greatly impacted Nichiren's life. His parents divorced when he was young and Nichiren was raised by his mother Wanda in a Christian household, while his father was Buddhist. Although he visited with his father they weren't very close and he didn't learn much about his Buddhism when he was younger. "A little after he passed I ventured off into searching to find the history behind my name and what influenced him to name me that. It's brought along this whole enlightenment as far as Eastern religion and Buddhism go." After college, Nichiren began studying more about Buddhism and read books by the Dalai Lama, Eckhart Tolle and more. Through his studies Nichiren discovered he was named after a Buddhist monk. "It means enlightened one which is the whole message of the Buddha, to become enlightened and his search for enlightenment." He now uses those teachings as a part of his life philosophy. "The last few years of studying Eastern religion, it's just seeing yourself in every living thing you awaken a part of yourself that's been closed off."
- Nichiren has plans to become a certified personal trainer and it's something that he's very passionate about. "Just the benefit of helping others and seeing them reach goals and attain things, whether that's with youth or older people." He also wants to coach youth football and spent the 2009-2010 season coaching at Tulare High School (his alma mater).
- Outside of football Nichiren has a few hobbies that he enjoys including roller skating. "I know it's funny, but I used to roller

skate in college." There was a roller rink near the University in Reno and Nichiren and his friends would hang out there on Sundays. He had a friend who was from the Bay Area and would always talk about the roller rink he would go to in Milpitas, so that's something that Nichiren plans to do while he's in the area on an off day.

- Nichiren's spent a lot of time working with youth at various Boys and Girls clubs in California, Idaho and Nevada. He's been a team supervisor and on the front desk. He enjoyed being a team supervisor, working with kids and setting up various programs for them.
- Tattoos include a Thundercat on his shoulder and back that signifies his childhood and his favorite cartoon that he got when he was a senior in high school. He has another tattoo on his arm of a rose that says "Mr. Flowers," which represents his father's side of the family and that part of his heritage. His last tattoo is on his chest which reads, "Forever Blessed" and has angel wings with a halo on top, which was for the spiritual aspect of his life.

OTHER PRO EXPERIENCE:

- Helped the Boise Burn of af2 to a 12-4 record in 2009, catching 70 passes for 1,032 yards and 24 touchdowns. Led the team in touchdowns receptions and 100-yard receiving games (five) and tied for the lead in receiving yards.
- Tallied nine receptions for 156 yards and four scores at Spokane (5/9).
- Played for the Central Valley Coyotes of af2 in 2008, where he reeled in 20 touchdowns on 955 yards receiving in only 12 games.

COLLEGE:

- A three-year starter at Nevada, Flowers totaled 212 receptions, 2,648 receiving yards and 14 touchdowns with the Wolf Pack. He set career highs in receiving during his junior season with 91 receptions, 1,126 yards and six touchdowns.

PERSONAL:

- He's taken intro to acting classes and had aspirations when he was younger to go into broadcasting so it's always been something he's interested in.
- Nicknames: Neat, Neech.
- Enjoys watching wide receivers in the NFL which includes-players like Chad Ochocino and Larry Fitzgerald. He likes see how they play and train to try and incorporate some aspects into his own style of play.

FLOWERS' GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2011 Receiving

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	
Mar. 11	SPO	W	1/1	6	46	7.7	9	4	
Mar. 18	KC	W	1/1	6	49	8.2	11	2	
Mar. 25	at Chi	L	1/1	7	75	10.7	24	0	
Apr. 1	IOW	L	1/1	6	80	13.3	23	4	
Apr. 8	UTA	W	1/1	3	17	5.7	8	1	
Apr. 16	at Tul	W	1/1	2	48	24.0	29	1	
Apr. 22	PHI	W	1/1	6	70	11.7	27	2	
May 7	ARI	L		INJURED RESERVE					
May 14	at Pit	L		INJURED RESERVE					
May 21	at Uta	L		INJURED RESERVE					
May 28	GEO	L		INJURED RESERVE					
Jun. 4	at Dal	L		INJURED RESERVE					
Jun. 18	at ARI	L		INJURED RESERVE					
Jun. 25	at Cle	L		INJURED RESERVE					
Jul. 1	JAX	W		INJURED RESERVE					
Jul. 9	ORL	W		INJURED RESERVE					
Jul. 16	at Spo	L		INJURED RESERVE					
Jul. 23	at TB	L		INJURED RESERVE					
TOTALS			7/7	36	385	10.7	29	14	

2011 Rushing

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rsh	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	
Mar. 11	SPO	W	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0	
Mar. 18	KC	W	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0	
Mar. 25	at Chi	L	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0	
Apr. 1	IOW	L	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0	
Apr. 8	UTA	W	1/1	2	5	2.5	3	1	
Apr. 16	at Tul	W	1/1	1	1	1.0	1	0	
Apr. 22	PHI	W	1/1	1	1	1.0	1	1	
May 7	ARI	L		INJURED RESERVE					
May 14	at Pit	L		INJURED RESERVE					
May 21	at Uta	L		INJURED RESERVE					
May 28	GEO	L		INJURED RESERVE					
Jun. 4	at Dal	L		INJURED RESERVE					
Jun. 18	at ARI	L		INJURED RESERVE					
Jun. 25	at Cle	L		INJURED RESERVE					
Jul. 1	JAX	W		INJURED RESERVE					
Jul. 9	ORL	W		INJURED RESERVE					
Jul. 16	at Spo	L		INJURED RESERVE					
Jul. 23	at TB	L		INJURED RESERVE					
TOTALS			7/7	4	7	1.8	3	2	

FLOWERS' CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	RECEIVING				RUSHING			
			NO	YDS	AVG	TD	RUS	YDS	AVG	TD
2007	LOS	2	6	125	20.8	1	0	0	0.0	0
2010	CHI	9	61	892	14.6	17	0	0	0.0	0
2011	SJ	7	36	385	10.7	14	4	7	1.8	2
TOTALS		18	103	1,402	13.6	32	4	7	1.8	2

FLOWERS' CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 11 at DAL (5/22/10)

Receiving Yards: 168 at DAL (5/22/10)

Receiving Touchdowns: 4 (Three Times), Last vs. IOW (4/1/11)

Rushing Attempts: 2 vs. UTA (4/8/11)

Rushing Yards : 5 vs UTA (4/8/11)

Rushing Touchdowns : 1 (Two Times), last vs. PHI (4/22/11)



SAMORA GOODSON

SA-MORE-AH

WIDE RECEIVER/DEFENSIVE BACK

88

6-3, 205
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI
1ST YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

10/7/84 | HAYWARD, CA
HAYWARD HS, HAYWARD, CA
ACQUIRED: FA IN '10



to injury.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Totaled two receptions for 40 yards vs. Spokane (3/11).
- Earned Offensive Player of the Game honors and had career highs with eight receptions for 144 yards vs. Kansas City (3/18).
- Had a career-high ten receptions for 131 yards and two touchdowns vs. Iowa (4/1).
- Set career-high in catches (11) and receiving touchdowns (four) while accumulating 113 receiving yards earning Playmaker of the Week honors vs. Utah (4/8).
- Had ten receptions for a career-high 145 yards and three touchdowns at Tulsa (4/16).

SABERTOOTH

- Standing at 6'3" today, Samora was 5'4" in high school and starring in sports when he experienced a sudden growth spurt that changed his body so much that it took away from his athletic prowess. "I think I lost some confidence and I switched sports from basketball to football my senior year." Samora didn't love football until he went to Citrus College where he accepted a personal challenge to improve and began studying the techniques of NFL receivers. Once Samora began to refine his technique and develop as a football player, he was named All-Conference and All-State in football.
- Samora was raised on an unusual diet growing up, eating a lot of traditional Jamaican food. "We grew up eating goat, ox tail, and Jamaican gingerbread." The exposure to unique flavors from a young age has made him adventurous in his

eating habits including one dish that most Americans have never sampled. "I really enjoy chicken feet now, they're delicious."

- Coming from an athletic family, Samora credits his family's track and field background for his ability to separate from defensive backs and his aunt and cousin both competed in the Olympic Games for Jamaica and the U.S. respectively. He ran hurdles for a while but eventually lost his nerve for it. "I got way too scared running hurdles and ended up running into a few of them." Samora was so fast in grade school that he set the school record in fourth grade by running the 400M in 58 seconds. "My friends called me Sonic because I was so fast."
- Samora plays the piano to relax and writes his own music. He credits his father's love of music as a large influence on his piano playing and the development of his musical talent. "He has a lot of Brazilian music, blues, jazz, and soul music. He's a real artsy kind of dude, too cool for his own good." While music has taken a backseat to football for now, Samora would love to pursue music further in the future.

OTHER PRO EXPERIENCE:

- Played for the San Jose Wolves of the Arena Indoor Football Association in 2010.

COLLEGE:

- Started two seasons at Southeast Missouri where he tallied 37 receptions for 439 yards and four touchdowns after transferring from Citrus Community College where he earned All-Western State Conference and all-state honors.

PERSONAL:

- Enjoys watching Darrelle Revis of the New York Jets.
- Mother, Donna is a professional chef.
- Father, Warren is an artist.
- Has two sisters, Temani and Saran.
- Born and raised in Hayward, CA.

GOODSON'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2011 Receiving

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Mar. 11	SPO	W	1/1	2	40	20.0	25	1
Mar. 18	KC	W	1/1	8	144	18.0	30	1
Mar. 25	at Chi	L	1/1	4	41	10.3	16	1
Apr. 1	IOW	L	1/1	10	131	13.1	23	2
Apr. 8	UTA	W	1/1	11	113	10.3	22	4
Apr. 16	at Tul	W	1/1	10	145	14.5	25	3
Apr. 22	PHI	W	1/1	1	16	16.0	16	0
May 7	ARI	L						INJURED RESERVE
May 14	at Pit	L						INJURED RESERVE
May 21	at Uta	L						INJURED RESERVE
May 28	GEO	L						INJURED RESERVE
Jun. 4	at Dal	L						INJURED RESERVE
Jun. 18	at ARI	L						INJURED RESERVE
Jun. 25	at Cle	L						INJURED RESERVE
Jul. 1	JAX	W						INJURED RESERVE
Jul. 9	ORL	W						INJURED RESERVE
Jul. 16	at Spo	L						INJURED RESERVE
Jul. 23	at TB	L						INJURED RESERVE
TOTALS			7/7	46	630	13.7	30	12

GOODSON'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	RECEIVING				RUSHING			
			NO	YDS	AVG	TD	RUS	YDS	AVG	TD
2011	SJ	7	46	630	13.7	12	0	0	0.0	0
TOTALS		7	46	630	13.7	12	0	0	0.0	0

GOODSON'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 11 vs. UTA (4/8/11)

Receiving Yards: 145 at TUL (4/16/11)

Receiving Touchdowns: 4 vs. UTA (4/8/11)



ATLAS HERRION

OFFENSIVE/DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

75

6-4, 310
ALABAMA
3RD YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

12/3/80 | DAPHNE, AL
DAPHNE HS, DAPHNE, AL
ACQUIRED: FA IN '10

A veteran of the AFL, Atlas Herrion has proven to be a quality offensive lineman during his time in the league. After spending two seasons with the Rattlers, he was part of a strong offensive line before his year was ended prematurely.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Started on the offensive line, helping the offense to a 76-48 victory, the highest point total in the AFL in Week 1.
- Started on offensive line helping the 'Cats to a 60-57 win over Kansas City in Week 2 (3/18).
- Continued a streak of 82 plays without a sack against Kansas City (3/18).

SABERTOOTH

- Atlas graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in Financial Planning and is currently working on a Master's degree in education. After his playing career Atlas would like to continue working with charitable organizations and with children to help them with their lives. "Any time you get a younger person who really appreciates what you're doing for them, there's no better joy than that." In addition, Atlas would like to teach and coach football at the high school level.
- Atlas grew up as the baby boy of six kids. His mother was a teacher and a volleyball coach for 31 years and his father was a truck driver for 33 years. "My mom kept us in sports to keep us busy and keep us out of the street when we were younger and it paid off." His family is very athletic and many of his siblings played sports in high school and college.
- Atlas works at The Athlete Factory in Alabama and trained with Mixed Martial Arts fighters in the off-season. "I had to dabble in it and did their workouts when they were flipping tires and using some strongman techniques working with barrels and other heavy stuff." Atlas also did some wrestling and trained with fighters Jimmy "Cornbread" Mills, Rich Cle-

menti, Kyle Bradley, and Alan Belcher. He describes it as a totally different workout than what he is used to and it had him in some of the best shape of his life.

- When Atlas was growing up he worked as a potato sorter at a potato shed. He got the job because his dad drove a truck for them and his older siblings were working there. At ten years old Atlas was driving around the potato sheds and having a lot of fun. In ninth grade Atlas was a busboy at the Marriott Grand Hotel and was able to meet a lot of college coaches who had come to town for the Senior Bowl.
- Atlas is named after his maternal grandfather and has a tattoo of Atlas the Greek God holding the weight of the world on his shoulders, on his arm.

OTHER PRO EXPERIENCE:

- Served stints with the Green Bay Packers (2004), Cleveland Browns (2005), Amsterdam Admirals of NFL Europe (2006) and the Houston Texans (2007).

COLLEGE:

- Herrion played in 13 games (six starts) in two seasons at Alabama after transferring from Dodge City Community College. A two-time JUCO All-American, Herrion also earned first-team All-Jayhawk Conference honors playing on both offense and defense.

PERSONAL:

- He is currently married to Syreeta and has an 11 year old son, Justin.
- As a senior at Daphne, Herrion was a Class 6A All-State selection and was considered one of the state's top offensive linemen. Atlas chose to go to Alabama over Florida, Florida State, Auburn, Mississippi State, Louisiana State, and Ole Miss.
- Favorite athlete growing up was two-sport star Bo Jackson.
- Enjoys movies and playing basketball in his free time and his favorite basketball team is the Chicago Bulls

HERRION'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

GAMES PLAYED/GAMES STARTED: 2008 (14/NA); 2010 (6/NA); 2011 (11/11)



GEORGE HYPOLITE

HIP-PUH-LIGHT DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

98

6-1, 300
COLORADO
1ST YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

8/1/87 | LOS ANGELES, CA
LOYOLA HS, LOS ANGELES, CA
ACQUIRED: FA IN '10

Entering his first season in the AFL, George Hypolite enjoyed an outstanding career at the University of Colorado before spending time with the Jacksonville Jaguars and Carolina Panthers. Alongside defensive linemen Gabe Nyenhuis and Adam Huebner, he was a part of a great defensive line but a nagging injury forced him to IR in 2011.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Ranks second in the AFL in sacks (4.0).
- Registered first sack of AFL career for a seven yard loss at Chicago (3/25).
- Recorded second sack and first forced fumble of the season along with three tackles and was named Defensive Player of the Game vs. Utah (4/8).
- Recorded career-high two sacks at Tulsa (4/16).

SABERTOOTH

- George has long aspired to be a lawyer and received some great advice about preparing for law school from Assistant Federal Prosecutor Mark Childs. Childs told him that he should choose a major that meant something to him because as long as he was academically successful and had high test scores, the specific major wouldn't matter. "I was drawn to Ethnic Studies (American Indian and African American studies) and got done with my Ethnic Studies work quickly. When I found out that I was only a semester away from completing a Women's Studies degree I completed it." After completing his degrees, George wrote an Honors Thesis during his senior year of college.
- The three most influential people in George's life are his mother, sister, and grandmother. He describes his mother as "unbreakable, like a rock. She's done amazing things with her life and her spirit has always had a huge effect on me." His sister Alexandra has also played a large role in his life and is "willing to give of herself to the people she loves so much that it's infectious." George's grandmother is not only his namesake, but very similar to him in many ways. "She has an amazing ability to see things how they really are, to work to fix the wrong and to work to keep the right moving in the right direction."

- George didn't play football until his junior year of high school, in part because of the success he had experienced playing baseball and basketball. "I had an epiphany one day. When you play a lot of sports and are athletically gifted you develop a fear of failure and stick with what you're good at. I was afraid at not being good at football." After one of his coach's shared with him his regret of never finding out if he could be successful at football, George decided to give it a shot and has felt at home on the football field from that point on.
- George has spent hundreds of hours volunteering with community groups beginning in high school including Good Shepherd Center (a shelter for homeless women and children), Project Angel Food making food for homebound AIDS and cancer patients, and Boulder Safe. In addition, George has completed a business plan for "Ethel's Heart and Mary's Love", an organization designed to assist in rebuilding community infrastructure in inner cities. Some components of the organization include a soup kitchen, a subsidized farmer's market, and building homes for low-income families to rent-to-own.

HYPOLITE'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR
Mar. 11	SPO	W	1/1	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Mar. 18	KC	W	1/1	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Mar. 25	at Chi	L	1/1	3.0	3	0	1.0	7.0	0	0	0	0	0
Apr. 1	IOW	L	1/1	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Apr. 8	UTA	W	1/1	3.0	2	2	1.0	9.0	0	0	0	1	0
Apr. 16	at Tul	W	1/1	2.5	2	1	2.0	12.0	0	0	0	0	0
Apr. 22	PHI	W	1/1	1.5	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
May 7	ARI	L	1/1	0.5	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
May 14	at Pit	L	1/1	1.0	1	0	1.0	11.0	0	0	0	0	0
May 21	at Uta	L						INACTIVE					
May 28	GEO							INACTIVE					
Jun. 4	at Dal							INACTIVE					
Jun. 18	at Ari	L						INJURED RESERVE					
Jun. 25	at Cle	L						INJURED RESERVE					
Jul. 1	JAC	W						INJURED RESERVE					
Jul. 9	ORL	W						INJURED RESERVE					
Jul. 16	at Spo	L						INJURED RESERVE					
Jul. 23	at TB	L						INJURED RESERVE					
TOTALS				9/9	11.5	9	5	5.0	39.0	0	0.0	0	1 0

HYPOLITE'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS				FUMBLES	
			TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	TD	PD	FF	FR
2011	SJ	9	11.5	9	5	5.0	39.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
TOTALS		9	11.5	9	5	5.0	39.0	0	0	0	0	1	0

HYPOLITE'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 3.0 (Two Times), Last vs. UTA (4/8/11)
Solos: 3 at CHI (4/8/11)
Assists: 2 vs. UTA (4/8/11)

Sacks: 2.0 at TUL (4/16/11)
Forced Fumbles: 1 vs. UTA (4/8/11)

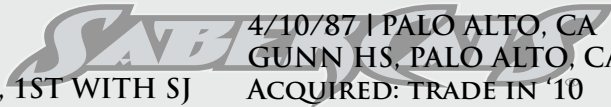


ADAM JURATOVAC

JUR-AUTO-VAC
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

72

6-3, 310
IDAHO
2ND YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ



4/10/87 | PALO ALTO, CA
GUNN HS, PALO ALTO, CA
ACQUIRED: TRADE IN '10



A native of Palo Alto, CA, Adam Juratovac spent time with the Spokane Shock in 2010 before joining the SaberCats during the 2011 offseason where he added depth and size, but an upper body injury ended his rookie year with the 'Cats.

2011 (San Jose):

- Made his 2011 debut with the SaberCats at Utah (5/21).

2010 (Spokane):

- Played for the Spokane Shock during the 2010 season.

COLLEGE:

- Prior to his time there, Juratovac played four seasons for Idaho, playing in 41 games (24 starts) at right guard for the Vandals.

PERSONAL:

- A graduate of Henry M. Gunn (CA) High School, he earned All-CIF Central Coast in his final two years and received Mercury News offensive linesman honorable mention his senior year.

JURATOVAC'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 2010 (NA/NA), 2011(2/1)

DAN LONEY

OFFENSIVE/DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

91

6-1, 280
 CAL-POLY SLO
 9TH YEAR, 8TH WITH SJ

12/7/77 | ATASCADERO, CA
 ATASCADERO HS, ATASCADERO, CA
 ACQUIRED: FA IN '11



A key piece to multiple SaberCats' championships, Dan Loney was voted the team's offensive lineman from 2006-08, playing center and nose guard for San Jose. Originally signed to the team's practice squad in 2001, he brought experience and leadership to the SaberCats offensive line.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Started in 54 consecutive games from 2006-11.
- Played in 95 regular season games, the third most in team history and most among linemen.
- A member of all three SaberCats ArenaBowl championship teams.

2011 (San Jose):

- Made his 2011 debut starting at center at Arizona (6/25).
- Part of an offensive line unit that helped produced 408 yards in total offense and didn't allow a sack vs. Jacksonville (7/1).

2010 (Oklahoma City):

- Played for the Oklahoma City Yard Dawgz, playing center with Utah Blaze QB Tommy Grady and FB/LB Chad Cook.

2008 (San Jose):

- Has played in 89 regular season games, the 8th most in team history and 3rd most among linemen.
- Started as the team's center and short snapper in 13 games, helping the team to ArenaBowl XXII.

2008 (Postseason):

- Served as team's starting center and short snapper in all three postseason games.

2007 (San Jose):

- Started all 16 games at center.
- Ran his streak of consecutive starts (regular and postseason) to 35.
- Anchored an offensive that helped the team average over 63 points per game.
- Voted team's top lineman for a second straight season by his teammates.
- Matched Howard Butler for eighth-most regular season games played in team history with 77.
- Scored his second career touchdown recovering a fumble in the endzone vs. Grand Rapids (5/19).
- Started at center in his 75th career regular season AFL game at Utah (6/9).

2007 (Postseason):

- Started all three games
- Team's short-snapper in ArenaBowl XXI vs. Columbus (7/29).

2006 (San Jose):

- Started at the center position in all 14 games played.
- Missed the first two games of the season with a knee injury.
- Anchored an offensive line that allowed QB Mark Grieb to set a single-season passing record.
- Started on both the offensive and defensive line the final seven games of the season.
- Made his season debut at center and added a fumble recovery at Arizona (2/12).
- Finished the season with four total tackles (three solo)

2006 (Postseason):

- Started both games at center and noseguard vs. Arizona (5/27) vs. Chicago (6/3).

2005 (San Jose):

- Team's starting center in 14 of the 15 games he played.
- Started six games at nose guard, including four of the last five contests.
- Posted 6.5 tackles (six solo) and a forced fumble on defense.
- Missed his only game of the year and first since the 2003 season when he was inactive with an elbow infection of the season at Chicago (4/10).
- Returned as starting center and recorded a tackle on defense vs. Dallas (4/15).
- Only game he didn't start at center was season finale vs. Georgia (5/21).

2004 (San Jose):

- Played in all 16 regular season games.
- Had a season career-high 9.5 total tackles, two passes defended and a sack.
- Made three starts at center position and was the No. 2 center in other 13 games.
- Scored his first career touchdown when he recovered a fumble in the endzone vs. Philadelphia (5/22).
- Recorded first career pass defended in season opener at Detroit (2/5).
- Recorded his only sack of the season (second career) and had career-high tying 2.0 tackles at Dallas (4/10).
- Made his first career start at center in place of injured Frank Beede and earned game Ironman honors while playing most of the game vs. Chicago (4/16).
- Second straight start at center at Georgia (4/25).
- Made his third start of the year at center vs. Arizona (5/30).

2004 (Postseason):

- Played in all three games.
- Team's backup center in first career playoff game vs. Tampa Bay (6/5).
- Made his first career playoff start vs. Chicago (6/12).
- Played in ArenaBowl XVIII victory at Arizona (6/27).

2003 (San Jose):

- Played in 12 games as the No. 2 center missing time with a

- Totaled 3.5 tackles (three solo), one tackle for loss and one forced fumble. Played in all 16 regular season games.
- Placed on IR on 3/7 with a knee injury missing two games.

2002 (San Jose):

- Played in four games as No. 2 center his rookie season in the AFL.
- Totaled four solo tackles, a sack and tackle for loss on defense.
- Spent the first six weeks of the season on IR.
- On team's roster, but inactive for three games.
- Activated off IR on May 28 to replace Frank Beede as the team's No. 2 center.
- had a sack and career-high two solo tackles in his first career AFL game at Buffalo (6/1).

2001 (San Jose):

- Signed as a free agent by San Jose on 3/16.
- Waived on 4/3.
- Signed to practice squad on April 13 for the remainder of season.

COLLEGE:

- A four-year player (1996-99) and three-year starter on the of-

fensive line at Cal Poly (San Luis Obispo).

- Played for three seasons under former SaberCats line coach Bill Tripp.
- The strongest player, bench pressing over 500 pounds, and one of the fastest linemen on the team his senior year.
- Starter on the 1997 team that went 10-1 and boasted one of the top offenses in the country as two running backs gained over 1,000 yards and the team averaged 455 yards of offense per game.
- Was named the team's Most Valuable Offensive Lineman.

PERSONAL:

- Prepped at Atascadero (CA) High School where he was a highly decorated center.
- Earned first-team all-state, first-team all-CIF, first-team all-league and County Player of the Year honors.
- Was an assistant coach and substitute teacher this past school year at Templeton High.
- Has also coached at Cal Poly and Porterville High School
- Earned a degree in Social Sciences from Cal Poly.
- Resides in Atascadero with his wife Tori and sons Clayton and Cole.

LONEY'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED (95/90): 2011 (5/5) 2010 (NA/NA), 2008 (13/13), 2007 (16/16), 2006 (14/14), 2005 (15/14), 2004 (16/16), 2003 (12/0), 2002 (4/0); **POSTSEASON:** (3/3), (3/3), (2/2), (1/1), (3/1)



JAMARIO O'NEAL

DEFENSIVE BACK

15

6-0, 205
OHIO STATE
1ST YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

9/24/86 | CLEVELAND, OH
GLENVILLE HS, CLEVELAND, OH
ACQUIRED: FA IN '10

A big, physical defensive back, Jamario O'Neal brought good experience from his time at Ohio State. He was lost for the season as he was hitting his stride for the 'Cats at the JACK linebacker position.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Saw first action of the season at Tulsa (4/16), recording 1.5 tackles.
- Had 5.5 tackles, one forced fumble, and an interception return for a touchdown vs Philadelphia (4/22).
- Registered his second interceptions of the season to along 3.5 tackles vs. Pittsburgh (5/14).

SABERTOOTH

- Jamario came from a large family with eight brothers and a sister. He is extremely close with his father along with his grandmother playing a big role in his life. When Jamario moved to Cleveland, Tedd Ginn Sr. and his wife became his second family. Ted Ginn Jr. (49ers) is like a brother and they talk regularly.
- Jamario's attention to detail and study habits define him. His success in the classroom in high school and college where he carried a 3.0 GPA at Ohio State remain ingrained in him. As soon as he got his playbook he stayed up all night studying it and making notes to help him remember the plays for the 2011 season.
- After football, Jamario plans on completing his degree in African American studies and Communication at Ohio State and plans on getting involved with coaching and counseling and anything that he has to do with speaking or mentoring. "I've had an opportunity to reflect on my past and now I'm ready to give back."

COLLEGE:

- In four seasons at Ohio State, O'Neal totaled 49 tackles, two for loss, one forced fumble, one interception and two passes defended, playing all four positions in the secondary for the Buckeyes.

PERSONAL:

- An All-Ohio selection as a junior and senior at Glenville High School (OH), O'Neal also finished fifth at the 2004 state championships in the 100-meter dash.
- Majored in African American Studies and Communication.
- A native of Mansfield, OH, his younger brother plays for Indiana.
- Enjoys watching Troy Polamalu and Ed Reed play and is a big fan of Ronnie Lott.

O'NEAL'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	
Mar. 11	SPO	W												
Mar. 18	KC	W												
Mar. 25	at Chi	L												
Apr. 1	IOW	L												
Apr. 8	UTA	W												
Apr. 16	at Tul	W	1/1	1.5	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	1	
Apr. 22	PHI	W	1/1	5.5	4	3	0.0	0.0	1	10	0	1	0	
May 7	ARI	L	1/1	4.5	4	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
May 14	at Pit	L	1/1	3.5	3	1	0.0	0.0	1	5	0	0	0	
May 21	at Uta	L												
May 28	GEO	L												
Jun. 4	at Dal	L												
Jun. 18	at Ari	L												
Jun. 25	at Cle	L												
Jul. 1	JAC	W												
Jul. 9	ORL	W												
Jul. 16	at Spo	L												
Jul. 23	at TB	L												
TOTALS				4/4	15.0	12	6	0.0	0.0	2	15	0	2	1

O'NEAL'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS				FUMBLES	
			TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	TD	PD	FF	FR
2011	SJ	4	15.0	12	6	0.0	0.0	2	15	0	0	2	1
TOTALS		4	15.0	12	6	0.0	0.0	2	15	0	0	2	1

O'NEAL'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5.5 vs PHI (4/22/11)

Solo Tackles: 4 (Two Times), last vs ARI (5/7/11)

Assists: 3 vs PHI (4/22/11)

Forced Fumbles: 1 (Two Times), Last vs. PHI (4/22/11)

Interceptions: 1 (Two Times), Last at PIT (5/14/11)

Interceptions Return for TD: 1 vs PHI (4/22/11)

SCOTT SCHOETTGEN 19

SHOT-GUN WIDE RECEIVER

6-3, 210
WILLAMETTE
1ST YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ

12/30/87 | COLUMBIA, CA
SONORA HS, SONORA, CA
ACQUIRED: FA IN '11

A tall, physical receiver Scott Schoettgen added size and depth to a talented receiving corps. The California native will look to contribute to the SaberCats during his brief stint with the team.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Made his AFL debut vs. Georgia (5/28).
- Posted career-highs with seven receptions for 86 yards and three touchdowns at Dallas (6/4).

COLLEGE:

- Led Division III Willamette with 49 catches for 960 yards and 13 touchdowns as a senior, while averaging 19.6 yards per catch and 4.9 receptions per game. As a junior in 2009, he hauled in another 49 passes, which he converted into 840 yards and 14 touchdowns.
- Caught a total of 129 passes during his Willamette career for 2,445 yards and a school record 36 touchdowns.

SCHOETTGEN'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2011 Receiving									
Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	
Mar. 11	SPO	W		NOT ON ROSTER					
Mar. 18	KC	W		NOT ON ROSTER					
Mar. 25	at Chi	L		NOT ON ROSTER					
Apr. 1	IOW	L		NOT ON ROSTER					
Apr. 8	UTA	W		NOT ON ROSTER					
Apr. 16	at Tul	W		NOT ON ROSTER					
Apr. 22	PHI	W		NOT ON ROSTER					
May 7	ARI	L		NOT ON ROSTER					
May 14	at Pit	L		NOT ON ROSTER					
May 21	at Uta	L		NOT ON ROSTER					
May 28	GEO	L	1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	
Jun. 4	at Dal	L	1/0	7	86	12.3	19	3	
Jun. 18	at Ari	L		SUSPENDED					
Jun. 25	at Cle	L		INJURED RESERVE					
Jul. 1	JAC	W		INJURED RESERVE					
Jul. 9	ORL	W		INJURED RESERVE					
Jul. 16	at Spo	L		INJURED RESERVE					
Jul. 23	at TB	L		INJURED RESERVE					
TOTALS			2/0	7	86	12.5	19	3	

SCHOETTGEN'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	RECEIVING				RUSHING			
			NO	YDS	AVG	TD	RUS	YDS	AVG	TD
2011	SJ	2	7	86	12.3	3	0	0	0.0	0
TOTALS		2	7	86	12.3	3	0	0	0.0	0

SCHOETTGEN'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 7 at DAL (6/4/11)

Receiving Yards: 86 at DAL (6/4/11)

Receiving Touchdowns: 3 at DAL (6/4/11)



BURL TOLER

WIDE RECEIVER

3

6-2, 200 CALIFORNIA 1ST YEAR, 1ST WITH SJ 10/17/84 | BERKELEY, CA BISHOP O'DOWD HS, OAKLAND, CA ACQUIRED: FA IN '11

Burl Toler is a third generation football player who joined San Jose for his first season, despite previous stints with the team. A native of Berkeley, CA, Toler will add speed and athleticism to the SaberCats receiving corps.

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Recorded five catches for 70 yards and first career touchdown in Week 4 vs. Iowa.
- Registered a career-high 12 receptions for 99 yards at Tulsa (4/16).
- Posted a team-high eight receptions for 77 yards at Pittsburgh (5/14).
- Recorded three receptions for 29 yards and one touchdown at Utah (5/21).

OTHER PRO EXPERIENCE:

- Spent the 2008 offseason with the Washington Redskins after signing with San Jose in 2008. Prior to signing with the SaberCats, Toler served his first stint with the Redskins in 2007 after spending time with the Cologne Centurions of NFL Europe.
- Originally signed with the SaberCats in 2007 before joining the Centurions. Undrafted out of California, Toler was originally signed by the Oakland Raiders in 2006.

COLLEGE:

- A walk-on at California, finished with 69 receptions for 873 yards and four touchdowns.
- Best season came in 2003 when he caught 48 passes for 609 yards and three touchdowns.

PERSONAL:

- A native of Berkeley, CA, Toler attended Bishop O'Dowd High School (CA) helping his team to two league titles and a North Coast Section championship, earning first team all-league on offense and defense his senior year. Toler also lettered four years in track, attending the League of Champions meet his final three years.
- Majored in Social Welfare.

TOLER'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2011 Receiving

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Mar. 11	SPO	W			INACTIVE			
Mar. 18	KC	W			INACTIVE			
Mar. 25	at Chi	L			INACTIVE			
Apr. 1	IOW	L	1/0	5	70	14.0	47	1
Apr. 8	UTA	W	1/1	3	43	14.3	23	0
Apr. 16	at Tul	W	1/1	12	99	8.3	13	0
Apr. 22	PHI	W	1/1	3	41	11.7	21	0
May 7	ARI	L	1/1	6	46	7.7	16	0
May 14	at Pit	L	1/1	8	77	9.6	17	1
May 21	at Uta	L	1/1	3	29	9.7	10	1
May 28	GEO	L	1/1	4	76	19.0	25	0
Jun. 4	at Dal	L	1/1	2	35	17.5	22	1
Jun. 18	at Ari	L			INACTIVE			
Jun. 25	at Cle	L			INJURED RESERVE			
Jul. 1	JAC	W			INJURED RESERVE			
Jul. 9	ORL	W			INJURED RESERVE			
Jul. 16	at Spo	L			INJURED RESERVE			
Jul. 23	at TB	L			INJURED RESERVE			
TOTALS			9/7	46	496	10.8	47	4

TOLER'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	RECEIVING				RUSHING			
			NO	YDS	AVG	TD	RUS	YDS	AVG	TD
2011	SJ	9	46	496	10.8	4	0	0	0.0	0
TOTALS		9	46	496	10.8	4	0	0	0.0	0

TOLER'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 12 at TUL (4/16/11)

Receiving Yards: 99 at TUL (4/16/11)

Receiving Touchdowns: 1 (Four Times) Last: at DAL (6/4/11)

SAN JOSE



LEAGUE SUSPENSION



RODNEY WRIGHT

WIDE RECEIVER/DEFENSIVE BACK

17

5-11, 181
 FRESNO STATE
 5TH YEAR, 5TH WITH SJ

10/17/84 BAKERSFIELD, CA
 BAKERSFIELD HS, BAKERSFIELD, CA
 ACQUIRED: FA IN '10

Ranked among the elite in nearly every major offensive category for the SaberCats, Rodney Wright has been one of the greatest all-around threats in the AFL since he joined San Jose in 2005. Originally drafted by the Buffalo Bills in 2002, Wright returned to the SaberCats for his fifth season, where he was to a part of one the most explosive offense in the AFL in 2011.

- Earned Ironman of the Week honors in Week 2 vs. Kansas City (3/18) after registering the highest all-purpose total in the AFL with 298 yards while notching a career high 58-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in Week 2 vs. Kansas City (3/18). Became only the second player in the league to notch a receiving and a returning touchdown this season.
- Posted a career-high 15 receptions for 143 yards and one receiving touchdown at Chicago (3/25).

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- In 2008 Wright led the team (fifth in the AFL) in receptions (134) while finishing second in receiving yards (1,457) and third in touchdowns (24). Finished the season with 56 returns and 1, 183 return yards placing fourth in the AFL with a 21.1 return average.
- Caught his 100th career reception vs. Tampa Bay (3/31/07), had his 200th career reception and 25th career touchdown vs. Philadelphia (4/12/08), and hauled in his 300th career reception in Week 1 of the 2011 season vs. Spokane (3/11/11).
- Surpassed 1,000 career receiving yards vs. Tampa Bay (3/31/07), passed 2,000 career receiving yards while setting career highs in receptions (14) and receiving yards (165) at Kansas City (3.29/08), and reached 3,000 yards vs. Los Angeles (5/31/08).
- Reached 1,000 career kickoff return yards during the 2007 season and surpassed 2,000 career kickoff return yards vs. Utah (5/17/08).

2011 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Earned Ironman of the Game honors in Week 1 vs. Spokane (3/11) and caught 12 passes for 123 yards and first touchdown of the season.

COLLEGE:

- One of the most explosive players in the Western Athletic Conference during his four years at Fresno State.
- A versatile athlete at Fresno State, Wright played in 38 games (19 starts) over four seasons with the Bulldogs. He finished as the career leader in receptions with 222. As a senior, Wright earned second-team All-WAC honors as a senior after setting school season records with 104 receptions and 1,630 yards.
- Became just the second wide receiver in school history to eclipse 1,000 yards in a season twice.
- Established Silicon Valley Football Classic bowl game records with 13 catches for 299 yards in 2001 tilt vs. Michigan State.

PERSONAL:

- A first-team all-area pick by the Bakersfield Californian as a senior after scoring 14 touchdowns.
- Led Kern County with 58 receptions for 883 yards and 14 touchdowns to help team to an 11-1 record.
- Has three children, Rodney III, Alexandria and Jalen and lives in Fresno.

WRIGHT'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2011 Receiving									2011 Rushing								
Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rus	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Mar. 11	SPO	W	1/1	12	123	10.3	25	1	Mar. 11	SPO	W	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Mar. 18	KC	W	1/1	11	133	12.1	38	1	Mar. 18	KC	W	1/1	1	1	1.0	1	0
Mar. 25	at Chi	L	1/1	15	143	9.5	35	1	Mar. 25	at Chi	L	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Apr. 1	IOW	L		NOT ON ROSTER					Apr. 1	IOW	L		NOT ON ROSTER				
Apr. 8	UTA	W		NOT ON ROSTER					Apr. 8	UTA	W		NOT ON ROSTER				
Apr. 16	at Tul	W		NOT ON ROSTER					Apr. 16	at Tul	W		NOT ON ROSTER				
Apr. 23	PHI	W		NOT ON ROSTER					Apr. 23	PHI	W		NOT ON ROSTER				
May 7	ARI	L		NOT ON ROSTER					May 7	ARI	L		NOT ON ROSTER				
May 14	at Pit	L		NOT ON ROSTER					May 14	at Pit	L		NOT ON ROSTER				
May 21	at Uta	L		INACTIVE					May 21	at Uta	L		INACTIVE				
May 28	GEO	L		INJURED RESERVE					May 28	GEO	L		INJURED RESERVE				
Jun. 4	at Dal	L		INJURED RESERVE					Jun. 4	at Dal	L		INJURED RESERVE				
Jun. 18	at Ari	L		INJURED RESERVE					Jun. 18	at Ari	L		INJURED RESERVE				
Jun. 25	at Cle	L		INJURED RESERVE					Jun. 25	at Cle	L		INJURED RESERVE				
Jul. 1	JAC	W		INJURED RESERVE					Jul. 1	JAC	W		INJURED RESERVE				
Jul. 9	ORL	W		INJURED RESERVE					Jul. 9	ORL	W		INJURED RESERVE				
Jul. 16	at Spo	L		INJURED RESERVE					Jul. 16	at Spo	L		INJURED RESERVE				
Jul. 23	at TB	L		INJURED RESERVE					Jul. 23	at TB	L		INJURED RESERVE				
TOTALS			3/3	38	399	10.5	38	3	TOTALS			3/3	1	1	1.0	1	0

WRIGHT'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2011 Kickoff Returns

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Mar. 11	SPO	W	1/1	2	21	10.5	--	0
Mar. 18	KC	W	1/1	7	164	23.4	58	1
Mar. 25	at Chi	L	1/1	5	98	19.6	25	0
Apr. 1	IOW	L		NOT ON ROSTER				
Apr. 8	UTA	W		NOT ON ROSTER				
Apr. 16	at Tul	W		NOT ON ROSTER				
Apr. 23	PHI	W		NOT ON ROSTER				
May 7	ARZ	L		NOT ON ROSTER				
May 14	at Pit	L		NOT ON ROSTER				
May 21	at Uta	L		INACTIVE				
May 28	GEO	L		INJURED RESERVE				
Jun. 4	at Dal	L		INJURED RESERVE				
Jun. 18	at Ari	L		INJURED RESERVE				
Jun. 25	at Cle	L		INJURED RESERVE				
Jul. 1	JAC	W		INJURED RESERVE				
Jul. 9	ORL	W		INJURED RESERVE				
Jul. 16	at Spo	L		INJURED RESERVE				
Jul. 23	at TB	L		INJURED RESERVE				
TOTALS			3/3	14	283	20.2	58	1

2011 MFG Returns

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Mar. 11	SPO	W	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Mar. 18	KC	W	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Mar. 25	at Chi	L	1/1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Apr. 1	IOW	L		NOT ON ROSTER				
Apr. 8	UTA	W		NOT ON ROSTER				
Apr. 16	at Tul	W		NOT ON ROSTER				
Apr. 23	PHI	W		NOT ON ROSTER				
May 7	ARZ	L		NOT ON ROSTER				
May 14	at Pit	L		NOT ON ROSTER				
May 21	at Uta	L		INACTIVE				
May 28	GEO	L		INJURED RESERVE				
Jun. 4	at Dal	L		INJURED RESERVE				
Jun. 18	at Ari	L		INJURED RESERVE				
Jun. 25	at Cle	L		INJURED RESERVE				
Jul. 1	JAC	W		INJURED RESERVE				
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Jul. 16	at Spo	L		INJURED RESERVE				
Jul. 23	at TB	L		INJURED RESERVE				
TOTALS			3/3	0	0	0	0	0

WRIGHT'S CAREER AFL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	RECEIVING				RUSHING			
			NO	YDS	AVG	TD	RUS	YDS	AVG	TD
2005	SJ	12	59	678	11.5	8	3	9	3.0	2
2006	SJ	2	2	22	11.0	0	2	0	0.0	0
2007	SJ	11	98	1,076	11.0	10	9	8	0.9	2
2008	SJ	13	134	1,457	10.9	24	6	13	2.2	1
2011	SJ	3	38	399	10.5	3	1	1	1.0	0
TOTALS		41	331	3,632	11.0	45	21	31	1.5	5

YEAR	TEAM	GP	KICKOFF RETURNS				MISSED FG RETURNS			
			NO	YDS	AVG	TD	RUS	YDS	AVG	TD
2005	SJ	12	22	476	21.6	0	2	94	47.0	1
2006	SJ	2	4	71	17.8	0	0	0	0.0	0
2007	SJ	11	31	710	22.9	3	0	0	0.0	0
2008	SJ	13	56	1,183	21.1	1	2	16	8.0	0
2011	SJ	3	14	283	20.2	1	0	0	0.0	0
TOTALS		40	127	2,723	21.4	5	4	110	27.5	1

WRIGHT'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 15 at CHI (3/25/11)
Receiving Yards: 165 at KC (3/29/08)
Receiving Touchdowns: 4 at ARI (5/9/08)
Receiving Long: 45 at COL (4/22/05)
Rushes: 5 at LA (3/4/07)
Rushing Yards: 9 (Two Times), last at KC (3/29/08)

Rushing Touchdowns: 2 (Two Times), last at LA (3/4/07)
Rushing Longs: 9 at KC (3/29/08)
Kick Returns: 7 (Three Times) last vs.KC (3/18/11)
Kick Return Yards: 218 at ORL (5/18/08)
Kick Return Touchdowns: 2 at LVS (6/25/07)
Kick Return Long: 58T vs.KC (3/18/11)



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San Jose's football-slinging Mr. Mom

By Mark Emmons, San Jose Mercury News, July 21, 2011

Mark Grieb had finished with practice, team meetings and lifting weights, but his day was just beginning.

The San Jose SaberCats quarterback had to pick up identical twin 7-year-old daughters from summer day camp and bring them along to his dentist appointment. Then it was back home for the pot roast he had waiting in a crock pot, followed by some rehearsing for the girls' upcoming theater production.

"They're sharing the role of Thumbelina," he said of Ava and Maddie, "so I have to play out the other parts."

Welcome to the life of Mark Grieb: Pro quarterback, Mr. Mom.

When the long-time Arena Football League star returned to the reborn SaberCats, Grieb did more than leave behind high-school teaching and coaching jobs in Orange County. Wife Erin also stayed to continue her medical school studies at UC-Irvine.

The result has been a chaotic existence in which Grieb juggles football and temporary single-parenthood. All that's missing is a reality TV crew capturing the madness.

The arrangement has been no picnic for Erin, who already had the stress of med school. And they share concerns that the kids are away from their mom so much. But the arrangement is probably hardest on the one who gets tackled for a living.

"There have been days when I thought: 'What are we doing? This is crazy,'" said Grieb, 37, who leads the SaberCats into their final game of the season Saturday at Tampa Bay.

Every Silicon Valley parent can relate to the balancing act of work and family. But Grieb's case is unique. He hears cheers from thousands at HP Pavilion as well as grouching at home from a vocal duo who really don't want his pot roast again.

"Mark has taken on double the work," said Erin, 32, who is preparing to become a pediatrician. "He's doing everything he did before with the football team, then on top of that he's handling everything I did."

The self-deprecating Grieb likes to say he's not much of an athlete. Nevertheless he went from Oak Grove High to UC-Davis and eventually played one season in NFL Europe.

But he really excelled in the eight-man indoor game of Arena Football -- throwing for nearly 42,000 yards, 805 touchdowns and playing on three ArenaBowl title teams. Think of Grieb as the Tom Brady of arena football, only with less hair.

Grieb and Erin Moix met in a Stanford master's program. Med school was always in Erin's future, but the couple decided to start a family before she embarked on that path.

Erin was mostly a stay-at-home mom after the twins were born. But when the Arena League folded in 2008, shortly after the SaberCats lost in the title game, the career focus shifted to her. While she enrolled at UC-Irvine, Grieb hung up his shoulder pads and taught 10th-grade biology at a nearby high school.

Last year, when it was announced the SaberCats were being resurrected to join a new version of the league, coach Darren Arbet urged Grieb to play again. So did Erin.

"Both of us have been very supportive of the other's dreams," she said. "I know he loves playing football and he wasn't very happy teaching."

Returning to the field wasn't going to make them rich. Grieb would earn only \$1,000 a game, which is the cost-conscious league's top salary.

"But remember he was teaching," Erin added. "So it's not like Mark was making the big bucks anyway."

Still, it meant separating the family. They decided the girls should live with him, in part because both sets of grandparents are in the Bay Area and could help out. But because they had rented out their Mountain View house, Grieb had to find an apartment -- a task complicated by the girls' new puppy, Molly.

On a typical day this season, Grieb was up at 6 a.m. so he could have the girls at their Atherton school by 7:30. Then he hustled to the team's Sunnyvale practice facility. By 3 p.m. he was back at school to pick up the twins and begin the routine of homework, dinner and bed-time stories.

Once the girls are asleep, Grieb turns his attention back to the day job -- which became even more involved when he assumed the role of offensive coordinator after that coach left the team.

"He's upbeat about it even though he's always going," teammate Gabe Nyenhuis said of Grieb. "You never see him down. He's always doing extra work early so he has time later for the girls."

Those girls, by the way, are precocious and self-assured. They had no problem correcting a reporter who mentioned that he had heard they were 7-years-old.

"Seven-and-a-half," Maddie and Ava responded, almost in unison.

But the girls' roll-with-it nature doesn't stop their parents from worrying.

"We know kids are resilient, but you can't help but wonder what impact it has on them with (their mom)not being around more," their dad said.

On the field, things aren't as complicated for Grieb. He is just 149 yards short of the league's single-season passing record. But when the injury-plagued SaberCats (7-10) lost on the final play to Spokane last weekend, they were eliminated from the playoff hunt.

Erin begins her hospital residency next summer, and the family will join her wherever she lands. But because that won't happen for another 12 months, Erin added that he conceivably could play for another season.

"She's crazy," Grieb said, shaking his head and laughing.

Sabercats: Linebacker gets shot against familiar foe

By Ray Hacke, San Jose Mercury News, 7/15/11

SaberCats linebacker Francis Maka harbors no ill will toward the Spokane Shock for releasing him before the season.

"In the beginning, I felt a little resentment," he admitted. "But at the same time, everything's worked out in my favor. San Jose picked me up, and I got to come home and be close to my family. They get to watch me play every week."

Make no mistake, though. Maka has plenty of incentive to make the Shock regret letting him go.

The Bellarmine College Prep graduate will lead a resurgent SaberCats defense Saturday night in a crucial Arena Football League matchup at Spokane. With a win, the SaberCats (7-9) will wrest the National Conference's final wild-card spot away from the Shock (8-8) and put themselves in position to clinch in next week's regular-season finale at Tampa Bay.

Despite spending four weeks on injured reserve with a partially torn MCL, Maka leads the SaberCats in tackles for loss (six), quarterback hurries (eight) and fumble recoveries (three). He also shares the team lead in sacks (five), ranks sixth in tackles (19) and has the SaberCats' only blocked kick this season.

"He's dominant down the middle, and he's tough to block," SaberCats coach Darren Arbet said.

Though Maka only had one tackle in his return Saturday against Orlando, it was a big one. He stopped Predators quarterback Collin Drafts after 2 yards on fourth-and-goal from the SaberCats' 6-yard line late in the second quarter.

Maka also had three of the SaberCats' season-high seven quarterback hurries as San Jose held Orlando to 40 points, the fewest the team has surrendered since allowing 33 in an April 16 win at Tulsa.

"He's a great pass rusher," Arbet said. "He does a good job of getting after the quarterback. He's relentless."

Maka is also versatile. The 6-foot-2, 250-pounder spent much of the season as an outside rusher on the defensive line. Now that the return of Gabe Nyenhuis and the additions of Kai Ellis and Kenape Eliapo have bolstered the line, Maka has been moved back to linebacker.

"I'm a good 'tweener kind of a guy," Maka said. "I can play a little bit of whatever they want me to play. If I'm on the line, I use my speed. If I'm in the backfield as a linebacker, I use my hands like a defensive lineman."

Maka played for the Arkansas Diamonds of the Indoor Football League last year and left with more than just football memories -- his son Soane (pronounced "so-AH-nay"), who was born there in March. Maka's girlfriend and son recently moved to the Bay Area to be with him, and Maka eventually hopes to earn a shot at the NFL to provide a better future for his son.

"That's the ultimate goal," he said. "I wouldn't leave my son if I didn't think it was a prospect. Everything I do now is about how I can provide for him. I'm committed to this football thing. I have to make it work."

Mark Grieb is two touchdown passes away from the 800th of his career. The SaberCats quarterback will likely achieve the milestone against Spokane and become the fifth passer in AFL history to reach it.

Grieb was selected by fans as the AFL's National Guard MVP for the second consecutive week after completing 81.3 percent of his passes (26 of 32) for 295 yards and five touchdowns against Orlando.

To reach the postseason, San Jose will have to find a way to win on the road. The SaberCats, who played their final home game last week, are 1-6 away from HP Pavilion and haven't won a road game since the win against Tulsa.

Defensive back Quinton Andrews had 10½ tackles against Orlando last Saturday, the highest single-game total by any SaberCat this season. Though Andrews has only played four games for San Jose, he's already fourth on the team in tackles with 28½.

"He's been huge," Arbet said. "He's physical. He's nasty. He plays with a lot of energy and a lot of passion."

Spokane played host to the first outdoor regular-season game in AFL history last week. The game was played at Joe Albi Stadium and drew a crowd of 16,233 to the 28,646-seat venue.

Grieb vs. Garcia: Legendary Matchup at the HP Pavilion

By BJ Pickard, Arenafootball.com, June 30, 2011

There's not much in the world of Arena Football that Mark Grieb and Aaron Garcia haven't done.

But while this Friday's showdown between Grieb's SaberCats and Garcia's Sharks will be the first meeting between the San Jose and Jacksonville franchises, it might be surprising to know that despite their longevity and dominance in the league, Grieb and Garcia haven't crossed paths very often either.

It seems odd that two of the most accomplished and recognizable figures in the game haven't met since March of 2004, when Garcia and the New York Dragons handed the SaberCats their first loss of the season. Grieb, who would go on to lead the SaberCats to an ArenaBowl championship en route to being named ArenaBowl XVIII MVP that season, passed for 327 yards in the game, while Garcia was nearly perfect – 19-for-21 with nine touchdown passes – in the 64-50 victory.

Today, Grieb – in his 12th AFL season and 11th with the SaberCats – and Garcia – in his AFL-record 17th season and second with the Sharks – own every passing record there is to own for their respective franchises and both rank in the top five of every major passing category in league history.

Garcia has thrown for 48,812 yards in his career, more than anyone ever in Arena Football, and was voted the 11th greatest player in the history of the league in 2006.

Grieb holds the league's records for career passer rating (122.2) and completion percentage (64.0) and in 2008, became just the second person in AFL history to pass for 100 touchdowns in back-to-back seasons – a fraternity that just added its third member, Utah quarterback Tommy Grady, last week.

Garcia was named the Offensive Player of the Year in 2001. Grieb earned the honor in 2002.

Earlier this season, Grieb became the fifth player in AFL history to pass for more than 40,000 yards in his career, while Garcia recorded his unprecedented 1,000th career touchdown pass, now owning a professional football record 1,052 in his career.

In fact, the two quarterbacks seem to be breaking records just about every game.

Last week, Garcia became the league's all-time completions leader, tossing his 3,887th completion and setting a new Jacksonville franchise record with nine touchdown passes in a game.

This week, with 15 yards and one touchdown pass, Grieb will become the only player in AFL history with six consecutive 4,000-yard passing years and eight straight 70-touchdown seasons. He's also 16 touchdowns shy of becoming the fifth quarterback in history to throw for 800 touchdowns in his career.

But despite the gaudy numbers, both players admit they aren't big on records or stats.

"I attribute that to being a part of great teams," Grieb said. "That stuff comes if you've been lucky enough to be around really great people and I count myself as one of those people who has."

Garcia agrees.

"I'm playing with a great group of guys," Garcia said. "The offense really knows each other and our defense is a real young, high-energy defense, so it's really just fun to be a part of it."

With a combined 25 seasons of experience between them, the two quarterbacks have seemingly seen and done it all. And yet, both believe they have unfinished business to take care of.

"I still felt like I wanted to come back and play," Grieb said. "I thought about it for a long time and San Jose gave me a situation with my family being here that allowed me to have the 'father' part of it. I didn't like the way things ended in 2008 and I wanted to have one more shot."

Grieb has made 110 consecutive starts, lining up under center in every game for the SaberCats since 2003.

Garcia, meanwhile, has been injured almost as much as he's been healthy in his career, with season-ending injuries ranging from blown-out knees to fracturing his ankle, tibia and fibula in 2006.

"My main purpose in coming back to Arena Football was to try to build this thing back up for the fans and the players who are playing the game," Garcia said. "That's a role that I really value and hope that I can do a good job with here in Jacksonville."

The Sharks, an expansion franchise in 2010, have thrived under Garcia's leadership. But despite his insistence that records don't mean much, there is one statistic that does mean a whole lot. It's the one that drives him.

"Get a championship," Garcia said.

Grieb is a three-time ArenaBowl champion and a two-time ArenaBowl MVP. Garcia has never made it to a title game.

After losing to Arizona in Week 1, Garcia has led Jacksonville to a league record 13 consecutive victories and is – perhaps – on his way to finally earning that elusive championship ring.

"[Head Coach] Les Moss has put a good group together," Garcia said. "He really went out of his way to bring back a majority of the offense from last year. I think that allowed us to come into this season a little ahead of the game, already knowing the offense and things of that nature. He also allowed me to have the freedom to call the plays that I'm most comfortable with."

The Sharks wrapped up home field advantage through the first two weeks of the playoffs with last week's victory over Tampa Bay and are tied for the best 14-game start in league history with, ironically, the 2002 San Jose SaberCats.

Mark Grieb quarterbacked that team for most of the season before an injury late in the year would make him inactive for the playoffs. San Jose would go on to win ArenaBowl XVI.

But at 5-9, in the middle of a seven game losing streak, and coming off from the second-worst loss in the history of Arena Football, things haven't gone as smoothly as anticipated for the SaberCats in their return to the league in 2011.

"It's been a challenge," Grieb admitted. "We're an expansion team, even though I know people don't look at us that way. We've got a lot of new faces. Any time you have that many new guys, and with the injuries we've had, it's been tough."

Despite once again ranking in the top five in the league for yards, attempts, completions, and completion percentage in 2011, Grieb has thrown a career-high 20 interceptions this year and has struggled to build chemistry and timing with his supporting cast.

"When you start listing out all the receivers that have played for us, it's just amazing," Grieb said. "It's over ten guys that have played in games for us."

Grieb has completed passes to a league-high 18 different receivers this season and the SaberCats have ten players with ten catches or more on the year.

Playing quarterback is tough to begin with. One must process an extraordinary amount of information in an incredibly short amount of time. The defenses are getting younger, faster, and stronger and in the

Arena game, one stop can mean the difference between a win and a loss. Add to that a different receiving corps to adjust to almost every game? Not an easy gig.

Garcia understands. He's actually on the cusp of breaking yet another AFL record, but one he may not be especially proud of – the career interceptions mark. Sitting just three picks away, he's hoping the record isn't broken this weekend.

"When I go out there, that's the thing I realize most – I better not make a mistake because Mark's not going to make very many," Garcia said. "He's been so consistent throughout the years. This year, they've had a lot of injuries but they're starting to get healthy, so hopefully it'll be a great game for fans to watch and we'll both put on a good show."

The Sacramento-native says he's excited to come back home to play in front of friends and family.

"Everybody's going to be there," Garcia said. "It's going to be fun. I haven't played in San Jose in several years now, so it's something that I marked on the calendar right away."

The last time Garcia played the SaberCats in San Jose was in June 2002. He and Grieb had nearly identical statistics, but Grieb would come away victorious, 65-41.

It's interesting to note that both Garcia and San Jose Head Coach Darren Arbet are alumni of Sacramento State University. Arbet was even an assistant coach at the school from 1990-94, while Garcia was the team's quarterback from 1992-93.

"I was real close to playing for San Jose my first year in the league," Garcia said. "We've stayed in contact and he's been a great asset as far as his knowledge of the game. Hopefully going forward, I'll be able to use his knowledge as a coach as well."

San Jose and Jacksonville are fortunate to have coaches on the field in Grieb and Garcia and their leadership has created a culture of winning in both franchises.

"You just know with San Jose that it's a championship organization," Garcia said. "It always has been and with Mark as their leader and quarterback, you know that you've got to go out there and play your best."

The belief is mutual.

"I have a ton of respect for Aaron and how he's played this game and what he's done to improve this game," Grieb said. "He didn't have to come back, but he chose to. I think he likes to impart wisdom into his teammates. He works at it in the offseason. I respect what he does as a quarterback and I know they're going to play well."

Grieb and Garcia are in very similar situations: rare, accomplished veteran leaders in a young man's game. In 2011, 14 of the 18 regular starting signal-callers in the AFL have two years of experience or fewer. The SaberCats have five players on their roster with more than two years of experience. The Sharks have Garcia.

"I think I've been the 'old man' on the team for a while now," Garcia joked. "I can't hang out with the youngsters like I used to, but I still enjoy getting to know these guys and teaching them anything I can about the game."

"The relationships change a little bit," Grieb acknowledged. "It's different. It's not to say it's a bad thing. I think the younger players see you more like a coach or mentor than they do an equal and a teammate."

It's a difficult role to adjust to, but with both men likely pursuing coaching careers after their playing days are done, it's a role they both embrace as well.

"I think it's just something that inevitably happens in any job," Grieb said. "The more time you spend doing it, the more experienced you are, the more you're going to move into a leadership or mentor-type role."

Regardless of age, transitions or roles on the team, one thing is certain: Mark Grieb and Aaron Garcia are among the AFL's finest and this legendary matchup between the two future Hall of Famers is sure to be one for the record books.

Chris Vedder has memorable debut with San Jose SaberCats

By Ray Hacke, San Jose Mercury News, 6/25/11

Chris Vedder had played in a pro football game before. But not one as meaningful as his recent SaberCats debut.

The former Oak Grove High and San Jose State standout returned a kickoff 56 yards for a touchdown last Saturday at Arizona. He also was one of San Jose's leading tacklers with six -- two of which came on a goal-line stand in the third quarter.

Such highlights were a long time coming for Vedder. He hadn't appeared in a pro football game since playing in some exhibitions for the Miami Dolphins as an undrafted free agent in 2007.

"Just seeing the lights, the fans out there, the smell of the atmosphere -- just football," Vedder said. "It was intense."

The SaberCats needed a new kick returner after Mervin Brookins suffered a season-ending knee injury and Trestin George was placed on the suspended list. Vedder gave the SaberCats their first TD on a kick return since March 18.

Vedder dropped the ball when fielding it off the net in the end zone.

"I said, 'Aw, man, I've gotta pick it up and do something with it,' " Vedder said. "I told my brother (before the game) that if I got the ball, I was going to run straight up the field and right at the kicker, because they usually don't like to hit. That's what I did. Kai (Ellis) sprung me open, and it was wonderful."

As a linebacker on defense, Vedder stopped two Arizona runs for no gain on back-to-back plays from the 1. It helped preserve a 42-35 lead.

"He did a nice job stepping up, keeping his shoulder pads down and tackling their fullback and the receiver they were handing the ball off to," coach Darren Arbet said.

After being cut by the Dolphins, Vedder attended training camps with the Jacksonville Jaguars and Kansas City Chiefs but was unable to stick. Still, he was unwilling to let his pro football dreams die, and after he received an opportunity to train with the SaberCats in recent weeks, the team signed him.

"Most people don't get the opportunity to play at the pro level," Vedder said. "I'm blessed that God has given me this chance and that the coaching staff has given me the opportunity to play."

Arbet is one of 10 finalists for the AFL's Hall of Fame to be announced Aug. 12. Former SaberCats Sam Hernandez and Barry Wagner also are finalists.

"Whatever award they give me, there should be another 100 names on it because of their roles in the success I've had," Arbet said. "I've had a lot of good people around me -- coordinators, front-office people, players, trainers. . . . A lot of names should be on that thing."

In his 11 years as the SaberCats' head coach, Arbet has 124 victories, including 15 in the postseason. He has led the SaberCats to four ArenaBowls, winning three, and nine consecutive winning seasons (2000-08).

Fans can vote through July 22 at ArenaFootball.com/halloffame.

The franchise-record six-game losing streak, extended by the 64-57 loss at Arizona, has put the team in jeopardy of some bad history. The SaberCats (5-8) have never finished more than two games under .500. They've had only two losing seasons, and they haven't missed the playoffs since 1999.

They have five games left.

The SaberCats' defense has struggled to generate turnovers. The team is tied for the fewest in the AFL with 19.

San Jose has recovered a league-low seven fumbles, and its 12 interceptions are tied for the sixth fewest. Two players -- Vic Hall (15) of Chicago and Rayshaun Kizer (13) of Orlando -- have more interceptions than the SaberCats.

Wide receiver Burl Toler and offensive lineman Atlas Herrion became the latest SaberCats to land on injured reserve this week.

Toler shared the team lead for receptions with 46 in nine games. The former Cal player also averaged 57.3 yards per game and had four touchdown receptions.

Herrion had been one of the few mainstays on an offensive line plagued by injuries.

The team announced Friday the signings of wide receiver Edward Britton and lineman Kiano Prater.

Templeton High football coach returning to the SaberCats

By Donovan Aird, San Luis Obispo Tribune, 6/18/11

When Dan Loney left the San Jose SaberCats three years ago, he thought he was saying goodbye to the organization he had helped lead to Arena Football League prominence. With his former team recently in need of help because of an injury-depleted depth chart, though, Loney answered another call.

Loney, 33, a former Atascadero High and Cal Poly lineman who in April was named the varsity head coach at Templeton High, reached an agreement in principle earlier this week with the SaberCats, returning to the franchise he led to two Arena Bowl titles during an eight-year career that began in 2001. Similar stories:

The SaberCats announced the move Thursday on their website.

"It was kind of a last-minute deal," Loney said by phone later that night. "They had their center go down and needed a replacement."

Coming off a bye week, the SaberCats (5-7) have lost five in a row entering tonight's 7 p.m. road game against the first-place Arizona Rattlers (11-2), which will be televised on Comcast Sports Net Bay Area.

Former Arroyo Grande High standout Mark Lewis, who started for two seasons on the offensive line at Oregon before briefly spending time with the practice squads of the NFL's Miami Dolphins and St. Louis Rams, is also on the SaberCats' roster.

San Jose's 18-game regular season wraps up July 23, well before the start of the upcoming prep football season along the Central Coast on Sept. 2.

Even so, given necessary summer tasks, Loney stressed to the SaberCats that if he were to join them again for the remainder of this season, doing so couldn't take any time away from his duties with his new high school team.

"I'm going to go up there as soon as I can a day or two before the games," he said. "One of the first things I told them was, 'If I do this, it can't affect what I'm doing with the kids and what I'm doing with the (Eagles) program,' and they understood."

Loney, a health and P.E. teacher at Templeton, was hired as the head coach after serving as an offensive coordinator for the Eagles this past season and as a line specialist in 2009. He said he's planning a team trip so Templeton players could attend a SaberCats game at HP Pavilion.

"It's going to be hectic," he said of the summer, "but I think it's going to be fun."

The 6-foot-1, 280-pound Loney previously played both center and nose guard for San Jose, and in his final three seasons during the first stint, he made 47 consecutive starts.

"I can't say enough about Dan Loney and what he meant to the SaberCats and our success," San Jose head coach Darren Arbet said in a statement. "He was one of best centers in the league and a big reason why we had one of the best offenses in the league for many years. We're very excited to add him to our team as we look to make a push for the playoffs."

Loney entered the pro ranks after a standout collegiate career with the Mustangs. He started for the 1997 squad that went 10-1 under his former prep coach, Larry Welsh. With the Greyhounds, he was named The Tribune's co-San Luis Obispo County Player of the Year as a senior in 1995.

Loney said he was unsure of how much playing time he might get early on.

"I'll kind of find out (Friday) when we go through the walk-through, and we'll just kind of see," Loney said Thursday.

Loney had a brief tenure in the league last year, playing for the Oklahoma City Yard Dawgz, before he was offered a full-time position within the Templeton district.

"I'm a little nervous," he said with a laugh. "I hope I can still play."

Bethel-Thompson finds a home with the SaberCats

By Bonta Hill, San Francisco Examiner, 6/16/11

Bethel-Thompson has bounced around California before landing the backup gig behind veteran quarterback Mark Grieb for the AFL's San Jose SaberCats.

McLeod Bethel-Thompson has made his way back to the Bay Area this year after winning a roster spot on the Arena Football League's San Jose SaberCats. It's been quite the journey for Bethel-Thompson, as he's bounced around California before finally landing the backup gig behind veteran quarterback Mark Grieb.

The 22-year-old saw his first extensive action of the season during a 70-57 loss to the Dallas Vigilantes last week after Grieb was injured. Bethel-Thompson completed 12 of 26 passes for 146 yards and two touchdowns.

"I heard through a mutual friend about the tryouts to the SaberCats, and so I started coming down and practicing, which led to me getting invited to camp," Bethel-Thompson said. "[San Jose] wanted me to compete with [former Cal QB] Nate Longshore, and I beat him out. I'm thankful for the opportunity to continue to play football."

Bethel-Thompson was a star quarterback in San Francisco at Balboa High School from 2003-05, earning Academic Athletic Association Player of the Year honors as a senior, throwing for 2,100 yards along with 22 touchdowns and only six interceptions.

By the end of his senior year, Bethel-Thompson had plenty of colleges looking at him, but he chose to take his talents to UCLA, where he walked on and made the roster.

Coming from the financially deprived public school system in San Francisco, where attendance at sporting events can be meager, to attending a prestigious university such as UCLA, where the exposure and attention is on another stratosphere, was quite a change for Bethel-Thompson.

"It was a total cultural shock, sports shock," Bethel-Thompson said.

That experience for Bethel-Thompson was short-lived, however. After seeing some action as a redshirt freshman, the Bruins' program was in flux. With new coach Rick Neuheisel set to take the reins over from fired head coach Karl Dorrell, uncertainty started to hit Bethel-Thompson. He had a couple failed meetings with Neuheisel and wound up feeling unwanted.

Bethel-Thompson made the decision to leave UCLA for Sacramento State.

"I felt like it was the right decision," Bethel-Thompson said.

The Sacramento State experience didn't go as planned as season-ending injuries derailed his sophomore and senior seasons. In his senior season, he injured his ankle in the first game of the season against Stanford, which hurt his chance at potentially getting drafted in the NFL. The unpredictable road to the SaberCats hasn't limited Bethel-Thompson in other areas of life, as the history major also minored in government, thus leading to an eight-month internship at the State Capitol as a legislative assistant.

"Government is an interest of mine and I try to pay attention to what's going on around the world, and not just football," Bethel-Thompson said.

Bethel-Thompson file

AGE: 22

HEIGHT-WEIGHT: 6-foot-4, 230 pounds

HIGH SCHOOL: Balboa

COLLEGE: UCLA, Sacramento State

NOTES: Currently is backup quarterback for San Jose SaberCats. ... Completed 12 of 26 passes for 146 yards and two touchdowns in relief of injured Mark Grieb last week. ... Plans to attend law school after football career is over.

Lake Central's Adam Huebner finds his way to San Jose

By Alan Hamik, Northwest Indiana Times, 5/20/11

Adam Huebner doesn't envision himself running out of the tunnel onto Soldier Field or spitting ice pellets at Lambeau Field in December or getting a halftime pep talk from Peyton Manning at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Not any time soon, however.

The 2002 Lake Central grad is having fun as a standout defensive lineman for the San Jose Sabercats of the restructured Arena Football League.

This is Huebner's second season in the AFL and he's having a blast playing for one of the league's more established franchises.

At age 27, his NFL dream may be over. But expecting the unexpected in professional sports is what draws athletes and fans.

"Everybody wants that (NFL shot) but a lot of that plays into right time, right situation, and your age as a player," Huebner said. "It's always possible but considering where I came from, I'm thankful for everything I've gotten so far.

"A lot of guys would love to be in my position, playing in California and not worrying about anything."

The AFL has 18 teams, an 18-game schedule and a five-month season. Since the restructuring, player salaries average about \$400 per week.

The 6-foot-3, 295-pound Huebner is used at nose guard, defensive end, linebacker and occasionally as a blocking fullback for the Sabercats (5-4), who are second in the West Division behind Arizona.

"Adam has been one of the backbones of our defense this season and I can't really say enough about the impact he's had on the team thus far," San Jose coach Darren Arbet said.

"I had heard about him when he played for the Tulsa Talons in 2010 and I've been very happy with the level of play he's given us in 2011."

Huebner's college career began at Indiana State and included stops at Purdue and McKendree College in southern Illinois.

"I got some interest from the Packers and the Eagles but (a contract) just didn't happen, so I went back to Purdue to finish my one semester to graduate and get my degree from there," he said.

Adapting to the 8-man AFL style was a challenge at first and is still an adventure, like exploring some dark, deep cave.

"It's definitely different and I think it's more fun, too," Huebner said. "I don't understand why more D-linemen don't come to camp because the pace is quicker, so much faster. It's not even about sacks. Being a nose guard, it's about getting push and pressure.

"If somebody told me I could be a 3-technique in the outdoor game (while) one-on-one with a guard all game, that would sound a lot more appealing than being double-teamed and playing in the middle."

The Sabercats play their home games at HP Stadium, also home for the NHL's Sharks.

"Every Sharks game is sold out -- 17,500. Attendance at our games is a little down because of the economy," Huebner said. "Some places you play, it'll be packed. Spokane's arena is smaller, holds like 10,500. But sold out every game. It's like a college atmosphere with people painting their faces.

"Dallas plays in American Airlines, where the Mavericks play. But it's too big of a venue, like playing in the United Center. With 8,000 people, it looks empty."

AFL fans in San Jose are crazy about their team, according to Huebner, and you can see why. Players' contracts demand they work within the community, giving back, and being accessible.

"I won't say you get treated like a (San Francisco) 49er out here, but you kinda do," he said.

Huebner maintains contact with former NFL player Jared Tomich and current players Mike Neal (Packers), Prince Kwateng (UFL) and Pierre Thomas (Saints) -- all from the region -- often seeking their advice for issues on and off the field.

Physically, Huebner has the tools to earn a look at the next level.

He bench presses 510 pounds, can do 35 reps at 225, and runs a 4.71-second 40-yard dash.

Until that happens ...

"If you're gonna play in this league, this is the place to be," Huebner said. "It's a very good coach (Arbet), a very good organization, they've been here a while, and they take care of their guys very well.

"I'm very happy and thankful that I'm here and I'm one of their main guys."

Nwokocha catches on with AFL's SaberCats

By Tres Potter, Elk Grove Citizen, 5/12/11

Former Laguna Creek High School football coach Mark Nill saw promise in Chido Nwokocha back when he played in high school.

"He's a 'yes coach', 'no coach' kind of player," said Nill.

That focus has helped him get a chance at playing football professionally.

Nwokocha now puts his football skills to use as a rookie wide receiver on the San Jose SaberCats of the Arena Football League.

On Apr. 22, Nwokocha joined the SaberCats and became the first former Laguna Creek athlete to play in an AFL game.

From a two-year starter on Laguna Creek all the way to the SaberCats, Nwokocha knows that hard work has paid off.

"I have worked hard to this point," said Nwokocha, "But I keep striving to perfect my game."

During his days at Ohio University, after transferring as a sophomore from Sacramento City College, the young receiver wanted to work in Health Services.

After a solid career at Ohio, he decided to ship back to Elk Grove and start work at a psychiatric hospital.

However, the aspiring athlete constantly had football on his mind while continuing to work, so he decided to give his football career one more attempt.

When Nwokocha got word that the semipro Sacramento Mountain Lions of the United Football League were holding tryouts, the receiver seemingly made that his final chance at a pro career.

When facing a cut of 18 players to trim down the roster to 52, Nwokocha was confident he would make it.

"I am a tough, rigid guy, who likes the physicality, and you don't get that kind of mentality from a wide receiver," said Nwokocha.

While in his private workout sessions with the team, he received a phone call from Sutter Medical Center offering him a job.

Making the decision of a lifetime, the Elk Grove native decided to take the football path. "It was a decision in my life where I had to go with my gut feeling," he recalled.

While making the right decision for the long term it did not pay off in the short term as things ended up not working between Nwokocha and the Mountain Lions.

Having developed connections in the UFL, he got a second shot at the pros.

The three-time Arena Bowl champion SaberCats offered Nwokocha a shot at making the team.

Acquired as a rookie free agent, he made the 23-man roster.

"This is an awesome organization," Nwokocha says. "I remember I used to watch the SaberCats when I was growing up; it's surreal."

While Nwokocha does not receive significant playing time as a rookie, he does have 11 receptions for 172 yards and three touchdowns.

"I am trying to get better every day," said Nwokocha. "I need to make sure I do the little things right and I will be more successful."

The SaberCats' next game is against the Pittsburgh Power on Saturday 1:30 p.m. and can be seen on Comcast SportsNet Bay Area.

Tres Potter is a Laguna Creek High School journalism student.

San Jose SaberCats defensive lineman George Hypolite relishes each and every sack

By Ray Hacke, San Jose Mercury News, 4/21/11

George Hypolite can't resist punctuating a takedown of an opposing quarterback with an expression of unbridled joy.

"You've gotta celebrate it," the SaberCats defensive lineman said. "It's so difficult to sack guys in this league. You can beat your man on seven, eight, nine, 10 different rushes and never get an opportunity, so when you do get an opportunity to bring a guy down, it's huge."

Hypolite (pronounced "hip-a-light") has been celebrating a lot lately. The 6-foot-1, 300-pound rookie is currently tied for second in the Arena Football League with four sacks, all of them unassisted.

Three of Hypolite's sacks have come in the past two weeks. He had two in last Saturday's road victory over Tulsa, in which the SaberCats yielded a season-low 33 points.

Against Utah on April 8, Hypolite sacked the Blaze's quarterback for a 9-yard loss on fourth-and-1 from the SaberCats' 7, setting up a three-play, 34-yard drive that put San Jose up by two touchdowns at halftime.

The SaberCats have needed a defensive lineman to fill the void left when Gabe Nyenhuis, the AFL's 2010 Defensive Player of the Year, was sidelined with a hip injury on April 1. So far, that lineman has been Hypolite.

"He's been beating his man and putting a lot of pressure on the quarterback, which is a great, great deal for our defense," SaberCats coach Darren Arbet said.

With Hypolite leading the charge, the SaberCats' defense ranks second in the AFL in sacks with 12. On Friday, the Cats (4-2) will face the Philadelphia Soul (1-4), which ranks 16th in the 18-team AFL in sacks allowed with 12.

Even so, Hypolite doesn't expect getting to Philly's quarterback to be easy.

"When you wear that SaberCats logo, you're going to get everybody's best shot," Hypolite said. "Their offensive line is going to come out to play."

Sacking quarterbacks is harder in arena football than in the outdoor game because quarterbacks tend to get rid of the ball much faster, nose guard Adam Huebner said.

"The quarterback usually takes three steps back, and boom, they get it out," Huebner said. "Teams don't usually take a five-step drop. They get rid of the ball right away, so you have to be more explosive."

Not only has Hypolite adjusted to the speed and angles of the indoor game quickly, but also he is versatile enough to rush quarterbacks from the interior of the defensive line or from one of the edges, according to Arbet.

"He uses his hands well," the coach said. "He's quick, he's got a good get-off, and he's powerful. Anyone who has that particular combination is going to be tough to block."

The SaberCats have placed two key players on injured reserve this week. Defensive back Trestin George, a San Jose State graduate, was placed there Wednesday, while lineman Chris Perri was put on the list Monday. George had 10 ½ tackles on defense and also racked up 166 yards on nine kick returns. Perri had 5 ½ tackles, including a sack.

Grieb Earns 100th Victory Against Talons

By Ross Apfel, Arenafootball.com, 4/16/11

After a two year hiatus away from Arena Football, Mark Grieb has shown no signs of fatigue or wearing out in the 2011 season. His San Jose SaberCats defeated the Tulsa Talons 42-33 on the road. The SaberCats are now 4-2 on the season and Grieb earned his 100th career AFL victory.

Through the first six games of the AFL season, Grieb has been in the top 10 in nearly every quarterback statistical category. He is having one of his most precise seasons of his career, completing 70.5 percent of his passes and throwing 32 TDs to only 6 INTs at the seasoned age of 36.

"I've always tried to stay active. I love to swim and ride my bike. I tried to do a lot of different exercises and activities. I didn't do much weight lifting or throwing during my time off. I didn't really pick up a football until about five months ago. I didn't know how my body was going to react to me returning to football but I felt better than I thought. I had enough time to get my body back in shape, and that was very important to me. My main concern was getting the team to gel and bring along all of the new players on the team. We knew that this wasn't the team from 2008, and we knew that there would be a lot of new faces." Grieb said.

He is playing his 12th season in the AFL and 11th with the San Jose SaberCats franchise. Grieb and the SaberCat franchise have appeared in four ArenaBowl Championship games and won three in 2002, 2004 and 2007. The last game Grieb had played in before the 2011 season began, was in 2008 against the Philadelphia Soul in ArenaBowl XXII. Grieb threw 8 TDs and 299 yards, but the SaberCats fell short 59-56.

"I obviously remember that ArenaBowl team very well. We had core group of guys like Clevan Thomas, Omar Smith, James Roe and many others that meshed very well together. We all knew each other so well and we all knew we were going to be a good team. Coming into this season was a lot different because of the uncertainty. This team had to build trust because of our new look. That is our biggest challenge of the season. I didn't come back to get revenge from 2008. I came back because I love the game and I wanted to be a part of the organization." Grieb said.

Throughout his AFL career, Grieb has stayed in the state of California. He played for Anaheim in 1997, and has played in San Jose with Head Coach Darren Arbet ever since. In his time in San Jose, Grieb has thrown for 728 passing TDs and nearly 37,650 yards.

"Playing in San Jose and Coach Arbet has been extremely important and vital to my success in this league. I definitely am very comfortable with the situation in San Jose and know what it takes to be successful there. As a team and as an organization, we have a lot of good people. Our ownership group is committed to giving us everything we need to be successful. They take really good care of us. The coaches in San Jose also did a great job bringing in the right players. There are so many components to a championship team, but you have to have the right players. I think San Jose has done a great job with that throughout the years." Grieb stated.

When the league returned in 2010, the San Jose SaberCats organization did not. The franchise needed another season to regroup and build. Darren Arbet and Mark Grieb stayed loyal to the SaberCat franchise and sat out with the team. When the SaberCats returned for the 2011 season, Grieb and Arbet were ready to return to the AFL as well.

Tonight he traveled to Tulsa, Oklahoma to play the (1-3) Talons and get a chance to earn his 100th career regular season AFL victory. Through one half of football, Grieb went 11-of-17 for 143 yards and 2 TDs. He also had an uncharacteristic two interceptions and found himself and the SaberCats behind 24-14 at the break. Grieb knew that if he wanted to get to his 100th victory, the SaberCats would need to refocus and play smarter football.

"This victory was a symbol of the success we have had as organization. I'm very proud to be a part of the SaberCats franchise. I'm extremely happy in the way we came back in this game. We really struggled in the first half. I threw two picks and had a costly fumble. The way we played in the second half, how Tulsa didn't stop us once, made me extremely happy. I thought defensively we played great, and offensively we struggled at times but were able to overcome the issues" Grieb stated after the victory.

Grieb rallied in the second half and finished the game 25-of-32 for 302 yards and 4 TDs, in a narrow SaberCat victory, 42-33, and continued to improve on his strong statistical season. He helped get the SaberCats to 4-2 on the season and second in the West Division behind the number one ranked Arizona Rattlers. With the new 18 game schedule, Grieb understands how well conditioned he must be.

"With the new 18 game schedule, we know how important it is to stay well prepared and trained during the season. We know not to wear ourselves out to early in the season. We want to be well conditioned, so when the end of the season rolls around, we aren't tired and worn out. We want to get to the end of the season and playoffs, and keep the intensity up. A strong preparation and work ethic will keep us ready for the physicality a full season brings." Grieb said.

Grieb and the SaberCats now have 12 games remaining left in the season. Grieb realizes that if the SaberCats wants to appear in the ArenaBowl again, preparation and staying motivated each game is most important.

"We need to take steps week to week. Consistent preparation will guide us into a nice rhythm. We can't overlook any opponent. With this new team, we have to look at each week as a time to get better and in sync week to week. We cannot take any week off. We have to keep the intensity up." Grieb said.

SaberCats: QB Mark Grieb records his 100th win

By Ken MacLeod, San Jose Mercury News, 4/16/11

TULSA, Okla. -- Quarterback Mark Grieb posted the 100th regular-season victory of his 12-year AFL career, calmly leading San Jose back from a sloppy start to a 42-33 victory over the Tulsa Talons before 4,774 at the BOK Center on Saturday.

San Jose overcame three first-half turnovers and outscored Tulsa 28-9 in the second half in winning the first game between the teams.

The SaberCats improved to 4-2; Tulsa dropped to 1-4.

Grieb completed 25 of 32 passes for 302 yards and four touchdowns with two interceptions. He led the SaberCats to the clinching touchdown, overcoming two major penalties, after Tulsa pulled within 35-33 with 7:13 left. Chad Cook crashed in from 3 yards out to account for the final margin.

"I give Tulsa a lot of credit for how they came out and disrupted us," Grieb said. "We made some adjustments at halftime, got the ball out a little quicker and got in a better rhythm."

Tulsa jumped out to a 21-7 lead and had a chance to expand the lead when San Jose's Jamarion O'Neal stripped receiver Troy McBroom, causing a fumble that O'Neal recovered, which seemed to completely change the momentum. Grieb found Samora Goodson for a 9-yard score to make it 21-14. San Jose scored on its first two possessions of the second half on a 25-yard strike to Goodson and a 2-yard plunge by Cook, taking a 28-24 lead.

"That's the mark of a champion," San Jose coach Darren Arbet said of Grieb's milestone win. "The way he led us on that last drive, and really the whole second half, the way he kept his poise, made the big plays and led us to a win on the road. That's why he's the best player ever to play in this league."

Grieb said the 100 victories just "shows I've been doing this a long time. It is gratifying. They're all different, and this was one we really wanted."

Tulsa gained just 259 yards. Quarterback Matt Bassuener, under a heavy rush led by nose guard George Hypolite, completed just 22 of 43 passes with two interceptions and four touchdowns. McBroom had 13 catches for 177 yards and two touchdowns but also the crucial fumble.

"When you have an offense like ours, you are confident as long as you're within striking distance," said Hypolite, who had two sacks and hurried Bassuener several times. "Getting that stop early in the second half was huge. We know if we can make two or three stops a game and force a few turnovers, we'll be in good shape."

After losing their 24-14 halftime lead, the Talons inched within 35-33 with 7:13 left as Bassuener connected with McBroom from 6 yards out. An attempted two-point conversion pass failed.

Tulsa missed a 24-yard field goal attempt with 26 seconds left.

Goodson had 10 catches for 145 yards and three touchdowns, and Burl Toler had 12 grabs for 99 yards. Nichiren Flowers added two catches for 48 yards.

Being a good listener pays dividends for San Jose SaberCats receiver

By Ray Hacke, San Jose Mercury News, 4/15/11

When Samora Goodson was just a practice-squad player for the SaberCats, the team's starting receivers saw him as someone worth mentoring.

So Goodson figured it would be worth it to listen.

"I had a lot to learn in a very short amount of time, so I listened to the older guys -- the Rodney Wrights and the James Roes," Goodson recalled. "They reached out to me because they thought I had talent and they wanted me to do well. They really helped me a lot."

Now that he's a starting receiver himself, Goodson is applying everything he learned -- and it's paying dividends for the SaberCats.

Goodson was named the Arena Football League's Playmaker of the Week on Tuesday. The San Jose native and Hayward High graduate had 11 catches for 113 yards and a career-high four touchdowns in a 75-55 victory over Utah last Friday.

It was the second consecutive game in which Goodson led the SaberCats in catches and receiving yards. He now has 35 receptions for a team-high 469 yards, and his nine touchdown catches are second on the team to Nichiren Flowers' 11.

Goodson's emergence as a top receiver comes three years after he joined the team's practice squad midway through the 2008 season, the team's last before its two-year hiatus. Goodson was activated in time for the SaberCats' run to the ArenaBowl that year.

"He's worked harder than almost any player I've had here," SaberCats coach Darren Arbet said. "He started out at the bottom, and he's worked his way to the top."

Goodson didn't play pro football in 2009, though he tried out for several teams in Canada and the United Football League. He appeared in four games for the San Jose Wolves of the American Indoor Football Association last year before rejoining the SaberCats this season.

Since he has been back, Goodson has devoted himself to absorbing all he can about the SaberCats' offense -- just as he did when his predecessors were around.

"The more I understand my reads and all that, the easier it'll be for me to find the right spots," Goodson said.

Goodson has size (6-foot-3) and speed, and that's just the start of it, according to quarterback Mark Grieb.

"He's got great double moves that can shake you," Grieb said. "He's got great hands and can stretch to get the ball -- he's made some unbelievable catches. ... He stretches the field, and that's what you need in arena football. He can be a playmaker in this league."

Defensive lineman Gabe Nyenhuis, who played for Tulsa last season, will miss Saturday's road game against his former team. The AFL's 2010 Defensive Player of the Year was placed on injured reserve after suffering a hip injury in the April 1 loss to Iowa. He is expected to miss at least three more weeks.

Grieb was named the AFL's Offensive Player of the Week for his performance against Utah (25 of 33 passes for 279 yards and six touchdowns).

Local guy Juan Gamboa legging it out with the San Jose SaberCats

By Ray Hacke, San Jose Mercury News, 3/24/11

Juan Gamboa had the leg. He just didn't have the experience.

That's what the Bellarmine College Prep grad heard from one team after another as he tried to land a job as a kicker in pro football. Gamboa, 24, auditioned for the 49ers and Atlanta Falcons, as well as all four teams in the United Football League and all eight in the Canadian Football League.

All told him they wanted someone who had kicked for another pro team.

"That was the frustrating thing for me," Gamboa said. "How could I get experience when no one would give me a chance?"

Eventually, the SaberCats did -- and he rewarded them in last Friday's 60-57 win over the Kansas City Command. Gamboa kicked the first two field goals of his pro career, including the winner with five seconds remaining.

"Juan is one of the better kickers I've been around in a while," SaberCats coach Darren Arbet said. "He's got a lot to learn, but he's got a lot of upside."

What Gamboa has yet to learn made some teams shy away from him.

"He has to learn onside kicks, he has to learn filling the lanes on kickoffs -- just football," Arbet said. "But that comes with reps. The more reps he gets, the more experience he'll get."

The SaberCats were initially among the teams that passed on Gamboa. When they opted not to keep him after a private workout in November, Gamboa attempted to catch on with one of their Arena Football League rivals, the Arizona Rattlers.

Believing Arizona wasn't where he wanted to be and wishing to return home to San Jose, Gamboa contacted the SaberCats. They already had another kicker, Rob Zarrilli, under contract, but they agreed to give Gamboa another look. Gamboa outdueled Zarrilli in a kickoff competition -- and this time, he wasn't the one looking for a job afterward.

As a senior at Bellarmine in 2003-04, Gamboa was ranked among the top 10 high school kickers in the country by two national publications -- SuperPrep and Rivals.com. The 55-yard field goal he kicked that year remains a school record.

He was recruited by USC at the height of its glory years, but "things fell through at the last moment," Gamboa said.

"The line Coach (Pete) Carroll gave me was that he had more commitments than he expected," Gamboa said. "Who else is going to lose the scholarship but the kicker?"

Gamboa wound up at Sacramento State. Though he was the Hornets' leading scorer in each of his first three seasons, Gamboa didn't get the TV exposure that many kickers at higher-profile schools receive.

"I think that set me back a little," Gamboa said. "I also had the coach who went for it on fourth down more than any other coach in the country. We'd be in range for a 45-yard field goal, and it would be fourth-and-8, and Coach (Marshall) Sperbeck would say, 'Let's go for it.' "

After his college career ended in 2008, Gamboa kicked four times a week and lifted weights six times a week to be ready for a shot at the pros. John Amarillas, the Bellarmine football team's longtime strength and conditioning coach, repeatedly assured Gamboa that his chance would come.

"He had a singular dedication to making this happen for himself, and he made a lot of sacrifices to make it happen," Amarillas said.

"We talked after every tryout I went to," Gamboa said. "He'd always tell me, 'Don't give up your dream -- too many people give up their dreams too fast.' "

Arena football is played on a 50-yard field, not counting the 8 yards in each end zone. Gamboa averaged 59.0 yards on kickoffs in his four seasons at Sacramento State, making him an asset in a game where the ball becomes live once it bounces off the nets behind the end zone.

"He can kick far enough to hit the net every time," Arbet said. "I don't know how far that is, but that's what you need in this game."

Gamboa mentored high-school and junior-college kickers while pursuing his pro dreams. Whenever he thought about walking away from football, he thought about those younger kickers.

"They all kept saying, 'I can't wait to see you in the NFL someday,' " Gamboa said. "I figured if they all believed in me, I should keep trying."

Gamboa hopes to eventually follow the likes of Mike Feely, Matt Bryant and Mike Vanderjagt, former arena kickers who have gone on to the NFL.

"The way Juan applies himself to his game, the sky's the limit for him," Amarillas said. "He's shown that all he needs is an opportunity. He tends to make the most of it."

The team announced the signing of Trestin George on Thursday, bringing to four the number of former SaberCats on the roster. George, a defensive back from San Jose State and a member of the Cats' 2007 championship team, joins Mark Grieb, Rodney Wright and Samora Goodson.

San Jose SaberCats win in their return/San Jose SaberCats return with a bang after two-year hiatus, routing defending champion Spokane Shock

By Mark Emmons, San Jose Mercury News, 3/11/11

The night had the feel of a family reunion as people streamed into HP Pavilion wearing SaberCats clothing, much of it presumably pulled from deep within closets. And there were "The Cats Are Back" T-shirts handed out at the entrances.

But official confirmation that San Jose's Arena Football League team was back in business Friday after a two-year hiatus came with the relentless clanging of cowbells.

A fan tradition in years past, it was cowbell "... and more cowbell.

And the SaberCats, one of the old AFL's powerhouses, picked up where they left off by pounding the defending league champion Spokane Shock 76-48 in their homecoming game.

Veteran quarterback Mark Grieb showed no signs of rust after 32 months away from the game, throwing six touchdown passes as the SaberCats dominated from the start.

"I really thought I was going to be rusty and uncertain," said Grieb, who completed 21 of 25 passes for 222 yards. "But for some reason I felt really good and accurate. It was just like old times."

The SaberCats looked like they hadn't missed a beat. This was their first game since July 2008, when they lost in the league championship ArenaBowl -- the AFL's final game before folding amid financial problems. The league emerged from bankruptcy a year ago, but the SaberCats didn't rejoin until this season.

Part of the reason the 36-year-old Grieb decided to return, putting on hold a high school teaching and coaching career, was because that final defeat left a bad taste in his mouth.

"When the league died, there was such a sense of loss for me," Grieb said. "I'm the old guy now, and it's a little weird because everybody is young and new. But it's emotional for me to be back because I love arena football."

Other than Grieb, who with his balding look resembles a latter-day Y.A. Tittle, few of these SaberCats are recognizable. Only three players from the former team returned. But that didn't seem to matter to the raucous crowd of 10,563.

"We knew what this night was going to be like because we know how San Jose supports this team," said Rodney Wright, a wide receiver and defensive back. "And we know we have a winning formula here."

The AFL always has been as much about the spectacle as it is about football. The pregame ceremony Friday featured smoke machines, fireworks and a parade of revved-up motorcycles.

Breaks in the game action were filled with eardrum-rattling music and close-ups of pom-pom-waving cheerleaders on the arena's video boards. There was even a halftime concert by country performer Mark Wills.

But the SaberCats were the star attraction.

Wright, who had spent time with the 49ers and the Kansas City Chiefs since he last suited up for the SaberCats, said before the game that he didn't know what to expect from himself. He hadn't played in more than a year, waiting in vain for the NFL to call again.

But he wasted little time in showing the Shock that he still knows what to do. Grieb hit the streaking Wright with a 25-yard scoring pass on the game's second play from scrimmage.

The SaberCats never looked back.

They led by 21 points at halftime, and the Shock wasn't able to slow San Jose's precision passing attack. Three receivers scored touchdowns, including four by Nichiren Flowers. Chad Cook, a 261-pound fullback nicknamed "Tank," chipped in three short scoring runs.

But Grieb was the maestro, conducting it all.

"Mark is just the best to ever play this game," SaberCats coach Darren Arbet said. "He was in command from snap one."

All in all, it was a picture-perfect return to life for the SaberCats. And with the NFL's labor negotiations stalling Friday, they might be the only pro football fix Bay Area fans will get in the foreseeable future.

Just don't forget the cowbell.

Past glory can't help reborn SaberCats/San Jose SaberCats return to field Friday after two-year hiatus

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When the rebooted San Jose SaberCats take the HP Pavilion field Friday night, they'll be wearing their familiar green-and-gold uniforms. They'll even have the same quarterback -- Mark Grieb.

But will they be anything close to the team that won three Arena Football League championships in the franchise's previous existence?

"That's a very good question," said Grieb, one of the most recognizable names in league history. "It might take a few games to get our feet wet. We really are a brand-new team."

The SaberCats are returning from a two-season hiatus with an opener against the defending league champion Spokane Shock. But while most of the players have changed, the game has not. Arena football remains the eight-player indoor game on a 50-yard field with end zone nets to keep the ball in play.

It's a field the SaberCats once ruled. When the turf recently was unrolled for the first time this year, it contained confetti from the 2008 conference title celebration.

"There's going to be a lot of emotions in that building," said Darren Arbet, the longtime SaberCats coach who now is also part of the ownership group. "I didn't know when, but I always knew the day would come when we'd get back into the league."

The SaberCats were regarded as one of the AFL's model franchises under the stewardship of the Fry family, owners of the Fry's Electronics chain. Players were treated well -- traveling in their own team plane -- and won three league championships. The SaberCats built a loyal, rambunctious fan base.

What they couldn't overcome was the league's financial problems. After the SaberCats lost to the Philadelphia Soul in the 2008 ArenaBowl, the league collapsed in the depths of the recession, ending a 22-year run.

A retooled AFL emerged from bankruptcy in 2010 featuring 15 teams with a more stripped-down economic model -- but without the SaberCats. Now, they're back now as part of an expansion that has grown the league to 18 teams. (The Soul also have returned without celebrity owner Jon Bon Jovi.)

The league now is a single-entity organization so it can save on costs such as workman's compensation, uniforms and equipment.

"There was nothing wrong with the game," said Commissioner Jerry B. Kurz, who calls the old operation the "DAFL" for Defunct Arena Football League. "But you can't stay in business when you're spending more than you produce."

Player salaries also were slashed, although Kurz declined to discuss the league's pay scale. Although players are housed and fed by the league, most are paid only \$400 a game with "marketing players" on each team receiving \$1,000, according to published reports.

It's not a lavish lifestyle.

But many players hope to get noticed by the NFL. Former SaberCat Rashied Davis, who went on to a standout career with the Chicago Bears, is one of the league's success stories. And there's another reason: Cliché or not, they love of the game.

"There has to be a passion," said Rodney Wright, 26, a wide receiver/defensive back and one of just three former SaberCats back with the team. "All of us have the dream of making it to the next level. But at the end of the day, you have to really love playing this game."

Even if that means working other jobs in the offseason to do it. For instance Gabe Nyenhuis, 29, a SaberCat lineman who was the AFL's defensive player of the year last season in Tulsa, works for a private security firm in Denver.

"Playing a game for work is a blast," Nyenhuis said. "We look at each other and say, 'Can you believe we do this for a living?'"

Then Nyenhuis paused.

"I don't know if you can make a living doing this," he added. "Right now I can live, but not live well."

That's why the most surprising aspect to SaberCats 2.0 is the return of Grieb, the Oak Grove High and UC Davis product. He had moved on with his life, teaching biology and coaching football at an Orange County high school while his wife, Erin, attended the UC Irvine medical school.

But Grieb, 36, who once earned a six-figure AFL salary, is back making the \$1,000 maximum. Obviously, it wasn't a financial decision.

"Erin told me, 'Teaching is a struggle for you and you're complaining every day about the kids. But when you're playing, you're in such a good mood that you're almost a different person,'" Grieb said. "That stuck with me because she's right. I really want to be here."

It's not easy, though, because she is finishing up med school and he's here with their twin 7-year-old daughters. Life is hectic even with help from the extended family.

On the field, Grieb's challenge is meshing with a new cast of players. Arena football is a game of precise timing, and the past SaberCats had the benefit of a veteran core who were familiar with one another. These SaberCats have 15 AFL rookies on their 24-man roster.

The change was brought home to Grieb at a recent scrimmage in Utah where the SaberCats wore the squad's previous uniforms.

"We had the old numbers and names being worn by new players," Grieb said. "I'm looking around and everywhere I see these ghosts from the past."

But Friday night, the present will overtake that past.

SaberCats ready for return to field

By Mark Purdy, San Jose Mercury News, 2/27/11

Ready or not, the SaberCats are back. Darren Arbet is ready.

He is so, so, so ready.

"I have been passionate about this," Arbet said the other day. "And I still am passionate about this."

Arbet played in the Arena Football League. He coached the SaberCats when they won three league championships. He still was coaching them in 2008 when they closed up shop. He stuck around San Jose in the hopes they would return one day. And sure enough, he is coaching the SaberCats again this year as they reboot after a two-year absence. The season opener is March 11.

"I had offers to go coach in college or work in NFL personnel jobs," Arbet said. "But I just like arena football. "... A lot of people ask our players: 'Are you going to go pro?' I think this is professional football. My definition of professional football is, if anybody gets paid to do what they do, they're a professional at it. Our guys have been professional. And I think more people need to come out and watch us play."

We'll see about that beginning March 11 at HP Pavilion. Arena football is an acquired taste. But it's quite a fizzy taste, mixed with motorcycle fumes and an overheated scoreboard. In San Jose, the taste sold. During the SaberCats' first incarnation, beginning in 1995, they cultivated a loyal fan base of 10,000 to 12,000 customers who showed up to watch the 20-man team put up about a million points a night on the 50-yard field.

Will all of those folks return, along with Arbet?

"We've got 75 percent to 80 percent of them back, we think," said Dave Fry, representing the Fry's Electronics company that owned the team then and now.

"It's going to be a great show," said Arbet, who has become a part-owner of the team.

The show was never the problem. When the SaberCats shut down after the 2008 season, it wasn't because they were a shoddy enterprise going broke. It was because more than half the other teams in the league were leaking red ink and did not want to carry on. After a one-year hiatus for bankruptcy and recalibration, a new Arena Football League was formed in 2010.

This version has a significantly lower pay scale, along with a single-entity operational system. All players are paid out of the league office. All have one-year contracts. All are paid the same salary, which is substantially lower than the average paycheck in the original league, although officials refuse to reveal the exact amount. Three special "marketing players" for each team are permitted to earn extra money.

The SaberCats initially weren't involved in the reboot because of concerns about the new, restrictive terms. But eventually the Fry's executive board agreed to give it another whirl. The uniforms came out of storage. The old goal posts and game turf were exhumed from a local warehouse.

"We unrolled the field, and it still had confetti from the 2008 championship game," Fry said. "We laid it out in a hangar in Sacramento for almost two months to get it to lay flat again."

The new team features only three returning SaberCats, quarterback Mark Grieb and receivers Samora Goodson and Rodney Wright. Others declined to participate under the new salary parameters. This has led to criticism from arena football geeks (yes, they exist) that the new league is a substandard product.

"The people who say that, I challenge them to go online and look at the résumés of our players," Arbet said. "Most of these guys have been signed by NFL teams and at least had a cup of coffee up there, just like many of our former players. More so than before, you're going to see guys that were on NFL rosters or practice squads because they can leave at any time to go back to the NFL -- whereas before, once they signed an arena league contract, they couldn't go back to the NFL until our season was over."

The new SaberCats do have a few recognizable names, including San Jose's Lincoln High grad Courtney Bryan, who played 19 games at defensive back with the Miami Dolphins. The backup quarterback is former Cal star Nate Longshore. But there's no question that Grieb, 36, is the main man. Arbet originally contacted him to be a coach. But during their conversation, he learned that Grieb wanted to suit up and wipe out the memory of the last SaberCats game, a narrow Arena Bowl XXII loss to Philadelphia.

"I think it left a bitter taste for him," Arbet said. "He didn't want it to be the last memory he had of playing. I understood. You know the real reason I didn't go anywhere? It's because we did all that winning and arena football isn't yet perceived the way I want it to be perceived in the Bay Area. Obviously, there's something more we need to do. I feel kind of like Mark Grieb. My business isn't done here."