

SACRAMENTO STATE HORNETS

Sacramento, California
Enrollment: 27,033

Marshall Sperbeck (Career 20-25)
5th Year at Sacramento State
Sperbeck's record at Sacramento St 20-25

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2011

QB's - In '09 the Hornets ret'd starting QB Jason Smith, who threw for 1,824 (56%, 16-6) in '08 along with ex-UCLA transfer McLeod Bethel-Thompson, who threw for 415 (57%, 2-1, #4 rusher). Smith started 9 and threw for 1,707 (58%, 12-9) but departed as a 3 yr str. Bethel-Thompson started 2 of the L/3 throwing for 746 (52%, 4-5) and returned LY. The Hornets got the late addition of NMSU transfer Jeff Fleming, who started 9 there in '09. Bethel-Thompson started the opener but was inj'd and lost his job. He played in just 5 (21-38-161) and departs. Fleming was 2nd tm BSC throwing for 2,044 (55.6%) with a 23-10 ratio and was the #2 rusher (399, 3.8). Fleming will be backed up by Dominic Carmazzi (33 rush) and true frosh Jake Geringer (PS#132, IFS).

RB's - The Hornets expected to have their top 4 rushers back in '09 but 2nd tm BSC Bryan Hilliard (1082, 4.6, 12 td) missed the ssn (shldr surg). Wash transfer Terrance Dailey led with 617 (5.2) but departed LY. The top returnees were Sam McCowan (344, 4.1) and Jake Croxdale (199, 3.6) and they got Hilliard back. The unit was so deep that they moved Jeff Badger and Evander Wilkins to def. TY they ret their top 9 rushers incl RB's Hilliard (883, 4.5, 12 td), Croxdale (236, 3.4), McCowan (211, 4.7) and Curtis Shaw (54, 3.2).

Rec's - In '09 Sac St lost 3 of its top 5 rec incl its top 2. Their top 2 returning WR's were Chase Deadder (358, 17.0) and Dylan Lane (132, 6.9) and they also added Brandy Reed (PS#227JC). Reed led with 731 (15.9), John Hendershott had 558 (14.7) while Lane had 409 (10.2). Deadder did not play (inj, OFY). LY the only loss was TE Brian Heath (#5 rec) but Reed ply'd in just 2 and Hendershott RS as well. TY they lose 4 of their top 6 incl #3 Ron Richardson (240, 10.9) and #4 Lane (152, 11.7). They ret their top 2 in 2nd tm BSC Deadder (788, 21.3) and Morris Norrise (532, 15.2) and get Reed and Hendershott back.



RB Bryan Hilliard

O-Line - In '09 5 OL who comb for 48 st were back. While they reduced the sk from 30 (8.7%) to 21 (5.8%), their rush ypg dropped to 122 (3.5). LY they lost 3 str's but added Hofstra trans Jaren Harrell (2 yr str at C). They improved to 170 ypg (4.0) with just 14 sk (4.8%). TY they lose C Harrell and 2nd tm BSC LT John Taylor looks to be ineligible (acad). They return two 11 gm str's in RT Nate Doverspike and RG Tyler Worthley.

D-Line - The DL ret'd 4 str's in '09 led by DE Zack Nash (#6 tkl'r), DT Christian Clark (#8) and DE Kevin Moore (#7). Shockingly, they all'd 146 ypg rush (4.3) with only 22 sks. LY they lost two 11 gm str's but ret'd 2nd Tm BSC DT Clark (#7 tkl'r, 10 sk) and DE Nash (#9) and moved in LB's David Coleman (33 tkl) and Avery White (25 tkl). White was inj'd (OFY) in the opener but they trimmed the rush yds to 112 ypg (3.6) with 23 sks. TY the only loss is 2nd tm BSC DT Clark (#8 tkl'r, 3.5 sk). Everyone else ret's led by AA DE Nash who led the BSC with 13 sk and DE Coleman (#10, 5 tkl).

LB's - The LB unit lost all 3 str's in '09 including their #1, 4 and 5 tkl'r's (2 1st tm BSC). They moved in FS Peter Buck (top ret tkl'r, 84) and added JC Jarred Pereira but the ppg all'd jumped from 27.0 to 33.7. LY they lost their #4 and #6 tkl'r's and moved White and Coleman to the DL. They ret'd Buck (#2 tkl'r) and added RB Badger but started just 2 LB's in the L/10 gms while allowing their best ppg (24.7) in years. TY they lose 2nd tm BSC Buck (#1 tkl'r, 8 tkl) and Pereira (1st). MLB Badger (11st, #6 tkl'r, 7.5 tkl) and Cody Allen (1st) ret and they add JC's John Bloomfield and Alek Taliuli (PS#370JC).

DB's - The secondary lost 2 str's in '09 and moved another to LB. They ret'd CB Deonte Gordon (#3 tkl'r, 4 int) and Marquese Smith (1st, 30 tkl) while adding JC's Zach Schrader and Dana Willis. They were #8 BSC in pass eff D (20-10 ratio). LY they lost their #5 tkl'r but ret'd 3 str's in CB Smith (33 tkl, 8 pd), FS Gordon (#3 tkl'r) and BSC NOY SS Schrader (#1 tkl'r, 4 int). They added RB Wilkins and JC's Kyle Monson and Joe Larche and started a NB in the L/10 gms. They improved to #5 pass eff D but with a 23-10 ratio. TY they lose two 2nd BSC S's in Schrader (#2 tkl'r) and Willis (#3). The unit ret's CB Monson (#4 tkl'r), CB Osaide Odiase (#5), NB Wilkins (#9) and Marquese Smith (4st) moved from CB to S.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In '09 P Augie Heath avg 39.0 ypp (32.6 net, 2nd tm BSC). K Chris Diniz made 12-13 FG (L/52). They avg just 4.8 on PR and 22.6 on KR. LY all of their top 15 players ret'd. Heath avg 36.5 (34.1 net), while K Diniz hit 13-15 (L/52). They avg 9.2 on PR but just 20.5 on KR. TY they only lose K Diniz but he is expected to be replaced by his brother Jason (who RS here LY) and they add JC LS Stephen Jaeger.

2011 SCHEDULE

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|-------|-------------------------|
| 9/3 | at Oregon St |
| 9/10 | at Southern Utah |
| 9/17 | at Weber St |
| 9/24 | Montana |
| 10/1 | at Montana St |
| 10/8 | at Northern Colorado |
| 10/15 | |
| 10/22 | Eastern Washington (HC) |
| 10/29 | Northern Arizona |
| 11/5 | at Portland St |
| 11/12 | Idaho St |
| 11/19 | UC Davis |



2010 RECORD:
(6-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7
LETTERMEN:

Returning: 44 (22,21,1)
Lost: 16 (8,7,1)

2010 AVG ATTENDANCE:
7,576 (#62)
BIG SKY

COACHES - HC Marshall Sperbeck is his own OC and enters his 5th ssn off his first winning ssn. He tied with Ray Clemmons for the most wins by a HC here (20) in their 1st 4 ssn. Anthony Parker is in his 2nd ssn as DC (3rd overall).

FORECAST - The Hornets off ret'd 6 str's and added 3 JC's in '09 to finish #5 BSC in scoring and #7 in tkl off. LY they ret'd just 5 str's and lost their top QB, top rusher and 3 OL str's. They added an FBS transfer QB and ret'd their top 4 rec's and '08's top rusher. They improved to #2 in scoring and #5 in tkl off. TY they ret 8 str's including their QB Fleming, top 9 rushers and top 2 rec. In '09 the D ret'd 6 str's and added 5 JC's. They lost 3 of their top 5 tkl'r's however and their numbers fell as they finished #7 in scoring and #8 in tkl D. LY they ret'd 6 str's incl their top 4 tkl'r's and added 2 JC's and took a big step up. They finished #3 in scoring and tkl D. TY they ret 7 str's and add 3 JC's but lose 4 of their top 8 tkl'r's incl their top 3. In '08 the Hornets had their first non-losing season since 2000. In '09 they won 3 of their last 4 but finished 5-6. LY they broke through with a winning ssn and their 3 BSC losses were by a comb 10 pts. The Hornets also beat 2 ranked teams in the same season for the first time in school history. With 14 starters and 44 lettermen back the Hornets could be a BSC contender despite a tough opening slate which has 5 of the first 6 on the road. If they survive they could make their first playoff appearance since the 1988 Division II semi-finals.

STADIUM: HORNET STADIUM (21,195) (#24) PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 9Yr Total |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Straight Up | 5-8 | 2-9 | 3-8 | 2-9 | 4-7 | 3-8 | 6-6 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 36-66 |
| Home | 3-3 | 2-4 | 3-2 | 2-4 | 2-3 | 2-3 | 4-2 | 3-2 | 4-1 | 25-24 |
| Away | 2-5 | 0-5 | 0-6 | 0-5 | 2-4 | 1-5 | 2-4 | 2-4 | 2-4 | 11-42 |
| Playoffs | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Conf | 3-4 | 1-6 | 2-5 | 1-6 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 3-5 | 4-4 | 5-3 | 26-42 |
| Non-Conf | 2-4 | 1-3 | 1-3 | 1-3 | 0-3 | 0-3 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 10-24 |

2010 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG | PLAYER | TKL | SKS | TFL | PBU | INT |
|------------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----|-----|------|-----|
| Bryan Hilliard | 195 | 914 | 31 | 883 | 12 | 4.5 | Peter Buck | 96 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 1 |
| Jeff Fleming | 106 | 542 | 143 | 399 | 2 | 3.8 | Zach Schrader | 82 | 1 | 2.5 | 5 | 1 |
| Jake Croxdale | 70 | 257 | 21 | 236 | 0 | 3.4 | Dana Willis | 51 | 0 | 0.5 | 5 | 2 |
| Sam McCowan | 45 | 218 | 7 | 211 | 0 | 4.7 | Kyle Monson | 47 | 0 | 0.5 | 7 | 2 |
| Curtis Shaw | 17 | 64 | 10 | 54 | 1 | 3.2 | Osaige Odiase | 44 | 1 | 2.5 | 5 | 2 |
| Chase Deadder | 3 | 40 | 0 | 40 | 0 | 13.3 | Jeff Badger | 41 | 0 | 7.5 | 1 | 0 |
| Dominic Carmazzi | 5 | 33 | 0 | 33 | 0 | 6.6 | Zack Nash | 37 | 13 | 3.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Morris Norrise | 4 | 23 | 6 | 17 | 0 | 4.2 | Christian Clark | 36 | 3.5 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Stephen Tezanos-Pinto | 6 | 14 | 3 | 11 | 0 | 1.8 | Evander Wilkins | 34 | 2 | 3.5 | 0 | 0 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT | David Coleman | 26 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| Jeff Fleming | 248 | 138 | 55.6 | 2044 | 23 | 10 | Joe Larche | 26 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| McLeod Bethel-Thompson | 38 | 21 | 55.3 | 161 | 1 | 2 | Todd Davis | 21 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG | Matt Lawrence | 20 | 0 | 4.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chase Deadder | 37 | 788 | 21.3 | 6 | 76 | Marquese Smith | 14 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Morris Norrise | 35 | 532 | 15.2 | 8 | 80 | Matt Agalava | 10 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ron Richardson | 22 | 240 | 10.9 | 1 | 22 | Markell Williams | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dylan Lane | 13 | 152 | 11.7 | 0 | 33 | Jake Croxdale | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Matt Carter | 10 | 97 | 9.7 | 4 | 41 | Alesana Laban | 7 | 0 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brett Willis | 6 | 93 | 15.5 | 1 | 40 | Henry Fernandez | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jake Croxdale | 5 | 60 | 12.0 | 0 | 54 | Rodney Peterson | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Curtis Shaw | 3 | 59 | 19.7 | 0 | 49 | Cody Allen | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | FC | NET | BLK | INT | PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| Augie Heath | 53 | 1937 | 36.5 | 17 | 34.1 | 0 | 10 | Kyle Monson | 12 | 101 | 8.4 | 1 |
| KICKING | XP | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG | KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| Chris Diniz | 40-42 | 3-3 | 4-4 | 4-6 | 2-13 | 15 | 52 | Sam McCowan | 24 | 498 | 20.8 | 0 |

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

| RET | STS | PTS | TOTAL | OFF | RUSH | YPC | OFF | PASS | PASS | % | OFF | YPP | VS | TOTAL | RET | STS | PTS | TOTAL | DEF | RUSH | YPC | DEF | PASS | PASS | % | DEF | YPP | VS | SKS |
|-----|------|-----|-------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|----|------|-----|------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|------|-----|-----|------|------|---|-----|-----|----|-----|
| 5 | 32.1 | 379 | 170 | 4.0 | 209 | 56.0 | 11.8 | 14 | + | 4 | 2010 | 6 | 24.7 | 334 | 112 | 3.6 | 222 | 55.3 | 13.5 | 27 | | | | | | | | | |
| 6* | 24.9 | 350 | 122 | 3.5 | 228 | 57.9 | 14.1 | 21 | - | 8 | 2009 | 6 | 33.7 | 433 | 146 | 4.3 | 287 | 66.9 | 12.8 | 22 | | | | | | | | | |
| 7* | 26.6 | 367 | 149 | 3.5 | 218 | 55.4 | 13.8 | 30 | + | 4 | 2008 | 2 | 27.0 | 390 | 97 | 3.2 | 292 | 59.1 | 14.4 | 31 | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 18.3 | 342 | 157 | 4.0 | 184 | 51.5 | 18.7 | 18 | - | 14 | 2007 | 9 | 27.7 | 374 | 118 | 3.1 | 256 | 63.1 | 13.5 | 33 | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 15.3 | 244 | 64 | 2.0 | 180 | 51.4 | 16.0 | 28 | - | 5 | 2006 | 10 | 26.2 | 355 | 122 | 3.5 | 233 | 56.4 | 13.6 | 22 | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 17.5 | 274 | 126 | 3.3 | 148 | 48.1 | 15.7 | 35 | - | 4 | 2005 | 7 | 32.0 | 366 | 154 | 3.9 | 213 | 52.5 | 11.4 | 20 | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 17.3 | 290 | 98 | 3.1 | 192 | 49.7 | 16.8 | 51 | - | 8 | 2004 | 5 | 37.7 | 433 | 149 | 3.6 | 284 | 63.7 | 11.5 | 35 | | | | | | | | | |

OFFENSE

| SSU 2010 | ATT | OPPONENT |
|----------|-----------------|----------|
| 30,626 | at Stanford | |
| 7,811 | Western Oregon | |
| 6,937 | Weber St | |
| 25,965 | at Montana | |
| 6,311 | Montana St | |
| 9,011 | N Colorado | |
| 7,147 | at E Washington | |
| 6,729 | at N Arizona | |
| 7,812 | Portland St | |
| 4,694 | at Idaho St | |
| 9,785 | at UC Davis | |
| TOTALS | | |
| AVERAGES | | |

2010 STATS BY GAME

DEFENSE

| FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | VS | SKS | BY | TURN |
|-----|----------|-----|---------|------|----|-----|----|------|
| 20 | 38-213 | 5.6 | 17-24 | 316 | 1 | +1 | | |
| 17 | 27-74 | 2.7 | 17-40 | 266 | 4 | 0 | | |
| 19 | 25-95 | 3.8 | 21-42 | 253 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 15 | 35-40 | 1.1 | 21-28 | 274 | 3 | +2 | | |
| 25 | 40-261 | 6.5 | 26-43 | 385 | 0 | -2 | | |
| 13 | 30-63 | 2.1 | 14-24 | 175 | 5 | +2 | | |
| 15 | 28-182 | 6.5 | 15-28 | 141 | 3 | 0 | | |
| 10 | 22-43 | 2.0 | 19-33 | 123 | 1 | +2 | | |
| 19 | 51-233 | 4.6 | 11-27 | 141 | 4 | 0 | | |
| 13 | 21-12 | 0.6 | 16-34 | 231 | 4 | +2 | | |
| 6 | 25-20 | 0.8 | 12-19 | 133 | 2 | -3 | | |
| 172 | 342-1236 | 3.6 | 189-342 | 2438 | 27 | +4 | | |
| 3.6 | 17-31 | 222 | 2.5 | +0.4 | | | | |

| 2005 RESULTS | | 2006 RESULTS | | 2007 RESULTS | | 2008 RESULTS | | 2009 RESULTS | | 2010 RESULTS | | |
|--------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|--------------|---------------------------|---------|
| OPPONENT | SCORE | OPPONENT | SCORE | OPPONENT | SCORE | OPPONENT | SCORE | OPPONENT | SCORE | PRE-RK | OPPONENT | POST-RK |
| California | 3-41 | at Boise State | 0-45 | at Fresno St | 3-24 | Humboldt St | 45-13 | at UNLV | 3-38 | - | at Stanford | 17-52 |
| at Cal Poly | 13-37 | Cal Poly | 10-17 | at Portland St | 24-35 | at Colorado St | 20-23 | at Cal Poly | 19-38 | - | Western Oregon | 31-17 |
| at Portland St | 12-28 | at Montana | 14-59 | at New Mexico | 0-58 | Southern Oregon | 27-16 | Eastern Washington | 30-56 | - | Weber St - #20 | 24-17 |
| UC Davis | 7-37 | at Eastern Wash | 21-20 | Northern Arizona | 38-9 | Weber St | 27-32 | at Portland State | 31-14 | - | at Montana - #14 | 25-28 |
| Northern Arizona | 38-24 | Weber State | 24-21 | at Weber St | 7-26 | Portland St | 41-31 | Idaho State | 38-17 | - | Montana St (OT) - #10 | 61-64 |
| Azusa Pacific | 41-19 | Montana State | 18-21 | Montana | 3-17 | at Northern Arizona | 10-42 | at Weber State | 10-49 | - | Northern Colorado | 42-7 |
| at Weber St | 14-26 | at Northern Arizona | 22-39 | at Montana St | 9-20 | at Montana | 7-43 | Montana | 30-45 | - | at Eastern Wash - #8 | 24-28 |
| Idaho St | 17-27 | Northern Colorado | 14-9 | Eastern Washington | 30-38 | at Eastern Washington | 15-13 | Northern Arizona | 27-24 | - | at Northern Arizona - #25 | 40-10 |
| Eastern Washington | 17-45 | at Idaho State | 22-14 | UC Davis | 26-31 | at UC Davis | 29-19 | at Northern Colorado | 38-35 | - | Portland St | 28-15 |
| at Montana St | 16-37 | Portland State | 7-13 | at Northern Colorado | 20-17 | Northern Colorado | 45-25 | at Montana State | 17-27 | - | at Idaho St | 45-17 |
| Montana | 14-31 | at UC Davis | 16-30 | Idaho St | 41-30 | at Idaho St (OT) | 33-36 | UC Davis | 31-28 | - | at UC Davis | 16-17 |