

WEEK TEN
BOISE ST at SAN JOSE ST

Holani’s 4 TDs lead No. 21 Boise St. past San Jose St. 52-42

SAN JOSE, Calif. -- George Holani ran for 126 yards and four touchdowns and No. 21 Boise State bounced back from its first loss of the season by beating San Jose State 52-42 on Saturday night.

The Broncos (7-1, 4-0 Mountain West) lost 28-25 at BYU two weeks ago with starting quarterback Hank Bachmeier sidelined but responded following a week off despite falling into an early 14-0 hole.

Boise State had six rushing touchdowns and 253 yards on the ground, taking the lead for good on Holani’s third touchdown early in the fourth quarter that made it 38-34.

The Broncos then finally got a key defensive stop against the Spartans (4-5, 1-4) thanks to a sack by Curtis Weaver, and Andrew Van Buren provided a cushion with a 32-yard score that made it 45-34 with 6:24 to play.

Josh Love threw for 438 yards and cut the deficit to 45-42 on his second TD pass of the game with 3:56 remaining, but it wasn’t enough for the Spartans, who fell to 0-14 all-time against Boise State.

The Broncos recovered an onside kick following Love’s second TD pass and converted a third-and-5 on a 15-yard end-around by John Hightower and Holani put the game away with his fourth TD of the game with 1:35 to play.

The Broncos took their first lead late in the third quarter after Bachmeier scrambled 18 yards on a third-and-15 play. He left briefly with an apparent injury and Chase Cord came in and ran it 8 yards for a score on the next play to put Boise State on top 31-27.

But Love responded with another TD drive of his own with DeJon Parker running it in from 3 yards out for his second score of the game to put San Jose State back up 34-31 heading into the fourth quarter before the Broncos took the game over on the ground.

THE TAKEAWAY

Boise State: The Broncos got a big spark on special teams with a 66-yard TD return by Avery Williams to get them on the board in the closing seconds of the opening quarter, but had little answer all night for Love. Curtis Weaver finally delivered a big play with a third-down sack that ended a drive early in the fourth quarter, allowing Boise State to build a bit of a cushion. The Broncos did the rest on the ground, scoring on their final five non-kneel-down drives of the game.

San Jose State: The Spartans scored TDs on the opening two drives of the game in a sign that this year’s meeting would be far different than the mostly lopsided previous games in the series. Brandon Ezell also intercepted a pass from Bachmeier late in the first half, setting up another TD as the Spartans led 24-17 at the half. Boise State won the first 13 meetings by an average of nearly 28 points with only two of those games decided by seven points or fewer.

TARGETING

San Jose State linebacker Jesse Osuna was ejected for targeting for the second straight game. He missed the first half of this game for a hit last week against Army and then less than five minutes into the third quarter he was called again for a hit on George Holani. Osuna also was called for targeting in the opener against Northern Colorado, meaning he will be suspended for the next game under the repeat offender rule.

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BSU	7	10	14	21	52
SJSU	14	10	10	8	42

Scoring Summary -----

FIRST QUARTER	BSU	SJSU
SJSU TD 10:58 DeJon Packer 1 Yd Run (Matt Mercurio Kick)		
9 plays, 82 yards, 4:02	0	7
SJSU TD 3:26 Josh Love 4 Yd Run (Matt Mercurio Kick)		
15 plays, 76 yards, 5:05	0	14
BSU TD 0:15 Avery Williams 66 Yd Punt Return (Eric Sachse Kick)		
3 plays, 2 yards, 1:08	7	14
SECOND QUARTER	BSU	SJSU
SJSU FG 12:01 Matt Mercurio 35 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 60 yards, 3:07	7	17
BSU TD 7:58 George Holani 1 Yd Run (Eric Sachse Kick)		
8 plays, 70 yards, 4:00	14	17
SJSU TD 1:13 Isaiah Hamilton 16 Yd pass from Josh Love (Matt Mercurio Kick)		
6 plays, 83 yards, 2:38	14	24
BSU FG 0:24 Eric Sachse 30 Yd Field Goal		
5 plays, 55 yards, 0:42	17	24
THIRD QUARTER	BSU	SJSU
SJSU FG 10:27 Matt Mercurio 35 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 58 yards, 2:39	17	27
BSU TD 9:13 George Holani 6 Yd Run (Eric Sachse Kick)		
3 plays, 45 yards, 1:05	24	27
BSU TD 3:28 Chase Cord 8 Yd Run (Eric Sachse Kick)		
9 plays, 63 yards, 4:58	31	27
SJSU TD 0:53 DeJon Packer 3 Yd Run (Matt Mercurio Kick)		
6 plays, 75 yards, 2:35	31	34
FOURTH QUARTER	BSU	SJSU
BSU TD 11:31 George Holani 6 Yd Run (Eric Sachse Kick)		
9 plays, 79 yards, 4:17	38	34
BSU TD 6:24 Andrew Van Buren 32 Yd Run (Eric Sachse Kick)		
7 plays, 77 yards, 3:29	45	34
SJSU TD 3:56 Bailey Gaither 9 Yd pass from Josh Love (Josh Love Pass to Tre Walker for Two-Point Conversion)		
9 plays, 75 yards, 2:28	45	42
BSU TD 1:35 George Holani 8 Yd Run (Eric Sachse Kick)		
7 plays, 39 yards, 2:19	52	42

Team Stats	BSU	SJSU
First Downs	23	28
Passes for First	7	18
Rushes for First	14	5
Penalties for First	2	5
Third Down Efficiency	8-15	7-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	0-0
Total Yards	466	497
Total Plays	68	76
Avg Gain Per Play	6.9	6.5
Net Yards Rushing	253	59
Rushes	51	23
Yards Per Rush	5.0	2.6
Net Yards Passing	213	438
Comp-Att	13-17	29-53
Yards Per Pass	12.5	8.3
Times Sacked	3	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-22	-8
Interceptions	1	1
Punts	3	4
Punt Average	33.0	38.8
Penalties	8	7
Penalty Yards	84	60
Fumbles	4	1
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	32:08	27:52

Individual Stats

RUSHING						
BOISE ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG	
George Holani	28	126	4.5	4	19	
Andrew Van Buren	9	85	9.4	1	32	
John Hightower	2	20	10.0	0	15	
Khalil Shakir	1	14	14.0	0	14	
Chase Cord	1	8	8.0	1	8	
Hank Bachmeier	7	6	0.9	0	18	
Team	3	-6	-2.0	0	0	
SAN JOSE ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG	
Kairee Robinson	9	41	4.6	0	13	
DeJon Packer	10	28	2.8	2	12	
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	
Josh Love	2	-4	-2.0	1	4	
Isaiah Hamilton	1	-4	-4.0	0	0	
PASSING						
BOISE ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int
Hank Bachmeier	13	17	213	12.5	0	1
SAN JOSE ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int
Josh Love	29	53	438	8.3	2	1

RECEIVING						
BOISE ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG	
John Hightower	5	129	25.8	0	41	
CT Thomas	4	37	9.3	0	22	
Khalil Shakir	2	25	12.5	0	18	
George Holani	1	17	17.0	0	17	
Akilian Butler	1	5	5.0	0	5	
SAN JOSE ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG	
Tre Walker	9	193	21.4	0	40	
Bailey Gaither	8	110	13.8	1	21	
Derrick Deese Jr.	3	42	14.0	0	21	
Isaiah Hamilton	3	32	10.7	1	16	
Isaiah Holiness	3	31	10.3	0	12	
Brett Foley	2	24	12.0	0	19	
Billy Humphreys	1	6	6.0	0	6	