



Tip-In-Club Newsletter



Stephen F. Austin State University Men's Basketball

December 2003

Letter from Coach Danny Kaspar

Happy New Year from the Lumberjack Men's Basketball Team. It is hard to believe that our conference opener is just right around the corner as we play Northwestern Louisiana on Thursday, January 8. The conference race promises to be an exciting one with several teams capable of winning the title.

December – 2003 saw the Jacks go 5-2. The month started with a 56-49 home win over Alcorn State. We struggled in this game but were able to rally late in the game for the win. Antonio Burks scored 15 and B.J. Banks had 13 to lead us in scoring, while Taylor Moore had 6 rebounds. Our team then headed to Ft. Worth to play TCU. Because of my mother's health, I was unable to be in attendance at this game. TCU came out red-hot and built a 14 point halftime lead. The Jacks cut the lead to 4 points with about 8 minutes to play. TCU played strong defense to end the game and beat us 82-61. Antonio Burks again led the Jacks in scoring with 19 points while Dedrick Sanders contributed 11 and led all rebounders with 7.

Centenary was next on the schedule and we lost a heart breaker to them 65-62. I was pleased with our overall play but we could not stop Andrew Wisnewski, their star player, in the last five minutes of the game. He scored 13 of his 21 points in that time frame and single-handedly beat us with his outstanding performance. Antonio Burks led us in scoring with 18 points while Taylor Moore had 12 and BJ Banks had 11 points and 6 rebounds. Grambling was next on our schedule, our fourth game in 8 days. After a shaky first half, the Jacks played an excellent second half and won 68-50. Hank Rivers scored 14 and Taylor Moore had 12 to lead us in scoring. Taylor also had 7 rebounds.

The Lumberjacks then defeated Oklahoma Panhandle State 108-51 in a game that proved to be no contest. Patrick Hannaway had 15 points, Antonio Burks had 14, Hank Rivers scored 12, and Danny Russell and Taylor Moore had 10 each. In a big rematch with Centenary, the Lumberjacks played outstanding basketball in a 70-58 win. Our defense and rebounding were excellent and I was very proud of our team's effort. Four players scored in double figures with Marcus Clark and Dedrick Sanders leading the way with 17 points each. Taylor Moore and Jasen Gast also scored 12 each.

We are now 8-2 on the season as we enter January. If we beat Lyon College on January 3, our non-conference record is what I had hoped for. We will work hard to bring home the Southland Conference title this year. Your support and friendship has and will be essential to our success.

Danny Kaspar

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November

13th National BB Exp. W 74 - 56

22nd Houston Baptist W 98 - 83

25th @ Baylor W 79- 57

29th Alcorn State W 80 - 63

December

6th Alcorn State W 56 - 49

8th @ TCU L 84 - 62

11th @ Centenary L 62 - 65

13th Grambling State W 68 - 50

20th Okla. Panhandle St. W 108-51

22nd Centenary W 70 - 58

30th Cameron W 87 - 42

January

3rd Lyon College W 65 - 53

8th @ Northwestern St. 7:45PM

15th McNeese St. 6PM

17th Southeastern LA 6:15PM

22nd @ UL-Monroe 7:45PM

24th UT-Arlington 4PM

29th Sam Houston 7PM- TV

31st @ Southeastern LA 7PM

February

4th UT-San Antonio 7PM

7th UL-Monroe 4PM

14th @ UT-Arlington 12PM- TV

18th @ McNeese St. 7:15PM

21st Nicholls St. 6:15PM

25th @ Lamar 7PM

28th @ Sam Houston 7:30PM

March

2nd Northwestern St. 6PM

5th @ Texas State 7:30PM

All Times Are Central and Subject To Change

