



# Tip-In-Club Newsletter



## Stephen F. Austin State University Men's Basketball **Letter from Coach Danny Kaspar**

February 2002

Greetings from the Lumberjack Basketball team and coaching staff for the month of February. Since I last wrote you, our team has been through some peaks and valleys. Fortunately, we have ended the month on a three game winning streak with wins over Northwestern State (La.), Louisiana-Monroe, and UT-San Antonio.

This report begins with a two game road trip to play Southwest Texas and UT-San Antonio. Our team played very well against Southwest Texas and beat them 72 -67 in the first game. Ben Hunt and Jasen Gast led the team in scoring with 13 points each. Ransom White led the team in rebounding with eight. Two nights later, we lost to UT-San Antonio 84-75 in a game much closer than the final score. With 1:30 remaining, we were down by two. Unable to convert on our last two possessions, we resorted to fouling and the game got away from us. Percy Green led us in scoring with 18 points while Ransom White led the team in rebounding with 10.

We then opened a four game home stand with a 72-56 win over Nicholls State. Ransom White led the team in scoring (12) and rebounding (13). However, SE Louisiana played us two nights later and beat us 65-61 in a game decided in the last minute of play. We shot only 38% from the field and it proved to be the difference in the game! Skip Jackson, Jasen Gast, and Percy Green all led us in scoring (13) while Ransom White had 8 rebounds. A 95-87 win over UT-Arlington four days later lifted our spirits. The Jacks played with intensity and aggressiveness. We shot 50% from the field and out rebounded them by four. Skip Jackson led the team in scoring (22) while Percy Green had 11 rebounds. A 65-49 loss to McNeese State closed out our four game home stand. I was very disappointed in our second half performance as McNeese out rebounded and outscored us by 15. It was our worst effort in conference and left me wondering if we might win another conference game for the rest of the season.

A road trip followed with a 65-62 loss to Lamar and a 71-61 loss to Sam Houston. Percy Green had 18 points and Stevin Ozier had 12 rebounds to lead the Lumberjacks against Lamar. Ransom White had 18 points and 10 rebounds to lead the team against Sam Houston.

With the prospects looking dim for a tournament playoff spot for the Jacks, we then proceeded to beat Northwestern State (La.) 66-58, Louisiana-Monroe 52-51, and UT-San Antonio 73-62. Ransom White and Skip Jackson led the Lumberjacks in scoring vs. Northwestern State (La.) with 12 points each and Ransom White also had 10 rebounds. Percy Green led our team in scoring (20) and rebounding (6) against Louisiana-Monroe. Ransom White led the team in scoring (16) and rebounding (13) against UT-San Antonio. All of our players have played with great effort and intensity in all three wins.

At this time, we are in 5<sup>th</sup> place with one regular season game remaining at McNeese State on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. If we beat McNeese, we could be the 4<sup>th</sup> seed in the tournament and host a first round game. If we lose to McNeese and Northwestern loses one of its last two road games against McNeese and Louisiana-Monroe, we will have the fifth or sixth seed. If we lose to McNeese and Northwestern wins its remaining two road games, they will be the fifth or sixth seed. The conference playoff picture is still somewhat clouded, but we are in a pretty good position to make the conference tournament.

Please call our office if you have any questions concerning our conference tournament play. We currently stand 13-13 and I'd really like to go into the post-season tournament with a winning record. We'll give it our best shot against McNeese State.

Sincerely,  
Danny Kaspar  
Men's Basketball Coach

### 2001-2002 Lumberjack Schedule

#### November

W Athletes First 77-76

W Ezybonds 67-59

L Arizona State 92-61

L Jackson State 68-59

W Texas Lutheran 71-52

W Rice 90-86

#### December

W Southwest Texas 75-64

L Centenary 62-51

W Texas Southern 76-50

W SE Louisiana 55-42

W Nicholls State 72-59

L Oral Roberts 78-57

#### January

W Northwestern State 73-66

L Louisiana-Monroe 85-72

L Lamar 57-56

L Sam Houston 49-45

L UT-Arlington 55-52

W Southwest Texas 72-67

L UTSA 84-75

W Nicholls State 72-56

#### February

L SE Louisiana 65-61

W UT-Arlington 95-87

L McNeese State 65-49

L Lamar 65-62

L Sam Houston 71-61

W Northwestern St. 66-58

W Louisiana-Monroe 52-51

W UTSA 73-62

#### March

2<sup>nd</sup> @ McNeese State 2PM

4<sup>th</sup> SLC First Round

6<sup>th</sup> SLC Second Round

9<sup>th</sup> SLC Championship Game

## *Player Profiles*

### **#33 Percy Green**

6-7 Center

Junior

Oklahoma City, OK

#### Current Stats

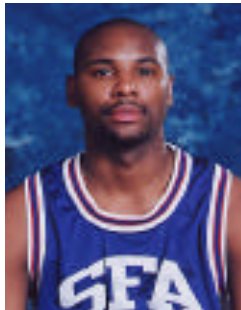
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5.4 Rebounds per Game

1.4 Assists per Game

2 time Southland Conference

Player of the Week



### **#5 Ben Hunt**

6-2 Guard

Junior

Bendigo, Australia

#### Current Stats

8.9 Points per Game

1.8 Rebounds per Game

1.5 Assists per Game

