



Tip-In Club Newsletter

February 2007



Dear Lumberjack Boosters,

The month of January was a good month for the Lumberjack basketball team. Our record was 6 – 2 during that time. It was a month of many highs and a couple of real lows.

We started with a home game against Nicholls State, which we won 61 – 55. Nicholls played us very well and we had to fight hard to win. Matt Kingsley led us in scoring (22) and rebounding (8). I didn't think our performance was as good as it needed to be. In our next game, we played Southeastern La. with the intensity and passion I was looking for. Our defense was excellent in a 66 – 49 victory. Again, Matt Kingsley led us in scoring (21) and rebounding (11). For his performances against Nicholls and S.E. Louisiana, Matt was named Southland Conference player of the week.

Our next two games would be on the road. Lamar was up first and in an exciting game, the Jacks prevailed 73 – 72 in overtime! It was a game of great intensity and great plays. Josh Alexander had 17 points to lead us in scoring while he and Kyle Jacobs had 8 rebounds each. Two days later, we played McNeese State in Lake Charles and won another hard fought battle, 67 – 53. It was a great win over an energized McNeese team. Matt Kingsley and Will Johnson led us in scoring with 12 each while Josh Alexander had 7 rebounds to lead us in rebounding.

A huge home game against Sam Houston State was next on the schedule and 4,500 fans came to see a hard fought battle. We dominated Sam Houston for 35 minutes before several turnovers and missed free throws turned a 10 point advantage into a 3 point defeat for the Jacks. It was a painful and deflating loss and I was very concerned about our team psyche afterwards. Antuane Miller led us in scoring with 16 while Will Johnson had 8 rebounds.

A road trip to San Marcos to play Texas State was up next for the Jacks. As previously stated, I was very concerned about how we would play. My concerns were alleviated as the Jacks played a great game winning 82 – 62. It was a great team effort, particularly on defense. Antuane Miller had 23 points to lead us in scoring while Kyle Jacobs and Josh Alexander led us in rebounding with 5 each.

The University of Texas at Arlington came into town for a home game against the Jacks. We played well in a 65 – 54 victory. Antuane Miller led us in scoring with 17 while Scott Weaver had 9 rebounds. Another good home crowd came to support us in our victory.

Texas A&M - Corpus Christi ended our January schedule on a sour note! The Jacks played well for 32 minutes, but the Islanders defense tightened up toward the end of the game and they pulled away to win 70 – 62. Poor free-throw shooting and some untimely turnovers helped cause our demise.

The Jacks ended the month with a 13 – 7 record and 6 – 2 conference mark. We are currently tied for second place in the West Division with Sam Houston.

This month we will feature two more of our senior players, Antuane Miller and Will Johnson. Antuane is a Kinesiology major from Washing D.C. He came to us from the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith, a junior college. He currently averages 11.3 points and 4.7 rebounds a game and is a pre-season 1st team all conference player. Will Johnson is a 6'2" off-guard from Houston, Texas. Will first came to us as a walk on and has been with the team since the 2004-05 season. He has had to deal with eligibility issues the last year and a half but has gotten his academics in order. He is a kinesiology major and math minor. He was voted team captain at the beginning of the season and is currently averaging 5.3 points and 4 rebounds a game.

I hope your January was a very healthy and safe one. The Tip-In Club is a men's basketball support group whose main objective is to provide the financial resources needed to help our seniors continue their education after their eligibility has expired and to help our current players attend summer school in their efforts to complete their degree on time!

If you have not yet joined the Tip-In Club for the 2006-2007 season, please do so. Membership levels start at \$50 and continue at the \$125, \$250, \$500, \$1,000, and \$2,500 levels. Various gifts and perks go with each level. If you have already joined for this school year, I thank you on behalf of our players and coaching staff. Your donation and generosity is very helpful and needed.

Sincerely,

Danny Kaspar

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Men's Basketball Coach

PLAYER PROFILES

Antuane Miller #33



Class: Senior
Major: Kinesiology
Points: 12 ppg
Rebounds: 5 rpg



Highlights:
2nd Team All-Conference 2005-2006
Pre-Season All-Conference 2006-2007

My greatest individual sports achievement is...being named one of the Top 100 forwards in the nation

Will Johnson #11



Class: Senior
Major: Kinesiology
Points: 5 ppg
Rebounds: 4 rpg
Minutes: 19 mpg



Highlights:
Team Captain
Earned a Scholarship this season

I chose SFA because...
it is close to home and I knew we were going to have a great team.