

Letter from Coach Bento-Jackson

Hello Bronco Fans,

I hope you and your families had a wonderful holiday season !! This was the first Christmas that my son, Brandon, participated in the opening of gifts and it was a joy to watch. He was so excited to receive the slippers that he asked for from Santa Claus. In addition to a great Christmas, the New Year started off on a positive note, as the team played very well in getting a victory over Cal State Fullerton. I was pleased with their effort and it was great to see everyone contribute.

As for the Broncos, we were quite busy over the break. Due to the players being out of school, we took advantage of some of our extra time as we were involved in a few different community service activities. We first went to St. Clare's elementary school in which the team and coaches split up amongst different classrooms and read different stories to the children. A few days later we went back to St. Clare's and some of our players and coaches put on a coaching clinic for the youngsters who are aspiring to be Bronco basketball players when they grow up. The last event that we took part in was we volunteered our services to Sacred Heart Community Services. It was definitely the most rewarding of the events that we did due to the fact that we were able to help out children and families who are unfortunate during the holiday season. We were split up into two different groups of which one group boxed up food for the families and the other group either organized clothes or emptied out a huge truck that was filled with brand new toys. It was an eye opening experience for us all as we were explained not only how the center goes about giving to the needy but also the number of people who are in need of our help. Overall, whether the players were being role models to the youngsters or we were all helping out to put smiles on families' faces for Christmas, these were experiences that I know the players and coaches will always remember.

We are currently 10-3 and we have one more non-conference game before we start conference play on January 12th. The team has worked extremely hard to continue to improve not only each and every game but each and every practice. We feel that we made a huge step as a team with our game versus Fullerton. I challenged the team after our Northern Arizona game and I couldn't be happier with how they came out and performed against Fullerton.

On the academic side of things, I am also happy with our performance in the classroom. As a team our team GPA after the fall quarter was once again above a 3.0. Of course our goal is now to get our GPA above a 3.1 which will be a challenge but I am confident the team will work hard to try and achieve it.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

Coach Bento-Jackson

Michelle Bento-Jackson



3 Point Club Update



Thirteen games into the season and we are already at 111 3-pointers! As of December we are nationally ranked 7th in 3-pointers per game and 16th in 3-point field goal percentage. We thank you for your continued support throughout the season.

For information on the 3 Point Club please contact Assistant Coach Anna Martin at ADMartin@scu.edu or (408) 554-6984.

January Events

- ◆ Jan. 4 - CS Bakersfield 7PM
- ◆ Jan. 7 - Breakfast Club 7AM
(Classes Resume)
- ◆ Jan. 12 - St. Mary's 7PM
- ◆ Jan. 17 - @ Pepperdine 7PM
- ◆ Jan. 19 - @ LMU 2PM
- ◆ Jan. 24 - USD 7PM

Santa Clara Women's Basketball Team in the Community

Players and coaches reading at St. Clare School

Fresh off a victory against Cal Poly, the team went to read to kids at St. Clare School on December 13. The team read to kids from Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Each player and coach was given a holiday book to read to the classes. After finishing the book, the players and coaches had a chance to interact with the students and answer questions.



Basketball clinic at St Clare School

On Monday, December 17, the Santa Clara players and coaches put on a clinic for the St. Clare girls basketball team. 40 girls, from the 5th through 8th Grade basketball team, participated in the clinic where they were taught different basketball skills by the players and coaches.

Team helps out families during the holidays

With Christmas rapidly approaching, the team went to Sacred Heart Community Services near downtown San Jose to help out families during the holidays. Half of the team was involved in unloading and organizing toys for families that were unable to buy their children presents this year. The room was stacked with toys from wall to wall with toys from stuffed animals to bikes. The other half of the team was in charge of putting together holiday meals for families and then helped take the meals to the families as they come to pick them up. It was a great experience for the team to help out families during the holiday season.



Christmas in the Park



Claire Goins Honored with Community Service Award

On December 28, Claire Goins was honored for her efforts in the community with the Comcast Community All-Star Award at halftime of the 1st game of the Cable Car Classic. The Award was presented to Claire by Athletic Director Dan Coonan.



Don't forget about the January Breakfast Club!

Our Monthly Breakfast club will be hosted on Monday, January 7th at 7 AM. Wake up for bagels, coffee, refreshments and a recap on all the updates on the team! Please RSVP with Blake Malcolm at (408) 554-5018 or bmalcolm@scu.edu. We'll see you there!



Meet the Seniors!

Chandice Cronk

1) If you could pick one moment that has defined your Santa Clara career so far, what would it be?

There are too many moments to choose from. I've been blessed with amazing teammates, coaches and friends, and have loved every second of my experience here.

2) Looking 5 years ahead, we would find you doing what?

Hopefully, I will have my own 4th grade classroom and maybe a few kids of my own.

3) One piece of advice you would or have given an underclassman on being a Bronco?

Take advantage of the amazing opportunity you have been given, live in the moment and never give up on your dreams.



Tracey Walker

1) If you could pick one moment that has defined your Santa Clara career so far, what would it be?

One moment that defines my career would be my freshmen year when we won our conference tournament at home and all the fans rushed the floor and we went to the NCAA tournament. That moment just made me realize what college basketball is about.

2) Looking 5 years ahead, we would find you doing what?

5 years from now I would either be playing overseas or working on becoming a fire fighter.

3) One piece of advice you would or have given an underclassman on being a Bronco?

One piece of advice I would give is that 4 yrs is very short, so love every minute of it, work hard and have no regrets.



Jen Gottschalk

1) If you could pick one moment that has defined your Santa Clara career so far, what would it be?

If I had to choose one moment I would have to say that it would two springs ago when our team went paint balling. This was my first activity coming back after a two year break, and it was in the moment I knew that I had made the right decision. Being apart of this team, being apart of this family, is where I was meant to be.

2) Looking 5 years ahead, we would find you doing what?

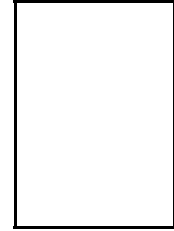
5 years from now I think you will find me somewhere close to my family. I will have hopefully lived abroad by then, and I will be getting settled into my life.

3) One piece of advice you would or have given an underclassman on being a Bronco?

I would tell them to enjoy every moment. The friendships you make and the experiences you go through are ones that will last you forever. It goes by faster than anyone can describe, so just soak it all up while you can. I would also tell them that fall quarter of their freshman year is the most important as far as grades go. Your GPA that first quarter will affect your GPA for the next four years. Take a deep breath, and do the best that you can.



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11/9/07	L 62-51	at Nevada	Reno, Nev.	7:00 p.m. PT
11/13/07	W 62-52	at Washington State	Pullman, Wash.	7:00 p.m. PT
11/17/07	W 73-51	vs. Boise State	Santa Clara, Calif.	7:00 p.m. PT
11/20/07	W 69-61	vs. Bradley (Alaska Shootout)	Anchorage, Alaska	9:00 p.m. PT
11/21/07	L 52-50	vs. Alaska Anchorage	Anchorage, Alaska	3:00 p.m. PT
11/25/07	W 70-55	vs. Long Beach State	Santa Clara, Calif.	2:00 p.m. PT
11/29/07	L 95-82	vs. UC Santa Barbara	Santa Clara, Calif.	7:00 p.m. PT
12/1/07	W 67-60	at Sacramento State	Sacramento, Calif.	2:05 p.m. PT
12/8/07	W 71-64	at Pacific	Stockton, Calif.	5:00 p.m. PT
12/12/07	W 79-72	at Cal Poly	San Luis Obispo, Calif.	7:00 p.m. PT
12/21/07	W 78-58	vs. San Jose State	Santa Clara, Calif.	7:00 p.m. PT
12/29/07	W 76-66	vs. Northern Arizona	Santa Clara, Calif.	2:00 p.m. PT
12/31/07	W 88-38	vs. CS Fullerton	Santa Clara, Calif.	5:00 p.m. PT
01/4/08		vs. Cal State Bakersfield	Santa Clara, Calif.	7:00 p.m. PT
01/12/08		vs. Saint Mary's*	Santa Clara, Calif.	7:00 p.m. PT
01/17/08		at Loyola Marymount	Los Angeles, Calif.	7:00 p.m. PT
01/19/08		at Pepperdine	Malibu, Calif.	2:00 p.m. PT
01/24/08		vs. San Diego*	Santa Clara, Calif.	7:00 p.m. PT
01/26/08		vs. San Francisco*	Santa Clara, Calif.	7:00 p.m. PT
01/30/08		at Portland*	Portland, Ore.	7:00 p.m. PT
02/2/08		at Gonzaga*	Spokane, Wash.	2:00 p.m. PT
02/5/08		vs. Stanford	Santa Clara, Calif.	7:00 p.m. PT
02/9/08		at Saint Mary's*	Moraga, Calif.	7:00 p.m. PT
02/14/08		vs. Pepperdine*	Santa Clara, Calif.	7:00 p.m. PT
02/16/08		vs. Loyola Marymount*	Santa Clara, Calif.	2:00 p.m. PT
02/21/08		at San Diego*	San Diego, Calif.	7:00 p.m. PT
02/23/08		at San Francisco*	San Francisco, Calif.	7:00 p.m. PT
02/28/08		vs. Gonzaga*	Santa Clara, Calif.	7:00 p.m. PT
03/1/08		vs. Portland*	Santa Clara, Calif.	2:00 p.m. PT