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Over eight million fans have watched the Runnin' Utes in the Huntsman Center, where the team is 644-162 (.799) all-time with winning records in 50 of the 52 seasons since opening its doors—including eight undefeated campaigns. Utah had its highest mark since 2000-01 by averaged 13,053 fans per home game in 2015-16, and they continued to turn out in recent seasons.

A TO Z FAN GUIDE


12/21
5:00

FRESNO STATE

- vs. -

UTAH

FACING THE BULLDOGS

Tuesday's contest is Utah's final non-conference game of the season. Fresno State is 9-2 overall, which is third-best so far in the MWC behind Colorado State (10-0) and Wyoming (9-1). Defensively, the Bulldogs have held opponents to just an average of 56 points - which is tied for eighth-best nationally.

HOME SWEET HUNTSMAN

In six contests at home, the Utes are 5-1 while averaging 78.5 points per game with a scoring margin of +18.2 while holding opponents to just a .211 shooting clip from beyond the arc. The Utes are also +11.2 in rebounding margin.

UP NEXT

The Runnin' Utes will ring in the new year on the road, starting with Oregon State (7 p.m. MT) on Thursday, Dec. 30, before kicking off the new year against Oregon (8:30 p.m. MT) on Saturday, Jan. 1.

THE DETAILS

UTAH UTES

(7-4, 1-1 Pac-12)

FRESNO STATE BULLDOGS

(9-2, 0-0 MWC)

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UTAH HEAD COACH

Craig Smith (1st Year)

at Utah: 7-4 | Career Record: 160-83

FRESNO STATE HEAD COACH

Justin Hutson (4th Year)

at FSU: 55-42 | Career Record: Same

THE SERIES

Utah leads the overall series 11-4 and has won two in a row. The Utes have a 7-1 advantage at home against their old WAC rival.



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DAVID JENKINS JR.

- Senior Guard -



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SECOND-LEADING SCORER AT UNLV IN 2020-21, averaging 14.8 points per game

Started at South Dakota State in 2018-19 and was named **NABC SECOND TEAM ALL-DISTRICT**

SCHEDULE

- and -

RESULTS

7-4



1-1

- Pac 12 -



NOV 9 (TUE)
ABILENE CHRISTIAN
W, 70-56

NOV 13 (SAT)
SACRAMENTO STATE
W, 89-56

Sunshine Slam - Campus Game

NOV 15 (MON)
BETHUNE-COOKMAN
W, 86-55

Sunshine Slam - Daytona Beach

NOV 20 (SAT)
VS. BOSTON COLLEGE
W, 68-61

NOV 21 (SUN)
VS. TULSA
W, 72-58

NOV 27 (SAT)
BYU
L, 75-64

DEC 1 (WED)
@ USC*
L, 93-73

DEC 5 (SUN)
CALIFORNIA*
W, 66-58

Dickies Arena - Fort Worth

DEC 8 (WED)
VS. TCU
L, 76-62

DEC 11 (SAT)
MANHATTAN
W, 96-62

DEC 18 (SAT)
@ MISSOURI
L, 83-75

DEC 21 (TUE)
FRESNO STATE
5 P.M.
P12N

DEC 30
@ OREGON STATE*
7 P.M.
P12N

JAN 1 (SAT)
@ OREGON*
8:30 P.M.
P12N

JAN 6 (THU)
WASHINGTON*
7:30 P.M.
P12N

JAN 8 (SAT)
WASHINGTON STATE*
4 P.M.
P12N

JAN 13 (THU)
@ ARIZONA STATE*
7:30 P.M.
P12N

JAN 15 (SAT)
@ ARIZONA*
6 P.M.
P12N

JAN 20 (THU)
UCLA*
9 P.M.
FS1

JAN 22 (SAT)
USC*
4:30 P.M.
P12N

JAN 26 (WED)
@ WASHINGTON STATE*
8 P.M.
P12N

JAN 29 (SAT)
@ WASHINGTON*
3 P.M.
P12N

FEB 3 (THU)
OREGON STATE*
7 P.M.
ESPNU

FEB 5 (SAT)
OREGON*
TBA
FS1

FEB 12 (SAT)
@ COLORADO*
6 P.M.
P12N

FEB 17 (THU)
@ STANFORD*
9 P.M.
ESPNU

FEB 19 (SAT)
@ CALIFORNIA*
4 P.M.
P12N

FEB 24 (THU)
ARIZONA*
9 P.M.
FS1

FEB 26 (SAT)
ARIZONA STATE*
8 P.M.
ESPNU

MAR 3 (SAT)
COLORADO*
7:30 P.M.
ESPNU

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MEET THE RUNNIN' UTES



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**LAHAT
THIOUNE**

Jr. / C
Dakar, Senegal



1

**DAVID
JENKINS JR.**

Sr. / G
Tacoma, Wash.



2

**BOTH
GACH**

Sr. / G
Austin, Minn.



3

**BOSTYN
HOLT**

Jr. / F
Portland, Ore.



5

**JAXON
BRENCHELY**

Jr. / G
Providence, Utah



10

**MARCO
ANTHONY**

Sr. / G
San Antonio, Texas



11

**RILEY
BATTIN**

Sr. / F
Westlake Village, Calif.



13

**ELI
BALLSTAEDT**

Jr. / G
Midway, Utah



20

**LAZAR
STEFANOVIĆ**

Fr. / G
Belgrade, Serbia



21

**DUŠAN
MAHORČIĆ**

Sr. / F
Belgrade, Serbia



25

**ROLLIE
WORSTER**

So. / G
Missoula, Mont.



31

**JACK
JAMELE**

So. / G
Palos Verdes, Calif.



34

**HARRIODN
CREER**

R-Fr. / G
Holladay, Utah



35

**BRANDEN
CARLSON**

Jr. / C
South Jordan, Utah



55

**GABE
MADSEN**

So. / G
Rochester, Minn.

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SMITH'S COACHING CAREER

2021-	UTAH HEAD COACH
2018-21	UTAH STATE HEAD COACH
2014-18	SOUTH DAKOTA HEAD COACH
2012-14	NEBRASKA ASSISTANT COACH
2007-12	COLORADO STATE ASSISTANT COACH
2004-07	MAYVILLE STATE HEAD COACH
2001-04	NORTH DAKOTA STATE ASSISTANT COACH
1998-2001	MINOT STATE ASSISTANT COACH
1997-98	NORTHERN STATE GRADUATE ASSISTANT
1996-97	MAYVILLE STATE ASSISTANT COACH

- Head Coach -

CRAIG SMITH



CRAIG SMITH is in his first season as the head coach of the Runnin' Utes. Smith comes to Salt Lake City with some familiarity to the area, having served as the head coach at Utah State the past three season. The veteran head coach takes the helm of his third Division I program after leading both South Dakota and Utah State to multiple postseason tournament appearances.

During his time in Logan, Smith compiled a 74-24 record with the Aggies while leading USU to three-consecutive 20-plus win seasons, two Mountain West Conference Tournament Championships (2019, 2020) and a regular-season championship.

In 25 years of collegiate coaching experience, including 10 as a head coach, Smith has been to postseason play 13 times, while winning four regular-season and four postseason conference championships. He has earned four conference coach of the year awards (2006, 2007, 2017, 2019) in three different conferences and was named NAIA Division II National Coach of the Year in 2007, the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) District 12 Coach of the Year in 2017, and NABC District 17 Coach of the Year and USBWA District VIII Coach of the Year in 2019.

Prior to taking over the Utah State program, Smith spent four seasons (2015-18) at South Dakota and led the Coyotes to a 79-55 (.590) overall mark, including a 38-26 (.594) record in Summit League action. Smith guided USD to back-to-back postseason appearances in his final two season in Vermillion, S.D.

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ASSISTANT COACHES AND STAFF



**DEMARLO
SLOCUM**

Assistant Coach



**ERIC
PETERSON**

Assistant Coach



**TIM
MORRIS**

Assistant Coach



**CURRAN
WALSH**

Director of
Operations



**BRANDEN
UBEL**

Director of
Scouting



**TRAMEL
BARNES**

Director of
Player Personnel



**JUSTIN
JOHNSON**

Special Assistant
to the Head Coach



**NICK
BOLERJACK**

Creative Content
Manager



**TREVOR
JAMESON**

Director of
Sports Medicine



**LOGAN
OGDEN**

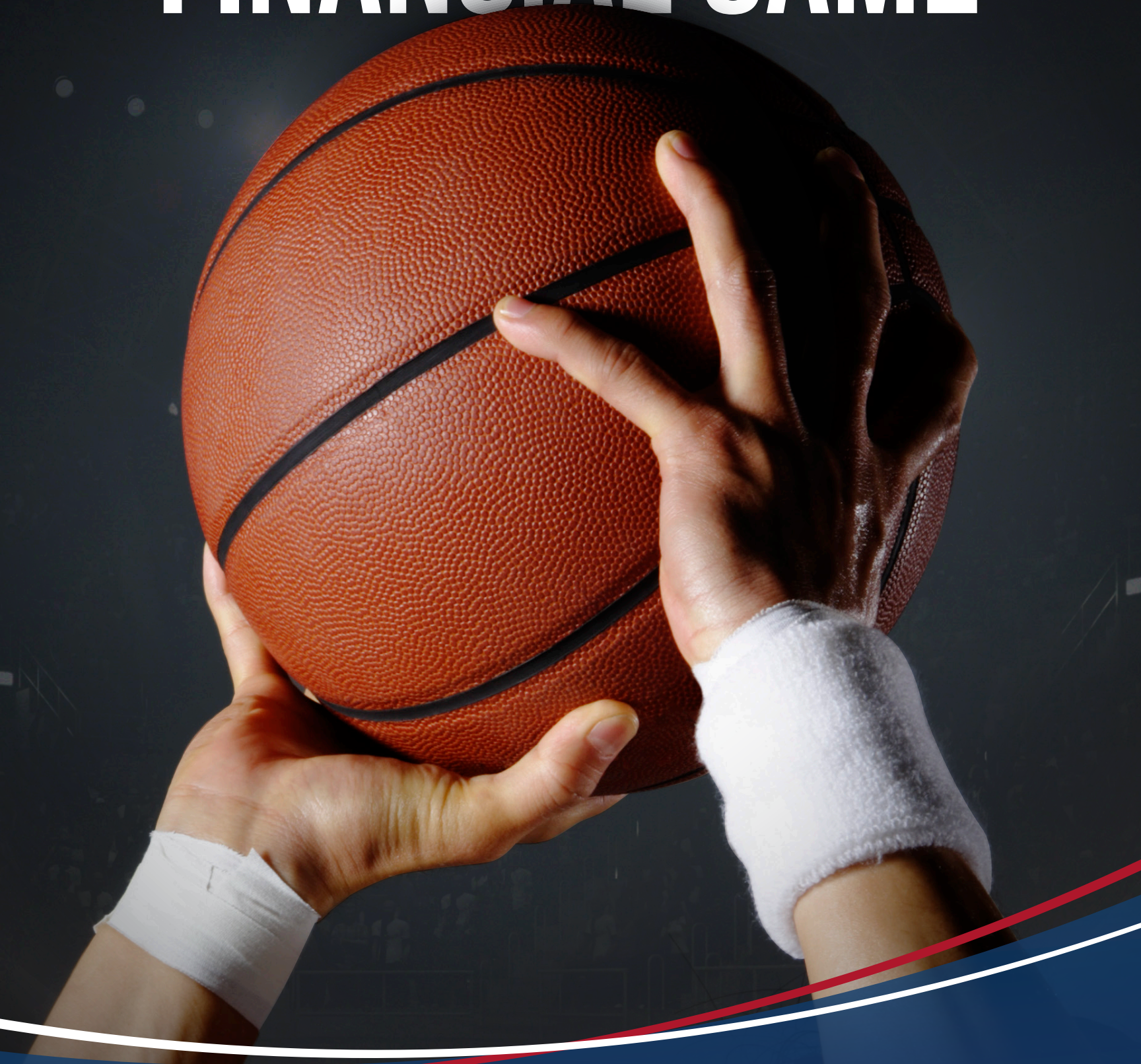
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Assistant

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TOP PERFORMER



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C
BRANDEN CARLSON

13.9 **22**
Points per Game *Blocks*

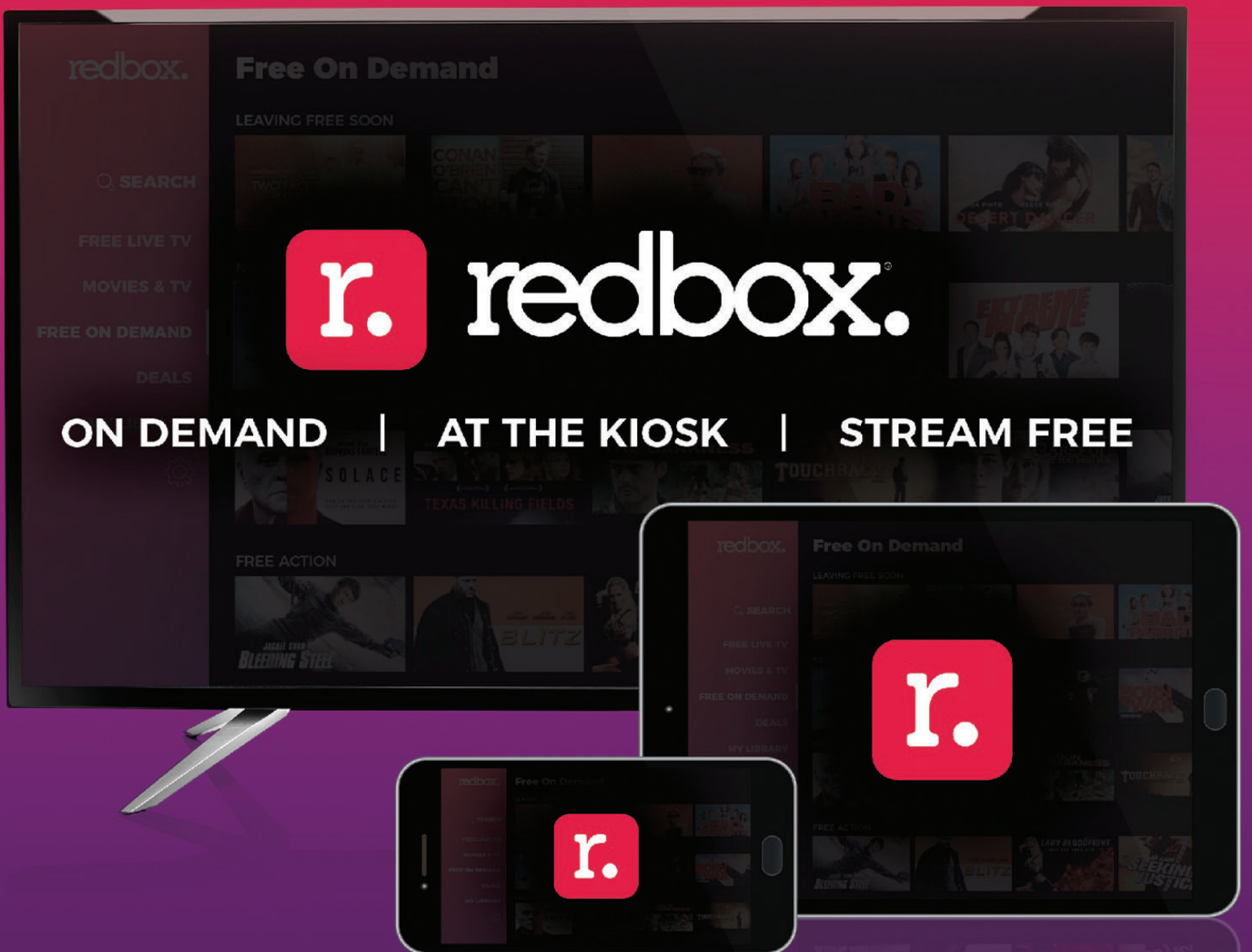
6.1 **53.1**
Rebounds *FG%*

15 **30.0**
Assists *3FG%*

2 **86.1**
Steals *FT%*

VS. TCU

—
 Led the Utes with 16 points, 9 rebounds and 6 blocked shots in Fort Worth



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TOP PERFORMER



↑
BOOTH GACH
G

13.4
Points per Game

1
Blocks

3.5
Rebounds

48.9
FG%

2.0
Assists

40.5
3FG%

3
Steals

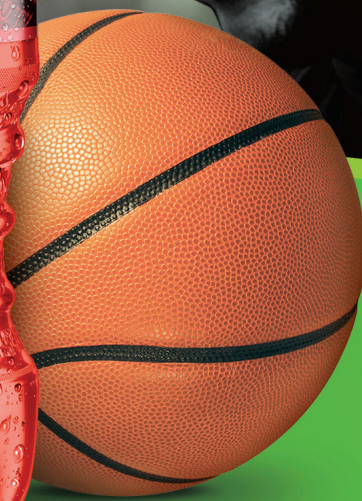
73.8
FT%

VS. CALIFORNIA

Had 19 points while making 3-of-4 three-pointers, 6 rebounds and 3 assists in first Pac-12 win



UTES, IT'S TIME TO BALL



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TOP PERFORMER



↑
MARCO ANTHONY
G

7.8
Points per Game **4**
Blocks

7.5
Rebounds **40.4**
FG%

2.0
Assists **12.5**
3FG%

6
Steals **71.4**
FT%

VS. MISSOURI

—
 Season-high 16 points, 8 rebounds and 2 assists against SEC foe on the road



The screenshot displays a 'Customer Conversation' window with a 'Customer Info' sidebar. The main conversation area shows three messages: an email from Gia Landry at 10:13 AM, an email reply from TAY R. | SERVICE TEAM, and a live chat from Gia Landry at 10:15 AM. A 'CALL RECORDING' button is visible at the bottom of the chat. The sidebar shows customer details for Gia Landry, including a profile picture, name, and title. A video call window is overlaid on the right, showing a woman with curly hair and a red shirt, with a timer at 0:15 and 'VIDEO CALL' text. A chat bubble from Gia Landry asks 'Can we video chat for a sec?' and a response from TAY R. | SERVICE TEAM says 'Sure thing! One moment.' The interface includes a 'Type your message here' input field at the bottom.

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MEET THE BULLDOGS

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Ht.</i>	<i>Wt.</i>	<i>Yr.</i>	<i>Hometown</i>
0	Kyle Harding	G	6-3	185	Jr.	Roosevelt, N.Y.
1	Jemarl Baker	G	6-5	195	Sr.	Menifee, Calif.
3	Isaiah Hill	G	6-0	165	Jr.	Bakersfield, Calif.
4	Junior Ballard	G	6-3	185	Sr.	Stockton, Calif.
5	Jordan Campbell	G	6-4	195	Jr.	Adelanto, Calif.
10	Orlando Robinson	F	7-0	235	Jr.	Las Vegas, Nev.
11	Donavan Yap	G	6-5	185	So.	Las Vegas, Nev.
13	Deon Stroud	G	6-5	200	Jr.	Fresno, Calif.
22	Destin Whitaker	G	6-5	185	So.	Romeoville, Ill.
23	Leo Colimerio	G/F	6-7	190	So.	Sao Paulo, Brazil
25	Anthony Holland	G	6-5	225	Jr.	Riverside, Calif.
30	Robert Vaihola	F	6-8	245	Fr.	San Francisco, Calif.
33	Steven Vasquez	G	6-2	170	Fr.	Santa Maria, Calif.
34	Braxton Meah	C	7-1	250	So.	Fresno, Calif.

*- Head Coach -***JUSTIN
HUTSON**

Justin Hutson is in his fourth season as Fresno State's 19th head men's basketball coach. Hutson, a native of Bakersfield, Calif., led Fresno State to a 23-9 record during his first season back home in the Valley to earn 2018-19 Joe B. Hall National Coach of the Year honors. The national award is presented annually to the top first-time head coach in NCAA Division I college basketball.

Hutson returns to the Valley after serving as a Division I assistant coach for 10 seasons at San Diego State (2006-11, '13-18), two seasons at UNLV (2011-13), two seasons at Cal Poly (2004-06) and two seasons at CSU Bakersfield (1998-2000).

STATISTICS**SCHEDULE****HEAD COACH****2021-22 MEN'S BASKETBALL
ASSISTANT COACHES****TARVISH FELTON**

Assistant Coach

KEITH BROWN

Assistant Coach

TIM SHELTON

Assistant Coach

STATISTICAL COMPARISON



UTAH On Offense

74.6

Points per Game

—

43.1

FG%

—

39.7

Off. RPG

—

33.3

3FG%

—

14.8

APG

—

79.8

FT%

—



FRESNO STATE On Offense

67.8

Points per Game

—

45.0

FG%

—

34.5

Off. RPG

—

30.5

3FG%

—

12.5

APG

—

74.0

FT%

—



UTAH On Defense

66.6

Points per Game

—

40.6

FG%

—

35.9

Def. RPG

—

4.0

SPG

—

24.9

3FG%

—

3.7

BPG

—



FRESNO STATE On Defense

56.0

Points per Game

—

45.0

FG%

—

28.6

Def. RPG

—

6.8

SPG

—

30.5

3FG%

—

2.8

BPG

—

**OF
NOTE**

➤ *Runnin' Utes*

BOTH GACH has reached double-figures in 5-of-6 games as a starter. During that stretch, the Austin, Minn., product has averaged 15.7 points, 4.5 rebounds, 2.5 assists to go with a .484 shooting clip and .480 clip from 3-point range.

LAZAR STEFANOVIC was named the Pac-12 Freshman of the Week on Monday, Dec. 6, after helping the Utes to a split of its early Pac-12 games. The Belgrade, Serbia, native averaged 7.5 points, 4.0 rebounds and 1.5 assists as Utah split its two early Pac-12 games.

**OF
NOTE**

➤ *Bulldogs*

FSU's offense rolls through **ORLANDO ROBINSON**, who leads the team in several categories including points (18.3 ppg), rebounds (8.1 rpg), assists (32), blocks (19), steals (14) and field-goal percentage (.519). The 7-0 forward is also 16th nationally when it comes to free-throws made this season (53).

JORDAN CAMPBELL is second on the team in points, averaging 9.5 points and 3.5 rebounds with a .484 shooting clip. Senior **JEMARL BAKER** and junior **ISAIAH HILL** are neck and neck in the scoring column with Baker averaging 8.6 points and 3.5 rebounds while Hill is averaging 8.5 points and 3.1 assists.



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 **LATE SURGE LIFTS MIZZOU OVER UTAH**

A short-handed Utah men's basketball team battled Missouri for a full 40 minutes but ultimately fell down the stretch, 83-75, last Saturday night in Mizzou Arena.

There were 12 lead changes throughout the first 20 minutes of action. Utah got things going early in the from deep, hitting 6-of-13 from down range.

The opening minutes of the second half saw Mizzou take its first lead of the game since the 12:25 mark in the first half (19-18).

Missouri's Kobe Brown continued to wreak havoc on the Utah defense and scored 12-straight points to give the home team the 75-71 lead. Both Gach hit both of his free throws out of the timeout to get Utah within 75-73 with 1:01 to play but Jarron Coleman hit a dagger 3-pointer with 32 ticks on the clock before Missouri closed the game out.

David Jenkins Jr. led the Utes with 18 points 4-of-6 from 3-point range while Marco Anthony finished with a season-high 16 points with eight rebounds. Gach added 15 points, five rebounds and four assists for the Utes.

FINAL STATS



75	
83	

RECAP



FINELY-TUNED OFFENSE CRUSHES JASPERS

Utah rolled the Jaspers to the tune of 96-62 on Dec. 11 in the Jon M. Huntsman Center.

Utah's offense came out firing on all cylinders and jumped out to an early 12-6 lead on back-to-back triples from Both Gach before slew of baskets from Branden Carlson put the Utes on top 25-15 with 9:09 to play on a lob from Gach.

Lahat Thioune feasted in the second half for Utah and scored 10 of his game-high and career-high 16 in the second half to go with a perfect 8-of-8 night from the stripe. Riley Battin had his best game of the season, scoring 14 points (season-high) on 4-of-8 shooting with seven rebounds and four assists to go with a 5-of-5 night from the line. Carlson added 13 points, four rebounds and four assists on 6-of-8 shooting while Gach chipped in with 12 points, six rebounds and a pair of assists.

As a team, the Utes saw 12 different players score in the contest while assisting on 26-of-35 made shots - 10 of which came from deep. Utah also finished the game shooting a .583 clip overall and .556 clip from 3-point land.

FINAL STATS



RECAP

96	
62	

PAC-12 SCHEDULE *- and -* RESULTS



LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Arizona State 58, Creighton 57
UC Davis 71, Oregon State 64

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Arizona 101, Northern Colorado 76
Oregon 96, Portland 71
USC 66, UC Irvine 61
New Mexico St. 64, Washington St. 61

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

Stanford 89, Dartmouth 78 (OT)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Colorado 60, CS Bakersfield 46
UCLA vs. No. Carolina (Cancelled)
USC 67, Georgia Tech 53
Washington St. 82, No. Colorado 56
Missouri 83, Utah 75
Arizona 84, California Baptist 60
Texas A&M 83, Oregon State 73
Baylor 78, Oregon 70
Washington 64, Seattle 56

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

Texas 60, Stanford 53
California 61, Dartmouth 55
San Francisco 66, Arizona State 65

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

3:00 p.m. Florida A&M
at Arizona State
5:00 p.m. Fresno State at Utah
7:00 p.m. Kansas at Colorado
7:00 p.m. Pepperdine at Oregon
7:00 p.m. Utah Valley
at Washington
9:00 p.m. Nicholls State
at Oregon State

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

3:00 p.m. Wyoming vs. Stanford
4:00 p.m. Pacific at California
5:00 p.m. Arizona at Tennessee
6:00 p.m. Boise State
at Washington State

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

TBD Stanford at Diamond
Head Classic

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

TBD Stanford at Diamond
Head Classic

(All Times MST)

PAC-12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS



USC

- Pac-12 Record -

2-0

- Overall Record -

12-0

UCLA

2-0

8-1

Arizona

1-0

11-0

Colorado

1-1

9-3

Washington State

1-1

8-4

Utah

1-1

7-4

Stanford

1-1

6-4

California

1-1

7-5

Arizona State

1-1

5-7

Washington

0-1

5-4

Oregon

0-2

6-6

Oregon State

0-2

1-10

