



## QUICK FACTS

### General Information

Name	Sacramento State
Location	Sacramento, Calif.
Founded	1947
Enrollment	27,033
Nickname	Hornets
Colors	Green & Gold
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Big Sky
Year in Conference	16th
President	Dr. Alexander Gonzalez
Year at Sacramento State	9th
Athletics Director	Dr. Terry Wanless
Year at Sacramento State	10th
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Alma Mater, Year	Sacramento State, '80
Record at SAC	18-69 (3 yrs.)
Overall Record	Same
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Office Phone	(916) 278-6133
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### Team Information

2010-11 Overall Record	7-21
2010-11 Big Sky Record	4-12 (T-8th)
Big Sky Postseason	N/A
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	7/3
Starters Returning/Lost	3/2
Returning Redshirts	2
Newcomers	4

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**INTERVIEWS** - All player interviews outside of post-game or practice situations must be cleared through Hornet media relations. Following games, Coach Katz and selected players will be made available for interviews outside of the locker room.

**RADIO LINES/WIRELESS** - Two courtesy phone lines can be provided to a visiting team's primary radio station broadcasting games from The Nest. All calls must be made collect or billed to a credit card. Wireless Internet access is also available inside the Nest.

**DIRECTIONS TO THE NEST** - From Highway 50 East, take the "Power Inn Road/Howe Avenue" exit. From that two-lane offramp, there is an exit for "Cal State Sacramento." That ramp leads you directly to a light at a "T" intersection (College Town Road). Go left at the light. Come to a stop light, go through the stop light and follow the road to the north side of campus. At the third stop sign, turn right into parking Lot 1. The Nest is located at the south side of Yosemite Hall which is adjacent to Lot 1. To reach the parking lot from the J Street entrance, make the first available right and then turn left at the stop sign which will take you into Parking Lot 1.

### HORNETS ON THE AIR

Steve McElroy returns for his 15th season as the radio voice of the Hornets. McElroy, who also serves as the color commentator for Sacramento State football, is scheduled to call every basketball game this season. This year's games will be available online at [www.hornetsports.com](http://www.hornetsports.com) and in the foothills on KAH 950 AM.

McElroy is the director of broadcast services for Sacramento State. In his role for the University, he is responsible for developing the radio contracts and helping generate sponsorships. Steve and his wife, Julie, have two sons (Trenton, 11, and Jason, 9).

Jason Ross is also scheduled to join McElroy for selected games this season. Ross handles the play-by-play duties for Hornet football, and serves as the sports director at Sports 1140 KHTK. He and his wife, Alva, have a son, Jackson (9).

All Sacramento State home games and Big Sky road contests for football, volleyball, and men's and women's basketball will also be streamed live and free via [www.bigskytv.org](http://www.bigskytv.org)

### 2011-12 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
11/2	<b>SIMPSON (Exhibition Game)</b>	7:05 p.m.
11/11	<b>MENLO#</b>	7:35 p.m.
11/13	<b>CENTRAL ARKANSAS</b>	1:05 p.m.
11/17	at Washington State	7:05 p.m.
11/22	at UC Davis	7:05 p.m.
11/26	<b>McNEESE STATE</b>	7:05 p.m.
11/30	at Cal Poly	7:05 p.m.
12/2	at Oklahoma	5:05 p.m.
12/7	at Cal State Bakersfield	7:05 p.m.
12/10	<b>CAL MARITIME</b>	2:05 p.m.
12/18	<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>	5:05 p.m.
12/22	<b>SOUTHEAST MISSOURI</b>	7:05 p.m.
12/29	at Northern Arizona*	5:35 p.m.
12/31	at Weber State*	3:05 p.m.
1/7	<b>NORTHERN COLORADO*</b>	7:05 p.m.
1/12	<b>EASTERN WASHINGTON*</b>	7:05 p.m.
1/14	<b>IDAHO STATE*</b>	7:05 p.m.
1/19	at Montana State*^	6:05 p.m.
1/21	at Montana*	6:05 p.m.
1/26	<b>WEBER STATE*</b>	7:05 p.m.
1/28	<b>NORTHERN ARIZONA*</b>	7:05 p.m.
2/2	at Northern Colorado*	6:05 p.m.
2/4	at Eastern Washington*	6:05 p.m.
2/9	<b>MONTANA STATE*</b>	7:05 p.m.
2/11	<b>MONTANA*</b>	7:05 p.m.
2/15	at Portland State*	7:05 p.m.
2/18	<b>ESPN BracketBusters%</b>	TBA
2/23	<b>PORTLAND STATE*#</b>	7:35 p.m.
2/25	at Idaho State*	6:05 p.m.
3/3	Big Sky Tournament Quarterfinals	TBA
3/6	Big Sky Tournament Semifinals	TBA
3/7	Big Sky Tournament Championship	TBA

All Times Pacific  
ALL CAPS and **BOLD** indicate home games  
All home games and all conference games aired live and free on [www.bigskytv.org](http://www.bigskytv.org)  
# Doubleheader with the Sacramento State women's basketball team  
\* Big Sky Conference games  
^ Game aired live on Altitude  
% ESPN BracketBusters game (opponent announced on Jan. 30)

### 2010-11 RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Time
11/14	<b>CAL STATE BAKERSFIELD#</b>	L, 80-78 (ot)
11/16	<b>BETHANY</b>	W, 84-55
11/19	at North Dakota	L, 64-60
11/23	<b>UC DAVIS</b>	L, 61-54
11/27	<b>CAL POLY</b>	W, 71-67
11/30	at Washington State	L, 84-36
12/4	at Utah Valley	L, 77-52
12/7	at Loyola Marymount	L, 69-49
12/10	<b>WILLIAM JESSUP</b>	W, 65-54
12/19	at McNeese State	L, 65-63 (ot)
12/21	at Oklahoma	L, 66-53
12/29	at Eastern Washington*	L, 88-79 (ot)
12/31	at Idaho State*	L, 68-63 (ot)
1/6	<b>MONTANA STATE*</b>	L, 61-59
1/8	<b>MONTANA*</b>	L, 68-52
1/13	at Weber State*	L, 84-71
1/15	at Northern Arizona*	L, 79-58
1/20	<b>NORTHERN COLORADO*</b>	L, 77-72
1/22	<b>EASTERN WASHINGTON*</b>	W, 57-55
1/27	<b>IDAHO STATE*</b>	W, 74-63
1/29	at Portland State*	L, 86-80
2/3	<b>PORTLAND STATE*</b>	W, 63-55
2/10	at Montana*	L, 64-44
2/13	at Montana State*	W, 74-71
2/19	at Southeast Missouri%	L, 67-52
2/24	<b>NORTHERN ARIZONA*</b>	L, 63-42
2/26	<b>WEBER STATE*</b>	L, 73-70
3/2	at Northern Colorado*	L, 84-54

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\* Big Sky Conference games  
% ESPN BracketBusters



## ROSTER/ROSTER BREAKDOWN

### Roster Breakdown

#### By Position

##### Guards (8)

Jackson Carbajal, Julian Demalleville, Joe Eberhard, Jordan Estrada, Dylan Garrity, Kendell Groom, Heath Hoffman, Walter Jackson

##### Forwards (5)

John Dickson, Joe Eberhard, Heath Hoffman, Walter Jackson, Magd Owayed

##### Centers (3)

Josh McCarver, Pete Rakocevic, Konner Veteto

#### By Class

##### Seniors (3)

Heath Hoffman, Walter Jackson, Josh McCarver

##### Juniors (5)

Julian Demalleville, John Dickson, Joe Eberhard, Jordan Estrada, Konner Veteto

##### Sophomores (3)

Jackson Carbajal, Kendell Groom, Pete Rakocevic

##### Freshmen (2)

Dylan Garrity, Magd Owayed

#### By Height

6-11 (1) – Pete Rakocevic

6-9 (1) – Josh McCarver

6-8 (1) – Konner Veteto

6-7 (1) – Magd Owayed

6-6 (2) – John Dickson, Joe Eberhard

6-5 (1) – Walter Jackson

6-3 (3) – Jackson Carbajal, Kendell Groom, Heath Hoffman

6-2 (2) – Julian Demalleville, Dylan Garrity

6-1 (1) – Jordan Estrada

#### Pronunciations

##### Jackson Carbajal

CAR-buh-haul

##### Julian Demalleville

Di-MAL-i-vill

##### Joe Eberhard

EBB-er-hard

##### Magd Owayed

MOZH-duh oh-WAY-ed

##### Ajay Riding

A.J. RIDE-ing

##### Pete Rakocevic

Ruh-KOE-sih-vick

##### Konner Veteto

VET-ih-toe

## NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown/Previous School
1	Jackson Carbajal	G	6-3	185	So.	1V	Clovis, Calif./Buchanan HS
2	Jordan Estrada	G	6-1	190	Jr.	JC	Concord, Calif./Diablo Valley JC
3	Joe Eberhard	G/F	6-6	210	Jr.	JC	Newport Beach, Calif./Irvine Valley JC
4	Pete Rakocevic	C	6-11	225	So.	1V	Chicago, Ill./Wilbraham & Monson Prep
5	Dylan Garrity	G	6-2	170	Fr.	HS	Huntington Beach, Calif./Edison HS
11	Julian Demalleville	G	6-2	190	Jr.	JC	San Luis Obispo, Calif./Monterey Peninsula JC
12	Kendell Groom	G	6-3	170	So.	1V	New Haven, Conn./Hyde Leadership HS
20	Walter Jackson	G/F	6-5	180	Sr.	1V-RS	Stockton, Calif./San Joaquin Delta JC
22	Heath Hoffman	G/F	6-3	200	Sr.	1V	Winnebago, Ill./Sauk Valley JC
23	Magd Owayed	F	6-7	215	Fr.	HS-RS	Nazareth, Israel/Nazareth Baptist HS
32	John Dickson	F	6-6	195	Jr.	2V	San Francisco, Calif./Fairfield HS
41	Konner Veteto	C	6-8	265	Jr.	TR-RS	Auburn, Calif./UC Riverside
44	Josh McCarver	C	6-9	240	Sr.	1V	Las Vegas, Nev./Cosumnes River JC

**Head Coach:** Brian Katz (Fourth Season)

**Assistant Coaches:** Brandon Laird, Ajay Riding, Travis Okamoto

**Basketball Operations:** Chris Walker

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown/Previous School
1	Jackson Carbajal	G	6-3	185	So.	1V	Clovis, Calif./Buchanan HS
11	Julian Demalleville	G	6-2	190	Jr.	JC	San Luis Obispo, Calif./Monterey Peninsula JC
32	John Dickson	F	6-6	195	Jr.	2V	San Francisco, Calif./Fairfield HS
3	Joe Eberhard	G/F	6-6	210	Jr.	JC	Newport Beach, Calif./Irvine Valley JC
2	Jordan Estrada	G	6-1	190	Jr.	JC	Concord, Calif./Diablo Valley JC
5	Dylan Garrity	G	6-2	170	Fr.	HS	Huntington Beach, Calif./Edison HS
12	Kendell Groom	G	6-3	170	So.	1V	New Haven, Conn./Hyde Leadership HS
22	Heath Hoffman	G/F	6-3	200	Sr.	1V	Winnebago, Ill./Sauk Valley JC
20	Walter Jackson	G/F	6-5	180	Sr.	1V-RS	Stockton, Calif./San Joaquin Delta JC
44	Josh McCarver	C	6-9	240	Sr.	1V	Las Vegas, Nev./Cosumnes River JC
23	Magd Owayed	F	6-7	215	Fr.	HS-RS	Nazareth, Israel/Nazareth Baptist HS
4	Pete Rakocevic	C	6-11	225	So.	1V	Chicago, Ill./Wilbraham & Monson Prep
41	Konner Veteto	C	6-8	265	Jr.	TR-RS	Auburn, Calif./UC Riverside



## 2011-12 SEASON OUTLOOK

*Sacramento State Returns Nine Players, The Most in Head Coach Brian Katz's Tenure*

Entering his fourth season at Sacramento State, head coach Brian Katz will oversee a roster that is easily the most experienced and polished during his Hornet tenure.

Nine players, including a pair of red-shirts, will be back in the Green and Gold in 2011-12. Among the nine returnees, three are starters (forward John Dickson, guard/forward Walter Jackson and shooting guard Jackson Carbajal) from last season and one (guard/forward Heath Hoffman) averaged over 20 minutes per game.

The Hornets finished with a 7-21 record last season, but that mark could have easily been better. The team went 3-9 in games that were decided by six points or less, or that went into overtime. Making things even more grueling is the Hornets had late leads in five of those nine losses. The team's four overtime losses were a single-season program record.

In addition, the Hornets went 4-12 last season in the Big Sky, marking the third straight year the team has increased its league win total. That included two overtime losses, and four more losses that were decided by six points or less. In fact, after going 0-8 during the first half of league play, the Hornets went

4-4 during the second half.

Leading the way in 2011-12 will be Dickson, who was an honorable mention all-conference selection last season after averaging 12.6 points and 4.8 rebounds per game during conference play. Dickson will serve as a team tri-captain this season with senior center Josh McCarver and incoming junior guard Jordan Estrada.

Of the nine returnees, Katz will work with a mix of three guards (Carbajal, Hoffman and Kendell Groom), three forwards (Dickson, Jackson and Magd Owayed) and three centers (McCarver, Konner Veteto and Pete Rakocovic). Both Veteto and Owayed red-shirted last season.

Among the team's four newcomers, one is a freshman and three are junior college transfers, and each will see playing time throughout the year. That includes freshman Dylan Garrity, who was a highly decorated point guard at Huntington Beach's Edison High School. In fact, Garrity was a two-time all-state selection and conference MVP, and became the first player in the 42-year history of the Edison High School boys basketball program to have his number retired.

Each of the 13 players on this year's ros-

ter will be incorporated into Katz's defensive system which allowed just 69.6 points per game last season, the lowest output at Sacramento State since the 1985-86 squad allowed the same amount. In addition, the Hornets will look to continue a trend that saw last year's team finish with a positive rebounding margin (993-969), snapping a streak of 23 consecutive years the Hornets had finished with less rebounds than the opposition.

Scoring, however, was a weakness for the program last season as the team averaged just 61.8 points per game. Part of that problem was an inability to consistently knock down jumpers from the perimeter. On paper, and in preseason practices, Katz seems to have rectified that problem as all four newcomers have the ability to stroke it from the outside. In addition, Carbajal and Hoffman both have the ability to be deadly from the outside and should improve with a year of Div. I experience under their belts.

One of the team's goals this season is to qualify for the Big Sky Conference's post-season tournament for the first time since the 2005-06 season. The top six teams in the nine-member conference reach the league's



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postseason event with the winner receiving an automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament. According to both the Big Sky's pre-season coaches and media polls, Weber State and Montana are the clear-cut favorites while the rest of the league is up for grabs.

Katz is hoping his team can gain confidence heading into the Big Sky portion of the schedule behind a non-conference slate that features seven home games and five road contests. Overall, when including the Big Sky portion of the schedule, Sacramento State has 15 home games compared to 13 on the road, marking the first time since the 2000-01 season the team will play more home than road contests.

### GUARDS

#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.
1	Jackson Carbajal	6-3	185	So.	1V
2	Jordan Estrada	6-1	190	Jr.	JC
5	Dylan Garrity	6-2	170	Fr.	HS
11	Julian Demalleville	6-2	190	Jr.	JC
12	Kendell Groom	6-3	170	So.	1V
22	Heath Hoffman	6-3	200	Sr.	1V

- A total of eight players will see time at guard this year, two of which will play forward as well. That includes point guards Dylan Garrity, Kendell Groom and Julian Demalleville, and shooting guards Jackson Carbajal, Heath Hoffman and Jordan Estrada. Forwards Walter Jackson and Joe Eberhard could also see time at guard, but will primarily play at forward.

- Carbajal or Hoffman are the likely candidates to start at shooting guard. Carbajal, who started 16 games as a true freshman last year, finished the season as the team's fourth leading scorer at 6.5 points per game. Hoffman played in all but one game (including nine starts) while averaging 4.6 points and 20.4 minutes per contest.

- Junior Jordan Estrada, who transferred from Diablo Valley JC in the Bay Area, will also get time at shooting guard. Estrada was named one of the team's three captains this year despite being a newcomer to the program. A first team all-conference selection last year at DVC, he averaged 13.2 points while shooting better than 40 percent from the three-point line.

- At point guard, the Hornets will need to find a replacement for Sultan Toles-Bey, who started all 28 games at the position last year

while averaging a Big Sky Conference-best 36.0 minutes per contest.

- The probable starter at the point this year is Garrity, who was a two-time all-state, two-time Sunset League MVP, three-time first team all-section, three-time first team all-league, three-time all-county and three-year team captain at Edison High School in Huntington Beach. He finished as the school's all-time leader in games (114), points (1,729) and assists (438) while averaging 15.2 points and shooting 48.8 percent (556-1139) from the field and 44.0 percent (211-480) from the three-point during his career.

- Kendell Groom returns for his second season with the Hornets after appearing in 20 games last season and averaging a team-best one steal every nine minutes of play.

- Julian Demalleville walked on this summer after playing two years at Monterey Peninsula College. The San Luis Obispo, Calif., native was the Lobos' team captain both years and finished his sophomore year averaging 9.9 points, 6.2 rebounds, 6.0 assists and 1.8 steals per game.

### FORWARDS

#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.
3	Joe Eberhard	6-6	210	Jr.	JC
20	Walter Jackson	6-5	180	Sr.	1V
23	Magd Owayed	6-7	215	Fr.	RS
32	John Dickson	6-6	195	Jr.	2V

- A total of five Hornets could see time at the forward spot this season, headlined by returners John Dickson and Walter Jackson. Both players got substantial playing time last season with Dickson garnering honorable mention all-conference honors and Jackson gaining a reputation as one of the league's top defenders.

- Dickson, who added 10 pounds of muscle to his 6-foot-6 frame during the offseason, became just the fourth Sacramento State underclassmen to receive all-Big Sky recognition since the program joined the league in 1996-97. The team's leading scorer in conference play last year (12.6 ppg), Dickson already has 596 career points, the third highest total for any Hornet player through his sophomore season since the team joined the Div. I ranks in 1991-92.

- Jackson routinely drew the assignment of defending the opponent's top player last season, and was considered for the Big Sky's Defensive Player of the Year award. The long and athletic native of Stockton

started all 16 conference games last season. Over the team's final 10 games, he averaged 8.6 points, 6.2 rebounds, 1.6 assists and 1.6 blocked shots.

- Joe Eberhard could also see substantial time at forward this year. The Newport Beach, Calif., native played the past two years at Irvine Valley College after redshirting the 2008-09 season at UC Irvine. Last year at Irvine Valley, he was a first team all-Orange Empire Conference selection after ranking fifth in the league in rebounding (6.3 rpg), eighth in assists (2.7 apg) and ninth in scoring (11.8 ppg).

- Magd Owayed, a redshirt freshman who practiced all year with the Hornets last season, hails from Nazareth, Israel. In 2009, he was one of 12 players from Israel selected to play for the Israeli under-18 national team.

### CENTERS

#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.
4	Pete Rakocevic	6-11	225	So.	1V
41	Konner Veteto	6-8	265	Jr.	RS
44	Josh McCarver	6-9	240	Sr.	1V

- Three players will appear at center, and each is a returner. Josh McCarver and Pete Rakocevic each have one year of playing experience in a Hornet uniform while Konner Veteto redshirted last season after transferring from UC Riverside. All three players stand at least 6-foot-8 and weight 225 pounds or more. That includes Veteto, who can match up size wise (6-8, 265 pounds) with anyone in the Big Sky Conference.

- McCarver is a team tri-captain along with John Dickson and Jordan Estrada. McCarver appeared in 23 games last year and shot 72.0 percent (18-25) from the field with eight of those makes coming on dunks. The Las Vegas native averaged a team-high one blocked shot every 16.7 minutes of play.

- Veteto, who comes from an athletic family that saw both his parents compete collegiately at the Div. I level, played in 51 games during his two-year stint at UC Riverside (2008-10). Over that span, he averaged one rebound every 3.5 minutes of play, and had a seven-point, 13-rebound performance at New Mexico and a 14-point, eight-rebound performance at USC.

- Rakocevic earned a scholarship after walking on to the team last year. He appeared in 17 games in 2010-11, including a start at Washington State. The Chicago native prepped at Saint Laurence High School in Burbank, Ill.