



Santiago Canyon College Men's Basketball Newsletter

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The impressive run to start the season continues for our squad. This past week we competed in the Palomar Tournament. We did suffer our first loss on the year, but showed we can compete with any team in the state. We lost to reigning state champion, San Diego City, in the Semi-Finals, but responded with a solid win over league foe, Saddleback. Thanks for your continued support of our program. We are excited to build upon our 9-1 record to start the season.

Game #8: Game Summary - Friday, November 24, 2017

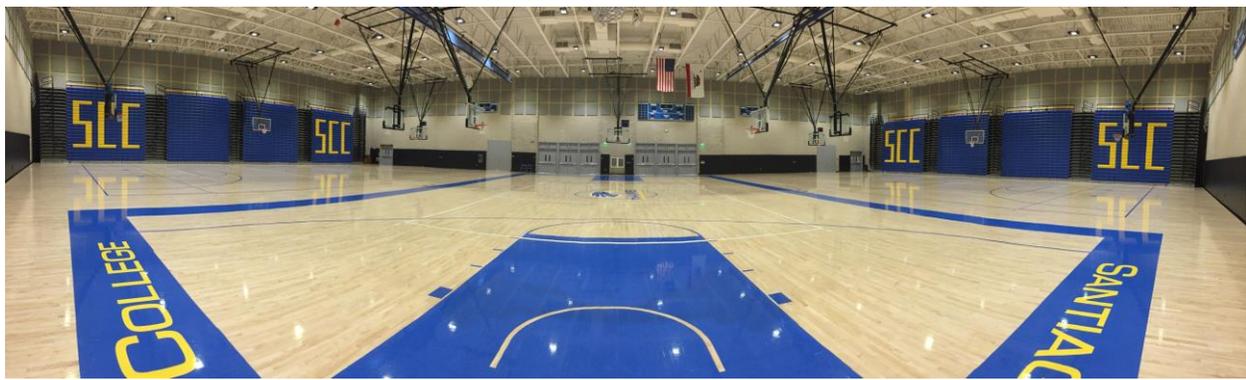
Opponent: Palomar

Final Score: SCC 85 Palomar 74

Santiago Canyon extended their winning streak to 8 to start the season with a come from behind 85-74 victory over Palomar College in the first round of the 13th Annual Palomar College Thanksgiving Tournament. It was the second consecutive week that the Hawks have defeated the tournament host school, sending the home squad to the consolation side of the bracket. Last week Santiago Canyon took care of Pasadena City College in the opener of Pasadena's tourney on their way to the tournament championship. Against Palomar, the Hawks found themselves trailing by 12 at halftime as the Comets, now 3-2 this season, pounded the ball inside for easy baskets before getting hot from the outside to finish the half with a 45-33 lead. But these Hawks don't panic. The full court press of Santiago Canyon smothered Palomar in the second half as the Hawks created multiple turnovers in the backcourt that turned into easy layups. Palomar was forced to call a timeout to try and stop the momentum but the enthusiasm of the Hawk bench, along with the supporters in the stands, made it sound like a Santiago Canyon home game! The Hawks took a one point lead at 49-48 with 16:12 left in the game and it was close until the final minutes before the Comets had to foul in desperation. Rocket Henderson scored 30 points and pulled down 14 rebounds to lead Santiago Canyon. He was 15-19 from the free throw line. Point guard Antoine Jenkins scored 24 points and added 4 assists and 4 crucial steals for the Hawks. Also in double figures for Santiago Canyon was A.J. Garrity with 11 and Myles Garvin with 10. Coach Todd Dixon is happy to advance to the second round. "This was a great road win against a very good Palomar team. We dug ourselves into a hole in the first half, but we played much better with excellent focus in the second half." The Hawks shot 50% from the field in the second half after shooting 34% in the first half. Santiago Canyon was 31-44 from the free throw line compared to Palomar going 20-26 from the charity stripe. The Hawks connected on 8-24 3 point shots. Tonight's semi-final opponent will be defending state champion San Diego City College. The Knights come into the contest at 8-2.

[SCC vs. Palomar Game Highlights](#)

[SCC vs. Palomar Box Score](#)



Game #9: Game Summary - Saturday, November 25, 2017

Opponent: San Diego City

Final Score: SCC 86 SD City 96

The Santiago Canyon Basketball team fought hard for 40 minutes last night but dropped their first game of the season falling to the reigning state champions, San Diego City College, 96-86 in the semi-finals of the Palomar College Thanksgiving Tournament on Saturday evening. The Hawks are now 8-1 this year, while the Knights are 9-2. Santiago Canyon trailed at the half by a score of 46-40. Rocket Henderson scored 19 of his game high 36 points in the first half to keep Santiago Canyon close in a hotly contested affair. The Hawks caught and actually led the contest 64-58 in the second half before San Diego City took the lead for good behind the play of guard Wonder Smith who scored 21 of his team high 25 points in the second half. Kamron Fleming had a strong offensive output scoring 19 points while Antoine Jenkins and A.J. Garrity scored 11 and 10 respectively. 3-point shooting kept the Hawks in this one as they connected on 13-23 from beyond the arch. Henderson made 6-7 3 pointers while Garrity was 3-5. San Diego City won the battle of the boards out rebounding the Hawks 49-29. Henderson led Santiago Canyon with 12 rebounds. The Hawks will play again today (Sunday) at 3:00 p.m. against Saddleback College in the 3rd place game of the tournament. This game will be a preview of an Orange Empire Conference game that will be played on January 17 at Saddleback College. San Diego City College will take on San Diego Miramar College in the championship game. "We battled, but you have to give San Diego City credit," said Coach Todd Dixon. "It was a highly competitive game. Teams have recognized our hot start to the season so we will not be sneaking up on anyone. Obviously, Rocket was really good offensively but I'm really impressed how he has been rebounding". The Hawks will need Henderson and all his teammates to rebound against the tall and talented Gauchos who feature 5 players 6'6" or taller.

[SCC vs. SD City Game Highlights](#)

[SCC vs. SD City Box Score](#)

Game #10: Game Summary - Sunday, November 26, 2017

Santiago Canyon College returned to their winning ways by capturing a victory on Sunday afternoon in dramatic fashion with a 79-77 victory over Saddleback College in the 3rd place game of the Palomar College Thanksgiving Tournament. With the game on the line, guard Antoine Jenkins patiently let the game clock wind down to almost zero before scoring himself on a driving layup with 1.5 seconds left in the game to secure the win against perennial Orange Empire Conference power, Saddleback. Jenkins led the way for the Hawks with 27 points, who were forced to play most of the game without tournament leading scorer Rocket Henderson who injured his ribs early in the contest and was not able to play in the second half. Santiago Canyon (9-1) rebounded nicely after their first loss of the season on Saturday to defending state champion San Diego City College. With the loss, Saddleback falls to 5-4. San



Diego City defeated Miramar College of San Diego to capture the 13th Annual Palomar Tournament. Jenkins had plenty of help from his teammates, as Myles Garvin scored 15 points and battled defensively against the much taller Gaucho big men. A.J. Garrity and Kamron Fleming each scored 13 points for the Hawks, and Shaun Maeder came off the bench to hit 2 crucial 3 pointers in the second half for Santiago Canyon. The Hawks took a 4-point lead into the locker room at halftime and then stretched their lead to 11 with 6:38 left to play before Saddleback made their comeback. The Gauchos erased the 11-point lead and had the ball with 45 seconds left to play in a tie game. The Hawks defense stiffened and forced a difficult Saddleback field goal attempt that missed. Garvin secured the rebound and passed to Jenkins and coach

Todd Dixon elected not to call timeout which set the stage for Jenkins. "We didn't call a timeout at the end because we did not want Saddleback to set up or change their defense. Antoine is like a coach on the floor and I trust him to make the right decision. He made a great play. It was a terrific win against a very good team." For his efforts in the 3 games, Jenkins was named to the all-tournament team. The Hawks will be back in action on Thursday as they travel to Hemet to take on host school, Mt. San Jacinto, in the Mt. San Jacinto Tournament.

[SCC vs. Saddleback Game Highlights](#)

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SCC Men's Basketball Fast Facts

- Massey Rating (as of 11/25/17) = #2 in California
- CCCMBCA Poll (as of 11/20/17) = #2 in Southern California Region
- CCCMBCA Poll (as of 11/20/17) = #4 in California
- Antoine Jenkins is first in points scored in California with 259 points
- Rocket Henderson is second in points scored in California with 228 points
- 2 Tournament Championships (SCC/SAC Tournament & Pasadena City Tournament)
- Record (as of 11/26/17) = 9-1

Next Games:

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Thursday, 11/30/17	Mt. San Jacinto (Mt. San Jacinto Tournament)	Mt. San Jacinto College	7:00pm
Friday, 12/1/17	TBA (Mt. San Jacinto Tournament)	Mt. San Jacinto College	TBA
Saturday, 12/2/17	TBA (Mt. San Jacinto Tournament)	Mt. San Jacinto College	TBA