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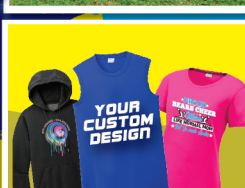
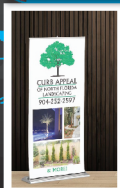
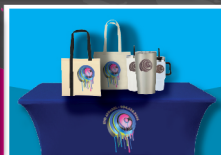
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Written By: Cohen Freeman

Following a challenging road stretch, the Jacksonville Sharks return home to defend their unblemished 5-0 home record and snap a two-game skid. Standing in their way are the red-hot San Diego Strike Force (9-2), who roll into town riding an impressive five-game winning streak. With critical postseason seeding on the line and just three home games left in the regular season, this cross-conference clash is a must-win for both teams.

The Matchup & Tactical Battle

The Sharks (9-3) are out to protect True Vet Field and secure a home playoff seed. To achieve that, Jacksonville's defense faces its ultimate test: containing San Diego's explosive aerial attack, orchestrated by veteran quarterback Nate Davis, who currently leads the league in passing yards per game.

Jacksonville will look to counter San Diego's high-flying offense with relentless pressure at the line of scrimmage. Keep an eye on dominant

defensive linemen Chris Rice and Devonta Davis to collapse the pocket, disrupt the Strike Force's timing, and force the turnovers that the Sharks' league-leading transition offense punishes so well.

Offensively, the Sharks need to play their game and dictate the tempo. By leaning on their top-ranked, physical rushing attack, Jacksonville aims to control the line of scrimmage and keep the San Diego defense off balance with a mix of solid runs and big pass plays. Look for the Sharks to come out strong and put pressure on the Strike Force all game.

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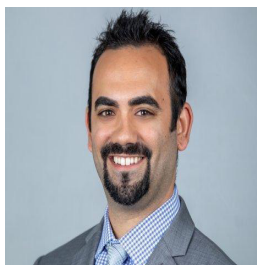
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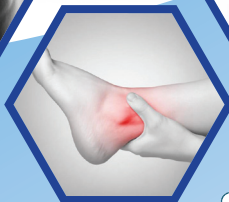
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2	REDD DOUGLAS	WR	5'11	195
3	JIMMIE ROBINSON JR	RB	5'8	185
4	SAMMY EDWARDS	QB	6'2	195
5	CLAY FIELDS III	DB	5'9	210
6	BILLY BOWENS	WR	6'2	190
7	RUDY SILVERA	DB	6'1	200
8	JOHN HUGGINS	DB	6'2	210
10	JAEDON STOSHAK	WR	5'11	185
12	CHRIS RICE	DL	6'5	250
13	CHRISTAN HORN	WR	6'1	190
14	MATT CONSIDINE	QB	6'5	225
15	MICHAEL MOORE	LB	6'4	235
19	DYLAN BROWN	DB	6'4	200
20	BEN DARBY	K	6'2	190
21	ROBERT JONES III	DB	6'0	190
44	DEVONTA DAVIS	DL	6'6	325
56	BARAKA BECKETT	OL	6'3	320
65	YOSEPH CARTER	OL	6'4	305
72	DONTAE LUCAS	OL	6'4	330
77	KENNY FEHRMAN	OL	6'3	320
81	ANTHONY EVELYN	WR	5'9	175
91	JALEN WILLIAMS	DL	6'3	305
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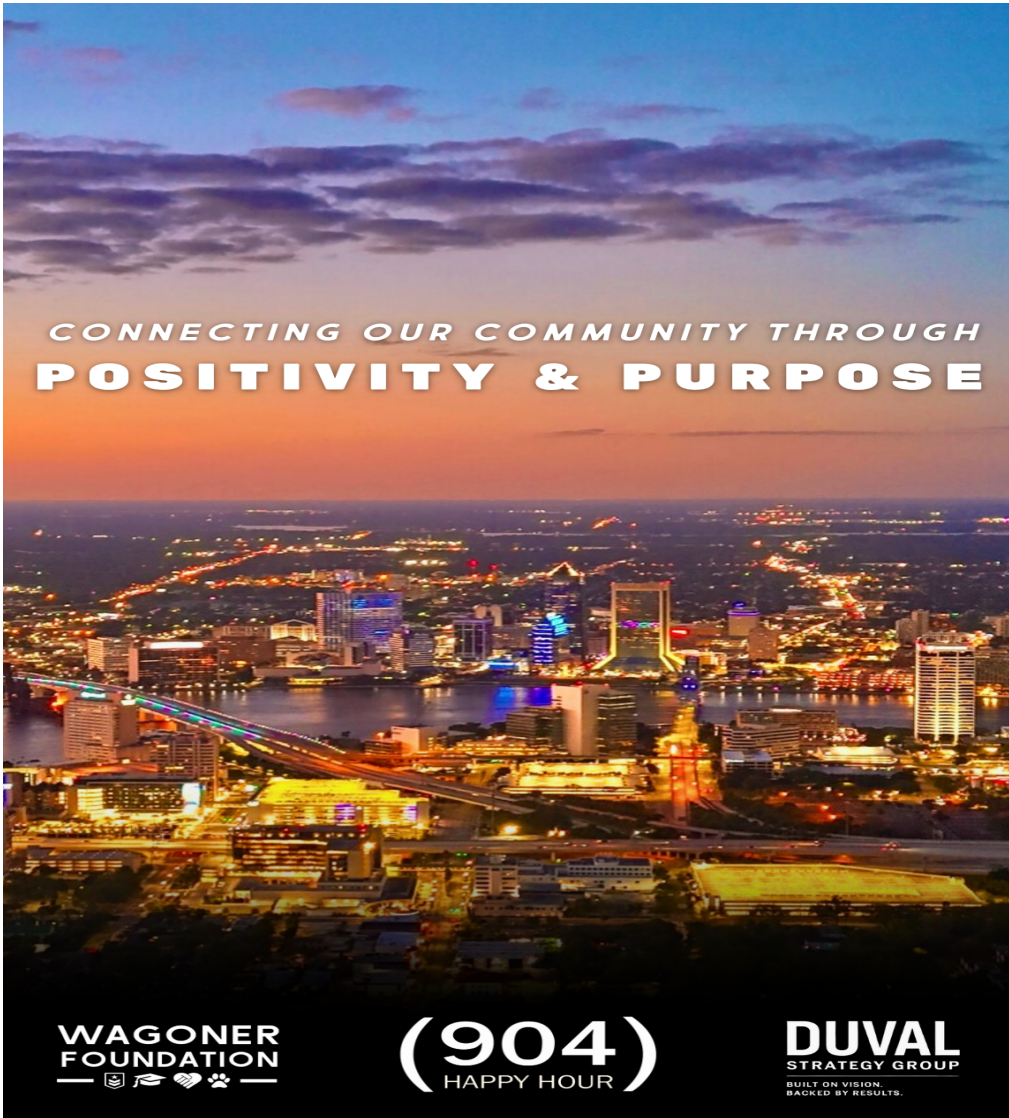
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3	DEVIN HAFFORD	DB	5'11	205
4	DALLAS DANIELS	WR	6'1	180
5	CALEB STREAT	DB	5'10	180
6	HERMAN SMITH	DB	6'0	195
7	JAMORRI COLSON	DB	5'10	176
8	NATE DAVIS	QB	6'2	225
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14	COLE BLACKMAN	WR	6'2	200
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19	ADAM ANDERSON	DL	6'5	247
20	TYRELL GREENE JR.	RB	6'0	207
21	DAVON BANKS	DB	5'11	180
22	ERNESTON LACAYO	K	5'8	185
24	ELIJAH REED	DB	6'3	210
52	ADRIAN HAWKINS JR.	OL	6'4	300
70	IVORY SCOTT	OL	6'0	220
72	JALEN BOOTH	OL	6'5	355
74	JOSUE CASTRO	OL	6'3	330
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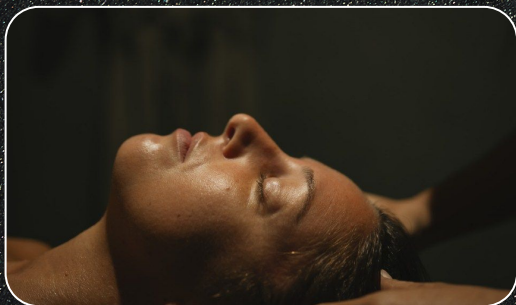
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A LEGACY WORTH HONORING

Written By: Catherine Ritter

When you talk about the history of the Jacksonville Sharks, one name stands above the rest: Aaron Garcia. As the first-ever inductee into KIA on Atlantic Sharks Ring of Honor, Garcia's impact on the franchise is undeniable. A cornerstone of the team's early success, he helped establish the winning culture that has become synonymous with Sharks football.

Garcia joined the Sharks during their inaugural season in 2010 and quickly became the face of the franchise. A proven veteran and future Arena Football Hall of Famer, he led Jacksonville to multiple playoff appearances and delivered the organization's first championship, guiding the Sharks to an ArenaBowl XXIV title in 2011. His leadership, competitiveness, and ability to perform in the biggest moments earned him the respect of teammates, coaches, and fans alike.

Throughout his time in Jacksonville, Garcia became known for his poise under pressure and his ability to elevate everyone around him. Whether orchestrating game-winning drives or mentoring younger players, he set the standard for professionalism and excellence. His passion for the game and commitment to the organization helped create a lasting connection with the Sharks faithful, making him one of the most beloved players in franchise history.

Garcia's influence extends far beyond the statistics and championships. The culture of accountability, resilience, and championship expectations that defines the Jacksonville Sharks today can be traced back to the example he set from day one. His accomplishments on the field inspired a generation of Sharks players, while his leadership helped establish Jacksonville as a premier destination in professional indoor football.

More than a decade later, Garcia's legacy continues to shape the Sharks organization. His contributions helped build the foundation for one of indoor football's premier franchises, and his name remains synonymous with excellence in Jacksonville. As the first member of the Sharks Ring of Honor, Aaron Garcia takes his rightful place among the legends who helped make Sharks football what it is today.



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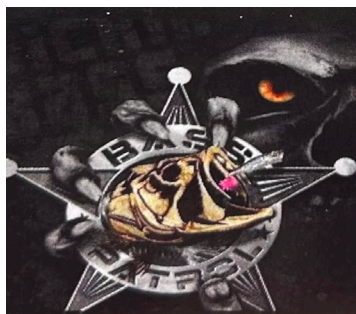
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4. WHERE IS THE SHARKS PRACTICE FACILITY?
5. QB SAMMY EDWARDS IS FROM WHERE?
6. WHAT PLAYER JUST RETURNED TO THE SHARKS FROM LAST SEASON?
7. WHAT IS THE SHARKS DJ NAME?
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9. WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE ATTACK DANCE TEAM?
10. HAVE THE SHARKS LOST A GAME AT HOME THIS SEASON?

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EDWARD VANDER #1

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COLLEGE: **MONTANA STATE**

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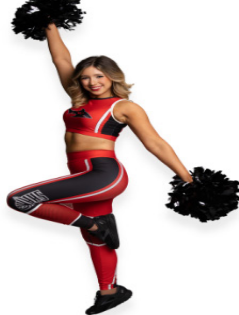
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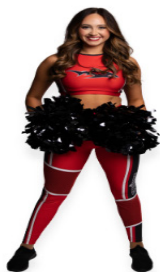
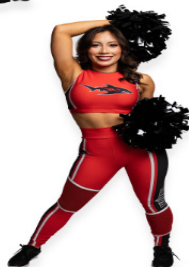


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SHARKS HAVE ANOTHER SLOW START THAT LEADS TO SECOND LOSS IN ROW

Written By: Cohen Freeman

The Jacksonville Sharks (9-3) came up short on the road against their in-state rivals, falling to the Orlando Pirates (7-5) by a final score of 54-42. In a mirror image of their recent loss in Green Bay, execution errors and another slow start ultimately decided the game. Playing in front of a hostile crowd at the Kia Center, the Sharks found themselves chasing points early as Orlando capitalized heavily on some big running plays. While Jacksonville fought to the very end and eventually found its footing offensively, the damage from the opening half proved too much to overcome on the road.

The Pirates took complete control of the game's momentum behind an efficient aerial assault led by quarterback Paxton DeLaurent. DeLaurent continually extended plays, finding star targets like Nyqwan Murray for crucial scores, including a stunning, late pitch over the top in the fourth quarter that kept the Sharks at bay. Jacksonville's defensive unit struggled to clamp down when it mattered most, letting Orlando turn critical third downs into chunk yardage. The Sharks moved the ball well at times, but couldn't find the end zone. It was a combination of stalled drives and an explosive special teams touchdown by Orlando's Pooka Williams that put the game away.

Trailing significantly late in the second half, the Sharks refused to roll over. The offense kept battling during the final quarters, trading blows as they tried to narrow the deficit. Jacksonville's continuous grind yielded a late surge, highlighted by a fourth-quarter touchdown that cut Orlando's lead to 54-40. A successful two-point conversion immediately following the score brought it to 54-42. However, the Sharks never threatened to take a lead. With control of the game in hand, the Pirates' high-powered offense ran out the clock and sealed the victory.

With this loss the Sharks drop to 9-3 on the season. The Sharks need to find a way to play 4 quarters of football if they look to be successful in at the tougher end of their regular season schedule. As playoffs loom near, a strong second half won't be enough to secure much needed victories for the Sharks.

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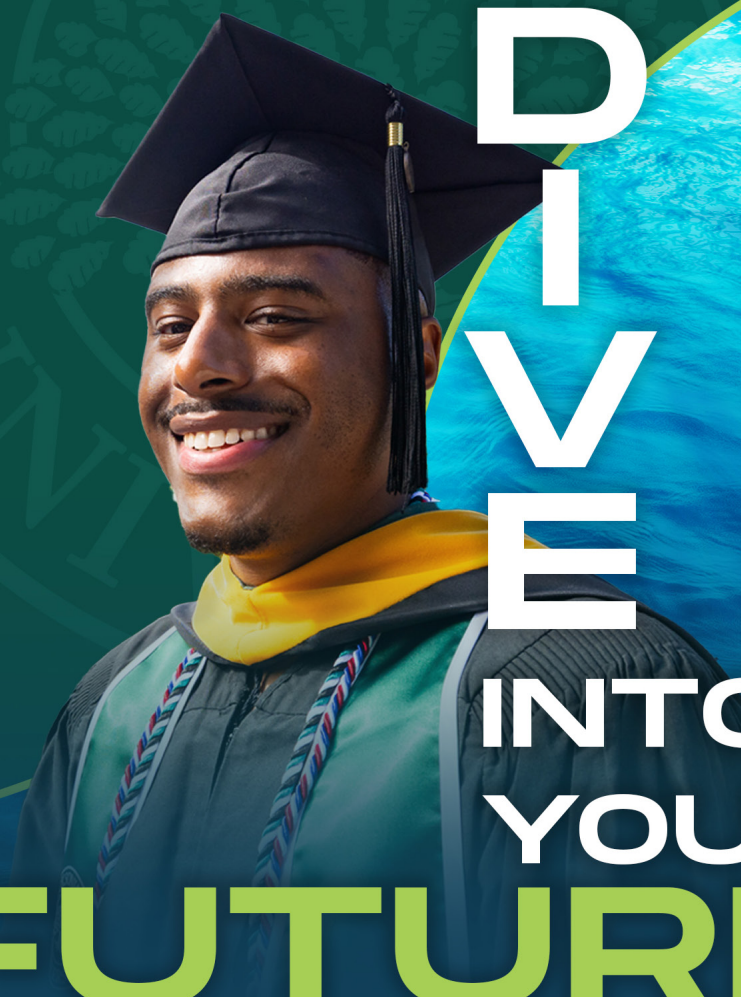
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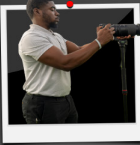
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Roland played in 12 games for Southern Mississippi, earning starts against Old Dominion and South Alabama. Recorded 23 tackles, including 18 solo stops, with 3.5 tackles for loss and 0.5 sacks. He signed with the Seattle Seahawks as an undrafted free agent in 2025, but was released before the start of the season. Roland is a native of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma..

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