

PLAY STYLE

Offense

Spot Up	—	Primary action (30.9%). Below Avg efficiency (0.553 PPP).
Transition	—	High usage (24.5%). Below Avg (0.625 PPP). Push pace but struggle to finish.
Cutting	—	Moderate usage (15.1%). Average efficiency (0.791 PPP).
Put Backs (OReb)	—	Emphasis on crashing glass (8.4%). Physical but inefficient scoring.

Defense

Man Defense	—	Primary scheme (72.2%). Overall defense rated Very Good.
Spot Up Defense	—	Most faced action (25.6%). Very Good containment (0.624 PPP).
Transition Defense	—	High volume (23.2%). Good but not elite (0.767 PPP).
Put Back Defense	—	Strong vs second chances. Very Good (0.506 PPP).

KEYS FOR SANTA ANA TO WIN

1. **Box Out & Rebound**

SB is very physical and crashes the glass (18.9 OReb/G, 7th). SA must limit second chances

2. **Physically & Emotionally Tough**

SB plays with high emotion and physicality. Stay composed and attack emotional players like Hoban

3. **Ball Fakes**

SB is very physical and over-contests. Ball fakes draw fouls (20 PF/G, 86th) and create open looks

4. **Attack Post & Isolation Defense**

SA's Post-Ups (1.270 PPP) and Handoffs (1.258 PPP) are Elite, SB struggles vs Post & ISO

5. **Pressure Guards & Force Turnovers**

SB averages 18.7 TO/G. SA forces 24.1 TO/G (9th)
Pressure Fox & Hoban

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Paint Production	—	Heavy interior scoring; 50+ paint points common (58 vs Cerritos; 56 vs El Camino)
Transition Off Turnovers	—	High-volume fast-break scoring (52 vs Cerritos; 40 vs Rio Hondo)
Perimeter Shooting	—	Strong 3PT volume; multiple games 50%+ from deep (11 vs Long Beach)
Offensive Rebounding	—	Relentless second-chance scoring (23 vs Chabot; 22 vs SD Mesa)

Defense

Full-Court Pressure	—	Forces 28–32 turnovers; chaotic tempo and live-ball conversion
FG% Suppression	—	Holds teams under 25% FG (14% vs Rio Hondo; 22% vs Cerritos)
Transition Defense	—	Allows 0 fast-break points in multiple wins; elite sprint-back discipline
Paint Protection	—	Dominates interior; held teams to 2–14 paint points in key games

KEYS FOR SANTA ANA TO WIN

1. Push the Pace

Convert stops into transition (0.73–0.80 PPP); run off rebounds and live-ball steals

2. Dominate the Paint

Feed Beard (1.000 PPP post-ups); establish deep touches and punish single coverage

3. Clean Up Execution Errors

Eliminate missed rotations and rushed shots; reduce self-inflicted breakdowns

4. Control the Glass

Negative margin (-1.4; -2.8 conf); gang rebound and finish possessions

5. Maintain Floor Spacing

Keep shooters active; punish help defense and prevent post double-teams

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Spot-Up Shooting — Primary action (28.6%); good efficiency (0.809 PPP)

Transition Attack — High usage (25.2%); average open-floor production (0.606 PPP)

Cutting Actions — Moderate volume (10.8%); low raw PPP (0.312) but rated Very Good

Miscellaneous Sets — Secondary actions (9.8%); average efficiency and situational scoring

Defense

Man — Primary coverage (91.6%); average half-court efficiency

Spot-Up Defense — Defends 26.4% of possessions; very good perimeter containment

Transition — Faces 17.1% in open floor; very good fast-break defense

Press — Applied on 16.8%; good pressure efficiency and disruption

KEYS FOR SANTA ANA TO WIN

1. **Disrupt Mesa's Backcourt**

Mesa averages 18.6 TOs; pressure Porch and Johnson to force rushed decisions and live-ball steals

2. **Force Lundquist Left**

Shade leading scorer (21.7 PPG) to non-dominant hand; limit right-hand finishes and mid-range rhythm

3. **Attack the Post, Draw Fouls**

Feed Beard inside; target Marquez early and force foul trouble to thin interior depth

4. **Make Marquez Earn It at the Line**

40.4% FT shooter; play physical and live with free-throw attempts over clean paint finishes

5. **Win the Rebounding Battle**

Mesa elite on glass (47.2 RPG; 18.4 OR); box out Marquez and Lundquist to limit put-backs