

# 2006 SEASON

*Reggie Grigsby is one of eight returning starters on defense for the Aztecs.*



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**LYNELL HAMILTON**

It is never easy taking over a program. The adjustment period can often take a full five-year cycle as a new coach tries to work in players who fit his system. That process can become longer and more difficult if the school has not been winning.

But every so often when it looks like a time and place mesh, magical opportunity presents itself. On these rare occasions, it's as if the turnaround happens without the transition phase. From the outside, it appears to happen overnight.

It happened in Iowa City in the mid-80s when a coach with a Southern twang took over an Iowa program long thought of as dormant and led the Hawkeyes to the top of the Big Ten.

It happened in the early '90s in all places Manhattan, Kan., when a soft-spoken gentleman with big wired-rim glasses took over what *Sports Illustrated* referred to as the worst program in college football and had them competing to win national championships.

It happened again at Iowa, this time in the 2000s, when a little-known first-time head coach took over a one-win team and led

the Hawkeyes ascent up not only the conference standings, but also the national polls.

And it happened in Norman, Okla., where a first-time head coach with seemingly limitless energy, took over a sleeping Oklahoma program that suffered through five consecutive non-winning seasons and had gone just 12-22 its three previous years. He led them to the Independence Bowl in his first season and to an undefeated national championship in his second.

The four examples above have a common thread. San Diego State head coach Chuck Long, was a player or an assistant coach with Hayden Fry, Bill Snyder, Kirk Ferentz and Bob Stoops, the men who authored the aforementioned turnarounds, and Long was present when three of them occurred.

And now as Long's first season on The Mesa approaches, one is left to wonder if San Diego State can join this list of college football royalty. Certainly many of the pieces appear to be in place. San Diego State entered its final game of the 2005 season with a chance to finish .500 before settling for a 5-7 record. The Aztecs finished with a 4-4 league mark, dropping a pair

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of three-point games, while recording victories over two of the top three teams in the final standings.

And San Diego State returns the bulk of that squad. The Aztecs welcome back 17 starters and 41 letter-winners from last season's lineup, including an overwhelming amount of its offensive skill positions (its top three quarterbacks and four leading rushers from 2005), the bulk of its defense (which limited eight opponents to 21 points or less last season) and its top two kickers (both of whom are worthy of national award consideration).

San Diego State may indeed be in a position to become college football's next big revival.

And at the press conference to announce his hiring, it took head coach Chuck Long less than five minutes to say what Aztec fans have been waiting to here.

"It is a win now approach," Long said shortly after he was introduced as SDSU's 16th head coach. "We are going to win now with this football team. I told (my team) that today and I told them simply - you are my recruits and we are going to win right now. That's our goal this year."

## THE AZTEC OFFENSE

San Diego State returns six starters on the offensive side of the ball, with five of the starters having logged at least 11 career starts. That is good news for a unit that had its best production toward the end of last season. The Aztecs posted 30 or more points on the opposition in three of their last four games.

The Aztec backfield may be as experienced and deep as at any time in school history. The Aztecs return the players that accounted for 100 percent of its passing yards and 96.6 percent of its rushing yards in 2005.

But that is not to say there aren't question marks entering fall camp.

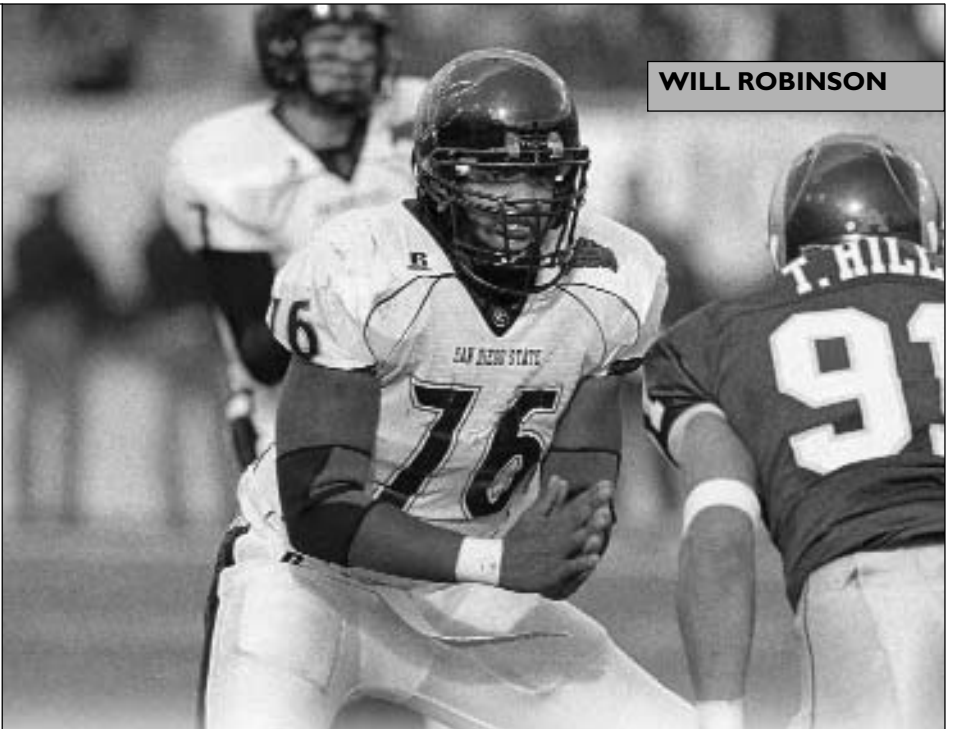
SDSU will have to replace an all-conference performer at wide receiver and the loss of its top two pass catchers from last season. The Aztecs' leading returning receiver caught just 34 passes a year ago.

In addition, the team will need the fall to sort through the contenders to start on the offensive line. Getting cohesiveness out of a group of five will be paramount toward the outcome of the offensive unit in 2006.

## QUARTERBACK

*Returning player with starting experience: Kevin O'Connell*

Kevin O'Connell has started 17 consecutive games at the quarterback position for the Aztecs but had to re-earn his starting spot with the new coaching staff during the spring. He was able to do that and was named the leader at the position following the spring game.



WILL ROBINSON

The dual-threat junior continues to get more comfortable as his experience increases. Last season, O'Connell threw for 2,663 yards with 19 touchdown passes and just 12 interceptions. He was also SDSU's second leading rusher. He already is the Aztecs' all-time leading rushing quarterback.

"Kevin has a chance to become a great leader for us, and he started to at the end of the spring," Long said. "You see the most growth between the first full season of starting and the second full season of starting. He has athletic ability and he is smart. He runs very well for a tall quarterback."

Both sophomore Darren Mougey and redshirt freshman Kevin Craft performed well enough in the spring to keep the position race open until the final scrimmage.

Mougey, who pushed O'Connell for the starting nod last season, played in six games in 2005, completing 13-of-26 passes. Another signal-caller with the ability to run, Mougey has the ability to come in and give the Aztecs a similar-style quarterback off the bench.

## RUNNING BACK

*Returning players with starting experience: Lynell Hamilton and Brandon Bornes*

Without question the best quality of depth on the team is at the running back position. The Aztecs go four deep at the spot and the coaching staff will likely look to a two-back set at times to utilize the quality of personnel at the position.

Junior Lynell Hamilton returns and appears to be

back to his 2003 form when he earned freshman All-America honors from *The Sporting News*. Hamilton, who missed the entire 2004 season due to injury, was SDSU's leading ground gainer a year ago and is the leader of the corps. He ended his sophomore year in style with three consecutive 100-yard rushing performances. He has rushed for 1,906 yards and has 13 rushing TDs in his first two seasons as an Aztec.

If Hamilton is option one in the backfield, then junior Brandon Bornes might be option 1A. Despite limited opportunities, the bruising back has amassed 947 yards on the ground in his first two seasons. A powerful Bornes gives the Aztecs a nice counter punch at the position.

As if that isn't enough, San Diego State has two second-year players in the program to provide quality depth at the position. Sophomore half back Tyler Campbell and redshirt freshman Atiyah Henderson both had impressive springs and will see the field this fall.

"We feel very good about all four of our running backs," Long said. "We are going to do our best to get all of them some playing time."

The biggest problem for the Aztecs in the backfield may be finding creative ways to get all of them on the field.

## WIDE RECEIVER

*Returning player with starting experience: Chaz Schilens*

Statistically, this is where one may find the biggest change from 2005 to 2006. Gone is all-conference per-

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## NICK OSBORN



former Jeff Webb and his 92 receptions and 1,109 receiving yards. That likely won't be replaced by one player but instead, will try and be absorbed by a talented but young group of receivers.

Chaz Schilens caught 34 passes a year ago as a sophomore. Joining Schilens at the position are junior Brett Swain, sophomore DeMarco Sampson and senior Ramal Porter just to name a few.

Although this is a position that will be defined by depth, the coaching staff is still hoping to have someone emerge as a leader in this group when fall rolls around.

"We like what we have seen from the receivers, but they are a young group," Long said. "Because of some injury situations during the spring, we were not able to see everyone at full strength. There is as much uncertainty here going into fall as any position on the team."

## TIGHT END

*Returning players with starting experience: Eric Miclot and Lance Louis*

How quickly the outlook at this position changed during spring when SDSU's top two returning tight ends went down with knee injuries. With Lance Louis and Eric Miclot, the Aztecs had probably the best tight end tandem in the Mountain West Conference.

Instead, the Aztecs will be taking applications and

trying out position transfers in the fall for the vacated spots.

The Aztecs will enter fall looking at senior Steve Schmidt and redshirt freshman Waika Spencer. Schmidt saw limited action last season in nine games, while Spencer will have an opportunity to gain playing time in his second season with the program.

"The outlook of this position changed dramatically with the unfortunate injuries to Lance and Eric," Long said. "We will need to build depth here during the fall."

## OFFENSIVE LINE

*Returning players with starting experience: Brandyn Dombrowski, Patrick Justman, Mike Kravetz, Will Robinson and Eric Rouser*

The biggest question on the offensive side of the ball entering fall is on the offensive line. The coaching staff intentionally kept the competition open during spring and the results are too close to call at four of the five positions up front entering the fall. The one player who was able to wrestle away a lead was sophomore Mike Schmidt at right guard.

But that is not to say that there were not other players who impressed during the spring. Juniors Mike Kravetz and Will Robinson both had productive springs, while the coaching staff was very impressed with senior Nick Smith. Patrick Justman showed progress at center.

"We are working toward solidifying a solid five up front," Long said. "We anticipate some great battles at this position in the fall."

## THE AZTEC DEFENSE

Despite continuing to see seniors drafted into the NFL, the San Diego State defense always appears to come back stronger. This year is no exception as the Aztecs lose Freddy Keiaho, Kurt Kahui and Marcus Demps, but return eight starters with a combined 109 starts. The defensive line, linebackers and secondary all have vast experience and have the ability to influence the outcome of a game.

Players who are returning accounted for more than 70 percent of the total tackles, 90 percent of forced fumbles and 66 percent of fumble recoveries return.

## DEFENSIVE LINE

*Returning players with starting experience: Antwan Applewhite, Jonathan Bailes and Nick Osborn*

As a unit, this may be the most talented and deepest group on this side of the ball. With three returning starters and quality depth behind, San Diego State will likely have options to bring fresh players off the bench or utilize players for specific down and distance situations.



**RAMAL PORTER**

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Everything up front begins with defensive end Antwan Applewhite. The junior is already on the watch list for both the Nagurski and the Hendricks Awards. As a sophomore last season, Applewhite earned honorable mention all-conference honors after recording 56 tackles, including 5.5 sacks.

The other two returning starters – nose tackle Jonathan Bailes and defensive end Nick Osborn are equally impressive. A three-year letterwinner, Bailes played in all but one game last season and was responsible for 38 tackles. Osborn, a junior, started at defensive tackle last season, but will return to the end spot in 2006.

There are other names to keep an eye on up front, including junior Frederick Amano, sophomore Jonathan Soto, junior Ornan Nwansi and sophomore Siaso Fifita.

"This is an experienced group," Long said. "We would like to have some rotation on the defensive line, developing up to seven to eight (players) deep to keep them fresh."

## LINEBACKER

*Returning players with starting experience: Joe Martin, Russell Allen and Andrew Schantz*

Great linebacker play has become the staple of the Aztec defense. From Kirk Morrison to Matt McCoy to Freddy Keiaho, the Aztecs have been blessed with quality players at this position and this season is no different. Three-year letterwinner Joe Martin will anchor the Aztecs' defense from the middle linebacker position. With 12 career starts, the senior is the most experienced player among the linebackers.

Sophomores Russell Allen and Andrew Schantz will join Martin as starters at linebacker, but look for junior Brett Martin and redshirt freshmen Luke Laolagi and Jerry Milling to see the field.

"This is a good young unit," Long said. "We have some good leaders there and the group is fast and physical."

## SECONDARY

*Returning players with starting experience: Reggie Grigsby, Donny Baker, Terrell Maze, T.J. McKay and Brett Sturm*

The strength of the defense can be found in the secondary where SDSU has as good of quality in the starting positions as it does anywhere on the field. That having been said, finding a fifth and sixth defensive back for nickel and dime packages will be vital for the success of the Aztec defense this season.

All four starters in the secondary are multiple letter-winner seniors. At the corners the Aztecs have Terrell Maze and Donny Baker. At safety, SDSU sports Brett Sturm and Reggie Grigsby. Grigsby is the leading returning tackler from last season, while Maze is the leading returner in interceptions.

"The starting four are solid," Long said. "All of them played and ended spring very well. We like this group and we expect them to be a strength this season."

## SPECIAL TEAMS

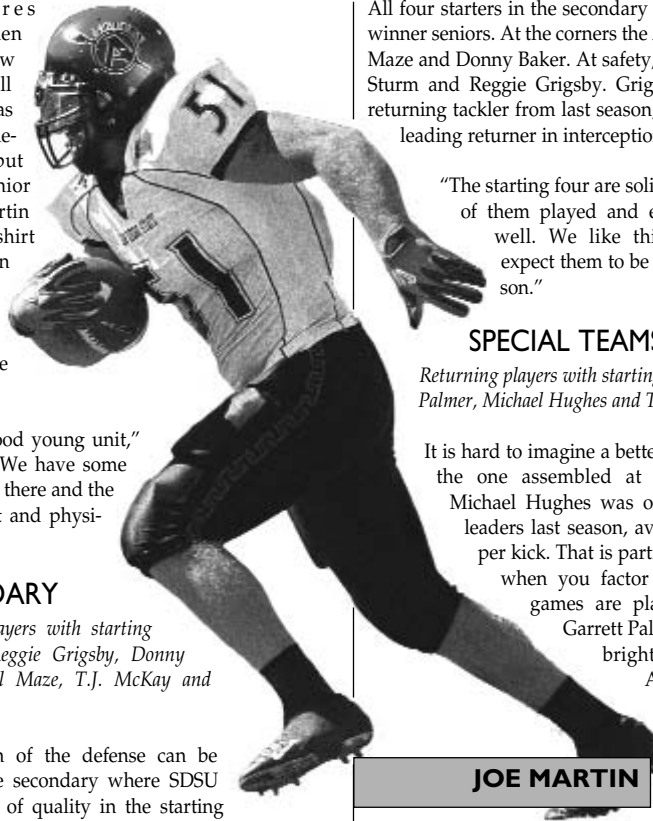
*Returning players with starting experience: Garrett Palmer, Michael Hughes and Tyler Schmitt*

It is hard to imagine a better kicking duo than the one assembled at San Diego State. Michael Hughes was one of the national leaders last season, averaging 44.8 yards per kick. That is particularly impressive when you factor in that his home games are played at sea level.

Garrett Palmer was one of the bright spots for the Aztecs last season, connecting on 15-of-17 field goals.

## JOE MARTIN

"I expect both of our kickers to be right up there in the top of the conference and Tyler Schmitt is one of the best long-snappers we have seen," Long said. "We will have solid special teams play."



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67	Aken-Moleta, Ikaika	OL
68	Alexander, Jason	OL
46	Allen, Russell	LB
54	Amano, Frederick	DT
85	Amaral, Justin	WR
93	Applewhite, Antwan	DE
26	♦ Armstrong, Gerard	DB
73	Arosemena, Eder	OL
99	Bailes, Jonathan	DT
3	♦ Baker, Donny	DB
33	Barbier, Matt	DB
20	Bass, Ray	DB
37	Bornes, Brandon	RB
31	♦ Brown, Davon	RB
64	Callahan, Matthew	OL
23	Campbell, Tyler	RB
61	Carmack, Jimmie	OL/DL
59	♦ Chohany, Ryan	DE
3	♦ Craft, Kevin	QB
44	Cunningham, Josh	LB
53	DeLash, Tom	RB
41	DeMartinis, Tony	DL
62	Dombrowski, Brandyn	OL
24	♦ Dunkle, Freddy	LB
65	♦ Duran, Josh	DL
29	Edwards, Kwincy	DB
50	♦ Edwards, Ted	LB
11	Fantroy, Martrell	DB
65	Fehoko, Whitley	OL
92	Fifita, Siasoi	DL
80	Ghebreselassie, Alex	WR
26	♦ Gomez, Alan	P
31	♦ Grigsby, Reggie	S
22	Hamilton, Lynell	RB
71	Hathaway, Dan	OL
21	Henderson, Atiyah	RB
47	Howard, Kwan	DL
17	♦ Hughes, Michael	K/P
58	Hull, Marc	LB
97	Ikonne, Eric	DE
50	♦ Iosefa, Trask	OL
39	James, Scotty	DB
75	Justman, Patrick	OL
88	Kawulok, Matthew	TE
70	Kravetz, Mike	OL
35	Laolagi, Luke	LB
66	Lawson, Ernie	DL
89	Louis, Lance	TE
60	Manuel, Jacob	DL
63	Manuma, Peter	OL
36	Martin, Brett	LB
51	Martin, Joe	LB
9	Maze, Terrell	DB
5	McKay, T.J.	S
98	McMaster, Sean	DL
55	Metroka, Emil	DL
87	Miclot, Eric	TE
95	Miller, Robert	TE
34	Milling, Jerry	LB
10	Montgomery, Marcus	WR

## Numerical

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School/College)
1	Chaz Schilens	WR	6-4	220	Jr.	2L	Mesa, Ariz. (Highland High)
2	Ramal Porter	WR	5-10	185	Sr.	3L	Van Nuys, Calif. (Birmingham High)
2	Kelsey Sokoloski	QB	6-2	175	Fr.	HS	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek High)
3	Donny Baker	DB	5-9	165	Sr.	3L	Miami, Fla. (Pace High)
3	Kevin Craft	QB	6-5	200	Fr.	RS	Valley Center, Calif. (Valley Center High)
4	Darren Mougey	QB	6-6	230	So.	1L	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral High)
5	T.J. McKay	S	6-1	195	So.	1L	Palmdale, Calif. (Palmdale High)
6	Mekell Wesley	WR	5-10	180	Fr.	RS	Chandler, Ariz. (Hamilton High)
7	Kevin O'Connell	QB	6-6	225	Jr.	2L	Carlsbad, Calif. (La Costa Canyon High)
9	Terrell Maze	DB	6-0	175	Sr.	3L	Santa Monica, Calif. (Santa Monica High)
10	Marcus Montgomery	WR	6-2	215	So.	SQ	Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside High)
11	Martrell Fantroy	DB	6-1	200	Fr.	HS	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman High)
12	Brett Sturm	S	6-2	220	Sr.	3L	Littleton, Colo. (Heritage High)
13	Josh Walker	DB	6-2	190	Fr.	RS	Tampa, Fla. (Jefferson High)
14	Garrett Palmer	K/P	6-3	185	Jr.	2L	Rialto, Calif. (Eisenhower High)
16	Brett Swain	WR	6-1	200	Jr.	2L	Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad High)
17	Michael Shields	DB	6-0	180	Fr.	RS	Berkeley, Calif. (Angelo Rodriguez High)
17	Michael Hughes	P/K	6-1	190	Jr.	2L	Moreno Valley, Calif. (Canyon Springs High)
18	Roberto Wallace	WR	6-4	210	Fr.	RS	Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside High)
19	DeMarco Sampson	WR	6-2	205	So.	1L	Chula Vista, Calif. (Castle Park High)
20	Ray Bass	DB	6-0	195	Jr.	TR	Corona, Calif. (Centennial High/Univ. of Hawai'i)
21	Atiyah Henderson	RB	5-9	185	Fr.	RS	Rockledge, Fla. (Rockledge High)
22	Lynell Hamilton	RB	6-0	225	Jr.	2L	Stockton, Calif. (Edison High)
23	Tyler Campbell	RB	6-0	215	So.	RS	Austin, Texas (Westlake High (Texas)/Pasadena College)
24	Freddy Dunkle	LB	6-1	225	Jr.	2L	Chula Vista, Calif. (Castle Park High)
24	Brandon Sullivan	RB	5-11	210	Fr.	HS	Poway, Calif. (Poway High)
26	Gerard Armstrong	DB	6-0	215	So.	1L	Hawthorne, Calif. (Leuzinger High)
26	Alan Gomez	P	6-3	225	Jr.	SQ	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Ayala High/Mt. SAC College)
27	Steven Robles	K	6-0	165	So.	SQ	Redlands, Calif. (East Valley High)
29	Kwincy Edwards	DB	5-11	165	Fr.	RS	Palmdale, Calif. (Palmdale High)
30	Rico Thomas	DB	5-11	190	Fr.	HS	Oakland, Calif. (McClymonds High)
31	Davon Brown	RB	5-9	170	Fr.	HS	Torrance, Calif. (Torrance South HS)
31	Reggie Grigsby	S	6-0	205	Sr.	3L	Oceanside, Calif. (El Camino High)
32	Andrew Preston	LB	6-1	215	Fr.	HS	Centennial, Colo. (Arapahoe High)
33	Matt Barbier	DB	6-0	180	Sr.	1L	San Diego, Calif. (La Jolla High/Southwestern College)
34	Jerry Milling	LB	5-10	235	Fr.	RS	Palmdale, Calif. (Palmdale High)
35	Luke Laolagi	LB	6-1	230	Fr.	RS	Reseda, Calif. (Birmingham High)
36	Brett Martin	LB	6-0	235	Jr.	2L	Corona, Calif. (Centennial High)
37	Brandon Bornes	RB	6-1	225	Jr.	2L	Vista, Calif. (Rancho Buena Vista High)
38	Josh Ulibarri	FB	6-1	255	So.	SQ	Hemet, Calif. (West Valley High)
38	Marcus Yarbrough	LB	6-2	255	Fr.	HS	San Diego, Calif. (Eastlake High)
39	Scotty James	DB	5-10	175	Jr.	TR	Elsinore, Calif. (Elsinore High/Mt. San Jacinto College)
40	Ray Patterson	WR/DB	5-11	185	Fr.	HS	San Diego, Calif. (Crawford High)
41	Tony DeMartinis	DL	6-5	255	Fr.	RS	Sun Valley, Calif. (Notre Dame High)
42	Nick Sandford	DB	6-2	205	Fr.	RS	Orange, Calif. (El Modena High)
43	Aaron Moore	DB	6-0	190	Fr.	RS	Tampa, Fla. (Jefferson High)
44	Josh Cunningham	LB	6-3	230	Fr.	RS	Irvine, Calif. (University High)
45	Andrew Schantz	LB	6-1	235	So.	1L	Santa Clarita, Calif. (Canyon High)
46	Russell Allen	LB	6-3	230	So.	1L	Oceanside, Calif. (Vista High)
47	Kwan Howard	DL	6-0	245	Sr.	3L	Harvey, La. (Lehret High)
48	Trevor Parrington	LB	6-1	240	Sr.	2L	Corona, Calif. (Corona High)
49	Brian Stanbra	DL	6-4	215	Jr.	TR	San Diego, Calif. (Univ. of San Diego High/Grossmont CC)
50	Ted Edwards	LB	6-1	230	Jr.	TR	Kelso, Wash. (Kelso High/Brown University)
50	Trask Iosefa	OL	6-0	295	Fr.	HS	Ewa Beach, Hawaii (Honolulu Punahou High)
51	Joe Martin	LB	6-2	230	Sr.	3L	Palmdale, Calif. (Paraclete High)
52	Tyler Schmitt	LS	6-2	230	Jr.	2L	Peoria, Ariz. (Cactus High)
53	Tom DeLash	RB	5-10	225	Jr.	RS	San Jose, Calif. (Leigh High/West Valley College)
54	Frederick Amano	DT	6-1	260	Jr.	TR	San Diego, Calif. (Rancho Bernardo High/S.E. Missouri State)
55	Emil Metroka	DL	6-3	275	Sr.	SQ	San Diego, Calif. (Patrick Henry High/Weber State Univ.)
56	Jonathan Soto	DL	6-3	270	So.	1L	West Covina, Calif. (Bishop Amat High)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School/College)
57	Andrew Sterndale	DL	6-4	270	Fr.	RS	Temecula, Calif. (Chaparral High)
58	Marc Hull	LB	6-3	210	Jr.	2L	Carson, Calif. (Harbor City Narbonne High)
59	Ryan Chohany	DE	6-3	225	Fr.	HS	San Diego, Calif. (Rancho Bernardo High)
59	Nick Smith	OL	6-6	320	Sr.	SQ	Orinda, Calif. (Miramonte High/Diablo Valley College)
60	Jacob Manuel	DL	6-4	260	Fr.	HS	Camarillo, Calif. (Rio Mesa High)
61	Jimmie Carmack	OL/DL	6-4	270	Fr.	HS	Palos Verdes Estates, Calif. (Palos Verdes High)
62	Brandyn Dombrowski	OL	6-6	335	Jr.	2L	Henderson, Nev. (Green Valley High)
63	Peter Manuma	OL	6-4	280	Jr.	TR	Long Beach, Calif. (Long Beach Poly High/Long Beach CC)
64	Matthew Callahan	OL	6-7	295	Jr.	2L	Walnut Creek, Calif. (Ygnacio Valley High)
65	Josh Duran	DL	6-3	225	Sr.	SQ	San Jose, Calif. (Oak Grove High/West Valley College)
65	Whitley Fehoko	OL	6-0	320	Fr.	HS	Honolulu, Hawaii (Farrington High)
66	Ernie Lawson	DL	6-3	250	Fr.	HS	Vallejo, Calif. (St. Patrick-St. Vincent High)
67	Ikaika Aken-Moleta	OL	6-2	330	Fr.	RS	Kapolei, Hawaii (Kapolei High)
68	Jason Alexander	OL	6-7	290	So.	SQ	San Jose, Calif. (Santa Teresa High)
69	Avery Williams	DL	6-3	250	Fr.	RS	Livermore, Calif. (Granada High)
70	Mike Kravetz	OL	6-6	310	Jr.	1L	Las Vegas, Nev. (Durango High)
71	Dan Hathaway	OL	6-7	300	Jr.	TR	San Diego, Calif. (Grossmont High/Grossmont College)
72	Joran Ohnstad	OL	6-2	320	So.	SQ	Carlsbad, Calif. (La Costa Canyon High)
73	Eder Arosemena	OL	6-2	290	Sr.	1L	Vista, Calif. (Vista High/Palomar College)
75	Patrick Justman	OL	6-6	300	Sr.	2L	Palo Alto, Calif. (Palo Alto High)
76	Will Robinson	OL	6-6	280	Jr.	2L	Pomona, Calif. (Bishop Amat High)
77	Mike Schmidt	OL	6-2	315	So.	SQ	San Diego, Calif. (Madison High)
78	Eric Rouser	OL	6-8	255	So.	1L	Camarillo, Calif. (St. Bonaventure High)
79	Robert Nelson	OL	6-10	330	Sr.	1L	Gilbert, Ariz. (Skyline High/Scottsdale College)
80	Alex Ghebreselassie	WR	6-3	200	Jr.	TR	Chula Vista, Calif. (Bonita Vista High/UCLA)
81	Steve Schmidt	TE	6-5	250	Sr.	1L	North Vancouver, B.C. (Carson-Graham High/Butte College)
82	Brian Spinks	WR	6-2	210	Sr.	SQ	Stockton, Calif. (Edison High)
83	Jon Toledo	WR	6-3	210	Fr.	RS	Encinitas, Calif. (La Costa Canyon High)
84	Justin Shaw	WR	6-2	205	So.	TR	Palmdale, Calif. (Palmdale High/Northern Arizona)
85	Justin Amaral	WR	5-11	200	Sr.	1L	Pittsburg, Calif. (Pittsburg High/Los Medanos College)
86	Waika Spencer	TE	6-4	255	Fr.	RS	Honolulu, Hawaii (Kamehameha High)
87	Eric Miclot	TE	6-5	240	Jr.	2L	Oceanside, Calif. (Vista High)
88	Matthew Kawulok	TE	6-2	220	Fr.	RS	Boulder, Colo. (Monarch High)
89	Lance Louis	TE	6-3	265	Jr.	2L	New Orleans, La. (Landry High)
90	B.J. Williams	DE	6-3	220	Fr.	HS	Aurora, Colo. (Eaglecrest High)
91	Ornan Nwansi	DL	6-2	310	Jr.	RS	Richmond, Calif. (El Cerrito High/Contra Costa College)
92	Siaosi Fifita	DL	6-4	260	So.	1L	Van Nuys, Calif. (Birmingham High)
93	Antwan Applewhite	DE	6-4	245	Jr.	2L	Torrance, Calif. (Narbonne High)
94	Nick Osborn	DL	6-5	260	Jr.	2L	Kensington, Calif. (Berkeley St. Mary's High)
95	Robert Miller	TE	6-7	250	Sr.	1L	Anaheim, Calif. (Canyon High)
96	Peter Nelson	DL	6-5	270	Fr.	RS	St. Charles, Ill. (St. Charles North High)
97	Eric Ikonne	DE	6-0	200	Fr.	HS	Dallas, Texas (Newman Smith High)
98	Sean McMaster	DL	6-2	305	Jr.	RS	Walnut Creek, Calif. (Olympic High/Diablo Valley College)
99	Jonathan Bailes	DT	6-1	320	Sr.	3L	Tampa, Fla. (Tampa Jefferson High)

No.	Name	Pos.
43	Moore, Aaron	DB
4	Mougey, Darren	QB
96	Nelson, Peter	DL
79	Nelson, Robert	OL
91	Nwansi, Ornan	DL
7	O'Connell, Kevin	QB
72	Ohnstad, Joran	OL
94	Osborn, Nick	DL
14	Palmer, Garrett	K
48	Parrington, Trevor	LB
40	Patterson, Ray	WR/DB
2	Porter, Ramal	WR
32	Preston, Andrew	LB
76	Robinson, Will	OL
27	Robles, Steven	K
78	Rouser, Eric	OL
19	Sampson, DeMarco	WR
42	Sandford, Nick	DB
45	Schantz, Andrew	LB
1	Schilens, Chaz	WR
77	Schmidt, Mike	OL
81	Schmidt, Steve	TE
52	Schmitt, Tyler	LS
84	Shaw, Justin	WR
17	Shields, Michael	DB
59	Smith, Nick	OL
2	Sokoloski, Kelsey	QB
56	Soto, Jonathan	DL
86	Spencer, Waika	TE
82	Spinks, Brian	WR
49	Stanbra, Brian	DL
57	Sterndale, Andrew	DL
12	Sturm, Brett	S
24	Sullivan, Brandon	RB
16	Swain, Brett	WR
30	Thomas, Rico	DB
83	Toledo, Jon	WR
38	Ulibarri, Josh	FB
13	Walker, Josh	DB
18	Wallace, Roberto	WR
6	Wesley, Mekell	WR
69	Williams, Avery	DL
90	Williams, B.J.	DE
38	Yarbrough, Marcus	LB

• = Duplicate Number

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## The Coaching Staff

**Chuck Long** (Iowa '85) Head Coach, 1st season; **Bob Elliott** (Iowa '76) Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator, 1st season; **Del Miller** (Central College '72), Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks, 1st season; **Joe Bob Clements** (Kansas State '99) Defensive Line, 1st season; **Jonathan Himebauch** (Southern California '98) Offensive Line, 1st season; **Larry Holton** (Iowa State '70) Running Backs, 1st season; **William Inge** (Iowa '96) Linebackers, 1st season; **Thom Kaumeyer** (Regents '93) Defensive Backs, 5th season; **LeCharles McDaniel** (Cal Poly '81) Wide Receivers, 6th season; **Toby Neinas** (Missouri '95) Tight Ends/Special Teams, 1st season.

## Pronunciation Guide

Ikaika Aken-Moleta	ee-KYE-kuh A-kin MOW-let-uh
Frederick Amano	uh-mon-O
Justin Amaral	am-ur-ALL
Eder Arosemena	Ed-ur a-roh-suh-mean-uh
Matt Barbier	bar-bee-A
Ryan Chohany	CHO-hahn
Tony DeMartinis	dee-mar-TEEN-nee
Brandyn Dombrowski	bran-DIN DOM-brow-ski
Whitley Fehoko	fee-OH-ko
Siaosi Fifita	sea-AH-sea fuh-FEET-uh
Alex Ghebreselassie	jee-burr-SEA-las-ee
Lynell Hamilton	LIE-nell

Atiyah Henderson	uh-TEE-uh
Eric Ikonne	eye-CON-ee
Matthew Kawulok	kuh-WALL-uk
Mike Kravetz	kruh-VETZ
Luke Laolagi	Lay-uh-log-ee
Peter Manuma	MON-you-muh
Terrell Maze	tuh-RELL
Emil Metroka	eh-mull me-TROH-kuh
Eric Miclot	MICK-low
Darren Mougey	MOO-jee
Ornan Nwansi	OR-nun nuh-WON-zee
Joran Ohnstad	gor-in own-stad

Eric Rouser	ROW(rhymes with now)-zur
DeMarco Sampson	duh-mark-O
Chaz Schilens	CHAZ shill-UNS
Kelsey Sokoloski	sock-OH-loss-key
Waika Spencer	VIE-kuh
Josh Ulibarri	Yul-ih-BAR-ee
Mekell Wesley	MUH-kell

### STAFF

Jonathan Himebauch	HIME-bach
Thom Kaumeyer	Tom KAW-meyer
Toby Neinas	NIE-nuss

# AZTEC TWO • DEEP

## Offense (Multiple)

LT	76	<b>Will Robinson</b> , 6-6, 280, Jr.-2L, Pomona, Calif. - OR -
	59	Nick Smith, 6-6, 320, Sr.-SQ, Orinda, Calif.
	79	Robert Nelson, 6-10, 330, Sr.-1L, Gilbert, Ariz.
LG	59	Nick Smith, 6-6, 320, Sr.-SQ, Orinda, Calif. - OR -
	62	<b>Brandyn Dombrowski</b> , 6-6, 335, Jr.-2L, Henderson, Nev.
	67	Ikaika Aken-Moleta, 6-2, 330, Fr.-RS, Kapolei, Hawaii
C	75	Patrick Justman, 6-6, 300, Sr.-2L, Palo Alto, Calif. - OR -
	73	Eder Arosemena, 6-2, 290, Sr.-1L, Vista, Calif.
	50	Trask Iosefa, 6-0, 295, Fr.-HS, Ewa Beach, Hawaii
RG	77	Mike Schmidt, 6-2, 315, So.-SQ, San Diego, Calif.
	70	Mike Kravetz, 6-6, 310, Jr.-1L, Las Vegas, Nev.
RT	70	Mike Kravetz, 6-5, 290, Jr.-1L, Las Vegas, Nev. - OR -
	78	Eric Rouser, 6-8, 255, So.-1L, Camarillo, Calif.
TE	81	Steve Schmidt, 6-5, 250, Sr.-1L, North Vancouver, B.C. - OR -
	86	Waika Spencer, 6-4, 255, Fr.-RS, Honolulu, Hawaii
R	1	<b>Chaz Schilens</b> , 6-4, 220, Jr.-2L, Mesa, Ariz.
	10	Marcus Montgomery, 6-2, 215, So.-SQ, Oceanside, Calif. - OR -
	18	Roberto Wallace, 6-4, 210, Fr.-RS, Oceanside, Calif.
W	16	Brett Swain, 6-1, 200, Jr.-2L, Carlsbad, Calif.
	6	Mekell Wesley, 5-10, 180, Fr.-RS, Chandler, Ariz.
	80	Alex Ghebreselassie, 6-3, 200, Jr.-TR, Chula Vista, Calif.
X	19	DeMarco Sampson, 6-2, 205, So.-1L, Chula Vista, Calif. - OR -
	2	Ramal Porter, 5-10, 185, Sr.-3L, Van Nuys, Calif.
HB	37	Brandon Bornes, 6-1, 225, Jr.-2L, Vista, Calif.
	23	Tyler Campbell, 6-0, 215, So.-RS, Austin, Texas
TB	22	<b>Lynell Hamilton</b> , 6-0, 225, Jr.-2L, Stockton, Calif.
	21	Atiyah Henderson, 5-9, 185, Fr.-RS, Rockledge, Fla.
QB	7	<b>Kevin O'Connell</b> , 6-6, 225, Jr.-2L, Carlsbad, Calif.
	4	Darren Mougey, 6-6, 230, So.-1L, Scottsdale, Ariz. - OR -
	3	Kevin Craft, 6-5, 200, Fr.-RS, Valley Center, Calif.

## Special Teams

P	17	<b>Michael Hughes</b> , 6-1, 190, Jr.-2L, Moreno Valley, Calif.
	14	Garrett Palmer, 6-3, 185, Jr.-2L, Rialto, Calif.
PK	14	<b>Garrett Palmer</b> , 6-3, 185, Jr.-2L, Rialto, Calif.
	17	Michael Hughes, 6-1, 190, Jr.-2L, Moreno Valley, Calif.
RET		to be determined
H	26	Alan Gomez, 6-3, 225, Jr.-SQ, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
LS	52	<b>Tyler Schmitt</b> , 6-2, 230, Jr.-2L, Peoria, Ariz.

## Defense (Multiple)

DE	93	<b>Antwan Applewhite</b> , 6-4, 245, Jr.-2L, Torrance, Calif.
	41	Tony DeMartinis, 6-5, 255, Fr.-RS, Sun Valley, Calif. - OR -
	47	Kwan Howard, 6-0, 245, Sr.-3L, Harvey, La.
DT	54	Frederick Amano, 6-1, 260, Jr.-TR, San Diego, Calif.
	56	Jonathan Soto, 6-3, 270, So.-1L, West Covina, Calif.
NT	99	<b>Jonathan Bailes</b> , 6-1, 320, Sr.-3L, Tampa, Fla.
	91	Ornan Nwansi, 6-2, 310, Jr.-RS, Richmond, Calif.
DE	94	<b>Nick Osborn</b> , 6-5, 260, Jr.-2L, Kensington, Calif.
	92	Siaosi Fifita, 6-4, 260, So.-1L, Van Nuys, Calif.
WLB	46	<b>Russell Allen</b> , 6-3, 230, So.-1L, Oceanside, Calif.
	36	Brett Martin, 6-0, 235, Jr.-2L, Corona, Calif.
MLB	51	<b>Joe Martin</b> , 6-2, 230, Sr.-3L, Palmdale, Calif.
	35	Luke Laolagi, 6-1, 230, Fr.-RS, Reseda, Calif. - OR -
	34	Jerry Milling, 5-10, 235, Fr.-RS, Palmdale, Calif.
SLB	45	Andrew Schantz, 6-1, 235, So.-1L, Santa Clarita, Calif.
	58	Marc Hull, 6-3, 210, Jr.-2L, Carson, Calif. - OR -
	48	Trevor Parrington, 6-1, 240, Sr.-2L, Corona, Calif.
CB	9	<b>Terrell Maze</b> , 6-0, 175, Sr.-3L, Santa Monica, Calif.
	29	Kwincy Edwards, 5-11, 165, Fr.-RS, Palmdale, Calif.
LS	12	Brett Sturm, 6-2, 220, Sr.-3L, Littleton, Colo.
	5	T.J. McKay, 6-1, 195, So.-1L, Palmdale, Calif.
RS	31	<b>Reggie Grigsby</b> , 6-0, 205, Sr.-3L, Oceanside, Calif.
	33	Matt Barbier, 6-0, 180, Sr.-1L, San Diego, Calif.
CB	3	<b>Donny Baker</b> , 5-9, 165, Sr.-3L, Miami, Fla.
	43	Aaron Moore, 6-0, 190, Fr.-RS, Tampa, Fla. - OR -
	13	Josh Walker, 6-2, 190, Fr.-RS, Tampa, Fla.

*Two-deep chart at the completion of spring practice. Bold indicates player started at least six games in 2005 starter.*



# AZTECS AT A GLANCE

## AZTECS BY CLASS

Personnel listed with eligibility as it will be entering the 2006 season.

### SENIORS (20)

WR Justin Amaral, OL Eder Arosemena, DB Donny Baker, DT Jonathan Bailes, DB Matt Barbier, DL Josh Duran, S Reggie Grigsby, DL Kwan Howard, OL Patrick Justman, LB Joe Martin, DB Terrell Maze, DL Emil Metroka, TE Robert Miller, OL Robert Nelson, LB Trevor Parrington, WR Ramal Porter, TE Steve Schmidt, OL Nick Smith, WR Brian Spinks, S Brett Sturm

### JUNIORS (31)

DT Frederick Amano, DE Antwan Applewhite, DB Ray Bass, RB Brandon Bornes, OL Matthew Callahan, RB Tom DeLash, OL Brandyn Dombrowski, LB Freddy Dunkle, LB Ted Edwards, WR Alex Ghebreselassie, P Alan Gomez, RB Lynell Hamilton, OL Dan Hathaway, P/K Michael Hughes, LB Marc Hull, DB Scotty James, OL Mike Kravetz, TE Lance Louis, OL Peter Manuma, LB Brett Martin, DL Sean McMaster, TE Eric Miclot, DL Ornan Nwansi, QB Kevin O'Connell, DL Nick Osborn, K/P Garrett Palmer, OL Will Robinson, WR Chaz Schilens, LS Tyler Schmitt, DL Brian Stanbra, WR Brett Swain

### SOPHOMORES (17)

OL Jason Alexander, LB Russell Allen, DB Gerard Armstrong, RB Tyler Campbell, DL Siaoisi Fifita, S T.J. McKay, WR Marcus Montgomery, QB Darren Mougey, OL Joran Ohnstad, K Steven Robles, OL Eric Rouser, WR DeMarco Sampson, LB Andrew Schantz, OL Mike Schmidt, WR Justin Shaw, DL Jonathan Soto, FB Josh Ulibarri

### REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (20)

OL Ikaika Aken-Moleta, QB Kevin Craft, LB Josh Cunningham, DL Tony DeMartinis, DB Kwincy Edwards, RB Atiyah Henderson, TE Matthew Kawulok, LB Luke Laolagi, LB Jerry Milling, DB Aaron Moore, DL Peter Nelson, DB Nick Sandford, DB Michael Shields, TE Waika Spencer, DL Andrew Sterndale, WR Jon Toledo, DB Josh Walker, WR Roberto Wallace, WR Mekell Wesley, DL Avery Williams

### TRUE FRESHMEN (16)

RB Davon Brown, OL/DL Jimmie Carmack, DE Ryan Chohany, DB Martrell Fantroy, OL Whitley Fehoko, DE Eric Ikonne, OL Trask Iosefa, DL Ernie Lawson, DL Jacob Manuel, WR/DB Ray Patterson, LB Andrew Preston, QB Kelsey Sokoloski, RB Brandon Sullivan, DB Rico Thomas, DE B.J. Williams, LB Marcus Yarbrough

## WHAT RETURNS

By percentage, what returns from last season.

OFFENSE	Pct.
Rushing Yards	.96.6
Passing Yards	100.0
Receiving Yards	.42.2
Scoring	.65.9

DEFENSE	Pct.
Tackles	.70.5
Tackles For Loss	.55.2
Sacks	.64.7
Forced Fumbles	.90.9
Fumble Recoveries	.66.7
Interceptions	.55.6

SPECIAL TEAMS	Pct.
Field Goals	100.0
Punting Yards	100.0
Punt Return Yards	.0.0
Kickoff Return Yards	.20.2

## STARTERS RETURNING & LOST

Personnel listed with eligibility as it will be entering the 2006 season.

### OFFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (6)

Pos.	Name	Career Starts
OL	Brandyn Dombrowski	.17
RB	Lynell Hamilton	.17
TE	Eric Miclot	.11
QB	Kevin O'Connell	.17
OL	Will Robinson	.14
WR	Chaz Schilens	.7
TOTAL		.83

### OFFENSIVE STARTERS LOST (5)

Pos.	Name	Career Starts
C	Jasper Harvey	.34
WR	Robert Ortiz	.22
OL	Chris Pino	.16
OL	Taylor Schmidt	.23
WR	Jeff Webb	.30
TOTAL		.125

### DEFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (8)

Pos.	Name	Career Starts
LB	Russell Allen	.7
DE	Antwan Applewhite	.15
DB	Donny Baker	.13
DT	Jonathan Bailes	.27
S	Reggie Grigsby	.12
LB	Joe Martin	.12
DB	Terrell Maze	.11
DL	Nick Osborn	.12
TOTAL		.109

### DEFENSIVE STARTERS LOST (3)

Pos.	Name	Career Starts
S	Marcus Demps	.29
DE	Kurt Kahui	.18
LB	Freddy Keiaho	.11
TOTAL		.58

### SPECIALIST RETURNING (3)

Pos.	Name
P	Michael Hughes
K	Garrett Palmer
LS	Tyler Schmitt

### SPECIALIST LOST (0)

Pos.	Name
none	

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## RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing	Lynell Hamilton (190 att., 819 yds., 9 TDs)
Passing	Kevin O'Connell (233-375-12, 2,663 yds., 19 TDs)
Receiving	Chaz Schilens (34 rec., 441 yds., 2 TDs)
Total Offense	Kevin O'Connell (515 plays, 3,065 yards)
All-Purpose	Lynell Hamilton (963 yds.)
Punt Returns	none
Kickoff Returns	Justin Amaral (9 ret., 14.6 ypr)
Field Goals	Garrett Palmer (15-for-17 FGs, 36-38 XP)
Scoring	Garrett Palmer (81 points)
Tackles	Reggie Grigsby (90)
Tackles For Loss	Antwan Applewhite (8.5-42)
Sacks	Antwan Applewhite (5.5-28)
Interceptions	Terrell Maze (3)
Punting Average	Michael Hughes (44.8)

## LOST STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing	Michael Franklin (8 att., 36 yds.)
Passing	none
Receiving	Jeff Webb (92 rec., 1,109 yds., 10 TDs)
Total Offense	Michael Franklin (8 plays, 36 yds.)
All-Purpose	Jeff Webb (1,121 yds.)
Punt Returns	Michael Franklin (20 ret., 5.2 ypr)
Kickoff Returns	Michael Franklin (29 ret., 18.2 ypr)
Field Goals	none
Scoring	Jeff Webb (60 points)
Tackles	Freddy Keiaho (113)
Tackles For Loss	Freddy Keiaho (11.5-48 yards)
Sacks	Kurt Kahui (3.0-21 yards)
Interceptions	Marcus Demps (4)
Punting Average	none

## 2006 SIGNING CLASS

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
Davon Brown	RB	5-9	170	Torrance, Calif.
Jimmie Carmack	OL/DL	6-4	270	Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.
Ryan Chohany	DE	6-3	225	San Diego, Calif.
Martrell Fantroy	DB	6-1	200	Las Vegas, Nev.
Whitley Fehoko	OL	6-0	320	Honolulu, Hawaii
Dan Hathaway	OL	6-7	300	San Diego, Calif.
Eric Ikonne	DE	6-0	200	Dallas, Texas
Ernie Lawson	DL	6-3	250	Vallejo, Calif.
Jacob Manuel	DL	6-4	260	Camarillo, Calif.
Peter Manuma	OL	6-4	280	Long Beach, Calif.
Ray Patterson	WR/DB	5-11	185	San Diego, Calif.
Andrew Preston	LB	6-1	215	Centennial, Colo.
Kelsey Sokoloski	QB	6-2	175	Englewood, Colo.
Brian Stanbra	DL	6-4	215	San Diego, Calif.
Brandon Sullivan	RB	5-11	210	Poway, Calif.
Rico Thomas	DB	5-11	190	Oakland, Calif.
B.J. Williams	DE	6-3	220	Aurora, Colo.
Marcus Yarbrough	LB	6-2	255	San Diego, Calif.

## GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN

Current Aztecs by home state or country.

### CALIFORNIA (75)

OL Jason Alexander, LB Russell Allen, DT Frederick Amano, WR Justin Amaral, DE Antwan Applewhite, DB Gerard Armstrong, OL Eder Arosemena, DB Matt Barbier, DB Ray Bass, RB Brandon Bornes, RB Davon Brown, OL Matthew Callahan, OL/DL Jimmie Carmack, DE Ryan Chohany, QB Kevin Craft, LB Josh Cunningham, RB Tom DeLash, DL Tony DeMartinis, LB Freddy Dunkle, DL Josh Duran, DB Kwincy Edwards, DL Siaosi Fifita, WR Alex Ghebreselassie, P Alan Gomez, S Reggie Grigsby, RB Lynell Hamilton, OL Dan Hathaway, P/K Michael Hughes, LB Marc Hull, DB Scotty James, OL Patrick Justman, LB Luke Laolagi, DL Ernie Lawson, LB Brett Martin, LB Joe Martin, DL Jacob Manuel, OL Peter Manuma, DB Terrell Maze, S T.J. McKay, DL Sean McMaster, DL Emil Metroka, TE Eric Mictot, TE Robert Miller, LB Jerry Milling, WR Marcus Montgomery, DL Ornan Nwansi, QB Kevin O'Connell, OL Joran Ohnstad, DL Nick Osborn, K/P Garrett Palmer, WR/DB Ray Patterson, WR Ramal Porter, OL Will Robinson, K Steven Robles, OL Eric Rouser, WR DeMarco Sampson, OL Nick Smith, LB Trevor Parrington, DB Nick Sandford, OL Mike Schmidt, WR Justin Shaw, DB Michael Shields, LB Andrew Schantz, DL Jonathan Soto, WR Brian Spinks, DL Brian Stanbra, DL Andrew Sterndale, RB Brandon Sullivan, WR Brett Swain, DB Rico Thomas, WR Jon Toledo, FB Josh Ulibarri, WR Roberto Wallace, DL Avery Williams, LB Marcus Yarbrough

### ARIZONA (5)

QB Darren Mougey, OL Robert Nelson, WR Chaz Schilens, LS Tyler Schmitt, WR Mekell Wesley

### COLORADO (5)

TE Matthew Kawulok, LB Andrew Preston, QB Kelsey Sokoloski, S Brett Sturm, DE B.J. Williams

### FLORIDA (5)

DT Jonathan Bailes, DB Donny Baker, RB Atiyyah Henderson, DB Aaron Moore, DB Josh Walker

### HAWAII (4)

OL Ikaika Aken-Moleta, OL Whitley Fehoko, OL Trask Iosefa, TE Waika Spencer

### NEVADA (3)

OL Brandyn Dombrowski, DB Martrell Fantroy, OL Mike Kravetz

### LOUISIANA (2)

DL Kwan Howard, TE Lance Louis

### TEXAS (2)

RB Tyler Campbell, DE Eric Ikonne

### ILLINOIS (1)

DL Peter Nelson

### WASHINGTON (1)

LB Ted Edwards

### CANADA (1)

TE Steve Schmidt