

#91 TANNER BLAIN

Punter • 6-0 • 205 • Lindenhurst, Ill. • El Camino College

- **At San Diego State:** Accurate punter who continues to work on his power ... Was at the University of Kentucky for two years, redshirting the 2012 season and practicing in 2013, before transferring to El Camino College to punt in 2014 ... Enrolled at SDSU in the 2015 spring semester ... Started all 28 games for the Aztecs over the past two years ... Was also the team's holder on PAT's and field goals ... Among the all-time SDSU leaders, ranked in a tie for fifth in punts (140), sixth in punt yards (5,704) and ninth in punt average (41.3).
- **2016 (Senior):** Started at the punter position and has held for PAT's and field goals in all 14 games on the season ... Was on the Ray Guy Award Watch List for the second consecutive season ... Punted 63 times for 2,602 yards (41.3 avg.) with a long of 75 yards ... 26 punts landed inside the 20-yard line, including eight inside the 10 and three inside the 5 ... 20 of his punts were fair caught and only five went for touchbacks ... Also had 11 punts of at least 50 yards ... Ranked eighth in the Mountain West in punt average (41.30) ... If you take away the 18 times he had to punt inside his opponent's side of the field, he averaged 43.53 yards per punt (on 45 attempts) this year (would rank 24th in the country) ... Had a long of 75 yards, which was the eighth longest in NCAA FBS in 2016 and tied for the sixth longest in SDSU history ... Punted eight times in the opener vs. New Hampshire for 295 yards (36.9 avg.) ... Only two of the eight punts were returned, while two were fair caught (also two touchbacks) ... Had a long of 47 yards ... Had a better game against California, punting five times for 190 yards (38.0 avg.) with a long of 50 yards ... Two of the five punts landed inside the 20-yard line ... Had a career game at Northern Illinois in his home state, punting five times for 212 yards, averaging 42.4 yards per boot with a career-high-tying four inside the 20 ... He ended up with four punts inside the 7-yard line, including three inside the 5 (2, 3 and 4) with the other landing on the 6 ... On his four punts inside the 7, the Huskies were held scoreless ... His other punt was a then season-long 52-yarder ... For his efforts, was named the Mountain West Special Teams Player of the Week for the first time of his career ... Had another good punting game at South Alabama, punting five times for 232 yards (46.4 avg.) with two inside the 20-yard line ... Had a long of 53 yards ... Punted four times for 161 yards (40.3 avg.) against UNLV with a then season-long boot of 55 yards ... Two of his four punts landed inside the 20, including one at the 7-yard line ... Had another good outing at Fresno State, punting four times with three of them inside the Bulldog territory ... Ended up landing three of his four attempts inside the 20, including one inside the 10 ... The other punt was a then-season-long 57-yarder ... Ended up punting for 145 yards, averaging 36.2 yards per boot ... Punted three times for 122 yards (40.7 avg.) with a long of 47 yards against San José State ... Punted three times for 132 yards (44.0 avg.) at Utah State with two punts - 51 and 50 - traveling at least 50 yards ... Finished with a net average of 45.0 as two punts were returned for a loss of three yards ... Had another solid outing against Hawai'i, punting three times for 153 yards, posting a career-high average of 51.0 with a long of 56 yards ... Two of his three punts landed inside the 20, including one inside the 10, with the other going for a touchback ... Finished with a net average of 44.3 ... Was only called upon to punt once for 35 yards at Nevada, making the Wolf Pack start at the 12-yard line ... Had another solid outing at Wyoming, punting five times for 241 yards (48.2 avg.) with a then season-long boot of 60 yards ... Two of his five punts landed inside the 20-yard line, including one at the 8 ... Had one touchback (on the 60 yarder) and finished with a net average of 44.40 ... Was called upon to punt four times for 154 yards (38.5 avg.) against Colorado State with a long of 51 yards ... Three of his four punts were fair caught, but the other was returned for a 91-yard touchdown, the first against SDSU since the 2013 opener vs. Eastern Illinois ... Punted six times for 273 yards (45.5 avg.) at Wyoming in the MW Championship game with a long of 75 yards ... The 75-yarder is the eighth longest in NCAA FBS play this year and tied for the sixth longest in school history (longest since a school-record 89-yarder by Brian Stahovich on Oct. 30, 2010) ... Three of his six punts landed inside the 20-yard line and two were fair caught ... Finished with a net average of 43.8 ... Punted seven times for 257 yards (36.7 avg.) with three inside the 20-yard line against Houston in the Las Vegas Bowl, recording a long of 42 yards.
- **2015 (Junior):** Was the team's starting punter in all 14 games ... Punted 77 times for 3,102 yards, averaging 40.3 yards per boot ... Twenty-five of his 77 punts landed inside the 20-yard line, including nine inside the 10 and two inside the 5 ... Twenty-four of his 77 punts were fair caught ... Had eight 50-plus-yard boots ... Just 19 of his 77 punts were returned for 95 yards (5.0 avg.) ... Had a long punt of 63 yards, which was the longest by an Aztec since Brian Stahovich's 89-yarder at Missouri on Sept. 18, 2010 ... Had a solid debut as an Aztec vs. San Diego, punting five times for 222 yards (44.40 avg.), including two 50-plus yard boots ... Had a long of 63 yards, which is the longest by an SDSU player since Brian Stahovich's 89-yarder at Missouri on Sept. 18, 2010 ... It was also tied for the 16th-longest punt by an Aztec since

1996 and the 12th longest by a SDSU player in the MW era (since 1999) ... Three of his five punts were inside the 20-yard line ... Punted a career-high nine times for 365 yards (40.6 avg.) at California with four landing inside the 20-yard line and an impressive five being fair caught ... Had a long of 51 yards ... Had a good game for South Alabama, punting six times for 281 yards, averaging a career-high 46.8 yards per boot ... Three of his six punts landed inside the 20, including three inside the 10 and two inside the 5 (2 and 1-yd line) ... Had a long of 60 yards ... Three of the six punts were fair caught and three were downed as none were returned ... The average starting field position for USA off his punts was the 14 ... Had eight punts at Penn State for 313 yards, averaging 39.1 per kick ... One landed inside the 20 and one was fair caught ... Had a long of 48 yards ... Punted six times for 233 yards (38.8 avg.) against Fresno State ... Had one punt land inside the 10-yard line with one touchback ... Four of the six punts were fair caught ... Tied a career high with nine punts at Hawai'i for 379 yards (42.1 avg.) ... Three of his punts landed inside the 20-yard line, including one on the 5 ... Had two punts that traveled 50-plus yards with a long of 54 yards ... Had a solid outing at San José State, punting three times for 118 yards (39.3 avg.) with all three punts landing inside the 20-yard line, including two inside the 10 ... The three punts finished at the 12, 6 and 8-yard line, giving the Spartans an average starting field position of 8.7 yard line on those punts ... Two of the three punts came on the SJSU side of the field, somewhat skewing his punt average ... His one punt on SDSU's side of the ball was his longest of the game at 48 yards ... Punted five times for 179 yards (35.8 avg.) against Utah State with a long of 46 yards ... Two of the five punts were inside the 20, three were fair caught and two were returned for just seven yards ... One of the punts was muffed by an Aggie player and Marcus Stamps recovered the ball, but set up a missed Aztec field goal ... Punted four times for 173 yards (43.2 avg.) at Colorado State with a long of 52 yards ... None of the four punts were returned ... Punted three times for 123 yards (41.0 avg.) vs. Wyoming ... Posted a 42.0 net average as the one punt that was returned was muffed for a 3-yard loss, where long snapper Jeff Overbaugh pounced on it for the recovery ... SDSU later scored on the drive ... Had a long of 44 yards ... Punted four times for 146 yards (36.5 avg.) at UNLV with a long of 40 yards, landing one at the 12-yard line ... Punted six times for 224 yards (37.3 avg.) against Nevada with a long of 45 yards ... One landed inside the 20-yard line and zero of the six boots were returned ... Had five punts for 209 yards (41.8 avg.) with a long of 51 yards vs. Air Force in the MW Championship game ... One of the punts landed inside the 20-yard line ... Two of the five punts were returned for a total of just three yards (1.5 avg.) ... Had four punts for 137 yards (34.2 avg.) vs. Cincinnati in the Hawai'i Bowl with a long of 47 yards ... Two of his four punts landed inside the 20-yard line.

- **2014 (at El Camino College):** Punted 53 times for 1,968 yards (37.1 avg.) in 2014 at El Camino College with a long of 63 yards ... Eighteen of his 53 punts landed inside the 20, while 11 were fair caught and just one went for a touchback ... Best game was vs. Citrus on Sept. 27, when he punted six times for 271 yards (45.2 avg.), including a 63-yarder and two inside the 20 ... Followed that up with a season-high 11 punts for 435 yards (39.5 avg.) with eight landing inside the 20 at Riverside.
- **At Univ. of Kentucky (2012-13):** Practiced with the Wildcats in 2013, but did not play in a game ... Redshirted his first season at UK in 2012.
- **High School:** Played wide receiver, cornerback, kicker and punter for Lake Community High School, helping the Eagles to a conference championship as a senior ... Named all-conference and the No. 1 punter in the area ... Averaged 44.6 yards per punt, while converting on 9-of-12 field goal attempts with an 85 percent touchback rate in his senior season ... Averaged 41.3 yards per punt as a junior and 39.4 yards per punt as a sophomore ... A two-star recruit by Rivals and 247sports ... Received a grade of 73 by 247sports ... Also earned three letters as a shooting guard in basketball ... Lettered one year in track and field, competing in the jumping events (long jump, triple jump and high jump).
- **Personal:** Tanner Austin Blaine was born May 3, 1994, in Lake Forest, Ill. ... Son of David and Priscilla Blain ... Chose Kentucky out of Lake Community High School since it was close to his hometown ... Is majoring in social science.

Blain's Career Statistics

| Season | GP | GS | No. | Yds. | Avg. | Net | TB | FC | I20 | 50+ | Lg. |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 2015 | 14 | 14 | 77 | 3,102 | 40.3 | 37.0 | 8 | 24 | 25 | 8 | 63 |
| 2016 | 14 | 14 | 63 | 2,602 | 41.3 | 36.9 | 5 | 20 | 26 | 11 | 75 |
| Career | 28 | 28 | 140 | 5,704 | 40.7 | 37.0 | 13 | 44 | 51 | 19 | 75 |

Career Highs: Punts: 9 at Hawai'i (10/10/15), at California (9/12/15); Yards: 379 at Hawai'i (10/10/15); Avg. (min. 2 attempts): 51.0 (3-for-153) Hawai'i (11/5/16); Net Avg. (min. 2 attempts): 46.8 vs. South Alabama (9/19/15); Punt Long: 75 at Wyoming (12/3/16);

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Fair Caught: 5 at California (9/12/15); **Inside 20:** 4 at Northern Illinois (9/17/16), at California (9/12/15).

2016 Highs: **Punts:** 8 vs. New Hampshire (9/3/16); **Yards:** 295 vs. New Hampshire (9/3/16); **Avg. (min. 2 attempts):** 51.0 (3-for-153) Hawai'i (11/5/16); **Net Avg. (min. 2 attempts):** 45.0 at Utah State (10/28/16); **Punt Long:** 75 at Wyoming (12/3/16); **Fair Caught:** 3 vs. Colorado State (11/26/16), vs. California (9/10/16); **Inside 20:** 4 at Northern Illinois (9/17/16).

Blain's Career Game-by-Game

| Date | Opponent | GP | GS | No. | Yds. | Avg. | Net | TB | FC | I20 | Lg |
|---------|----------------------|----|----|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| S.5.15 | San Diego | 1 | * | 5 | 222 | 44.4 | 40.4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 63 |
| S.12.15 | at California | 1 | * | 9 | 365 | 40.6 | 36.7 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 51 |
| S.19.15 | South Alabama | 1 | * | 6 | 281 | 46.8 | 46.8 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 60 |
| S.26.15 | at Penn State | 1 | * | 8 | 313 | 39.1 | 37.0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 48 |
| O.3.15 | Fresno State* | 1 | * | 6 | 233 | 38.8 | 34.3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 41 |
| O.10.15 | at Hawai'i* | 1 | * | 9 | 379 | 42.1 | 35.8 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 54 |
| O.17.15 | at San José State* | 1 | * | 3 | 118 | 39.3 | 39.3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 48 |
| O.23.15 | Utah State* | 1 | * | 5 | 179 | 35.8 | 34.4 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 46 |
| O.31.15 | at Colorado State* | 1 | * | 4 | 173 | 43.2 | 38.2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 52 |
| N.14.15 | Wyoming* | 1 | * | 3 | 123 | 41.0 | 42.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44 |
| N.21.15 | at UNLV* | 1 | * | 4 | 146 | 36.5 | 31.8 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 40 |
| N.28.15 | Nevada* | 1 | * | 6 | 224 | 37.3 | 35.9 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 45 |
| D.5.15 | Air Force `` | 1 | * | 5 | 209 | 41.8 | 37.6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 51 |
| D.24.15 | vs. Cincinnati% | 1 | * | 4 | 137 | 34.2 | 35.5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 47 |
| S.3.16 | New Hampshire | 1 | * | 8 | 295 | 36.9 | 29.3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 47 |
| S.10.16 | California | 1 | * | 5 | 190 | 38.0 | 38.0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 50 |
| S.17.16 | at Northern Illinois | 1 | * | 5 | 212 | 42.4 | 40.0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 52 |
| O.1.16 | at South Alabama | 1 | * | 5 | 242 | 46.4 | 42.6 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 53 |
| O.8.16 | UNLV* | 1 | * | 4 | 161 | 40.3 | 34.2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 55 |
| O.14.16 | at Fresno State* | 1 | * | 4 | 145 | 36.3 | 36.3 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 57 |
| O.21.16 | San José State* | 1 | * | 3 | 122 | 40.7 | 34.0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 47 |
| O.28.16 | at Utah State* | 1 | * | 3 | 132 | 44.0 | 45.0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 51 |
| N.5.16 | Hawai'i* | 1 | * | 3 | 153 | 51.0 | 44.3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 56 |
| N.12.16 | at Nevada* | 1 | * | 1 | 35 | 35.0 | 35.0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 35 |
| N.19.16 | at Wyoming* | 1 | * | 5 | 241 | 48.2 | 44.4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 60 |
| N.26.16 | Colorado State* | 1 | * | 4 | 154 | 38.5 | 14.5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 51 |
| D.3.16 | at Wyoming* | 1 | * | 6 | 273 | 45.5 | 43.8 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 75 |
| D.17.16 | vs. Houston^ | 1 | * | 7 | 257 | 36.7 | 36.7 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 42 |

*Bold indicates season high. GS - * in this category indicates the player was on the field the first time San Diego State was in the punt formation. * - Mountain West game. `` - 2015 Sports Authority Mountain West Championship (Qualcomm Stadium; San Diego, Calif.). % - 2015 Hawai'i Bowl (Aloha Stadium; Honolulu, Hawaii). @ - 2016 Mountain West Championship (War Memorial Stadium; Laramie, Wyo.). ^ - 2016 Las Vegas Bowl (Sam Boyd Stadium; Las Vegas, Nev.).*