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SDSU Football Adds Two More on Signing Day

Aztecs now at 22 for signing class

SAN DIEGO -- San Diego State football head coach Brady Hoke has announced that Josh Hunter (Temecula, Calif./Mater Dei High) and Hassan Mahasin (Daly City, Calif./Serra High) have signed National Letters of Intent. Along with the 14 signees the first two days of early signing period in December and six FBS transfers in January, the Aztec signing class is now at 22.

Hunter was a four-year letter winner at powerhouse Mater Dei High School, helping the Monarchs to two CIF open championships, two state titles and three league championships over his career. Mater Dei HS went 43-2 (.956) over his four seasons, including undefeated seasons in 2021 (12-0) and 2020 (5-0). A safety, Hunter was a two-time Trinity League defensive MVP and three-time all-league selection, recording 148 tackles (115 solo) for his career, including eight interceptions, 22 pass breakups, two fumble recoveries and a blocked punt.

Mahasin, meanwhile, starred at Serra High School in San Mateo, California, where he was the 2020 Bay Area Player of the Year. Mahasin had 23 catches for 418 yards (18.2 avg.) and seven touchdowns in four games in 2021 before suffering a season-ending injury. He also added 61 rushing yards and three touchdowns on 11 carries (15.3 avg.). Mahasin is ranked as the 22nd-best "athlete" in the 2022 class by 247sports and the 32nd-top recruit overall in the state of California.

The Aztecs' signing class now has 13 offensive players and nine on defense.

San Diego State finished the season ranked 25th in the final Associated Press Top 25 poll. It is the third time in program history that the Aztecs (12-2) made the final AP Top 25 poll, joining the 1977 squad (16th) and the 2016 team (25th).

Playing in its 99th season of football, SDSU finished with a school-record 12 victories, becoming one of just 10 programs nationally with at least 12 victories this year. Only four teams had more wins than the Aztecs, including national champion Georgia, and CFP teams Alabama and Cincinnati.

SDSU played five teams who reached double-digit victories on the season, securing wins over Pac-12 Champion/Rose Bowl participant Utah (10-4), UTSA (12-2) and Air Force (10-3). San Diego State, which was ranked in every CFP poll in 2021, played all 14 of its games away from its own market, including eight "home games" two hours from campus at Dignity Health Sports Park in Carson, California.

SDSU kicks off its 100th season of football on Saturday, Sept. 3 against Arizona, hosting its first game at Bashor Field at Snapdragon Stadium.

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Wednesday, Feb. 2

Name	Position	Height	Weight	Fall '22 Class	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
Liu Aumavae	Quarterback	6-3	195	Freshman	Waldorf, Md. (Timpview High (Utah))
Drew Azzopardi	Offensive Line	6-5	315	Freshman	Pacifica, Calif. (Junipero Serra High)
Cade Bennett	Offensive Line	6-3	315	Sophomore	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Notre Dame Prep/Oklahoma State)
Braxton Burmeister	Quarterback	6-1	205	Senior	La Jolla, Calif. (La Jolla County Day/Virginia Tech)
Eric Butler	Safety	6-1	175	Freshman	Corona, Calif. (Centennial High)
Sheldon Canley II	Running Back	5-10	175	Freshman	Lompoc, Calif. (Lompoc High)
Kyle Crum	Quarterback	6-3	190	Freshman	Norco, Calif. (Norco High)
Max Garrison	Safety	5-10	185	Freshman	Pasadena, Calif. (St. Francis High)
Ryan Henderson	Defensive Line	6-3	240	Freshman	Las Vegas, Nev. (Canyon Springs High)
Josh Hunter	Safety	5-9	175	Freshman	Temecula, Calif. (Mater Dei High)
Chris Johnson	Cornerback	6-0	175	Freshman	Eastvale, Calif. (Eleanor Roosevelt High)
Laakea Kapoi	Offensive Line	6-4	305	Freshman	Makakilo, Hawaii (Saint Louis School)
Jacoby Kelly	Wide Receiver	6-3	195	Freshman	Compton, Calif. (Loyola High)
Deven Lamp	Defensive Line	6-5	255	Senior	Cedar Hill, Texas (Cedar Hill High/Tulsa)
Rambo Mageo	Offensive Line	6-5	305	Freshman	Laie, Hawai'i (Cathedral Catholic High (Calif.))
Hassan Mahasin	Wide Receiver	5-10	185	Freshman	Daly City, Calif. (Serra High)
Cooper McDonald	Linebacker	6-3	245	Junior	Haslet, Texas (Northwest High/Washington)
Mark Redman	Tight End	6-6	250	Junior	Newport Beach, Calif. (Corona del Mar High/Washington)
Lucky Sutton	Running Back	6-1	205	Freshman	San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic High)
Logan Tanner	Tight End	6-3	225	Freshman	Houston, Texas (St. Pius X High)
Justus Tavai	Defensive Line	6-3	295	Senior	Inglewood, Calif. (Mira Costa High/Hawai'i)
Trey White	Linebacker	6-1	215	Freshman	San Diego, Calif. (Eastlake High)



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Liu Aumavae

Quarterback

6-3, 195

Waldorf, Md. (Timpview High (Utah))

Has spent the last two years at Timpview High School in Provo, Utah ... Led the Thunderbirds to back-to-back league titles (2020-21) ... THS was 9-3 record in 2021 and finished ranked sixth in the state of Utah ... According to MaxPreps, has thrown for 5,119 yards and 44 touchdowns against 23 interceptions, completing 58.8 percent (357-for-607) of his passes ... This past season (2021), he was 180-for-305 (59.0 pct.) for 2,971 yards and 28 touchdowns (with 12 interceptions) in 12 games, averaging 247.6 yards per contest ... Also ran for four scores ... Previous spent two years at St. John's College High School in Washington, D.C. ... Is a three-star recruit by ESPN, and received two stars from both 247sports and Rivals ... Owns a 247sports composite rating of 80.04 ... Received a 79 scout grade from 247sports and a 75 by ESPN ... Picked SDSU over offers from Brigham Young and Central Michigan (according to Rivals) while receiving interest from Utah, Oregon, Stanford, Oregon State, Maryland, Rutgers and Vanderbilt (according to 247sports) ... Father, Andrew, played quarterback and safety and Eastern Oregon and works on the Trent Dilfer Football QB staff.

Drew Azzopardi

Offensive Line

6-5, 315

Pacifica, Calif. (Junipero Serra High)

Comes to the Aztecs from Junipero Serra High School in San Mateo, Calif. ... In his two seasons (spring and fall 2021), Junipero Serra HS was 16-2 (.889) ... The Padres were 11-2 in 2021 and advanced to the state championship, falling to Mater Dei ... JHS finished ranked 10th in the state by MaxPreps ... Was a first-team all-West Catholic Athletic League selection and team captain ... In the spring season (was moved back from the fall because of COVID), the Padres went 5-0 and captured the WCAL title, as there was no playoffs or all-league awards ... Also played baseball in 2018 and 2019 ... Is a three-star recruit by 247sports and ESPN, and a two-star recruit by ESPN ... Owns a 247sports composite rating of 82.54 ... Received a scout grade of 84 by 247sports and 74 by ESPN ... Picked San Diego State over offers from Arizona, Nevada, Tulane, Idaho, Idaho State, Southern Utah and Portland State ... Older brother, Nate, plays offensive line at Idaho.



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Cade Bennett

Offensive Line

6-3, 315

Scottsdale, Ariz. (Notre Dame Prep/Oklahoma State)

Has three years of collegiate eligibility remaining ... Comes to The Mesa following two seasons at Oklahoma State ... Played in a pair of games last year as a redshirt freshman against Kansas (Oct. 30) and Notre Dame (Jan. 1) in the Playstation Fiesta Bowl ... Redshirted his first season with the Cowboys in 2020 ... Played his high school ball at Notre Dame Prep, logging snaps on both sides of the ball ... Helped the Saints to a 37-4 record in his three seasons ... As a senior in 2019, he anchored an offensive line that helped Notre Dame Prep rush for 3,249 yards and 57 touchdowns, while passing for 1,763 yards and 17 touchdowns ... Also logged 18 tackles on the defensive side of the ball with 12 solo stops ... Made Arizona Republic's all-Arizona team ... Was a consensus three-star recruit out of high school by 247sports, Rivals and ESPN ... Received a scout grade of 85 by 247sports and 75 by ESPN ... 247Sports ranked him as the No. 25 offensive guard in the nation and the No. 13 player out of Arizona ... Chose Oklahoma State out of high school over San Diego State, Iowa State, Arizona State, Arizona, Purdue, Brigham Young, Boise State, Army West Point, Syracuse, Georgia Tech, Vanderbilt, UNLV and Colorado State.

Braxton Burmeister

Quarterback

6-1, 205

La Jolla, Calif. (La Jolla Country Day/Virginia Tech)

Has one year of collegiate eligibility remaining ... Brings Power 5 experience to San Diego State with stops at Oregon (2017-18) and Virginia Tech (2020-21) ... Has started 20 times and appeared in 29 games over his career ... Combined he has thrown for 3,020 yards with 19 touchdowns against 11 interceptions, completing 239 of his 426 attempts (56.1 pct.) ... Also has rushed for 834 yards and seven touchdowns on 234 attempts (3.6 avg.) ... Went 8-7 in his two years at Virginia Tech, completing 190 of his 339 passes (56.0 pct.) for 2,647 yards and 16 touchdowns against just five interceptions ... Also rushed for 690 yards and four touchdowns ... Was particularly effective last season where he was 142-for-255 (55.7 pct.) for 1,960 yards and 14 touchdowns with just four interceptions, while rushing 116 times for 508 yards (4.4 avg.) and two scores ... Most of his career highs came last year at Virginia Tech, including 254 yards and two touchdowns in a 26-17 win over Georgia Tech (Oct. 30), three touchdown passes on just 15 attempts (for 215 yards) in a 48-17 win over Duke (Nov. 13) and 115 rushing yards in a 29-24 win over Virginia (Nov. 27) ... Rushed for 238 yards over his final three games (79.3 avg.) ... Sat out the 2019 season at Virginia Tech because of NCAA transfer rules ... Played in four games as a sophomore at Oregon in 2018, completing 5 of 10 passes and rushing for 29 yards ... Made five starts and played in seven games as a true freshman in 2017, completing 44 of 77 passes (57.1 pct.) for 330 yards and two touchdowns (and six interceptions) ... Prepped at La Jolla Country Day in nearby La Jolla, where he was a



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first-team Parade All-American and "Rising Star" following his senior season ... Also was named one of the top 100 recruits on the West Coast by the Tacoma News Tribune ... Set CIF San Diego Section career records in total yards (14,972), passing yards (11,512), passing touchdowns (127) and pass completions (853) in four varsity seasons ... Also was selected first-team All-CIF San Diego Section ... Threw for 4,461 yards and 53 touchdowns with just eight interceptions as a senior in 2016, while also rushing for 1,470 yards and 27 touchdowns ... Led La Jolla Country Day to a CIF Division 5-A runner-up finish ... Passed for 2,771 yards and 31 touchdowns as a junior, while rushing for 868 yards and 20 touchdowns ... Threw for 3,112 yards and 30 touchdowns as a sophomore in 2014, and added 553 yards and 13 touchdowns on the ground ... Was a four-star recruit by Rivals out of high school, and a three-star recruit by 247sports and ESPN ... Rivals ranked him as the seventh-best dual-threat quarterback in the 2017 class and 27th overall recruit in California ... Finished as a four-star and the No. 10 dual-threat QB in the 247Sports composite rating ... ESPN ranked him the No. 18 dual-threat QB and No. 46 in California ... Father, Dan, played linebacker at North Carolina from 1983-86 ... Picked Oregon out of the high school over offers from San Diego State, Florida, Utah, Washington, South Carolina, Arizona, California, Colorado, Oregon State, Boston College, Illinois and Indiana.

Eric Butler

Safety

6-1, 175

Corona, Calif. (Centennial High)

Prepped at Centennial High School in Corona, Calif. ... Played both sides of the ball ... Led the Huskies to the state

semifinals before falling to eventual champion Mater Dei ... Centennial ended up finishing ranked third in the state, according to MaxPreps ... Team was 11-1 with an undefeated 5-0 record in league play ... Is a three-star recruit by 247sports and ESPN, and a two-star recruit by Rivals ... Owns a 247sports composite rating of 84.11 ... Received a scout grade of 85 from 247sports and 76 from ESPN ... Picked San Diego State over offers from Washington, Kansas, Utah State, Fresno State, Nevada and New Mexico.

Sheldon Canley II

Running Back

5-10, 175

Lompoc, Calif. (Lompoc High)

Earned four letters at Lompoc High School in Lompoc, Calif. ... Was an all-CIF selection, all-area MVP, all-league MVP and team MVP ... Was a team captain ... Rushed for 2,893 yards over his career on 309 attempts (9.4 avg.), while adding 36 catches for 468 yards (13.0 avg.) with a combined 53 touchdowns ... Broke Napoleon Kaufman's school record for most rushing touchdowns in a game when he had six and 305 yards against Arroyo Grande ... Also was a star track runner, specializing in the 100-meter dash with a personal record of 10.64 seconds, while competing in the long jump ... Was a three-star recruit by 247sports and ESPN, and a two-star recruit by Rivals ... Owns a 247sports composite rating of 84.32 ... Received a scout grade of 85 by 247sports and a 77 from ESPN ... Picked the Aztecs over offers from Washington State, Colorado State, Nevada, San Jose State and William & Mary ... Father, Sheldon Sr., played four years in the NFL and had back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons (1989-90) at San Jose State.



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Kyle Crum

Quarterback

6-3, 190

Norco, Calif. (Norco High)

Lettered the last three years at Norco High School in Norco, Calif. ... Helped the Cougars to a 21-6 record over that span, including an 8-3 record as a senior in 2021 as MaxPreps ranked NHS 13th in the state ... Was named the league MVP as a senior ... Also was the team captain ... Was voted as the top quarterback in California by sblive ... According to MaxPreps, threw for 4,185 yards and 40 touchdowns over his high school career with just nine interceptions, completing 64.6 percent of his passes (234-for-362) ... Also ran for 789 yards and 15 touchdowns on 110 carries (7.2 avg.) ... Is coming off a stellar senior season when he was 154-for-229 (67.2 pct.) for 2,599 yards and 22 touchdowns against seven interceptions ... Also ran for 448 yards and eight touchdowns ... Had a pair of 326-yard passing games as a senior ... Threw four touchdown passes in a 35-34 Norco win over Murrieta Valley on Sept. 17 ... Threw for 245 yards with three touchdowns and ran for 103 yards in the 2021 opener vs. Vista Murrieta ... Started for the Cougars basketball team each of the past two seasons ... Owns a 4.5 GPA ... A three-star recruit by 247sports and two-star pick by Rivals ... Received a scout grade of 85 by 247sports.

Max Garrison

Safety

5-10, 185

Pasadena, Calif. (St. Francis High)

Garnered four letters at St. Francis High School in La Cañada, Calif. ... Led the Golden Knights to a 11-3 record, ultimately falling to Long Beach Poly in the CIF Division 4 championship game ... Was a two-time league offensive player of the year, while earning all-league honors on both offense and defense each of his final two seasons ... Also was twice picked as an all-area selection ... Was a team captain ... Totaled 4,686 all-purpose yards for his career, including 3,403 rushing, 959 receiving and 646 kick return ... Finished with 52 total touchdowns ... On defense has logged 71 tackles and three interceptions ... Also plays on the baseball team at SFHS ... Was an academic All-America pick in kinesiology ... Is a consensus three-star recruit by 247sports, Rivals and ESPN ... Owns a 247sports composite rating of 85.19 as an athlete ... Received a scout grade of 86 by 247sports and 76 by ESPN ... Picked San Diego State over numerous offers, including Texas, Arizona State, Washington State, Kansas, Colorado State, Nevada, New Mexico, Florida Atlantic and Montana State ... Also received consideration from UCLA ... Comes from a talent-rich family as his sister, Summer, plays soccer at Illinois, his mother, Lisa, was a former U.S. gymnast and father, Milan, played both football and baseball at Cal Poly Pomona.



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Ryan Henderson

Defensive Line

6-3, 240

Las Vegas, Nev. (Canyon Springs High)

Played one year at Canyon Springs in Las Vegas ... Was a first-team all-state selection ... Named the team's defensive MVP ... Also garnered academic honors ... Is a three-star recruit by 247sports and ESPN, and a two-star recruit by Rivals ... Owns a 247sports composite rating of 82.54 ... Earned a scout grade of 84 by 247sports and a 73 by ESPN ... Is rated as the 16th-best recruit in the state of Nevada by both 247sports and ESPN ... Chose San Diego State over offers from Arizona State, Fresno State, Colorado State, Utah State, Nevada and UNLV.

Josh Hunter

Defensive Back

5-9, 175

Temecula, Calif. (Mater Dei High)

Was a four-year letter winner at Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, Calif. ... Helped the Monarchs to two CIF open championships, two state titles and three league championships ... Over his four high school years, Mater Dei was 43-2 (.956), including undefeated seasons in 2021 (12-0) and 2020 (5-0), and a 12-1 record in 2019 and 14-1 mark in 2018 ... Was twice named the Trinity League Defensive MVP ... Also was a three-time all-league pick, including twice on the first team ... According to MaxPreps, he totaled 148 tackles (115 solo) for his career along with eight interceptions, 22 pass breakups, two fumble recoveries and a blocked punt ... Also was used in the return game

... As a senior in 2021, he recorded 55 tackles (42 solo), three interceptions, three pass breakups and a fumble recovery ... Also played a year of baseball and was a member of the track & field team for two years ... Has been on the honor roll all four years at Mater Dei HS ... A consensus three-star recruit by 247sports, Rivals and ESPN ... Owns a 247sports composite rating of 85.52 ... Received an 87 scout grade by 247sports and 76 by ESPN ... Was listed as the 65th-best recruit in the state of California by 247sports ... Picked San Diego State over offers from LSU, Oregon, Colorado State and UNLV, while receiving interest from Wisconsin.

Chris Johnson

Cornerback

6-0, 175

Eastvale, Calif. (Eleanor Roosevelt High)

Earned three letters at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Eastvale, Calif. ... Was a first-team all-league selection last season as a senior after earning second-team honors as a junior ... Excelled on both sides of the ball last year, totaling 62 tackles on defense (41 solo), three interceptions, 18 pass deflections and three blocked kicks ... On the offensive side caught 16 passes for 342 yards (22.0 avg.) with six touchdowns ... Also was used as a kick returner, punt returner and a punter ... Is a consensus three-star recruit by 247sports, Rivals and ESPN ... Received a scout grade of 84 by 247sports and 75 by ESPN ... Owns a 247sports composite rating of 84.31 ... Picked San Diego State over offers from Boston College, Northwestern, Boise State, Army West Point and San Jose State.



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Laakea Kapoi

Offensive Line

6-4, 310

Makakilo, Hawaii (Saint Louis School)

Played three years at powerhouse Saint Louis School in Waialae, Hawaii ... The Crusaders have won numerous state titles and league championships ... Was an honorable-mention all-league selection ... Also competed on the track and field team in the shot put and discus ... Was a member of the Crusader Council ... A consensus three-star recruit by 247sports, Rivals and ESPN ... Owns a 247sports composite rating of 84.80 ... Received a scout grade of 82 by 247sports and 77 by ESPN ... Picked San Diego State over numerous offers, including Michigan, Arizona State, Oregon State, Indiana, Syracuse, Washington State, UCF, Colorado, California, Arizona, Brigham Young, Utah State, Colorado State, Hawai'i, Nevada, San Jose State, UNLV and Southern Utah ... Also drew interest from Oklahoma, Utah, Baylor, Auburn, Wisconsin, Penn State, Washington Miami, Virginia and Vanderbilt, among others ... Comes from an athletic family as mother, Patti, played softball at Hawai'i, brothers Micah (Wisconsin) and Alema (Navy and Hawai'i) both play Division I football, as well as cousins Mana (Oregon) and Afi (UNLV).

Jacoby Kelly

Wide Receiver

6-3, 195

Compton, Calif. (Loyola High School)

Was a three-year letter winner at Loyola High School of Los Angeles ... Led the Cubs to a 12-4 record over his final two

years, including a 9-4 record as a senior in 2021 ... LHS won the Angelus League each of his final two seasons ... Was a two-time first-team all-league selection (spring 2021 and fall 2021) and a second-team pick as a sophomore in 2019 ... Was LHS's offensive rookie of the year in 2019 ... Also competed on the basketball team and in track and field, specializing in the 100-meter dash ... A consensus three-star recruit by 247sports, Rivals and ESPN ... Owns a 247sports composite rating of 85.73 ... Earned a scout grade of 87 by 247sports and 77 by ESPN ... Picked the Aztecs over numerous offers, including Arizona State, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado State, Nevada, UNLV, New Mexico, Florida Atlantic, Tulane, Northern Arizona and Yale ... Also received interest from Notre Dame, Stanford and UCLA.

Deven Lamp

Defensive Line

6-5, 255

Cedar Hill, Texas (Cedar Hill High/Tulsa)

Has one season of eligibility remaining ... Joins the Aztecs after spending the last five seasons at Tulsa, earning three letters ... Played in 38 games for his career with one start ... Logged 28 tackles, including 5.5 tackles for loss and three sacks ... Played in 12 of the team's 13 games in 2021 before electing to transfer, missing the Myrtle Beach Bowl ... Had 16 tackles with three tackles for loss and two sacks, while adding one pass breakup ... Missed most of the 2020 season with an injury, playing in just two games ... Had seven tackles in 12 games in 2019 and also played in 12 games in 2018 ... Redshirted the 2017 campaign ... Prepped at Cedar Hill High School in Cedar Hill, Texas ... Earned first-team all-District 7-6A honors after his senior season in 2016, where he tallied 45 tackles, 11 tackle for



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loss and seven sacks ... Received three stars out of high school from ESPN, and was a two-star recruit by 247sports and Rivals ... Received a scout grade of 79 by 247sports and 70 from ESPN ... Originally picked Tulsa out of high school over offers from Iowa State, Air Force, Nevada, Army West Point and Cornell ... Father, Dell, played professional baseball in the Philadelphia Phillies organization ... Sister, Justyus, played volleyball for Tulsa for one season.

Rambo Mageo

Offensive Line

6-5, 305

Laie, Hawaii (Cathedral Catholic High (Calif.))

Comes to The Mesa from nearby Cathedral Catholic High School in San Diego ... Helped the Dons to a 12-2 record this past season and a state championship ... Cathedral Catholic finished fifth in the state in the final MaxPreps rankings ... Played at Kissimmee Tohopekaliga in Florida as a junior ... Received two stars from the Rivals recruiting service ... Also considered Robert Morris Univ. in the recruiting process.

Hassan Mahasin

Athlete

5-10, 185

Daly City, Calif. (Serra High)

Comes to the Aztecs after starring at Serra High School in San Mateo, Calif. ... Was the 2020 Bay Area Player of the Year ... Played in four games last year before an injury

had him miss the rest of the season ... In four games, he caught 23 passes for 418 yards (18.2 avg.) and seven touchdowns, while adding 61 rushing yards and three touchdowns on 11 carries (15.3 avg.) (all stats according to MaxPreps) ... Averaged 128.7 receiving yards with six receiving touchdowns over his first three games before being injured with three additional rushing scores ... Is a four-star recruit by 247sports, and a three-star recruit by Rivals and ESPN ... Earned a scout grade of 90 by 247sports and 77 by ESPN ... Is ranked as the 22nd-best "athlete" in the 2022 class by 247sports and the 32nd-top recruit overall in the state of California ... Picked San Diego State over offers from Arizona State, Boise State, Colorado, San Jose State, Utah State, Colorado State, Hawai'i, New Mexico and Florida Atlantic ... Also received interest from Oregon, Washington and Oregon State, among others.

Cooper McDonald

Linebacker

6-3, 245

Haslet, Texas (Northwest High/Washington)

Is listed as a junior but could later have another year of eligibility because of the 2020 COVID season ... Comes to The Mesa after playing the last two years at Washington ... Played in all 16 games in his two seasons, starting 10 times ... Played in all 12 games in 2021 with 10 starts ... Logged 25 tackles (18 solo) with a sack in 2021 ... Had a season-high six tackles against UCLA on Oct. 16 ... His lone sack came in the 2021 opener vs. Montana ... Saw action in all four games during his true freshman season in 2020, logging two tackles (one solo) and a pass breakup ... Is the



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younger brother of Aztec senior captain linebacker Caden McDonald and former North Texas linebacker Colton McDonald ... Lettered three years at Northwest High School ... Was named to the Dallas Morning News all-area first team as a senior in 2019 ... Also was the District 4-5A Division II defensive MVP and honorable mention all-state ... Had 89 tackles, eight tackles for loss and a defensive score to go along with 13 carries for 99 yards and two touchdowns in 2019 ... Was named to the all-District 4-5A Division 2 first team at outside linebacker as a junior in 2018 and was also honorable mention 5A all-state ... Also was a member of the Northwest track & field team, participating as a sprinter, and in both the shot put and discus throw ... Won the 5A state title in the discus in 2019, with a throw of 178 feet, 11 inches, and finished third in the state meet as a sophomore in 2018 ... Was a consensus three-star recruit by 247sports, Rivals and ESPN ... Received a scout grade of 75 from ESPN ... Ranked as the nation's No. 36 inside linebacker by 247Sports ... Picked Washington out of high school over offers from San Diego State, Utah, Baylor, Colorado, Virginia, Air Force, Louisiana, SMU, Arkansas State, Army West Point, Tulsa, UTSA, North Texas, Texas State, Louisiana Tech, Louisiana Monroe, Rice, Tulane, Dartmouth, Florida International, Liberty and Yale.

Mark Redman

Tight End

6-6, 250

Newport Beach, Calif. (Corona del Mar High/Washington)

Is listed as a junior but could later have another year of eligibility later because of the 2020 COVID season ... Spent the last two seasons at Washington with fellow incoming

transfer Cooper McDonald ... Played in all 16 games over his two seasons with the Huskies with one start ... Played in all 12 games in 2021 with one start (at Colorado) ... Had one catch for five yards, which came in a 31-24 overtime win over California ... Enrolled at UW for the spring 2020 season ... Played all four games without recording a stat ... Earned three letters for Corona del Mar High School in Newport Beach, Calif. ... Played in 50 games over his career, making 149 catches for 1,832 yards and 25 touchdowns ... Captained the 2019 squad to a 35-27 win over Serra in the Division 1A CIF State Championship ... Corona del Mar ended up 16-0 in the 2019 campaign and also won the Division 3 CIF Southern title ... Was named to the 2019 all-CIF Southern Section Division 3 team ... Logged 72 catches for 979 yards and 13 touchdowns as a senior ... Made 54 receptions for 598 yards and nine scores as a junior, and 23 catches for 255 yards and three more touchdowns as a sophomore ... Was an all-CIF-SS Division 4 first-team selection and a first-team all-league pick as a junior ... Was a four-star recruit out of high school by both 247sports and Rivals, and a three-star recruit by ESPN ... Received a grade of 91 by 247sports and 79 by ESPN ... Ranked by 247sports as the No. 15 tight end in the country and No. 44 recruit in California ... Was listed as the No. 249 overall recruit and No. 7 tight end in the country, as well as the No. 24 player in his state, by Rivals ... ESPN listed him as the nation's No. 10 "tight end-Y" recruit ... Named to the Tacoma News-Tribune's "Western 100" ... Picked Washington out of high school over offers from San Diego State, Alabama, Georgia, LSU, Michigan, Ohio State, Penn State, Wisconsin, Texas A&M, USC, UCLA, Arizona, Boise State, California, Colorado, Utah State, Colorado State and Yale.



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Lucky Sutton

Running Back

6-1, 205

San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic High)

Starred at nearby Cathedral Catholic High School in San Diego ... Led the Dons to a 12-2 record this past season and a state championship ... Cathedral Catholic finished fifth in the state in the final MaxPreps rankings ... Captured numerous awards including the KUSI Silver Pigskin, the Honor Bowl MVP and Holy Bowl MVP ... Also garnered first-team MaxPreps for the spring 2021 ... Ran for 3,581 yards and 44 touchdowns over his career, averaging 10.5 yards per attempt ... Ran for an amazing 2,628 yards as a senior this past season and 36 touchdowns on 232 carries, averaging 11.3 yards per attempt and 202.2 yards per game ... Broke 100 yards rushing in 12 of the team's 13 games, including 442 yards and six touchdowns on 27 rushes (16.4 avg.) in a 71-62 shootout win over Orange Lutheran in the state semifinal game on Dec. 3 ... Ran for 241 yards and a touchdown in the state championship 33-21 win over Folsom on Dec. 10 ... Had at least 200 yards in four games overall ... Had 10 games with multiple touchdowns, including five games with at least three scores, two with four and the six-touchdown game ... Also caught 13 passes for 153 yards and an additional five touchdowns ... Also competed on the track and field team ... Is a member of the Black Student Union Club ... Is a three-star recruit by 247sports with a scout grade of 88 ... Ranked by 247sports as the 51st-best recruit in the state of California and the 48th overall running back in the country ... Picked the Aztecs over offers from Colorado State, Nevada, San Jose State, UNLV and Army West Point.

Logan Tanner

Tight End

6-3, 225

Houston, Texas (St. Pius X High)

Has earned four letters at St. Pius X High School in Houston ... Was a unanimous first-team all-state selection in 2020 as well as a unanimous first-team all-district ... Also was named the Texas Private School Newcomer of the Year ... Was awarded the team MVP in 2020 as well ... Previously was an Adidas Freshman All-American ... According to MaxPreps, his 2020 numbers included 43 catches for 980 yards (22.8 avg.) and 12 touchdowns ... Had four 100-yard receiving games in 2020, highlighted by a 7-catch, 265-yard, 4-touchdown effort against San Antonio Christian on Nov. 6 ... His other 100-yard games were against Lutheran North (six catches, 178 yards, one touchdown), Concordia Lutheran (7-137-2) and Central Catholic (4-109-2) ... Also plays lacrosse for the Panthers, where he was a second-team all-district selection ... Is on the honor roll at St. Pius X High ... A consensus three-star recruit by 247sports, Rivals and ESPN ... Owns a 247sports composite rating of 84.85 ... Received an 85 scout grade by 247sports and 76 from ESPN ... Rated as the 27th-best tight end in the class by ESPN ... Picked San Diego State over offers from Utah, Baylor, Air Force, Colorado State, Hawai'i, Houston, UTSA, Coastal Carolina, Louisiana, Arkansas State, Marshall, Army West Point, Navy, Texas State, Tulane and numerous FCS schools ... Also was considered by Arkansas in the recruiting process ... Father, David, played soccer at Florida.



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Justus Tavai

Defensive Line

6-3, 295

Inglewood, Calif. (Mira Costa High/Hawai'i)

Has one season of eligibility remaining ... Joins the Aztecs after spending the last four seasons at fellow Mountain West foe Hawai'i ... Appeared in 25 games over that span (2019-21), logging 19 starts after redshirting the 2018 campaign ... Totaled 72 tackles (40 solo), including 10 tackles for loss and four sacks, along with three pass breakups, three fumble recoveries and a forced fumble ... Had 34 tackles (19 solo) last year, playing all 13 games with 12 starts, while adding five tackles for loss, a sack, three quarterback hurries, two fumble recoveries and a pass breakup ... Had 35 tackles (18 solo) in 2020, starting seven times and playing in all nine games, while adding four tackles for loss, two sacks, two PBUs, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery ... Played in three games off the bench in 2019, making two tackles with a sack ... Redshirted his first year with the Rainbow Warriors in 2018 ... Played one season at El Camino College in Torrance, Calif. ... Played all 11 games, earning second-team all-league honors after recording 41 tackles (26 solo), 2.5 sacks and a forced fumble, leading ECC to a win over Palomar College in the Beach Bowl ... Prepped at Mira Costa High School in Manhattan Beach, Calif., where he earned three letters ... Amassed 83 tackles, 10 tackles for loss and five sacks as a senior in 2016 ... Tallied 72 tackles and two sacks in eight games as a junior ... Also was a standout rugby player, helping MCHS to a pair of league titles and a spot in the 2016 national championship in Charlotte, N.C. ... Was a member of the 2015 USA Rugby team that competed in France and Belgium ... Was a two-star recruit by Rivals ... Brother, Jonah, is a two-time all-Mountain West defensive tackle at San Diego State ... Has

three other brothers that also played Division I football, including Jahlani (Hawai'i, now with New England Patriots), Jordan (Kansas) and J.R. (USC, once played for Tennessee Titans).

Trey White

Linebacker

6-1, 215

San Diego, Calif. (Eastlake High)

Was a three-year letter winner at nearby Eastlake High School in Chula Vista, Calif. ... Was a three-time first-team all-league selection and won the Spring 2021 Mesa League Defensive Player of the Year ... Also was a two-time team MVP ... Totaled 64 tackles (45 solo) as a senior (according to MaxPreps) with 13 sacks, 19 quarterback hurries, a forced fumble and two pass breakups ... Ended up with 26 sacks for his career ... Competed in one year of track & field at EHS ... Was a three-star recruit by 247sports and ESPN, and a two-star recruit by Rivals ... Received a scout grade of 83 by 247sports and 74 by ESPN ... Chose San Diego State over offers from Arizona, Northern Arizona, Columbia and Pennsylvania ... Also was recruited by Air Force, Army West Point, Cal Poly, Yale and Princeton.