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San Diego State returns four all-conference performers from the 2011 season, including (left to right): junior defensive back Nat Berhe (honorable mention), junior tight end Gavin Escobar (first team) and senior defensive back Leon McFadden (first team).



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2012 SAN DIEGO STATE SCHEDULE

SEPT. 1 - SEATTLE 7:30 p.m. PT • Pac-12 Networks		at WASHINGTON
SEPT. 8 - SAN DIEGO 4:30 p.m. PT • NBC Sports Network HD		ARMY
SEPT. 15 - SAN DIEGO 5 p.m. PT		NORTH DAKOTA
SEPT. 22 - SAN DIEGO 5 p.m. PT		SAN JOSE STATE
SEPT. 29 - FRESNO 7 p.m. PT		at FRESNO STATE
OCT. 6 - SAN DIEGO 5 p.m. PT • CBS Sports Network HD		HAWAI'I
OCT. 13 - SAN DIEGO 4 p.m. PT		COLORADO STATE
OCT. 20 - RENO 7:30 p.m. PT • CBS Sports Network HD		at NEVADA
OCT. 27 - SAN DIEGO 5 p.m. PT		UNLV
NOV. 3 - BOISE 8:30 p.m. MT • CBS Sports Network HD		at BOISE STATE
NOV. 10 - SAN DIEGO 12:30 p.m. PT • NBC Sports Network HD		AIR FORCE
NOV. 24 - LARAMIE 1:30 p.m. MT		at Wyoming

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San Diego State Football Quick Facts

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Name: San Diego State University
 Location: San Diego, Calif.
 Founded: 1897
 Enrollment: 32,396
 Nickname: Aztecs
 School Colors: Scarlet (PMS 185) and Black
 Stadium (Cap.): Qualcomm Stadium (54,000)
 Surface: Natural Grass
 Conference: Mountain West
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2011 Record: 8-5
 Conference/Finish: 4-3/4th
 Starters Returning/Lost: 13/10
 Offense/Defense/Kickers Returning: 7/6/0
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 40/23
 Offensive System: Pro-Style
 Defensive System: 3-3-5

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FOOTBALL HISTORY

Seasons of Football: Entering 90th
 First Year of Football: 1921
 All-Time Record: 492-394-32
 Conference Championships: 18
 1922, 1923, 1924, 1936, 1937, 1950, 1951, 1962, 1963,
 1966, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1986, 1998
 Bowl Games: 10 (5-5)
 1948, 1951, 1966, 1967, 1969, 1986, 1991, 1998, 2010, 2011
 Division I Seasons: Entering 44th
 Division I Record: 260-231-8
 Bowl Games: 6 (2-4)
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 Last Bowl Result: Louisiana-Lafayette 32, SDSU 30

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2011 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Broadcast
Sept. 3	Cal Poly	W	49-21	The Mtn.
Sept. 10	at Army	W	23-20	CBS Sports
Sept. 17	Washington State	W	42-24	The Mtn.
Sept. 24	No. 22/21 Michigan	L	7-28	Big Ten Network
Oct. 8	TCU*	L	14-27	CBS Sports
Oct. 13	at Air Force*	W	41-27	CBS Sports
Oct. 29	Wyoming*	L	27-30	The Mtn.
Nov. 5	New Mexico*	W	35-7	The Mtn.
Nov. 11	at Colorado State*	W	18-15	The Mtn.
Nov. 19	No. 10/11 Boise State*	L	35-52	CBS Sports
Nov. 26	at UNLV*	W	31-14	The Mtn.
Dec. 3	Fresno State	W	35-28	CBS Sports
Dec. 17	Louisiana-Lafayette^	L	30-32	ESPN

* - Mountain West game

^ - R + L Carriers News Orleans Bowl (Mercedes Superdome - New Orleans, La.)

2012 Season Outlook

Three years into the great rebuilding project on The Mesa and all is well.

In 2011, San Diego State named defensive coordinator Rocky Long as its next head coach and the Aztecs did not miss a beat, winning eight regular-season games for the second consecutive year and advancing to a bowl game for the second straight season. It was the first time since 1966 and 1967 that San Diego State played in back-to-back bowl games. In fact, Stanford was the only other team in the state to advance to postseason play in each of the past two years.

But despite the success of the last two seasons, some question if SDSU can advance to a third consecutive bowl game for the first time in program history.

One reason for the doubters is that some of the prominent faces that played a key part in the great turnaround have left The Mesa. Four players off the 2011 squad were selected in the NFL Draft, including four-year starting quarterback Ryan Lindley, third-team All-American Ronnie Hillman, and all-Mountain West selections Miles Burris and Jerome Long.

Those who look closer, however, see a wealth of experience returning (13 starters and 40 letterwinners), a pair of high-profile Division I transfers ready to step in, and a recruiting class that may be the most talented in recent memory. In other words, the rebuilding phase is ready to transition toward the championship phase.

"We have a young team and I think the fans and the coaches are waiting to see what we have," Long said. "I know that we have made progress as a program. We are now physically tough and we practice with a speed and intensity that we did not have when I first got here."

The year of transition is not just with personnel on the field. The 2012 season will be the final one for San Diego State in the Mountain West. Beginning in 2013, the Aztecs will join the BIG EAST Conference for football and will have direct access to the BCS in the final year of its existence.

Long leaves no question what the goal is for SDSU's final year in the Mountain West.

"Our expectation is to win the conference championship."

■ The Aztec Offense

In 2011, the San Diego State offense used a fourth-year starter at quarterback, an All-American running back and an experienced offensive line to produce big numbers. Behind first-year offensive coordinator Andy Ludwig, the Aztecs scored 30 or more points eight times, including each of the final four games of the season.

San Diego State ended the year ranked 32nd nationally in total offense, its second-highest ranking in the last 15 seasons.

"Andy did a great job last season," Long said. "I thought he maximized the talent we had. He was willing to come in and learn the terminology that was already in place to make it easier for the players. I thought we improved as the season progressed."

Although SDSU loses a couple key components from last season's squad in running back Ronnie Hillman and quarterback Ryan Lindley, one could make an argument that the Aztecs may be able to compete with the lofty numbers they posted a year ago.

Consider this:

A battle for the starting quarterback position is brewing, but San Diego State has quality options. Either a veteran third-year player in the program will win the position or a graduate student who started 14 games in the Pac-12 Conference will start under center.

Replacing Hillman behind the line of scrimmage is a sophomore running back who at this point in his career has outrushed the All-American and a senior running back who has amassed more than 1,000 career rushing yards.

The wide receiver position, which was the biggest question entering the 2011 campaign, now appears to be a source of strength, with a Biletnikoff Award candidate, the top three returning receivers from last season and a high-profile transfer from USC.

In addition, the Aztecs return one of the nation's top tight ends.

In short, if San Diego State can address concerns up front, the Aztecs could be more explosive in 2012 than they were in 2011.

QUARTERBACKS

Returning players with starting experience: none

No position exemplifies the season of change better than quarterback. Departed is four-year starter Ryan Lindley, a sixth-round selection by the Arizona Cardinals in the NFL Draft. Lindley rewrote the Aztec record book in his time on The Mesa, leaving as the school's all-time leader in total offense, passing offense, completions and passing touchdowns.

In addition, he joined Kevin O'Connell as the second consecutive SDSU starter at the position to start four seasons and get selected in the NFL Draft.

That leaves big shoes to fill for the two competing student-athletes, who will spend the fall in what outsiders will point to as the most important duel in fall camp. At the end of spring, Oregon State transfer Ryan Katz (6-1, 210) and third-year sophomore Adam Dingwell (6-4, 210) shared the top spot on the depth chart.

Katz, who earned his bachelor's degree at OSU, played three seasons for the Beavers, seeing action in 18 games and making 14 career starts. He completed 240-of-407 passes (59.0 percent), to go along with 2,737 passing yards and 19 touchdowns. Katz only had 12 interceptions in his time in Corvallis, Ore.

He had an impressive streak of 129 pass attempts without throwing an interception to open his sophomore campaign in 2010 and was the last starting quarterback in the country to throw a pick. Later that year, he completed 30-of-42 passes for 393 yards and two touchdowns in leading Oregon State to a 29-27 road victory at ninth-ranked Arizona.

Although new to the SDSU system, his game experience gives him a chance at earning the starting position in the fall.

"We are excited to have Ryan here," Long said. "He is a good, smart quarterback. He has come in and has proven to



be a great leader for us this summer. Obviously, he has played in game situations, which is a tremendous help."

Dingwell enters his third season with the program, redshirting the 2010 campaign and seeing limited action in 2011 as a backup to Lindley. He has spent a season in offensive coordinator Andy Ludwig's system, and earned plenty of reps over the past year.

"Adam is a great leader, who just lacks game experience," Long said. "I am comfortable with the two quarterbacks that we have competing for the position and believe that we will very productive at quarterback this season."

Junior Jake Bernards (6-5, 215), redshirt freshman Chad Jeffries (6-2, 200) and true freshman Matt Morin (6-2, 230) round out the position.

RUNNING BACKS

Returning players with starting experience: Adam Muema*, Walter Kazee*, Chad Young*
* - denotes returning starter

The last two seasons, Associated Press third-team All-American Ronnie Hillman became the first San Diego State player to post consecutive 1,000-yard rushing since Marshall Faulk did it three straight seasons (1991-93). In 26 career games, Hillman ended his Aztec tenure as the school's third all-time leading rusher with 3,243 yards and 36 rushing touchdowns.

Trying to replace that kind of productivity may be next to impossible, and yet Long may have a stable of backs able to do just that.

"We may not have a back who is as explosive as Ronnie," Long said, "But the combination of backs may give us the same production. This is one of the strongest positions on the team"

On the surface, that may sound hard to believe. That is until you look at who is returning.

Sophomore Adam Muema (5-10, 205) returns after rushing for 253 yards last year, while averaging 6.0 yards per carry. His breakout game came in a 119-yard performance against 10th-ranked Boise State, when he got the starting nod in replace of an injured Hillman.

"Adam has experience and has gotten stronger," Long said. "He was part of our success rushing the ball last season and he will be a large part of our ground attack this year."

Possibly the most impressive statistic regarding Muema is the fact that the Covina, Calif., product has rushed for more



DYLAN DENSO

yards in his 42 career carries than what Hillman amassed in his first 42 rushes. All of Muema's yards came in the final six games of the season.

Senior Walter Kazee (5-9, 190), who has ranked first or second on the team in rushing each of the last three seasons and has amassed 1,030 career yards, will also look to add to SDSU's ground game. Kazee had 339 rushing yards a year ago before a knee injury sidelined him for the final four games of the season.

Three redshirt freshmen, Chase Price (5-8, 200), De'Saan Hardwick (5-9, 190) and Dwayne Garrett (6-0, 205) round out the depth chart.

At fullback, junior Chad Young (5-10, 230) is one of the strongest players on the team. He has been described by the coaching staff as the human battering ram and blocks like a mobile offensive lineman. He caught 11 passes and scored a touchdown in 2011, making the two-year letterwinner an additional weapon in the passing arsenal.

"For what we ask him to do, Chad is as good as anyone in the nation," Long said.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Returning player with starting experience: Dylan Denso*, Colin Lockett*, Dominique Sandifer*
* - denotes returning starter

Aztec fans have a reason to be excited about the wide receiver position. A year ago, San Diego State was looking to replace two NFL Draft picks at the position (Vincent Brown and DeMarco Sampson). That didn't get any easier when Ezell Ruffin, Dominique Sandifer and Jay Waddell all were lost for the year prior to the start of the season.

What resulted was a baptism by fire for former cornerback Colin Lockett (6-0, 180) and walk-on Dylan Denso (6-2, 205). The two, who had caught four passes between them entering the season, went through the difficulties of getting comfortable at the position. The results should pay big dividends for San Diego State in 2012.

Lockett enters his junior season on the Biletnikoff pre-season list as one of the nation's top receivers. That is impressive considering he did not make the switch to the offensive side of the ball until after his redshirt freshman year.

A native of Diamond Bar, Calif., Lockett led the Aztecs in receptions (58), receiving yards (970) and touchdowns (8). He produced three 100-yard receiving games in his first season on offense, including two in the final four contests.

With blazing speed, Lockett gives San Diego State the ability to stretch the field, while Denso has proven to be a sure-handed receiver capable of catching the ball in traffic.

Denso caught 49 passes for 634 yards and three touchdowns in 2011. He had seven catches in a game on two occasions and at least 70 yards in receiving four different times, including a career-high 109 yards on five catches against Louisiana-Lafayette in the New Orleans Bowl.

Returning this season after missing all of 2011 are sophomore Ezell Ruffin (6-1, 205) and senior Dominique Sandifer (6-0, 195). Sandifer enters the 2012 season with 49 career catches, 561 yards and two touchdowns.

Another higher-profile transfer who should pay immediate dividends for the Aztecs is Brice Butler (6-3, 205). A transfer from USC, Butler earned his bachelor's degree in 2011 and can play immediately for SDSU. In three seasons with the Trojans, Butler caught 41 passes for 564 yards and three scores. In spring practice, Butler caught everyone's attention with his fluid route running and his speed down the field. He will certainly give San Diego State added depth at receiver.

"Colin and Dylan are two quality receivers who made good progress last season," Long said. "I think we have a lot of talent and quality depth in the position as a whole."

Osmond Nicholas (6-3, 205), who caught three passes for 46 yards last year, rounds out the position.

TIGHT ENDS

Returning players with starting experience: Gavin Escobar*, D.J. Shields*
* - denotes returning starter

Junior Gavin Escobar (6-6, 255) returns to anchor a solid and deep tight end position for the Aztecs. A first-team all-Mountain West selection last year as a sophomore, Escobar was named to the Mackey Award Watch List for the nation's top tight end.

Last year, the Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif., native was the second-leading receiver on the squad with 51 catches for 780 yards and seven touchdowns. In two campaigns, he has 80 career catches for 1,103 yards and 11 scores.

"Gavin is as good a tight end as there is in the country," Long said. "He has very good hands and is a real threat to catch the ball."

Once again in 2012, the Aztecs will not lack for depth at tight end. Despite moving Bryce Quigley to left tackle, SDSU



WALTER KAZEE



GAVIN ESCOBAR



has seniors Hunter Hewitt (6-5, 250) and D.J. Shields (6-4, 240) and sophomore Adam Roberts (6-3, 235) at the position.

Shields is the most experienced of the aforementioned backups. Although missing half of last season due to a broken foot, the Bonita, Calif., native, has 32 games under his belt.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Returning players with starting experience: Nik Embernate*, Alec Johnson*

*- denotes returning starter

No position has made more progress the last three seasons than the offensive line. When Long first arrived at San Diego State three years ago, the Aztec offensive line was a unit with a pass-block mentality and little mobility.

That changed through hard work in the weight room and a recruiting theme that focused more on mobility and less on size.

The results have been impressive. Last season, the Aztecs rushed for 2,398 yards and 28 touchdowns, while averaging 184.5 yards per game and 4.9 yards per carry.

This year, SDSU has to replace three senior starters from last season's unit. The 2012 group features two returning starters in senior center Alec Johnson (6-3, 300) and senior right guard Nik Embernate (6-4, 300).

"The line is the biggest concern we have on offense," Long said. "With only two returning senior starters, we will have a lot of competition in the fall for the other three positions. Hopefully, we will be able to settle on a unit during the first part of camp and get some continuity on the offensive line prior to the start of the season."

A native of Denver, Colo., Johnson transitioned to center after his sophomore campaign and this preseason was named to the Rimington Award Watch List. Johnson started all 13 games at center a year ago and has 29 career starts to his credit.

Emberate saw action in 12 games a year ago, starting all of them. He enters his final season with 33 career starts, all at right guard, which are the most on the team.

The other positions are up for grabs entering fall camp.

At left tackle, junior Bryce Quigley (6-5, 295), a converted tight end, is atop the depth chart, ahead of redshirt freshman Paul Rodriguez (6-7, 285).

At left guard, junior Japeth Gordon (6-3, 295), who saw action in one game last season, is backed up by redshirt

freshman Darrell Greene (6-4, 200).

At right tackle, sophomore Zach Dilley (6-5, 295) is listed ahead of sophomore Garrett Corbett (6-5, 290).

The development of those six players in those three positions will go a long way toward determining if San Diego State will enjoy yet another successful season rushing the football.

■ The Aztec Defense

San Diego State returns some experience to the linebacker corps and the back five. How the development of the front three progresses will help determine the Aztec success on this side of the ball.

Rocky Long will once again utilize a rotating style of defensive substitutions. Because of that, it is more accurate to talk about experience based on the 24 members of the two-deep rather than just the starters.

Although SDSU returns just five starters from last year, they do return 16 players off the depth chart who logged action in nine or more games a year ago. The result is a defensive unit, at least at the linebacker and secondary positions, that has been game tested.

"I felt like we improved from the year before," Long said, "But we were not as consistent as I would like to be. With all three starters gone from a year ago, the defensive line will be our biggest concern."

A year ago, San Diego State showed remarkable improvement on the defensive side of the ball, ranking third among Mountain West schools in points allowed and fourth in total offense. That is the highest the Aztecs have been ranked in those two categories since 2003.

Now the test will be to see if Long, who enters his fourth season in charge of the defense, can continue that trend.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Returning players with starting experience: Dontrell Onuoha, Jordan Thomas

*- denotes returning starter

As critical as the offensive line is to San Diego State's offensive success, the same can be said for the defensive line with regard to that side of the ball.

The Aztecs lost all three of its starting front three from Rocky Long's 3-3-5 defense from a year ago, including Jerome Long, who was picked in the seventh round of the NFL Draft by the Kansas City Chiefs. J.J. Autele and Larry Gibbs, the other two starters who gave SDSU three seniors up front, also graduated.

What remains is a talented, athletic group that is dangerously young. A look at the pre-fall practice two-deep shows four sophomores, one junior and one senior, all of whom will likely see time in Long's rotating defensive units.

"I think we will have depth and will have a lot of players who are potentially good," Long said. "We are not very big. We are going to have to count on our athletic ability and use our depth."

The player with the most experience is junior Jordan Thomas (6-1, 255). Thomas, a native of Redlands, Calif., played in 12 games a year ago and made 20 tackles, including three for a loss.

Thomas, who missed spring practice, is listed behind senior Frederick Trujillo (6-1, 240) at one defensive end position. Trujillo saw action in three games last season and has played in 13 career contests.

At the other side, sophomore Cody Galea (6-3, 265) is listed atop the depth chart. He played in nine games last season, including each of the final five contests. Backing up Galea is sophomore Everett Beed (6-3, 255).

At defensive tackle is sophomore Sam Meredith (6-4, 275), who played in 12 games in 2011. Adding depth to the position is sophomore Kenny Galea (6-1, 270).



LINEBACKERS

Returning players with starting experience: Rob Andrews, Jake Fely*, Vaness Harris, Nick Tenhaeff

*- denotes returning starter

Although it may look like San Diego State does not have a wealth of experience at the linebacker position with only one starter returning, the Aztecs do have four players coming back who saw action in every game last season and a fifth who played in every contest in 2010.

"This is our strongest position on defense," Long said. "We have people who have seen a lot of playing time and we have very good depth at all three positions."

The returning starter is sophomore middle linebacker Jake Fely (5-10, 210). A native of Oceanside, Calif., Fely burst onto the scene a year ago after receiving a medical redshirt in 2010. He was fifth on the team in tackles with 58, including 5.5 stops for a loss and 1.5 sacks. He forced a team-high tying three fumbles and is the second-leading returning tackler from a year ago.

Also slotted to get time in the middle is senior Rob Andrews (6-2, 200). Andrews played in the first four contests of the 2011 campaign before missing the rest of the season with a broken foot. Despite playing less than a third of the season, Andrews made 17 tackles and had a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. He has played in 22 career games.

At one of the outside linebacker positions is junior Nick Tenhaeff (6-2, 225). A native of Atascadero, Calif., Tenhaeff came off the bench to post 47 tackles (sixth-highest total on the squad). He has 77 career stops in 26 games.

Backing him up is junior Andrew Feaster (6-0, 220), who saw action in four games in 2011, primarily on special teams.

The other outside position features a pair of players who saw action in every game a year ago. Sophomore Josh Gavert (6-2, 200) and junior Vaness Harris (6-2, 255), who started a pair of games last season, are 1-2 heading into fall camp.

Harris had 24 stops, 4.5 tackles for loss, and two fumble recoveries in 2011, while Gavert had eight tackles and a pair of sacks in his freshman campaign.



LEON MCFADDEN

SECONDARY

Returning players with starting experience: Marcus Andrews*, Nat Berhe*, Gabe Lemon*, Leon McFadden*, Eric Pinkins

*. denotes returning starter

Similar to the linebacker position, the Aztec secondary appears to consist of a deep, athletic group that will give Rocky Long the opportunity to put two players with experience at each of the five secondary spots in his scheme.

"We have veterans and many of them will play well," Long said. "We need to develop additional depth at the safety position."

The group is led by senior cornerback Leon McFadden (5-10, 190). A preseason candidate for both the Bronko Nagurski Trophy (best defensive player) and the Jim Thorpe Award (best defensive back), McFadden has earned first-team all-Mountain West honors each of the past two seasons. He is the first Aztec player to return to the squad as a two-time first-team all-conference player since Kirk Morrison in 2004.

McFadden has played in every game the last three years and enters his senior campaign with 127 tackles, 11 tackles for loss, five interceptions, three sacks and 27 passes bro-

ken up. He has blazing speed and great hands and has been tabbed to return punts at times during each of the past two seasons.

"Leon is a good athlete, who is physical and has a natural feel for the game," Long said. "He is fast enough to adjust to the ball in the air and he is patient. He does not overreact. He is a mature player."

Sophomore King Holder (5-10, 165) starts the spring behind McFadden at one corner. He played in all 13 games as a redshirt freshman a year ago, recording 11 tackles and a pair of PBUs.

Senior Josh Wade (6-0, 190) returns after missing all of the 2011 campaign with an Achilles injury. A San Diego native, Wade played every game of 2009 and 2010, and started the final two contests of his sophomore campaign.

The two warrior positions, a hybrid safety in Long's defense, feature four players who saw action in at least 12 contests a year ago.

Junior Gabe Lemon (5-10, 195) is the returning starter at one of the warrior spots. He played in all 13 games last season and made nine starts for the Aztecs. He had 33 tackles, an interception and five passes broken up in 2011. Sharing the position with Lemon is junior Rene Siluano (5-10, 180). Siluano saw action in all 13 games a year ago, recording 36 stops, an interception, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

At the other warrior spot is returning starter junior Marcus Andrews (6-0, 190). Andrews played in 12 games, making eight starts. He had 21 tackles and like Siluano, recorded an interception, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. He will be sharing time with junior Eric Pinkins (6-3, 215). A native of Sacramento, Calif., Pinkins had 22 tackles as a sophomore.

The showcase position of the defense is the Aztec. Another Long hybrid position, the Aztec back can line up just about anywhere on the field, from safety, to linebacker and even can assume a three-point stance on the line of scrimmage. Junior Nat Berhe (5-10, 190) is slated for the position again this season and was honorable mention all-MW in 2011. Berhe started every game a year ago, and racked up a team-high returning 67 tackles. He also had a pair of interceptions. He enters his junior campaign with 106 career tackles.

■ The Aztec Special Teams

Returning players with starting experience: none

It is all new when it comes to San Diego State special teams in 2012. Gone are first-team all-Mountain West punter Brian



NAT BERHE

Stahovich, four-year long snapper Aaron Brewer and two-year place-kicker Abelardo Perez.

The Aztecs start fresh this season and to show the importance Long is placing on the position, he has assigned an assistant coach to specifically guide the specialists, something he has not typically done in the past.

SDSU recruited to the vacancies they have in the kicking and long-snapping game. The post-spring depth chart had junior transfer Wes Feer (5-11, 205) and former Aztec soccer player Chance Marden (6-1, 175) battling for place-kicking duties.

As for punting, the depth chart entering the fall has sophomore Joel Alesi (6-0, 235) and Feer listed. Sophomore Brandon Koletsky (6-2, 225) is listed as the long snapper.

No one should be surprised if an incoming player wins any of the spots listed above.

San Diego State does not list returners until the team gets into fall camp. That being stated, McFadden and Lockett both have experience in the return game and have the speed to be dangerous.



Aztec Roster

Alphabetical			Numerical							
No.	Name	Pos.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School/College)
77	Alesi, Joel	P	2	Leon McFadden	DB	5-10	190	Sr.	3L	Inglewood, Calif. (St. John Bosco High)
26	Andrews, Marcus	DB	3	Ezell Ruffin	WR	6-1	205	So.	SQ	Long Beach, Calif. (Woodrow Wilson High)
44	• Andrews, Rob	LB	4	Adam Muema	RB	5-10	205	So.	1L	Covina, Calif. (Charter Oak High)
58	Barrett, Alex	DL	5	Ryan Katz	QB	6-1	210	Sr.	TR	Santa Monica, Calif. (Santa Monica High/Oregon State Univ.)
90	Beed, Everett	DL	6	Adam Dingwell	QB	6-4	210	So.	1L	Rockwall, Texas (Rockwall High)
20	Berhe, Nat	DB	6	Gabe Lemon	DB	5-10	195	Jr.	2L	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Lutheran High)
12	• Bernards, Jake	QB	10	Dylan Denso	WR	6-2	205	Jr.	2L	Laguna Niguel, Calif. (Dana Hills High)
87	Boesch, Aaron	TE	11	Matt Morin	QB	6-2	230	Fr.	HS	Temecula, Calif. (Chaparral High)
19	Butler, Brice	WR	12	Jake Bernards	QB	6-5	215	Jr.	SQ	Valencia, Calif. (West Ranch High)
43	• Campano, Kevin	DB	12	Josh Wade	DB	6-0	190	Sr.	2L	San Diego, Calif. (Point Loma High)
80	Clark, Larry	WR	15	Chad Jeffries	QB	6-2	200	Fr.	RS	Glendora, Calif. (Glendora High)
29	• Colquitt, A.C.	DB	16	David Lamar	DB	6-2	180	So.	SQ	San Diego, Calif. (Madison High)
67	Corbett, Garrett	OL	17	Seamus McMorrow	K/P	5-11	190	Fr.	HS	San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine High)
94	Craighead, Robert	DL	18	Dominique Sandifer	WR	6-0	195	Sr.	2L	Gardena, Calif. (Beverly Hills High)
10	Denso, Dylan	WR	19	Brice Butler	WR	6-3	205	Sr.	TR	Norcross, Ga. (Norcross High/Univ. of Southern California)
64	Dilley, Zach	OL	20	Nat Berhe	DB	5-10	190	Jr.	2L	Colton, Calif. (Colton High)
6	• Dingwell, Adam	QB	21	Mahbu Keels	DB	6-1	175	So.	1L	San Diego, Calif. (Mission Bay High)
46	Driver, Jacob	LB	22	Chase Price	RB	5-8	200	Fr.	RS	Diamond Bar, Calif. (Diamond Ranch High)
68	Emberate, Nik	OL	22	Stan Sedberry	DB	6-2	210	Fr.	RS	Albuquerque, N.M. (La Cueva High)
88	Escobar, Gavin	TE	23	Damontae Kazee	DB	5-11	175	Fr.	HS	San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon High)
45	Feaster, Andrew	LB	24	Colin Lockett	WR	6-0	180	Jr.	2L	Diamond Bar, Calif. (Diamond Bar High)
49	Feer, Wes	K/P	24	Pierre Romain	DB	5-8	165	Fr.	RS	Los Angeles, Calif. (Crenshaw High)
42	Fely, Jake	LB	26	Marcus Andrews	DB	6-0	190	Jr.	2L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Crenshaw High)
70	Flores, Arthur	OL	27	Eric Pinkins	DB	6-3	215	Jr.	2L	Sacramento, Calif. (Inderkum High)
47	Galea, Cody	DL	29	A.C. Colquitt	DB	6-0	175	Sr.	SQ	Jacksonville, Fla. (Aiea High (Hawaii)/Golden West College)
96	Galea'i, Kenny	DL	29	Alex Howard	RB	6-0	200	Fr.	HS	Gilbert, Ariz. (Williams Field High)
35	• Garrett, Dwayne	RB	30	Darius Guillory	DB	5-10	185	Fr.	RS	Temecula, Calif. (Chaparral High)
66	Gauld, Riley	OL	31	Chris Gordert	FB	6-0	230	Sr.	1L	Honolulu, Hawaii (Mira Mesa High (Calif.))
48	Gavert, Josh	LB	32	De'Saan Hardwick	RB	5-9	190	Fr.	RS	San Diego, Calif. (Madison High)
31	Gordert, Chris	FB	32	Kendrick Mathis	DB	6-0	195	Fr.	HS	Ventura, Calif. (Buena High)
65	Gordon, Japheth	OL	33	Brandon Wright	DB	5-11	205	Fr.	RS	Las Vegas, Nev. (Palo Verde High)
40	• Graves, Scott	LB	34	Walter Kazee	RB	5-9	190	Sr.	3L	San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon High)
72	Greene, Darrell	OL	34	J.J. Whittaker	DB	5-10	180	So.	SQ	Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside High)
30	Guillory, Darius	DB	35	Dwayne Garrett	RB	6-0	205	Fr.	RS	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral High)
32	• Hardwick, De'Saan	RB	35	King Holder	DB	5-10	165	So.	1L	Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside High)
37	• Harris, Vaness	LB	36	Nick Tenhaeff	LB	6-2	225	Jr.	2L	Atascadero, Calif. (Atascadero High)
86	Hazely, Jemond	WR	37	Vaness Harris	LB	6-2	255	Jr.	1L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Dorsey High)
76	Henkel, Jonathan	OL	37	Garrett Kale	WR	6-1	180	Fr.	HS	Temecula, Calif. (Great Oak High)
89	Hewitt, Hunter	TE	38	Chris Hokokian	FB	6-1	235	Fr.	RS	Fresno, Calif. (Clovis North High)
41	• Hickman, T.J.	DB	39	Rene Siluano	DB	5-10	180	Jr.	2L	Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside High)
38	Hokokian, Chris	FB	40	Scott Graves	LB	5-10	210	Jr.	RS	Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif. (Tesoro High/Saddleback College)
35	• Holder, King	DB	40	Chad Young	FB	5-10	230	Jr.	2L	La Verne, Calif. (Glendora High)
29	• Howard, Alex	RB	41	T.J. Hickman	DB	6-0	185	Fr.	RS	Riverside, Calif. (Martin Luther King High)
51	• Hunter, D.J.	LB	41	Tim Vizzi	WR	5-10	170	Jr.	TR	Moorpark, Calif. (Moorepark High/Ventura College)
53	Jack, Ryan	LB	42	Jake Fely	LB	5-10	210	So.	1L	Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside High)
93	Jackson, Malcolm	DL	43	Kevin Campano	DB	5-10	165	Jr.	TR	San Diego, Calif. (Scripps Ranch High/Baker Univ.)
15	Jeffries, Chad	QB	43	Chance Marden	K	6-1	175	Sr.	HS	Fremont, Calif. (Washington High)
71	Johnson, Alec	OL	44	Rob Andrews	LB	6-2	220	Sr.	3L	Pleasanton, Calif. (Foothill High)
81	Judge, Eric	WR	44	Adam Roberts	TE	6-3	235	So.	1L	El Paso, Texas (Coronado High)
37	• Kale, Garrett	WR	45	Andrew Feaster	LB	6-0	220	Jr.	1L	Chula Vista, Calif. (Eastlake High/Southwestern College)
5	Katz, Ryan	QB	46	Jacob Driver	LB	6-2	220	Jr.	2L	Carlsbad, Calif. (La Costa Canyon High)
23	Kazee, Damontae	DB	47	Cody Galea	DL	6-3	265	So.	1L	Elk Grove, Calif. (Franklin High)
34	• Kazee, Walter	RB	48	Josh Gavert	LB	6-2	220	So.	1L	Lakewood, Calif. (Mayfair High)
21	Keels, Mahbu	DB	49	Wes Feer	K/P	5-11	205	Jr.	TR	Chino Hills, Calif. (Chino Hills High/Riverside College)
62	Koletsy, Brandon	LS	50	Derek Largent	LB	6-4	235	So.	TR	Manhattan Beach, Calif. (Mira Costa High/EI Camino College)
92	Kottman, Dan	DL	51	D.J. Hunter	LB	6-0	210	Fr.	HS	San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa High)
16	Lamar, David	DB	51	Jimmy Miller	OL	6-3	290	Sr.	SQ	Denver, Colo. (J.K. Mullen High)
50	Largent, Derek	LB	52	Teddy Queen	DL	6-1	245	Fr.	HS	Temecula, Calif. (Chaparral High)

Numerical

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School/College)
53	Ryan Jack	LB	6-1	215	Fr.	HS	Corona, Calif. (Centennial High)
54	Micah Seau	LB	6-3	235	Fr.	HS	Spring Valley, Calif. (Bishop's High)
55	Bruce Leaupepe	DL	6-4	250	Jr.	RS	San Jose, Calif. (Oak Grove High/City College of San Francisco)
56	Nico Siragusa	OL	6-5	315	Fr.	HS	Chula Vista, Calif. (Mater Dei Catholic High)
58	Alex Barrett	DL	6-3	245	Fr.	HS	Mesa, Ariz. (Desert Ridge High)
59	Jordan Thomas	DL	6-1	255	Jr.	2L	Redlands, Calif. (Redlands High)
60	Jeff Overbaugh	LS	6-2	240	Fr.	HS	Anchorage, Alaska (Service High)
62	Brandon Koletsky	LS	6-2	225	So.	SQ	Encino, Calif. (Campbell Hall High)
64	Zach Dilley	OL	6-5	295	So.	SQ	Sun City, Calif. (Paloma Valley High)
65	Japheth Gordon	OL	6-3	295	Jr.	SQ	Canyon Country, Calif. (Canyon High)
66	Riley Gauld	OL	6-5	300	Sr.	1L	Santa Ynez, Calif. (Santa Ynez High/Allan Hancock College)
67	Garrett Corbett	OL	6-5	290	So.	1L	Sparks, Nev. (Reed High)
68	Nik Emberate	OL	6-4	300	Sr.	3L	Yucaipa, Calif. (Yucaipa High)
69	Paul Rodriguez	OL	6-7	285	Fr.	RS	San Bernardino, Calif. (San Gorgonio High)
70	Arthur Flores	OL	6-5	300	Fr.	HS	Denver, Colo. (J.K. Mullen High)
71	Alec Johnson	OL	6-3	300	Sr.	2L	Denver, Colo. (J.K. Mullen High)
72	Darrell Greene	OL	6-4	300	Fr.	RS	Oakley, Calif. (Freedom High)
73	Jordan Smith	OL	6-5	270	Fr.	RS	Redlands, Calif. (Redlands High)
74	Austin Maass	OL	6-4	270	Fr.	HS	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Mission Viejo High)
75	Kwayde Miller	OL	6-7	305	Fr.	HS	Ramona, Calif. (Ramona High)
76	Jonathan Henkel	OL	6-4	275	Fr.	RS	Chula Vista, Calif. (Otay Ranch High)
77	Joel Alesi	P	6-0	235	So.	SQ	El Cajon, Calif. (Christian High)
78	Bryce Quigley	OL	6-5	295	Jr.	2L	Apple Valley, Calif. (Granite Hills High)
79	Terry Poole	OL	6-5	300	Jr.	TR	Monterey, Calif. (Seaside High/Monterey Peninsula College)
80	Larry Clark	WR	6-4	210	Fr.	RS	Venice, Calif. (Venice High)
81	Eric Judge	WR	6-1	190	Fr.	HS	San Diego, Calif. (San Diego High)
82	Lloyd Mills	WR	5-10	165	Fr.	HS	Chandler, Ariz. (Chandler High)
83	Osmond Nicholas	WR	6-3	210	Jr.	1L	Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside High)
84	Paul Pitts III	WR	6-0	180	Fr.	RS	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Los Osos High)
85	D.J. Shields	TE	6-4	240	Sr.	3L	Bonita, Calif. (Bonita Vista High)
86	Jemond Hazely	WR	6-1	185	Fr.	RS	Corona, Calif. (Santiago High)
87	Aaron Boesch	TE	6-5	230	So.	TR	Oak Harbor, Wash. (Oak Harbor High/Santa Monica College)
88	Gavin Escobar	TE	6-6	255	Jr.	2L	Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif. (Santa Margarita Catholic High)
89	Hunter Hewitt	TE	6-5	250	Sr.	1L	Lafayette, Calif. (Acalanes High)
90	Everett Beed	DL	6-3	255	So.	SQ	Phelan, Calif. (Serrano High)
91	Frederick Trujillo	DL	6-1	240	Sr.	2L	Albuquerque, N.M. (Highland High)
92	Dan Kottman	DL	6-1	245	Fr.	HS	Denton, Texas (Guyer High)
93	Malcolm Jackson	DL	6-3	255	Fr.	HS	Spring Valley, Calif. (Mount Miguel High)
94	Robert Craighead	DL	6-3	265	Fr.	RS	Lakeside, Calif. (El Capitan High)
96	Kenny Galea'i	DL	6-1	270	So.	SQ	Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside High)
97	Dontrell Onuoha	DL	6-2	265	So.	1L	Indio, Calif. (La Quinta High)
98	Sam Meredith	DL	6-4	275	So.	1L	La Mesa, Calif. (Helix High)
99	Jon Sanchez	DL	6-2	265	Fr.	RS	Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta High)

Alphabetical

No.	Name	Pos.
55	Leaupepe, Bruce	DL
6	Lemon, Gabe	DB
24	Lockett, Colin	WR
74	Maass, Austin	OL
43	Marden, Chance	K
32	Mathis, Kendrick	DB
2	McFadden, Leon	DB
17	McMorrow, Seamus	K/P
98	Meredith, Sam	DL
51	Miller, Jimmy	OL
75	Miller, Kwayde	OL
82	Mills, Lloyd	WR
11	Morin, Matt	QB
4	Muema, Adam	RB
83	Nicholas, Osmond	WR
97	Onuoha, Dontrell	DL
60	Overbaugh, Jeff	LS
27	Pinkins, Eric	DB
84	Pitts III, Paul	WR
22	Price, Chase	RB
79	Poole, Terry	OL
52	Queen, Teddy	DL
78	Quigley, Bryce	OL
44	Roberts, Adam	TE
69	Rodriguez, Paul	OL
24	Romain, Pierre	DB
3	Ruffin, Ezell	WR
99	Sanchez, Jon	DL
18	Sandifer, Dominique	WR
54	Seau, Micah	LB
22	Sedberry, Stan	DB
85	Shields, D.J.	TE
39	Silvano, Rene	DB
56	Siragusa, Nico	OL
73	Smith, Jordan	OL
36	Tenhaeff, Nick	LB
59	Thomas, Jordan	DL
91	Trujillo, Frederick	DL
41	Vizzi, Tim	WR
12	Wade, Josh	DB
34	Whittaker, J.J.	DB
33	Wright, Brandon	DB
40	Young, Chad	FB

- Duplicate Number

The Coaching Staff

Rocky Long (New Mexico '74) Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator, 2nd season as head coach at SDSU/4th overall; **Andy Ludwig** (Portland State '88) Offensive Coordinator/Tight Ends, 2nd season; **Jeff Horton** (Nevada '81) Assistant Head Coach/Running Backs, 2nd season; **Danny Gonzales** (New Mexico '98) Safeties, 2nd season; **Oslia Lewis** (Oregon State '86) Defensive Line, 2nd season; **LeCharis McDaniel** (Cal Poly '81) Wide Receivers, 12th season; **Kevin McGarry** (USD '79) Special Teams, 2nd season; **Mike Schmidt** (San Diego State '09) Offensive Line, 1st season; **Brian Sipe** (San Diego State) Quarterbacks, 4th season; **Tony White** (UCLA '02) Cornerbacks/Recruiting Coordinator, 4th season; **Zach Arnett** (New Mexico '09) Graduate Assistant (Defense), 2nd season; **Doug Deakin** (San Diego State '10) Graduate Assistant (Special Teams), 1st season; **Dorian Keller** (San Diego '08) Graduate Assistant (Offense), 1st season; **Lynell Hamilton** (San Diego State '08) Graduate Assistant (Special Teams), 1st season; **Adam Hall** (San Diego State '05) Strength & Conditioning, 1st season; **Bobby Smitheran** (New Mexico '96) Director of Football Operations, 2nd season.

Pronunciation Guide

No. 3 Ezell Ruffin	EE-zell
No. 4 Adam Muema	MOO-emma
No. 20 Nat Berhe	nat bear-HEY
No. 21 Mahbu Keels	ma-BOO Keels (like heels)
No. 29 A.C. Colquitt	cole-QUIT
No. 30 Darius Gullory	gill-or-REE
No. 32 De'Saan Hardwick	deh-SAWN
No. 34 Walter Kazee	KAY-zee
No. 36 Nick Tenhaeff	ten-OFF
No. 38 Chris Hokokian	hoe-coke-EE-an
No. 39 Rene Silvano	SILL-u-on-oh
No. 42 Jake Fely	FEE-lee

No. 47 Cody Galea	guh-LAY-uh
No. 48 Josh Gavert	GAV-ert
No. 50 Chris Gordert	GORE-dert
No. 55 Bruce Leaupepe	lay-uh-PEP-eh
No. 64 Zack Dilley	dill-EE
No. 65 Japheth Gordon	JAW-phet (like prophet)
No. 72 Darrell Greene	duh-RELL
No. 77 Joel Alesi	uh-LEE-see
No. 86 Jemond Hazely	juh-MOND haze-UH-lee
No. 96 Kenny Galea'i	nal-EE-all-EE
No. 97 Dontrell Onuahu	on-OOH-o-ha
Oslia Lewis	OH-say

Andy Ludwig	LUD-wig
LeCharis McDaniel	luh-CHARLES

Aztec Depth Chart

OFFENSE

LEFT TACKLE (LT)

- 78 Brice Quigley, 6-5, 295, Jr.**
69 Paul Rodriguez, 6-7, 285, Fr.-RS

LEFT GUARD (LG)

- 65 Japheth Gordon, 6-3, 295, Jr.-SQ
72 Darrell Greene, 6-4, 300, Fr.-RS

CENTER (C)

- 71 **Alec Johnson, 6-3, 300, Sr.****
51 Jimmy Miller, 6-3, 290, Sr.-SQ
73 Jordan Smith, 6-5, 270, Fr.-RS

RIGHT GUARD (RG)

- 68 **Nik Embernate, 6-4, 300, Sr.****
66 Riley Gauld, 6-5, 300, Sr.*
76 Jonathan Henkel, 6-4, 275, Fr.-RS

RIGHT TACKLE (RT)

- 64 Zach Dilley, 6-5, 295, So.-SQ
67 Garrett Corbett, 6-5, 290, So.*

WIDE RECEIVER (X)

- 24 **Colin Lockett, 6-0, 180, Jr.****
19 Brice Butler, 6-3, 205, Sr.-TR
86 Jemond Hazely, 6-1, 185, Fr.-RS
80 Larry Clark, 6-4, 210, Fr.-RS
84 Paul Pitts III, 6-0, 180, Fr.-RS

RUNNING BACK (TB)

- 4 Adam Muema, 5-10, 205, So.*
34 Walter Kazee, 5-9, 190, Sr.**
22 Chase Price, 5-8, 200, Fr.-RS
32 De'Saan Hardwick, 5-9, 190, Fr.-RS
35 Dwayne Garrett, 6-0, 205, Fr.-RS

QUARTERBACK (QB)

- 5 Ryan Katz, 6-1, 210, Sr.-TR OR
6 Adam Dingwell, 6-4, 210, So.-1L
12 Jake Bernards, 6-5, 215, Jr.-SQ
15 Chad Jeffries, 6-2, 200, Fr.-RS
11 Matt Morin, 6-2, 230, Fr.-HS

FULLBACK (FB)

- 40 **Chad Young, 5-10, 230, Jr.****
31 Chris Gordert, 6-0, 230, Sr.*

TIGHT END (TE)

- 88 **Gavin Escobar, 6-6, 255, Jr.****
44 Adam Roberts, 6-3, 235, So.*
85 D.J. Shields, 6-4, 240, Sr.**
89 Hunter Hewitt, 6-5, 250, Sr.*
87 Aaron Boesch, 6-5, 230, So.-TR

WIDE RECEIVER (Z)

- 10 **Dylan Denso, 6-2, 205, Jr.****
3 Ezell Ruffin, 6-1, 205, So.-SQ
83 Osmond Nicholas, 6-3, 210, Jr.*
18 Dominique Sandifer, 6-0, 195, Sr.**
41 Tim Vizzi, 5-10, 170, Jr.-TR

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE END (DE)

- 47 Cody Galea, 6-3, 265, So.*
90 Everett Beed, 6-3, 255, So.-SQ
97 Dontrell Onuoha, 6-2, 265, So*

DEFENSIVE TACKLE (DT)

- 98 Sam Meredith, 6-4, 275, So.*
96 Kenny Galea'I, 6-1 270, So.-SQ
94 Robert Craighead, 6-3, 265, Fr.-RS
55 Bruce Leaupepe, 6-4, 250, Jr.-RS

DEFENSIVE END (DE)

- 91 Frederick Trujillo, 6-1, 240, Sr.**
59 Jordan Thomas, 6-1, 255, Jr.**
99 Jon Sanchez, 6-2, 265, Fr.-RS

LINEBACKER (LB)

- 36 Nick Tenhaeff, 6-2, 225, Jr.**
45 Andrew Feaster, 6-0, 220, Jr.*
51 D.J. Hunter, 6-0, 210, Fr.-HS
53 Ryan Jack, 6-1, 215, Fr.-HS

MIDDLE LINEBACKER (MLB)

- 42 **Jake Fely, 5-10, 210, So.***
44 Rob Andrews, 6-2, 220, Sr.**
46 Jacob Driver, 6-2, 220, Jr.**
40 Scott Graves, 5-10, 210, Jr.-RS

LINEBACKER (LB)

- 48 Josh Gavert, 6-2, 220, So.*
37 Vaness Harris, 6-2, 255, Jr.*
54 Micah Seau, 6-3, 235, Fr.-HS

CORNERBACK (CB)

- 2 **Leon McFadden, 5-10, 190, Sr.****
24 Pierre Romain, 5-8, 165, Fr.-RS
35 King Holder, 5-10, 165, So.*
29 A.C. Colquitt, 6-0, 175, Sr.-SQ

WARRIOR (WAR)

- 39 Rene Siluano, 5-10, 180, Jr.**
6 **Gabe Lemon, 5-10, 195, Jr.****
41 T.J. Hickman, 6-0, 185, Fr.-RS

AZTEC (AZ)

- 20 **Nat Berhe, 5-10, 190 Jr.****
30 Darius Guillory, 5-10, 185, Fr.-RS
22 Stan Sedberry, 6-2, 210, Fr.-RS

WARRIOR (WAR)

- 27 Eric Pinkins, 6-3, 215, Jr.**
26 **Marcus Andrews, 6-0, 190, Jr.****
43 Kevin Campano, 5-10, 165, Jr.-TR

CORNERBACK (CB)

- 12 Josh Wade, 6-0, 190, Sr.**
21 Mahbu Keels, 6-1, 175, So.*
34 J.J.Whittaker, 5-10, 180, So.-SQ
16 David Lamar, 6-2, 180, So.-SQ

SPECIALISTS

PUNTER (P)

- 77 Joel Alesi, 6-0, 235, So.-SQ
49 Wes Feer, 5-11, 205, Jr.-TR

PLACEKICKER (PK)

- 49 Wes Feer, 5-11, 205, Jr.-TR
43 Chance Marden, 6-1, 175, Sr.-HS

KICKOFFS (KO)

To be determined in the fall

HOLDER (H)

To be determined in the fall

LONG SNAPPER (LS)

- 62 Brandon Koletsky, 6-2, 225, So.-SQ

KICKOFF RETURNS (KOR)

To be determined in the fall

PUNT RETURNS (PR)

To be determined in the fall

* - Denotes number of letters earned through the 2011 season. Players in **bold** are returning starters. Underlined players are newcomers or freshmen who redshirted last season.

Aztecs Roster Breakdown

Aztecs By Class

Personnel listed with eligibility as it will be entering the 2012 season.

SENIORS (17)

LB Rob Andrews, WR Brice Butler, DB A.C. Colquitt, OL Nik Embernate, OL Riley Gauld, FB Chris Gordert, TE Hunter Hewitt, OL Alec Johnson, QB Ryan Katz, RB Walter Kazee, K Chance Marden, DB Leon McFadden, OL Jimmy Miller, WR Dominique Sandifer, TE D.J. Shields, DL Frederick Trujillo, DB Josh Wade

JUNIORS (23)

DB Marcus Andrews, DB Nat Berhe, QB Jake Bernards, DB Kevin Campano, WR Dylan Denso, LB Jacob Driver, TE Gavin Escobar, LB Andrew Feaster, K/P Wes Feer, OL Japheth Gordon, LB Scott Graves, LB Vaness Harris, DL Bruce Leapepe, DB Gabe Lemon, WR Colin Lockett, WR Osmond Nicholas, DB Eric Pinkins, OL Bryce Quigley, DB Rene Siluano, LB Nick Tenhaeff, DL Jordan Thomas, WR Tim Vizzi, FB Chad Young

SOPHOMORES (21)

P Joel Alesi, DL Everett Beed, TE Aaron Boesch, OL Garrett Corbett, OL Zach Dilley, QB Adam Dingwell, LB Jake Fely, DL Cody Galea, DL Kenny Galea'i, LB Josh Gavert, DB King Holder, DB Mahbu Keels, LS Brandon Koletsky, DB David Lamar, LB Derek Largent, DL Sam Meredith, RB Adam Muema, DL Dontrell Onuahu, TE Adam Roberts, WR Ezell Ruffin, DB J.J. Whittaker

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (19)

WR Larry Clark, DL Robert Craighead, RB Dwayne Garrett, OL Darrell Greene, DB Darius Guillory, RB De'Saan Hardwick, WR Jemond Hazely, OL Jonathan Henkel, DB T.J. Hickman, FB Chris Hokokian, QB Chad Jeffries, WR Paul Pitts III, RB Chase Price, OL Paul Rodriguez, DB Pierre Romain, DL Jon Sanchez, DB Stan Sedberry, OL Jordan Smith, DB Brandon Wright

TRUE FRESHMEN (21)

DL Alex Barrett, OL Arthur Flores, RB Alex Howard, LB D.J. Hunter, LB Ryan Jack, DL Malcolm Jackson, WR Eric Judge, WR Garrett Kale, DB Damontae Kazee, DL Dan Kottman, OL Austin Maass, DB Kendrick Mathis, K/P Seamus McMorro, OL Kwayde Miller, WR Lloyd Mills, QB Matt Morin, LS Jeff Overbaugh, OL Terry Poole, DL Teddy Queen, LB Micah Seau, OL Nico Siragusa

What Returns

By percentage, what returns from last season.

		Pct.
OFFENSE		
Rushing Yards	.687 of 2,398	28.6
Passing Yards	.0 of 3,158	0.0
Receiving Yards	.2,649 of 3,158	83.9
Scoring	.184 of 387	47.5
DEFENSE		
Tackles	.423 of 794	53.3
Tackles For Loss	.33 of 81	40.7
Sacks	.8.5 of 28	30.4
Forced Fumbles	.6 of 17	35.3
Fumble Recoveries	.7 of 13	53.8
Interceptions	.7 of 14	50.0
SPECIAL TEAMS		
Field Goals	.0 of 0	0.0
Punting Yards	.0 of 0	0.0
Punt Return Yards	.0 of 0	0.0
Kickoff Return Yards	.0 of 0	0.0

Starters Returning & Lost

OFFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (7)

Pos.	Name	Career Starts
WR	Dylan Denso	.11
RG	Nik Embernate	.33
TE	Gavin Escobar	.18
C	Alec Johnson	.29
WR	Colin Lockett	.11
OL	Bryce Quigley	.12
FB	Chad Young	.11
TOTAL		.125

OFFENSIVE STARTERS LOST (5)

Pos.	Name	Career Starts
LT	Tommie Draheim	.33
RT	Kurtis Gunther	.26
RB	Ronnie Hillman	.21
QB	Ryan Lindley	.49
LG	Emilio Rivera	.15
TOTAL		.144

DEFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (6)

Pos.	Name	Career Starts
DB	Marcus Andrews	.9
DB	Nat Berhe	.15
LB	Jake Fely	.13
DB	Gabe Lemon	.9
DB	Leon McFadden	.32
DL	Jordan Thomas	.8
TOTAL		.86

DEFENSIVE STARTERS LOST (5)

Pos.	Name	Career Starts
DL	J.J. Autele	.15
LB	Miles Burris	.37
LB	Logan Ketchum	.22
DL	Jerome Long	.23
DB	Larry Parker	.13
TOTAL		.110

KICKERS RETURNING (0)

KICKERS LOST (2)

Pos.	Name
PK	Abelardo Perez
P	Brian Stahovich

Returning Statistical Leaders

Rushing	Walter Kazee (74 att., 339 yds., 4 TDs)
Passing	none
Receiving	Colin Lockett (58 rec., 970 yds., 8 TDs)
Total Offense	Walter Kazee (74 plays, 339 yds.)
All-Purpose	Colin Lockett (1,744 yds.)
Punt Returns	Leon McFadden (12 ret., 5.8 ypr.)
Kickoff Returns	Colin Lockett (31 ret., 21.9 ypr.)
Field Goals	none
Scoring	Colin Lockett (54 points)
Tackles	Nat Berhe (57)
Tackles For Loss	Jake Fely (5-15 yds.)
Sacks	Josh Gavert (2-14 yds.)
Interceptions	Leon McFadden (2), Nat Berhe (2)
Punting Average	none

Lost Statistical Leaders

Rushing	Ronnie Hillman (311 att., 1,711 yds., 19 TDs)
Passing	Ryan Lindley (237-447-8, 3,153 yds., 23 TDs)
Receiving	Ronnie Hillman (24 rec., 270 yds., 1 TDs)
Total Offense	Ryan Lindley (465 plays, 3,102 yds.)
All-Purpose	Ronnie Hillman (1,981 yds.)
Punt Returns	Larry Parker (10 ret., 4.5 ypr.)
Kickoff Returns	Brandon Davis (18 ret., 22.7 ypr.)
Field Goals	Abelardo Perez (6-for-15)
Scoring	Ronnie Hillman (120 points)
Tackles	Miles Burris (72)
Tackles For Loss	Miles Burris (19-81 yds.)
Sacks	Miles Burris (8-60 yds.)
Interceptions	Larry Parker (7)
Punting Average	Brian Stahovich (43.8)

Geographical Breakdown

Current Aztecs by home state:

CALIFORNIA (82)

P Joel Alesi, DB Marcus Andrews, LB Rob Andrews, DL Everett Beed, DB Nat Berhe, QB Jake Bernards, DB Kevin Campano, WR Larry Clark, DL Robert Craighead, WR Dylan Denso, OL Zach Dilley, LB Jacob Driver, OL Nik Embarnate, TE Gavin Escobar, LB Andrew Feaster, K/P Wes Feer, LB Jake Fely, DL Cody Galea, DL Kenny Galea'i, OL Riley Gauld, LB Josh Gavert, OL Japheth Gordon, LB Scott Graves, OL Darrell Greene, DB Darius Guillory, RB De'Saan Hardwick, LB Vaness Harris, WR Jemond Hazely, OL Jonathan Henkel, TE Hunter Hewitt, DB T.J. Hickman, FB Chris Hokokian, DB King Holder, LB D.J. Hunter, LB Ryan Jack, DL Malcolm Jackson, QB Chad Jeffries, WR Eric Judge, WR Garrett Kale, QB Ryan Katz, DB Damontae Kazee, RB Walter Kazee, DB Mahbu Keels, LS Brandon Koletsky, DB David Lamar, LB Derek Largent, DL Bruce Leaupepe, DB Gabe Lemon, WR Colin Lockett, OL Austin Maass, K Chance Marden, DB Kendrick Mathis, DB Leon McFadden, K/P Seamus McMorrow, DL Sam Meredith, OL Kwayde Miller, QB Matt Morin, RB Adam Muema, WR Osmond Nicholas, DL Dontrell Onuoha, DB Eric Pinkins, WR Paul Pitts, RB Chase Price, OL Terry Poole, DL Teddy Queen, OL Bryce Quigley, OL Paul Rodriguez, DB Pierre Romain, WR Ezell Ruffin, DL Jon Sanchez, WR Dominique Sandifer, LB Micah Seau, TE D.J. Shields, DB Rene Siluano, OL Nico Siragusa, OL Jordan Smith, LB Nick Tenhaeff, DL Jordan Thomas, WR Tim Vizzi, DB Josh Wade, DB J.J. Whittaker, FB Chad Young

ARIZONA (4)

DL Alex Barrett, RB Dwayne Garrett, RB Alex Howard, WR Lloyd Mills

COLORADO (3)

OL Arthur Flores, OL Alec Johnson, OL Jimmy Miller

TEXAS (3)

QB Adam Dingwell, TE Adam Roberts, DL Dan Kottman

NEVADA (2)

OL Garrett Corbett, DB Brandon Wright

NEW MEXICO (2)

DB Stan Sedberry, DL Frederick Trujillo

ALASKA (1)

LS Jeff Overbaugh

FLORIDA (1)

DB A.C. Colquitt

GEORGIA (1)

WR Brice Butler

HAWAII (1)

FB Chris Gordert

WASHINGTON (1)

TE Aaron Boesch

2012 Signing Class

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
Alex Barrett	DL	6-3	245	Mesa, Ariz.
Aaron Boesch	TE	6-5	230	Oak Harbor, Wash.
Brice Butler	WR	6-3	205	Norcross, Ga.
Arthur Flores	OL	6-5	300	Denver, Colo.
Alex Howard	RB	6-0	200	Gilbert, Ariz.
Malcolm Jackson	DL	6-3	255	Spring Valley, Calif.
Eric Judge	WR	6-1	190	San Diego, Calif.
Ryan Katz	QB	6-1	210	Santa Monica, Calif.
Damontae Kazee	DB	5-11	175	San Bernardino, Calif.
Dan Kottman	DL	6-1	245	Denton, Texas
Derek Largent	LB	6-4	235	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
Austin Maass	OL	6-4	270	Mission Viejo, Calif.
Kendrick Mathis	DB	6-0	195	Ventura, Calif.
Seamus McMorrow	K/P	5-11	190	San Diego, Calif.
Kwayde Miller	OL	6-7	305	Ramona, Calif.
Lloyd Mills	WR	5-10	165	Chandler, Ariz.
Matt Morin	QB	6-2	230	Temecula, Calif.
Jeff Overbaugh	LS	6-2	240	Anchorage, Alaska
Terry Poole	OL	6-5	300	Monterey, Calif.
Teddy Queen	DL	6-1	245	Temecula, Calif.
Nico Siragusa	OL	6-5	315	Chula Vista, Calif.