



# Aztec Football 2015 Preseason Honors

through August 20

## ► Projected Conference Finish

1st (West Division) - *Mountain West Media Day Poll*

1st (West Division) - *USA Today*

1st (West Division) - *Sporting News*

1st (West Division) - *Athlon Sports*

1st (West Division) - *Lindy's Sports*

1st (West Division) - *ESPN College Football Preview*

## ► National Rankings

42nd - *Orlando Sentinel*

48th - *USA Today*

68th - *Athlon Sports*

71st - *Lindy's Sports*

83rd (FPI rank) - *ESPN College Football Preview*

## ► Projected Bowl

Las Vegas Bowl vs. Arizona State - *Sporting News*

Las Vegas Bowl vs. Utah - Jerry Palm, *CBS Sports*

Poinsettia Bowl vs. Washington - Ralph Russo, Associated Press

New Mexico Bowl vs. Louisiana Tech - *Athlon Sports*

## ► Games to Watch

Fresno State at San Diego State, Oct. 3 - *Lindy's Sports*

Utah State at San Diego State, Oct. 23 - *ESPN College Football Preview*

Nevada at San Diego State, Nov. 28 - *USA Today*

## ► Top Units

Special Teams (1st in the Mountain West) - *USA Today*

Running Backs (1st in the Mountain West) - *Athlon Sports*

Secondary (T-1st in the Mountain West) - *USA Today*

## ► Other Superlatives

"Most Likely to Exceed Expectations" - *USA Today*

## ► Individual Honors

### Alex Barrett | Jr. | Mesa, Ariz. | Defensive Line

Rotary Lombardi Watch List (top lineman or LB near line of scrimmage)

All-Mountain West first team - *Phil Steele*

All-Mountain West second team - *Athlon Sports*

All-Mountain West second team - *Lindy's Sports*

"SDSU Player to Watch" - *Lindy's Sports*

### Jake Fely | Sr. | Oceanside, Calif. | Linebacker

All-Mountain West third team - *Phil Steele*

All-Mountain West fourth team - *Athlon Sports*

### Darrell Greene | Sr. | Oakley, Calif. | Offensive Line

Rotary Lombardi Watch List (top lineman or LB near line of scrimmage)

All-Mountain West first team - *USA Today*

All-Mountain West first team - *Phil Steele*

All-Mountain West first team - *Lindy's Sports*

All-Mountain West first team - *ESPN College Football Preview*

All-Mountain West second team - *Athlon Sports*

"MW's Best Run Blocker" - *Lindy's Sports*

### Donny Hageman | Sr. | Covina, Calif. | Kicker

Lou Groza Award Watch List (top place-kicker)

All-Mountain West Special Teams Player of the Year - *Mountain West Media Day Poll*

All-Mountain West first team - *Mountain West Media Day Poll*

All-Mountain West first team - *USA Today*

All-Mountain West first team - *Phil Steele*

All-Mountain West first team - *Sporting News*

All-Mountain West first team - *Athlon Sports*

All-Mountain West first team - *Lindy's Sports*

All-Mountain West first team - *ESPN College Football Preview*

"MW's Best Under Pressure" - *Sporting News*

### Mikah Holder | So. | Oceanside, Calif. | Wide Receiver

"SDSU Player to Watch" - *Lindy's Sports*

### DeSean Holmes | Fr. | Pasadena, Calif. | Wide Receiver

"SDSU's Top Newcomer" - *Lindy's Sports*

"Mountain West Top Incoming Freshman" - *Athlon Sports*

### Damontae Kazee | Jr. | San Bernardino, Calif. | Cornerback

Jim Thorpe Award Watch List (top defensive back)

All-Mountain West first team - *Mountain West Media Day Poll*

All-Mountain West first team - *USA Today*

All-Mountain West first team - *Sporting News*

All-Mountain West first team - *Athlon Sports*

All-Mountain West second team - *Phil Steele*

All-Mountain West second team - *Lindy's Sports*

"SDSU Player to Watch" - *Lindy's Sports*

**Trey Lomax | So. | San Diego, Calif. | Safety**

All-Mountain West fourth team - *Phil Steele*

"SDSU Player to Watch" - *Lindy's Sports*

**Rocky Long | Head Coach**

Mountain West Coach of the Year - *Mitch Light from Athlon Sports*

"No. 7 Coaching Baller (best player/coach)" - *Lindy's Sports*

**Lloyd Mills | Jr. | Chandler, Ariz. | Wide Receiver/Punt Returner**

All-Mountain West first team (PR) - *USA Today*

All-Mountain West second team (PR) - *Phil Steele*

All-Mountain West second team (PR) - *Athlon Sports*

"SDSU Player to Watch" - *Lindy's Sports*

**Calvin Munson | Jr. | St. Charles, Mo. | Linebacker**

All-Mountain West second team - *Phil Steele*

All-Mountain West second team - *Athlon Sports*

MW Defensive Player of the Year - *David Fox from Athlon Sports*

"SDSU Player to Watch" - *Lindy's Sports*

**Jeff Overbaugh | Sr. | Anchorage, Alaska | Long Snapper**

All-American fourth team - *Phil Steele*

**Rashaad Penny | So. | Norwalk, Calif. | Running Back/Kick Returner**

All-Mountain West fourth team (KR) - *Phil Steele*

All-Mountain West fourth team (KR) - *Athlon Sports*

**Donnel Pumphrey | Jr. | Las Vegas, Nev. | Running Back**

Maxwell Award Watch List (player of the year)

Doak Walker Award Watch List (top running back)

CFPA National Performer of the Year Trophy Watch List (top player)

All-Mountain West first team - *Mountain West Media Day Poll*

All-Mountain West first team - *USA Today*

All-Mountain West first team - *Phil Steele*

All-Mountain West first team - *Sporting News*

All-Mountain West first team - *Athlon Sports*

All-Mountain West first team - *Lindy's Sports*

All-Mountain West first team - *ESPN College Football Preview*

Mountain West Most Valuable Player - *Lindy's Sports*

Mountain West Offensive Player of the Year - *ESPN College Football Preview*

"No. 6 Running Back in FBS" - *Campus Insiders*

"No. 9 Running Back in FBS" - *Lindy's Sports*

"Five Players who Deserve Attention" - *Sports Illustrated*

"No. 2 NFL Talent in the Mountain West" - *Lindy's Sports*

"No. 1 Running Back in the Mountain West" - *Athlon Sports*

"Most Likely to Have 1,500 Yards Rushing" - *USA Today*

"Biggest Overachiever" - *Sporting News*

"SDSU Player to Watch" - *Lindy's Sports*

**Jon Sanchez | Sr. | Murrieta, Calif. | Defensive End**

All-Mountain West fourth team - *Phil Steele*

All-Mountain West fourth team - *Athlon Sports*

"SDSU Player to Watch" - *Lindy's Sports*

**Nico Siragusa | Jr. | Chula Vista, Calif. | Offensive Line**

All-Mountain West fourth team - *Phil Steele*

**Pearce Slater | Sr. | Los Angeles, Calif. | Offensive Line**

Rotary Lombardi Watch List (top lineman or LB near line of scrimmage)

All-Mountain West first team - *Mountain West Media Day Poll*

All-Mountain West first team - *Phil Steele*

**Malik Smith | Jr. | Compton, Calif. | Safety**

All-Mountain West third team - *Phil Steele*

All-Mountain West fourth team - *Athlon Sports*

"SDSU Player to Watch" - *Lindy's Sports*

**Maxwell Smith | Sr. | Granada Hills, Calif. | Quarterback**

"SDSU Player to Watch" - *Lindy's Sports*

Mountain West Top Newcomer - *Steven Lissan/Mitch Light from Athlon Sports*

**J.J. Whittaker | Sr. | Oceanside, Calif. | Cornerback**

Jim Thorpe Award Watch List (top defensive back)

All-Mountain West first team - *Lindy's Sports*

All-Mountain West second team - *Phil Steele*

All-Mountain West second team - *Athlon Sports*

"No. 7 NFL Talent in the MW" - *Lindy's Sports*