

AZTEC FOOTBALL

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San Diego State Signing Day Notes

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011

TODAY

Today marks the beginning of the 2011 National Letter-of-Intent signing period, as high school seniors from around the nation are allowed to sign on the dotted line beginning at 7 a.m. local time on Wednesday, Feb. 2. The signed letters are express mailed in, but can be received by fax and become official after being certified by the school's compliance office. The full team cannot exceed 85 scholarships at any point or a maximum of 25 qualifiers in a single year. The list of signees and their biographies are available in this packet.

SIGNING DAY NOTES

EARLY RISER - Freedom High offensive lineman Darrell Greene was the first player to sign with the Aztecs today as his National Letter of Intent arrived at 7:01 a.m., just one minute after the starting period. Greene was followed by Glendora High's Chad Jeffries (7:06 a.m.), Concord High's Kevin Chase (7:09 a.m.), Mount Miguel High's Reggie Jones (7:12 a.m.), Helix High's Sam Meredith (7:12 a.m.), Chaparral High's Darius Guillory (7:16 a.m.), El Capitan High's Robert Craighead (7:19 a.m.), Bishop School's Micah Seu (7:20 a.m.), Redlands High's Jordan Smith (7:27 a.m.), Locke High's Tony Bell (7:32 a.m.), Buchanan High's Christian Parra (7:34 a.m.), Madison High's De'Saan Hardwick (7:44 a.m.), Maria Carillo High's Sam Atoe (7:46 a.m.) and Vista Murrieta High's Jon Sanchez (7:49 a.m.). The 14 players who faxed their letter prior to 8 a.m. local time is up from eight last year, seven from 2009 and six from 2008.

EARLY AND OFTEN - Each of the 23 signees faxed their letters by 9:48 a.m., meaning that the Aztecs had all their NLI's in hand in just 2 hours and 48 minutes. To put that in perspective, the San Diego State compliance office was receiving an NLI on average every 7 minutes and 18 seconds. Last year's class of 24 took 2 hours and 50 minutes (7:05 per NLI), while the 2009 20-man class took 6 hours, 59 minutes (20:57 per NLI).

MAKING CALIFORNIA A PRIORITY - Once again this season, the majority of the signees call California home. Of the 23-player class, 21 are from California (91.3 percent). The two signees outside the Golden State are Adam Roberts (El Paso, Texas) and Brandon Wright (Las Vegas, Nev.).

BIGGER CLASSES - This year's class of 23 coupled with last year's class of 27 makes 50 NLI signees over the past two years. That's the highest two-year total of signees since the 2002-03 classes combined for 51.

OFFENSIVE FIREPOWER - Of the 23-man class, 14 are offensive players. The 61.9 percent ratio of offense-to-defense and special teams is the program's highest since NLI Signing Day records have been kept (started in 1997).

OFFENSIVE NOTES - The 14 offensive players in this year's class matches last year's group total ... The last time the program had more than 14 offensive players in its class was 2003, when that group had 17 on the offensive side ... The offensive line and wide receivers lead the way with four players each ... Last year the offensive line led with five signees ... The four wideouts matches the program's most since the 2003 class had six ... There are three running backs in this year's class for the third consecutive season and the fourth time since 1997 ... The two tight ends match last year's total as the most since the 2005 class had three ... SDSU signed a quarterback for the sixth consecutive year.

DEFENSIVE NOTES - The linebackers highlight this year's defensive class with four of the nine (44.4 percent) set for coach Rocky Long's 3-3-5 scheme ... The four linebackers match the program's most since the 2000 class signed eight ... A year after inking a combined six defensive lineman (tied for the most over the past 15 classes), three are on the list in 2011 ... All three are defensive ends, the first time an SDSU class has had at least one defensive end and no defensive tackles since 2000 (1 defensive end, 0 defensive tackles) ... There are two defensive backs in this year's class, giving the Aztecs a combined 14 since 2009 (8 in 2009 and 4 in 2010).

2011 NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
Sept. 3	Cal Poly
Sept. 10	at Army
Sept. 17	Washington State
Sept. 24	at Michigan
Dec. 3	Fresno State

HOME CONFERENCE GAMES: Boise State, New Mexico, TCU, Wyoming

AWAY CONFERENCE GAMES: Air Force, Colorado State, UNLV