

What they're saying about SDSU Head Coach Rocky Long...

KIRK MORRISON - former Aztec and current LB for the Jacksonville Jaguars

"Rocky Long's a guy who I've known from playing against his tough New Mexico for four seasons at San Diego State. We didn't win a game against the Lobos at during my four years due to his coaching which led to his team's excellent play. In his past two seasons at San Diego he's definitely helped get the program going in the right direction. He knows the conference, he knows the players and he knows where to recruit for California. He's a defensive-minded coach and that's a thing that San Diego is going to love about him. He's a defense-first coach and that's what wins games."

MARSHALL FAULK - former Aztec, All-Pro NFL running back and commentator for NFL Network

"Having played against Rocky Long-coached teams and after what he's done so far at SDSU the past couple of seasons, I believe he was definitely a reputable candidate for the head coaching job. If you look at his coaching record it speaks for itself. The continuity of keeping the defense intact and keeping Rocky will help the recruiting and solidify the future of the program. His teams at New Mexico were always disciplined, hard-fighting teams that were going to be prepared. You had to physically beat them because mentally they were going to be prepared. He'll bring that to the Aztecs as head coach."

KEVIN O'CONNELL - former SDSU quarterback (2004-07) and currently with the New York Jets

"Coach Long is an incredibly qualified and very knowledgeable coach who I had experience of going against when he was the head coach at New Mexico. His defense gave us fits every time we played against them and I've always looked up to him for the program he ran at UNM. Since getting to know him at San Diego State the last couple years it's been a real pleasure just being able to talk football with him and learn the things I have in that short time. He's going to do a tremendous job at San Diego State and I have no doubt that he'll keep the momentum going that Coach Hoke and his staff started. It's going to be really exciting to watch the Aztecs as they develop under his guidance."

ERNIE LAWSON - former Aztec defensive lineman (2007-10)

"After playing for Rocky Long the past two seasons I have to say he's a great coach. He really cares about his player. He's an old-school guy and a fantastic coach, one of the best that I've ever been around. He's going to do the right things with the program and keep things moving forward. He pushed me a lot to be a better player and did a lot for me. I'm grateful to him for his part in the success I had as a player at San Diego State."