# **2016 Aztec Baseball**

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# 2016 SCHEDULE

RECORD: 0-0 (0-0 HOME; 0-0 AWAY)

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Date	Opponent Oregon	Time/Result
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Feb.21	Oregon at UC Irvine	12:00 p.m.
Feb. 25.	at UC irvine	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 25.	vs. San Diego+	6:00 p.m.
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Mar. 1	San Diego	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 4	Fresno State*	6:00 p.m.
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Mar. 10	Northwestern Northwestern (DH)	6:00 p.m.
	Northwestern	
	at CSU Fullerton	
	at Air Force*	
Mar. 19	at Air Force*	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 20	at Air Force*	1:00 p.m.
	UC Riverside	
	New Mexico*	
Mar. 25	New Mexico*	6:00 p.m.
	New Mexico*	
	at Oregon State	
	at Oregon State	
Apr. 1	at Nevada*	6:00 p.m.
	at Nevada*	
Apr. 3	at Nevada*	1:00 p.m.
	Long Beach State	
	UNLV*	
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Apr. 12	at San Diego	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 15	at Texas Tech	6:30 p.m.
Apr. 16	at Texas Tech	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 17	at Texas Tech	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 19	UC Irvine	6:00 p.m.
	at New Mexico*	
Apr. 23	at New Mexico*	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 24	at New Mexico*	1:00 p.m.
	at Long Beach State	
	Nevada*	
	Nevada*	
	Nevada*	
	CSU Fullerton	
May 6	at Fresno State*	6:00 p.m.
	at Fresno State*	
May 8	at Fresno State*	1:00 p.m.
May 13	Air Force*	6:00 p.m.
May 14	Air Force*	2:00 p.m.
May 15	Air Force*	1:00 p.m.
May 17	at UC Riverside	6:00 p.m.
	at San Jose State*	
	at San Jose State*	
	at San Jose State*	
May 25-	29 MW Tournament	TRΔ

+ at Lake Elsinore, Calif.

# Tony Gwynn Classic

\* Mountain West game

^ MW Tournament at Albuquerque, N.M.
All times are site times

February 16, 2016

For Immediate Release

# THIS WEEKEND IN AZTEC BASEBALL



# **OREGON AT SAN DIEGO STATE**

Friday, February 19, Tony Gwynn Stadium, 6:00 p.m. (PT) Oregon - Cole Irvin, LHP (2-5, 4.10) San Diego State - Marcus Reyes, LHP (7-3, 4.20)

## **OREGON AT SAN DIEGO STATE**

Saturday, February 20, Tony Gwynn Stadium, 1:00 p.m. (PT) Oregon - Matt Krook, LHP (2-1, 1.79 in 2014; redshirt in 2015) San Diego State - Cody Thompson, RHP (4-4, 4.32)



# **OREGON AT SAN DIEGO STATE**

Sunday, February 21, Tony Gwynn Stadium, 12:00 p.m. (PT) Oregon - David Peterson, LHP (4-6, 4.39) San Diego State - Brett Seeburger, LHP (1-0, 7.39)

Radio/TV: Live video streaming of Friday's game vs. Oregon will be available free of charge on The Mountain Digital Network (accessible at GoAztecs.com). Saturday's and Sunday's contest will be broadcast on KCR Radio, the SDSU campus station, with links available at GoAztecs.com.

#### WHAT'S ON TAP THIS WEEK IN AZTEC BASEBALL

- ◆ San Diego State opens its 2016 season with three a three-game series against Oregon this weekend.
- ◆ The opener of that series is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 19, when the Aztecs host the Ducks for a 6:00 p.m. contest.
- ◆ The teams will also meet in single games on Saturday (Feb. 20) and Sunday (Feb. 21) at 1:00 p.m. and noon respectively.
- ♦ The series will mark the first meeting between SDSU and Oregon since the 1973 season.

# **AZTECS ON THE AIR**

- ◆ The Friday contest against Oregon this weekend will have live video streaming on the Mountain Digital Network.
- ◆ Saturday's and Sunday's games will also be broadcast live on KCR Radio, San Diego State's campus station.
- ◆ A total of 11 of SDSU's 30 home games this season will be streamed live on the Mountain Digital Network.
- ◆ In addition, 7 contests will be broadcast live on ESPN 1700 in San Diego with the remaining 16 carried live on KCR.

#### **SCOUTING THE DUCKS**

- ◆ Oregon returns eight starting position starters and a total of eight pitchers (three starters) from a team that finished 38-25 overall and 16-14 (6th) in the Pac-12 a year ago.
- ◆ The Ducks are ranks in all five major polls in the preseason. Their highest ranking is 14th by *Baseball America*, *Collegiate Baseball* and *D1 Baseball.com*.
- ◆ Top offensive returnees (with 2015 stats) outfielder Phil Craig-St. Louis (.296, 2 HR, 38 RBI) and shortstop Mark Karaviotis (.270, 9 2B, 18 RBI).
- ♦ On the mound, the top returners include starters Cole Irvin (2-5, 4.10) and David Peterson (4-6, 4.39). Also back is projected starter Matt Krook, who redshirted in 2015 after undergoing Tommy John surgery.
- ◆ Last season the Ducks hit .253 as a team with a 3.67 earned run average.
- Oregon has been tabbed to finish fourth in the Pac-12 in that conference's preseason poll.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

GENERAL IN ORMANON	
Location	San Diego, Calif.
Founded	1897
Enrollment	33,726
Nickname	Aztecs
Mascot	The Aztec Warrior
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Mountain West
Colors	Scarlet and Black
President	Dr. Elliot Hirshman
Athletic Director	Jim Sterk
Sr. Assoc. A.D./COO	John David Wicker
Assoc. A.D./SWA	Jenny Bramer
Assoc. A.D. Operations	Steve Schnall
Assoc. A.D. Development	Bob Moosbrugger
Asst. A.D. Business	Chuck Lang
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Asst. A.D. AAF	Mandy McKinley
Head Athletic Trainer	Tom Abdenour

#### BASEBALL COACHING STAFF

Head CoachMark	Martinez (Mesa State '84))
Overall Record	41-23 (2nd season)
Record at SDSU	41-23 (2nd season)
Asst. Coaches	Sam Peraza (SDSU '09)
	Joe Oliveira (Pacific '09)
	Joey Centanni (Pacific '09)

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Studetn Assistant Trainer	Jacob Schafer

# BASEBALL FACTS

2015 Record41-23
2015 MWC Record19-10 (2nd)
Lettermen Returning/Lost19/10
Starters Returning/Lost5/4
Pitchers Returning/Lost10/4
Total Players Returning (including redshirt).19
Incoming Freshmen
JC Transfers5

# **FACILITY**

Home Field	Tony Gwynn Stadium
Capacity	3,000
Surface	Natural Grass
Outfield Distances	340-365-410-365-340

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#### **HEAD COACH MARK MARTINEZ**

- Mark Martinez begins his second season as head coach of the Aztecs although he will be entering his 11th season as a member of the San Diego State staff.
- ◆ Martinez is just the fifth head coach in SDSU history since baseball was elevated to major sport status in 1936.
- ◆ Last season he led the Aztecs to their third consecutive Mountain West Championship and berth in the NCAA regionals as SDSU compiled a 41-23 record.
- Martinez was hired as an assistant coach for the Aztecs prior to the 2006 season and served for nine years under Head Coach Tony Gwynn. During that time he was promoted to the position of Associate Head Coach.
- ◆ Prior to his arrival at SDSU, Martinez was an assistant coach at the University of New Mexico for 17 seasons. During his time as a hitting and infield coach he helped develop the Lobos into one of the most prominent offensive teams in the nation, ranking among the top 11 in the nation in hitting his final four seasons.
- Martinez served as an assistant at his alma mater, Mesa State College in Grand Junction, Colo., from 1984-88. He played shortstop at the school from 1982-84, earning all-conference and all-district honors as a senior.
- ◆ He graduated from Mesa State with a bachelor's degree in physical education in 1984 and completed his master's in sports administration at New Mexico in 1990.

#### **FOR OPENERS**

- ◆ San Diego State has a record of 49-27-1 in season openers since 1936. Since attaining Division I status in 1969, the Aztecs are 28-16 in their annual debuts.
- ◆ SDSU has won only six of its last 18 season debuts. The Aztecs, however, have won five of their last nine season openers including victories over Cal Poly (2007), University of San Diego (2008 and 2013), Bethune-Cookman (2009) and Valparaiso (2015).
- ◆ When opening the season at home, SDSU has an all-time record of 29-12-1 and the Aztecs are 14-10 as a Division I school when beginning the year away.

#### **WEEKEND ROTATION**

- ◆ SDSU's pitching rotation for the opening weekend will have left-hander Marcus Reyes starting the season opener on Friday.
- ◆ Reyes is coming off a sophomore season in which he went 7-3 with a 4.20 earned run average. He recorded 100 strikeouts in 105.1 innings en route to first-team all-league honors.
- ◆ Junior right-hander Cody Thompson (4-4, 4.32) will get the start on Saturday with junior lefty Brett Seeburger (1-0, 7.39) getting the nod in Sunday's series finale.



# PROBABLE AZTEC STARTERS (WITH 2015 STATS)

Position Players	Avg	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	ВВ	SO	SB-ATT
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1BJordan Verdon		⊦	ligh So	chool							
2BJustin Wylie	231	108.	16	25.	5	0	3	17	8	27	2-3
SSAlan Trejo	266	154.	29	41.	7	1	1	20	6	29	1-3
3BAndrew Brown	295	254.	37	75.	17	2	1	32	16	41	4-7
LFSpencer Thornton	317	142.	26	45.	7	3	2	23	18	29	6-10
CFChase Calabuig	305	203.	39	62.	8	1	1	25	37	48	7-11
RFTyler Adkison		F	Redshi	rt							
DHDavid Hensley	257	70.	12	18.	4	1	0	8	6	29	1-3
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Sun..Brett Seeburger, LHP .....7.39 .....1-0 ......25-3-0 .......0 ....35.1 ....49 ....33 ....29 .....11 .....27 ......327

# **DIVISION I PRESEASON BASEBALL POLLS**

#### Baseball America Collegiate Baseball USA Today/ESPN 1. Florida 1. Florida 1 Florida 1. Florida 2. Louisville 2. Louisville 2. Louisville 2. Louisville 3. Texas A&M 3. Vanderbilt 3. Vanderbilt 3. Vanderbilt 4. Virginia 4. Miami 4. Texas A&M 4. Texas A&M 5. Oregon State 5. Texas A&M 5. Louisiana State 5. Oregon State 6. Miami 6 Miami 6. Louisiana-Lafavette 6 Miami 7. Vanderbilt 7. Louisiana State 7. Virginia 7. Louisiana State 8. Oregon State 8. Oregon State 8. California 8. Virginia 9. Oklahoma State 9. Virginia 9. UCLA 9. UCLA 10. UCLA 10. UCLA 10. Oklahoma State 10. California 11. Louisiana State 11 Mississinni State 11. TCU 11. Oklahoma State 12. Houston 12. Cal State Fullerton 12 California 12 TCU 13. Louisiana-Lafayette 13. California 13. Louisiana-Lafayette 13. Louisiana-Lafayette 14. Florida State 14. Oregon 14. Oregon 14. Florida State 15. Michigan 15. TCU 15. Oregon 15. Houston 16. Florida State 16. Cal State Fullerton 16. Cal State Fullerton 16. Southern California 17. Missouri State 17. Mississippi State 17. Florida State 17. Oregon 18. TCU 18. Houston 18. Houston 18. Southern California 19. North Carolina State 19. Tulane 19. North Carolina State 19. Mississippi State 20. Mississippi State 20. Rice 20. North Carolina 20. North Carolina State 21. Oklahoma 21. Georgia Tech 21. Southern California 21. North Carolina 22. Cal State Fullerton 22. North Carolina 22 Arkansas 22 Arkansas 23. Coastal Carolina 23. Michigan 23. South Carolina 23. Coastal Carolina

24. Rice

25. Missouri State

## **NEW COACHES**

24. Arkansas

25. Oklahoma State

24. Mississippi

25. Kentucky

- ◆ The Aztecs have added a pair of new coaches to their staff for the 2016 season: Pitching Coach Sam Peraza and Volunteer Assistant Joey Centanni.
- ◆ Peraza arrives at SDSU after two seasons at Florida International. He also had previous experience at Cal State Northridge, Cal State Los Angeles and Eastern Oklahoma State.
- ♦ He is a 2002 graduate of San Diego State, where he pitched during the 2002 season.
- ◆ Centanni played four seasons as a pitcher and first baseman at Pacific,

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- graduating in 2009. After college, he
- for the Orioles in the San Diego area and coach locally at Francis Parker High School.

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spent one season in the Baltimore
Orioles organization before an injury
ended his playing career.
He later served as an associate scout

Mountain West Standings										
ConferenceOverall										
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San Diego State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	L2
Fresno State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	L2
New Mexico	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	L2
Air Force	0-0	.000	7-4	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	L1
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San Jose State

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> # at Davidson + at Mesa, Ariz.

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#### **VETERAN HONOREES**

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1. Florida

6 Miami

9. California

11. UCLA

13. Virginia

14. Oregon

19. TCU

2. Louisville

3. Vanderbilt

4. Texas A&M

5. Oregon State

7. Louisiana State

8. Oklahoma State

10. North Carolina State

12. Southern California

15. Mississippi State

18. Louisiana-Lafayette

21. Cal State Fullerton

24. Coastal Carolina

16. North Carolina

17. South Carolina

20. Florida State

22. Houston

23. Texas

24. South Carolina

25. Michigan

- ◆ Five players who earned individual honors a year ago return for the 2016 season.
- ◆ Second baseman Alan Trejo was named to the all-tournament team at the 2015 NCAA Regional at Lake Elsinore, Calif.
- ◆ Pitcher Jacob Erickson, outfielder Spencer Thornton and designated hitter Justin Wylie earned all-tourney recognition at the 2015 Mountain West Conference Tournament.
- ◆ Outfielder Chase Calabuig was named a Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American and a second-team all-Mountain West selection.

# **RETURNING POSITION STARTERS**

- ◆ Among the returning starters are two members of the Aztec infield and two outfielders.
- ◆ The infielders include second baseman Alan Trejo (.266, 20 RBI) and first baseman Andrew Brown (.295, 17 doubles, 32 RBI).
- ◆ Brown is likely to begin the 2016 season as the Aztecs' third baseman.
- ◆ Also back are a pair of outfielders: Spencer Thornton (.317, 72B, 23 RBI) and Chase Calabuig (.305, 8 2B, 25



# 2015 STARTING LINEUP BY Position

	Pitcher Mark Seyler17
	Bubba Derby16
	Marcus Reyes
	Brett Seeburger
	Jacob Erickson
	Dalton Douty
	Catcher
	Seby Zavala
	Steven Pallares
	First Base
	Andrew Brown39
	Ryan Muno
	Second Base Alan Trejo49
	Justin Wylie
	Tanner Reibenspies
	Shortstop Danny Sheehan64
	Dainty Steenari
	Third Base Ty France
	Andrew Brown
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# VERDON LONE NEWCOMER AMONG OPENING DAY STARTERS

- Freshman Jordan Verdon is the lone newcomer listed in the Aztecs' projected starting lineup for opening day.
- ◆ The 6-3 freshman from El Cajon (Granite Hills HS) was an all-league selection a year ago and a .340 career hitter as a prep athlete.
- ◆ Verdon was drafted by the New York Mets in the 24th round in June 2015.
- He is expected to be SDSU's starter at first base when the season opens this week.

## **RETURNING ON THE MOUND**

- ◆ The Aztecs return eight full-time pitchers from last season's staff along with three others who could see time on the mound as well as at positions in the field.
- ◆ In addition to projected starters Marcus Reyes, Cody Thompson and Brett Seeburger, other top returnees includes relievers Jacob Erickson (2-1, 2.64; all-tourney at the Mountain West Tournament) and Brian Heldman (3-1, 3.52. 1 save).
- Second baseman Alan Trejo, outfielder Chase Calabuig and catcher CJ Saylor could also see spot duty on the mound if needed.

#### SAYLOR RETURNS BEHIND THE PLATE

- ◆ Junior CJ Saylor will resume duties at the catching position this season after serving at the Aztecs' closer a year ago.
- ◆ In 2015 he compiled a record of 3-3 with 11 saves and a 5.02 earned run average.
- ◆ He began his SDSU as a catcher where he hit .212 in 14 games as a redshirt freshman in 2014.
- ◆ Saylor could see occasional action on the mound this season as well.

### PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE

- ♦ Outfielder Chase Calabuig has been tabbed to the Preseason All-Mountain West team in a vote of the league's coaches.
- ◆ Calabuig batted .305 with eight doubles and 25 RBI las season en route to second-team all-conference honors at the end of the 2015 campaign.
- ◆ He was also named a Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American by Collegiate Baseball magazine.

# **AZTECS ON RADIO**

A total of seven of San Diego State's baseball contests will be broadcast live on ESPN Radio 1700 AM in San Diego. Chris Ello and Ben Higgins will call the action. The schedule of the contests to be aired is as follows:

Date	Opponent	Time (Pacific)
April 10	UNLV	6:00 p.m.
April 29	Nevada	6:00 p.m.
April 30	Nevada	6:00 p.m.
May 1	Nevada	6:00 p.m.
May 13	Air Force	6:00 p.m.
May 14	Air Force	6:00 p.m.
May 15	Air Force	6:00 p.m.

All of the above games will also be simulcast on the Internet at www.GoAztecs.com.

#### **COLLEGE SPORTS MADNESS ALL-MW**

- College Sports Madness also named Calabuig to its All-Mountain West first team while four other Aztecs earned second-team honors.
- ◆ That quartet included outfielder Spencer Thornton and third baseman Andrew Brown along with pitchers Marcus Reyes and Cody Thompson.

#### **DRAFTED AZTECS**

- ◆ Three current members of the SDSU squad have been drafted by Major League clubs.
- ◆ That trio includes junior catcher CJ Saylor (33rd rd. in 2012, Los Angeles Dodgers) along with sophomore outfielder Denz'l Chapman (32nd rd. in 2014, Oakland A's) and freshman first baseman Jordan Verdon (24th rd. in 2015, New York Mets).

# **AZTECS PICKED AS CO-FAVORITES**

- ◆ San Diego State has been picked as cofavorite along with New Mexico to win the Mountain West title in the conference's preseason baseball poll.
- ◆ In a vote of the seven MWC head coaches, the Aztecs received three first-place votes and tallied 32 points as did the Lobos. Fresno State picked up the remaining first-place vote and tied for third in the poll with Air Force
- ◆ 2016 MWC Preseason Poll:

# Rk. Team (1st place votes)Pts

1.	San Diego State (3)	32
	New Mexico (3)	32
3.	Air Force	24
	Fresno State (1)	24
5.	UNLV	15
6.	Nevada	14
7.	San Jose State	6

# SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS

No.	Name	Pos.	В-Т	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)	
1	David Maldonado	INF	R-R	5-7	170	Fr.	Temecula, Calif. (Temecula Valley HS)	
2	Niko Navarro	INF	L-R	6-0	175	Fr.	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Los Osos HS)	
_5_	Jordon Wyke	RHP	R-R	6-0	180	Fr.	Las Vegas, Nev. (Centennial HS)	
6	Hunter Stratton	C	L-R	5-10	185	So.	La Mesa, Calif. (Grossmont HS)	
8	Ryan Glazner	OF	L-L	6-1	185	Jr.	Colfax, Calif. (Yuba JC)	
9	Justin Wylie	INF/OF	R-R	5-10	190	So.	Chandler, Ariz. (Hamilton HS)	
10	Spencer Thornton	OF	L-L	6-1	205	Sr.	Alta Loma, Calif. (Los Osos HS)	
12	Tyler Loptien	RHP	R-R	6-0	175	So.	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (ThunderRidge HS)	
13	Alan Trejo	INF/RHP	R-R	6-2	180	So.	Downey, Calif. (Warren HS)	
14	CJ Saylor	C/RHP	R-R	5-10	210	Jr.	West Covina, Calif. (South Hills HS)	
15	Mike Diamond	RHP	R-R	6-0	170	Jr.	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Paradise Valley CC)	
16	Dominic Purpura	LHP	L-L	6-4	200	Jr.	Hinsdale, Ill. (Orange Coast JC)	
18	Tyler Adkison	OF	R-R	5-10	190	So.	Culver City, Calif. (Mater Dei HS)	
20	Zack Oakley	RHP	R-R	6-0	190	Sr.	Live Oak, Calif. (Yuba City HS)	
21	Jordan Verdon	INF	L-R	6-3	190	Fr.	El Cajon, Calif. (Granite Hills HS)	
22	David Hensley	INF	R-R	6-6	185	So.	San Diego, Calif. (Patrick Henry HS)	
23	Dalton Douty	RHP	R-R	6-5	215	Sr.	Huntington Beach, Calif. (Cypress JC)	
24	Dustin Jack	RHP	R-R	6-4	190	Fr.	Elk Grove, Calif. (Bradshaw Christian HS)	
25	Dean Nevarez	C	R-R	6-0	220	Fr.	Chula Vista, Calif. (Eastlake HS)	
28	Andrew Brown	INF	R-R	6-2	200	Jr.	Chula Vista, Calif. (The Rock Academy)	
29	Marcus Reyes	LHP	L-L	5-9	180	Jr.	Vista, Calif. (Rancho Buena Vista HS)	
30	Kenny LaPierre	RHP	R-R	6-0	190	Fr.	Alpine, Calif. (Granite Hills HS)	
31	Harrison Pyatt	RHP	R-R	6-4	210	Fr.R	Corona, Calif. (Esperanza HS)	
32	Denz'l Chapman	OF	S-R	5-10	185	So.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Serra HS)	
33	Brett Seeburger	LHP	L-L	6-1	215	Jr.	Oceanside, Calif. (Vista HS)	
34	Chase Calabuig	OF	L-L	5-11	185	So.	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Capistrano Valley HS)	
35	Connor Briare	LHP	L-L	6-5	200	So.	Granite Bay, Calif. (Feather River JC)	
36	Chris Collins	RHP	R-R	6-3	190	Fr.	Sherman Oaks, Calif. (Notre Dame HS)	
38	Jacob Erickson	LHP	L-L	5-9	185	So.	Orange, Calif. (Mater Dei HS)	
39	Cody Thompson	RHP	R-R	6-1	200	Jr.	Granada Hills, Calif. (Bishop Alemany HS)	
40	Jeff Kross	RHP	R-R	6-6	230	Fr.	Upland, Calif. (Upland HS)	
41	Brian Heldman	RHP	R-R	6-3	205	Sr.	Round Rock, Texas (Howard JC)	
44	Adrian Orozco	RHP	R-R	6-0	180	Jr.	Chula Vista, Calif. (Southwestern JC)	
46	Kyle Merkel	RHP	R-R	6-2	210	Fr.	Valencia, Calif. (Bishop Alemany HS)	

Head Coach: 7 Mark Martinez (Mesa State '84), 11th Season (2nd Season as Head Coach)

Assistant Coach: 26 Sam Peraza (San Diego State '02), 1st Season

Assistant Coach: 0 Joe Oliveira (Pacific '09), 3rd Season

Volunteer Assistant Coach: 11 Joey Centanni (Pacific '09), 1st Season

**Student Manager:** 45 Nick Batesole, 2nd Season **Student Manager:** 3 Tanner Reibenspies, 1st Season

**Director of Player Personnel:** 17 Eric Lally **Athletic Trainer:** Jeff Kahn, M.A., ATC

