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▶ San Diego State finished the season with a 9-4 overall record, posting the school's most wins in a campaign since the 1977 squad went 10-1 ... The Aztecs posted their first winning season in 12 years since the 1998 squad went 7-5 (also last time SDSU played in a bowl game).

▶ The Aztecs earned their first win in a bowl game since defeating Boston University 28-7 in the Pasadena Bowl in 1969 ... The 35 points are the team's second-most in a bowl game in program history, trailing only the 38 points it put up in the 1986 Holiday Bowl.

▶ Freshman Ronnie Hillman was named Poinsettia Bowl Offensive MVP ... Ran for over 200 yards for the second time in 2010...His rushing yardage was the most in Poinsettia Bowl history, beating the previous high of 129 by Adam Ballard of Navy in 2005, and most in Aztec bowl history, surpassing the previous record of 164 yards posted by Marshall Faulk on 30 carries at the 1991 Freedom Bowl.

▶ Junior Ryan Lindley threw a pair of touchdowns, bringing his season total up to 28, which is third-most in Aztec history and most since Billy Blanton tossed 29 in 1996 ... He now has 67 career passing scores, which ties him for second with Blanton (1993-96), in the SDSU record book ... Moved into third in single-season passing yards ... Has thrown at least two passing TDs in a game nine times in 2010, and has 10 in his last three outings.

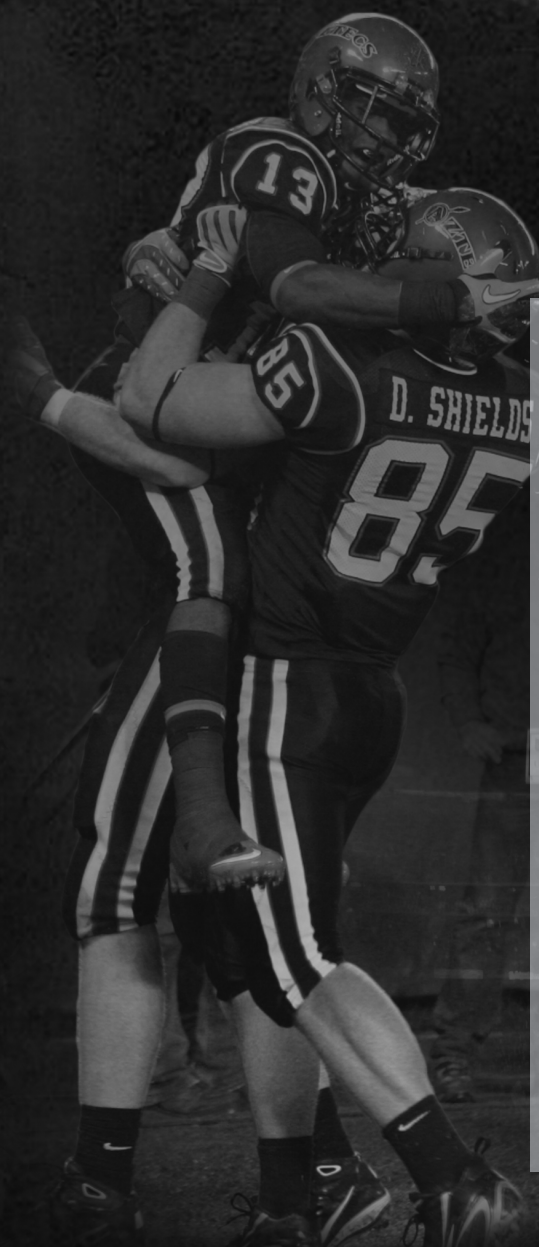
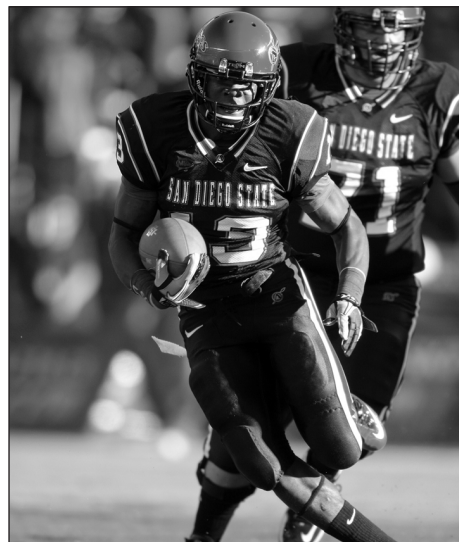


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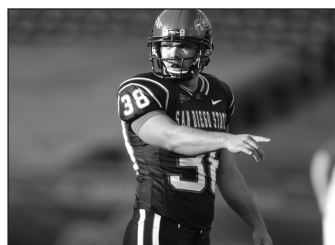
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SEPT. 10 - WEST POINT Noon ET • CBS Sports Network HD		at ARMY
SEPT. 17 - SAN DIEGO 3:30 p.m. PT • The Mtn. HD		WASHINGTON STATE
SEPT. 24 - ANN ARBOR TBA • TBA		at MICHIGAN
OCT. 8 - SAN DIEGO 7:30 p.m. PT • CBS Sports Network HD		TCU
OCT. 13 - USAF ACADEMY 6 p.m. MT • CBS Sports Network HD		at AIR FORCE
OCT. 29 - SAN DIEGO 7 p.m. PT • The Mtn. HD		WYOMING
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NOV. 19 - SAN DIEGO 5 p.m. PT • CBS Sports Network HD		BOISE STATE
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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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2010 Record:9-4
 Conference/Finish:5-3/t-3rd
 Starters Returning/Lost:14/10
 Offense/Defense/Kickers Returning:7/5/2
 Lettermen Returning/Lost:37/16
 Offensive System:Pro-Style
 Defensive System:3-3-5

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Seasons of Football:Entering 89th
 First Year of Football:1921
 All-Time Record:484-389-32
 Conference Championships:18
 1922, 1923, 1924, 1936, 1937, 1950, 1951, 1962, 1963,
 1966, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1986, 1998
 Bowl Games:9 (5-4)
 1948, 1951, 1966, 1967, 1969, 1986, 1991, 1998, 2010
 Division I Seasons:Entering 43rd
 Division I Record:252-226-8
 Bowl Games:5 (2-3)
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2010 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Broadcast
Sept. 4	Nicholls State	W	47-0	
Sept. 11	at New Mexico State	W	41-21	AggieVision
Sept. 18	-/25 at Missouri	L	24-27	PPV
Sept. 25	Utah State	W	41-7	
Oct. 9	at Brigham Young*	L	21-24	The Mtn.
Oct. 16	23/23 Air Force*	W	27-25	CBS College
Oct. 23	at New Mexico*	W	30-20	The Mtn.
Oct. 30	at Wyoming*	W	48-38	The Mtn.
Nov. 6	Colorado State*	W	24-19	The Mtn.
Nov. 13	3/3 at TCU*	L	35-40	VERSUS
Nov. 20	25/24 Utah*	L	34-38	The Mtn.
Nov. 27	UNLV*	W	48-14	The Mtn.
Dec. 23	Navy^	W	35-14	ESPN

* - Mountain West game

^ - San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl (Qualcomm Stadium - San Diego, Calif.)

2011 Season Preview

Senior Ryan Lindley, who has thrown for 9,537 yards and 67 touchdowns, enters his fourth year as the Aztecs' starting quarterback.



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2011 Season Outlook

In 2008, one could have made a case that San Diego State was one of the worst college football teams in America. The Aztecs were coming off a 2-10 campaign in which they lost seven games by 25 or more points.

Fast forward two years and San Diego State ended the 2010 season with a dominating 35-14 victory over Navy in the Poinsettia Bowl. It was the school's first bowl victory since 1969, and capped a 9-4 slate in which the Aztecs' four losses came by a combined total of 15 points.

My, how things have changed.

Don't look now, but the momentum that the Aztecs built during the 2010 campaign has people thinking that this is just the start. SDSU still has many of the pieces in place with a fourth-year starter at quarterback, the nation's leading freshman running back and four returning starters on the offensive line. Add in a wealth of experience on the defensive side of the ball led by a senior linebacker who is nominated for nearly every major award and one of the nation's strongest kicking games and the Aztecs' return to the glory does not appear to be a one-hit wonder.

The biggest change the off-season presented was a change at head coach. Brady Hoke, who guided the program for 25 games, left for the Midwest and Rocky Long, the Mountain West's second-winningest coach, took over. Long, who served the previous two seasons as the Aztecs' defensive coordinator, maintained much of the staff and does not shy away from what he sees for the future of the program.

"Everybody should anticipate that this program eventually will be competing for conference championships, year-in and year-out," Long said. "Now, how many you win is determined by a whole lot of factors, but you ought to be able to get to the point where you compete yearly for it."

The challenge this year will be keeping that process moving forward.

"I think we've made progress over the last two years and now the trick is not to step backwards," Long said. "Once you've made progress, people automatically assume you're going to continue on that path and if you look at history, that's not usually the case. Usually, before you reach great heights,

there's a step back or two. Now everybody in our program anticipates continuing on an upward hill, but that's not a guarantee. I think the biggest problem with fan support is that they assume it's a guarantee. It's never a guarantee."

As for changes fans can expect, Long does not mix words. "I don't think we play hard enough around here yet," Long said. "That's preached, but they have to buy in. I think they play quite a bit harder than when we first got here, but not anywhere close to what the expectation level is."

■ The Aztec Offense

The philosophy of a balanced offense attack went from a dream to reality in 2010.

After years of struggling to find a running game that could complement a passing attack, the Aztecs reached a near perfect balance as demonstrated by these season numbers - rushing attempts: 439, passing attempts: 426, rushing touchdowns: 29, passing touchdowns: 28.

The off-season strength and conditioning program, which helped turned the offensive line into a real force, took flight and San Diego State found in freshman Ronnie Hillman the feature back it had been looking for.

"I think that the development of the running game has improved dramatically," Long said. "I think the program here was based on throwing the ball first and running was a secondary thought. Now our mindset is 50-50. You have to establish a running game to make everything else work."

Many of the major components responsible for the offensive production a year ago return in 2011. Ryan Lindley is back for his fourth year as a starter at quarterback and Hillman, who led all freshmen nationally in rushing, returns, as do four of the five starting offensive linemen.

"We've made improvement the last two years (on offense), but I don't think we're anywhere close to what we can or should be," Long said. "We still have to develop at the line of scrimmage. Games are always won and lost up front. We have some experienced players coming back who have im-

proved over the last two years, but they're not nearly as good as they should or can be."

That leaves the receiver position, where much of the attention in fall camp will be focused on trying to fill the void left by two NFL Draft picks, Vincent Brown and DeMarco Sampson.

Former California offensive coordinator Andy Ludwig takes over the reins of the Aztec offense in 2011. When hiring an offensive coordinator, Long was adamant that the new coach adjust to SDSU's terminology in an effort to make a seamless transition. Thus far, all reports have been that the change has been a smooth one.

"Even though we have a new offensive coordinator, we're basically keeping the offense the same," Long said. "Coach Ludwig learned the terminology that the players already knew, rather than the other way around. Obviously, we'll use our best players, so you might see more double tight end stuff, than you have in the past because that's our deepest position."

QUARTERBACKS

Returning players with starting experience: Ryan Lindley*

* - denotes returning starter

For a school that has produced quarterbacks that have led the NCAA in statistical categories, it speaks volumes when you say that Ryan Lindley will have a chance at taking over many of San Diego State's cherished career records before his senior year is done. Even more impressive, the Alpine, Calif., native could do it despite playing under his third different head coach and third different offensive coordinator.

Lindley came into his own last season as a junior in his third year as a starter. He earned second-team all-Mountain West Conference honors, throwing for 3,830 yards and completing 57.7 percent of his passes with 28 touchdowns and 14 interceptions.

"We have an established quarterback who has all-conference potential," Long said. "I think he has pro football potential and his leadership qualities have improved dramatically



since we've been here over the last three years. If he has a good year, we're going to have a good year. He has improved his technique and his fundamentals dramatically through hard work, but I think his confidence level has also increased. The rest of the team looks to him for leadership and he has embraced that role."

With 9,537 career passing yards, Lindley enters his senior year ranked second in the nation among active players in that category. He is also on the preseason watch list for both the Maxwell Award (most outstanding player) and the Davey O'Brien Award (best quarterback). The challenge, in addition to adjusting to a new offensive coordinator, will come from having no receiver expected to see the field in 2011 with more than five career receptions.

"I think it's a real challenge for a veteran quarterback who had a comfort zone last year with two guys that got drafted in the NFL," Long said. "Now he's working with either inexperienced players who didn't play much last year, or brand new players who are freshmen or redshirt freshmen. That puts a lot of pressure on him. Last year, I think the receivers helped him look good and now he has to help the receivers look good."

Lindley's comfort level with a new receiving corps will go a long way toward seeing if the Aztecs can continue to have the offensive balance they enjoyed in 2010.

Behind Lindley, the competition continues between redshirt freshman Adam Dingwell and sophomores Ryne Clark and Jake Bernards.

"I think all three of them showed signs during spring practice that they can do the job, but they were so inconsistent that competition for the backup is still raging," Long said. "All three have potential to be the backup this year and maybe the starter of the future. The trouble with being a quarterback is you'd like to play only one. The only time you would alternate quarterbacks is if you have two of equal ability and nobody steps forward. You're always hoping that someone steps forward and establishes himself. Hopefully, that won't be done until a year from now when one of them steps forward and becomes the starter. This year, they sit there and learn from Ryan."

RUNNING BACKS

Returning players with starting experience: Ronnie Hillman*, Walter Kazee * - denotes returning starter

It would be hard to imagine a better debut season than what Ronnie Hillman had last year. A native of La Habra, Calif., Hillman led all freshmen in the country and ranked 10th among all players by averaging 117.8 rushing yards per game. He ended the campaign with 1,532 yards and 17 rushing touchdowns.

Hillman earned national attention for his ability to break off the long run and produce in big games. Twice last season he rushed for 228 yards in a game (in the near upset of 25th-ranked Missouri and en route to earning offensive most valuable player honors in the victory over Navy in the Poinsettia Bowl).

Those type of performances earned the sophomore a spot on this year's Maxwell (most outstanding player), Doak Walker (best running back) and Walter Camp (best player) preseason award watch lists. His head coach believes that the best is yet to come.

"He sees the field and where the holes are and can accelerate through them," Long said. "It's natural to think that he's going to be a little bigger and stronger through hard work in the offseason. Hopefully, he has the same kind of year he had last in 2010."

Backing up Hillman at tailback is junior Walter Kazee. The San Bernardino, Calif., native, has finished second on the team in rushing in each of his first two seasons with the Aztecs, carrying for 377 yards and two touchdowns as a freshman and 320 yards and three touchdowns as a sopho-

more.

"I think that's one of the deeper positions on our team, you've got experience with Ronnie Hillman and Walter Kazee," Long said. "You look at the younger guys, (redshirt freshman) Adam Muema and (true freshman) Dwayne Garrett, who both showed signs during the spring. We've also signed three freshmen running backs who are coming in for the fall and were really good players in high school. They'll be given a chance to prove they're ready to step in at this level. It's always good to have more than just one running back."

San Diego State will be looking for a new fullback after the graduation of Brandon Sullivan. The Aztecs have sophomores Chad Young and Brice Heers to fill the spot, although here is a case where the team's abundance at the tight end position may come in handy.

"Since we don't have very many (fullbacks), it will be a position used in game situations," Long said. "Both of them are strong, tough young men who play really hard. I could see us using tight ends or U-backs in motion as fullbacks as well. Our two-back formations will have a fullback at times and an extra tight end at times."

WIDE RECEIVERS

Returning player with starting experience: Bryce Quigley, Alston Umuolo, Dominique Sandifer (inj.)

San Diego State's major turnaround in 2010 was spurred by a pair of receivers – Vincent Brown and DeMarco Sampson. The two combined to catch 136 passes for 2,572 yards and 18 touchdowns. Both players earned first-team all-Mountain West Conference honors, with Sampson earning honorable mention All-America accolades by *Sports Illustrated*. Both players were also selected in the NFL Draft this past April.

Now, the Aztecs prepare for life after the dynamic duo. That outlook became more unknown when junior Dominique Sandifer, San Diego State's "leading" returning receiver with 23 catches for 263 yards last year, suffered a season-ending knee injury in off-season workouts.

"I think that's the position that we have the biggest question marks about," Long said. "Someone has to step forward or a couple of guys have to step forward for us to have the same offensive production we had last year."

The result is a wide open spot that will keep the coaching staff and fans alike awaiting updates during fall camp.

Sophomore Dylan Denso has made an early impression



and led all receivers in the spring game with four catches for 66 yards, including a 19-yard scoring strike. He opens the fall as the starter at the Z position. When camp breaks in early August, he could be joined on the top line by redshirt freshman Ezell Ruffin at the X position and sophomore Bryce Quigley at the Y. At 6-5, 260, Quigley is another example of the depth the Aztecs have at tight end and is a way that multiple tight ends can be utilized on the field at the same time.

"I think Dylan Denso was the best receiver in the spring," Long said. "He showed some maturity and showed some ability to make tough catches in traffic. We are counting on him to show that maturity and we are counting on a whole bunch of young guys to step forward and make up for the loss of last year's receivers. I don't know who it's going to be; it might be a true freshman, it might be somebody else. We just don't know right now."

Those competing for time behind the projected starters include sophomore Osmond Nicholas and junior Robert Gregorio at Z, senior Marcus Russell and redshirt freshman David Lamar at X and senior Alston Umuolo at Y. Umuolo, who was injured prior to the second game last season, enters the campaign with 45 catches and 439 yards out of the tight end position.

Playing time could come from any of the aforementioned candidates or those who arrive on campus in the fall.

"Wide receiver is the one position we have on our team that true freshmen will be given an opportunity to prove that they're ready to play," Long said. "It could come from a brand new freshman or a redshirt. I don't think anybody in that group has established themselves as the go-to guy, but I think Denso had the best spring."

"There's some young talent there, but they haven't shown consistency nor have they given us the confidence yet that they're the guy who's going to get it done."

TIGHT ENDS

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

It is hard to imagine any team in the country having the depth the Aztecs have at the tight end position. In addition, to the aforementioned Bryce Quigley (11 games, two starts) and Alston Umuolo (35 games, 14 starts), who are now listed at the Y receiver position, the Aztecs boast sophomore Gavin Escobar (13 games, 12 starts) and junior D.J. Shields (25



NIK EMBERNATE

games, 3 starts) on the depth chart at tight end.

"I think tight ends and running back are the two deepest positions," Long said. "We've got experience there, as well as talented players. We consider all of them top guys. Umuolo practiced all spring and you're hoping he comes back like he was before his injury prior to his senior year. Shields has been a starter for us and played well. Escobar has proved he's a really good receiver and hopefully, he's improved on his blocking. Quigley is a good, young player who played a lot last year on special teams and played a little bit on offense. He blocks well and has proven that he can catch the ball. All four of them, in our minds, are starters."

Escobar exploded onto the scene last season, seeing action in all 13 games and catching the third most footballs on the team, trailing only the two NFL Draft picks Vincent Brown and DeMarco Sampson. He ended the campaign with 29 catches for 323 yards and four touchdowns. He earned second-team freshman All-America accolades by *Sporting News*, *Rivals* and *College Football News*.

Shields, meanwhile, has 13 catches for 138 yards through his sophomore campaign.

Obviously, the Aztecs have a wealth of experience at the position. Look for San Diego State to get innovative with how to get multiple players on the field simultaneously in 2011.

"When you count the quantity, I don't think I've ever been around a team where we've had four that we consider a starter," Long said. "I've been around places where we had two, maybe three, and obviously it affects what you do on offense when you have that kind of depth at that position. You don't have to get really creative, because a couple of those guys are versatile. There's nothing wrong with a couple of them going out there and playing wide receiver."

OFFENSIVE LINE

Returning players with starting experience: Tommie Draheim*, Nik Embernate*, Kurtis Gunther*, Alec Johnson*, Mike Mata-mua*, Emilio Rivera

*. denotes returning starter

Lost in the abundance of skill performers in 2010 for San Diego State was the play of the offensive line. Once considered one of the weaker positions on the team, last season the Aztecs o-line came into its own. They helped a true freshman compile more than 1,500 yards rushing and at the same time, protected the quarterback by allowing only nine sacks in 13 games. The figure ranked fifth in the nation.

The good news is that four of the five starters are back on the offensive line, giving San Diego State fans a reason to believe it can be even better this year.

Senior left tackle Tommie Draheim, right guard Nik Embernate and right tackle Kurtis Gunther all return to reprise their role up front. Junior Alec Johnson, who started the last two seasons at left guard, rotates to the center position.

"I think that's probably been the biggest improvement on this football team over the last two years, but they're still not where they can or need to be," Long said. "They're not where we expect them to be, we expect them to be a lot better than they are right now."

The four returning starters have combined to start 71 career games, making it the most experienced position on the squad.

"There's some experience coming back there, so that factor should kick in," Long said. "They've been in the same of-fense with the same terminology for two years and they ought to be able to do it without thinking about it. It should make them more physical up front. If they are and they're better than they were last year, we'll be better on offense. It's always won or lost up front. I think they have to prove it. They had some good games and some average games last year. They've got to prove that they can be good every game."

Another year of experience coupled with an offseason in the weight room leaves good reasons to believe that the best is yet to come from this group.

"I think all of them can get stronger and they all can get more physical at the point of attack," Long said. "There's ex-perience and physical potential there, but we can't say anything good about them until they prove it on the field."

The most significant change to the group will be Johnson's move from left guard to the center position. He replaces Trask Iosefa, a four-year starter at center.

"That's the only starter we lost, but Alec Johnson started every game at guard last year," Long said. "You have a little concern of him snapping the ball, but other than that, you don't have any concern because he's a returning starter."

Joining the four returnees as a projected starter is senior Emilio Rivera at left guard. Rivera started a pair of games in 2008 and has seen action in 23 career outings.

■ The Aztec Defense

San Diego State's opponents got a dose of bad news shortly after Rocky Long took over as head coach.

He intends to continue to oversee the defensive unit.

From the first day he arrived on campus, Long said the biggest improvement his defenses make is between the second and third seasons. If the improvement is anywhere close to that made in his first two campaigns on The Mesa, oppo-nents better be on high alert.

"They have confidence in assignments, so it gives you more flexibility on defense," Long said. "Without them having to learn any new assignments, they can get better at technique and the way you can call the defense allows for much more flexibility. You can do things that you couldn't even con-temple doing the first two years because it would have blown their minds. Now the veteran players are pretty confident in what their assignments are, so you can add and combo different things within the defense that gives you more flexibility."

In 2008, the year before Long's arrival, the Aztecs allowed an average of 34.4 points and 498.2 yards per game. Last season, those numbers were shaved to 22.1 points and 353.8 yards. Despite the remarkable improvement, Long remains largely unimpressed.

"I think we've made steady improvement, but we're not anywhere close to where we can or should be," Long said. "I'm not proud of anything yet, because our goal is to be really good on defense and we're not really good yet."

The most misleading stat is defensive starters returning.

From the outside, people will look at the five starters back and think that SDSU has a high turnover. With Long's defensive philosophy of giving 22 or more players significant field time, however, the Aztecs have plenty of depth. In fact, the Aztecs have good depth at linebackers and pretty good depth in the secondary.

With that much experience returning, it is easy to see why San Diego State fans can expect a big year from the defensive unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Returning players with starting experience: J.J. Autele, Jerome Long*

*. denotes returning starter

San Diego State defensive linemen fall into two groups. There are the three seniors who have good experience, anchored by returning starter Jerome Long, and give the Aztecs a solid first unit. The other is a group of newcomers making up a majority of the reserve spots, which will be key with the rotation that Rocky Long implements throughout the defense.

"The defensive line is young," Rocky Long said. "I mean we have three seniors who played a lot last year and we're counting on their leadership. They should be stronger at the point of attack and understand the defense a lot better. So there shouldn't be a problem with those guys, but we're going to play a lot of young guys who haven't been out there very much."

Jerome Long will anchor the front line from the tackle position, with senior J.J. Autele and senior Larry Gibbs slated to play the end positions. Autele saw action in all 13 games last season, making 15 stops, including 3.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks. Gibbs competed in seven games, including each of the final five.

After that, San Diego State has a bevy of talented, yet in-experienced players, including sophomore Jordan Thomas and redshirt freshmen Everett Beed, Kenny Galea'i and Don-trell Onuah. The only non-starter with any experience is junior Frederick Trujillo (eight games in 2011).

"Now you're into a physical and mental maturity concern, because you get better at the line of scrimmage on offense and defense as you mature and get older and stronger," Rocky Long said. "So we're going to play a lot of young guys who haven't played much and the maturity level is a concern."

But the defensive line is anchored by Jerome Long who recorded 30 tackles last season, including six for a loss. In



JEROME LONG

his career, the Los Osos, Calif., native has played in 36 games with 90 tackles, 9.5 tackles for loss and four sacks.

"Jerome plays the nose guard position, and in my opinion, it always starts from the middle," Long said. "It starts at the nose tackle position to the middle linebacker to the Aztec (position). He understands things better and he's matured physically."

LINEBACKERS

Returning players with starting experience: Rob Andrews, Miles Burris*, Logan Ketchum*, Nick Tenhaeff

* - denotes returning starter

The staple for San Diego State's defense this century has been the linebacker position. Russell Allen, Brian Berg, Miles Burris, Jomar Butler, Heath Farwell, Freddy Keiaho, Joe Martin, Matt McCoy, Jerry Milling, Kirk Morrison and Dylan Robles have all earned all-Mountain West Conference honors at the position since 2000.

Once again, the Aztecs appear to have an abundance of talent this year.

It all starts with Burris, the Lombardi (defensive lineman/linebacker) and Butkus Award (best linebacker) candidate who was a first-team all-Mountain West Conference selection a year ago after recording a team-high 80 tackles. Equally impressive, the Granite Bay, Calif., native had 20 tackles for loss, 10 more than any other Aztec player a year ago, and 9.5 sacks to lead the Mountain West in both categories. His career numbers are also outstanding with 157 tackles, 27.5 tackles for loss, 11 sacks and four forced fumbles.

Joining Burris at the other outside linebacker is senior Logan Ketchum. Ketchum came into his own last season, starting all 13 games and posting 52 tackles to rank fourth on the team.

"I think that's one of the positives of our team, there's good depth there," Long said. "You can use a lot of those guys, which keeps them fresh and energetic. Linebackers are key special teams players too, so having depth at that position really helps the team as a whole. We also return the starting linebackers that played well last year in Logan Ketchum and Miles Burris."

Set to start at middle linebacker is redshirt freshman Jake Fely, a highly touted recruit out of Oceanside, Calif.

Behind the starters, San Diego State has quality depth with sophomore Nick Tenhaeff, junior Rob Andrews and senior Demetrius Barksdale. All three players saw significant playing time a year ago with each seeing action in every game and Andrews and Tenhaeff gaining starting experience.



"Demetrius Barksdale played pretty well last year and will probably get more playing time this season," Long said. "Nick Tenhaeff showed as a redshirt freshman that he could develop into a really good player. That's yet to be seen, but he did some good things last year. Rob Andrews is a good, steady performer. There's some experience there and that gives you some depth. Then there are a couple young guys who we're also counting on in Jake Fely and Vaness Harris. They have shown the ability in spring practice to be good players, their inconsistency worries you at this time, but they have the potential!"

SECONDARY

Returning players with starting experience: Marcus Andrews, Nat Berhe, Brandon Davis*, Dey Juan Hemmings, Leon McFadden*, Khalid Stevens, Josh Wade

* - denotes returning starter

Although the Aztecs lost three starters from last season's starting secondary, they still return an experienced group with the skills to step in, which is yet another benefit of Rocky Long's rotating defense.

The program's most experienced player in the secondary, junior Leon McFadden, joins another junior, Josh Wade, to make up the corners. McFadden is an impact player, finishing third on the 2010 team in tackles and recording seven tackles for loss from the corner position. He also proved to be one of the better pass defenders in the league with two interceptions and 12 passes broken up. Wade saw plenty of action last season, recording 26 tackles with an interception and a PBU.

Senior Larry Parker will give the Aztecs plenty of reps at corner. A year ago, the San Diego, Calif., native, was the only player on the team to both force and recover a fumble.

"We had two good corners last year and got good backup performances from the guys that alternated with them," Long said. "We have, what I consider, three established, competitive corners coming back in Josh Wade, Larry Parker and Leon McFadden. Now we have a lot of young guys at that position and one veteran who hasn't played very much because of injury in Romeo Horn. Then you look at all those redshirt freshmen who are going to be playing that position and there's some athletic ability there. A lot of them are inexperienced and haven't proven that they can do it, but there's potential."

The Aztec and Warrior positions have experienced personnel. The Warrior spots feature "youthful" veterans in soph-

omores Nat Berhe and Marcus Andrews as the starters at Warrior, backed up by seniors Brandon Davis and Dey Juan Hemmings.

At Aztec, San Diego State turns to junior Khalid Stevens and sophomore Rene Silvano.

"All those guys played last year, except for Dey Juan Hemmings, who started the year before and missed last season due to injury," Long said. "All of them played last year and at times, all of them played pretty well. We're inconsistent at all three of those spots, but there's athletic ability at all three of those spots and the natural progression would be that they'd be much better this year than they were last year."

■ The Aztec Special Teams

Returning players with starting experience: Aaron Brewer*, Abelardo Perez*, Brian Stahovich*

* - denotes returning starter

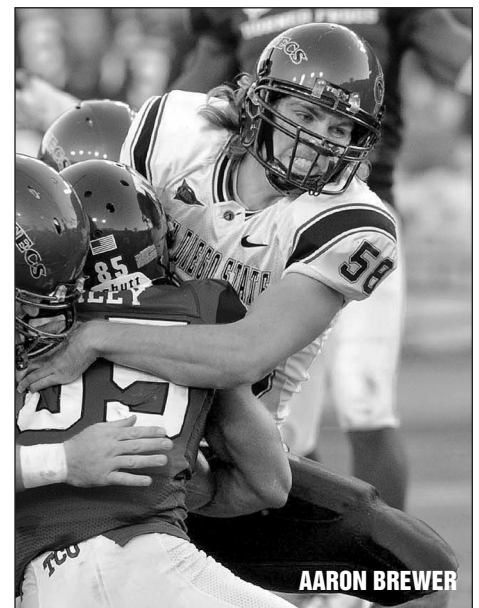
San Diego State won't take a back seat to anyone in special teams in 2011. Senior place-kicker Abelardo (formerly Abel) Perez is on the Lou Groza Award Watch List and senior punter Brian Stahovich was a first-team all-conference performer after ranking eighth in the nation last season, when he averaged 45.4 yards a boot, including a record-breaking 89-yard effort.

Perez connected on 17-of-22 field goals in 2010 (77.3 percent) and will enter the 2011 campaign having made his last eight. Inside of the 40-yard line, the Tijuana, Mexico, native was nearly automatic, making 14-of-16 attempts. On kick-offs, he showcased his strong leg with a conference best 28 touchbacks, which were 26 more than the team had in 2009.

In addition, the Aztecs return four-year starting long snapper Aaron Brewer.

"I think Brian has established himself as a good punter, maybe the best punter in our league," Long said. "Abelardo had a good year last year and that was his first at the Division I level even though he's a senior. We expect him to have a better year. Aaron is a really good deep snapper. He's a senior and has been really consistent. We haven't had any problems there. I feel good about the kicking positions and the deep snapper. The only negative at all at that position is that all three of them are seniors. We don't really have any backups, so that has to be a big-time recruiting effort for next year. Right now, though, it's good to have those guys."

Once again this season, San Diego State will determine its kickoff and punt returners during fall camp, although the team returns the top performers in each category in seniors Brandon Davis (kickoff return) and Larry Parker (punt return).



Aztec Roster

Alphabetical

No.	Name	Pos.
77	Alesi, Joel	P
26	Andrews, Marcus	DB
44	• Andrews, Rob	LB
52	Atoe, Sam	LB
49	Autele, J.J.	DL
54	Barksdale, Demetrius	LB
90	Beed, Everett	DL
23	Bell, Tony	DB
86	• Ben-Ron, Jesse	DL
20	Berhe, Nat	DB
12	• Bernards, Jake	QB
58	Brewer, Aaron	LB
9	Burriss, Miles	LS
92	Chase, Kevin	DL
80	Clark, Larry	WR
16	Clark, Ryne	QB
67	Corbett, Garrett	OL
46	• Craighead, Robert	TE
11	Davis, Brandon	DB
10	Denso, Dylan	WR
64	Dilley, Zach	OL
6	• Dingwell, Adam	QB
60	Draheim, Tommie	OL
46	• Driver, Jacob	LB
68	Emberate, Nik	OL
88	Escobar, Gavin	TE
45	• Feaster, Andrew	LB
42	• Fely, Jake	LB
19	Forni, Chris	WR
47	Galea, Cody	DL
96	Galea'i, Kenneth	DL
35	• Garrett, Dwayne	RB
66	Gauld, Riley	OL
48	Gavert, Josh	LB
45	• Ghandour, John	TE
93	Gibbs, Larry	DL
50	Gordert, Chris	LB
65	Gordon, Japheth	OL
72	Greene, Darrell	OL
21	• Gregorio, Robert	WR
30	Guillory, Darius	DB
79	Gunther, Kurtis	OL
32	Hardwick, De'Saan	RB
37	Harris, Vaness	LB
86	• Hazely, Jemond	WR
43	• Heers, Brice	FB
5	Hemmings, Dey Juan	DB
13	Hillman, Ronnie	RB
35	Holder, King	DB
4	Horn, Romeo	DB
56	Jack, Ryan	LB
15	Jeffries, Chad	QB
71	Johnson, Alec	OL
77	Jones, Reggie	OL
34	• Kazee, Walter	RB
21	• Keels, Mahbu	DB
31	Ketchum, Logan	LB
62	Koletsky, Brandon	LS
40	• Lamar, David	WR
6	• Lemon, Gabe	DB
14	• Lindley, Ryan	QB
24	Lockett, Colin	WR

Numerical

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School/College)
2	Leon McFadden	DB	5-10	185	Jr.	2L	Inglewood, Calif. (St. John Bosco High)
3	Ezell Ruffin	WR	6-1	200	Fr.	RS	Long Beach, Calif. (Woodrow Wilson High)
4	Romeo Horn	DB	6-0	185	Sr.	2L	Fresno, Calif. (Edison High)
5	Dey Juan Hemmings	DB	5-11	205	Sr.	3L	San Bernardino, Calif. (Rialto High)
6	Adam Dingwell	QB	6-4	205	Fr.	RS	Rockwall, Texas (Rockwall High)
6	Gabe Lemon	DB	5-10	185	So.	1L	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Lutheran High)
7	Derek Mack	DB	5-7	160	Jr.	SQ	Spring Valley, Calif. (Otay Ranch High)
7	Alston Umuolo	TE	6-4	240	Sr.	3L	Phoenix, Ariz. (Centennial High)
9	Miles Burriss	LB	6-3	235	Sr.	3L	Granite Bay, Calif. (Granite Bay High)
10	Dylan Denso	WR	6-2	210	So.	1L	Dana Point, Calif. (Dana Hills High)
11	Brandon Davis	DB	6-2	190	Sr.	3L	Oakland, Calif. (Castlemont High)
12	Jake Bernards	QB	6-5	225	So.	SQ	Valencia, Calif. (West Ranch High)
12	Josh Wade	DB	6-0	185	Jr.	2L	San Diego, Calif. (Point Loma High)
13	Ronnie Hillman	RB	5-10	190	So.	1L	La Habra, Calif. (La Habra High)
14	Ryan Lindley	QB	6-4	230	Sr.	3L	Alpine, Calif. (El Capitan High)
14	Brian Stahovich	P	6-0	190	Sr.	3L	Solana Beach, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic High)
15	Chad Jeffries	QB	6-2	175	Fr.	HS	Glendora, Calif. (Glendora High)
16	Ryne Clark	QB	6-2	205	So.	SQ	Palm Desert, Calif. (Palm Desert High)
17	Marcus Russell	WR	5-11	195	Sr.	SQ	Fresno, Calif. (Buchanan High/Fresno City College)
18	Dominique Sandifer	WR	6-0	200	Jr.	2L	Gardena, Calif. (Beverly Hills High)
19	Chris Forni	WR	6-3	195	Sr.	SQ	Petaluma, Calif. (Casa Grande High/City College of San Francisco)
20	Nat Berhe	DB	5-10	185	So.	1L	Colton, Calif. (Colton High)
21	Robert Gregorio	WR	5-10	170	Jr.	SQ	Rolling Hills, Calif. (Palos Verdes High)
21	Mahbu Keels	DB	6-1	160	Fr.	RS	San Diego, Calif. (Mission Bay High)
22	Chase Price	RB	5-8	200	Fr.	HS	Diamond Bar, Calif. (Diamond Ranch High)
23	Tony Bell	DB	6-1	180	Fr.	HS	Los Angeles, Calif. (Locke High)
24	Colin Lockett	WR	6-0	175	So.	1L	Diamond Bar, Calif. (Diamond Bar High)
26	Marcus Andrews	DB	6-0	190	So.	1L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Crenshaw High)
27	Eric Pinkins	DB	6-3	205	So.	1L	Sacramento, Calif. (Inderkum High)
29	Larry Parker	DB	5-11	170	Sr.	2L	San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine High/Grossmont College)
30	Darius Guillory	DB	5-10	180	Fr.	HS	Temecula, Calif. (Chaparral High)
31	Logan Ketchum	LB	6-3	225	Sr.	2L	Oak Park, Calif. (Oak Park High)
32	De'Saan Hardwick	RB	5-9	175	Fr.	HS	San Diego, Calif. (Madison High)
33	Colin Shumate	LB	6-2	210	Jr.	1L	Las Vegas, Nev. (Las Vegas High)
33	Brandon Wright	RB	5-11	185	Fr.	HS	Las Vegas, Nev. (Palo Verde High)
34	Walter Kazee	RB	5-9	175	Jr.	2L	San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon High)
34	J.J. Whittaker	DB	5-10	165	Fr.	RS	Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside High)
35	Dwayne Garrett	RB	6-0	190	Fr.	HS	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral High)
35	King Holder	DB	5-10	150	Fr.	RS	Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside High)
36	Nick Tenhaeff	LB	6-2	225	So.	1L	Atascadero, Calif. (Atascadero High)
37	Vaness Harris	LB	6-2	255	So.	SQ	Los Angeles, Calif. (Dorsey High)
38	Abelardo Perez	K	6-1	225	Sr.	1L	Tijuana, Mexico (Castle Park High/Southwestern College)
39	Adam Muema	RB	5-10	190	Fr.	RS	Covina, Calif. (Charter Oak High)
39	Rene Siluano	DB	5-10	185	So.	1L	Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside High)
40	David Lamar	WR	6-2	180	Fr.	RS	San Diego, Calif. (Madison High)
40	Chad Young	FB	5-11	225	So.	1L	La Verne, Calif. (Glendora High)
41	Khalid Stevens	DB	5-11	195	Jr.	1L	Pacific Palisades, Calif. (Palisades High)
42	Jake Fely	LB	5-10	200	Fr.	RS	Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside High)
42	Anthony Sheffield	WR	6-3	190	Fr.	HS	Los Angeles, Calif. (West Adams Prep)
43	Brice Heers	FB	5-11	210	So.	SQ	Encinitas, Calif. (Santa Fe Christian High)
43	Ross Williams	LB	6-3	205	Jr.	SQ	Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif. (Mission Viejo High)
44	Rob Andrews	LB	6-2	225	Jr.	2L	Pleasanton, Calif. (Foothill High)
44	Adam Roberts	TE	6-3	210	Fr.	HS	El Paso, Texas (Coronado High)
45	Andrew Feaster	LB	6-0	210	So.	RS	Chula Vista, Calif. (Eastlake High/Southwestern College)
45	John Ghandour	TE	6-4	245	Fr.	RS	La Habra, Calif. (La Habra High)
46	Robert Craighead	TE	6-3	235	Fr.	HS	Lakeside, Calif. (El Capitan High)
46	Jacob Driver	LB	6-2	220	So.	SQ	Carlsbad, Calif. (La Costa Canyon High)
47	Cody Galea	DL	6-3	255	Fr.	RS	Elk Grove, Calif. (Franklin High)
48	Josh Gavert	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	RS	Lakewood, Calif. (Mayfair High)
49	J.J. Autele	DL	6-1	235	Sr.	2L	Waipahu, Hawaii (Punahou High)
50	Chris Gordert	LB	6-0	225	Jr.	SQ	Honolulu, Hawaii (Mira Mesa High (Calif.))
50	Femi Oladapo	DB	6-1	180	Fr.	HS	Hesperia, Calif. (Hesperia High)

Numerical

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School/College)
51	Jimmy Miller	OL	6-3	290	Jr.	SQ	Denver, Colo. (J.K. Mullen High)
51	Micah Seau	LB	6-3	225	Fr.	HS	Spring Valley, Calif. (Bishop's School)
52	Sam Atoe	LB	6-0	200	Fr.	HS	Windsor, Calif. (Maria Carillo High)
53	Emilio Rivera	OL	6-4	295	Sr.	2L	Sylmar, Calif. (Sylmar High)
54	Demetrius Barksdale	LB	6-3	205	Sr.	2L	San Diego, Calif. (University City High)
56	Ryan Jack	LB	6-1	220	Fr.	HS	Corona, Calif. (Centennial High)
57	Christian Parra	LB	6-1	225	Fr.	HS	Clovis, Calif. (Buchanan High)
58	Aaron Brewer	LS	6-5	225	Sr.	3L	Fullerton, Calif. (Troy High)
59	Jordan Thomas	DL	6-1	245	So.	1L	Redlands, Calif. (Redlands High)
60	Tommie Draheim	OL	6-4	290	Sr.	2L	Lakeside, Calif. (El Capitan High)
62	Brandon Koletsky	LS	6-2	225	Fr.	RS	Encino, Calif. (Campbell Hall High)
64	Zack Dilley	OL	6-5	285	Fr.	RS	Sun City, Calif. (Paloma Valley High)
65	Japheth Gordon	OL	6-3	290	So.	SQ	Canyon Country, Calif. (Canyon High)
66	Riley Gauld	OL	6-5	310	Jr.	RS	Santa Ynez, Calif. (Santa Ynez High/Allan Hancock College)
67	Garrett Corbett	OL	6-5	290	Fr.	RS	Sparks, Nev. (Reed High)
68	Nik Embernate	OL	6-4	300	Jr.	2L	Yucaipa, Calif. (Yucaipa High)
69	Paul Rodriguez	OL	6-7	240	Fr.	HS	San Bernardino, Calif. (San Gorgonio High)
71	Alec Johnson	OL	6-3	300	Jr.	1L	Denver, Colo. (J.K. Mullen High)
72	Darrell Greene	OL	6-4	275	Fr.	HS	Oakley, Calif. (Freedom High)
73	Jordan Smith	OL	6-5	250	Fr.	HS	Redlands, Calif. (Redlands High)
74	Mike Matamua	OL	6-4	295	Sr.	1L	Kapolei, Hawaii (Kapolei High)
77	Joel Alesi	P	6-0	240	Fr.	RS	El Cajon, Calif. (Christian High)
77	Reggie Jones	OL	6-5	295	Fr.	HS	San Diego, Calif. (Mount Miguel High)
79	Kurtis Gunther	OL	6-8	285	Sr.	2L	Camarillo, Calif. (Adolfo Camarillo High)
80	Larry Clark	WR	6-4	200	Fr.	HS	Venice, Calif. (Venice High)
81	Brandon Turner	WR	6-3	195	Fr.	RS	Orange, Calif. (Orange Lutheran High)
82	Jay Waddell	WR	6 0	175	Fr.	RS	Hesperia, Calif. (Hesperia High)
83	Osmond Nicholas	WR	6-3	215	So.	SQ	Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside High)
84	Paul Pitts	WR	6-0	190	Fr.	HS	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Los Osos High)
85	D.J. Shields	TE	6-4	240	Jr.	2L	Bonita, Calif. (Bonita Vista High)
86	Jesse Ben-Ron	DL	6-3	250	So.	SQ	Anaheim, Calif. (Loara High)
86	Jemond Hazely	WR	6-1	170	Fr.	HS	Corona, Calif. (Santiago High)
87	Bryce Quigley	TE	6-5	260	So.	1L	Apple Valley, Calif. (Granite Hills High)
88	Gavin Escobar	TE	6-6	245	So.	1L	Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif. (Santa Margarita Catholic High)
90	Everett Beed	DL	6-3	245	Fr.	RS	Phelan, Calif. (Serrano High)
91	Frederick Trujillo	DL	6-1	230	Jr.	1L	Albuquerque, N.M. (Highland High)
92	Kevin Chase	DL	6-4	245	Fr.	HS	Concord, Calif. (Concord High)
93	Larry Gibbs	DL	6-0	245	Sr.	1L	Riverside, Calif. (Ramona High)
94	Jerome Long	DL	6-5	285	Sr.	3L	Los Osos, Calif. (Morro Bay High)
96	Kenny Galea'i	DL	6-1	275	Fr.	RS	Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside High)
97	Dontrell Onuoha	DL	6-2	250	Fr.	RS	Indio, Calif. (La Quinta High)
98	Sam Meredith	DL	6-4	250	Fr.	HS	La Mesa, Calif. (Helix High)
99	Jon Sanchez	DL	6-2	245	Fr.	HS	Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta High)

Alphabetical

No.	Name	Pos.
94	Long, Jerome	DL
7 ♦	Mack, Derek	DB
74	Matamua, Mike	OL
2	McFadden, Leon	DB
98	Meredith, Sam	DL
51 ♦	Miller, Jimmy	OL
39 ♦	Muema, Adam	RB
83	Nicholas, Osmond	WR
50	Oladapo, Femi	DB
97	Onuoha, Dontrell	DL
29	Parker, Larry	DB
57	Parra, Christian	LB
38	Perez, Abelardo	K
27	Pinkins, Eric	DB
84	Pitts, Paul	WR
22	Price, Chase	RB
87	Quigley, Bryce	TE
53	Rivera, Emilio	OL
44 ♦	Roberts, Adam	TE
69	Rodriguez, Paul	OL
3	Ruffin, Ezell	WR
17	Russell, Marcus	WR
99	Sanchez, Jon	DL
18	Sandifer, Dominique	WR
51 ♦	Seau, Micah	LB
42 ♦	Sheffield, Anthony	WR
85	Shields, D.J.	TE
33 ♦	Shumate, Colin	LB
39 ♦	Silvano, Rene	DB
73	Smith, Jordan	OL
14 ♦	Stahovich, Brian	P
41	Stevens, Khalid	DB
36	Tenhaeff, Nick	LB
59	Thomas, Jordan	DL
91	Trujillo, Frederick	DL
81	Turner, Brandon	WR
7 ♦	Umuolo, Alston	TE
82	Waddell, Jay	WR
12 ♦	Wade, Josh	DB
34 ♦	Whittaker, J.J.	DB
43 ♦	Williams, Ross	LB
33 ♦	Wright, Brandon	RB
40 ♦	Young, Chad	FB

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The Coaching Staff

Rocky Long (New Mexico '74) Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator, 1st season as head coach at SDSU/3rd overall; **Andy Ludwig** (Portland State '88) Offensive Coordinator/Tight Ends, 1st season; **Jeff Horton** (Nevada '81) Assistant Head Coach/Running Backs, 1st season; **Dan Flinn** (Northern Arizona '02) Offensive Line, 1st season; **Daniel Gonzales** (New Mexico '98) Safeties, 1st season; **Osia Lewis** (Oregon State '86) Defensive Line, 1st season; **LeCharls McDaniel** (Cal Poly '81) Wide Receivers/Special Teams, 11th season; **Kevin McGarry** (USD '79) Linebackers, 1st season; **Brian Sipe** (San Diego State) Quarterbacks, 3rd season; **Tony White** (UCLA '02) Cornerbacks/Recruiting Coordinator, 3rd season; **Rick Court** (Michigan State '02) Strength & Conditioning, 1st season; **Bobby Smitheran** (New Mexico '96) Director of Football Operations, 1st season.

Pronunciation Guide

Joel Alesi	uh-LEE-sea
J.J. Autele	all-tell-EE
Nat Berhe	nat bur-HEY
Tommie Draheim	DRAY-hime
Jake Fely	FEE-lee
Cody Galea	go-LAY-uh
Kenny Galea'i	nah-LEE-ah-E
Josh Gavert	GAV-ert
Chris Gordert	GORE-dert
Robert Gregorio	grah-gore-EE-o
Japheth Gordon	JAW-phet (like prophet)
Walter Kazee	KAY-zee

Mahbu Keels	Keels (like heels)
Osia Lewis	OH-say
Andy Ludwig	LUD-wig
Mike Matamua	mah-tah-MOO-uh
LeCharls McDaniel	luh-CHARLES
Adam Muema	MOO-emma
Femi Oladapo	fem-EE hola-dah-POE
Dontrell Onuoha	on-nuh-HO
Ezell Ruffin	EE-zell
Rene Silvano	SEE-lou-ah-no
Brian Stahovich	stuh-HOV-itsh
Khalid Stevens	kuh-LEAD

Nick Tenhaeff	ten-FFF
Alston Umuolo	ALL-stun OO-moo-o-LOW

Aztec Depth Chart

OFFENSE

LEFT TACKLE (LT)

- 60 **Tommie Draheim, 6-4, 290, Sr.****
74 Mike Matamua, 6-4, 295, Sr.*

LEFT GUARD (LG)

- 53 Emilio Rivera, 6-4, 295, Sr.**
65 Japheth Gordon, 6-3, 290, So.-SQ

CENTER (C)

- 71 **Alec Johnson, 6-3, 300, Jr.***
51 Jimmy Miller, 6-3, 290, Jr.-SQ
64 Zack Dilley, 6-5, 285, Fr.-RS

RIGHT GUARD (RG)

- 68 **Nik Embarnate, 6-4, 300, Jr.****
66 Riley Gauld, 6-5, 310, Jr.-RS

RIGHT TACKLE (RT)

- 79 **Kurtis Gunther, 6-8, 285, Sr.****
67 Garrett Corbett, 6-5, 290, Fr.-RS

WIDE RECEIVER (X)

- 3 Ezell Ruffin, 6-1, 200, Fr.-RS
17 Marcus Russell, 5-11, 195, Sr.-SQ
40 David Lamar, 6-2, 180, Fr.-RS

WIDE RECEIVER (Y)

- 87 Bryce Quigley, 6-5, 260, So.*
7 Alston Umuolo, 6-4, 240, Sr.**

WIDE RECEIVER (Z)

- 10 Dylan Denso, 6-2, 210, So.*
83 Osmond Nicholas, 6-3, 215, So.-SQ
21 Robert Gregorio, 5-10, 170, Jr.-SQ

TIGHT END (U)

- 88 **Gavin Escobar, 6-6, 245, So.***
85 D.J. Shields, 6-4, 240, Jr.**

RUNNING BACK (RB)

- 13 **Ronnie Hillman, 5-10, 190, So.***
34 Walter Kazee, 5-9, 175, Jr.**
39 Adam Muema, 5-10, 190, Fr.-RS

FULLBACK (FB)

- 40 Chad Young, 5-11, 225, So.*
43 Brice Heers, 5-11, 210, So.-SQ

QUARTERBACK (QB)

- 14 **Ryan Lindley, 6-4, 230, Sr.*****
6 Adam Dingwell, 6-4, 205, Fr.-RS OR
16 Ryne Clark, 6-2, 205, So.-SQ

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE END (DE)

- 49 J.J. Autele, 6-1, 235, Sr.**
59 Jordan Thomas, 6-1, 245, So.*
97 Dontrell Onuoha, 6-2, 250, Fr.-RS

DEFENSIVE TACKLE (DT)

- 94 **Jerome Long, 6-5, 285, Sr.*****
96 Kenny Galea'i, 6-1, 275, Fr.-RS

DEFENSIVE END (DE)

- 93 Larry Gibbs, 6-0, 245, Sr.*
91 Frederick Trujillo, 6-1, 230, Jr.*
90 Everett Beed, 6-3, 245, Fr.-RS

LINEBACKER (LB)

- 31 **Logan Ketchum, 6-3, 225, Sr.****
36 Nick Tenhaeff, 6-2, 225, So.*
43 Ross Williams, 6-3, 205, Jr.-SQ

MIDDLE LINEBACKER (MLB)

- 42 Jake Fely, 5-10, 200, Fr.-RS
44 Rob Andrews, 6-2, 225, Jr.**
46 Jacob Driver, 6-2, 220, So.-SQ

LINEBACKER (LB)

- 9 **Miles Burris, 6-3, 235, Sr.*****
54 Demetrius Barksdale, 6-3, 205, Sr.**
37 Vanessa Harris, 6-2, 255, So.-SQ

CORNERBACK (CB)

- 2 **Leon McFadden, 5-10, 185, Jr.****
35 King Holder, 5-10, 150, Fr.-RS
21 Mahbu Keels, 6-1, 160, Fr.-RS

WARRIOR (WAR)

- 20 Nat Berhe, 5-10, 185, So.*
5 Dey Juan Hemmings, 5-11, 205, Sr.***
50 Femi Oladapo, 6-1, 180, Fr.-HS

AZTEC (AZ)

- 41 Khalid Stevens, 5-11, 195, Jr.*
39 Rene Siluano, 5-10, 185, So.*
27 Eric Pinkins, 6-3, 205, So.*

WARRIOR (WAR)

- 26 Marcus Andrews, 6-0, 190, So.*
11 **Brandon Davis, 6-2, 190, Sr.*****
6 Gabe Lemon, 5-10, 185, So.*

CORNERBACK (CB)

- 12 Josh Wade, 6-0, 185, Jr.**
29 Larry Parker, 5-11, 170, Sr.**
4 Romeo Horn, 6-0, 185, Sr.**

SPECIALISTS

PUNTER (P)

- 14 **Brian Stahovich, 6-0, 190, Sr.*****
77 Joel Alesi, 6-0, 240, Fr.-RS

PLACEKICKER (PK)

- 38 **Abelardo Perez, 6-1, 225, Sr.***

KICKOFFS (KO)

- 38 **Abelardo Perez, 6-1, 225, Sr.***

HOLDER (H)

- 14 **Brian Stahovich, 6-0, 190, Sr.*****
6 Adam Dingwell, 6-4, 205, Fr.-RS

LONG SNAPPER (LS)

- 58 **Aaron Brewer, 6-5, 225, Sr.*****
62 Brandon Koletsky, 6-2, 225, Fr.-RS

KICKOFF RETURNS (KOR)

PUNT RETURNS (PR)

To be determined in the fall

* - Denotes number of letters earned through the 2010 season. Players in bold are returning starters. Underlined players are newcomers or freshmen who redshirted last season.

Aztecs At A Glance

Aztecs By Class

Personnel listed with eligibility as it will be entering the 2011 season.

SENIORS (21)

DL J.J. Autele, LB Demetrius Barksdale, LS Aaron Brewer, LB Miles Burris, DB Brandon Davis, OL Tommie Draheim, WR Chris Forni, DL Larry Gibbs, OL Kurtis Gunther, DB Dey Juan Hemmings, DB Romeo Horn, LB Logan Ketchum, QB Ryan Lindley, DL Jerome Long, OL Mike Matamua, DB Larry Parker, K Abelardo Perez, OL Emilio Rivera, WR Marcus Russell, P Brian Stahovich, TE Alston Umuolo

JUNIORS (17)

LB Rob Andrews, OL Nik Embernate, OL Riley Gauld, LB Chris Gordert, WR Robert Gregorio, OL Alec Johnson, RB Walter Kazee, DB Derek Mack, DB Leon McFadden, OL Jimmy Miller, WR Dominique Sandifer, TE D.J. Shields, LB Colin Shumate, DB Khalid Stevens, DL Frederick Trujillo, DB Josh Wade, LB Ross Williams

SOPHOMORES (22)

DB Marcus Andrews, DL Jesse Ben-Ron, DB Nat Berhe, QB Jake Bernards, QB Ryne Clark, WR Dylan Denso, LB Jacob Driver, TE Gavin Escobar, LB Andrew Feaster, OL Japheth Gordon, LB Vaness Harris, FB Brice Heers, RB Ronnie Hillman, DB Gabe Lemon, WR Colin Lockett, WR Osmond Nicholas, DB Eric Pinkins, TE Bryce Quigley, DB Rene Siluano, LB Nick Tenhaeff, DL Jordan Thomas, FB Chad Young

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (20)

P Joel Alesi, DL Everett Beed, OL Garrett Corbett, OL Zack Dilley, QB Adam Dingwell, LB Jake Fely, DL Cody Galea, DL Kenny Galea'i, LB Josh Gavert, TE John Ghandour, DB King Holder, DB Mahbu Keels, LS Brandon Koletsky, WR David Lamar, RB Adam Muema, DL Don-trell Onuahu, WR Ezell Ruffin, WR Brandon Turner, WR Jay Waddell, DB J.J. Whittaker

TRUE FRESHMEN (25)

LB Sam Atoe, DB Tony Bell, DL Kevin Chase, WR Larry Clark, TE Robert Craighead, RB Dwayne Garrett, OL Darrell Greene, DB Darius Guillory, RB De'Saan Hardwick, WR Jemond Hazely, LB Ryan Jack, QB Chad Jeffries, OL Reggie Jones, DE Sam Meredith, DB Femi Oladapo, LB Christian Parra, WR Paul Pitts, RB Chase Price, TE Adam Roberts, OL Paul Rodriguez, DL Jon Sanchez, LB Micah Seau, WR Anthony Sheffield, OL Jordan Smith, RB Brandon Wright

What Returns

By percentage, what returns from last season.

OFFENSE	Pct.
Rushing Yards	1,818 of 2,097 86.7
Passing Yards	3,840 of 3,840 100.0
Receiving Yards	.845 of 3,840 22.0
Scoring	.273 of 455 60.0

DEFENSE	Pct.
Tackles	.610 of 901 67.7
Tackles For Loss	.65 of 95 68.4
Sacks	.21 of 28 75.0
Forced Fumbles	.8 of 8 60.0
Fumble Recoveries	.5 of 6 83.3
Interceptions	.5 of 10 50.0

SPECIAL TEAMS	Pct.
Field Goals	.17 of 17 100.0
Punting Yards	2,406 of 2,406 100.0
Punt Return Yards	.169 of 169 100.0
Kickoff Return Yards	.580 of 851 68.2

Starters Returning & Lost

OFFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (7)

Pos.	Name	Career Starts
LT	Tommie Draheim	.20
RG	Nik Embernate	.21
TE	Gavin Escobar	.12
RT	Kurtis Gunther	.14
RB	Ronnie Hillman	.8
LG	Alec Johnson	.16
QB	Ryan Lindley	.36
TOTAL		.127

OFFENSIVE STARTERS LOST (4)

Pos.	Name	Career Starts
WR	Vincent Brown	.39
C	Trask Iosefa	.49
WR	DeMarco Sampson	.25
FB	Brandon Sullivan	.17
TOTAL		.130

DEFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (5)

Pos.	Name	Career Starts
LB	Miles Burris	.25
W	Brandon Davis	.20
LB	Logan Ketchum	.14
DL	Jerome Long	.17
CB	Leon McFadden	.19
TOTAL		.95

DEFENSIVE STARTERS LOST (6)

Pos.	Name	Career Starts
DT	Ernie Lawson	.30
W	Darryn Lewis	.11
CB	Jose Perez	.24
A	Andrew Preston	.32
DE	Jacob Tauanuu	.18
LB	Marcus Yarbrough	.11
TOTAL		.126

KICKERS RETURNING (2)

Pos.	Name
PK	Abelardo Perez
P	Brian Stahovich

KICKERS LOST (0)

Returning Statistical Leaders

Rushing	.....Ronnie Hillman (262 att., 1,532 yds., 17 TDs)
Passing	.....Ryan Lindley (243-421-14, 3,830 yds., 28 TDs)
Receiving	.....Gavin Escobar (29 rec., 323 yds., 4 TDs)
Total Offense	.....Ryan Lindley (440 plays, 3,799 yards)
All-Purpose	.....Ronnie Hillman (1,600 yards)
Punt Returns	.....Larry Parker (19 ret., 6.2 ypr.)
Kickoff Returns	.....Brandon Davis (22 ret., 22.3 ypr.)
Field Goals	.....Abel Perez (17-for-22)
Scoring	.....Ronnie Hillman (108 points)
Tackles	.....Miles Burris (80)
Tackles For Loss	.....Miles Burris (20.0-104 yards)
Sacks	.....Miles Burris (9.5)
Interceptions	.....Leon McFadden (2)
Punting Average	.....Brian Stahovich (43.8)

Lost Statistical Leaders

Rushing	.....Davon Brown (30 att., 144 yds.)
Passing	.....none
Receiving	.....Vincent Brown (69 rec., 1,352 yds., 10 TDs)
Total Offense	.....Davon Brown (31 plays, 144 yds.)
All-Purpose	.....Vincent Brown (1,339 yds.)
Punt Returns	.....none
Kickoff Returns	.....Davon Brown (16 ret., 16.9 ypr.)
Field Goals	.....none
Scoring	.....Vincent Brown (60 points)
Tackles	.....Andrew Preston (78)
Tackles For Loss	.....Ernie Lawson (9.5-34 yards)
Sacks	.....B.J. Williams (2-12 yards), Marcus Yarbrough (2-11 yards)
Interceptions	.....Andrew Preston (3)
Punting Average	.....none

Geographical Breakdown

Current Aztecs by home state or country

CALIFORNIA (91)

P Joel Alesi, DB Marcus Andrews, LB Rob Andrews, LB Sam Atoe, LB Demetrius Barksdale, DL Everett Beed, DB Tony Bell, DL Jesse Ben-Ron, DB Nat Berhe, QB Jake Bernards, LS Aaron Brewer, LB Miles Burris, DL Kevin Chase, WR Larry Clark, QB Ryne Clark, TE Robert Craighead, DB Brandon Davis, WR Dylan Denso, OL Zack Dilley, OL Tommie Draheim, LB Jacob Driver, OT Nik Embernate, TE Gavin Escobar, LB Andrew Feaster, LB Jake Fely, WR Chris Forni, DE Cody Galea, DT Kenny Galea'i, OL Riley Gauld, LB Josh Gavert, TE John Ghandour, DL Larry Gibbs, OL Japheth Gordon, OL Darrell Greene, WR Robert Gregorio, DB Darius Guillory, OL Kurtis Gunther, RB De'Saan Hardwick, LB Vaness Harris, WR Jemond Hazely, FB Brice Heers, DB Dey Juan Hemmings, RB Ronnie Hillman, CB King Holder, DB Romeo Horn, LB Ryan Jack, QB Chad Jeffries, OL Reggie Jones, RB Walter Kazee, CB Mahbu Keels, LB Logan Ketchum, LS Brandon Koletsky, WR David Lamar, DB Gabe Lemon, QB Ryan Lindley, WR Colin Lockett, DL Jerome Long, DB Derek Mack, DB Leon McFadden, DL Sam Meredith, RB Adam Muema, WR Osmond Nicholas, DB Femi Oladapo, DT Dontrell Onuoha, DB Larry Parker, LB Christian Parra, DB Eric Pinkins, WR Paul Pitts, RB Chase Price, TE Bryce Quigley, OL Emilio Rivera, OL Paul Rodriguez, WR Ezell Ruffin, WR Marcus Russell, DL Jon Sanchez, WR Dominique Sandifer, LB Micah Seau, WR Anthony Sheffield, TE D.J. Shields, DB Rene Siluano, OL Jordan Smith, P Brian Stahovich, DB Khalid Stevens, LB Nick Tenhaeff, DE Jordan Thomas, WR Brandon Turner, WR Jay Waddell, DB Josh Wade, CB J.J. Whittaker, LB Ross Williams, FB Chad Young

HAWAII (3)

DL J.J. Autele, LB Chris Gordert, OL Mike Matamua

NEVADA (3)

OL Garrett Corbett, LB Colin Shumate, RB Brandon Wright

COLORADO (2)

OL Alec Johnson, OL Jimmy Miller

ARIZONA (2)

RB Dwayne Garrett, TE Alston Umuolo

TEXAS (2)

QB Adam Dingwell, TE Adam Roberts

MEXICO (1)

K Abelardo Perez

NEW MEXICO (1)

DL Frederick Trujillo

2011 Signing Class

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
Sam Atoe	LB	6-0	200	Windsor, Calif.
Tony Bell	DB	6-1	180	Los Angeles, Calif.
Kevin Chase	DL	6-4	245	Concord, Calif.
Larry Clark	WR	6-4	200	Venice, Calif.
Robert Craighead	TE	6-3	235	Lakeside, Calif.
Darrell Greene	OL	6-4	275	Oakley, Calif.
Darius Guillory	DB	5-10	180	Temecula, Calif.
De'Saan Hardwick	RB	5-9	175	San Diego, Calif.
Jemond Hazely	WR	6-1	170	Corona, Calif.
Ryan Jack	LB	6-1	220	Corona, Calif.
Chad Jeffries	QB	6-2	175	Glendora, Calif.
Reggie Jones	OL	6-5	295	San Diego, Calif.
Sam Meredith	DE	6-4	250	La Mesa, Calif.
Christan Parra	LB	6-1	225	Clovis, Calif.
Paul Pitts	WR	6-0	190	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
Chase Price	RB	5-8	200	Diamond Bar, Calif.
Adam Roberts	TE	6-3	210	El Paso, Texas
Paul Rodriguez	OL	6-7	240	San Bernardino, Calif.
Jon Sanchez	DL	6-2	245	Murrieta, Calif.
Micah Seau	LB	6-3	225	Spring Valley, Calif.
Anthony Sheffield	WR	6-3	190	Los Angeles, Calif.
Jordan Smith	OL	6-5	250	Redlands, Calif.
Brandon Wright	RB	5-11	185	Las Vegas, Nev.



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