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San Diego State

2008 Signing Class ♦ February 6, 2008

■ Rob Andrews

Pleasanton, Calif. (Foothill HS)

Linebacker

6-2, 225

Ranked fifth in the 2008 *Contra Costa Times* Cream Of The Crop list ... Was a first-team all-league pick on both offense (fullback) and defense (linebacker) in 2007 ... Ran for over 1,000 yards and recorded 94 tackles and eight sacks his senior campaign at Foothill ... All-East Bay first team as a linebacker this past year ... Had 104 tackles and added eight sacks and four forced fumbles his junior season to garner all-state underclassmen honors ... Had 750 yards rushing on 145 carries and scored 16 touchdowns in 2006 ... First team all-conference on offense as a junior and second team on defense ... Foothill went 6-5 and earned a spot in the North Coast Section 4A playoffs his senior year ... As a junior, under head coach Matt Sweeney, the Falcons were league champions going 6-0, finishing 12-1 overall and earning a berth in the North Coast Section 4A championship game ... All-conference honoree for the Falcons' lacrosse team ... Named Fall Athlete of the Month for September by the Foothill Boosters Club ... Also considered California and UCLA ... Sister, Carrie, plays soccer at Cal Poly and other sister, Cristen, plays lacrosse at Cal.

Head Coach Chuck Long on Andrews: "We like him because of his versatility. He is an excellent fullback in their system and is a hard-hitting linebacker. He has good size. He might be a young man we try as a two-way player where he gets a package on one side of the ball. Versatility is the word with Rob."

Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator Bob Elliott on Andrews: "Rob Andrews is an inside linebacker who we hope will give us some physical play at that position, because that's what he does. He is physical and is a bigger body-type of linebacker."

■ J.J. Autele

Waipahu, Hawaii (Punahou School)

Outside Linebacker/Defensive End

6-1, 240

Played both linebacker and defensive line at Punahou School, earning three letters and serving as team captain as a senior ... Rated the No. 9 prospect regardless of position in the state of Hawaii by *Scout.com* ... A 2007 first-team all-state defensive tackle by the *Honolulu Star Bulletin* and all-state honorable mention choice as a linebacker by the *Honolulu Advertiser* ... Named to the Interscholastic League of Honolulu's All-Star second team last season at linebacker ... Played in the HUB Classic Senior Bowl last December ... Garnered his team's most inspirational

award ... Intends to major in psychology ... Attended the same high school as current SDSU sophomore center Trask Iosefa ... Also recruited by Hawai'i, UNLV, Oregon State and Washington.

Head Coach Chuck Long on Autele: "From the moment we put the film on, it was easy to see J.J. was all over the field. He is an excellent pass rusher who hustles to the football. I enjoy the way he plays the game of football."

Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator Bob Elliott on Autele: "J.J. Autele is a flexible guy who can play either as a standup outside linebacker or a down defensive end for us. I think he is an explosive player who will give us some help with the pass rush."

■ Aaron Brewer

Fullerton, Calif. (Troy HS)

Long Snapper

6-5, 210

Committed to SDSU last summer ... Named the first team all-Freeway League as a linebacker last season ... Rated No. 3 long snapper in the country according to *chrissailerkicking.com* ... Played for the Troy Warriors under coach Jim Burton ... Team was 12-1 his junior season, advanced to the CIF southeast division semifinals and won a Freeway League title ... Member of the track team ... Also drew interest from Washington, California and Stanford.

Head Coach Chuck Long on Brewer: "He is the best long snapper in the country. I have learned as a head coach not to take that position for granted. It's a position that is a big weapon and is why our special teams have improved. Aaron is a huge get for us and we are very excited to have him join the program."

Special Teams/Tight Ends Coach Toby Neinas on Brewer: "We would argue that he is the best snapper available this year and for sure, he is in the top two of the guys who we have seen. He is really athletic and was also an all-conference player at defensive end. We think he is a real steal, and the fact that he is from up the road in Fullerton at Troy High School makes him a great fit for us."

■ Malcolm Culver

Palmdale, Calif. (Palmdale HS)

Wide Receiver

6-2, 190

All Southern Section - Western Division honoree as a junior and senior ... Team was 12-2 his senior year and 9-2 his junior year ... Falcons won the Golden League title every season ... First-team all-league his final

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three years, garnering MVP honors in 2007 ... Also played defensive back ... Was a two-time scholar-athlete ... Brother, Tyrone, plays safety for the Green Bay Packers and attended Fresno State ... Father, played professional baseball with the Cincinnati Reds ... Also plays baseball, earning first-team all-league accolades ... Cousin, Vonnice Holmes, is a cornerback with the Aztecs ... Considered Fresno State, San Jose State and Utah during the recruiting process.

Head Coach Chuck Long on Culver: "What I love about Malcolm is that he comes from good genes. His father played for the Cincinnati Reds and his brother is currently a defensive back for the Green Bay Packers. He has excellent ball skills and a great feel for the game. He is very mature and we believe that he will continue to grow physically."

Offensive Coordinator Del Miller on Culver: "One of the things that I like about Malcolm is, not only does he have good bloodlines with his brother playing at Green Bay (Packers), but he's an excellent student with a 4.0-plus GPA. He's very gifted and both he and Dominique (Sandifer) will have the opportunity to play fairly early."

■ Nik Emberate

Yucaipa, Calif. (Yucaipa HS)

Offensive Tackle

6-4, 285

A two-time first-team all-county selection at Yucaipa High School under coach Scott Pearne ... Helped the Thunderbirds to a 7-4 overall record and a third-place league finish as a senior ... Anchored an offensive line that helped the team rush for over 240 yards an outing in 2007 and advance to the playoffs for the second year in a row ... Citrus Belt all-league first-team honoree each of his final two seasons ... First team all-area by the *Press Enterprise* in 2007 ... Two-time captain ... Member of the inland all-star team at last month's inaugural Southern California Bowl ... Also competes in track and field, throwing the shot put and discus ... League champ in the shot put as a junior ... Drew interest from Nevada ... Intends to major in criminal justice.

Head Coach Chuck Long on Emberate: "Nik is a big lineman who will be close to 300 pounds by the time he is here. He has great toughness and desire. He is someone we have liked for a long time and we were able to get an early commitment from him."

Offensive Coordinator Del Miller on Emberate: "At 6-4, 285, we think he can play tackle or go inside as well. He made a strong impression in our camp, as a very competitive player, who is also tough."

■ Alec Johnson

Denver, Colo. (J.K. Mullen HS)

Offensive Lineman

6-3, 290

One of SDSU's top-rated recruits, who is ranked 21st in the nation at center and eighth overall in the state of Colorado by *Scouts, Inc.* ... One of

20 offensive linemen named to the 2007-08 *Tacoma News Tribune* Western 100, a list of the top football recruits in the West ... 2007 *PrepColorado* all-state first team offense ... Mustangs went a combined 25-2 and 14-0 in conference play his final two seasons under coach Dave Logan, claiming a pair of Centennial League titles ... Team advanced to the state 5A championship game his first three years, winning the title his freshman campaign ... Mullen made it to the state semifinals his senior season when he served as team captain ... First team all-conference honors in 2006 and 2007, and honorable mention as a sophomore ... Academic all-state as a freshman and junior ... Received offers from Arizona State, Washington, Kansas, Utah and Colorado State ... High school teammate of fellow Aztec signee Jimmy Miller.

Head Coach Chuck Long on Johnson: "Alec is a dominant player from a dominate high school program. He plays with great intensity and is very intelligent. He lives to play and it shows."

Offensive Coordinator Del Miller on Johnson: "Alec is probably going to be a center or guard. He's a very aggressive player with a great mind for the game."

■ Ramon Judkins

Los Angeles, Calif. (Beverly Hills HS)

Running Back

6-0, 205

As a senior, had 198 carries for 1,248 yards (6.3 ypc.) and 15 touchdowns ... Ran for 279 yards and three scores in a victory over Santa Monica this past season ... Six of 11 games with over 100 yards on the ground in 2007 ... Rushed for 1,294 yards and 14 touchdowns in 2006 ... Also had 11 receptions for 259 yards and five touchdowns that same season ... An all-CIF first-team pick in 2006 and 2007 ... A Ocean League honoree his final three seasons ... Also competes in track and field, where he set a school record in the 100-meter dash as a junior ... Teammates with fellow Aztec recruit Dominique Sandifer at Beverly Hills High School under coach Carter Paysinger Also recruited by San Jose State.

Head Coach Chuck Long on Judkins: "Ramon is very fast and comes from a family with a track background. He is a tough physical player who has a good build for someone with his speed."

Offensive Coordinator Del Miller on Judkins: "He's got good size as a running back, yet also has good speed. He's a 10.7, 100-meter-type player. He could be a young man who will jump into the fold quite early."

■ Jerome Long

Los Osos, Calif. (Morro Bay HS)

Defensive Lineman

6-5, 250

Recorded 68 tackles, 4.5 sacks, a blocked punt and a fumble recovery as a senior at Morro Bay High School under coach John Andree ... 2007 first-team pick on the defensive line by *CalHiSports.com* ... Named the

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Los Padres League Lineman of the Year in 2007 ... All-San Luis Obispo County first team defensive lineman and all-CIF-SS Northwest Division defensive team honors ... The Pirates had a 10-0 regular season record and won their first outright Los Padres League title since 1971 during his senior campaign ... Served as team captain in 2007 ... Also played tight end at Morro Bay, garnering first team all-league accolades as a junior ... Member of the Pirates' wrestling team, earning three league titles and placing fourth at the CIF meet as a junior in the heavyweight division ... Also recruited by Cal Poly, Oregon and Washington.

Head Coach Chuck Long on Long: "He may be the real sleeper in the class. An excellent wrestler who has good strength, knows leverage and has good hands. He has a huge upside."

Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator Bob Elliott on Long: "Jerome Long has a tremendous frame and in time, he will grow into a huge guy. He is very athletic and is a good wrestler. We think he has tremendous upside."

■ Davion Mauldin

Compton, Calif.
(Cimarron-Memorial HS (Nev.)/Cerritos College)
Defensive Back
Junior, 5-10, 175

Played the last season at Cerritos College in Norwalk, Calif., after appearing in seven games at Minot State in North Dakota in 2006 ... In his lone season at Cerritos under coach Frank Mazzotta, had 56 tackles, including 2.5 for a loss, two interceptions, four pass break ups and a fumble recovery in nine games ... Also returned kicks for the Falcons, averaging 34.5 yards on kick off returns and scoring one touchdown ... Had 482 all purpose yards and was a unanimous all-conference pick as a kick returner and a second-team selection in the secondary ... 2007 *JC Athletic Bureau* Region IV first team as a kick returner ... Attended Cimarron-Memorial High School in Las Vegas, Nev., playing football under coach Ron Smeltzer ... A two-way star for the Spartans as a quarterback and defensive back ... Second team all-state as a defensive back in 2005 ... Had 90 tackles, including 68 solos, and five interceptions as a senior ... Passed for 352 yards and rushed for 489 yards and seven touchdowns at quarterback ... From same high school as SDSU defensive lineman Neil Spencer ... Also offered scholarships by Akron, Colorado State, Idaho State, Nevada, SMU and UTEP.

Head Coach Chuck Long on Mauldin: "Davion is a junior college transfer who can help us immediately in the secondary. He is a very fast player who can give us a man-to-man defender on defense. His personality is contagious which will help his grow as a leader some day."

Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator Bob Elliott on Mauldin: "Davion Mauldin is a corner from Cerritos College. We hope that Davion will compete for a starting position as a junior college player. He will give us some help in a position where we need to upgrade. He has also been a good return guy and will help us in that aspect as well."

■ Brian Milholland

San Diego, Calif. (Helix HS)
Offensive Tackle
6-6, 300

A first team all-CIF selection on the offensive line for the Helix Highlanders in 2007 ... *San Diego Union-Tribune* all-San Diego Section first team his final campaign ... Earned first team honors in the Grossmont South League as a senior and was all-Southern California third team by *GoldenStatePreps.com* ... Helix advanced to the CIF semifinals this past season, finishing with an 8-2-1 record, including a 4-0 record in league play ... Selected for the Navy Marine Corps All-Star Classic football game last month ... Also recruited by USC, Penn State and California ... Intends to major in business.

Head Coach Chuck Long on Milholland: "Brian may be the biggest guy in the class. He is an all-CIF player out of Helix and another of the talented local players in this class. He is very intelligent and does everything right, on and off the field."

Offensive Coordinator Del Miller on Milholland: "Brian is a player who we're all very excited about. He has so much in front of him. At 6-6, 280 pounds, he has good feet, can run well and could be a guy who can come in and be an impact player fairly early."

■ Jimmy Miller

Denver, Colo. (J.K. Mullen HS)
Offensive Lineman
6-3, 290

Rated the No. 40 offensive guard prospect in the nation by *Scouts, Inc.* ... A three-star recruit by *Rivals.com* ... 2007 *PrepColorado* All-State second team offense ... Second-team all-league his senior year ... Mustangs went a combined 25-2 and 14-0 in conference play his final two seasons under coach Dave Logan, claiming a pair of Centennial League titles ... Team advanced to the state 5A championship game from 2004-06 and the state semifinals his senior season ... Played at the same high school as fellow SDSU signee Alec Johnson ... Also offered by Air Force, Colorado State and Washington State ... Competes in the throws events in track and field ... Intends to major in engineering.

Head Coach Chuck Long on Miller: "Jimmy is one of two players who we signed from a really good Mullen program in Denver. He is a talented offensive lineman who has good size and strength and is very intelligent. We are excited to have Jimmy."

Offensive Coordinator Del Miller on Miller: "Jimmy's temperament on the field is very, very aggressive. When you watch film on him, you'll see a lot of pancake (blocks). He is a very smart player from a great program."

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■ Erik Quinones

Canyon Lake, Calif. (Temescal Canyon HS)
Offensive Lineman
6-3, 305

Rated the No. 20 center in the nation according to *Scouts, Inc.* ... Also played tackle and defensive line at Temescal for head coach Mike Sands... Named first team all-CIF and all-Southwestern League as a senior ... 2007 first team all-Inland Valley by the *Los Angeles Times* ... Selected for the Southern California all-star bowl game ... An all-CIF, all-league, all-valley, all-Riverside County selection in 2006 for the Titans ... Temescal advanced to the CIF finals his sophomore season and were semifinalists his junior campaign ... Two-time offensive lineman of the year for the Titans ... Also competed in track and field ... Considered California, Colorado, Nevada and Fresno State during the recruiting process.

Head Coach Chuck Long on Quinones: "Erik is an intelligent, 300-pound lineman. He is big, strong and relentless on the field. He could play a number of line positions which helps our team."

Offensive Coordinator Del Miller on Quinones: "He is another big offensive lineman. He came to one of our camps during the summer and was a fairly early commitment. We feel very comfortable with him size-wise, he loves the game and enjoys playing. He could play guard or center, but is predominately a guard-type player."

■ Dominique Sandifer

Gardena, Calif. (Beverly Hills HS)
Wide Receiver
6-0, 180

One of two SDSU signees from Beverly Hills High School ... Team's leading receiver the past two seasons, catching 54 passes for 877 yards and three scores in 2007, and recording 52 receptions for 814 yards and six touchdowns in 2006 ... All-CIF pick, who also played on the defensive side of the ball for Normans' head coach Carter Paysinger ... Won the 110 and 300 meter hurdles at the Ocean League championships last year as a member of the track team ... Also considered Oregon, Washington State and Nevada.

Head Coach Chuck Long on Sandifer: "An excellent receiver who has excellent ball skills. He has a good feel for the game and competed in the hurdles in high school, which is conducive to wide receiver play. He has excellent poise and maturity."

Offensive Coordinator Del Miller on Sandifer: "He really fits the profile here at San Diego State. He's an excellent student along with being a standout wide receiver. Both he and Malcolm (Culver) have good speed, are very good route runners and excellent pass catchers."

■ D.J. Shields

Tight End
Bonita, Calif. (Bonita Vista HS)
6-4, 230

Rated 68th nationally among tight end recruits by *Scouts, Inc.* ... Played at Bonita Vista High School under head coach Carl Parrick ... Mesa League's Offensive Player of the Year in 2007 and also earned first-team all-CIF recognition ... Hauled in 44 passes for 532 yards and seven touchdowns his final season ... 2007 third-team all-Southern California by *GoldenStatePreps.com* ... Plays baseball and basketball for the Barons ... First-team all-league for basketball as a junior ... A standout student with a 4.0 GPA ... *San Diego Union-Tribune* all-academic team captain, who scored 1,820 on the SAT ... Plans to major in engineering ... Also recruited by New Mexico, UNLV, UTEP and Washington State.

Head Coach Chuck Long on Shields: "D.J. is a versatile tight end who is very intelligent. He has a great frame and certainly will get bigger. We will try and move him around the formation and is from a great program in Bonita Vista."

Offensive Coordinator Del Miller on Shields: "D.J. Shields is an outstanding football player and we really like his athleticism at the tight end position, and yet, he's an outstanding student with a high SAT score and a 4.0-plus GPA. He really fits the profile and has shined as a (pass-catching) tight end. He has very good hands and is a good route runner."

■ Colin Shumate

Las Vegas, Nev. (Las Vegas HS)
Linebacker
6-2, 225

Rated No. 47th as an inside linebacker by *Scouts, Inc.*, and the seventh-best recruit in the state of Nevada by *Scout.com* ... Awarded three stars and ranked 34th nationally as an inside linebacker on *Rivals.com* website ... Three-time first-team all-state pick ... Received defensive player-of-the-year honors in the all-Northeast Division this past season at Las Vegas High School ... First team all-sunrise region and all-Northeast Division in 2005-07 ... A hard-hitting player, who had over 10 sacks and 200 tackles in his final two campaigns ... Recorded 94 tackles, eight sacks and two forced fumbles in 2006, when he was the first junior team captain in school history ... Team won the state 4A championship in 2005 and 2006, going a combined 26-3 ... Wildcats were Sunrise Region champions and advanced to the state semifinals his senior year under coach Chris Faircloth ... Member of the track team ... Also received interest from Arizona State, Boise State, Colorado State and Wyoming.

Head Coach Chuck Long on Shumate: "Colin is a tough, hard-nosed linebacker who loves to hit. He has a nose for the football and has the ability to really make a big stop. You love guys like him, who have a steady demeanor, but are intense on the field."

Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator Bob Elliott on Shumate:

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“Colin Shumate is another bigger, more physical inside linebacker. We tried to get a little bit bigger with our linebackers this year and he fits that build.”

■ Henry Simon

Chula Vista, Calif. (Eastlake HS)

Defensive Lineman

6-3, 275

Earned first team all-league honors as a senior at Eastlake High School under head coach John McFadden ... Played both tight end and defensive line as a prep ... Helped his team advance to the 2007 CIF semifinals, ending up with an 8-3 record, including a 4-0 mark in the Mesa League to win the conference title ... Titans were 8-4 his junior season when he was an honorable mention all-league selection ... Is a member of Eastlake's basketball team ... Also considered TCU, UTEP and Colorado State.

Head Coach Chuck Long on Simon: “Henry is the prototypical collegiate defensive lineman when it comes to size, strength and power. Originally from Texas, so he grew up around football. A local product, we are excited about having Henry in the program.”

Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator Bob Elliott on Simon: “Henry Simon has the size that we are looking for in an interior defensive lineman. Henry hasn't played a whole lot of football in his life, so he has a lot of upside.”

■ Brian Stahovich

Solana Beach, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic HS)

Punter/Place-Kicker

6-0, 170

Ranked the No. 5 punter in the nation by *Scout.com* ... Is a member of the “Chris Sailer Kicking” top 12 list ... Eastern League Kicker of the Year and first-team all-league as a senior ... Had punts of 61 yards and two of 51 yards, as well as five extra point conversions and three touchbacks in a Cathedral Catholic win his senior year ... Cathedral won the CIF Div. III title this past season and ended up with a 10-2 record ... Had two tackles in the championship game as a defensive back ... Two-time *San Diego Union-Tribune* all-academic honoree ... Was the Dons' special teams player of the year as a sophomore and senior ... SDSU's first oral commitment of the 2008 class ... Also played lacrosse, garnering his team's most improved award in 2005 ... Considered Virginia during the recruiting process.

Head Coach Chuck Long on Stahovich: “We needed to add a kicker in this class and we feel like we got a good one in Brian. He is an all-around athlete who played defense in high school.”

Special Teams/Tight Ends Coach Toby Neinas on Stahovich: “Brian Stahovich, who is from right here at Cathedral Catholic High School, has got a lot of upside. He is potential unrealized. How quickly we can get

him to realize his potential will dictate how quickly he can make an impact on the program. But, he has already been able to hang the ball at 5.0, which is the big deal for punters.”

■ Josh Wade

San Diego, Calif. (Point Loma HS)

Defensive Back

6-0, 175

First team all-CIF this past season as a defensive back in helping Point Loma to the CIF Div. III title game ... Rushed for 1,100 yards and 13 touchdowns and recorded three interceptions on defense as a senior under coach Mike Hastings ... *CalHiSports.com* all-state first team pick on defense for the medium school division in 2007 ... Eastern League Offensive Player of the Year as a senior at running back ... *San Diego Union-Tribune* all-San Diego Section first team his final campaign ... Had 20 tackles, two interceptions and a fumble recovery on defense in 2006 ... Selected first team all-Western League as a running back in 2006 ... Averaged more than 7.5 yards per carry as a running back in 2007 ... Also ran track for the Pointers ... Received an offer from Colorado State, as well as interest from Cal, Oregon and Washington.

Head Coach Chuck Long on Wade: “Josh Wade is an excellent defensive back from right here at Point Loma. He can run, has good height and is very smart. We are excited about his potential and he will be a good player for us.”

Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator Bob Elliott on Wade: “Josh Wade is a corner from Point Loma High School and we are really excited about his speed and athleticism. He is a wonderful person from a good program.”

■ Taylor Wallace

Encino, Calif. (Crespi Carmelite HS/El Camino College)

Offensive Tackle

Junior, 6-5, 290

Signed with San Diego State in December ... Rated a three-star recruit by *Rivals.com* ... Garnered second team all-league honors this past season at El Camino under head coach and former Aztec John Featherstone ... El Camino won the Mission Conference's American Division title, finishing with an 8-2 record and earning a trip to the American Bowl in 2007 ... The Warriors also led the league in both rushing offense (217.3 ypg.) and were second in total offense (452.9 ypg.) ... Attended Crespi Carmelite High School in Encino, Calif., where he was an all-conference and all-CIF selection, while also competing in track and field ... Redshirted as a freshman at Utah State in 2005, before starting three games at right tackle in 2006.

Head Coach Chuck Long on Wallace: “Taylor is a junior college transfer who gives us immediate help at the tackle position because he has experience there. He has excellent size, great feet and has college experience.”

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Offensive Coordinator Del Miller on Wallace: "Taylor gives us some experience, especially since we lost both of our offensive tackles due to graduation. We are anxious to get him in this fall."

■ Drew Westling

Mission Viejo, Calif.

(Aliso Niguel HS/Southwestern College)

Quarterback

Junior, 6-2, 220

A veteran quarterback, who has seen action at the Division I level ... Signed with the Aztecs this past December and is currently attending classes ... Rated a three-star recruit by *Rivals.com* ... Spent the last season at Southwestern College in Chula Vista, Calif., under head coach Ed Carberry ... Completed over 53 percent of his passes for 2,087 yards and 14 touchdowns ... Named the Pacific Coast Conference athlete of the week on Nov. 11, after leading his team with 306 yards passing to a 20-17 victory over previously unbeaten Antelope Valley Originally signed with the University of Tulsa, redshirting as a true freshman, before seeing action in three games and completing his only pass attempt in 2006 ... Is a 2005 graduate of Aliso Niguel High School ... As a prep, was a three-year letterwinner, helping the Wolverines to a 10-2 record and a CIF quarterfinal appearance in 2004 ... Completed 216 of his 350 passes for 2,988 yards and 28 touchdowns to earn conference MVP honors his senior season ... National Football Foundation scholar-athlete.

Head Coach Chuck Long on Westling: "I have tracked Drew ever since Aliso Niguel High School. He is a winner. He has great work ethic and will not be outworked. We are excited to have him in the program."

Offensive Coordinator Del Miller on Westling: "Drew really fits as the type of player who coach Long and I want in this program. He has very strong leadership abilities, throws the ball well and can give us a little older player who can come in and challenge Ryan (Lindley) and Kelsey (Sokoloski)."

■ Ross Williams

Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif. (Mission Viejo HS)

Outside Linebacker

6-3, 200

Played at Mission Viejo High School under coach Bob Johnson ... First team all-league his junior year, helping the Diablos to a league title ... Missed most of last season with a back injury ... Older brother, Ryan, was a redshirt defensive lineman for the Aztecs last season after transferring from Ohio State ... Also looked at Colorado, San Jose State and UCLA.

Head Coach Chuck Long on Williams: "Ross was part of a very good program at Mission Viejo which produces Division I players every year. His brother Ryan will play for us this season and we are happy to have the family connection. Ross is a hard-nosed football player with great intensity every time he lines up."

Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator Bob Elliott on Williams:

"Ross Williams is an outside linebacker from up in Mission Viejo. He missed most of this year because of injury, but before the injury he was a really active and he is a speed player."