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SDSU Football Completes Short Spring Scrimmage Saturday

Aztecs run through just over 50 plays capping their third week of spring drills

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego State football team capped its third week of 2008 spring practice Saturday with a short intrasquad scrimmage at its on-campus practice facility. The Aztecs ran through just over 50 offensive plays under cloudy skies before completing the day with special teams drills.

“We didn’t score near enough today, but that is a highlight in itself because our defense played well,” said SDSU offensive coordinator Del Miller. “We had a few breakdowns, but we are very young. That comes with the territory.”

After coming up empty on its first four drives of the afternoon, the Aztec offense scored three times in its final five possessions, beginning with a 49-yard field goal by sophomore **Bryan Shields (Bonita, Calif.)** and finishing with a pair of touchdown receptions by wideout **Darren Mougey (Scottsdale, Ariz.)** and tight end **Tony DeMartinis (Sun Valley, Calif.)**.

The SDSU quarterbacks, junior **Drew Westling (Mission Viejo, Calif.)**, sophomore **Kelsey Sokoloski (Greenwood Village, Colo.)** and redshirt freshman **Ryan Lindley (Alpine, Calif.)**, got nearly equal snaps under center and combined to complete 18 of their 29 passes for 159 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions.

“I think all three of them are making pretty good progress,” Miller said. “I really like the things (Ryan) Lindley is doing. I think Drew (Westling) is pushing hard and just when I think Kelsey is out of it, he jumps back in there and does good things. They all have to be ready to play.”

Seven different receivers had at least one catch, led by junior **DeMarco Sampson’s (Chula Vista, Calif.)** four receptions for 31 yards and sophomore **Vincent Brown’s (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.)** three grabs for 41 yards.

The defense limited the offense to just 50 yards on the ground on 23 carries and had six tackles for a loss, including three sacks. Redshirt freshman linebacker **Miles Burris (Roseville, Calif.)** logged a team-best six stops with three of those behind the line of scrimmage. Four others had four tackles apiece for the defense.

Miller and defensive coordinator Bob Elliott filled in for head coach Chuck Long for the post scrimmage media interviews. Long attended the majority of practice before having to leave early to catch a flight for his father’s funeral on Monday in Illinois.

The Aztecs will have four practices next week, before traveling up north Saturday for the annual Red-Black game at Mission Hills High School in San Marcos, Calif., which is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. The Red-Black game will cap the Aztecs’ spring practice schedule and is open to the public.

-see attached stats and quotes-

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SCORING PLAYS

Bryan Shields 49-yard field goal (drive started on the offense 37-yard line)
Darren Mougey 10-yard pass from Ryan Lindley (drive started on the offense 37-yard line)
Tony DeMartinis 4-yard pass from Kelsey Sokoloski (drive started on the defense 25-yard line)

INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE STATISTICS

RUSHING TOTALS (carries-yards-touchdowns)

Brandon Sullivan 8-24-0, Kelsey Sokoloski 2-17-0, Tyler Campbell 3-12-0, Atiyah Henderson 3-10-0, John Rivera 2-4-0, Ryan Lindley 3-(minus 8)-0, Drew Westling 2-(minus 9)-0. **TOTALS 23-50-0.**

PASSING TOTALS (completions-attempts-interceptions yards touchdowns)

Drew Westling 5-7-0 62 0, Kelsey Sokoloski 8-11-0 50 1, Ryan Lindley 5-11-0 47 1. **TOTALS 18-29-0 159 2.**

RECEIVING TOTALS (number-yards-touchdowns)

DeMarco Sampson 4-31-0, Vincent Brown 3-41-0, Jon Toledo 3-23-0, Tony DeMartinis 3-15-1, Darren Mougey 2-19-1, Matthew Kawulok 2-9-0, Atiyah Henderson 1-21-0. **TOTALS 18-159-2.**

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

TACKLES (total-unassisted)

Miles Burns 6-4, Vincent Camarda 4-2, Jerry Milling 4-2, Travis Crawford 4-1, Siao Si Fifita 4-1, T.J. McKay 3-3, Russell Allen 3-2, B.J. Williams 3-1, Ryan Williams 3-1, Kwincy Edwards 2-1, Zach Shapiro 2-1, Jonathan Soto 2-1, Brandon Davis 2-0, Brandon Vannoy 2-0, Romeo Horn 1-1, Ernie Lawson 1-1, Peter Nelson 1-1, Demetrius Barksdale 1-0, Zach Clarke 1-0, Eric Ikonne 1-0, Luke Laolagi 1-0. **TOTALS 51-23.**

INTERCEPTIONS (total-yards)

none.

FORCED FUMBLES (number)

none.

FUMBLE RECOVERIES (total-yards)

none.

QUARTERBACK SACKS (total-yards)

Miles Burris 2-10, B.J. Williams 1-9. **TOTALS 3-19.**

TACKLES FOR LOSS (total-yards)

Miles Burris 3-11, B.J. Williams 1-9, Siao Si Fifita 1-8, Jonathan Soto 1-7. **TOTALS 6-35.**

TEAM PASSES BROKEN UP (number)

Travis Crawford 1. **TOTALS 1.**

SPECIAL TEAMS

FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS (made-attempt, individual attempt) *gd – good, wr – wide right*

Bryan Shields 7-8 (49 gd, 22 gd, 24 gd, 33 gd, 38 wr, 38 gd, 44 gd, 52 gd)

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SDSU Defensive Coordinator and Assistant Head Coach Bob Elliott

On redshirt freshman linebacker Miles Burris:

“We really like him. He has a good attitude. He lost his cool a little bit today but I like his spirit. He has a great future ahead of him. Playing linebacker is like playing quarterback, it is the most complicated position on the field. There are so many things going on and so many reactions with what we do. It just takes a while.”

On junior wide receiver DeMarco Sampson's ability to make players miss:

“He is a very elusive guy who is strong and big. He is a hard guy to tackle.”

On what he has liked this spring and today:

“I think B.J. Williams is really playing well and having a good spring. Ernie Lawson has had a good spring so far and Aaron Moore has been solid. Those guys all were solid today. B.J. has been the most explosive guy out there.”

SDSU Offensive Coordinator Del Miller

General thoughts on the scrimmage:

“We didn't score near enough today but that is a highlight in itself because our defense played well. We had a few breakdowns but we are very young. That comes with the territory. We are a young on the offensive line and we have a few receivers that are down so we have some young kids in there as well.”

On the ability to spread the ball around to different receivers:

“We are going to be able to spread the ball around. We just have to get a little more consistent. When we get everyone back on the field you will see a little more consistency.”

On the progress of the quarterbacks:

“I think all three of them are making pretty good progress. I really like the things (Ryan) Lindley is doing. I think Drew (Westling) is pushing hard and just when I think Kelsey is out of it he jumps back in there and does good things. They all have to be ready to play.”

Other positives from the scrimmage:

“We didn't throw any interceptions or turn the ball over. When we did have breakdowns, we did a good job of not compounding the problem. I was pleased with that. I think we ran a little more today and gain some toughness. Hopefully we made some progress in that area.”

On junior wide receiver DeMarco Sampson:

“DeMarco Sampson is a tough player that aggressively attacks the ball. There is a trust factor that weighs in there with the quarterbacks. They know that if there is a ball in his area that he is either going to make the catch, or nobody is going to make the catch. So consequently you can put the ball in a little tougher area with the confidence that nobody else is going to come down with it.”

SDSU Special Teams Coach Toby Neinas

General thoughts on the scrimmage and the spring:

“Bryan Shields has been kicking the ball well for points and we saw that today. I think that our punt return team continues to make very steady progress. Our punt team has shown signs of improvement recently and I like what we are doing on KOR, although we are still working on execution. I want to always have a finished product and I always want to be able to exchange the ball well and unless we are 100 percent perfect or it is wrong. But we have minimized the mistakes we were making earlier and I do feel we are making progress.”