

AZTEC FOOTBALL

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San Diego State Signing Day Notes

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008

TODAY

Today marks the beginning of the 2008 National Letter-of-Intent signing period, as high school seniors around the nation are allowed to sign on the dotted line beginning at 7 a.m. local time on Wednesday, Feb. 6. The signed letters are express mailed in, but can be received by fax and become official after being certified by the school's compliance office. The full team total cannot exceed 85 scholarships at any point or a maximum of 25 qualifiers in a single year. The list of signees and their biographies are available in this packet.

WHAT IS BACK, WHAT IS LOST

Lettermen Returning: 38 (17 offense, 21 defense 0 specialist)

Lettermen Lost: 21 (10 offense, 8 defense 3 specialist)

STARTERS RETURNING (11) - Offense 4: WR Vincent Brown (8/8), WR/QB Darren Mougey (9/6), OL Trask Iosefa (12/12), OL Mike Schmidt (13/11). **Defense 7:** LB Russell Allen (31/12), DB Vonnie Holmes (7/7), LB Luke Laolagi (12/12), DB Aaron Moore (14/11), LB Andrew Preston (9/9), DL Jonathan Soto (8/7), DE B.J. Williams (8/8).

RETURNING STARTERS BY 2008 CLASS: Seniors 4, Juniors 3, Sophomores 4.

STARTERS LOST (13) - Offense 9: OL Fred Amano (6/6), RB Brandon Bornes (22/7), OL Brandyn Dombrowski (35/6), OL Mike Kravetz (34/12), QB Kevin O'Connell (33/12), OL Will Robinson (38/12), WR Chaz Schilens (25/6), TE Steve Schmidt (11/11), WR Brett Swain (26/12). **Defense 4:** S Ray Bass (18/12), S Corey Boudreaux (12/12), DL Oman Nwansi (21/10), DL Nick Osborn (36/12).

SIGNING DAY NOTES

EARLY RISER - Helix High alum Brian Milholland was the first player to sign with the Aztecs today as his National Letter of Intent arrived at 7:11 a.m. PT, 11 minutes after the signing period officially opened. In all, six players faxed in their letter prior to 8 am. and the next to last letter was received from J.J. Autele at 10:29 a.m. PT. Autele has an excuse as he sent his letter from Hawaii, where the local time was 8:29 a.m.

FOUR-YEAR PLAYERS WELCOME - San Diego State signed 18 high-school players and three junior college players in the 2008 class. Although the three junior college player equal the most signed in Long's tenure (SDSU also signed three in 2006), it is a quite a difference from what the Aztecs did earlier in the decade. In three classes under Long, SDSU has averaged 2.3 junior college recruits after signing 70 players in the previous nine seasons (7.8 per year). From 1997 to 2005, the Aztecs inked no fewer than four junior college players in any one year and signed 10 or more on two occasions (2000 and 2002).

INTRA-STATE IMPORTS - Once again this season, a majority of the signees call California home. Of the 21 players who signed in the 2008 class, 17 are from California. For the fourth consecutive season the Aztecs signed at least one player from Hawaii and for the third straight year inked a player from Nevada. San Diego State signed a pair of players from Colorado and have had six players from the state sign in the last four seasons.

THE O-LINE - San Diego State signed six offense linemen this season, giving the Aztecs 13 players added at the position in the last two signing classes.

DISTRIBUTE EVENLY - SDSU signed at least one player in all seven position groupings (offensive line, quarterback, running back, tight end, wide receiver, defensive end, defensive line, linebackers, defensive backs and special teams) for the first time since 2003.

2008 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPONENT
Aug. 30	CAL POLY
Sept. 6	at Notre Dame
Sept. 13	at San Jose State
Sept. 27	IDAHO

HOME CONFERENCE GAMES: Air Force, Utah, UNLV, Colorado State

AWAY CONFERENCE GAMES: TCU, Brigham Young, New Mexico, Wyoming