



## ■ Don Coryell

Don Coryell, the innovative coach whose San Diego State Aztecs and San Diego Chargers teams featured some of the most dynamic passing attacks in the history of the sport, passed away on July 1, 2010, at the age of 85.

In 1961, San Diego State College director of athletics Bill Terry hired a little-known assistant from USC to take over as head coach of the Aztec football team. Twelve years later, Coryell left Montezuma Mesa for the National Football League, having made an indelible impact upon the San Diego State athletic program, upon the campus, on the San Diego community and, maybe most importantly, on college football.

Coryell, who had previously been a head coach at Whittier College, was a winner throughout his career. At San Diego State, he compiled an astounding 104-19-2 record, capturing two national college division championships along the way. During his dozen seasons at SDSU, the team posted winning streaks of 31 and 25 games and in only one campaign did the squad lose more than twice. In 1966 and 1969, the Aztecs completed unbeaten and untied seasons. San Diego State secured three bowl victories during Coryell's tenure.

It was Coryell who was the driving force in San Diego State's efforts to move from an NCAA college division (Division II) to a university division (Division I) program, a move that was brought to fruition in 1969.

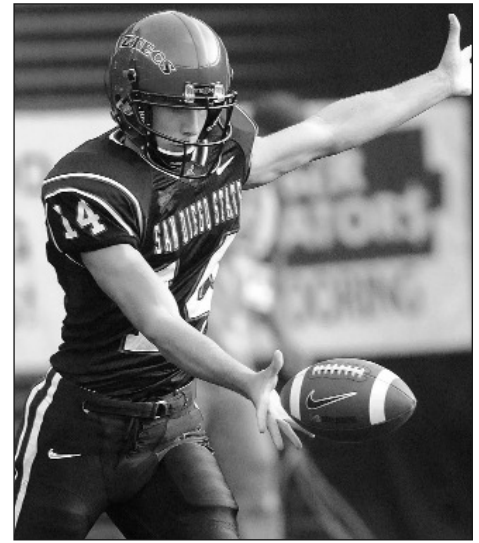
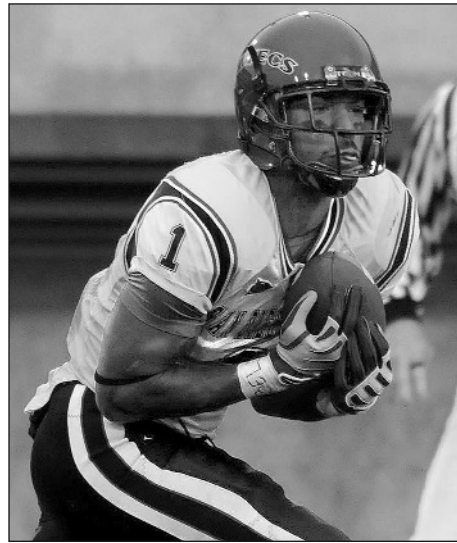
Apart from his record or the 42 players who were drafted by the NFL during his tenure, Coryell had his greatest impact in bringing the modern passing game to college football. He was the first collegiate coach to make the commitment to the forward pass as the base component of an offensive scheme and use it as the means to be successful. Coryell's "passing tree", with numerically assigned routes, simplified the teaching aspect of his system in coordinating pass patterns for quarterbacks and receivers.

He went on to coach for nine years in the NFL (St. Louis Cardinals and San Diego Chargers) and became the first coach to win 100 games at both the collegiate and professional levels.

Don Coryell was formally inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind., in 1999, and with his induction in 1988, he is a charter member of the Aztec Hall of Fame.

***Don Coryell pictured with current San Diego State assistant coach and former Aztec quarterback Brian Sipe from the 1971 season.***

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San Diego State returns three all-conference performers from the 2009 season. Above, left to right, are senior wide receiver Vincent Brown, senior wide receiver DeMarco Sampson and junior punter Brian Stahovich.



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SEPT. 4 - SAN DIEGO 5 p.m. PT		NICHOLLS STATE
SEPT. 11 - LAS CRUCES 6 p.m. MT		at NEW MEXICO STATE
SEPT. 18 - COLUMBIA TBA • TBD		at MISSOURI
SEPT. 25 - SAN DIEGO 5 p.m. PT		UTAH STATE
OCT. 9 - PROVO 4 p.m. MT • The Mtn. HD		at BRIGHAM YOUNG
OCT. 16 - SAN DIEGO 5 p.m. PT • CBS College HD		AIR FORCE
OCT. 23 - ALBUQUERQUE 8 p.m. MT • The Mtn. HD		at NEW MEXICO
OCT. 30 - LARAMIE Noon MT • The Mtn. HD		at WYOMING
NOV. 6 - SAN DIEGO 7 p.m. PT • The Mtn. HD		COLORADO STATE
NOV. 13 - FORT WORTH 3 p.m. CT • VERSUS HD		at TCU
NOV. 20 - SAN DIEGO 7 p.m. PT • The Mtn. HD		UTAH
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 Founded: ..... 1897  
 Enrollment: ..... 32,396  
 Nickname: ..... Aztecs  
 School Colors: ..... Scarlet (PMS 185) and Black  
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 Conference: ..... Mountain West  
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 Conference/Finish: ..... 2-6/7th  
 Starters Returning/Lost: ..... 18/8  
     Offense/Defense/Kickers Returning: ..... 9/8/1  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: ..... 44/25  
 Offensive System: ..... Pro-Style  
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Seasons of Football: ..... Entering 88th  
 First Year of Football: ..... 1921  
 All-Time Record: ..... 475-385-32  
 Conference Championships: ..... 18  
     1922, 1923, 1924, 1936, 1937, 1950, 1951, 1962, 1963,  
     1966, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1986, 1998  
 Bowl Games: ..... 8 (4-4)  
     1948, 1951, 1966, 1967, 1969, 1986, 1991, 1998  
 Division I Seasons: ..... Entering 42nd  
 Division I Record: ..... 243-222-8  
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Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Broadcast
Sept. 5	at UCLA	L	14-33	FS West
Sept. 12	Southern Utah	W	35-19	
Sept. 19	at Idaho	L	20-34	Channel 4 SD
Sept. 26	at Air Force*	L	14-26	The Mtn.
Oct. 3	New Mexico State	W	34-17	
Oct. 17	Brigham Young*	L	28-38	The Mtn.
Oct. 24	at Colorado State*	W	42-28	The Mtn.
Oct. 31	New Mexico*	W	23-20	CBS College Sports
Nov. 7	TCU*	L	12-55	VERSUS
Nov. 14	Wyoming*	L	27-30	The Mtn.
Nov. 21	at Utah*	L	7-38	VERSUS
Nov. 28	at UNLV*	L	24-28	The Mtn.

\* - Mountain West Conference game

# 2010 Season Preview

*Senior Vincent Brown has 140 career catches for 1,758 yards and 13 touchdowns in 31 outings.*



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# 2010 Season Outlook

Brady Hoke's first season on The Mesa led to tangible improvements. San Diego State doubled its win total from the previous year, posted the 14th-best scoring margin improvement and was two forgettable fourth quarters away from being bowl eligible for the first time since 1998.

All of those items are good, but what Hoke's first Aztec season will really be remembered for is the change in attitude.

"I think we made some growth as a team," Hoke said. "There were times when we played as a team that had toughness and a team that played with a passion with which you want to be playing the game. Obviously, when you lose the last four ball games, you don't finish games when you have an opportunity to, you have a bad taste in your mouth and you are ready to start focusing on the next season."

That focus that started after the 2009 campaign ended, continued into spring ball, and is continuing with summer workouts. The Aztecs know how close they were last season to appearing in a bowl game for the first time in 11 years. San Diego State won four games and was unable to close out outings against Wyoming (lost 30-27 after leading 27-6 in the fourth quarter) and UNLV (lost 28-24 after leading 24-14 in the fourth quarter).

Those hard lessons learned last season have resulted in a laser-type focus entering 2010.

"I think there's probably a little more maturity on this team by the upperclassmen," Hoke said. "I think part of that is going through the process and understanding how we want to practice and how we want to have meetings. Understanding the schemes themselves is probably better. At the same time there is a young group of guys who have some athleticism that we like, and they bring a little more excitement because of that athleticism."

The 2010 season is full of hope and promise. Some pre-season publications have even tabbed the Aztecs for a bowl game. With 19 starters back and an athletic group of newcomers ready to contribute, there is real hope for San Diego State to turn the corner.

## ■ The Aztec Offense

Despite a major physical change on the offensive side of the ball in 2009, San Diego State was still able to show tangible signs of improvement.

The Aztecs improved in most of the major categories, including scoring (49 points), total offense, first downs, third-down conversion and fourth-down conversion.

But the area that SDSU improved in the most in its first year, and an indication of where this staff hopes to move forward was in time of possession.

Last season, San Diego State increased its average time of possession by 1:31, helping keep the defense off of the field. That is indication of the philosophy of having a balanced offensive attack.

Those growing pains the offense experienced last season should prove to be helpful in 2010.

San Diego State starts the year by returning a two-year starter at quarterback, two career 1,000-yard receivers, a running back who has more than 1,000 yards gained and four returning starters on the offensive line.

That experience plus a year in the system should give SDSU an opportunity to make big strides on the offensive side of the ball.

"We will be ahead of where we were a year ago, obviously," Hoke said. "We should have a better understanding of the schemes as well as how we want to attack defenses within our scheme."

### QUARTERBACKS

**Returning players with starting experience: Ryan Lindley\***  
\* - denotes returning starter

One of the biggest reasons pundits have tabbed the Aztecs' football program as one on the rise in 2010 is having a two-year returning starter at quarterback. Junior Ryan Lindley hits the halfway point of his collegiate career with bigger career numbers than the numbers that many

all-conference signal callers have at the end their careers. A native of Alpine, Calif., Lindley has 23 starts, 5,707 passing yards and 39 touchdowns, despite playing in two completely different offensive systems in his two collegiate seasons.

It is hard not to be impressed with someone who threw for more than 3,000 yards, completed nearly 55 percent of his passes and notched 23 touchdown strikes as Lindley did as a sophomore in 2009. It is also safe to say that at times, he did not look completely comfortable in the more traditional, less wide-open offense that he saw during his entire high school career and his redshirt and freshman seasons at SDSU.

Several times, Lindley produced gigantic numbers like a six-touchdown, no-interception, 459-yard effort in the victory over Colorado State. It was efforts like that led to Lindley's selecting him the preseason MWC offensive player of the year and *Phil Steele Magazine* labeling him a preseason second-team all-conference performer in 2010.

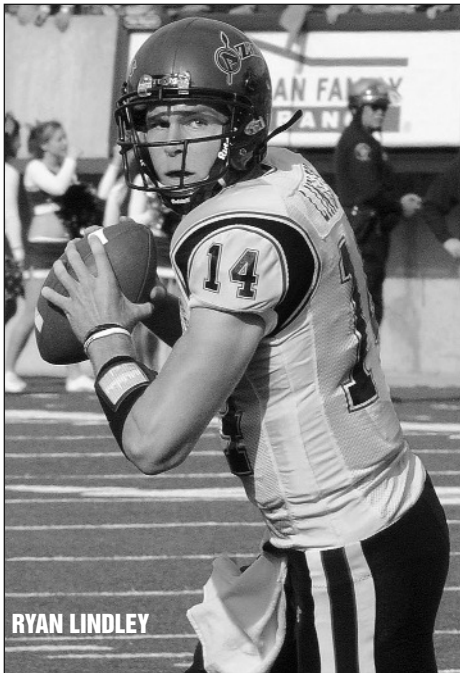
"A year ago, he probably threw some balls he wishes he had taken care of a little better," Hoke said. "I think the first time being under center in a new offense and having your eyes and your play-action game not being down the field initially, he got used to that. His mechanics are much improved and I think his level of confidence in the game is improved and getting closer to what we are trying to achieve. I am really excited about his development"

Don't underestimate Lindley's importance to the Aztecs' success. Last season, he threw 12 touchdowns and one interception in the Aztecs' four victories, while recording 11 touchdowns and 15 picks in SDSU's eight losses. His ability to continue to grow into offensive coordinator Al Borges' offensive scheme will be one of the keys in 2010.

Behind Lindley are two players who have yet to see game action – Ryne Clark and Jake Bernards. Both are redshirt freshmen and both will have a lot of eyes on them when San Diego State opens fall practice.

"Jake Bernards and Ryne Clark, right now, are the guys who will be fighting it out to see who is second," Hoke said





RYAN LINDLEY

## RUNNING BACKS

**Returning players with starting experience: Walter Kazee, Anthony Miller, Brandon Sullivan\* \*- denotes returning starter**

Ask most of the people who make a living out of telling you in the summer which teams are going to be good in the fall, and they will tell you San Diego State's success on offense will come down to one thing: the ability to run the football.

Brady Hoke and Al Borges made clear in year one, that San Diego State is once again committed to running the football. In 2009, the Aztecs rushed 328 times, a 15 percent increase in rushing attempts over the 2008 campaign. Despite the improvement, SDSU still ranked 116th in the country rushing the ball, marking the third consecutive season the Aztecs have rated 105th or lower in the category.

"We haven't been able to run the ball," Hoke said. "We are going to commit to be a 50-50 offense and take some of the game off our quarterback. One thing we don't want to do is put him in that position where he feels he has to win every game himself. We have got to be able to run the football and exert will as an offensive line. How we run the ball will have a big impact in the outcome of our games."

The days of struggling to move the ball on the ground may be coming to an end. This season, the Aztecs welcome back three players who have started at the running back positions, including senior Brandon Sullivan, who will move tailback to fullback. Sullivan led SDSU in rushing yards last season with 558 and produced two 100-yard efforts. He enters his senior campaign with 963 career rushing yards and seven rushing touchdowns to go along with 55 receptions for 441 yards and two scores.

Sophomore Anthony Miller will join Sullivan at the fullback position. Miller saw action in seven games, including two starts, last year as a true freshman and rushed for 81 yards on 35 carries. Redshirt freshman Chad Young is also listed on the pre-fall depth chart for fullback.

"I think number one, Brandon Sullivan moving to fullback is important because of what we will do with that position and what we'll do with the two-back sets," Hoke said. "Having him as a fullback bodes well and he has adapted very well. Anthony Miller is another guy we have moved inside and he has got some work ahead of him, but there were signs in the spring that he was mature and better."

At the tailback position, true freshman Ronnie Hillman finished spring ball as the leader followed by sophomore Wal-

ter Kazee and senior Davon Brown.

Hillman, who accounted for 2,104 yards rushing and receiving and averaged 12.9 yards per rush as a senior at La Habra High, is expected to see plenty of action as a freshman. Kazee, a sophomore who ran for 371 yards and a team-high 4.3 yards per rush in 2009, will provide San Diego State depth at the position.

"Walter Kazee got hurt in the spring, but is healthy now and doing a great job as is Davon," Hoke said. "Along with Ronnie, the trio of new guys including Deonte Williams, Adam Muema and Dwayne Garrett give us more depth and a chance to be better back there."

Kazee produced a pair of 100-yard rushing games last season, and ran the ball hard in the season finale at UNLV, when he carried 17 times for 112 yards against the Rebels.

The Aztecs have gone six consecutive seasons without producing a 1,000-yard rusher and that may not change this year, but that might not be a bad thing. San Diego State should have choices when it comes to distributing the ball in the backfield.

"We would like to have that lead guy, but I can't say we have that right now," Hoke said. "At the same time, some of them do a couple things better than others and so you have to have the right personnel on the field to take advantage of that."

## WIDE RECEIVERS

**Returning players with starting experience: Vincent Brown\*, Preston King, DeMarco Sampson\*, Dominique Sandifer\* \*- denotes returning starter**

San Diego State has a pair of receivers that won't take a back seat to anyone. Senior Vincent Brown was a semifinalist for the Biletnikoff Award last season and was among the national leaders in both receptions and receiving yards when he suffered a season-ending injury in the seventh game of the year. Meanwhile, senior DeMarco Sampson promptly stepped into his shoes and caught 15 passes for 257 yards and three touchdowns in Brown's first game out at CSU.

"Obviously, we play against good players in this league and to have both Vincent and DeMarco out on the field will be important," Hoke said. "We had them both out there a year ago and there was a confidence level that I think both of them got from playing together."

The injury gave Sampson the opportunity he had been



VINCENT BROWN



ALSTON UMUOLO

waiting for his entire career, and the result is that SDSU now has two of the nation's top playmakers in the country.

"DeMarco had a little bit of a break-out year when you look at what his body of work was," Hoke said. "When Vincent (Brown) went down, I thought he did a nice job of picking up some of the needed catches that had to be there. I think his route running has improved. That's a big part of the timing that you want to have in your offense. He has good length and I like the way he tracks and goes after the ball with his strength. Obviously, we are thrilled that he got a sixth year."

Brown enters his senior campaign with 140 catches, 1,758 receiving yards and 13 touchdowns. He had five 100-yard receiving efforts in the first six games of the 2009 campaign. He enters the season as the nation's sixth-best receiver according to *Lindy's* and the 10th-best wide out by *Phil Steele*. Sampson will start his final year on campus with 79 catches for 1,022 yards and 10 scores.

"We are excited Vince is back and he's healthy," Hoke said. "He has started out tremendously for us and had a good spring. Vincent possesses top-notch speed and has the ability to impact a game."

In addition to Sampson coming into the spotlight when Brown was injured last season, other receivers picked up additional playing time early in their careers. One of those who benefitted was sophomore Dominique Sandifer. Last season as a redshirt freshman, the Gardena, Calif. native caught 26 passes for 298 yards and two touchdowns – all in the final 10 games of the season.

"One key for us is to have that third guy and I think Dominique does that for us," Hoke said. "We really have to settle on the fifth, sixth and seventh receivers, guys you want to have out there who are young, athletic and willing to learn. We have two new receivers who could fit in those spots in Ezell Ruffin, who I am really excited about, and David Lama."

Senior Doug Deakin saw his first playing time of his career in 2009, and is joined on the depth chart by redshirt freshmen Osmond Nicholas and Dylan Denso, along with sophomore Preston King. All are players to keep an eye on.

"From a depth standpoint, Sandifer is a guy who has really come on after making some good catches a year ago," Hoke said. "Nicholas, who we redshirted last year, is a player we think has a lot of abilities. Denso is another guy that I think will be somebody who we are going to be really happy with and Deakin shows great leadership as a senior. They're probably not as experienced to some degree, but they'll give us good depth as we keep bringing them along."

**TIGHT ENDS**

**Returning players with starting experience: D.J. Shields, Alston Umuolo\***

\*. denotes returning starter

While the Aztec receiving duo and quarterback get most of the headlines, senior Alston Umuolo has built himself quite a reputation at tight end.

A native of Phoenix, Ariz., Umuolo started 11 of the 12 games SDSU played a year ago, recording 22 catches for 243 yards and three touchdowns. In 33 career contests, last season's third-team all-MWC performer by *Phil Steele* has 42 catches for 420 yards.

Umuolo enters his final campaign at San Diego State with lofty accolades, including preseason first-team all-conference honors by both *Athlon's* and *Phil Steele's* publications, which also rated him as the 15th-best tight end in the country.

"I think Alston really did some things a year ago that helped us as a football team and I think he gained some confidence as a result," Hoke said. "As you look at it, if opponents are going to double our two outside guys, Alston can be a tight end who is a hard match up with for a lot of people."

It would be easy to look at the quality depth SDSU possesses at the position. Sophomore D.J. Shields played in all 12 games as a redshirt freshman a year ago, getting the starting nod against Colorado State. He had 11 catches for 109 yards, including seven receptions in the final four games of the season.

**OFFENSIVE LINE**

**Returning players with starting experience: Tommie Draheim\*, Nik Embernate\*, Kurtis Gunther, Trask Iosefa\*, Alec Johnson, Mike Matamua\*, Erik Quinones, Emilio Rivera**

\*. denotes returning starter

The question gets asked all of the time - what impact has Brady Hoke had on the San Diego State football program? To find that answer, one need not look further than the offensive line.

Last season, Hoke and his right-hand man, strength and conditioning coach Aaron Wellman, instantly began a program of changing the physical and mental makeup of those individuals in the trenches. It started shortly after Hoke was hired on Dec. 16, 2008, when he made it abundantly clear that the strength and conditioning program would be a priority on The Mesa.



TRASK IOSEFA

The transition paid dividends last season, when San Diego State increased its scoring (49 points), total offense (354 yards) and decreased its sack total allowed (five sacks). But from an offensive line perspective, the most telling stat might be time of possession, where the Aztecs bettered their average by 1:33 per contest. Improving the running game, bettering the passing game and giving much needed rest for the other side of the ball are all priorities.

The good news is the majority of the O-line that got thrown into the mix last season, is back in 2010. Returning starters junior Tommie Draheim, junior Mike Matamua, senior Trask Iosefa and sophomore Nik Embernate all return for the Aztecs after starting a majority of games a year ago. Add to that mix, returning letterwinners junior Emilio Rivera, junior Kurtis Gunther and sophomore Alec Johnson, and the offensive line may be the most improved spot on the 2010 team.

"We are ahead of where we were a year ago," Hoke said. "Our line has a better understanding of the schemes and how we want to attack defenses within our scheme. I think up front offensively we are stronger. We have good experience with Trask, and Nik starting as a freshman and Tommie playing a lot of football as well as Mike Matamua and Alec Johnson, gives us a lot more depth within the scheme within our offense."

At left tackle, the Aztecs return Draheim, a junior from Lakeside, Calif., who started seven games and saw action in nine contests last season. He is backed up by senior Tom Rische.

At left guard, Matamua, a junior from Kapolei, Hawaii, earned good experience last season playing in 10 contests and getting the starting nod eight times. He is backed up by junior transfer Riley Gauld and redshirt freshman Japeth Gordon.

Iosefa, who has started all 36 games since arriving on campus from Ewa Beach, Hawaii, anchors the line at the center position. Iosefa has twice appeared on the Rimington Trophy watch list for the nation's top center. Sophomore Alec Johnson and redshirt freshman Zack Dillely are also listed at the spot.

"Trask has shown more signs of being a leader," Hoke said. "His influence will be important for our development and that is an expectation we have for all our seniors and he understands that."

The Aztecs have three returning letterwinners at right guard, starting with two-time letterman Rivera. Rivera played in nine contests a year ago and has played in 21 games in his two seasons on campus. Sophomore Embernate is back after starting the final eight games of his freshman campaign. Another sophomore, Erik Quinones, who played in six games and made two starts, is expected to contribute in 2010.

At right tackle, Kurtis Gunther returns after seeing considerable action as a freshman in 2008. He is backed up by junior transfer Juan Bolanos and returning letterwinner junior Kellen Farr.

In the addition to all of the returning players on the offensive line, the coaching staff also brought in two junior college players, ensuring that there will be plenty of competition when camp opens.

"I think there will be some great competition during fall camp on the O-line," Hoke said. "The work that the guys who weren't here in the spring do this summer is very important to how we are going to be offensively. I think that Juan Bolanos is a guy who is going to come in and compete at the right tackle position and Kurtis Gunther has made some great strides, as well as Emilio Rivera. That, coupled with two JC guys coming in, I think that gives us a chance of having a better team."

**■ The Aztec Defense**

In a year in which San Diego State radically changed its defensive philosophy to match that of defensive coordinator Rocky Long, the Aztecs made progress on the field, giving

up 80 fewer points last season than the team did in 2008.

With eight starters returning and an influx of redshirt freshmen in the secondary, the Aztecs should be in a position to make major strides under what many consider one of the top defensive minds in the country.

"I think just like the offense, our guys have a better feel now defensively for our style and for the intricacies of the defense along with reacting on the snap of the ball," Hoke said. "Rotating players in frequently gave us a lot of guys with a lot of snaps and it gave us athletes that now have a lot of experience."

The Aztecs return a majority of the starters up front and in the secondary. If the linebacker corps comes around and the new faces in the secondary perform as advertised, San Diego State should be much improved on this side of the ball.

**DEFENSIVE LINE**

**Returning players with starting experience: J.J. Autele, Ernie Lawson\*, Jerome Long, Neil Spencer, Jacob Tauanuu\*, B.J. Williams\***

\*. denotes returning starter

San Diego State may play a three-man defensive front, but defensive coordinator Rocky Long's defensive scheme makes depth imperative. With players rotating in and out on a set number of plays, plenty of people will see action on Saturdays.

That shouldn't be a problem for SDSU this season, with six players having a wealth of experience, combining for 11 letters of experience.

The Aztecs return all three starters on the defensive line from a year ago, but the biggest news comes in the form of junior Jerome Long, who has played in 23 career games but did not make a start a year ago.

"Up front defensively a move that has helped us, partly because of the growth of Jerome Long inside, is being able to move Ernie Lawson out to an end," Hoke said. "I think if Jerome hadn't grown as much as he did as a football player, we would have not been able to make that move."

The result gives SDSU four quality defensive ends. At one side of the depth chart is senior Ernie Lawson, who started all 12 games a year ago and has 17 career starts. Behind him, is junior J.J. Autele, who started three games last season and played in 11 contests in 2009.

"Moving Ernie outside gives us a stouter left side to our defense," Hoke said. "I think it also gives Ernie a little more



ERNIE LAWSON



one-on-one availability when you are looking at putting pressure on a quarterback."

Joining the junior Long at defensive tackle is classmate Neil Spencer. A native of Las Vegas, Spencer played in all 12 games in 2007.

"Jerome's instinct and reaction to the game is better and he is more physical," Hoke said. "He is going to be a 285 to 290-pound tackle inside who has good hands and understands fighting pressure. I think he brings us along."

At the other end, senior B.J. Williams is joined by senior Jacob Tauanu, who played in all 12 games a year ago and made 10 starts.

"The position change also allows us to move B.J. over at the right end," Hoke said. "He has played a lot of football for us, and that will give us a guy with experience who is a pretty good pass rusher. I think that will be a plus for us."

The best example of how much progress the defensive line made last season can be found in the opponents' average yards per rush. In 2008, SDSU allowed 5.1 yards per rush, which decreased to 3.9 a year ago. If the depth up front is as good as it appears on paper, that number could go lower in 2010.

"We have six guys we can rotate and we would like to find two other guys who are going to add something. Those players could emerge from among the incoming freshmen or in JC transfer Perry Jackson, who arrived in January," Hoke said. "It will be exciting to see what Jackson can do now that he is healthy after some early knee problems."

## LINEBACKERS

**Returning players with starting experience: Miles Burris\*, Logan Ketchum Marcus Yarbrough**  
\* - denotes returning starter

With just one returning starter at linebacker, a number of players will have an opportunity to earn time at a position that has been a springboard to the National Football League in recent years. Kirk Morrison, Freddy Keiaho and Russell Allen have all started in the NFL after playing the position at SDSU.

Senior Andrew Preston, who is one of San Diego State's most experienced players, is moving from linebacker to the Aztec position in the secondary. The move will allow some of SDSU's younger players the opportunity to see the field.

Two-year letterwinner Miles Burris returns at outside linebacker. A native of Granite Bay, Calif., Burris started 12 games a year ago and has 77 career stops in 24 games. Junior Demetrius Barksdale saw action in 11 games in 2009 at the position.

Senior Marcus Yarbrough is slated to start at middle linebacker. He has just one career start, but played in all 12 games a year ago, getting plenty of snaps at the position. He had 41 tackles in 2009 and owns 78 career stops in 33 games. Sophomore Rob Andrews is running behind Yarbrough on the depth chart.

At the other outside position, junior Logan Ketchum, who saw action in nine games and made one start last season, is on the top line of the depth chart followed by sophomore Colin Shumate.

"We have some experience at the two outside positions with Miles Burris and Logan Ketchum, who missed the latter half of the season with a knee injury," Hoke said. "Both those guys bring a lot of snaps and a lot of experience. Marcus Yarbrough got a lot of snaps and Rob Andrews saw significant playing time a year ago. I am really excited about Colin Shumate and how his spring went. Demetrius Barksdale and young Jacob Driver and Nick Tenhaeff are guys who we would also like to see in the mix."

## SECONDARY

**Returning players with starting experience: Brandon Davis\*, Dey Juan Hemmings\*, Leon McFadden\*, Jose Perez\***  
\* - denotes returning starter

## ANDREW PRESTON



In Rocky Long's defensive scheme, there are typically five secondary players on the field at any given time. Of course, trying to locate where they are on the field can be a challenge.

San Diego State returns four starters here and adds plenty of talented new faces which should provide it with a much improved secondary in 2010.

In Long's defense, it all starts with the Aztec position, designed for the type of overall athletic player who can drop into a three-point stance and rush the passer, as well as line up and play a wide out straight up. In 2010, that position will be filled by converted linebacker Andrew Preston. A native of Centennial, Colo., Preston played in 12 games last season and has seen action in 35 contests in his career with 200 tackles, including 14.5 tackles for loss.

"Andrew has good speed, good athleticism and the sound football instinct that is required at that position," Hoke said. "I think moving him to the Aztec position makes us a better defense because of his ability to make tackles and make plays. He can cover guys."

At the warrior positions, SDSU welcomes back another returning starter in junior Brandon Davis. Davis, a two-year letterwinner, started eight games and saw action in 11 contests in 2009, recording 33 stops and five passes broken up. Behind Davis at one warrior spot is junior Vincent Camarda, as well as a pair of newcomers – redshirt freshmen Marcus Andrews and Colin Lockett.

At the other warrior position, senior Darryn Lewis earned the top spot on the depth chart, although don't be surprised if senior Dey Juan Hemmings reclaims his starting position by the time the season rolls around. Hemmings missed spring ball due to injury, allowing Lewis to ascend to the top line on the depth chart. Hemmings, a three-time letterwinner, started nine games last season and recorded his first career interception in the victory over New Mexico State.

San Diego State has very good depth at the two corner positions, with starters in sophomore Leon McFadden and senior Jose Perez both returning. They are backed up by junior Romeo Horn, sophomore Josh Wade (played all 12 games last season) and junior Larry Parker (played all 12 games last season).

"I think both Jose and Leon are playmakers," Hoke said. "Jose focused in and gained some valuable experience a year ago. We think that Leon, athletically, is a guy who can do an awful lot for us. So with those two along with Romeo Horn

being healthy this year, plus Josh White and Larry Parker, we are in great shape. I also wouldn't be surprised if we get some help from a couple freshmen in J.J. Whittaker, Mahbu Keels or King Holder, all of whom are very athletic."

## ■ The Aztec Special Teams

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

\* - denotes returning starter

San Diego State has a mix of some of the nation's most proven performers in the punt game, but will enter fall camp without a player who has attempted a field goal in a competitive contest as an Aztec.

Brian Stahovich has established himself as one of the nation's top punters. Last season, the junior averaged 43.8 yards per punt and had 17 boots of 50 or more yards with 13 punts downed inside the 20-yard line. He enters his junior campaign as a consensus first-team all-conference preseason selection.

"Brian helped us in some games a year ago," Hoke said. "I think we won some games last season because of his ability to place the ball or drive the ball when needed."

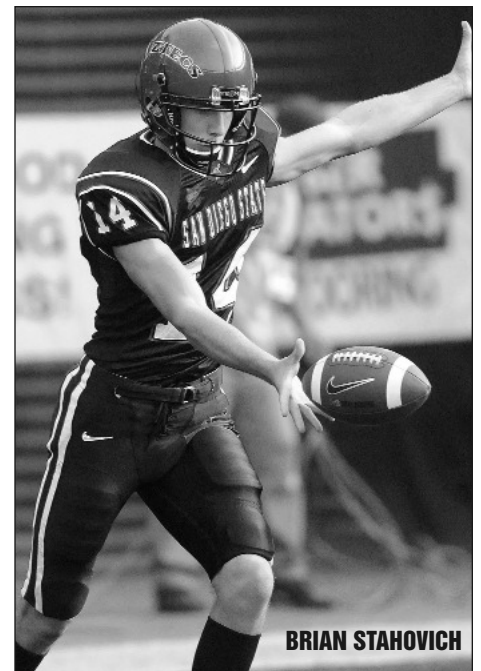
In addition, long snapper junior Aaron Brewer returns for his third year of filling that role on the team.

"I think we have an extremely good punter and long snapper," Hoke said. "You can't ever sell your long snapper short for the work that he does. Aaron did a good job in getting down the field and making some plays."

If you are looking for a battle to watch during fall camp, place-kicking duties will be up in the air. Senior Bryan Shields will battle for the spot with junior college transfer Abel Perez.

"With our place kicking, Bryan Shields is back and did some kick-offs early in the year," Hoke said. "Abel Perez is a guy who is going to get an early look. He has a very powerful leg and is a strong kick-off guy. Hopefully, he is going to keep maturing and working hard on his accuracy on field goals. He could do both (kick-off and field goal). This is a position where we are going to have a lot of competition during fall camp."

Once again this season, San Diego State will determine its kickoff and punt returners in fall camp.



**BRIAN STAHOVICH**

# Aztec Roster

## Alphabetical

No.	Name	Pos.
26	Andrews, Marcus	DB
44	Andrews, Rob	LB
49	Autele, J.J.	DL
54	Barksdale, Demetrius	LB
92	Beed, Everett	DL
86	Ben-Ron, Jesse	TE
20	Berhe, Nat	DB
12	Bernards, Jake	QB
77	Bolanos, Juan	OL
58	Brewer, Aaron	LS
30	Brown, Davon	RB
80	Brown, Vincent	WR
9	Burriss, Miles	LB
32	Camarda, Vincent	DB
16	Clark, Ryne	QB
67	Corbett, Garrett	OL
11	Davis, Brandon	DB
17	Deakin, Doug	WR
84	Denso, Dylan	WR
64	Dilley, Zach	OL
13	Dingwell, Adam	QB
60	Draheim, Tommie	OL
46	Driver, Jacob	LB
68	Embermate, Nik	OL
88	Escobar, Gavin	TE
73	Farr, Kellen	OL
56	Fely, Jake	LB
19	Forni, Chris	QB
98	Galea, Cody	DL
96	Galea'i, Kenneth	DL
35	Garrett, Dwayne	RB
66	Gauld, Riley	OL
57	Gavert, Josh	LB
45	Ghandour, John	TE
93	Gibbs, Larry	DL
50	Gordert, Chris	DL
65	Gordon, Japheth	OL
75	Grassilli, Leo	OL
1	Gregorio, Andy	DB
21	Gregorio, Robert	RB
79	Gunther, Kurtis	OL
37	Harris, Vaness	LB
43	Heers, Brice	FB
5	Hemmings, Dey Juan	DB
89	Hewitt, Hunter	TE
22	Hillman, Ronnie	RB
35	Holder, King	DB
4	Horn, Romeo	DB
50	Iosefa, Trask	OL
95	Jackson, Perry	DL
71	Johnson, Alec	OL
81	Jones, Marven	WR
31	Kazee, Walter	RB
21	Keels, Mahbu	DB
31	Ketchum, Logan	LB
2	King, Preston	DB
40	Lamar, David	WR
99	Lawson, Ernie	DL
6	Lemon, Gabe	DB
3	Lewis, Darryn	DB
14	Lindley, Ryan	QB
24	Lockett, Colin	DB

## Numerical

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School/College)
1	Andy Gregorio	DB	5-9	190	Sr.	SQ	Rolling Hills, Calif. (Palos Verdes High)
1	DeMarco Sampson	WR	6-2	205	Sr.	3L	Chula Vista, Calif. (Castle Park High)
2	Preston King	WR	5-10	170	So.	1L	Dove Canyon, Calif. (Tesoro High)
2	Leon McFadden	DB	5-10	180	So.	1L	Inglewood, Calif. (St. John Bosco High)
3	Darryn Lewis	DB	5-9	170	Sr.	2L	Elk Grove, Calif. (Franklin High)
4	Romeo Horn	DB	6-0	185	Jr.	2L	Fresno, Calif. (Edison High)
4	Dominique Sandifer	WR	6-0	190	So.	1L	Gardena, Calif. (Beverly Hills High)
5	Dey Juan Hemmings	DB	5-11	205	Sr.	3L	San Bernardino, Calif. (Rialto High)
6	Gabe Lemon	DB	5-10	190	Fr.	RS	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Lutheran High)
7	Larry Parker	DB	5-11	170	Jr.	1L	San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine High/Grossmont JC)
7	Alston Umuolo	TE	6-4	255	Sr.	3L	Phoenix, Ariz. (Centennial High)
9	Miles Burriss	LB	6-2	235	Jr.	2L	Granite Bay, Calif. (Granite Bay High)
10	Josh O'Brien	TE	6-4	230	Sr.	SQ	Del Mar, Calif. (Santa Fe Christian High)
11	Brandon Davis	DB	6-2	190	Jr.	2L	Oakland, Calif. (Castlemont High)
12	Jake Bernards	QB	6-5	210	Fr.	RS	Valencia, Calif. (West Ranch High)
13	Adam Dingwell	QB	6-4	195	Fr.	HS	Rockwall, Texas (Rockwall High)
14	Ryan Lindley	QB	6-4	220	Jr.	2L	Alpine, Calif. (El Capitan High)
14	Brian Stahovich	P	6-0	190	Jr.	2L	Solana Beach, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic High)
15	Jose Perez	DB	6-1	180	Sr.	2L	Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside High)
16	Ryne Clark	QB	6-2	205	Fr.	RS	Palm Desert, Calif. (Palm Desert High)
17	Doug Deakin	WR	6-0	185	Sr.	1L	Oak Park, Calif. (Oak Park High)
17	Josh Wade	DB	6-0	180	So.	1L	San Diego, Calif. (Point Loma High)
18	Colton Morrison	QB	6-5	210	Fr.	HS	Oceanside, Calif. (El Camino High)
19	Chris Forni	QB	6-3	190	Jr.	TR	Petaluma, Calif. (Casa Grande High/San Francisco CC)
20	Nat Berhe	DB	5-10	185	Fr.	RS	Colton, Calif. (Colton High)
21	Robert Gregorio	RB	5-10	170	So.	SQ	Rolling Hills, Calif. (Palos Verdes High)
21	Mahbu Keels	DB	6-1	170	Fr.	HS	San Diego, Calif. (Mission Bay High)
22	Ronnie Hillman	RB	5-10	185	Fr.	HS	La Habra, Calif. (La Habra High)
22	Andrew Preston	DB	6-1	210	Sr.	3L	Centennial, Colo. (Arapahoe High)
23	Brandon Sullivan	RB	5-11	215	Sr.	3L	Poway, Calif. (Poway High)
24	Colin Lockett	DB	6-0	185	Fr.	RS	Diamond Bar, Calif. (Diamond Bar High)
26	Marcus Andrews	DB	6-0	190	Fr.	RS	Los Angeles, Calif. (Crenshaw High)
27	Eric Pinkins	DB	6-3	200	So.	1L	Sacramento, Calif. (Inderkum High)
29	Derek Mack	DB	5-7	160	So.	SQ	Spring Valley, Calif. (Otay Ranch High)
29	Bryan Shields	K	6-1	195	Sr.	SQ	Bonita, Calif. (Bonita Vista High/Utah State)
30	Davon Brown	RB	5-9	190	Sr.	3L	Torrance, Calif. (South High)
31	Walter Kazee	RB	5-9	180	So.	1L	San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon High)
31	Logan Ketchum	LB	6-3	220	Jr.	1L	Oak Park, Calif. (Oak Park High)
32	Vincent Camarda	DB	6-2	205	Jr.	1L	San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic High)
32	Anthony Miller	RB	6-0	225	So.	1L	Dallas, Texas (Carter High)
33	Colin Shumate	LB	6-2	220	So.	SQ	Las Vegas, Nev. (Las Vegas High)
34	J.J. Whittaker	DB	5-10	175	Fr.	HS	Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside High)
34	Deonte Williams	RB	5-10	190	Jr.	TR	Roseville, Calif. (Pleasant Grove High/No. Arizona Univ/Sierra College)
35	Dwayne Garrett	RB	6-0	180	Fr.	HS	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral High)
35	King Holder	DB	5-10	170	Fr.	HS	Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside High)
36	Nick Tenhaeff	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	RS	Atascadero, Calif. (Atascadero High)
36	Chad Young	FB	5-11	240	Fr.	RS	La Verne, Calif. (Glendora High)
37	Vaness Harris	LB	6-2	245	Fr.	RS	Los Angeles, Calif. (Dorsey High)
38	Abel Perez	K	6-1	225	Jr.	TR	Chula Vista, Calif. (Castle Park High/Southwestern College)
39	Adam Muema	RB	5-10	205	Fr.	HS	Covina, Calif. (Charter Oak High)
39	Rene Siluano	DB	5-10	190	Fr.	HS	Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside High)
40	David Lamar	WR	6-2	170	Fr.	HS	San Diego, Calif. (Madison High)
41	Khalid Stevens	DB	5-11	195	So.	SQ	Pacific Palisades, Calif. (Palisades High)
43	Brice Heers	FB	5-11	215	Fr.	RS	Encinitas, Calif. (Santa Fe Christian High)
43	Ross Williams	DB	6-3	210	So.	SQ	Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif. (Mission Viejo High)
44	Rob Andrews	LB	6-2	220	So.	1L	Pleasanton, Calif. (Foothill High)
45	John Ghandour	TE	6-4	245	Fr.	HS	La Habra, Calif. (La Habra High)
46	Jacob Driver	LB	6-2	205	Fr.	RS	Carlsbad, Calif. (La Costa Canyon High)
47	Jacob Tauanuu	DL	6-1	260	Sr.	1L	San Diego, Calif. (Helix High/UAB)
48	Eron Moses	DL	6-4	250	Jr.	SQ	Yorba Linda, Calif. (Esperanza High)
49	J.J. Autele	DL	6-1	250	Jr.	1L	Waipahu, Hawaii (Punahou High)
50	Chris Gordert	LB	6-0	230	So.	SQ	Honolulu, Hawaii (Mira Mesa High (Calif.))

## Numerical

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School/College)
50	Trask Iosefa	OL	6-0	300	Sr.	3L	Ewa Beach, Hawaii (Punahou High)
51	Jimmy Miller	OL	6-3	290	So.	SQ	Denver, Colo. (J.K. Mullen High)
52	Marcus Yarbrough	LB	6-2	230	Sr.	3L	San Diego, Calif. (Eastlake High)
53	Emilio Rivera	OL	6-4	305	Jr.	2L	Sylmar, Calif. (Sylmar High)
54	Demetrius Barksdale	LB	6-3	210	Jr.	1L	San Diego, Calif. (University City High)
55	Neil Spencer	DL	6-2	280	Jr.	1L	Las Vegas, Nev. (Cimarron-Memorial High)
56	Jake Fely	LB	5-10	205	Fr.	HS	Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside High)
57	Josh Gavert	LB	6-2	190	Fr.	HS	Lakewood, Calif. (Mayfair High)
58	Aaron Brewer	LS	6-5	215	Jr.	2L	Fullerton, Calif. (Troy High)
59	Jordan Thomas	DL	6-1	240	Fr.	HS	Redlands, Calif. (Redlands High)
60	Tommie Draheim	OL	6-4	300	Jr.	1L	Lakeside, Calif. (El Capitan High)
64	Zack Diley	OL	6-5	280	Fr.	HS	Menifee, Calif. (Paloma Valley High)
65	Japheth Gordon	OL	6-3	285	Fr.	RS	Canyon Country, Calif. (Canyon High)
66	Riley Gauld	OL	6-5	300	Jr.	TR	Santa Maria, Calif. (Santa Ynez High/Allan Hancock College)
67	Garrett Corbett	OL	6-5	270	Fr.	HS	Sparks, Nev. (Reed High)
68	Nik Embernate	OL	6-4	305	So.	1L	Yucaipa, Calif. (Yucaipa High)
69	Erik Quinones	OL	6-3	295	So.	1L	Canyon Lake, Calif. (Temescal Canyon High)
70	Juan Roman	OL	6-3	280	Fr.	RS	San Diego, Calif. (Serra High)
71	Alec Johnson	OL	6-3	295	So.	SQ	Denver, Colo. (J.K. Mullen High)
72	Tom Rische	OL	6-4	305	Sr.	SQ	Fresno, Calif. (Bullard High)
73	Kellen Farr	OL	6-7	300	Jr.	1L	Mesa, Ariz. (Red Mountain High)
74	Mike Matamua	OL	6-4	300	Jr.	1L	Kapolei, Hawaii (Kapolei High)
75	Leo Grassilli	OL	6-3	290	Jr.	SQ	Woodbridge, Va. (Hylton High)
77	Juan Bolanos	OL	6-7	340	Jr.	TR	El Cajon, Calif. (Mount Miguel High/Grossmont College)
79	Kurtis Gunther	OL	6-8	290	Jr.	1L	Camarillo, Calif. (Adolfo Camarillo High)
80	Vincent Brown	WR	6-0	195	Sr.	3L	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga High)
81	Marven Jones	WR	6-4	205	Fr.	RS	San Diego, Calif. (Kearny High)
82	Ezell Ruffin	WR	6-1	190	Fr.	HS	Long Beach, Calif. (Woodrow Wilson High)
83	Osmond Nicholas	WR	6-3	210	Fr.	RS	Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside High)
84	Dylan Denso	WR	6-2	205	Fr.	RS	Dana Point, Calif. (Dana Hills High)
85	D.J. Shields	TE	6-4	240	So.	1L	Bonita, Calif. (Bonita Vista High)
86	Jesse Ben-Ron	TE	6-3	245	Fr.	RS	Anaheim, Calif. (Loara High)
87	Bryce Quigley	TE	6-5	240	Fr.	HS	Apple Valley, Calif. (Granite Hills High)
88	Gavin Escobar	TE	6-6	245	Fr.	RS	Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif. (Santa Margarita Catholic High)
89	Hunter Hewitt	TE	6-5	245	So.	1L	Lafayette, Calif. (Acalanes High)
90	B.J. Williams	DL	6-3	250	Sr.	3L	Aurora, Colo. (Eaglecrest High)
91	Frederick Trujillo	DL	6-1	225	So.	SQ	Albuquerque, N.M. (Highland High)
92	Everett Beed	DL	6-3	225	Fr.	HS	Phelan, Calif. (Serrano High)
93	Larry Gibbs	DL	6-0	245	Jr.	SQ	Riverside, Calif. (Riverside Ramona High)
94	Jerome Long	DL	6-5	280	Jr.	2L	Los Osos, Calif. (Morro Bay High)
95	Perry Jackson	DL	6-2	245	Jr.	TR	Roseville, Calif. (Laguna Creek High/Sierra JC)
96	Kenneth Galea'i	DL	6-1	280	Fr.	HS	Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside High)
97	Dontrell Onuahu	DL	6-2	285	Fr.	HS	La Quinta, Calif. (La Quinta High)
98	Cody Galea	DL/LB	6-3	240	Fr.	HS	Elk Grove, Calif. (Franklin High)
99	Ernie Lawson	DL	6-3	275	Sr.	3L	Vallejo, Calif. (St. Patrick-St. Vincent High)

## Alphabetical

No.	Name	Pos.
94	Long, Jerome	DL
29 ♦	Mack, Derek	DB
74	Matamua, Mike	OL
2 ♦	McFadden, Leon	DB
32 ♦	Miller, Anthony	RB
51	Miller, Jimmy	OL
18	Morrison, Colton	QB
48	Moses, Eron	DL
39 ♦	Muema, Adam	RB
83	Nicholas, Osmond	WR
10	O'Brien, Josh	TE
97	Onuahu, Dontrell	DL
7 ♦	Parker, Larry	DB
38	Perez, Abel	K
15	Perez, Jose	DB
27	Pinkins, Eric	DB
22 ♦	Preston, Andrew	DB
87	Quigley, Bryce	TE
69	Quinones, Erik	OL
72	Rische, Tom	OL
53	Rivera, Emilio	OL
70	Roman, Juan	OL
82	Ruffin, Ezell	WR
1 ♦	Sampson, DeMarco	WR
4 ♦	Sandifer, Dominique	WR
29 ♦	Shields, Bryan	K
85	Shields, D.J.	TE
33	Shumate, Colin	LB
39 ♦	Siluanu, Rene	DB
55	Spencer, Neil	DL
14 ♦	Stahovich, Brian	P
41	Stevens, Khalid	DB
23	Sullivan, Brandon	RB
47	Tauanuu, Jacob	DL
36 ♦	Tenhaeff, Nick	LB
59	Thomas, Jordan	DL
91	Trujillo, Frederick	DL
7 ♦	Umuolo, Alston	TE
17 ♦	Wade, Josh	DB
34 ♦	Whittaker, J.J.	DB
90	Williams, B.J.	DL
34 ♦	Williams, Deonte	RB
43 ♦	Williams, Ross	DB
52	Yarbrough, Marcus	LB
36 ♦	Young, Chad	FB

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## The Coaching Staff

**Brady Hoke** (Ball State '82) Head Coach/Defensive Line, 2nd season; **Al Borges** (Chico State '81) Offensive Coordinator, 2nd season; **Rocky Long** (New Mexico '74), Defensive Coordinator, 2nd season; **Jeff Hecklinski** (Western Illinois '97) Assistant Head Coach/Running Backs/Recruiting Coordinator, 2nd season; **Dan Ferrigno** (San Francisco State '75) Tight Ends/Special Teams, 2nd season; **Darrell Funk** (Colorado State '88) Offensive Line, 2nd season; **LeCharis McDaniel** (Cal Poly '81) Wide Receivers, 10th season; **Brian Sipe** (San Diego State) Quarterbacks, 2nd season; **Mark Smith** (Purdue '79) Linebackers, 2nd season; **Tony White** (UCLA '02) Cornerbacks, 2nd season; **Bob Lopez** (Illinois State '77) Director of Football Operations, 3rd season.

## Pronunciation Guide

J.J. Autele	all-tell-EE
Nat Berhe	nat bur-HEY
Davon Brown	duh-VAUGHN
Vincent Camarda	cuh-MARD-uh
Doug Deakin	DEE-kin
Tommie Draheim	DRAY-hime
Jake Fely	Fee-lee
Cody Galea	go-LAY-uh
Kenneth Galea'i	nah-LEE-ah-E
Josh Gavert	GAV-ert
Chris Gordert	GORE-dert
Leo Grassilli	gruh-SILL-ee

Robert/Andy Gregorio	greh-gore-EE-o
Japheth Gordon	JAW-phet (like prophet)
Trask Iosefa	i-o-SEF-uh
Walter Kazee	KAY-zz
Mahbu Keels	Keels (like heels)
Mike Matamua	mah-tah-MOO-uh
Eron Moses	Aaron
Adam Muema	MOO-emma
Dontrell Onuahu	on-nuh-HO
Erik Quinones	KEEN-own-is
Tom Rische	rish-EE
Ezell Ruffin	EE-zell

DeMarco Sampson	duh-mark-O
Rene Siluanu	See-lou-ah-no
Brian Stahovich	stuh-HOV-itch
Khalid Stevens	kuh-LEAD
Nick Tenhaeff	tin-OFF
Alston Umuolo	ALL-stun OO-moo-low
Marcus Yarbrough	yar-BRO

# Aztec Depth Chart

## OFFENSE

### LEFT TACKLE (LT)

- 60 **Tommie Draheim, 6-4, 300, Jr.\***  
72 Tom Rische, 6-4, 305, Sr.-SQ

### LEFT GUARD (LG)

- 74 **Mike Matamua, 6-4, 300, Jr.\***  
66 Riley Gauld, 6-5, 300, Jr.-TR  
65 Japheth Gordon, 6-3, 285, Fr.-RS

### CENTER (C)

- 50 **Trask Iosefa, 6-0, 300, Sr.\*\*\***  
71 Alec Johnson, 6-3, 295, So.-SQ  
64 Zack Dilley, 6-5, 280, Fr.-HS

### RIGHT GUARD (RG)

- 53 Emilio Rivera, 6-4, 305, Jr.\*\*  
68 **Nik Embemate, 6-4, 305, So.\***  
69 Erik Quinones, 6-3, 295, So.\*

### RIGHT TACKLE (RT)

- 79 Kurtis Gunther, 6-8, 290, Jr.\*  
77 Juan Bolanos, 6-7, 340, Jr.-TR  
73 Kellen Farr, 6-7, 300, Jr.\*

### WIDE RECEIVER (X)

- 80 **Vincent Brown, 6-0, 195, Sr.\*\*\***  
83 Osmond Nicholas, 6-3, 210, Fr.-RS  
2 Preston King, 5-10, 170, So.\*

### TIGHT END (Y)

- 7 **Alston Umuolo, 6-4, 255, Sr.\*\*\***  
85 D.J. Shields, 6-4, 240, So.\*  
88 Gavin Escobar, 6-6, 245, Fr.-RS

### WIDE RECEIVER (Z)

- 1 **DeMarco Sampson, 6-2, 205, Sr.\*\***  
4 Dominique Sandifer, 6-0, 190, So.\*  
17 Doug Deakin, 6-0, 185, Sr.\*

### RUNNING BACK (RB)

- 22 Ronnie Hillman, 5-10, 185, Fr.-HS  
31 Walter Kazee, 5-9, 180, So.\*  
30 Davon Brown, 5-9, 190, Sr.\*\*\*

### FULLBACK (FB)

- 23 **Brandon Sullivan, 5-11, 215, Sr.\*\*\***  
32 Anthony Miller, 6-0, 225, So.\*  
36 Chad Young, 5-11, 240, Fr.-RS

### QUARTERBACK (QB)

- 14 **Ryan Lindley, 6-4, 220, Jr.\*\***  
16 Ryne Clark, 6-2, 205, Fr.-RS  
12 Jake Bernards, 6-5, 210, Fr.-RS

## DEFENSE

### DEFENSIVE END (DE)

- 99 **Ernie Lawson, 6-3, 275, Sr.\*\*\***  
49 J.J. Autele, 6-1, 250, Jr.\*  
48 Eron Moses, 6-4, 250, Jr.-SQ

### DEFENSIVE TACKLE (DT)

- 94 Jerome Long, 6-5, 280, Jr.\*\*  
55 Neil Spencer, 6-2, 280, Jr.\*  
91 Frederick Trujillo, 6-1, 225, So.-SQ

### DEFENSIVE END (DE)

- 90 **B.J. Williams, 6-3, 250, Sr.\*\*\***  
47 **Jacob Tauanuu, 6-1, 260, Sr.\***  
93 Larry Gibbs, 6-0, 245, Jr.-SQ

### LINEBACKER (LB)

- 31 Logan Ketchum, 6-3, 220, Jr.\*  
33 Colin Shumate, 6-2, 220, So.-SQ  
36 Nick Tenhaeff, 6-2, 210, Fr.-RS

### MIDDLE LINEBACKER (MLB)

- 52 Marcus Yarbrough, 6-2, 230, Sr.\*\*\*  
44 Rob Andrews, 6-2, 220, So.\*  
50 Chris Gordert, 6-0, 230, So.-SQ

### LINEBACKER (LB)

- 9 **Miles Burris, 6-2, 235, Jr.\*\***  
54 Demetrius Barksdale, 6-3, 210, Jr.\*  
37 Vaness Harris, LB, 6-2, 245, Fr.-RS

### CORNERBACK (CB)

- 2 **Leon McFadden, 5-10, 180, So.\***  
4 Romeo Horn, 6-0, 185, Jr.\*\*  
29 Derek Mack, 5-7, 160, So.-SQ

### WARRIOR (WAR)

- 3 Darryn Lewis, 5-9, 165, Sr.\*\*  
20 Nat Berhe, 5-10, 185, Fr.-RS  
6 Gabe Lemon, 5-10, 190, Fr.-RS  
5 **Dey Juan Hemmings, 5-11, 210, Sr.\*\*\***

### AZTEC

- 22 Andrew Preston, 6-1, 210, Sr.\*\*\*  
27 Eric Pinkins, 6-3, 200, So.\*  
41 Khalid Stevens, 5-11, 195, So.-SQ

### WARRIOR (WAR)

- 11 **Brandon Davis, 6-2, 190, Jr.\*\***  
26 Marcus Andrews, 6-0, 190, Fr.-RS  
24 Colin Lockett, 6-0, 185, Fr.-RS  
32 *Vincent Camarda, 6-2, 205, Jr.\**

### CORNERBACK (CB)

- 15 **Jose Perez, 6-1, 180, Sr.\*\***  
17 Josh Wade, 6-0, 180, So.\*  
7 Larry Parker, 5-11, 170, Jr.\*

## SPECIALISTS

### PUNTER

- 14 **Brian Stahovich, 6-0, 190, Jr.\*\***

### PLACEKICKER

- 29 Bryan Shields, 6-1, 195, Sr.-SQ  
38 Abel Perez, 6-1, 225, Jr.-TR

### HOLDER

- 14 Brian Stahovich, 6-0, 190, Jr.\*\*  
17 Doug Deakin, 6-0, 185, Sr.\*  
10 Josh O'Brien, 6-4, 230, Sr.-SQ

### LONG SNAPPER

- 58 **Aaron Brewer, 6-5, 215, Jr.\*\***  
50 Trask Iosefa, 6-0, 300, Sr.\*\*\*  
55 Neil Spencer, 6-2, 280, Jr.\*

### KICKOFF RETURNS

### PUNT RETURNS

To be determined in the fall

\* - Denotes number of letters earned through the 2009 season. Injured players are listed in italics and at the bottom of the depth chart. Players in bold are returning starters. Underline players are newcomers or freshmen that redshirted last season.

# Aztecs At A Glance

## Aztecs By Class

Personnel listed with eligibility as it will be entering the 2010 season.

### SENIORS (19)

RB Davon Brown, WR Vincent Brown, WR Doug Deakin, DB Andy Gregorio, DB Dey Juan Hemming, OL Trask Iosefa, DL Ernie Lawson, DB Darryn Lewis, TE Josh O'Brien, DB Jose Perez, DB Andrew Preston, OL Tom Rische, WR DeMarco Sampson, K Bryan Shields, RB Brandon Sullivan, DL Jacob Tauanuu, TE Alston Umuolo, LB Marcus Yarbrough, DL B.J. Williams

### JUNIORS (28)

DL J.J. Autele, LB Demetrius Barksdale, OL Juan Bolanos, LS Aaron Brewer, LB Miles Burris, DB Vincent Camarda, DB Brandon Davis, OL Tommie Draheim, OL Kellen Farr, QB Chris Forni, OL Riley Gauld, DL Larry Gibbs, OL Leo Grassilli, OL Kurtis Gunther, DB Romeo Horn, DL Perry Jackson, LB Logan Ketchum, QB Ryan Lindley, DL Jerome Long, OL Mike Matamua, DL Eron Moses, DB Larry Parker, K Abel Perez, OL Emilio Rivera, DL Neil Spencer, P Brian Stahovich, RB Deonte Williams

### SOPHOMORES (21)

LB Rob Andrews, OL Nik Embernate, LB Chris Gordert, RB Robert Gregorio, TE Hunter Hewitt, OL Alec Johnson, RB Walter Kazee, WR Preston King, DB Derek Mack, DB Leon McFadden, RB Anthony Miller, OL Jimmy Miller, DB Eric Pinkins, OL Erik Quinones, WR Dominique Sandifer, TE D.J. Shields, LB Colin Shumate, DB Khalid Stevens, DL Frederick Trujillo, DB Josh Wade, DB Ross Williams

### REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (18)

DB Marcus Andrews, TE Jesse Ben-Ron, DB Nat Berhe, QB Jake Bernards, QB Ryne Clark, WR Dylan Denso, LB Jacob Driver, TE Gavin Escobar, OL Japheth Gordon, LB Vaness Harris, FB Brice Heers, WR Marven Jones, DB Gabe Lemon, DB Colin Lockett, WR Osmond Nicholas, OL Juan Roman, LB Nick Tenhaeff, FB Chad Young

### TRUE FRESHMEN (22)

DL Everett Beed, OL Garrett Corbett, OL Zack Dilley, QB Adam Dingwell, LB Jake Fely, DL/LB Cody Galea, DL Kenneth Galea'i, RB Dwayne Garrett, LB Josh Gavert, TE John Ghandour, RB Ronnie Hillman, DB King Holder, DB Mahbu Keels, WR David Lamar, QB Colton Morrison, RB Adam Muema, DL Dontrell Onuahu, TE Bryce Quigley, WR Ezell Ruffin, DB Rene Siluano, DL Jordan Thomas, DB J.J. Whittaker

## What Returns

By percentage, what returns from last season.

OFFENSE	Pct.
Rushing Yards	.934 of 940 99.4
Passing Yards	.3,099 of 3,163 98.0
Receiving Yards	.2,523 of 3,163 79.8
Scoring	.160 of 280 57.1

DEFENSE	Pct.
Tackles	.511 of 852 60.0
Tackles For Loss	.41.5 of 64 64.8
Sacks	.12.5 of 19 65.8
Forced Fumbles	.3 of 5 60.0
Fumble Recoveries	.4 of 4 100.0
Interceptions	.4 of 11 36.4

SPECIAL TEAMS	Pct.
Field Goals	.0 of 10 0.0
Punting Yards	.2,712 of 2,712 100.0
Punt Return Yards	.13 of 14 92.9
Kickoff Return Yards	.30 of 62 48.4

## Starters Returning & Lost

### OFFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (9)

Pos.	Name	Career Starts
WR	Vincent Brown	.27
LT	Tommie Draheim	.7
RG	Nik Embernate	.8
C	Trask Iosefa	.36
QB	Ryan Lindley	.23
LT	Mike Matamua	.8
WR	DeMarco Sampson	.12
RB	Brandon Sullivan	.13
TE	Alston Umuolo	.13
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>.147</b>

### OFFENSIVE STARTERS LOST (2)

Pos.	Name	Career Starts
RG	Ikaika Aken-Moleta	.20
RT	Peter Nelson	.26
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>.46</b>

### DEFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (8)

Pos.	Name	Career Starts
LB	Miles Burris	.12
W	Brandon Davis	.10
W	Dey Juan Hemmings	.10
DT	Ernie Lawson	.17
CB	Leon McFadden	.6
CB	Jose Perez	.13
DE	Jacob Tauanuu	.10
DE	B.J. Williams	.31
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>.109</b>

### DEFENSIVE STARTERS LOST (5)

Pos.	Name	Career Starts
W	Kwincy Edwards	.7
LB	Luke Laolagi	.36
CB	Davion Mauldin	.8
LB	Jerry Milling	.14
A	Nick Sandford	.18
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>.83</b>

### KICKERS RETURNING (1)

Pos.	Name
P	Brian Stahovich

### KICKERS LOST (1)

PK	Lane Yoshida
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## Returning Statistical Leaders

Rushing	Brandon Sullivan (154 att., 558 yds., 4 TDs)
Passing	Ryan Lindley (239-437-16, 3,054 yds., 23 TDs)
Receiving	DeMarco Sampson (62 rec., 851 yds., 8 TDs)
Total Offense	Ryan Lindley (459 plays, 2923 yards)
All-Purpose	Vincent Brown (1,041 yards)
Punt Returns	Preston King (12 ret., 6.6 ypr.)
Kickoff Returns	Vincent Brown (11 ret., 20.0 ypr.)
Field Goals	none
Scoring	DeMarco Sampson (48 points)
Tackles	Miles Burris (58)
Tackles For Loss	Ernie Lawson (6.5-21 yards)
Sacks	B.J. Williams (2.5)
Interceptions	Vincent Camarda (2)
Punting Average	Brian Stahovich (43.8)

## Lost Statistical Leaders

Rushing	Drew Westling, Mekell Wesley (1 att., 3 yds.)
Passing	Drew Westling (5-9-0, 64 yards, 1 TD)
Receiving	Roberto Wallace (36 rec., 463 yds., 3 TDs)
Total Offense	Roberto Wallace (36 plays, 463 yds.)
All-Purpose	Davion Mauldin (639 yds.)
Punt Returns	Davion Mauldin (1 ret., 3.0 ypr.)
Kickoff Returns	Davion Mauldin (29 ret., 21.9 ypr.)
Field Goals	Lane Yoshida (10-for-17)
Scoring	Lane Yoshida (60 points)
Tackles	Jerry Milling (75)
Tackles For Loss	Jerry Milling (9.5-29 yards)
Sacks	Jonathan Soto (2-17 yards)
Interceptions	Luke Laolagi (3)
Punting Average	none

## Geographical Breakdown

Current Aztecs by home state or country.

### CALIFORNIA (89)

DB Marcus Andrews, LB Rob Andrews, LB Demetrius Barksdale, DE Everett Beed, TE Jesse Ben-Ron, DB Nat Berhe, QB Jake Bernards, OL Juan Bolanos, DB Aarein Booker, LS Aaron Brewer, RB Davon Brown, WR Vincent Brown, LB Miles Burris, DB Vincent Camarda, QB Ryne Clark, DB Brandon Davis, WR Doug Deakin, WR Dylan Denso, OL Zack Dilley, OL Tommie Draheim, LB Jacob Driver, OT Nik Embarnate, LB Jake Fely, QB Chris Forni, DE/LB Cody Galea, DT Kenneth Galeai'i, OL Riley Gauld, LB Josh Gavert, TE John Ghandour, DL Larry Gibbs, OL Japheth Gordon, DB Andy Gregorio, RB Robert Gregorio, OL Kurtis Gunther, LB Vaness Harris, FB Brice Heers, DB Dey Juan Hemmings, TE Hunter Hewitt, RB Ronnie Hillman, CB King Holder, DB Romeo Horn, DE Perry Jackson, WR Marven Jones, RB Walter Kazee, CB Mahbu Keels, LB Logan Ketchum, DB Preston King, WR David Lamar, DL Ernie Lawson, DB Gabe Lemon, DB Darryn Lewis, QB Ryan Lindley, DB Colin Lockett, DL Jerome Long, DB Derek Mack, DB Leon McFadden, QB Colton Morrison, DL Eron Moses, RB Adam Muema, WR Osmond Nicholas, TE Josh O'Brien, DT Dontrell Onuahu, DB Larry Parker, K Abel Perez, DB Jose Perez, DB Eric Pinkins, TE Bryce Quigley, OL Erik Quinones, OL Tom Rische, OL Emilio Rivera, OL Juan Roman, WR Ezell Ruffin, WR DeMarco Sampson, WR Dominique Sandifer, K/P Bryan Shields, TE D.J. Shields, S Rene Siluano, P/K Brian Stahovich, DB Khalid Stevens, RB Brandon Sullivan, DL Jacob Tauanu, LB Nick Tenhaeff, DE Jordan Thomas, DB Josh Wade, CB J.J. Whitaker, RB Deonte Williams, DB Ross Williams, LB Marcus Yarbrough, FB Chad Young

### COLORADO (4)

OL Alec Johnson, OL Jimmy Miller, LB Andrew Preston, DL B.J. Williams

### HAWAII (4)

DE J.J. Autele, LB Chris Gordert, OL Trask Iosefa, OL Mike Matamua

### NEVADA (3)

OL Garrett Corbett, LB Colin Shumate, DL Neil Spencer

### ARIZONA (3)

OL Kellen Farr, RB Dwayne Garrett, TE Alston Umuolo

### TEXAS (2)

QB Adam Dingwell, RB Anthony Miller

### NEW MEXICO (1)

DL Frederick Trujillo

### VIRGINIA (1)

OL Leo Grassilli

## 2010 Signing Class

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
Everett Beed	DE	6-3	225	Phelan, Calif.
Juan Bolanos#	RT	6-7	340	El Cajon, Calif.
Garrett Corbett	OL	6-5	270	Sparks, Nev.
Zack Dilley	OL	6-5	280	Menifee, Calif.
Adam Dingwell	QB	6-4	195	Rockwell, Texas
Jake Fely	LB	5-10	205	Oceanside, Calif.
Cody Galea	DE/LB	6-3	240	Elk Grove, Calif.
Kenneth Galeai'i	DT	6-1	280	Oceanside, Calif.
Dwayne Garrett	RB	6-0	180	Scottsdale, Ariz.
Riley Gauld#	LG	6-5	300	Santa Maria, Calif.
Josh Gavert	LB	6-2	190	Lakewood, Calif.
John Ghandour	TE	6-4	245	La Habra, Calif.
King Holder	CB	5-10	170	Oceanside, Calif.
Perry Jackson#	DE	6-2	250	Roseville, Calif.
Mahbu Keels	CB	6-1	170	San Diego, Calif.
David Lamar	WR	6-2	170	San Diego, Calif.
Adam Muema	RB	5-10	205	Covina, Calif.
Dontrell Onuahu	DT	6-2	285	La Quinta, Calif.
Abel Perez#	K	6-1	225	Chula Vista, Calif.
Bryce Quigley	TE	6-5	240	Apple Valley, Calif.
Ezell Ruffin	WR	6-1	190	Long Beach, Calif.
Rene Siluano	S	5-10	190	Oceanside, Calif.
Jordan Thomas	DE	6-1	240	Redlands, Calif.
J.J. Whittaker	CB	5-10	175	Oceanside, Calif.
Deonte Williams#	RB	5-10	190	Roseville, Calif.

# = Junior college transfer