

This is the end of an era in San Diego. Andrew Lewis has been drafted. Thomas Ennis and Jarvis Lawal have graduated. Ivan Omic as the last vestige of our finals team is gone. 3 transfers all going away. All in all 8 players including 6 scholarship guys have left. We need to rebuild. And to do this we need a new leader.

Who is going to be the star guard for this new era? No more Ishmael Turner, the GT who was one of the best guards in the league this past year. No more Isaiah Catron who had 4 impactful seasons at the point. Not Scott Kelly and David Cline who have spent their whole careers at the forward spots. It's not Delundre Sherman who is really best served to be a backup and there are no other guards on the roster. We need you to be the future of this position.

Slashing to the rim, you can take over a game. With the speed of a small point guard and the size of a wing there is no stopping you when you want to drive into the paint. Then after getting there you can slam it home with authority. The best shot in basketball is one at the rim and you can go get that as well as anyone. You can use this to become our leading scorer, absolutely as an upperclassman once you get more in touch with your jump shot but potentially as a freshman because there isn't going to be a clear number one scorer here. There isn't a former five star anymore who expects to be the lead guy. Our top returning scorer is Scott Kelly, a walk on who is better on the defensive end anyway. That's your role to take over while playing 25 MPG.

Then on defense it's clear. You can stick with the opponents top guard due to your top shelf athleticism. Of course you are, that's what the Aztecs are year after year. Everyone on this team takes pride in their defense and that makes us consistently one of the top defense year in and year out. We were the number 5 defense last year according to SawPom. You will fit right in here leading a fastbreak after we force a turnover. With you inboard our D will keep crushing.

We need you to maintain our level of greatness. That's 8 straight NT appearances. 8 straight years without a declining prestige. This is who we are now, consistently competing with the best the PCC has to offer. This year we had our highest seed in a decade as a 2. A top ten team all year we were always a threat. Now we are reaching that level on the overall prestige leaderboard above the likes over TCU and Michigan. We've reached greatness in multiple eras. Jenmarz led this program to a final four and a PCC Championship before I hit those same marks in 2065. Last season was arguably better as we won 29 games in the regular season, running havoc in the PCC.

Every year we have the potential to reach that level and this is no exception. Our returning talent is lower than most of the other top teams but it will be up there by the end of recruiting. We only have 5 guys on the roster right now but all 5 are high level defenders and have experience with last season's success having playing time on that team. The combined for 16.4 Estimated Wins Added so even the small nucleus here can be the base for a great team. That's why we have the highest talent of teams with 5 or less players on the roster. Then there are 6 open scholarship slots ready to add potential contributors. Joseph Ingram, Quennell Clarke and Zlatko Nadjfeji can fill out the rest of what this team needs to be elite. Rebuilding on the fly, there's reason to think this can go fantastic.

The potential is here. Freshman year being the number one guy on a tournament team. You can immediately be a star here.