

High Schools

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE



QUARTERBACK
Tanner Rust
El Capitan
6-3, 201, Jr.



QUARTERBACK
Jordan Wynn
Oceanside
6-2, 175, Jr.



RUNNING BACK
Tyler Gaffney
Cathedral Catholic
6-1, 215, Jr.



RUNNING BACK
Nick Ricciardulli
Poway
5-7, 151, Jr.



RUNNING BACK
Robbie Rouse
Madison
5-6, 145, Jr.



RUNNING BACK
Lawrence Walker
Christian
5-11, 190, Sr.



WIDE RECEIVER
James Johnson
Valley Center
6-4, 195, Jr.



WIDE RECEIVER
Nelson Rosario
El Camino
6-6, 210, Sr.



WIDE RECEIVER
D.J. Shields
Bonita Vista
6-4, 221, Sr.



TIGHT END
Ryan Deehan
Poway
6-5, 235, Sr.



OFFENSIVE LINE
Sam Brenner
Oceanside
6-4, 285, Sr.



OFFENSIVE LINE
Brian Milholland
Helix
6-6, 280, Sr.



OFFENSIVE LINE
Stephen Simpson
Carlsbad
6-6, 245, Sr.



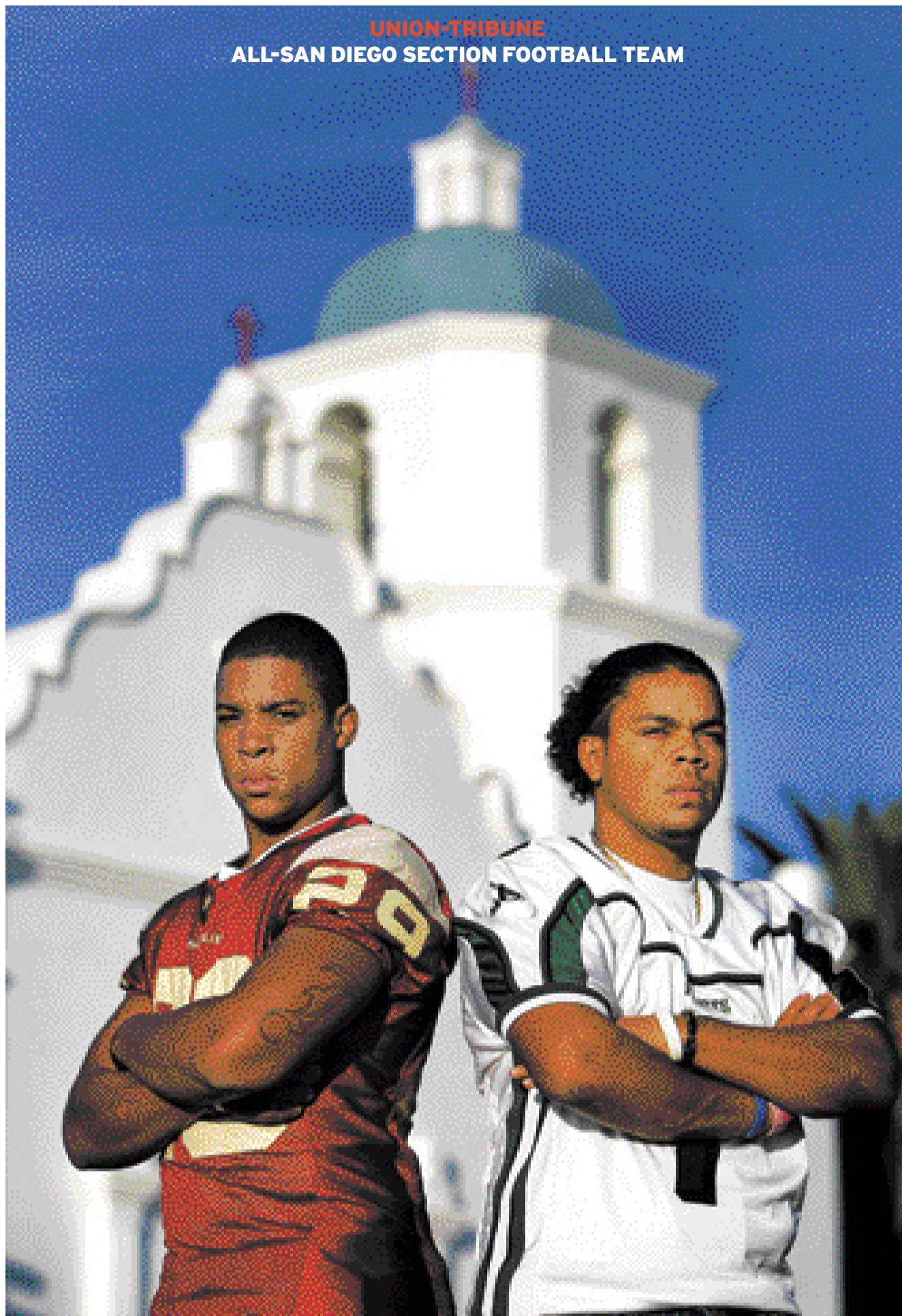
KICKER
David Seawright
Rancho Bernardo
6-4, 220, Sr.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

POS.	NAME	SCHOOL	HT.	WT.	YR.
QB	Tyler Bernard	Valley Center	6-0	165	Jr.
QB	Robert Forcier	Scripps Ranch	6-2	187	Jr.
QB	Nick Russell	Cathedral Catholic	5-10	215	Jr.
RB	Jamie Dale	Steele Canyon	5-9	163	Sr.
RB	Joey DeMartino	Mt. Carmel	5-11	186	Sr.
RB	Noah Jackson	Rancho Buena Vista	5-8	193	Sr.
RB	Juan Moriel	Montgomery	5-9	175	Sr.
RB	Ricky Seale	Escondido	5-9	175	So
WR	Tila Case	El Capitan	5-7	155	Sr.
WR	Brian McMullen	Vista	6-2	185	Sr.
OL	Gavin Boger	Mission Bay	6-2	275	Sr.
OL	Chris Campbell	Mission Hills	6-5	285	Sr.
OL	Kyle Kmet	Bonita Vista	6-4	310	Sr.
OL	Kyle Wilkinson	Kearny	6-2	265	Sr.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

POS.	NAME	SCHOOL	HT.	WT.	YR.
DL	Ricardo Anzar	Castle Park	6-2	270	Sr.
DL	Alex Johnson	Eastlake	6-0	210	Sr.
DL	Erik Middleton	Oceanside	6-4	240	Sr.
DL	Ian Sluss	Rancho Buena Vista	6-0	215	Sr.
LB	Luis Bucio	Mater Dei	6-0	170	Sr.
LB	Derek Holsapple	St. Augustine	6-1	210	Sr.
LB	Tony Jefferson	Eastlake	6-0	185	So.
LB	Joey Searson	Carlsbad	6-3	235	Sr.
DB	Vince Ewing	Carlsbad	6-2	200	Sr.
DB	Fred Fells	Sweetwater	6-0	195	Sr.
DB	Dylan Porias	Cathedral Catholic	5-10	170	Sr.
DB	Jamar Taylor	Helix	5-11	191	Sr.
DB	Roy Tialavea	Oceanside	6-0	190	Sr.
UT	Corey Trisby	Hoover	6-2	190	Sr.



UNION-TRIBUNE
ALL-SAN DIEGO SECTION FOOTBALL TEAM

After meeting on the football field for the Division II championship, Players of the Year Frank Gaines of Mission Hills (left) and Armani Taylor of Oceanside met for a photograph at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside. *Crissy Pascual / Union-Tribune*

Mission Accomplished

Gaines, Taylor, Gonzalez chosen for top football honors

By Kevin Gemmell
STAFF WRITER

Two of them met on the field at Qualcomm Stadium in the Division II title game. The other coached his team to the Division I crown.

Mission Hills' Frank Gaines and Oceanside's Armani Taylor are the 2007 *Union-Tribune* San Diego Section Defensive and Offensive Players of the Year.

Gaines was a sack master, anchoring one of the best defensive lines in the region. Taylor was a touchdown machine, leading one of the most potent rushing attacks in the section.

Poway's Damian Gonzalez, who led the Titans to a 12-0 record, is the Coach of the Year.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Frank Gaines, Mission Hills
6-0, 225, Senior

A Louisiana transplant following Hurricane Katrina, Gaines joined Mission Hills as a junior and made an immediate impact on the defensive line. This year he kept getting better, terrorizing quarterbacks with 13 sacks and rattling running backs with 13 tackles for losses.

"It meant a lot to be part of such a great defense," said Gaines, 18. "We had a lot of fun this year."

Gaines was a key reason Mission Hills advanced to the Division II championship. While compiling a mark of 10-2, the Grizzlies won the school's first Valley League football title and avenged last year's semifinal loss to Helix. Though Mission Hills lost 26-7 in the final to Oceanside, Gaines takes

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pride in what his team accomplished. "We had a goal to get to the stadium and we accomplished it," he said. "It didn't work out the way we wanted at the end, but it was a lot of fun getting there."

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Armani Taylor, Oceanside
6-0, 200, Senior

The running back tied for the section lead with 31 touchdowns. His mix of power and speed served the Pirates well as they captured their fourth straight Division II title with the victory over Mission Hills. But Taylor will be the first to pass along the credit.

"It's all about my offensive line," he said. "My parents did a good job teaching me to be humble. A lot of things have to go right for me to get into the end zone. A lot of other people have to put in the work, so I give all the credit to them."

Averaging 6.6 yards per carry and 143.5 rushing yards per game, Taylor helped Oceanside qualify for the Division II state bowl game, where the Pirates topped Novato 28-14. Taylor scored two touchdowns and rushed for 64 yards in the victory. "It meant so much for us to be the first team from San Diego to go to a bowl game," said Taylor, 17.

Taylor is considering several college options.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE



DEFENSIVE LINE
Zach Gohison
La Costa Canyon
6-4, 225, Sr.



DEFENSIVE LINE
Jamar Jarrett
Mission Hills
6-5, 255, Jr.



DEFENSIVE LINE
Will Peck
Bishop's
5-11, 195, Sr.



LINEBACKER
Mike Azhocar
Otay Ranch
5-11, 220, Sr.



LINEBACKER
Jacob Driver
La Costa Canyon
6-2, 195, Jr.



LINEBACKER
Pat Kelly
Christian
6-2, 240, Sr.



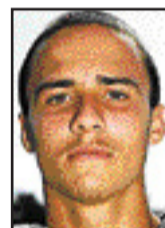
LINEBACKER
Elijah Najera
Mira Mesa
6-1, 218, Sr.



LINEBACKER
Jared Relyea
Poway
6-3, 194, Sr.



LINEBACKER
Matt Segi
Oceanside
6-0, 235, Jr.



DEFENSIVE BACK
Taylor Julio
Chula Vista
6-0, 162, Sr.



DEFENSIVE BACK
Nick Milani
Poway
5-10, 174, Sr.



DEFENSIVE BACK
Josh Wade
Point Loma
6-0, 180, Sr.



DEFENSIVE BACK
Frankie Zimmerman
Oceanside
6-0, 170, Sr.



UTILITY
Tim Costello
Bishop's
5-10, 185, Sr.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Damian Gonzalez, Poway

Since taking over the Poway program four years ago, Gonzalez has led the Titans to the Division II championship game twice. This year was his masterpiece, an undefeated season capped by the first section football championship in school history.

"I think the biggest thing has been the assistant coaches," Gonzalez said. "It's a great honor, especially in a year when you had such great coaches do such great things. But you are only as good as the people around you and I think we put together a pretty good group."

Poway faced challenges on and off the field. Among its biggest victories was a 7-6 win over Division II finalist Mission Hills. The school was heavily affected by the San Diego wildfires, with a number of athletes losing their homes.

However, it was the demeanor of his squad that impressed Gonzalez the most as the wins kept piling up.

"They played with such confidence, but they weren't cocky," he said. "They weren't a conceited group. They were just a lot of fun to be around. I've never been around a team that was so focused. They were a joy to coach."

The *Union-Tribune* All-San Diego Section football team was chosen by staff writers Steve Brand, Bill Dickens, Kevin Gemmell and Nicole Vargas.