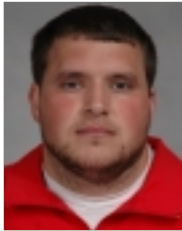


# #76 BRIAN ALDERSON



South Dakota OT

All-American Candidate

6'5, 290, Senior, Offensive Tackle, Hartford, S.D.

## *Eighth-ranked South Dakota Coyotes (9-2)*

If men can move mountains, South Dakota offensive tackle Brian Alderson will lead the way. Alderson, a 6-4, 285-pound mountain of a man, is again having an outstanding season at offensive tackle on the nation's eight-ranked (D2football.com) South Dakota football team (9-2).

A starter for the final 33 straight games of his career, the All-American tackle has been a key factor for the nation's most prolific offense. USD finished the season with a nation's best 583.2 yards per game in total offense, while also averaging 49.7 points per game (second in the nation). USD is also second in rushing offense at 297.5 per game. The Coyotes lead the NCC in all those categories. A three-year starter, Alderson was named the Co-NCC Offensive Lineman of the Year in 2005. A year ago, he was selected as one of the eight finalists for the inaugural Gene Upshaw Lineman of the Year Award.

With Alderson leading the way, tailback Stefan Logan has put together three consecutive 1,000-yard seasons, which has never been accomplished in the 109-year football history at USD. Logan has become the career rushing leader at USD in three seasons behind the force of Alderson.

Alderson, who has received several looks from NFL teams, has accumulated 52 knockdown blocks in 11 games this season. Perhaps more impressive is the fact that he has allowed just one quarterback sack this season. In the past two seasons, he has 110 knockdown blocks and allowed a total of three quarterback sacks. Alderson was part of a team that opened the season 7-0 and set a USD total offense record of 746 yards against Truman State. The Coyotes were 12-0 at home over the past two years and own a 13-game winning streak.

Entering the 2005 campaign, Alderson was named to three pre-season All-America squads, earned first-team offense honors on the [www.CollegeSportsReport.com](http://www.CollegeSportsReport.com) team; second-team honors on the [D2Football.com](http://D2Football.com) website team and also selected to the Don Hansen Football Gazette's Preseason All-America offensive squad. He was named to a pair of All-America squads after the 2004 season, including the Daktronics, Inc., All-America Division II second-team and the Associated Press Little All-America third-team. Last fall, Alderson also was selected to the All-Northwest Region Team by Don Hansen's Football Gazette.

A first-team All-NCC selection in 2004, Alderson recorded 58 knockdown blocks and anchored an offensive line that produced the nation's eighth-best and the NCC's top rushing attack (269.1 yards per game) in 2004. He allowed just two quarterback sacks last season.



"Brian Alderson is one of the best offensive tackles I have had the privilege to coach. He is a devastating run blocker and equally effective pass blocker. He was a finalist for the Gene Upshaw Lineman of the Year (last season), which shows the respect he has around the nation."

-- South Dakota Head Football Coach Ed Meierkort

## Alderson's Blocks

- Selected to three preseason All-American teams squads (2005)
- Allowed just three quarterback sacks in past two seasons
- Owns 110 knockdown blocks in past two seasons
- Named one of seven finalists for the inaugural Gene Upshaw Division II Lineman of the Year Award in 2004
- Selected Co-MVP in NCC for Offensive Line
- Named to a pair of All-America squads after the 2004 season, including the Daktronics, Inc., All-America Division II second-team and the Associated Press Little All-America third-team
- Starter in 33 consecutive games
- Selected All-NCC in 2004 and 2005
- Key contributor on nation's most productive offense
- Helped lead transformation of Coyote football program, which has gone 18-4 in past two years
- Member of Coyotes' team that has gone 12-0 last two seasons and owns 13-game home winning streak