

MODERN **LUXURY**

Top 5 Mod Hot Spots to Watch Football This Season

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San Diegans... prepare yourselves for blue and yellow overload. With fall upon us it's football season once again—and time to bolt up! Grab your fellow football fanatics and head to one of our favorite high-end havens to watch the Chargers (hopefully) dominate.

1. To kick off football season **barleymash** is bringing back its famed NFL Rewards Program for game day. Fans can win prizes like restaurant gift cards, concert tickets and a vacation getaway package that includes everything from the flight to the hotel. Plus, the more often you go, the better the prize options become. Chargers games will be shown on the JumboTron all day Sunday, with doors opening early for brunch from 9am to 2pm. Not a Chargers fan? No problem!

Everyone is welcome to vote for their favorite Sunday afternoon and evening games to be shown as well, full sound and all. *600 5th and Market, San Diego, 619.255.7373*

2. Nothing says S.D. quite like spicy Mexican food and the Chargers... and **The Blind Burro** does both with drink specials for opening day including \$5 sangria and two for one Dos XX Lager cans. The resto will be having Football Weekend Taco Brunch on Saturdays and Sundays until 3pm featuring \$3.50 brunch tacos, like the steak and eggs taco with matcha skirt steak, black beans, fried eggs, queso fresco, pico de gallo, tapatio and (of course) guacamole. Also on the menu are two for one Pacifico bottles on Sundays and build-your-own mimosas (\$15). *639 J St., San Diego, 619.795.7880*

3. Who could say no to the 14 big-screen TVs and close to 50 beers on draft at **Draft Republic** in La Jolla? This eatery will be a one-stop shop this season with happy hour specials for game days on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays from 2-6pm. This includes \$5 drinks and \$6 Quarterback Snacks like the tuna tataki crispy wontons with guac and cilantro (\$6). Better yet, get up early with Sunday breakfast just in time for kickoff. *4282 Esplanade Court, San Diego, 858.450.1400*

4. In the hustle and bustle of downtown lies the **Grant Grill Lounge** in the U.S. Grant Hotel (for guests and locals alike). Stop by on Sept. 11 for opening day to catch great happy hour deals like \$6 drink specials. Head Mixologist, Sommelier and certified Cicerone Jeff Josenhans and Chef de Bar Corey Alberto have mixed up some fantastic cocktails like the U.S. Grant Centennial Manhattan (\$15). Of course, with the TV behind the bar this is the perfect spot to sit back, relax and enjoy some drinks and the game. *326 Broadway, San Diego, 619.744.2077*

5. Head down to San Diego's oldest tavern, the **Waterfront Bar and Grill**, for some throwback fun (the hot spot opened in 1933 after prohibition ended). It's the ideal place to celebrate Monday Night Football with \$5 beer and wine during happy hour from 3 to 6pm. Go late and enjoy \$5 Absolut mules and 75-cent wings from 6pm to close. Touchdown! *2044 Kettner Blvd., San Diego, 619.232.9656*