

# San Diego State Aztecs

2017 Record: 7-2, 3-2 MW  
 Seven Straight Bowl Game Appearances  
 Back-to-Back MW Champions | 21-Time Conference Champions



## Jeff Horton

Assoc. HC/Off. Coordinator/RB's Coach

- Third season as offensive coordinator (seventh year at SDSU overall)
- Spent the final five games of 2011 as the interim head coach at Minnesota
- Also has head coaching stints at UNLV (1994-98) & Nevada (1993)
- Coached four years in the NFL (2006-08 at St. Louis, 2009 at Detroit)
- Started coaching career in 1984 as a GA at Minnesota under Lou Holtz

### LEFT TACKLE

# 74 Tyler Roemer

6-7 • 305 • Fr.-RS CGP: 9; CGS: 9  
 Fernley, Nevada (Fernley HS)

**TOP NOTE:** In high school, he competed in football, basketball, wrestling and swimming.

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
**Pronunciation:** ROME-er ... 1 of 2 redshirt freshmen (C Keith Ismael) on the offensive line that made his college debut against UC Davis ... Has played the 3rd-most snaps (607) this year ... Arguably OS's most consistent performer ... Took over for 2-year starter Kwadwo Miller ... Backed up Miller last year but did not see the field & was able to maintain his redshirt ... Last season was 1 of only 2 true freshmen on the offensive 2-deep (also then LG Keith Ismael) ... Was all-league All-state at both offensive & defensive line at Fernley HS in Nevada ... Also played 2 years of basketball & a year of wrestling & swimming ... A business administration major.

### BACKUP

# 71 Kyle Spalding

6-6 • 300 • Fr.-RS CGP: 1; CGS: 0  
 McKinleyville, Calif. (McKinleyville HS)

Came to SDSU as a tight end, but moved to offensive line in the fall ... Played late at Hawai'i last week for first time ... RS in 2016 ... Was a QB at McKinleyville HS, throwing for 5,103 yards & 54 TD, while adding 22 rush TDs.

### LEFT GUARD

# 79 Daishawn Dixon

6-5 • 320 • So.-1L CGP: 23; CGS: 9  
 San Antonio, Texas (Wm. Howard Taft HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Has played the most snaps (608) on the team, along with C Keith Ismael.

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
**Pronunciation:** DAY-shawn ... After spring practice was listed as the backup at right guard but has moved into the number one spot at left guard ... Takes over for Nico Sragosa (Baltimore Ravens), who started the final 41 games of his career ... Started first nine games of this year ... According to Pro Football Focus, he logged 34 offensive snaps last season, the most among offensive line reserves ... Redshirted during the 2015 campaign ... Represented the U.S. National Select Team in a 20-15 victory over the IFAF World Team on Jan. 31, 2015 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas ... Played basketball as a sophomore in high school ... Born in Phoenix, Ariz., graduated HS in San Antonio.

### BACKUP

# 76 Zachary Thomas

6-5 • 285 • Fr.-RS CGP: 9; CGS: 0  
 Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

Local lineman, who serves on the PAT and FG unit this year ... Played on OL late at Hawai'i ... Redshirted in 2016 ... Played in Alex Spoons All-Star Football Classic ... First-team all-Off San Diego Section ... Born in San Diego.

### CENTER

# 56 Dominic Gudino

6-3 • 300 • Fr.-HS CGP: 4; CGS: 3  
 Chula Vista, Calif. (Olympian High)

**TOP NOTE:** First true freshman to start for SDSU since current fullback Nick Bowden started at quarterback in 2014.

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
**Pronunciation:** Goo-dino ... Has started three games as a true freshman and has played in four ... Earned his first career start in first career game at center vs. Northern Illinois ... Started the last two (Fresno State and San Jose State) at center ... Earned three letters at local Olympian High School in Chula Vista, capturing two seasons ... Played on both sides of the line ... Was a first-team All-league and first-team all-Off selection ... Was a Blue-Gray All-American ... Also a three-time Union-Tribune all-academic pick ... A three-star recruit by ESPN, 24/7Sports and Scout ... Also threw the shot put and discus on the track & field team ... Majoring in kinesiology ... Is 18 years old.

### BACKUP

# 55 Garrison Young

6-3 • 295 • Jr.-TR CGP: 0; CGS: 0  
 Carlsbad, Calif. (Saddleback College)

Joined the Aztecs in the fall and already has landed on the two-deep ... Played two seasons of nearby Saddleback College ... Prepped locally at Carlsbad High School with current Aztec starting quarterback Christian Chapman.

### RIGHT GUARD

# 60 Keith Ismael

6-3 • 310 • Fr.-RS CGP: 9; CGS: 9  
 Oakland, Calif. (Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep)

**TOP NOTE:** The aerospace engineering major made his collegiate debut at UC Davis as the starting center.

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
**Pronunciation:** LZ-male ... Took over the center position from Arthur Flores, who started the previous 28 games ... 1 of 2 redshirt freshmen (LT Tyler Roemer) who made their 1st career start vs. UC Davis & 1 of 4 on the line overall who made their 1st start ... Has started all 9 games (7 at C, last 2 at RG) & has played 608 snaps (tied with Daishawn Dixon for most on team) ... Was on the depth chart last season at left guard, but did not play & was able to maintain his redshirt ... Was a 1st-team all-league pick & a 2nd-team all-Metro selection as a senior at Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep ... Also played lacrosse at Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep ... An aerospace engineering major.

### BACKUP

# 62 Nick Gerhard

6-5 • 300 • So.-SQ CGP: 7; CGS: 0  
 Arlington, Texas (Mansfield Timberview HS)

**Pronunciation:** GAIR-hard ... Recorded 24 snaps in 2016 ... Was emergency short-snapper on PAT & FGs at So. Ala. U ... Redshirted his 1st year at SDSU in 2015 ... Was a 1st-team all-district & all-state pick at Mansfield Timberview HS in Arlington, TX.

### RIGHT TACKLE

# 77 Ryan Pope

6-7 • 315 • Jr.-1L CGP: 21; CGS: 7  
 Long Beach, Calif. (Lakewood HS/LBCC)

**TOP NOTE:** At 6-7, he is tied for the tallest player on the team (also: Tyler Roemer & Joe Salcedo).

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
 Slated to play his 22nd consecutive game at San Jose State ... Started the 1st 5 games of the season (1st of career), but only played on special teams at UNLV with a hand injury & 33 snaps vs. BSU ... Started again just 2 weeks ... Was just the 3rd Aztec to start at right tackle since the start of 2014 (Daniel Brunskill - 14 games, Pearce Stear - 27 games) ... Missed 1st 2 games of 2016 with a chest injury, but saw action in the final 12 games of the season ... Redshirted during the 2015 campaign ... Led Long Beach City College to a 9-2 record in 2014 ... Played football & basketball at Lakewood HS ... A social science major.

### BACKUP

# 78 Joe Salcedo

6-7 • 300 • Jr.-1L CGP: 19; CGS: 2  
 Santa Barbara, Calif. (Bishop Diego HS)

**Pronunciation:** sal-SAY-do ... 1st career starts at UNLV & vs. BSU ... Played last 4 games ... Played 14 games in 2015 but missed 2016 with another suffering a knee injury in fall camp ... Earned SDSU offensive co-scout player of the year (2014).

### FULLBACK

# 15 Nick Bowden

6-3 • 245 • Sr.-2L CGP: 35; CGS: 21  
 Los Gatos, Calif. (Los Gatos HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Former quarterback, (two starts in 2014) who was named a first-team All-American by Pro Football Focus last season.

**2017 Stats:**

Rushing										Receiving									
GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	100+	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg.	TD	Lg.	TD	Lg.	TD	Lg.	TD	Lg.
8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	53	5.3	0	12							

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
 Former quarterback, who moved to fullback in the fall of 2015 and is now considered an NFL prospect at his position ... Put on 20 pounds of muscle since switching positions ... An excellent run blocker ... Has logged the most snaps (402) of all fullbacks this year, despite missing the UNLV game with an injury ... Was graded as the top blocking fullback in the nation by Pro Football Focus and the No. 1 overall fullback ... Has 25 career catches for 190 yards (7.6 avg.) ... Played in 9 games in 2015 ... Was 13-for-20 (34.2 pct.) with 1 TD pass & 2 interceptions as a true freshman quarterback in 2014 ... Was a 3-star quarterback out of Los Gatos HS by ESPN, Scout & 24/7Sports ... Is majoring in business administration with a concentration as a management entrepreneur.

### RUNNING BACK

# 20 Rashaad Penny

5-11 • 220 • Sr.-3L CGP: 50; CGS: 14  
 Norwalk, Calif. (Norwalk HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Has been named a semifinalist for the Maxwell Award, as well as a midseason second-team All-American by AP and Sports Illustrated.

**2017 Stats:**

Rushing										Receiving									
GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	100+	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg.	TD	Lg.	TD	Lg.	TD	Lg.	TD	Lg.
9	9	209	1,368	6.5	12	95	17	136	8.0	2	33								

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
 Maxwell Award, Walter Camp, Haringham III awards lists - FBS ranks 1st in AP yds (1,299), 2nd in rush yds (1,368), 12nd in overall TD (15) & 13th in rush TD (12) ... Was 2nd Aztec (1st since Marshall Faulk in 1992) w/ 5 straight 100-yd games in open season ... 1st player to be named MW Off. Player in 4 straight years ... Also WC Off. Player & ST Player at ASU (353 34 yds, 1 TD) - 206 AP yds, 1 TD vs. STAN ... CH 253 yds, 2 TD at UH ... Rushed for 1,018 yds, w/ 6.75 ypc avg. & 11 TD last yr behind NCAA all-time leader Donald Pinkney ... 2-time MW ST Player ... 2016: rush - 136-1,018 (7.5); rec - 15-224 (3.8); 20-624 (2) ... Career TD: 39 (27 rush, 6 KOR, 6 rec.); 2,776 rush yds, 490 rec. yds & 2,223 KR yds ... Had 2,504 rush yds & 41 TD vs HS Sr ... Brother, Elijah, led Idaho in rushing.



### QUARTERBACK

# 10 Christian Chapman

6-0 • 200 • Jr.-2L CGP: 32; CGS: 25  
 Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

**TOP NOTE:** IS-20.5 as a starting QB, including wins in back-to-back MW Championships and back-to-back bowl games (Hawai'i & Las Vegas).

**2017 Stats:**

GP	GS	Cmp.	Att.	Pct.	Int.	TD	Yds.	Rtg.
9	9	107	184	58.2	2	9	1,368	134.57

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
 Mobile, accurate QB with a quick release ... His 800 career QB with pct. is best in SDSU DI history ... He is the only active QB since 2012 to post a perfect record in SDSU DI history (min. 2 championship gms. & 2 bowl gms.) ... CH 76.2 pct, 220 yds & 2 TD vs. UCD in opener ... 4-for-5, 47 yds, TD on GW drive vs. Stanford ... Career: 31 TD, 9 INT ... 8 GP with multiple TD, 0 with 2+ INT ... 2016: 1,994 yds, 20 TD, 6 INT ... 2015: Posted the 2nd-best pass off. (209.7) among QBs making their Aztec debut in MW Championship vs. ARA (9-for-14, 1 TD, 0 INT) on route to being named the game's off. MVP ... Was 1 of 3 true freshman QBs on the depth chart in 2014 & traveled to every road contest, but redshirted ... 3-star recruit by Rivals, Scout & ESPN at local Carlsbad HS & 2-time all-Arizona League selection, passing for 1,986 yds & 23 TDs as a Sr.

### BACKUP

# 9 Ryan Agnew

6-0 • 190 • So.-1L CGP: 12; CGS: 0  
 Southlake, Texas (Carroll HS)

Athletic, mobile quarterback with an accurate arm ... Is 2-for-5 for 30 yards in 3 GP ... Was 2-for-2 for 29 yds & rushed 4 times for 32 yds last year ... Redshirted in 2015, where he was named the team's offensive scout player of the year ... Passed for 6,967 yds & 56 TD over 3 years at Carroll HS in Southlake, Texas ... Also rushed for 2,286 yds & 38 TDs.

### No. 3 RUNNING BACK

# 22 Chase Jasmin

5-11 • 195 • Fr.-RS CGP: 9; CGS: 0  
 Agoura Hills, Calif. (Westlake HS)

Quick first step ... Has 446 rush yds on 85 att. w/ 3 TD in 9 GP & 7 KR for 140 yds & 1 TD ... MW ST Player w/ 96-yd KR vs. NIU ... 2016: Had 55 att. for 441 yds (8.0 avg.) & 6 TD ... Also had 3 yr. for 72 yds & a TD & 10 KR for 293 yds (29.3 avg.) & a TD ... RS in 2015 ... Rushed for 5,139 yds & 75 TD, averaging 9.5 YPC at Kennedale HS, with 5 300-yd games.

### BACKUP

# 29 Juwan Washington

5-7 • 190 • So.-1L CGP: 23; CGS: 4  
 Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale HS)

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 Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale HS)

### Z RECEIVER

# 89 Fred Trevillion

6-2 • 200 • Jr.-TR CGP: 21; CGS: 2  
 Brookhaven, Miss. (Brookhaven HS/Southwest Miss. CC)

**2017 Stats:**

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
9	2	5	173	34.6	89	1

89-yd wide-outlet without ... 1st start vs. Stanford ... 2 rec., 128 yds TD vs. MSU, inc. 89-yd TD (4th longest in SDSU history) ... Played in 12 games as TR-F, on offense in 2014 before returning to SDSU this past spring ... Played at Southwest Miss. CC last year ... Social science major.

### BACKUP

# 8 Quest Truxton

6-0 • 185 • Sr.-1L CGP: 23; CGS: 1  
 Newport Beach, Calif. (Newport Harbor HS/Golden West Coll.)

8 rec., 86 yds in 8 GP ... Also 21 PR for 191 yds ... Caught 11 passes for 156 yds & 3 TD in 2016 ... Led MW in PR avg. (9.0) ... GWC transfer.

### BACKUP

# 92 Isiah Macklin

6-5 • 200 • Fr.-RS CGP: 9; CGS: 2  
 Las Vegas, Nev. (Green Valley HS)

At 6-5, the tallest SDSU receiver - 17-yd grab in 1st career GS & GP vs. UCD ... RS in 2016 ... Rated as the top TE in Nevada as a prep player ... Turned 19 on Sept. 17.

### X RECEIVER

# 6 Mikah Holder

6-0 • 185 • Sr.-3L CGP: 46; CGS: 30  
 Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside HS)

**2017 Stats:**

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
9	6	32	438	13.7	76	1

Leads SDSU with 32 rec. & 438 rec. yds ... 7 rec., 85 yds vs. Stanford ... CH 9 rec. (also 144 yds at UNLV) ... Has the 2nd-highest career YPC avg. (17.1) for any Aztec player in the last 20 years (min. 20 GP) ... Career: 88 rec., 1,511 yds, 12 TD ... Played twin brother, Alijah, & CB vs. Stanford.

### BACKUP

# 93 Tim Wilson, Jr.

6-4 • 205 • Fr.-RS CGP: 8; CGS: 1  
 Plano, Texas (Plano East HS)

Has 5 rec. for 75 yds (15.0 avg.) in 8 GP & 1 OS ... RS in 2016 ... Prepped at Plano East HS in Plano, Texas ... Majoring in construction engineering.

### BACKUP

# 81 Collin Andrews

6-3 • 185 • Fr.-RS CGP: 7; CGS: 1  
 Chula Vista, Calif. (Olympian HS)

Joined program in spring 2017 ... Excellent blocker ... 1st start & catch vs. NIU ... Lindy named him top SDSU newcomer ... Local product out of Olympian HS.

### TIGHT END

# 88 David Wells

6-5 • 255 • Sr.-3L CGP: 48; CGS: 20  
 Clovis, Calif. (Clovis North HS)

**2017 Stats:**

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
8	6	8	122	15.2	30	2

Mackey, Wuerfel mar'l watch lists ... 40 straight GP until missing 2017 opener w/ injury ... GW TD catch vs. Stanford ... 28-yd TD in 4th Qtr at AFA ... Preseason all-MW ... Good blocker w/ good hands ... Was 2nd-team all-MW in 2016 w/ 25 rec. in 2016, 21 more than he had his 1st 2 years ... CH's of 5 catches & 62 yds, & 1st career TD vs. SIU ... Played final 12 games in 2014, mostly on ST ... RS in 2013 ... Prepped at Clovis North HS ... Was a 2015 MW Fall All-Academic pick ... Working on masters.

### BACKUP

# 82 Parker Houston

6-3 • 240 • So.-1L CGP: 19; CGS: 8  
 Sparks, Nev. (Edward C. Reed HS)

Physcial TE ... Started 4 of 9 games w/ 4 rec. for 39 yds ... 5 rec. for 32 yds & 1 TD as a true freshman last year ... SDSU Co-Freshman of the Year (also Juwan Washington) ... Led Edward C. Reed HS to a 24-5 record (828) over his final 2 yrs, including a 13-1 mark in 2015 ... Criminal justice major.

### ALSO

# 87 Kahale Warring

6-6 • 250 • So.-SQ CGP: 13; CGS: 2  
 Simons, Calif. (Simons HS)

**Pronunciation:** KAH-hall-yeh WARR-ing ... Put on 30 lbs. since arriving in 2015 ... Has 13 rec., 185 yds & 2 TD ... 2 rec., 17 yds & 2 TD in 2016 before practice inj. sidelined him for year ... RS in 2015 ... Played just 1 year of football in HS ... Full name: Kahale Kua Kahani Michael Wohelhouse Warring

## Offensive Tidbits

• Associate head coach and running backs coach Jeff Horton is in his third year as offensive coordinator at SDSU. In his seventh year overall at San Diego State, Horton has head coaching stints at Minnesota (interim in 2011), UNLV (1994-98) and Nevada (1993).

• Last season, San Diego State averaged 35.2 points per game to rank 29th in the nation. It was the school's highest points per game average since 1996 (38.9 ppg) and the 493 points were the most scored in school history.

• The Aztecs are ranked 30th nationally in rushing yards per game (213.2), tied for 37th in rushing touchdowns (17) and 44th in rush average (4.8).

• San Diego State is 59-14 in the Rocky Long era when scoring just 20 or more points.

• SDSU is 23-2 the last 25 times it had an advantage in time of possession.

• The Aztecs had a school-record 3,680 rushing yards last year. SDSU had broken its 2012 record (2,869) in 2015 with 3,266 yards.

• SDSU has a 1,000-yard rusher (Rashaad Penny, 1,046) in a school-record eight straight seasons, which is tied with Auburn and Boise State (both without 1,000-yard rushers this year) for the longest active streak in FBS play.

• Last year, San Diego State became the first team in NCAA FBS history with a 2,000-yard rusher (Pumphrey) and a 1,000-yard rusher (Penny) in the same season.

• The Aztecs have won 36 straight games when rushing for at least 200 yards (44-2 in the Rocky Long era).

• SDSU has a 100-yard rusher in seven of nine games this season, 18 of the 23 games since 2016 (24, 100-yard rushers total) and 27 of the 37 games since Coach Horton took over the offense in 2015 (36, 100-yard rushers).

• San Diego State is 26-1 in program history when it has two, 100-yard rushers, something it did six times last year. The Aztecs have a pair of 100-yard rushers in six of the past 18 games.

• SDSU has just 11 interceptions since 2015, the fewest in FBS play over that span.

• San Diego State has won 21 straight games when it does not turn the ball over.

### SPECIALISTS

**PAT'S/FG'S:** 29 John Barron II, 5-11, 190, Jr.-1L

**FG/FGA:** 11-for-13 (84%) Long 43 PAT'S: 29-for-29 (100%)

**Punts:** 59 Brandon Heiklen, 6-0, 180, So.-TR



# Rocky Long

Head Coach

- Three-Time Mountain West Coach of the Year
- All-time winningest coach in Mountain West history
- SDSU finished 25th in both national polls last year
- Defense ranked 11th last year and 17th in scoring defense
- 15 players selected in the NFL Draft in his six seasons as head coach



# Danny Gonzales

DC/Safeties Coach

- Named defensive coordinator in March 2017
- In his seventh season at SDSU coaching safeties
- SDSU's 57 interceptions from 2015-17 are most in FBS
- Aztecs led nation with 26 interceptions last year
- Has spent 15 years working/playing with Coach Long

## DEFENSIVE END

# 55 Chibu Onyuekwu

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6-4 • 255 • Jr.-RS CGP: 9; CGS: 0  
Pittsburg, Calif. (Deer Valley HS/Contra Costa College)

**TOP NOTE:** Is expected to make his first career start on Saturday at San José State after playing in his first career nine games.

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
Athletic defensive end, who has three years of collegiate experience (2014-15 with Contra Costa College and redshirting last year at SDSU) ... Expected to make first career start Saturday at San José State ... Has 13 tackles (eight solo) in nine games, including 4.5 sacks (and tackles for loss) and a quarterback hurry ... Ranks in a tie for fourth in the MW with 4.5 sacks despite not starting a game ... Had first two tackles, 1.5 sacks and 1.5 TFL in second game at Arizona State ... Career-high three tackles, two sacks and two TFL vs. Hawaii ... Won two Pacific 7 titles at Contra Costa College, along with his brother, Chimo, who now is playing at Washington State ... Led 2015 team with eight sacks & 12 TFL ... Prepped at Deer Valley HS ... Full name is Chibeze Onyuekwu ... Majoring in sociology.

## BACKUP

# 95 Noble Hall

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6-3 • 265 • Jr.-2L CGP: 34; CGS: 26  
Las Vegas, Nev. (Valley High)

**Notes:** Has 31 tackles, 7.5 TFL, 3.5 sacks & 2 FF in 9 games ... MW Def. PatW at ASU (5 tackles, 2.5 TFL, 1.5 SCK, 2 FF) ... 2016: 26 tackles, 6.0 TFL, 3 SCK ... 2015: 20 tackles, 6.0 TFL, 0.5 SCK, 4 FF ... 2014 SDSU Def. Scout Team PatW, while RS ... Career: 77 tackles, 19.5 TFL, 7.0 SCK, 3 FF ... Previously known as Eric Burnett.

## LINEBACKER

# 39 Ronley Lakalaka

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6-0 • 225 • Jr.-2L CGP: 33; CGS: 21  
Kalihi, Hawaii (Punahou HS)

**TOP NOTE:** His 73 tackles last year were the third most by an Aztec underclassman in the Rocky Long defensive coordinator era (since 2009).

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
Physical run-stopping linebacker who has become one of the leaders on defense ... Moved into the two-deep for the South Alabama game as a true freshman in 2015 with Jake Fey injured & stayed there for the rest of the season, before starting 13 of 14 games last year ... Has 54 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 2 sacks & 3 QBH this year ... Had 73 tackles (2nd on team) last year with 3.0 TFL, an 8-yd sack, 2 INTs for 20 yards & a TD, a PBU & 5 QBH ... Was 1 of 2 true freshmen on the depth chart in either side of the ball in 2015 (also safety Parker Baldwin), making 11 tackles ... Full name is Ronley Suomai-ades Lealoo Lakalaka ... Was 2-time all-state 1st-team selection at Punahou HS ... Older brother, Steven, played RB at Hawaii, while younger brother, Seydiack, is a true freshman LB at SDSU ... Is majoring in social science.

## BACKUP

# 44 Kyahva Tezino

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6-0 • 230 • So.-1L CGP: 18; CGS: 1  
Los Angeles, Calif. (Salesian HS)

**Notes:** CH & TH 7 tackles in 1st career start at Hawaii (entered game with 8 tackles in 1st 17 games) ... 2016: 5 tackles (1.5 sacks) in 11 GP ... 2015: RS as team's def. scout PatW ... Rushed for 1704 yards & 13 TD on offense & made 343 tackles at Salesian HS ... A 4-star recruit.

## DEFENSIVE TACKLE

# 65 Sergio Phillips

6-2 • 285 • Sr.-3L CGP: 38; CGS: 9  
DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Has the most career tackles (80) among current SDSU defensive linemen, despite only starting nine games (all this year).

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
Has switched back & forth from the offensive line (2013 recruit, spring 2015) & defensive line (spring/fall 2014, fall 2015-current) ... Has 33 tackles, 1.0 TFL & three QBH in first nine career starts this year ... Had 42 tackles (20 solo), 3.5 tackles for loss, three sacks, a forced fumble, a pass breakup and three quarterback hurries last year off the bench ... Career-high 10 stops, 1 sack in 2016 MW Championship game ... Played in eight games in 2015 (six on OL, two on DL), including being the only defensive substitute at the MW Championship game ... Had five tackles, 2.0 TFL & a sack in 2014 ... Was a three-star recruit out of DeSoto HS in Texas ... Was an all-state selection as a senior ... Led DeSoto to a 14-1 record & 7-0 mark in league play as a senior ... Majoring in social science.

## BACKUP

# 94 Jon Darius Gardner

6-4 • 295 • Sr.-SO CGP: 2; CGS: 0  
Pensacola, Fla. (Pine Forest High/Mesa CC)

**Notes:** Has played in his first two games of his career, but does not have a tackle ... On the depth chart for second straight week ... Did not play last season ... Had 52 tackles in 19 games played over two years at Mesa Community College ... Two-time all-league at Pine Forest HS in Pensacola, Fla. (HS No. 61 Damon Moore (6-4, 260, Jr.-2L) ...)

## DEFENSIVE END

# 41 Dakota Turner

6-3 • 250 • Jr.-1L CGP: 37; CGS: 4  
Mililani, Hawaii (Mililani High)

**TOP NOTE:** Started for the first time of his career on defense last Saturday at Hawaii (also started first three games at fullback last year).

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
Notes: Tough, relentless defensive end who is great in pursuit ... Returned to play Sept. 30 vs. Northern Illinois after suffering extensive cartilage and ligament damage on Aug. 19 in an SDSU scrimmage ... Has recorded seven tackles and a sack over the last five games played ... Started first three games last year at fullback, but played final 11 at defensive end, totaling 40 tackles, five TFL, two sacks, two PBU and a fumble recovery ... 2015: 15 tackles (four TFL) before tearing an ACL at Hawaii ... 2014: 18 tackles, 2.5 TFL and two sacks in 12 games ... 2013: Redshirted ... Career: 80 tackles, 12.5 TFL, five sacks and 1 FF in 37 career games (inc. 3 off. GP) ... First-team all-state at Mililani High School ... Two-time all-league selection ... A three-star recruit ... Majoring in social science.

## BACKUP

# 45 Anthony Luke

6-4 • 260 • Jr.-TR CGP: 9; CGS: 0  
Roseville, Calif. (Woodcreek High/American River College)

**Notes:** Joined SDSU in January ... Has played in all 9 games w/ 7 tackles, 1.5 TFL & 0.5 sacks ... 0.5 sacks vs. Stanford ... 1 TFL at AFA ... 43 tackles, 3.5 sacks, 12 TFL, FF & FR in 11 GP at American River College ... Played both 4-line & running back at Woodcreek HS ... Majoring in social science. (HS No. 58 Myles Chestnut (6-2, 250, Sr.-SO) ...)

## LINEBACKER

# 42 Troy Cassidy

6-3 • 215 • So.-1L CGP: 26; CGS: 7  
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Entered fall camp third on the depth chart, but started first seven games this season; From same high school as Christian Chapman.

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
Notes: Smart, athletic player who played in 11 games as a true freshman last year ... Joins fellow starters Ronley Lakalaka (Lk) & Jay Henderson (H) as linebackers who never redshirted a season (true freshman Andrew Aleki is also on the two-deep) ... Has 21 tackles (11 solo) with 1.5 TFL, 0.5 sacks, a PBU & a QBH ... Played the final 11 games, mostly on special teams, making 10 tackles (four solo) with a 1-yard sack (and TFL) ... Made a career-high three stops (all solo) vs. San José State, while also recording his first sack (and TFL), going for 1-yard ... Recorded 178 tackles (119 solo) with 10 sacks over his three-year career at Carlsbad HS (some school as starting CB Christian Chapman) ... Also played tight end for the 2015 Avocado West League champ ... Is undecided on a major.

## BACKUP

# 57 Ryan Dunn 52 Tyler Morris

6-3 • 230 • Sr.-2L CGP: 33; CGS: 21  
6-3 • 225 • Sr.-1L CGP: 24; CGS: 0

**Notes:** Has 20 tackles, 1 PBU & 2 Notes: Back from INU ... 2016: Missed QBH ... 24 tackles in 2016 ... 40 stops with INU ... 2015: 3 TCK in 14 GP ... 2014 in 2015 ... DNP in 2014 ... Career: 80 1 GP missed rest with INU ... 2013: RS ... 2012: RS at Ariz. in 2013. Working on master's in homeland security.

## Defensive Tidbits

• Danny Gonzales is serving as the team's defensive coordinator for first time at SDSU, but head coach Rocky Long will still call the game. Since Long took over as the defensive coordinator in 2009, San Diego State's defense ranks 16th nationally in yards per rush allowed (3.7), 18th in yards allowed per game (347.3) and yards per touch (6.3), and 28th in points allowed per game (23.5).

• The Aztecs have had three of the best defensive seasons and have continued their momentum this year. Below are comparisons and total ranks of the last three seasons:

	Scoring	Total	Pass	Rush
2014	15th	16th	19th	48th
2015	7th	5th	10th	7th
2016	17th	11th	42nd	7th
2017	29th	14th	16th	34th
2014-17	6th	5th	7th	10th

• SDSU is allowing just 305.0 yards per game and 20.1 points per game this season. In their other games this season, the Aztecs' opponents are averaging 433.8 yards per game and 31.6 points per game.

• San Diego State held three straight opponents to single digits in scoring last year for the first time since a four-game stretch from Oct. 15-Nov. 5, 1977. The Aztecs have held an opponent to single digits 11 times since the beginning of the 2015 season (37 games).

• Over SDSU's last 27 Mountain West contests (does not include MW Championships), opponents have scored just 16.3 points per game vs. San Diego State and only 275.4 yards per game.

• SDSU has held seven opponents to less than 200 yards of total offense since the beginning of 2015 (37 games), including once this year.

• Since the beginning of 2015 (37 games), San Diego State's defense ranks first in interceptions (57, second is 51) and tied for second in interception TDs (10).

• Since the beginning of the 2015 campaign, the Aztec defense ranks third nationally in rushing yards allowed per game (112.9) and fifth in rushing yards per attempt (3.3).

• SDSU has held its opponent to seven or less points in the first half in 18 of the last 33 games.

• In 18 of its last 39 games, San Diego State has held its opponent to a passer rating of less than 100.00, including three games this year.

## CORNERBACK

# 17 Ron Smith

6-0 • 170 • So.-1L CGP: 22; CGS: 14  
Oakland, Calif. (St. Mary's HS)

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
**TOP NOTE:** Tied a SDSU single-season record with two interceptions returned for a touchdown last year.

Good technique with a knack for coming up with the big play ... Started the final 6 games last year, recording 45 tackles, 0.5 TFL, 1 INT (2 for a TD), 1 PBU & 4 FF over that span ... INT vs. UCD & Stanford & has 5 picks in last 15 GP ... 38 stops (30 solo), 2 INT, 11 PBU & a TFL ... Had 57 tackles, 3 INT for 77 yards & 2 TD, 3 PBU, a FF & 0.5 TFL on the season ... Was named to the 2016-17 Associated Press & Athlon Sports all-bowl teams for his play in the Las Vegas Bowl (10 tackles, INT for a TD) ... Redshirted in 2015 as a true freshman ... A 3-star recruit by Rivals, Scout, ESPN & 247sports ... Majoring in psychology.

## BACKUP

# 27 Kyree Woods

6-0 • 175 • So.-1L CGP: 15; CGS: 0  
Mesquite, Ariz. (Chandler HS)

Athletic, young cornerback who should increase workload this year ... 9 stops this year ... Had 1 tackle in 7 games as a true freshman last year, which went down as a 10-yard sack on Hawaii's quarterback Drew Brown on 4th & 5, keeping SDSU's 55-0 shutout intact ... Led Chandler HS to a 24-4 record over his 2 years, including a state title in 2014 ... A 3-star recruit by ESPN ... A business admin. major.

## WARRIOR

# 14 Tariq Thompson

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6-0 • 190 • Fr.-HS CGP: 9; CGS: 9  
San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine HS)

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
**TOP NOTE:** Was the first Aztec true freshman to start on defense since Leon McCadden in 2009.

Athletic safety, who impressed the coaching staff in fall camp ... Shows great maturity for his age (turned 18 on Aug. 9) ... Became 1st Aztec true freshman to start on defense since Leon McCadden started at CSU on Oct. 24, 2009 & the 1st to start on defense on defense since McCadden on Sept. 5, 2009, at UCLA (Coach Rocky Long's 1st game as SDSU's DO) ... Ended up with 4 tackles, a TFL, an INT & a FF ... Added a FR at ASU ... CH 6 stops, 2 INT (1 for 83-yd TD) vs. NIU ... Has 34 tackles (25 solo), 2 TFL, 3 INT, a FF, FR & 2 QBH ... Played both sides of the ball at local St. Augustine HS, where team was 20-6 over his final 2 seasons (2015-16) ... Was a 2-time all-CCP pick.

## BACKUP

# 48 Israel Cabrera

5-10 • 180 • So.-1L CGP: 26; CGS: 0  
Canyon County, Calif. (Canyon HS)

Speedy DB with good technique ... Also excels on special teams ... Has 7 tackles in 9 games on special teams ... Leads SDSU with 7 ST & 7 KR tackles ... Played 11 games on special teams last year with 1 assisted tackle ... Redshirted in 2015 ... Football League Defensive PatW at Canyon HS in 2014 ... Had 188 stops, 8.5 TFL, 14 INT, 14 PBU, 3 FF & 3 FR for HS career ... Twin brother, Liam, also on SDSU at WR. (HS No. 18 Trenton Thompson (6-2, 190, So.-1L) ...)

## AZTEC

# 33 Parker Baldwin

6-2 • 215 • Jr.-2L CGP: 37; CGS: 17  
Siloam Springs, Ark. (Siloam Springs HS)

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
**TOP NOTE:** Ranked third on the team in tackles last year (66), despite coming off the bench the first 5 games.

Big-time player, who did not start at Hawaii's because of a knee injury after starting 17 straight at the signature Aztec spot in Rocky Long's 3-3-5 defense ... Has 51 tackles & a PBU ... Had 24 tackles in a 2-game stretch this year, including CH 13 at AFA ... Had 66 tackles (37 solo), 3 TFL, 2 INT, a FF, FR & 7 PBU last year ... Was 2nd on the team in special teams tackles (10) as a true freshman in 2015 ... Had 14 tackles, an INT & a FF, being named team's Freshman of the Year ... Earned all-state accolades as Sr. ... Scored 8 TD & had 758 rec. yds, 135 rush yds & 134 tackles in his final HS season ... Was the 200m state champ ... A communication major.

## BACKUP

# 37 Dwayne Johnson, Jr.

6-2 • 190 • Fr.-RS CGP: 8; CGS: 1  
Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta HS)

Hard-hitting safety, who is still learning the defense ... Logged 10 tackles & a TFL in his 8 career games this year ... Earned 1st career start last week at Hawaii ... Redshirted the 2016 campaign ... Led Vista Murrieta HS to a 35-7 (R33) record & 15-0 in league play over his 3 seasons ... Had 207 tackles & 8 interceptions over his final 2 years ... No relation to Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.

## WARRIOR

# 3 Trey Lomax

5-11 • 195 • Sr.-3L CGP: 40; CGS: 34  
San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa HS)

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
**TOP NOTE:** Has the most starts (34) among any active Aztec on either the offensive or defensive side of the ball.

Reads plays exceptionally well ... Has the most tackles (154) among any current Aztec ... 3rd on team w/ 49 stops ... 2016: 33 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 1 INT & 5 PBU in 14 GP (13 GS) ... 2015: Battered injuries to finish w/ 9 tackles, 1.0 TFL & 1 FR in 5 GP (2 GS) ... 2014: Had most tackles (63) by an Aztec freshman in the Rocky Long DC era (since 2009) ... Named the team's most out touch (2014) w/ 2 FR as well ... Career: 154 tackles, 7.5 TFL, 1 sack, 2 INT, 9 PBU, 3 FR ... 2013: RS ... Also was recruited to play baseball at SDSU ... Off. conference MVP at Mira Mesa HS ... Also hit .341 & was 2-time 1st-team all-league baseball pick ... Earned bachelor's in criminal justice & working on master's in homeland security.

## BACKUP

# 23 Darren Hall

6-0 • 170 • Fr.-HS CGP: 2; CGS: 0  
Pasadena, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga HS)

Ball hawk, who saw action in the opener vs. UC Davis, making two tackles ... One of three true freshmen on the defensive side of the depth chart (also Andrew Aleki and WAR Tariq Thompson) ... Led Rancho Cucamonga HS to a 12-1 record last year, earning first-team all-league honors ... Was a consensus three-star recruit ... Prepped with fellow true freshman Tayari Venable ... Majoring in communication.

## CORNERBACK

# 7 Kameron Kelly

6-2 • 200 • Sr.-3L CGP: 42; CGS: 23  
Murphy, Texas (Wylie HS)

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
**TOP NOTE:** Recorded two interceptions against Houston in the 2016 Las Vegas Bowl game.

Made the move to CB after spending 1st 3 years at Warrior ... Has 47 tackles (41 solo), 4.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 5 PBU, 1 INT & a FF ... Bronko Nagurski Nat'l & MW Def. PatW vs. Stanford w/ 6 tackles, 2 sacks, a FF & INT ... Had 38 tackles, 5 INT & 6 PBU last year ... Started 13 times in 2015 at Warrior, making 58 tackles, 3 TFL, 3 PBU & 2 INT ... Logged time in 6 games as a true freshman in 2014 w/ 1 tackle & a blocked punt before having surgery on a leg for compartment syndrome ... Career: 144 tackles, 7.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 9 INT, 14 PBU, 1 FF ... The 4A Region II District 13 PatW after racking up 4,000 all-purpose yards at Wylie HS in Texas ... Is majoring in social science.

## BACKUP

# 32 Tayler Hawkins

6-1 • 200 • Fr.-RS CGP: 6; CGS: 0  
Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)

Hard-hitting athlete, who has played last six games for first time over all ... Missed first three games this year, recovering from an injury ... Has three tackles on special teams ... Redshirted last year ... Four-year letterwinner at Palm Springs HS with fellow DB Trenton Thompson ... Led Indians to a 25-3 record over final two seasons ... Excelled as WR, DB & P ... Consensus 3-star recruit ... Business admin. major. (HS No. 30 Garrett Binkley (5-9, 170, So.-SO) ...)