



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 in 2016
- Aztecs have won two of last five MW titles and three since 2012
- 18 players selected in the NFL Draft in his eight seasons as head coach



Zach Arnett

DC/Linebackers Coach

- Named defensive coordinator in January 2018
- Is in his ninth season at SDSU and sixth as asst. coach
- Has worked with the SDSU linebackers all nine years
- Has coached an all-MW linebacker in seven straight years
- Has spent 12 years working/playing with Coach Long

DEFENSIVE END

68 Myles Cheatum

6-2 • 265 • Sr.-2L CPG: 29; CGS: 11
Cedar Park, Texas (Cedar Park HS)

TOP NOTE: Has more career games played (29) and games started (11) than the rest of the two-deep on the defensive line (26 GP, 0 GS).

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Athletic, relentless defensive lineman with veteran leadership ... Only Aztec on the d-line w/ starting experience (11 career starts) entering Weber State game ... Career: 49 tackles, 6.5 TFL, 4 sacks, 2 FF & 1 FR ... 2017: 18 stops, 3 TFL, 2 sacks, & 4 QBH in 13 GP (3 GS) ... 2018: 18 stops, 3 TFL, 2 sacks, 1 FF & 4 QBH in 11 GP (8 GS) ... Biggest game came at ASU on 9/9/17 (4 tackles, 2 TFL, 1 SACK & 1 QBH) ... 2016: Had 4 tackles in 5 games off the bench ... 2015: Redshirt ... Had 10 TFL as a senior at Cedar Park HS in 2014, leading the Timberwolves to a 12-4 overall record & to Conference 5A Division 2 championship game ... Also added 10 offensive TD (8 rush, 2 rec.) ... Born in Athens, Greece ... An interdisciplinary studies major ... Housemates with LB Kyahva Iezino, RB Jowan Washington & WR Chaz Collins.

BACKUP

58 Connor Mitchell

6-5 • 260 • So.-1L CPG: 13; CGS: 0
Island Lakes, Ill. (Wauconda HS)

Notes: Is the second-most experienced defensive lineman with 13 career games played ... Had eight tackles, including 1 TFL in 2018, playing all 13 games off the bench ... Redshirted in 2017 ... All-state at Wauconda HS in Island Lakes, Ill. ... Led HS league in sacks ... A communication major.

LINEBACKER (SAM)

54 Caden McDonald

6-3 • 230 • So.-1L CPG: 13; CGS: 0
Haslet, Texas (Northwest HS)

TOP NOTE: Enters the season as the projected starting "Sam" linebacker, despite recording just two tackles in his freshman season in 2018.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Is coming off another solid spring, where he earned a starting role at the "Sam" linebacker and held that position through the full camp ... A physical linebacker, who continues to get bigger in the weight room ... Recorded two tackles in 13 games off the bench last season, working behind three-year starter Ronley Lakalaka ... Redshirted the 2017 campaign ... Totaled a school-record 290 tackles over his three-year career at Northwest High School in Haslet, Texas ... Was Northwest High's defensive player of the year all three seasons ... Was rated as the 10th-best linebacker recruit in the talent-rich state of Texas ... Also track and field star, qualifying for state meet ... A kinesiology major with an emphasis as fitness specialist.

BACKUP

43 Seydrick Lakalaka

6-1 • 230 • So.-1L CPG: 9; CGS: 0
Kalihi, Hawaii (Punahou HS)

Notes: Stout linebacker, who continues to improve ... Had three tackles in nine games last season ... Redshirted in 2017 ... Was a second-team all-league linebacker as a senior at Punahou HS ... Younger brother of Ronley (2015-18 LB at SDSU) and Steven (2013-16 RB at Hawai'i).

CORNERBACK

16 Luc Barcoo

6-1 • 175 • Sr.-1L CPG: 11; CGS: 0
San Diego, CA (Grossmont College/Castle Park HS)

TOP NOTE: Will be making his first career start Saturday vs. Weber State.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Grossmont College transfer who impressed in the 2018 fall camp and made the two-deep ... Worked himself into a starting position in the spring, where he has remained every since ... Had 20 tackles, four pass breakups and an interception in 11 games off the bench last season ... Recorded first career interception at New Mexico to seal the Aztec win ... Played on both sides of the ball at Grossmont Junior College ... In 2017, caught 35 passes for 767 yards (21.9 avg.) & 7 TD, while recording three interceptions in two seasons ... A three-star recruit by Rivals ... Played both ways at Castle Park HS in nearby Chula Vista.

BACKUP

12 Nolen Harris

6-0 • 185 • Sr.-SQ CPG: 0; CGS: 0
San Diego, CA (SD Mesa College/Patrick Henry HS)

Notes: Is expected to play Saturday for the first time of his career ... Is coming off a solid fall camp ... Did not play his first season at SDSU in 2018 ... Spent two seasons at San Diego Mesa College, leading the Olympians to an 11-2 record in 2017 and a Southern California Bowl title ... Had a combined 64 tackles, 11 pass breakups and an interception ... Prepped at local Patrick Henry HS.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

65 Cameron Thomas

6-5 • 260 • Fr.-RS CPG: 1; CGS: 0
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

TOP NOTE: Enters the opener as the projected starting defensive tackle, despite having not yet played a snap on defense.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Young, defensive lineman who moved over to nose tackle after working as a defensive end in the spring ... Is the lone projected starter on the defensive line ... Played in one game in 2018 as a true freshman, logging special teams play vs. Ohio in the DFL Frisco Bowl ... Was on the travel squad for three games ... Played his prep ball at Carlsbad High School, along with fellow Aztecs Troy Cassidy (starting WILL linebacker) and Zachary Thomas (backup left tackle), and SDSU's all-time winningest quarterback Christian Chapman ... Had 88 tackles and 9.5 sacks over his final two seasons at Carlsbad High ... Older brother, Zachary, started two games last year on the offensive line before an injury forced him to miss the rest of the season.

BACKUP

69 Sam Hines

6-2 • 260 • Fr.-RS CPG: 0; CGS: 0
New Orleans, La. (Saint Mary's College HS (Calif.))

Notes: Physical defensive tackle, who will look for his first playing time this season ... Joined the Aztecs late in the 2018 fall camp ... Redshirted the 2018 campaign ... Was a two-time all-league defensive end at Saint Mary's College ... Is majoring in kinesiology.

LINEBACKER (MIKE)

44 Kyahva Tezino

6-0 • 235 • Sr.-3L CPG: 39; CGS: 18
Los Angeles, Calif. (Salesian HS)

TOP NOTE: Has led the team (or tied for the team lead) in tackles in 14 of the 18 career games he has started.

On three watch lists (Bednarik Award, Nagurski Award & Butkus Award) ... Preseason 1st-team all-MW ... Explosive run-stopping all-lete ... Had 183 TCK & 20.5 TFL over his last 18 games (all starts) ... Had team-leading 127 tackles, 14.5 TFL, 8.5 sacks & 17 QBH last year ... Was 1st-team all-MW & SDSU's player of the year ... 127 stops were 24 more than No. 2 on the team, 67 more than No. 3, 3rd-most among Aztec juniors in program history & 8th-most overall ... Was a 2-time MW Def. PoW ... 2017: 59 tackles, 6 TFL, 2 SCK (56 TCK, 6 TFL, 2 SCK over final 5 games (1st 5 starts)) ... 17 tackles vs. Army West Point in AFB, earning 5 All-Bowl team honors ... 2016: 5 TCK, 1.5 SCK ... 2015: Redshirted, earning the team's def. scout PoW ... Started on both sides of the ball at Salesian HS, rushing for 1,704 yards & 13 TD (9.6 avg.), & recording 343 tackles & 9 INT.

BACKUP

46 Michael Shawcroft

6-2 • 225 • Fr.-HS CPG: 0; CGS: 0
San Diego, Calif. (Helix HS)

Notes: Impressed early, getting reps with the 2nd-string defense almost immediately in fall camp ... Has great speed & tenacity ... Was the 2018 CIF San Diego Section Defensive PoW & a 2-time all-CIF 1st-team selection at nearby Helix HS ... Majoring in physics w/ plans to become an astronomer.

DEFENSIVE END

57 Keshawn Banks

6-4 • 270 • So.-1L CPG: 12; CGS: 0
Rio Rancho, N.M. (Rio Rancho HS)

TOP NOTE: Played 12 of the team's 13 games last season as a true freshman.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Talented, young defensive end who had a solid 2018 fall camp and played immediately as a true freshman, despite four seniors on the defensive line ... Emerged as a starter in the spring, which carried onto fall camp ... Had seven tackles, including one tackle for loss, in 12 games off the bench ... Only missed the Nevada game (injury) ... Played 180 snaps on the season ... Led Rio Rancho High School in the Albuquerque (N.M.) area to a 13-0 record and state championship in 2016, and a 9-3 mark in 2017 ... Had 133 tackles, 37 TFL, 18 sacks, eight PBU, three forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries and an interception in his three seasons at Rio Rancho HS ... Led all-state honors ... Also played basketball and lettered in track and field ... Undecided on a major.

BACKUP

52 Jalil Lecky

6-5 • 240 • Jr.-RS CPG: 0; CGS: 0
Antioch, Calif. (College of San Mateo/Heritage HS)

Notes: Tall, athletic defensive lineman ... Redshirted in 2018, while working with both the defensive line and the linebackers ... Led the College of San Mateo to a 18-5 record from 2016-17, including a 11-2 mark and a spot in the 2017 California JuCo championship game ... Prepped at Heritage HS.

LINEBACKER (WILL)

42 Troy Cassidy

6-3 • 230 • Sr.-3L CPG: 37; CGS: 20
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

TOP NOTE: Has played 37 consecutive games, the longest streak on the team.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Smart, athletic player who has been in the mix since his true freshman season in 2016 ... His 20 career starts are the second-most among Aztec defensive players (Tariq Thompson, 26) ... Started 12 of 13 last year, making 45 tackles, 4 TFL, 2.5 sacks & 1 forced fumble ... Best games came at UNM (5 TCK, 2 TFL, 2 SCK) & at FS (7 TCK) ... 2017: 31 tackles with 1.5 TFL, 0.5 SCK, & 5 QBH ... 2016: Played the final 11 games as a true freshman, mostly on special teams, making 10 tackles (4 solo) with a 1-yard sack (and TFL) ... Recorded 178 tackles (119 solo) with 10 sacks over his three-year career at Carlsbad HS ... Also played TE for the 2015 Avocado West League champ ... A three-star recruit by Rivals, Scout & ESPN ... Is majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

BACKUP

47 Kaelin Himphill

6-2 • 225 • Jr.-1L CPG: 13; CGS: 0
Hillsboro, Ore. (Liberty HS)

Notes: Hard-hitting LB ... Had 1 tackle in 12 games on special teams last year ... MW ST PoW vs. AFA w/ blocked punt (SDSU's 1st since 2014) ... 2017: Had 15 TFL in 1 game ... RS in 2016 ... Led Liberty HS to a 19-3 record over final 2 years ... 2-time all-state & 2-time all-league pick.

ALSO: Andrew Aleki (6-3, 230, Jr.-2L) ... 2018-19.

Defensive Tidbits

• Zach Arnett is serving as the team's defensive coordinator for the second season 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 8th nationally in rush avg. (3.6), 15th in yards per touch (6.3) and 18th in total defense (345.7).

• The Aztecs have had four of the best defensive seasons nationally. Below are total ranks of the last four seasons:

	Scoring	Total	Pass	Rush
2014	13th	16th	19th	48th
2015	7th	5th	10th	7th
2016	17th	11th	42nd	7th
2017	21st	11th	15th	32nd
2018	32nd	22nd	66th	7th
2014-19	9th	6th	12th	6th
2015-19	10th	6th	18th	4th

• In 13 games last year, SDSU's defense allowed 334.6 yards and 22.2 points per game (21.2 points if you take away the three times the Aztecs took safeties and a fumble return (and PAT) by New Mexico). In the other games for SDSU's 13 opponents, they averaged 409.3 yards and 30.8 points per game.

• The Aztecs have held an opponent to single digits 13 times since the beginning of the 2015 season (54 games).

• Prior to the UNLV game last year, SDSU had held five straight opponents to less than 300 yards of total offense and nine straight to less than 400.

• Since the beginning of 2015 (54 games), San Diego State's defense ranks in a tie for first in interceptions (73) and a tie for fifth in interception TDs (10).

• The Aztecs went the first five games of the season last year without allowing a rush longer than 17 yards. SDSU's first rush allowed longer than 20 yards came on the 160th rush attempt. San Diego State allowed only three rushes (out of 453, 0.66 pct.) for 20 or longer last year.

• SDSU ranked seventh in FBS play last year in defensive rush average (3.0) and in rushing yards allowed per game (103.8).

• SDSU's opponents have converted just 11 of its last 39 attempts (.282) on fourth down against the Aztecs.

• SDSU forced 3 and outs (or better) in 56 of 155 drives (36.1 pct.) when their opponent tried to score last year (excludes kneel downs to end half/game). The 36.1 pct. was the 16th-best mark in the country, while the 4.31 3 and outs per game was tied for the 19th most last year.

FIELD WARRIOR

14 Tariq Thompson

6-0 • 200 • Jr.-2L CPG: 26; CGS: 26
San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine HS)

TOP NOTE: Has started all 26 games since arriving to campus in 2017.

On the Jim Thorpe Award Watch List ... A preseason 1st-team all-MW selection ... Ranks 3rd among active FBS players in INT PG (0.27) ... Has the most starts among all Aztec defensive players, despite turning 20 on Aug. 9 ... 2nd-team all-MW in 2018 after making 60 tackles, 5 TFL, 2 INT & 5 PBU ... 1st Aztec true freshman to start on defense since CB Leon McDonald started at CSU on 0.24 0.9 & 1st to start opener on def. since McDonald on S.09 at UCLA (Coach Long's 1st game as SDSU's DC) ... MW Def. PoW vs. UNM (8 TCK, 2 INT, 2 PBU, 1 TFL) ... Played both sides of the ball at St. Augustine HS under current safeties coach Richard Sanchez.

BACKUP

18 Trenton Thompson

6-2 • 200 • Jr.-2L CPG: 24; CGS: 8
Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)

Notes: Linebacker, who started 8 times & played all 13 games last year at Boundary Warrior ... Made 57 tackles last year with 2 TFL, 1 SCK, 2 PBU, 1 INT & 1 FF ... 2017: Redshirted with 1 tackle in 3 games ... 2016: Made 9 stops with a PBU as a true freshman ... Led Palm Springs HS to a 24-3 (88.9) record over his 3 years ... Was PSHS teammates with fellow Warrior Taylor Hawkins.

AZTEC

36 Dwayne Johnson Jr.

6-2 • 215 • Jr.-2L CPG: 25; CGS: 1
Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta HS)

TOP NOTE: No relation to Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Hard-hitting safety, who is expected to make the start vs. Weber State after backing up Parker Baldwin in the last three seasons ... Played in all 13 games last year, mainly on special teams ... Had two tackles on the season and a fumble recovery vs. Hawai'i ... Logged 14 tackles & a TFL in his first 12 career games in 2017, starting at Hawai'i ... Redshirted the 2016 campaign ... Led Vista Murrieta High School to a 35-7 (83.3) record and a 15-0 mark in league play over his three seasons ... Had 207 tackles & eight interceptions over his final two years ... Is majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

BACKUP

33 Patrick McMorris

6-0 • 180 • Fr.-HS CPG: 0; CGS: 0
Santa Ana, Calif. (Santa Ana HS)

Notes: Is coming off a good fall camp, vaulting to the No. 2 spot in the signature Aztec position in Rocky Long's 3-5 defense ... Played one year at Santa Ana HS, posting a 10-3 record in 2018 & 5-0 league mark ... Ran for 1,801 yards & 23 touchdowns, while catching 17 passes for 375 yards & 2 TDs ... Had 99 stops with two interceptions ... Previously starred at Godinez HS.

BOUNDARY WARRIOR

27 Kyree Woods

6-0 • 190 • Sr.-3L CPG: 32; CGS: 10
Mesa, Ariz. (Chandler HS)

TOP NOTE: Started 10 games last season at cornerback, but made the move to safety in the spring.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Athletic, run-stopper ... Has played in 32 of a possible 40 games since arriving as a true freshman in 2016 ... Had 37 tackles, 4.5 TFL, 4 PBU, 1 FF, 1 FR & 1 sack last year in 13 games (10 starts) at cornerback ... 2017: Made 13 tackles (9 solo) in 12 games, adding a PBU ... 2016: Had 1 tackle in 7 games as a true freshman, which went down as a 10-yard sack on Hawai'i QB Dru Brown on 4th & 5, keeping SDSU's 55-0 shutout intact ... Led Chandler High School to a 24-4 record over his two years, including a state title in 2014 ... A three-star recruit by ESPN ... A business administration major with an emphasis in marketing.

BACKUP

32 Tayler Hawkins

6-1 • 205 • Jr.-2L CPG: 23; CGS: 3
Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)

Notes: Hard-hitting athlete, who has played the last two games with 5 starts last year ... 2018: Had 35 tackles, 1.0 TFL & 5 PBU ... 2017: Made 1st 3 game, recovering from an injury ... Had 5 tackles on special teams ... RS in 2017 ... 4-year letterwinner at Palm Springs HS with fellow Trenton Thompson ... Helped Indians to 24-3 record over final 2 seasons ... Excelled as WR, DB & P ... A business admin. major.

CORNERBACK

23 Darren Hall

6-0 • 180 • So.-1L CPG: 14; CGS: 3
Pasadena, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga HS)

TOP NOTE: Came up with interceptions on back-to-back snaps in 2018 vs. Eastern Michigan and Boise State.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
A ball hawk with good instincts ... Enters the Weber State game with an ankle injury ... Was the SDSU Co-Freshman of the Year after recording 45 tackles (34 solo), two interceptions, three pass breakups, a sack and a forced fumble ... Was a two-time MW Defensive Player of the Week (4 TCK, 1 INT in OT vs. EMU & 9 TCK, 1 SCK, 1 FF, 1 INT at BS), despite not starting either game ... Had 8 TCK, 1 TFL & 1 PBU in first career start at FS ... Redshirted 2017 with two stops in two games played ... Led Rancho Cucamonga HS to a 12-1 record in 2016, earning first-team all-league honors ... A communication major.

BACKUP

17 Eric Wilson

6-0 • 185 • Jr.-TR CPG: 0; CGS: 0
Oceanside, CA (Riverside City College/El Camino HS)

Notes: Worked himself into the two-deep after joining the Aztecs in the fall ... Totaled 69 tackles (50 solo) over his two seasons at Riverside City College along with 4 TFL, 5 interceptions, 18 pass breakups & a blocked kick ... Earned all-California honors as a sophomore in 2018 & was a two-time all-league pick ... Prepped at El Camino High ... Undecided on a major.

San Diego State Aztecs

2018 Record: 7-6, 4-4 MW
 Nine Straight Bowl Game Appearances
 MW Champions: 2016, 2015, 2012 | 21-Time Conference Champions



Jeff Horton

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

- Fourth season as offensive coordinator (eighth year at SDSU overall)
- SDSU has scored 30+ points in 26 of its last 46 games. (31.2 avg.)
- 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

71 Kyle Spalding

6-6 • 300 • Jr.-1L CGP: 16; CGS: 3
 McKinleyville, Calif. (McKinleyville High)

TOP NOTE: Went from quarterback in high school to tight end at SDSU in 2016 to offensive lineman in 2017.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
 Was recruited to SDSU as a tight end, but moved to offensive line in the fall of 2017. Started final three games of last year at RT... Says that he is more comfortable at LT as he has practiced at that position more... Played in all 13 games last year... Played three games in 2017 logging 44 snaps... Redshirted 2016 as a tight end... Quarterbacked McKinleyville HS, throwing for 5,103 yards and 54 TD, and rushing for 960 yards and 22 TD... Also played for the Panthers... Was all-county and team MVP... Also played baseball and basketball... Is majoring in criminal justice.

BACKUP

76 Zachary Thomas

6-5 • 300 • Jr.-1L CGP: 16; CGS: 2
 Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

Played the first three games last season, making two starts at RG before suffering a season-ending injury... Played in all 13 games as a freshman... Younger brother, Cameron, is a redshirt freshman defensive lineman on the team.

LEFT GUARD

79 Daishawn Dixon

6-5 • 330 • Sr.-3L CGP: 39; CGS: 25
 San Antonio, Texas (Wm. Howard Taft HS)

TOP NOTE: Is the most experienced Aztec on either side of the ball with 39 career games played.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Pronunciation: DAY-shawn... Big body who moves well (can pull)... Made 25 regular-season straight starts at LG & played in 39 straight regular-season games... 3rd-most snaps played on team in 2018 (808) and 2017 (819)... Logged 34 offensive snaps in 2016, the most among OL reserves... That season he played in all 14 games, mostly on PAT & FG units... 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... Born in Phoenix, Ariz., graduated HS in San Antonio.

BACKUP

64 Chris Martinez

6-4 • 305 • So.-SO CGP: 0; CGS: 0
 Turlock, Calif. (Pitman HS)

Has not played yet... Redshirted in 2017... A three-time letterwinner at Pitman High in Turlock, Calif... A three-star prep recruit... Twice named first-team all-California Conference... Was born in San Jose, Calif.

CENTER

60 Keith Ismael

6-3 • 310 • Jr.-2L CGP: 25; CGS: 25
 Oakland, Calif. (Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep)

TOP NOTE: One of only two players on the entire team to start every game he has played in (also Tariq Thompson).

Pronunciation: iz-MAEL... On two watch lists (Outland for top interior lineman & Rimington for top center)... **All-MW preseason team**... Leader of the o-line... Last season he started 12 games (6 at C, 5 at RG and 1 at LG)... Named 1st-team all-MW (2018) & 2nd-team all-MW (2017)... Started all 13 games in 2017 (8 at C, 5 at RG)... 1 of 2 non-senior O-linemen to make the MW 1st or 2nd team (made 2nd)... Was on the depth chart in 2016 at LG, but did not play & was able to maintain his RS... Was a 1st-team all-league pick & a 2nd-team all-Metro selection as a Sr. at Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep... Also played lax at SHCP... An international & conflict resolution major.

BACKUP

56 Dominic Gudino

6-3 • 300 • Jr.-2L CGP: 17; CGS: 13
 Chula Vista, Calif. (Olympian HS)

Pronunciation: Goo-deeno... Started eight times last season and has 14 career starts (10 at C, 4 at RG)... Earned 3 letters at local Olympian HS in Chula Vista, captaining 2 seasons... Was a Blue-Gray All-American... Is majoring in kinesiology.

RIGHT GUARD

73 William Dunkle

6-5 • 350 • Fr.-RS CGP: 0; CGS: 0
 Chula Vista, Calif. (Eastlake High)

TOP NOTE: Nephew of Freddie Dunkle, who played at San Diego State from 2004-07.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
 A big, raw offensive lineman who enjoys contact... Weighed 380 when he arrived on campus, currently listed at 350... Is slated to see his first action as a starter at right guard Saturday... Redshirted last season... A three-year letterwinner and two-time captain at nearby Eastlake High in Chula Vista, Calif... His 2017 prep team finished 10-3 and was CIF runner-up... Does not turn 20 until a month after the 2019 season ends (currently 19).

BACKUP

62 Jacob Jimenez

6-5 • 300 • Sr.-TR CGP: 15; CGS: 0
 Pflugerville, Texas (Brigham Young Univ.)

Joined the Aztecs after spending four years at Brigham Young, playing in 15 games and 134 offensive snaps in three seasons... Attended Pflugerville High.

RIGHT TACKLE

77 Jacob Copra

6-5 • 315 • Jr.-Tr. (Univ. or Oregon) CGP: 15; CGS: 1
 Auburn, Calif. (Univ. or Oregon)

TOP NOTE: Older brother, Johnny, played at Utah, while younger brother, Joey, is a true freshman on the Aztecs.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
 Versatile offensive lineman, who spent the last three seasons at Oregon... Joined SDSU for the 2019 spring camp and has two years of eligibility left... Has allowed just two sacks and one quarterback hurry over his two-year playing career... Played in 15 games with Oregon with one start, logging a combined 257 snaps... Was a two-time Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention pick... Prepped at Placer HS... Competed at the Army All-American Combine... Graduated from Oregon in June with a degree in general science and crime law society... Working on his master's in homeland security and conflict resolution.

BACKUP

75 Desmond Bessent

6-7 • 310 • So.-SO CGP: 2; CGS: 0
 Tampa, Fla. (Sickles HS)

Pronunciation: BESS-ent... On two-deep for 2nd straight season... Played special teams at FS & UH... Utilized his redshirt season last year as a true freshman (2017)... Played high school ball in Tampa... Criminal justice major.

H-BACK / TE

82 Parker Houston

6-3 • 250 • Sr.-3L CGP: 36; CGS: 24
 Sparks, Nev. (Edward S. Reed High)

TOP NOTE: Is the most experienced receiver (WR, RB or TE) on the offensive side of the ball w/24 career starts (No. 2 has 12 career starts).

2018 Stats:

Rushing					Receiving						
GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	TD	100+	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	100+	
13	13	0	0	0	0	0	16	178	11.1	2	29

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
 Assistant HC/OC Jeff Horton calls him "our hockey goon" and says "he is the heart of our team"... Played in 36 games, made 24 starts, including 14 straight... Played 660 offensive snaps last season, most on his side of the ball among non-offensive linemen... Career numbers: 27 receptions, 266 yards, three TDs, 9.9 ypc... 2017: Started 7 games with 6 receptions for 56 yards... 2016: 5 rec. for 32 yds. & 1 TD as a true freshman, being named SDSU Co-Freshman of the Year (Juwon Washington)... Already a college graduate, he is working on his master's degree in criminal justice... Led Edward C. Reed HS to a 24-5 record (828) over his high school 2 years... Criminal justice major and 3-time MW Fall Academic Team member.

TIGHT END

88 Daniel Bellinger

6-6 • 250 • So.-1L CGP: 9; CGS: 0
 Las Vegas, Nev. (Palo Verde High)

Enters the season listed as the starting tight end... Last season, he played in the final nine games as a true freshman... Had one catch for 10 yards and was used primarily in big personnel packages... Logged 59 total snaps as a freshman... A two-way player in high school (TE and LB)... First-team all-state as a linebacker.

X RECEIVER

96 Elijah Kothe

6-4 • 205 • So.-1L CGP: 12; CGS: 2
 Las Vegas, Nev. (Faith Luthern HS)

2018 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
12	2	7	78	11.1	24	0

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Pronunciation: CODY... Tall, has ability to make tough catches in traffic... Can play all receiver positions... Played in the final 12 games of the season with two starts as a true freshman in 2018... 7 catches for 78 yards... Last season, record two-catch games against Eastern Michigan and home-state opponent Nevada... 2018 Mountain West All-Academic Team... Had 115 rec. for 1,806 yds. and 19 TD from 2015-17 at Faith Luthern High... Business administration major.

BACKUP

92 Kobe Smith

6-2 • 190 • So.-1L CGP: 12; CGS: 2
 Compton, Calif. (Junipero Serra HS)

Saw action as a true freshman last season (2018)... Played in 12 games (three catches for 113 yards... 107 rec. for 1,689 yds & 13 TD at JSHS from 2016-17... Turned 19 in July.

RUNNING BACK

29 Juwan Washington

5-7 • 190 • Sr.-3L CGP: 36; CGS: 12
 Fort Worth, Texas (Kennedale HS)

TOP NOTE: Enters his senior season ranked 13th in school history w/2,199 career rushing yards; 3rd nationally in KOR touchdowns (3).

2018 Stats:

Rushing					Receiving						
GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	TD	100+	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	100+	
9	8	199	999	5.0	10	5	10	73	7.3	0	15

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
 Posted consecutive 100-yard rushing games to end last season & can tie his career best with a third straight 100-yard rushing game in the 2019 opener... Member of the Maxwell (player of the year), Paul Hornung (most versatile) and Earl Campbell (offensive player w/Texas ties) Watch Lists... Preseason all-MW selection... Rushed for 999 yards last season despite missing 4 1/2 games... Was 2nd in the nation in RYPG when he was injured in the game against Eastern Michigan (4th game of season)... Career rushing numbers: 381 carries, 2,199 yards, 23 touchdowns, 5.8 ypc, 7 100-yard rushing games... 27 career touchdowns... Ran for 5,139 yds. & 75 TD at Kennedale High.

BACKUPS

22 Chase Jasmin

5-11 • 195 • Jr.-2L CGP: 26; CGS: 3
 Agoura Hills, Calif. (Westlake HS)

Played in all 13 games last season and made three starts... He became the 77th different player in school history with a 100-yard rushing game when he ran for 112 yards vs. No. 23/25 Arizona State (Sept. 15, 2018)... Rushed 138 times for 592 yards with five touchdowns in 2018... 729 career rushing yards... 2017: 33 att., 137 yds & 2 TD... RS in 2016... Rushed for more than 2,808 yards & 24 TD over his career HS career... ALSO: No. 21 Chance Bell | No. 26 Keegan Williams | No. 15 Jordan Byrd

Z RECEIVER

45 Jesse Mathews

6-0 • 190 • Fr.-RS CGP: 0; CGS: 0
 San Diego, Calif. (Christian HS)

2018 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
 Walked on to the team last season... Had a great spring camp and brought that into the fall, where he was the most consistent wide receiver... Excellent zone route runner with good hands... Named offensive scout player of the year (2018) after redshirting... Was a first-team all-league and all-county performer in 2017 at nearby Christian High School, when he had 57 catches for 888 yards (15.6 avg.) and 14 touchdowns... Also was a shortstop on the baseball team and a point guard on the basketball squad... Is majoring in communication.

BACKUP

13 Isaiah Richardson

6-1 • 190 • So.-SO CGP: 1; CGS: 0
 Palmdale, Calif. (Chaminade Prep)

Speedy, athletic receiver with good hands... Burst onto the scene with three catches for 58 yards (19.3 avg.) in his first career game against Ohio in the DXL Frisco Bowl... Was on the travel squad for four games prior to play in vs. Ohio... Redshirted in 2017... Played his high school ball at Chaminade Prep... Also played basketball and was on the track & field team.

QUARTERBACK

9 Ryan Agnew

6-0 • 200 • Sr.-3L CGP: 27; CGS: 7
 Southlake, Texas (Carroll HS)

TOP NOTE: Owns a 6-1 record as a starter with wins over nationally-ranked opponents Arizona State and Boise State (on the road).

2018 Stats:

GP	GS	Cmp.	Att.	Pct.	Int.	TD	Yds.	Rtg.
12	7	115	223	51.6	6	10	1,525	123.18

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
 2018 San Diego State Offensive Player of the Year... Athletic, mobile QB... Started 7 games for injured Christian Chapman last season, going 6-1 with three 2nd-half come-from-behind victories... Logged time at the QB position in the final 12 games of season... Posted wins over 23/25 ASU (1st GS QB to win starting debut vs. a ranked P5 team since 2009) & at rv/25 Boise... 1,525 yds., 10 TD, 5 INT on year... CH 283 yds, 3 TD at Nevada... No INTs in 72 career PA on the road... 2017: 4-for-7 for 47 yds in 7 GP, rushing 52 times on 10 att... 2016: 2-for-2 for 29 yds... 2015: RS (off. scout player of the year)... Passed for 6,967 yds & 56 TD at Carroll High in Texas... Economics major... Assistant head coach/OC Jeff Horton refers to him as Clark Kent for his calm demeanor.

BACKUP

3 Carson Baker

6-3 • 190 • Fr.-RS CGP: 0; CGS: 0
 San Diego, Calif. (Helix HS)

Entered fall camp fourth on the depth chart but emerged as the backup at the position... Started 7 games for injured Christian Chapman last season... Helped lead his prep team, the Highlanders, to a 34-7 record and a state championship game appearance in his three years on the varsity... One of three players (Rashed Scott and Michael Showcroft) to attend Helix High (located 3.0 miles from the SDSU campus).

E RECEIVER

81 Ethan Dedeaux

5-9 • 185 • So.-1L CGP: 10; CGS: 8
 Las Vegas, Nev. (Liberty HS)

2018 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
10	8	22	262	11.9	46	0

Pronunciation: DAY-doh... Started 8 of 10 appearances, missing 3 games (1 with inj., 2 personal) last season... Had 6 catches for 90 yards (15.0 avg.) vs. Sac State in last season's home opener (90 yards were most by an Aztec freshman since at least 1996)... 7 rec., 63 yds vs. UNLV (7 catches tied for most in Jeff Horton OC era since 2005)... Redshirted in 2017... Was on the dean's list at Liberty HS where he participated in football & track... Scored 54 TDs in 54 career high school games... In HS, he played the following positions: WR, RB, CB, S & QB... 19 years old... A communication major.

BACKUP

41 BJ Busbee

5-8 • 155 • So.-1L CGP: 11; CGS: 0
 Long Beach, Calif. (St. Anthony HS)

Pronunciation: BUZZ-bee... Walk on wide receiver who saw playing time last season... Played in final 11 games of the 2018 campaign... 8 rec. for 136 yards and a touchdown (Easter Michigan) last season... 6 rec., 89 yds. (14.8 avg.) last year in 12 GP... RS in 2016... Prepped at St. Anthony High... 3x first-team all-CIF... A social science major.

Offensive Tidbits

• Since Jeff Horton took over as offensive coordinator prior to the 2015 campaign, San Diego State is 12th nationally in rushing yards per game (228.3), 21st in rushing yards per carry (5.1) and 28th in rushing touchdowns (115).

• San Diego State is 41-2 the last 43 times it has rushed for at least 200 yards.

• SDSU has a 100-yard rusher has at least one in 27 of its last 40 games since 2016 (35, 100-yard rushers total) and 36 of the 54 games since Jeff Horton took over as the offensive coordinator in 2015 (47, 100-yard rushers total).

• San Diego State had two 100-yard rushers vs. No. 23/25 Arizona State last season (Juwon Washington - 138 and Chase Jasmin - 112) for the 29th time in program history (the Aztecs are 28-1 in those occasions, including a 15-0 mark in the Rocky Long era).

• San Diego State has the fewest interceptions thrown since the 2015 season (20, min. 35 GP), two less than No. 2 (LSU, 22).

• The Aztecs are 34-4 the last 38 times they have scored at least 30 points and 46-9 in the Rocky Long era when scoring 30-plus points.

• Since Oct. 3, 2015, San Diego State is 35-7 when scoring at least 20 points. The Aztecs are 67-18 in the Rocky Long era when scoring just 20 points.

• Since the beginning of 2014, SDSU is 37-8 when committing one turnover or less and 9-13 when having two or more turnovers in the game. San Diego State has one turnover or less in 38 of the 54 games since the start of the 2015 campaign.

• SDSU is 31-5 in the last 36 games when owning an edge in time of possession.

SPECIALISTS

PAT'S/FG'S: 2 Matt Arizola, 6-2, 195, Fr.-RS
 ▶ Season: FGs 0-for-0 (0.000) | Long: n/a | PATs: 0-for-0
 ▶ Career: FGs 0-for-0 (0.000) | Long: n/a | PATs: 0-for-0

PUNTS: 59 Brandon Heicklen, 6-0, 190, Sr.-2L
 ▶ Season: 68 | Avg.: 41.8 | Long: 58 | TB: 1 | 120: 26 | 50+: 18
 ▶ Career: 127 | Avg.: 40.2 | Long: 58 | TB: 4 | 120: 44 | 50+: 19

KICKOFFS: 2 Matt Arizola, 6-2, 195, Fr.-RS
 ▶ Season: 0 | Avg.: n/a | TB: 0 | 0: 0 | Avg. Opp. Start: 0

Short/Long Snapper: 50 Turner Bernard, 6-1, 225, Jr.-2L
Holder: 59 Brandon Heicklen, 6-0, 190, Sr.-2L
Kick Returns: 29 Jwuan Washington & 22 Chase Jasmin
 ▶ Washington (Career) - KR: 43 | Yds: 1,017 | Avg.: 23.7 | TD: 3 | Long: 96
 ▶ Jasmin (Career) - KR: 1 | Yds: 6 | Avg.: 6.0 | TD: 0 | Long: 6

Punt Returns: 15 Jordan Byrd, 5-9, 170, So.-1L
 ▶ Byrd (Career) - PR: 3 | Yds: 7 | Avg.: 2.3 | TD: 0 | Long: 5