

San Diego State Aztecs

2017 Record: 6-2, 2-2 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: 8; CGS: 8
Fernley, Nevada (Fernley HS)

TOP NOTE: One of two Aztecs (also Keith Ismael) to play all 547 snaps this season.

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Pronunciation: ROM-er ... One of two redshirt freshmen (C Keith Ismael) on the offensive line but has moved into the number one spot at left tackle ... Has missed only one snap this season ... Arguably OLS most consistent performer ... Took over for two-year starter Kwame Miller ... Backed up Miller last year but did not see the field & was able to maintain his redshirt ... Last season was one of only two true freshmen on the offensive two-deep (also then LG Keith Ismael) ... Was all-league & all-state at both offensive & defensive line at Fernley HS in Nevada ... Also played two years of basketball and a year of wrestling & swimming ... A business administration major.

BACKUP

76 Zachary Thomas

6-5 • 285 • Fr.-RS CGP: 8; CGS: 0
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

Local lineman, who serves on the PAT and FG unit this year ... Redshirted in 2016 ... Played in Alex Spanos All-Star Football Classic ... First-team all-CIF San Diego Section ... Born in San Diego.

LEFT GUARD

79 Daishawn Dixon

6-5 • 320 • So.-1L CGP: 22; CGS: 8
San Antonio, Texas (Wm. Howard Taft HS)

TOP NOTE: One of two Aztecs (also Keith Ismael) to play all 547 snaps this season.

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 Siraquosa (Ballmore Ravens), who started the final 41 games of his career ... Started first eight games 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

56 Dominic Gudino

6-3 • 300 • Fr.-HS CGP: 3; CGS: 2
Chula Vista, Calif. (Olympian High)

Pronunciation: GUD-ee-no ... 1st career start in 1st career game vs. NIU ... Started at RG last week vs. FS ... Played on both sides of the line of scrimmage in HS ... Helped his HS to CIF San Diego Section DII playoffs all 4 years ... Rated 14th nationally at his position by ESPN.

CENTER

60 Keith Ismael

6-3 • 310 • Fr.-RS CGP: 8; CGS: 8
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: IZ-male ... Takes 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 8 games (7 at C, 1 at RG) & has played all 547 snaps on the year ... 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

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 ... Prepended locally at Carlsbad High School with current Aztec starting quarterback Christian Chapman.

RIGHT GUARD

67 Antonio Rosales

6-4 • 305 • Sr.-2L CGP: 26; CGS: 20
Tucson, Ariz. (Tucson Magnet HS)

TOP NOTE: Started 20 games over his career; Was only Aztec on offensive line with a start heading into 2017.

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Pronunciation: row-ZAL-is ... Physical, offensive lineman who continues to get bigger ... Started 18 consecutive games before missing NIU with an ankle injury ... Returned to start at UNLV & Boise St. ... Missed last week vs. Fresno St. ... *Pro Football Focus* graded him as the 10th-best guard in the country and the nation's sixth-best run blocker ... Played in six games off the bench in 2015 ... Did not see any action in the final 12 games of the season ... Teammates call him "Chief" ... A three-star recruit by ESPN and 247sports at Tucson Magnet HS ... Also spent time on the defensive line ... A social science major.

BACKUP

62 Nick Gerhard

6-5 • 300 • So.-SQ CGP: 6; 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. UT ... 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: 20; CGS: 6
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
Pronunciation: ROW-Pope ... Started to play in his 21st consecutive game at Hawai'i ... 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 last week vs. FS ... Was just the 3rd Aztec to start at right tackle since the start of 2014 (Daniel Brunsell - 14 games, Pearce Slater - 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: 18; CGS: 2
Santa Barbara, Calif. (Bishop Diego HS)

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

FULLBACK

15 Nick Bawden

6-3 • 245 • Sr.-2L CGP: 34; CGS: 20
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:

GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	100+	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg.
7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	53	5	32

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 (353) of all fullbacks this year, despite missing the UNLV game with an injury ... Was 2nd Aztec in the top blocking fullback in the nation by *Pro Football Focus* and the 4th overall fullback ... Has 23 career catches for 190 yards (7.6 avg.) ... Played in 9 games in 2015 ... Was 13-for-38 (34.2 pct.) with 0 TD passes & 2 interceptions as a true freshman quarterback in 2014 ... Was a 3-star quarterback out of Los Gatos HS by ESPN, Scout & 247sports ... Is majoring in business administration with a concentration as a management entrepreneur.

RUNNING BACK

20 Rashaad Penny

5-11 • 220 • Sr.-3L CGP: 49; CGS: 13
Norwalk, Calif. (Norwalk HS)

TOP NOTE: Was the MW Offensive Player of the Week the first four weeks this year and the MW Special Teams Player of the Week once.

2017 Stats:

GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg.
8	8	179	1,115	6.2	10	53	6	17	136	8	2

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Maxwell Award, Walter Camp, Horming nat'l watch lists - *FS* ranks: 1st in AP yds (1,530), 3rd in rush yds (1,115), 4th in overall TD (13) & T1 1st in rush TD (10) ... Was 2nd Aztec (1st since Marshall Faulk in 1992) w/ 5 straight 100+ yard games to open season ... 1st player to be named MW Off. Pk of 4 straight weeks ... Also WC Nat'l Off. Pk w/ ST Pk w/ ASU (353 AP yds, 3 TD) ... 206 AP yds, 1 TD vs. STAN ... Rushed for 1,018 yds, w/ a 75 ypc avg. & 11 TD last yr behind NCAA all-time leader Donald Driver ... 2-time MW ST Pk ... 2016: rush - 136-1,018; 11 rec. - 15-224-3, KR - 20-424-7 ... Career TD: 37 (25 rush, 6 KOR, 6 rec.); 2,523 rush yds, 480 rec. yds & 2,707 KR yds ... Had 2,504 rush yds & 41 TD vs HS & ... Brother, Elijah, led khaki in rushing.

QUARTERBACK

10 Christian Chapman

6-0 • 200 • Jr.-2L CGP: 31; CGS: 24
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

TOP NOTE: IS-19.5 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.
8	8	102	173	59.0	1	8	1,285	135.46

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Mobile, accurate QB with a quick release ... His 792 career QB with pct. is best in SDSU DI history ... He is the only active QB since 2012 to post a perfect record in postseason games (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: 30 TD, 8 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 Championships vs. ARA (9-for-14, 1 TD, 0 INT) on route to being named the game's off. MVP ... Was 1 of 3 true freshmen 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: 11; CGS: 0
Southlake, Texas (Carroll HS)

Athletic, mobile quarterback with an accurate arm ... Is 2-for-5 for 30 yards on 3 GP ... Was 2-for-2 for 29 yds & rushed 4 times for 32 yds last year ... Redshirt 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: 8; CGS: 0
Agoura Hills, Calif. (Westlake HS)

Quick first step ... Has 400 rush yds on 76 att. w/ 2 TD in 8 GP & 6 KR for 124 yds & 1 TD ... MW ST Pk w/ 96-yd KR vs. NIU ... 2016: Had 55 att. for 441 yds (8.0 avg.) & 6 TD ... Also had 3 rec. for 72 yds & 3 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: 22; CGS: 4
Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale HS)

Has 400 rush yds on 76 att. w/ 2 TD in 8 GP & 6 KR for 124 yds & 1 TD ... MW ST Pk w/ 96-yd KR vs. NIU ... 2016: Had 55 att. for 441 yds (8.0 avg.) & 6 TD ... Also had 3 rec. for 72 yds & 3 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.

Z RECEIVER

89 Fred Trevillion

6-2 • 200 • Jr.-TR CGP: 20; CGS: 2
Brookhaven, Miss. (Brookhaven HS/Southwest Miss. CC)

2017 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
8	2	34	5	173	34.6	89

Team's most athletic wideout ... 1st start vs. Stanford ... 2 rec., 128 yds, 1 TD vs. BSU, inc. 89-yd TD (4th longest in SDSU history) ... Played in 12 games as TR-F, an 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: 22; CGS: 1
Newport Beach, Calif. (Newport Harbor HS/Golden West Coll.)

8 rec., 86 yds in 6 GP ... Also 16 PR for 151 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: 8; CGS: 1
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: 44; CGS: 30
Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside HS)

2017 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
8	5	29	383	13.2	26	0

Leads SDSU with 29 rec. & 383 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: 85 rec.; 1,456 yds, 11 TD ... Played twin brother, Alijah, a CB vs. Stanford.

BACKUP

93 Tim Wilson, Jr.

6-4 • 205 • Fr.-RS CGP: 7; CGS: 1
Plano, Texas (Plano East HS)

Has 5 rec. for 75 yds (15.0 avg.) in 7 GP & 1 OS ... RS in 2016 ... Prepended 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's named him top SDSU newcomer ... Local product out of Olympian HS.

TIGHT END

88 David Wells

6-5 • 255 • Sr.-3L CGP: 47; CGS: 20
Clovis, Calif. (Clovis North HS)

2017 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
7	6	7	92	13.1	28	2

Mackey, Wuerfel nat'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 last 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 ... Prepended at Clovis North HS ... Was a 2015 MW Fall All-Academic pick ... Working on masters.

BACKUP

82 Parker Houston

6-3 • 280 • So.-1L CGP: 18; CGS: 8
Sparks, Nev. (Edward C. Reed HS)

Physical TE ... Started 4 of 8 games w/ 3 rec. for 41 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 • 280 • So.-SQ CGP: 12; CGS: 1
Sanoma, Calif. (Sanoma HS)

Pronunciation: KAH-hall-yeh WHERE-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 37th nationally in rushing yards per game (198.1), tied for 44th in rushing touchdowns (14) and 52nd in rush average (4.6).

• San Diego State is 58-14 in the Rocky Long era when scoring just 20 or more points.

• SDSU is 22-2 the last 24 times it had an advantage in time of possession (loss last two weeks even with a TD advantage).

• 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 (Penny) and a 1,000-yard rusher (Penny) in the same season.

• The Aztecs have won 35 straight games when rushing for at least 200 yards (43-2 in the Rocky Long era).

• SDSU has a 100-yard rusher in six of eight games this season, 17 of the 22 games since 2016 (23, 100-yard rushers total) and 26 of the 36 games since Coach Horton took over the offense in 2015 (35, 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 17 games.

• SDSU has just 10 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/FG/S: 29 John Barron II, 5-11, 190, Jr.-1L
• FG/GK: 11-for-13 (84.6) Long 43 PAT's 25-for-25 (1,000)

Punts: 59 Brandon Heikkinen, 6-0, 180, So.-TR
• Punks: 43 | Avg.: 38.7 | Long: 51 | TB: 3 | TD: 1 | 50+: 2



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

95 Noble Hall

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6-3 • 265 • Jr.-2L CGP: 33; CGS: 25
Las Vegas, Nev. (Valley High)

Notes: '17; **Career:** **Personal**
Athletic, mobile d-lineman ... Played 1st 2 seasons at DT ... Has 28 tackles, 6.5 TFL, 2.5 sacks, 2 FF & 2 QBH this year ... **MW Def. PoW** at ASU (5 sacks, 2.5 TFL, 1.5 SCK, 2 FF) ... 2016: 26 tackles, 6.0 TFL, 3 SCK, a PBU & 5 QBH ... 2015: 20 tackles in 11 GP (3 GS), inc. 6.0 TFL, 0.5 sacks, a FF & a PBU ... **2014 SDSU Def. Scout Team PoW**, while redshirting ... **Career:** 74 tackles, 18.5 TFL, 6.0 sacks, 3 FF ... Received 3 stars from **ESPN** & **24/7sports** out of HS ... A 3-time captain at Valley HS in Las Vegas ... Previously known as Eric Burrell, but legally changed his name to honor his father, who was shot and killed before he was born.

OR

41 Dakota Turner

6-3 • 250 • Jr.-1L CGP: 36; CGS: 3
Mililani, Hawaii (Mililani High)

Notes: '17; **Career:** **Personal**
Notes: Tough, relentless defensive end who is great in pursuit ... Returned to play Sept. 30 vs. NIU after partially tearing an ACL on Aug. 19 in an SDSU scrimmage ... Has 4 tackles & a sack ... Started first three games last year at fullback, but played final 11 at defensive end, totaling 40 tackles, 5 TFL, 2 sacks, 2 PBU & a FR ... 2015: 15 tackles (4 TFL) before tearing an ACL at Hawai'i ... 2014: 18 tackles, 2.5 TFL & 2 sacks in 12 games ... 2013: Redshirted ... **Career:** 75 TCK, 11.5 TFL, 4 SCK & 1 FF in 36 career games (inc. 3 off. GP) ... 1st-team all-state at Mililani HS ... Social science major.

ALSO: No. 55 Chibba Onyekwra (6-4, 255, Jr.-3L) ... **OP** & **IB**

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

65 Sergio Phillips

6-2 • 285 • Sr.-3L CGP: 37; CGS: 8
DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto HS)

TOP NOTE: Has the most career tackles (77) among current SDSU defensive linemen, despite only starting six 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 30 tackles, 1.0 TFL & 3 QBH in first eight 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

61 Damon Moore

6-4 • 250 • Jr.-SQ CGP: 9; CGS: 0
Novato, Calif. (San Marin High)

Notes: Walk-on, who played in 1 game in 2016 after missing 2015 & the 2016 spring w/ a knee injury ... 8 tackles, 1 FR in 8 GP this year ... Had 2 tackles vs. Hawai'i in 2016 ... Missed 2015 w/ injury ... RS in 2014 ... **Earned 2 letters at San Marin HS ... A business administration major.**

DEFENSIVE END

68 Myles Cheatum

6-2 • 255 • So.-SQ CGP: 13; CGS: 8
Cedar Park, Texas (Cedar Park HS)

Notes: '17; **Career:** **Personal**
Athletic, relentless d-lineman who continues to improve his technique ... Was promoted to a starter when incumbent Dakota Turner injured his knee in the Aztec Fan Fest on Aug. 19 ... Had 1st career start (in just his 6th game) in opener vs. UCD ... Has 16 tackles, 3.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks & team-high 4 QBH ... 2016: 4 tackles in 5 GP ... 2015: RS ... **Recorded 10 SCK as a senior at Cedar Park HS in 2014 as the team went 12-4 overall record on an ACL at Hawai'i ... 2014: 18 tackles, 2.5 TFL & 2 sacks in 12 games ... 2013: Redshirted ... **Career:** 75 TCK, 11.5 TFL, 4 SCK & 1 FF in 36 career games (inc. 3 off. GP) ... 1st-team all-state at Mililani HS ... Social science major.**

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ALSO: No. 45 Anthony Luke (6-4, 260, Jr.-2L) ... **OP** & **IB**

LINEBACKER

39 Ronley/ron-lee/Lakalaka/lock-oh-lock-oh

6-0 • 225 • Jr.-2L CGP: 32; CGS: 20
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 non-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 51 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 2 sacks & 2 QBH this year ... Had 73 tackles (2nd on team) last year with 3.0 TFL, on 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 Soumanuafese Ledao Lakalaka ... Was 2-time all-state 1st-team selection at Punahou HS ... **Older brothers:** Steven, played RB at Hawai'i, while younger brothers, Seydi'iki, is a true freshman LB at SDSU ... Is majoring in social science.

BACKUP

44 Kyahva/Key-AH-va/Tezino /tah-ZEENO/

6-0 • 230 • So.-1L CGP: 17; CGS: 0
Los Angeles, Calif. (Salesian HS)

Notes: Explosive athlete, who will be counted on for more snaps in 2017 ... 2016: 5 tackles (1.5 sacks) in 11 GP ... 2015: RS, where he was named the team's defensive scout PoW ... Rushed for 1,704 yards & 13 TD on offense & made 243 tackles at Salesian HS ... A 4-star recruit.

LINEBACKER

46 Jay Henderson

6-2 • 230 • Sr.-3L CGP: 37; CGS: 11
Phelan, Calif. (Serrano HS)

TOP NOTE: First 25 games of his career (0 GS): 7 TCK, 0.0 TFL, 0.0 SCK, 0 QBH; Last 12 games (11 GS): 29 TCK, 9.0 TFL, 6.5 SCK, 9 QBH

Notes: '17; **Career:** **Personal**
Talented athlete, who moved back to linebacker late last season after moving to defensive end in the spring of 2016 ... Has 15 tackles, 6.5 TFL, 4 sacks, 2 QBH & a PBU ... **Monster game vs. NIU** with 6 tackles (5 solo), 3 sacks, 4 TFL & a QBH ... PBU vs. UCD in opener led toATING Thompson pick ... Had 15 tackles (10 solo), 2.5 sacks for 18 yards, 3 TFL, a forced fumble, a PBU & 2 QBH last year ... **Had career-high 4 tackles, along with his 1st career sack, 1st TFL, 1st 4 QBH & 1st PBU in 1st career start at Wyoming (11/19/16) ... Had 3 tackles in 9 games in 2015 ... Made 3 stops as a true freshman in 2014 ... A consensus 3-star recruit out of Phelan High School ... A 2-time all-league pick, including the league defensive MVP as a senior ... Is majoring in interdisciplinary studies.**

BACKUP

38 Andrew Aleki

6-3 • 220 • Fr.-HS CGP: 7; CGS: 0
Honolulu, Hawaii (Kamehameha HS)

Notes: Athletic LB who impressed coaching staff w/ a solid fall camp ... Logged 13 snaps as a true fresh vs. UC Davis ... 2 stops in 3 separate games ... FR vs. NIU ... Played his prep ball at Kamehameha HS in Honolulu ... 247sports had him as the 6th-best recruit in Hawaii ... Full name is Andrew Kai'o Aleki.

LINEBACKER

42 Troy Cassidy

6-3 • 215 • So.-1L CGP: 19; 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 (S) 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 Jose 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 Backwood West League champ ... Is undecided on a major.**

BACKUP

57 Ryan Dunn 52 Tyler Morris

6-3 • 230 • Sr.-2L CGP: 32; CGS: 21
6-3 • 225 • Sr.-1L CGP: 23; CGS: 0

Notes: Has 19 tackles, 1 PBU & 2 Notes: Back from NIU ... 2016: Missed QBH ... 24 tackles in 2016 ... 40 stops with NIU ... 2015: 3 TCK in 14 GP ... 2014 in 2015 ... DNP in 2014 ... **Career:** 80 1 GP missed rest with NIU ... 2013: RS ... **tackles ... 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 (348.6) and 18th in yards per play (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	41st	24th	15th	45th
2014-17	8th	5th	8th	10th

• SDSU is allowing just 318.8 yards per game and 21.8 points per game this season. In their other games this season, the Aztecs' opponents are averaging 435.1 yards per game and 32.6 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 10 times since the beginning of the 2010 season (36 games).

• Over SDSU's last 26 Mountain West contests (does not include MW Championships), opponents have scored just 16.7 points per game vs. San Diego State over its last 28.5 yards per game.

• The Aztecs have forced three or more turnovers in 15 of their last 29 contests.

• SDSU has held six opponents to less than 200 yards of total offense since the beginning of 2015 (36 games), including twice last year.

• Since the beginning of 2015 (36 games), San Diego State's defense ranked first in interceptions (57, second is 50) and first 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 (115.1) and fifth in rushing yards per attempt (3.3).

• SDSU has held its opponent to seven or less points in the first half in 17 of the last 32 games.

• In 17 of its last 38 games, San Diego State has held its opponent to a passer rating of less than 100.00, including two games this year.

CORNERBACK

17 Ron Smith

6-0 • 170 • So.-1L CGP: 23; CGS: 13
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, 3 INT (2 for a TD), 1 PBU & a FF over that span ... INT vs. UCD & Stanford & has 5 picks in last 14 GP ... 36 stops (28 solo), 2 INT, 9 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 fresh ... A 3-star recruit by Rivals, Scout, ESPN & 247sports ... **Majoring in psychology.**

BACKUP

27 Kyree Woods

6-0 • 175 • So.-1L CGP: 14; CGS: 0
Mesquite, Ariz. (Chandler HS)

Athletic, young cornerback who should increase workload this year ... 8 stops this year ... Had 1 tackle in 7 games as a true fresh last year, which went down as a 10-yard sack on Hawai'i 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

6-0 • 190 • Fr.-HS CGP: 8; CGS: 8
San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine HS)

Notes: '17; **Career:** **Personal**
TOP NOTE: Was the first Aztec true freshman to start on defense since Leon McFadden 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 fresh to start on defense since CB Leon McFadden started at CSU on Oct. 24, 2009 & the 1st to start on defense on defense since McFadden 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 ... 6 sacks, 2 INT (1 for 83-yd TD) vs. NIU ... Has 32 tackles (24 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-Off pick.

BACKUP

48 Israel Cabrera

5-10 • 180 • So.-1L CGP: 19; CGS: 0
Canyon Country, Calif. (Canyon HS)

Speedy DB with good technique ... Also excels on special teams ... Has 5 tackles in 7 games on special teams ... Leads SDSU with 5 KR tackles ... Played 11 games on special teams last year with 1 assisted tackle ... Redshirted in 2015 ... Foothill League Defensive PoW 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.**

ALSO: No. 18 Trenton Thompson (6-2, 190, So.-1L) ... **OP** & **IB**

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33 Parker Baldwin

6-2 • 215 • Jr.-2L CGP: 36; 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 will make his 17th straight start this weekend at the signature Aztec spot in Rocky Long's 3-3-5 defense ... Has team-high 51 tackles & a PBU ... Had 24 tackles in a 2-game stretch this year, including CH 13 at AAU ... Had 66 tackles (37 solo), 3 TFL, 2 INT, a FF & 7 PBU last year ... Was 2nd on the team in special teams tackles (10) as a true fresh in 2015 ... Had 14 tackles, an INT & a FF, being named team's freshman of the year ... **Earned all-state accolades as a senior ... 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: 7; CGS: 0
Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta HS)

Hard-hitting safety, who is still learning the defense ... Logged six tackles and a TFL in his first seven career games this year ... Redshirted the 2016 campaign ... Led Vista Murrieta High School to a 35-7 (833) record and 15-0 in league play over those three seasons ... Had 207 tackles and eight interceptions over his final two years ... **No relation to Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.**

WARRIOR

3 Trey Lomax

5-11 • 195 • Sr.-3L CGP: 39; CGS: 33
San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa HS)

Notes: '17; **Career:** **Personal**
TOP NOTE: Has the most starts (33) 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 fresh in the Rocky Long DC era (since 2009) ... Named the team's most out touch (from 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 LB Andrew Aleki and WAR Taylor Thompson) ... Led Rancho Cucamonga High School 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: 41; CGS: 22
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 42 tackles (36 solo), 4.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 3 PBU, 1 INT & a FF ... **Brooko Nagurski** (Natl) & **MW Def. PoW** vs. Stanford w/ 6 tackles, 2 sacks, a FF & an 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 fresh in 2014 w/ 1 tackle & a blocked punt before having surgery on a leg for compartment syndrome ... **Career:** 139 tackles, 7.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 9 INT, 12 PBU, 1 FF ... The 4A Region II District 13 PoW 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: 5; CGS: 0
Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)

Hard-hitting athlete, who has played last four games for first time of career ... 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 24-3 record over final two seasons ... Excelled as WR, DB & P ... **Consensus 3-star recruit ... Business admin. major.**

ALSO: No. 30 Garrett Binkley (5-9, 170, So.-2L) ... **OP** & **IB**