



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 2018
• Aztecs have won two of last four 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 seasons
• 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 CGP: 36; CGS: 18 Cedar Park, Texas (Cedar Park HS)

TOP NOTE: Entered the year as the only Aztec with a start on the d-line (11), while his 29 GP were 3 more than the rest of the DL-2 deep (6).

Notes: Current; Career; Personal Athletic, relentless defensive lineman with veteran leadership... Has 18 career starts and 36 games played... 20 TCK, 5.0 TFL, 3.5 SCK in 7 GS this year...

BACKUP

58 Connor Mitchell

6-5 • 260 • So.-1L CGP: 20; CGS: 0 Island Lakes, Ill. (Wauconda HS)

Notes: Is the second-most experienced defensive lineman with 20 career games played... Had eight tackles, including 1 TFL in 2018, playing all 13 games off the bench...

LINEBACKER (SAM)

54 Caden McDonald

6-3 • 230 • So.-1L CGP: 20; CGS: 4 Haslet, Texas (Northwest HS)

TOP NOTE: Has four career starts (all this season), including the last three games.

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 fall camp...

BACKUP

42 Troy Cassidy

6-3 • 230 • Sr.-3L CGP: 44; CGS: 27 Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

Smart, athletic player... His 27 career starts are 2nd most among Aztec def. players (Tariq Thompson, 33)... Has 28 tackles (2 TFL & 8 OLB)...

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

65 Cameron Thomas

6-5 • 260 • Fr.-RS CGP: 8; CGS: 7 Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

TOP NOTE: Entered the season with no playing time on the defensive line, but has started all seven games this year.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal Young, athletic defensive lineman with a ton of potential... An excellent pass rusher... Is the lone projected freshman starter on defense...

BACKUP

66 Jonah Tavai

6-0 • 315 • So.-TR CGP: 7; CGS: 0 Manhattan Beach, CA (Mira Costa HS/El Camino College)

Notes: Big body who continues to learn the defense... 5 TCK in 1st 7 games... All-league pick at FCC in 2018... 3-time all-league selection at Mira Costa HS...

LINEBACKER (MIKE)

44 Kyahva Tezino

6-0 • 235 • Sr.-3L CGP: 42; CGS: 25 Los Angeles, Calif. (Salesian HS)

TOP NOTE: Has led the team (or tied for the team lead) in tackles in 17 of the 25 career games he has started.

On three watch lists (Bednarik Award, Nagurski Award & Butkus Award)... Preseason 1st-team all-MW... Explosive run-stopping athlete... Has 59 tackles, 5.5 TFL, 2.0 SCK, 2 FF, 1 INT, 2 PBU & 12 OLB...

BACKUP

46 Michael Shawcroft

6-2 • 225 • Fr.-HS CGP: 7; 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... 2 stops... Was the 2018 CIF San Diego Section Def. Post & 2-time all-CIF 1st-team at nearby Helix HS...

DEFENSIVE END

57 Keshawn Banks

6-4 • 270 • So.-1L CGP: 19; CGS: 7 Rio Rancho, N.M. (Rio Rancho HS)

TOP NOTE: Had a great game at New Mexico State on Sept. 14, recording 5 tackles, 2.0 sacks & 2.0 TFL.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal Talented, young defensive end who had a solid 2018 fall camp & played immediately as a true freshman, despite 4 seniors on the defensive line...

BACKUP

52 Jalil Lecky

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

Notes: Tall, athletic d-line man... Has 4 tackles & a sack in 1st 5 GP this year... RS in 2018, while working w/ both the DL & LBs... Led the College of San Mateo to a 18-5 record from 2016-17, including a 11-2 mark & a spot in the 2017 California JUCO championship game...

LINEBACKER (WILL)

38 Andrew Aleki

6-3 • 230 • Jr.-2L CGP: 31; CGS: 4 Honolulu, Hawaii (Kamehameha HS)

TOP NOTE: One of four Aztecs from the state of Hawaii and the only one to log extensive snaps on either side of the ball.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal Young, stout linebacker who has played since he was a true freshman in 2017... Has played in 31 games with four starts over his career, including three this year...

BACKUP

42 Troy Cassidy

6-3 • 230 • Sr.-3L CGP: 44; CGS: 27 Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

Smart, athletic player... His 27 career starts are 2nd most among Aztec def. players (Tariq Thompson, 33)... Has 28 tackles (2 TFL & 8 OLB)...

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), 14th in total defense (341.9) and 16th in yards per touch (6.3).

• The Aztecs have had five of the best defensive seasons nationally and are off to another good start this year. Below are total ranks of the last five-plus seasons:

Table with 5 columns: Year, Scoring, Total, Pass, Rush. Rows for 2014-2019.

• The Aztecs have allowed just 96 through the first seven games of the season, which is the sixth-fewest points allowed through the first seven games in their DI history (since 1969).

• Opponents this year have had 81 drives where they have tried to score on SDSU's defense (excludes kneel downs and end half/game). The Aztecs have forced 3 and outs (or better) in 36 of those drives (44.4 pct.). SDSU is averaging 5.14 3 and outs per game.

• The Aztecs are allowing 270.3 yards (8th nationally) and 13.7 points (9th nationally) per game this season. In SDSU's opponents' other games, they are averaging 414.8 yards and 30.0 points per game.

• SDSU ranks third in FBS play this year in both rushing yards allowed per game (62.6) and in defensive rush average (2.4). Over the last two years, San Diego State ranks second in def. RYPC (89.4) and in second in def. RYPC (2.8).

• The Aztecs went the first five games without allowing a rush longer than 17 yards. San Diego State allowed only three rushes (out of 453, 0.66 pct.) for 20 or longer last year. This year opponents have rushed 183 times vs. SDSU with only three attempts (1.64 pct.) longer than 20 yards.

• SDSU's opponents have converted just 14 of its last 49 attempts (.286) on fourth down against the Aztecs.

• The Aztecs have held an opponent to single digits 13 times since the beginning of the 2015 season (61 games).

• Since the beginning of 2015 (61 games), San Diego State's defense ranks first in interceptions (81) and tied for 10th interception TDs (10).

CORNERBACK

16 Luq Barcoo

6-1 • 175 • Sr.-1L CGP: 18; CGS: 7 San Diego, CA (Grossmont College/Castle Park HS)

TOP NOTE: Was named the MW Defensive Player of the Week on Oct. 7 after his 3-interception game at CSU.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal A Jim Thorpe Award semifinalist... Grossmont College transfer who impressed in 2018 fall camp & made the 2-deep...

BACKUP

12 Nolen Harris

6-0 • 185 • Sr.-SQ CGP: 7; CGS: 0 San Diego, CA (SD Mesa College/Patrick Henry HS)

Notes: Logged first time on special teams in first seven games this year... Is coming off a solid fall camp... Did not play his first season at SDSU in 2018...

FIELD WARRIOR

14 Tariq Thompson

6-0 • 200 • Jr.-2L CGP: 33; CGS: 33 San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine HS)

TOP NOTE: Has started all 33 games since arriving to campus as a true freshman in 2017.

On the Jim Thorpe Award Watch List... A preseason 1st-team all-MW selection... Has 8 career INT (6th among active FBS players) in just 33 GP... Has his most starts at SDSU, despite turning 20 on Aug. 9...

BACKUP

20 Rashad Scott

6-2 • 195 • So.-1L CGP: 13; CGS: 0 San Diego, Calif. (Helix HS)

Notes: Young, smart player who returned from an injury which occurred during the summer to play two games on special teams... Had a tackle and a fumble recovery vs. Wyoming...

AZTEC

36 Dwayne Johnson Jr.

6-2 • 215 • Jr.-2L CGP: 32; CGS: 8 Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta HS)

TOP NOTE: Had 12 tackles & 1.5 TFL in 2nd career start vs. Weber St. (entered with 16 career TCK in 25 GP).

Notes: Current; Career; Personal Hard-hitting safety, who took over for 3-year starter Parker Baldwin... 2-time Pro Football Focus MW Team Week (Sept. 10 & Sept. 17)... Has 45 tackles (1.5 TFL), 1 FF, 2 FR, 1 INT & 1 PBU...

BACKUP

33 Patrick McMorris

6-0 • 180 • Fr.-HS CGP: 3; CGS: 0 Santa Ana, Calif. (Santa Ana HS)

Notes: Is coming off a good camp, vaulting to No. 2 spot in the signature Aztec position in Long's 3-3-5 defense... Played on ST in 3 games... Played 1 year at Santa Ana HS, leading team to a 10-3 record in 2018...

BOUNDARY WARRIOR

18 Trenton Thompson

6-2 • 200 • Jr.-2L CGP: 31; CGS: 9 Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)

TOP NOTE: Has nine starts for his career, including last game at San Jose State for the first time this season.

Playmaker, who started eight times and played all 13 games last year at Boundary Warrior... Has 19 stops this season in seven games (one start)... Made 57 tackles last year with 2.0 TFL, 1.0 SCK, 2 PBUs, 1 INT & 1 FF...

BACKUP

32 Tayler Hawkins

6-1 • 205 • Jr.-2L CGP: 30; CGS: 8 Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)

Notes: Hard-hitting athlete, who has played the last 30 games with 8 starts... Has great technique... Cts 10 TFL tackles & 2 TFL at UCLA... Has 19 tackles & 3 TFL this year in 7 GP (3 GS)...

CORNERBACK

23 Darren Hall

6-0 • 180 • So.-1L CGP: 20; CGS: 8 Pasadena, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga HS)

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

Notes: Current; Career; Personal A ball hawk w/ good instincts... Missed 1st TFL & most of 2nd vs. UCLA, but has started last 5 at CB w/ 2 TCK, 2.5 TFL, 0.5 SCK, 9 PBUs & 2 FF... MW ranks: 2nd in passes def. PG (1.50) & 1-4th in FF PG (0.33)...

BACKUP

17 Eric Wilson

6-0 • 185 • Jr.-TR CGP: 3; CGS: 0 Oceanside, CA (Riverside City College/El Camino HS)

Notes: Worked himself into the two-deep spot after joining the Aztecs in the fall... Played 3 snap-snaps at CSU... 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...

San Diego State Aztecs

2019 Record: 6-1, 3-1 MW
Nine Straight Bowl Game Appearances
MW Champions: 2016, 2015, 2012 | 21-Time Conference Champions



Jeff Horton

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

- Fifth season as offensive coordinator (ninth year at SDSU overall)
SDSU has the second-fewest turnovers (61) under his watch (min. 50 GP)
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.-IL CQP: 23; CGS: 10
McKinleyville, Calif. (McKinleyville High)

Started first seven games at U... Was recruited to SDSU as a TE, but moved to OL in the fall of 2017... Says that he is more comfortable at U as he has practiced at that position more... Played in all 13 games last year, starting final 3 at RT... Played 3 games in 17 logging 44 snaps... RS in 2016 as a TE... QB McKinleyville HS, throwing for 5,103 yards & 54 TD & rushing for 160 yards & 22 TD... Also punted for the Panthers... Was all-conference & team MVP... Also played baseball & basketball... Mapping in criminal justice.

LEFT GUARD

79 Daishawn Dixon
6-5 • 330 • Sr.-3L CQP: 46; CGS: 32
San Antonio, Texas (Wm. Howard Taft HS)

TOP NOTE: Is the most experienced Aztec on either side of the ball with 46 career games played.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Pronunciation: DAY-shawn... Played every snap this season... PFF National Team of the Week for his play at NMSU... Big body who moves well (can pull)... Made 32 regular-season straight starts at LG & played in 46 straight regular-season games... 3rd-most snaps played on team in '18 (808) and '17 (819)... Logged 34 offensive snaps in '16, the most among OL reserves... That season he played in all 14 games, mostly on PAT & FG units... Redshirted during the '15 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 Phoenix, prepped in San Antonio.

CENTER

60 Keith Ismael
6-3 • 310 • Jr.-2L CQP: 32; CGS: 33
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 pressman 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 C of Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep... Also played lax at SHCP... An international & conflict resolution major.

RIGHT GUARD

73 William Dunkle
6-5 • 350 • Fr.-RS CQP: 7; CGS: 6
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 center... Weighed 380 when he arrived on campus, currently listed at 350... Played every snap in his college debut and has played 453 snaps through seven weeks... Has been named to the Pro Football Focus Mountain West Team of the Week twice this season... Also started at UCLA, Utah State, at Colorado State, vs. Wyoming and at San Jose State... Redshirted last year... A three-year letter-winner & 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).

RIGHT TACKLE

76 Zachary Thomas
6-5 • 300 • Jr.-1L CQP: 22; CGS: 5
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

TOP NOTE: Started last three games, his first starts since leaving his ACL on Sept. 15, 2018 vs. Arizona State.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
A local linemen out of Carlsbad HS who was in the mix for playing time in 2018 after working as a reserve in 2017... Has solid technique... Tore his ACL in the 3rd game of 2018 (his 2nd straight start) & missed all of the 2019 spring season... Started the year for the 4th straight game but was expected to start right tackle for the 4th straight game this week... Played in 3 games in 2018 with 2 starts... Saw action in all 13 games off the bench in 2017... Redshirted in 2016... Alongside fellow 2016 recruit Troy Cassidy, helped lead Carlsbad HS to an Avocado West league championship... Younger brother, Cameron, is a starting defensive tackle as a redshirt freshman.

77 Jacob Capra
6-5 • 315 • Jr.-TR CQP: 23; CGS: 5
Auburn, Calif. (Univ. of Oregon)

Versatile OL who spent previous 3 yrs at Oregon under 3 different OCs... Joined SDSU for the '19 spring camp & has 2 years left... Started first 4 this year at RT... Played 57 most 2... Played 56 snaps at U last year at SDSU... Has allowed just 2 sacks (0 this year) & a QBH for his career... 15 GP, 1 GS at Oregon, logging 357 snaps... A 2-time Pac-12 All-Acad. HM pick... Graduated from Oregon in June w/ a degree in general social sciences & crime law society... Working on his master's in homeland security & conflict resolution... Older brother, Johnny, played at Utah, while younger brother, Joey, is TR, FR, at SDSU.

BACKUP

64 Chris Martinez
6-4 • 305 • So.-SQ CQP: 8; 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-Central-California Conference... Was born in San Jose, Calif.

BACKUP

56 Dominic Gudino
6-3 • 300 • Jr.-2L CQP: 22; CGS: 15
Chula Vista, Calif. (Olympian HS)

Pronunciation: Goo-deeno... Started at RG at NMSU... Started 8 times last year & has 15 career starts (10 at C, 5 at RG)... Earned 3 letters at local Olympian HS in Chula Vista, capturing 2 yrs... Was a Blue-Grey All-American... A kinesiology major.

BACKUP

62 Jacob Jimenez
6-5 • 300 • Sr.-TR CQP: 16; CGS: 0
Pflugerville, Texas (Brigham Young Univ.)

Saw action on special teams in week one... Joined the Aztecs after spending four years at Brigham Young, playing in 15 games and 134 offensive snaps in three seasons... Attended Pflugerville High.

BACKUP

75 Desmond Bessent
6-7 • 310 • So.-SQ CQP: 2; CGS: 0
Tampa, Fla. (Sickles HS)

Notes: BESS-ent... On two-deep for 2nd straight season... Played special teams in 2 games in 2018... 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 CQP: 43; CGS: 30
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/30 career starts (No. 2 has 14 career starts).

2019 Stats table with columns: Rushing (GP, GS, Att., Yds., Avg., TD, Lg., 100+, No. Yds., Avg., TD, Lg.) and Receiving (GP, GS, Att., Yds., Avg., TD, Lg., 100+, No. Yds., Avg., TD, Lg.)

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Assistant HC/OC Jeff Horton calls him "our hockey guru" and says "he is the heart of our team"... Played in 43 games with 30 starts (20 straight snapped last week at SDSU)... Has played 429 of 529 snaps this year... Played 66 offensive snaps last season, most on his side of the ball among non-offensive linemen... Career numbers: 33 receptions, 307 yards, 3 TDs, 9.3 ypc... 2017: Started 7 w/ 6 rec. for 56 yards... 2016: 5 rec. for 32 yds. & 1 TD as a true freshman, being named SDSU Co-Freshman of the Year (UWan Washington)... Already a college graduate, working on his master's degree in criminal justice... Led Edward C. Reed HS to a 24-5 record (4288) over his final 2 years... A 3-time MW Full Acad. Team member... Very active in comm. service.

RUNNING BACK

29 Jowan Washington
5-7 • 190 • Sr.-3L CQP: 41; CGS: 14
Fort Worth, Texas (Kennedale HS)

TOP NOTE: Ranks 10th in school history in both rushing yards (2,542) and all-purpose yards (3,837).

2019 Stats table with columns: Rushing (GP, GS, Att., Yds., Avg., TD, Lg., 100+, No. Yds., Avg., TD, Lg.) and Receiving (GP, GS, Att., Yds., Avg., TD, Lg., 100+, No. Yds., Avg., TD, Lg.)

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Has battled an ankle sprain suffered early in the 10 of the Water Ski games (Aug. 31)... Missed 2 gms, but has 293 total yds. & 4 TD last 3 gms... Has 81 career missed tackles... On 3 pre-season watch lists & a pre-season all-MW selection... Rushed for 999 yds in 2018 despite missing 4 1/2 gms... Was 2nd in FBS in RYPG when he was in... at EMU (4th game of 2018)... Career: 484 att., 2,542 yards, 25 TD, 5.3 ypc, 7 100-yd games... 31 career TD... Ran for 5,139 yds. & 75 TD at KHS.

QUARTERBACK

9 Ryan Agnew
6-0 • 200 • Sr.-3L CQP: 34; CGS: 14
Southlake, Texas (Carroll HS)

TOP NOTE: Owns a 12-2 record as a starter with wins over nationally-ranked opponents Arizona State and Boise State (on the road).

2019 Stats table with columns: GP, GS, Comp., Att., Pct., Int., TD, Yds., Rtg.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
CH 293 yards at UCLA... 16-for-20, 3 TD, 0 INT at CSU... Has 7 TD since last INT vs. USU on 9/21 (CL 102 att.)... 2018 SDSU Off. Player of the Year... Athletic, mobile QB... Started 7 games for injured Christian Chapman last year, going 6-1 w/ 3 2nd-half come-from-behind victories... Posted wins over 23/25 ASU (1st GS QB to win starting debut vs. a ranked P5 team since 2009) & at rv/25 BSU... 1,525 yds., 10 TD, 6 INT last year... 283 yds, 3 TD at Nevada... Just 1 INT in 149 career passes 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 HS in Texas... Econ. major... Asst. HC/OC Jeff Horton refers to him as Clark Kent for his calm demeanor.

TIGHT END

88 Daniel Bellinger
6-6 • 250 • So.-1L CQP: 16; CGS: 5
Las Vegas, Nev. (Palo Verde High)

Has 6 catches for 79 yards & 2 TD in 1st 5 starts... Had a 2-yd TD catch at NMSU... 2 rec., 40 yds. inc. 12-yd TD in GW drive vs. NYU... Last season, he played in the final 9 games (59 snaps) as a TR-FR... Had 1 catch for 10 yds. & was used primarily in big personnel packages... A 2-way player in high school (TE & LB)... 1st-team all-state as a linebacker.

BACKUP

15 Jordan Byrd
CQP: 18; CGS: 5
5-9 • 170 • So.-IL
Albuquerque, N.M.
Manzano HS

Speedster... 118 yds., 2 TD at NMSU... 2nd in MW in PR avg. (7.8)... 2018: SDSU Co-Fresh of the Year w/ 297 AP yds. & 1 TD... Prepped as QB.

BACKUP

21 Chance Bell
CQP: 11; CGS: 1
5-10 • 185 • So.-IL
Burbank, Calif.
John Burroughs HS

Tough runner... 116 yds., 1 TD at NMSU... 52 att., 256 yds., 1 TD in 2019... 2018: 40 att., 189 yds... 2017: RS... 4,525 yds., 59 TD at JHS.

BACKUP

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

Entered fall camp fourth on the depth chart but emerged as the backup at the position... Redshirted in 2018, but did make the travel squad for three road games... 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 Shawcroft) to attend Helix High (located 3.0 miles from the SDSU campus).

X RECEIVER

92 Kobe Smith
6-2 • 190 • So.-1L CQP: 19; CGS: 6
Compton, Calif. (Junipero Serra HS)

2019 Stats table with columns: GP, GS, Rec., Yds., Avg., Long, TD

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Is having a breakout season... Has team-highs of 34 catches, 436 yards (12.8 avg.) & touchdowns (4)... MW ranks: 4th in receiving TD (4), 5th in receptions per game (4.9), & 9th in receiving yards per game (62.3)... Already has more receiving TD (4) than SDSU's top receivers last year (3 apiece by Tim Wilson Jr. & Fred Trevillion... 7 rec., 132 yds & 1 TD career TD at UCLA... 7-102-1 vs. USU... 7-101-2 at CSU... 1st Aztec w/ b-h 100-yd gms. since Ezell Ruffin in 2013... Saw action as a true freshman last season (2018)... 12 GP (2 GS), w/ 9 rec. for 113 yds... 107 rec. for 1,689 yds & 13 TD at JSHS from 2016-17... Turned 19 in July.

Z RECEIVER

45 Jesse Mathews
6-0 • 190 • Fr.-RS CQP: 7; CGS: 5
San Diego, Calif. (Christian HS)

2019 Stats table with columns: GP, GS, Rec., Yds., Avg., Long, TD

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Made his 1st 5 career starts this season... Is 2nd on team in both catches (24) & yards (246)... Walked onto the team last year... Had a great spring camp & brought that into the fall, where he was the most consistent wideout... Excellent zone route runner with good hands... Arguably best vertical leaper on team... CH 6 rec., 73 yds. vs. WYO (5-65 in 2nd half)... Named offensive scout player of the year (2018) after redshirting... Was a first-team all-league & all-county performer in 2017 at nearby Christian HS, when he had 57 catches for 888 yards (15.6 avg.) & 14 TD... Also was a SS on the baseball team & a PG on the basketball squad... A comm. major.

BACKUP

80 TJ Sullivan
6-0 • 195 • Fr.-RS CQP: 2; CGS: 1
San Diego, Calif. (Mt. Carmel HS)

Joined SDSU in the spring of 2018 after originally signing with the 2017 class... A speedster... Started 1st career game played with CSU... No career catches... Redshirted 2018 season... A two-time all-league pick at Mt. Carmel HS, totaling 71 catches for 1,132 yards (15.9 avg.) & 12 touchdowns... A 5-time Palomar League T&F champion... Psychology major.

BACKUP

41 BJ Busbee
5-8 • 155 • So.-1L CQP: 17; CGS: 0
Long Beach, Calif. (St. Anthony HS)

Pronunciation: BUZZ-bee... Walk-on wide receiver who saw playing time last season... Was in final 11 games of the 2018 campaign... 8 rec. for 136 yards and a touchdown (Eastern 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 14th nationally in rushing yards per game (219.4), 27th in rushing yards per carry (4.9) and 36th in rushing touchdowns (122).
San Diego State is 43-2 the last 44 times it has rushed for at least 200 yards.
SDSU has a 100-yard rusher has at least one in 28 of its last 47 games since 2016 (37, 100-yard rushers total) and 37 of the 61 games since Jeff Horton took over as the offensive coordinator in 2015 (49, 100-yard rushers total).
San Diego State had two rushers at New Mexico State (Jordan Byrd - 118 and Chance Bell - 116) on Sept. 14 for the 30th time in program history. The Aztecs are 29-1 in those occasions, including a 16-0 mark in the Rocky Long era, and now have multiple 100-yard rushers nine times in the last 43 games.
San Diego State has the fewest interceptions thrown since the 2015 season (22, min. 50 GP), four less than No. 2 (Georgia Southern and LSU, 26).
The Aztecs are 35-4 the last 39 times they have scored at least 30 points and 47-9 in the Rocky Long era when scoring 30-plus points.
Since Oct. 3, 2015, San Diego State is 40-7 when scoring at least 20 points. The Aztecs are 72-18 in the Rocky Long era when scoring just 20 points.
Since the beginning of 2014, SDSU is 43-9 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 45 of the 61 games since the start of the 2015 campaign.
SDSU is 37-6 in the last 43 games when owning an edge in time of possession.
San Diego State threw for 293 yards at UCLA on Sept. 7, its most in the Jeff Horton Offensive Coordinator era (since 2015).

SPECIALISTS

- PAT'S/FG'S: 2 Matt Arizota, 6-2, 195, Fr.-RS
Season/Carrier: FGs: 12-for-14 (85.7) | Long: 47 | PATs: 16-for-16
Punts: 59 Brandon Heiklen, 6-0, 190, So.-2L
Season: 40 | Avg.: 44.3 | Long: 59 | TB: 2 | 120: 17 | 50+: 15
Carrier: 167 | Avg.: 41.2 | Long: 59 | TB: 6 | 120: 6 | 50+: 34
Kicks: 2 Matt Arizota, 6-2, 195, Fr.-RS
Season: 36 | Avg.: 62.0 | TB: 27 | OB: 0 | Avg. Opp. Start: 25
Short/Long Snapper: 50 Turner Bernard, 6-1, 225, Jr.-2L
Holder: 59 Brandon Heiklen, 6-0, 190, So.-2L
Kick Returners: 29 Jowan Washington & 22 Chase Jasmin
Season/Carrier: WR: 43 | Yds: 1,017 | Avg: 23.7 | TD: 3 | Long: 96
Jasmin (Carrier) - KR: 2 | Yds: 26 | Avg.: 13.0 | TD: 0 | Long: 20
Punt Returners: 15 Jordan Byrd, 5-9, 170, So.-1L
Byrd (Season) - PR: 12 | Yds: 93 | Avg.: 7.8 | Long: 17
Byrd (Carrier) - PR: 15 | Yds: 100 | Avg.: 6.7 | Long: 17