



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 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: 39; CGS: 21
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 21 career starts and 39 games played... 33 TCK, 8.0 TFL, 5.0 SCK in 10 GS this year... Career: 81 tackles, 14.5 TFL, 9.0 sacks, 2 FF & 1 IR... 2018: Had 27 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 2 sacks, & 4 QBH in 13 GP (13 GS)... 2017: 18 stops, 3 TFL, 2 sacks, 1 FF & 4 QBH in 11 GP (8 GS)... Biggest game came at ASU on 9/17/17 (4 tackles, 2 TFL, 1 SACK & 1 QBH)... 2016: 4 TCK in 5 GP... 2015: RS... Had 10 TFL as a Sr. 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 Tezino, RB Javon Washington & WR Char Collins.

BACKUP

58 Connor Mitchell

6-5 • 260 • So.-1L CGP: 23; CGS: 0
Island Lakes, Ill. (Wauconda HS)

Notes: Is the second-most experienced defensive lineman with 22 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 CGP: 23; CGS: 7
Haslet, Texas (Northwest HS)

TOP NOTE: Recovered a blocked punt in the end zone at UNLV for his first career touchdown.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal

Is coming off another solid spring, where he earned a starting role as the "Sam" linebacker and held that position through the fall camp... A physical linebacker, who continues to get bigger in the weight room... Has 25 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 0.5 sacks, 1 INT & 4 QBH in 10 GP (7 GS)... 1st FR at UCLA... 1st INT at SDSU... Recorded 2 tackles in 13 games off the bench in 2018, working behind 3-year starter Ronley Lokales... Redshirted in 2017... Totaled a school-record 299 tackles over his 3-year career at Northwest HS in Haslet, Texas... Was Northwest High's defensive player of the year all 3 seasons... Was rated as the 10th-best LB recruit in the talent-rich state of Texas... Also track & field star, qualifying for state meet... A kinesiology major with an emphasis as fitness specialist.

BACKUP

42 Troy Cassidy

6-3 • 230 • Sr.-3L CGP: 47; CGS: 29
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

Smart, athletic player... His 28 career starts are 2nd most among Aztec def. players (Tariq Thompson, 36)... Has 30 tackles (2 TFL) & 7 QBH... 2018: 45 TCK, 4 TFL, 2.5 SCK in 13 GP (12 GS)... 2017: 31 TCK... 2016: 11 GP... Career: 116 TCK, 8.5 TFL, 4 SCK... 178 tackles (119 solo) w/ 10 sacks over his 3-yr career at CHS.

CORNERBACK

16 Luq Barcoo

6-1 • 175 • Sr.-1L CGP: 21; CGS: 10
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... Has 44 tackles (34 solo), 4.0 TFL, 7 INT & 11 PBU in 1st career 10 starts... FBs ranks: 2nd in INT (7), INT per game (0.70) & passes defensed per game (INT + PBU) (1.80)... 2 TCK, 3 INT in consecutive snaps, 1 PBU at CSU... 2 INT vs. FS... Has been named PFW MW team of the Week 6 times... 2018: 20 tackles, 4 PBU's & an INT in 11 games... Career: 64 TCK, 4.0 TFL, 8 INT, 15 PBU... Played both sides of the ball at Grossmont Coll... In 2017, had 35 rec. for 767 yds (21.7 avg.) & 7 TD, while adding 3 INT in 2 yrs... Played both ways at Castle Park HS in nearby Chula Vista.

BACKUP

12 Nolen Harris

6-0 • 185 • Sr.-SQ CGP: 10; CGS: 0
San Diego, CA (SD Mesa College/Patrick Henry HS)

Notes: Logged first time on special teams in first nine games this year... 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 CGP: 11; CGS: 10
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

TOP NOTE: Entered the season with no playing time on the defensive line, but has started all 10 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... Has 40 tackles, 7.5 TFL & 4.5 sacks in 2019... Has been named to the Pro Football Focus MW Team of the Week 4 times this year... Played in a game in 2018 as a true freshman, logging special teams plays vs. Ohio in the DKL Frisco Bowl... Was on the travel squad for 3 games... Led prep ball at Carlsbad HS, along with fellow Aztecs Troy Cassidy & Zachary Thomas, & SDSU's all-time winningest quarterback Christian Chapman... Had 88 tackles & 9.5 sacks over his final 2 seasons at CHS... Older brother, Zachary, started 2 games before tearing ACL, but has started the last 6 at right tackle.

BACKUP

66 Jonah Tavai

6-0 • 315 • So.-TR CGP: 19; CGS: 0
Manhattan Beach, CA (Mira Costa HS/El Camino College)

Notes: Big body who is learning the 3-3-5 defense... 12 TCK, 1.0 TFL, 0.5 SCK in 2019... All-league pick at ECC in 2018... 3-time all-league selection at Mira Costa HS... Also a star rugby player... Turns 19 on Dec. 13... Brother, Jaharii, plays LB for Detroit Lions... Other brother, Justus, plays at Hawaii... Also: No. 49 Sam Hines (6-2, 260, Fr.-RS) - GP: 6, 0.

LINEBACKER (MIKE)

44 Kyahva Tezino

6-0 • 235 • Sr.-3L CGP: 45; CGS: 28
Los Angeles, Calif. (Salesian HS)

TOP NOTE: Has led the team (or tied for the team lead) in tackles in 18 of the 28 career games he has started.

On three watch lists (Bednarik Award, Nagurski Award & Butkus Award)... Preseason 1st-team all-MW... Explosive run-stopping ability... Has 84 tackles, 8.5 TFL, 3.0 SCK, 2 FF, 1 INT, 2 PBU & 1 IR... MW Def. Player of the Week... Has led the team in tackles in 18 of his 28 career games... 2017: 59 TCK, 6 TFL, 2 SCK (56 TCK, 6 TFL, 2 SCK over final 5 GP (1st 5 starts))... 17 tackles vs. Army in AFB... 2016: 5 TCK, 1.5 SCK... 2015: RS, earning the team's def. scout of the year... Career: 275 TCK, 30.5 TFL, 15 SCK... Starred on both sides of the ball at Salesian HS, rushing for 1,704 yds & 13 TD (9.6 avg.) & recording 343 tackles & 9 INT.

BACKUP

46 Michael Shawcroft

6-2 • 225 • Fr.-HS CGP: 10; 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... 5 stops... Was the 2018 CIF San Diego Section Def. Post & 2-time all-CIF 1st-team at nearby Helix HS... Majoring in physics w/ plans to become an astronomer.

DEFENSIVE END

57 Keshawn Banks

6-4 • 270 • So.-1L CGP: 22; CGS: 10
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... Emerged as a starter in the spring, which carried into fall camp... Has 32 tackles (10.0 TFL), 4.5 sacks & 1 PBU in his first career 10 starts this year... Had 7 tackles, including 1 TFL, in 12 games off the bench... Only missed the Nevada game (injury)... Played 180 snaps last season... Led Rio Rancho High in the Albuquerque (N.M.) area to a 13-0 record & state championship in 2016, & a 9-3 mark in 2017... Had 133 tackles, 37 TFL, 18 sacks, 8 PBU's, 3 forced fumbles, 3 fumble recoveries & an interception in his 3 seasons at Rio Rancho HS... Earned all-state honors... Also played basketball & lettered in track & field... Undecided on a major.

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-lineman... 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... Prepped at Heritage HS.

LINEBACKER (WILL)

38 Andrew Aleki

6-3 • 230 • Jr.-2L CGP: 34; CGS: 6
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 34 games with six starts over his career, including five this year... Has 28 tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss, a 5-yard sack, a PBU and five QBH... Had five tackles, 2.0 TFL, & a sack in a start at New Mexico State... Played in 12 of the team's 13 games last year, starting the DKL Frisco Bowl vs. Ohio... Had 22 tackles and one pass breakup... Had 16 tackles and a fumble recovery in 12 games as a true freshman in 2017... Prepped at Kamehameha High School in Honolulu... Ranked as sixth-best recruit by Scout by 247Sports and second-best outside linebacker in the state in Hawaii... Full name is Andrew Ka'eo Aleki... Majoring in psychology.

BACKUP

42 Troy Cassidy

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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 7th nationally in rush avg. (3.5), 13th in yards per touch (6.3) and 14th in total defense (340.3).

• 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:

	Scoring	Total	Pass	Rush
2014	13th	6th	19th	48th
2015	7th	5th	10th	7th
2016	17th	11th	42nd	7th
2017	21st	11th	15th	32nd
2018	22nd	66th	66th	7th
2019	8th	8th	32nd	2nd
2014-19	7th	6th	12th	6th
2015-19	10th	6th	15th	2nd

• The Aztecs are allowing 137 points (8th nationally) and 270.0 yards (18th nationally) per game this season. In SDSU's opponents' other games, they are averaging 28.9 points and 400.4 yards per game.

• Opponents this year have had 115 drives where they have tried to score an SDSU's defense (excludes kneel downs to end half/game). The Aztecs have forced three-and-outs (or better) in 50 of those drives (43.5 pct., 4th nationally). SDSU is averaging 5.00 three-and-outs per game (1.8th nationally).

• SDSU ranks second in FBS play this year in rushing yards allowed per game (65.8) and third in defensive rush average (2.4). Over the last two years, San Diego State ranks second in def. RYPC (87.3) and third in def. RYPC (2.8).

• The Aztecs went the first five games of the season last year 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 271 times against the Aztecs and only four attempts are longer than 20 yards.

• On third down this year, opponents have rushed 48 times for 27 yards (0.6 avg.). On third and fourth down tries, opponents have rushed 58 times for 39 yards (0.7 avg.).

• The Aztecs have held an opponent to single digits 14 times since the beginning of the 2015 season (64 games).

• Since the beginning of 2015 (64 games), San Diego State's defense ranks first in interceptions (84) and tied for 10th interception TDs (10).

FIELD WARRIOR

14 Tariq Thompson

6-0 • 200 • Jr.-2L CGP: 36; CGS: 36
San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine HS)

TOP NOTE: Has started all 36 games since arriving to campus as a true freshman in 2017.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal

On the Jim Thorpe Award Watch List... A preseason 1st-team all-MW selection... Has 9 career INT (5th among active FBS players) in just 36 GP... Has the most starts at SDSU, despite turning 20 on Aug. 9... Has 39 TCK (30 solo), 8 PBU, 2 INT & 2 FF... 2nd-team all-MW in 2018 after making 60 tackles, 5 TFL, 2 INT & 5 PBU... 2nd-team all-MW in 2017 as a true freshman with 63 tackles, 3 TFL, 5 INT (1 for TD), 1 FF, 1 IR & 3 QBH... Became 1st Aztec true freshman to start on defense since CB Leon McFadden started at CSU on 9/24/09 (Coach Long's 1st year as SDSU's DC)... MW Def. Post w/ UNLV (8 TCK, 2 INT, 2 PBU, 1 TFL)... Career: 162 TCK, 10 TFL, 9 INT, 20 PBU, 3 FF, 4 IR... Played both sides of the ball at local St. Augustine HS under current safeties coach Richard Sanchez.

BACKUP

20 Rashad Scott

6-2 • 195 • So.-1L CGP: 16; CGS: 0
San Diego, Calif. (Helix HS)

Notes: Young, smart player who returned from an injury which occurred during the summer to play four games on special teams... Had a tackle and a fumble recovery vs. Wyoming... Had one stop in 11 games on special teams in 2018 as a true freshman... Had Helix HS to a 34-7 record in his three years (2015-17), including a state championship berth in 2017... Also a 1&F star.

AZTEC

36 Dwayne Johnson Jr.

6-2 • 215 • Jr.-2L CGP: 35; CGS: 11
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 of the Week (Sept. 10 & Sept. 17)... Has 71 tackles (1.5 TFL), 1 FF, 2 FF & 2 PBU... Played in all 13 games last year, mainly on special teams, making 2 tackles with a FR vs. Hawai'i... 2017: Had 14 tackles & a TFL in his 1st 12 career games, starting at Hawai'i... 2016: Redshirted... Led Vista Murrieta HS to a 35-7 (.833) record & a 15-0 mark in league play over his 3 seasons... Had 207 tackles & 8 INT over his final 2 years... Is majoring in interdisciplinary studies... No relation to Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.

BACKUP

33 Patrick McMorris

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

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 6 games... Played 1 year at Santa Ana HS, leading team to a 10-3 record in 2018 & 5-0 league mark... Ran for 1,801 yards & 23 TD, while catching 17 passes for 375 yards & 2 TD... Had 99 stops on defense with 2 interceptions... Previously starred at Godinez HS.

BOUNDARY WARRIOR

18 Trenton Thompson

6-2 • 200 • Jr.-2L CGP: 34; CGS: 12
Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)

TOP NOTE: Best game was against UNLV, where he had a career-high 12 tackles, 2.0 TFL & a blocked punt.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal

Playmaker, who started 8 times & played all 13 games last year of Boundary Warrior... Has 33 stops, 2.0 TFL, 1 PBU & 1 blocked kick this year in 10 GP (4 GS)... His blocked punt at UNLV was recovered by Caden McDonald in the end zone for a TD... Made 57 tackles last year w/ 2.0 TFL, 1.0 SCK, 2.0 TFL, 1 INT & 1 FF... 2017: RS w/ 1 tackle in 3 games... 2016: 9 stops w/ a PBU as a true freshman... Career: 100 TCK, 4.0 TFL, 1.0 SCK, 1 INT, 4 PBU, 1 FF... Led Palm Springs HS to a 24-3 (.889) record over his 3 years where he logged 219 tackles, 7 TFL, 4 INTs, 6 FF, 2 FR & 6 blocked kicks... Was HS teammates w/ fellow Warrior Taylor Hawkins... A social science major.

BACKUP

32 Tayler Hawkins

6-1 • 205 • Jr.-2L CGP: 33; CGS: 8
Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)

Notes: Hard-hitting athlete, who has played the last 33 games with 8 starts... Has great technique... Cts 10 tackles & 2 TFL at UCLA... Has 23 tackles & 3 TFL this year in 10 GP (3 GS)... 2018: 35 tackles, 1 TFL & 5 PBU's mark... 2017: 5 stops on special teams... 2016: RS... 4-year letter winner at Palm Springs HS with fellow 5 Trenton Thompson... Helped PSHS to 24-3 record at WR, DB & P... No. 27 Kyree Woods (6-0, 190, Sr.-3L) - GP: 19, 0.

CORNERBACK

23 Darren Hall

6-0 • 180 • So.-1L CGP: 23; CGS: 11
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 sack & most of 2nd vs. UCLA, but has started last 8 at CU w/ 29 TCK, 2.5 TFL, 0.5 SCK, 1 INT, 13 PBU & 2 FF... MW ranks: 2nd in passes def. (6 (1.40) & 16th in FF (0.22))... Was SDSU's Co-Fresh of the Year w/ 45 tackles (34 solo), 2 INT, 3 PBU, a sack & a FF... Was a 2-time MW Def. Post w/ 4 TCK, 1 INT in OT vs. EMU & 9 TCK, 1 SCK, 1 FF, 1 INT on FS, despite not starting either game... RS in 2017 w/ 2 stops in 2 GP played... Career: 76 TCK, 4.5 TFL, 2.0 SCK, 3 INT, 16 PBU, 3 FF... Led Rancho Cucamonga HS to a 12-1 record in 2016, earning 1st-team all-league honors... A comm. major.

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-outs at CSU & on special teams last 2 games... Totaled 67 tackles (50 solo) over his 2 years at Riverside City College along with a TFL, 5 INT, 18 PBU & a blocked kick... Earned all-California honors as a soph. in 2018 & was a 2-time all-league pick... Prepped at El Camino HS... Undecided on a major.

San Diego State Aztecs

2019 Record: 8-2, 5-2 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 (64) 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 CCGP: 26; CGS: 11
 McKinleyville, Calif. (McKinleyville High)

Started 8 games at LT (1st 7 & last week) ... Was recruited to SDSU as a TE, but moved to OL in the fall of 2017 ... Says that he is more comfortable at LT as he has practiced at that position more ... 1 sack allowed in career ... 2018: Played in all 13 games, starting final 3 at RT ... 2017: Played 3 games (44 snaps) ... 2016: RS as TE ... QB McKinleyville HS, throwing for 5,103 yds & 54 TD ... RB in rushing for 960 yds & 22 TD ... Also punted at MHS ... Was all-county and team MVP ... Also played baseball & basketball ... Majoring in criminal justice.

77 Jacob Capra

6-5 • 315 • Jr.-TR CCGP: 26; CGS: 7
 Auburn, Calif. (Univ. of Oregon)

Varsity OL who spent previous 3 yrs at Oregon under 3 different OC's ... Joined SDSU for the '19 spring camp & has 2 years left ... Started first 4 this year at RT & 2 later at LT ... Has played in all 10 games ... Has allowed just 4 sacks (2 this year) for his career ... 15 GP, 1 GS at Oregon, logging 337 snaps ... A 2-time Pac-12 All-Acad. HM pick ... Graduated from Oregon in June w/ degree in general social science & 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.

LEFT GUARD

79 Daishawn Dixon

6-5 • 330 • Sr.-3L CCGP: 49; CGS: 35
 San Antonio, Texas (Wm. Howard Taft HS)

TOP NOTE: Is the most experienced Aztec on either side of the ball with 49 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 35 regular-season straight starts at LG & played in 49 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 2015 victory over the IFAF World Team on Jan. 31, 2015 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas ... Born Phoenix, prep'd in San Antonio.

BACKUP

64 Chris Martinez

6-4 • 305 • So.-SQ CCGP: 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-Central California Conference ... Was born in San Jose, Calif.

CENTER

60 Keith Ismael

6-3 • 310 • Jr.-2L CCGP: 35; CGS: 35
 Oakland, Calif. (Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep)

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

Pronunciation: iz-MAEL ... On 2 watch lists (Outland for top interior lineman & Rimington for top center) ... **All-MW preseason team** ... No. 2-rated center by PFF ... Leader of the o-line ... Started all 10 at C ... Started 12 games in 2018 (6 at C, 5 at RG & 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 & redshirted ... Was a 1st-team all-league pick & a 2nd-team all-Metro selection as a Sr. at Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep ... Played box at SHCP ... An int'l & conflict resolution major.

BACKUP

62 Jacob Jimenez

6-5 • 300 • Sr.-TR CCGP: 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 in Texas.

RIGHT GUARD

73 William Dunkle

6-5 • 350 • Fr.-RS CCGP: 10; CGS: 9
 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 ... Played every snap in his college debut and has played 676 snaps through 10 weeks ... Has been named to the Pro Football Focus Mountain West team of the Week three times this season ... 13th-highest grade in the country and No. 3 in the MW (according to Pro Football Focus) ... Redshirted last year ... 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

56 Dominic Gudino

6-3 • 300 • Jr.-2L CCGP: 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 of local Olympian HS in Chula Vista, captaining 2 yrs ... Was a Blue-Gray All-American ... A kinesiology major.

RIGHT TACKLE

76 Zachary Thomas

6-5 • 300 • Jr.-1L CCGP: 25; CGS: 8
 Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

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

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
 A local lineman out of Carlsbad HS who was in the mix for playing time in 2018 after working as a reserve in '17 ... Has solid technique ... Tore his ACL in the 3rd game of 2018 (his 2nd straight start) ... Has been named all of the 2019 straight season ... Started the year as the backup LT, but is now expected to start at RT for the 7th straight game this year ... PFF MW Team of the Week at UNLV ... 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 DT as a redshirt freshman.

BACKUP

75 Desmond Bessent

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

Pronunciation: 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 CCGP: 46; CGS: 31
 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/ 31 career starts (No. 2 has 16 career starts).

2019 Status

Rushing					Receiving				
GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	TD	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
10	7	0	0	0	0	0	11	88	8.0

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
 Assistant HC/OC Jeff Horton calls him "our hockey gun" and says "he is the heart of our team" ... Played in 46 games with 31 starts (20 straight started at SDSU) ... Has played 580 of 752 snaps this year ... Played 660 offensive snaps last season, most on his side of the ball among non-offensive linemen ... Career: 38 receptions, 354 yards, 3 TDs, 9.3 ypc ... 2017: Started 7 w/ 6 rec. for 56 yards ... 2016: 5 rec. for 32 yds, 9.3 ypc as a true freshman, being named SDSU Co-Freshman of the Year (Jordan Washington) ... Already a college graduate, working on his master's degree in criminal justice ... Led Edward C. Reed HS to a 24-5 record (828) over his final 2 yrs ... A 3-time MW Fall Acad. Team member ... Very active in community service.

TIGHT END

88 Daniel Bellinger

6-6 • 250 • So.-1L CCGP: 19; CGS: 8
 Las Vegas, Nev. (Palo Verde High)

Has 12 catches for 156 yards & 2 TD in 1st 8 starts ... Had a 2-yd TD catch at NMSU ... 2 rec., 40 yds. inc. 12-yd TD in GW drive vs. WYO ... CH 4 rec. vs. FS ... Played in final 9 games (59 snaps) in 2018 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.

ALSO: No. 26 Keogun Williams (5-9, 190, So.-1L) ... GP: 10-11

X RECEIVER

92 Kobe Smith

6-2 • 190 • So.-1L CCGP: 22; CGS: 9
 Compton, Calif. (Junipero Serra HS)

2019 Status

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
10	7	48	580	12.1	42	4

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
 Is having a breakout season ... Has team-highs of 48 catches, 580 yards & touchdowns (4) ... MW ranks: 8th in receiving per game (4.80) & T-10th in rec. TD (4) ... Already has more receptions TD (4) than SDSU's top receivers last year (3 apiece by Tim Wilson Jr. & Fred Trevillion ... 7 rec., 132 yds. vs. WYO (5-65 in 2nd half) ... Is coming off 1st 100-yd game vs. Fresno State (8-119) ... Named off-scout player of the year (2018) after redshirting ... Was a 1st-team all-league & all-county performer in 2017 at nearby Christian HS, when he had 57 rec. for 888 yds (15.6 avg.) & 14 TD ... Also played baseball (SS) & basketball (PG) ... A comm. major.

BACKUP

13 Isaiah Richardson

6-1 • 190 • So.-SQ CCGP: 11; CGS: 0
 Palmdale, Calif. (Chaminade Prep)

Speedy, athletic receiver w/ good hands ... 8 rec., 106 yds, 1 TD ... 3 rec., 65 yds & 49 yd TD vs. USU ... Burst onto the scene w/ 3 catches for 58 yds (19.3 avg.) in his 1st career game vs. Ohio in the DIXIE Bowl Bowl ... Was on travel squad 4 games before bowl game ... RS in 2017 ... Played his HS ball at Chaminade Prep ... Also played basketball & was on the T&F team.

RUNNING BACK

29 Juwan Washington

5-7 • 190 • Sr.-3L CCGP: 43; CGS: 16
 Fort Worth, Texas (Kennedale HS)

TOP NOTE: Ranks eighth in school history in all-purpose yards (3,944) and ninth rushing yards (2,649).

2019 Status

Rushing					Receiving				
GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	TD	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
7	4	131	450	3.4	20	0	15	94	6.3

Has battled an ankle sprain suffered early in the 10 of the Water 3L game (Aug. 31) ... Missed 3 yrs, but has 400 total yds & 4 TD last 5 GP ... Has 81 career missed tackles ... On 3 preseason watch lists & a preseason all-MW selection ... Rushed for 999 yds in 2018 despite missing 4 1/2 yrs ... Was 2nd in RB in RVPG when he was in; vs. EMU (4th game of 2018) ... Career: 500 att., 2,631 yards, 25 TD, 5.3 ypc, 7.100-yd games ... 31 career TD ... Ran for 5,139 yds, & 75 TD at KHS.

BACKUPS

15 Jordan Byrd

CGP: 20; CGS: 5
 5-9 • 170 • So.-1L
 Albuquerque, N.M. (Manzano HS)

Speedster ... 118 yds., 2 TD at NMSU ... 3rd in MW in PR avg. (7.8) ... 2018: SDSU Co-Fresh of the Year w/ 297 AP yds & 1 TD ... Prep'd as QB.

OR

21 Chance Bell

CGP: 14; CGS: 1
 5-10 • 185 • So.-1L
 Burbank, Calif. (John Burroughs HS)

Tough runner ... 116 yds., 1 TD at NMSU ... 81 att., 359 yds, 2 TD in 2019 ... 2018: 40 att., 189 yds ... 2017: RS ... 4,525 yds, 59 TD at JHS.

OR

22 Chase Jasmin

CGP: 36; CGS: 4
 5-11 • 195 • Jr.-2L
 Agoura Hills, Calif. (Westlake HS)

Slifty RB ... 50-yd TD at SISU ... 55 att., 234 yds, 4 overall TD in '19 ... 2018: 138-582 (+1 rec. TD) ... 2017: 133-137-2 ... 2016: RS ... Boxer as youth.

Z RECEIVER

45 Jesse Mathews

6-0 • 190 • Fr.-RS CCGP: 10; CGS: 8
 San Diego, Calif. (Christian HS)

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
 Burlsworth Trophy nominee (top walk-on) ... Made his 1st career starts this season ... Walked onto team last year ... Had a great spring camp & brought that into the fall, where he was the most consistent wide-out ... Arguably best vertical leaper on team ... Has great hands ... 6 rec., 73 yds. vs. WYO (5-65 in 2nd half) ... Is coming off 1st 100-yd game vs. Fresno State (8-119) ... Named off-scout player of the year (2018) after redshirting ... Was a 1st-team all-league & all-county performer in 2017 at nearby Christian HS, when he had 57 rec. for 888 yds (15.6 avg.) & 14 TD ... Also played baseball (SS) & basketball (PG) ... A comm. major.

BACKUP

80 TJ Sullivan

6-0 • 195 • Fr.-RS CCGP: 5; 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 at 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.

QUARTERBACK

9 Ryan Agnew

6-0 • 200 • Sr.-3L CCGP: 37; CGS: 17
 Southlake, Texas (Carroll HS)

TOP NOTE: Owns a 14-3 record as a starter with wins over nationally-ranked opponents Arizona State and Boise State (on the road).

2019 Status

GP	GS	Cmp.	Att.	Pct.	Int.	TD	Yds.	Rtg.
10	10	191	301	63.5	5	11	1,946	126.50

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
 Athletic, mobile QB ... CH 323 yds last game vs. FS ... 16-for-20, 3 TD, 0 INT at CSU ... Went CH 124 att. w/out an INT from Sept. 21-Oct. 26 ... 2018 SDSU OHL Player of the Year ... Was 6-1 w/ 3 2nd-half come-from-behind victories for injured Christian Chapman last year ... Posted wins over 23/25 ASU (1st GS QB to win starting debut vs. a ranked PS team since 2009) & at rv/25 BSU ... 1,525 yds., 10 TD, 6 INT last year ... Just 2 INT in 192 career passes on the road ... 2017: 4-for-7 for 47 yds in 7 GP, rushing 52 times in 10 att. ... 2016: 2-for-2 for 29 yds ... 2015: RS (off. scout player of the year) ... Career: 3,673 yds, 21 TD, 11 INT ... 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.

BACKUP

3 Carson Baker

6-3 • 190 • Fr.-RS CCGP: 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).

E RECEIVER

81 Ethan Dedeaux

5-9 • 185 • So.-1L CCGP: 18; CGS: 11
 Las Vegas, Nev. (Liberty HS)

2019 Status

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
8	2	5	98	19.6	49	1

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Pronunciation: DAY-doh ... Has 5 catches for 98 yards in 8 GP (2 GS) ... 1st career TD at UNLV (49 yards) ... 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 (50 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 ... Scored 54 TDs in 54 career high school games ... In HS, he played the following positions: WR, RB, CB, SS & QB ... 19 years old ... A communication major.

BACKUP

41 BJ Busbee

5-8 • 155 • So.-1L CCGP: 20; CGS: 0
 Long Beach, Calif. (St. Anthony HS)

Pronunciation: BUZZ-bee ... Walk-on wide receiver ... Has 10 catches for 65 yards (6.5 avg.) ... Played 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 ... Prep'd at St. Anthony High ... 3x first-team all-OC ... A social science major.

Offensive Tidbits

◆ Since Jeff Horton took over as offensive coordinator prior to the 2015 campaign, San Diego State is 16th nationally in rushing yards per game (214.8), 35th in rushing yards per carry (4.8) and 41st in rushing touchdowns (124).

◆ 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 50 games since 2016 (37, 100-yard rushers total) and 37 of the 64 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 by 16-0 mark in the Rocky Long era, and now have multiple 100-yard rushers nine times in the last 46 games.

◆ San Diego State has the fewest interceptions thrown since the 2015 season (25, min. 35 GP), one less than No. 2 (Georgia Southern, 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 41-7 when scoring at least 20 points. The Aztecs are 73-18 in the Rocky Long era when scoring just 20 points.

◆ Since the beginning of 2014, SDSU is 44-10 when committing one turnover or less and 10-13 when having two or more turnovers in the game. San Diego State has one turnover or less in 46 of the 64 games since the start of the 2015 campaign.

◆ SDSU is 38-7 in the last 45 games when owning an edge in time of possession.

◆ San Diego State threw for 323 yards vs. Fresno State on Nov. 15, its most in the Jeff Horton Offensive Coordinator era (since 2015).

SPECIALISTS

- ▶ PAT'S/FG'S: 2 Matt Arizola, 6-2, 195, Fr.-RS
- ▶ Sneson/Career: FGs: 17-for-20 (85.0) | Long: 47 | PATs: 21-for-21
- ▶ Punters: 59 Brandon Hecklen, 6-0, 190, Sr.-2L
- ▶ Sneson: 55 | Avg.: 45.7 | Long: 61 | TB: 6 | 100: 22 | 50+: 22
- ▶ Career: 182 | Avg.: 41.8 | Long: 61 | TB: 10 | 100: 66 | 50+: 41
- ▶ Kickoffs: 2 Matt Arizola, 6-2, 195, Fr.-RS
- ▶ Sneson: 49 | Avg.: 63.0 | TB: 37 | OB: 0 | Avg. Opp. Start: 25
- ▶ Short/Long Snapper: 50 Turner Bernard, 6-1, 225, Jr.-2L
- ▶ Kick Returns: 29 Juwan Washington & 22 Chase Jasmin
- ▶ Washington (Career) - KR: 43 | Yds: 1,017 | Avg: 23.7 | TB: 3 | Long: 96
- ▶ Jasmin (Career) - KR: 2