

# San Diego State Aztecs

2017 Record: 1-0, 0-0 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: 1; CGS: 1  
Fernley, Nevada (Fernley HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Played in all 14 games last season, mostly on PAT/field goal units.

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
**Pronunciation:** ROM-er ... One of two redshirt freshmen (Keith Ismael) on the offensive line that made his college debut against UC Davis ... Backed up starter Kwaydie Miller last year but did not see the field and 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 and all-state at both offensive and defensive line at Fernley High School in Nevada ... Also played two years of basketball and a year of wrestling and swimming ... A business administration major.

### BACKUP

# 76 Zachary Thomas

6-5 • 285 • Fr.-RS CGP: 1; 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: 15; CGS: 1  
San Antonio, Texas (Wm. Howard Taft HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Played in all 14 games last season, mostly on PAT/field goal units.

**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 tackle ... Takes over for Nico Sragosa (Baltimore Ravens), who started the final 41 games of his career ... Started opener vs. UCD ... 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: 0; CGS: 0  
Chula Vista, Calif. (Olympian High)

**Pronunciation:** GUD-deeno ... Only true freshman on the offensive two-deep ... In high school, played on both sides of the line of scrimmage ... Helped his HS to the CIF San Diego Section III playoffs all 4 years ... Was rated 14th nationally at his position by ESPN.

### CENTER

# 60 Keith Ismael

6-3 • 310 • Fr.-RS CGP: 1; CGS: 1  
Daily City, Calif. (Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep)

**TOP NOTE:** The aerospace engineering major made his collegiate debut on Saturday against UC Davis.

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
**Pronunciation:** IZ-male ... Takes over the center position from Arthur Flores, who started the previous 28 games ... One of two redshirt freshmen (Tyler Roemer) who made their first career start last Saturday vs. UC Davis and one of four on the line overall who made their first start ... Was on the depth chart last season at left guard, but did not play and was able to maintain his redshirt ... Was a first-team all-league pick and a second-team all-Metro selection as a senior at Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep ... Also played lax 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 ... Prepped locally at Carlsbad High School with current Aztec starting quarterback Christian Chapman.

### RIGHT GUARD

# 67 Antonio Rosales

6-4 • 305 • Sr.-2L CGP: 21; CGS: 15  
Tucson, Ariz. (Tucson Magnet HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Started all 14 games at right guard last season; Only current Aztec player to have started a game on the OL.

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
**Pronunciation:** row-ZAL-is ... Physical, offensive lineman who continues to get bigger (up 10 pounds from last season) ... Has started 15 consecutive games ... 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 ... Made his first collegiate appearance vs. Fresno State (Oct. 3, 2015) ... Did not see any action in 2014 ... Redshirted in 2013 ... 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: 5; CGS: 0  
Arlington, Texas (Mansfield Timberview HS)

**Pronunciation:** GAIR-herd ... Recorded 24 snaps in 2016 ... Was emergency short-snapper on PAT & FG's 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: 15; CGS: 1  
Long Beach, Calif. (Lakewood HS/LBCC)

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

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
Slated to play his 14th consecutive game in the road opener at Arizona State, but made his first start vs. UC Davis ... Was the third Aztec to start at right tackle since the start of the 2014 campaign (Daniel Brunsell - 14 games, Pearce Slater - 27 games) ... Missed first two games of the 2016 campaign 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 High School ... A social science major.

### BACKUP

# 78 Joe Salcedo

6-7 • 300 • Jr.-1L CGP: 14; CGS: 0  
Santa Barbara, Calif. (Bishop Diego HS)

**Pronunciation:** sal-SAY-do ... Last game played was Dec. 24, 2015 ... Played in all 2015 but missed the 2016 campaign after suffering a knee injury in fall camp ... Earned SDSU offensive co-captain of the year (2014).

### FULLBACK

# 15 Nick Bawden

6-3 • 245 • Sr.-2L CGP: 28; CGS: 14  
Los Gatos, Calif. (Los Gatos HS)

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

**2017 Stats:**

Rushing										Receiving									
GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	100+	No.	Yds.	TD	LG	TD	LG	TD	LG	TD	LG	TD	LG	TD
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**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 ... Played in 28 career games ... In 2016, was graded as the top blocking fullback in the nation by Pro Football Focus and the No. 4 overall fullback ... Has 16 NCAA all-time rushing leader Donald Pumpfrey ... Ranks 4th in FBS in RYPS (197.0), 7th in APYPS (215.0) & 12th in RYPS (9.4) & rush TD (2) ... MW Off. PoWw vs. UCD with 197 yds & 2 TD ... Despite making just 1 start last season, he rushed for 1,018 yards, with 7.5 ypc avg. & 11 TD ... 2-time MW ST Pat ... 2016: rush - 136, 1,018-11; rec. - 15-224-3, KR - 20-624-2 ... Career TD: 26 17 rush, 5 KOR, 4 rec. ... Had 2,504 rush yds & 41 TD as HS senior ... Brother, Elijah, led Idaho in rushing.

### RUNNING BACK

# 20 Rashaad Penny

5-11 • 220 • Sr.-3L CGP: 42; CGS: 6  
Norwalk, Calif. (Norwalk HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Is averaging 7.30 yards per carry for his career, the highest average in SDSU history among players with at least 1,000 yards.

**2017 Stats:**

Rushing										Receiving									
GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	100+	No.	Yds.	TD	LG	TD	LG	TD	LG	TD	LG	TD	LG	TD
1	1	21	197	9.4	2	61	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
Maxwell Award, Walter Camp, Horming national watch lists ... After earning All-America accolades as a KR the last 2 years, he now takes over as the feature RB in the SDSU offensive attack (takes over for NCAA all-time rushing leader Donald Pumpfrey) ... Ranks 4th in FBS in RYPS (197.0), 7th in APYPS (215.0) & 12th in RYPS (9.4) & rush TD (2) ... MW Off. PoWw vs. UCD with 197 yds & 2 TD ... Despite making just 1 start last season, he rushed for 1,018 yards, with 7.5 ypc avg. & 11 TD ... 2-time MW ST Pat ... 2016: rush - 136, 1,018-11; rec. - 15-224-3, KR - 20-624-2 ... Career TD: 26 17 rush, 5 KOR, 4 rec. ... Had 2,504 rush yds & 41 TD as HS senior ... Brother, Elijah, led Idaho in rushing.

### QUARTERBACK

# 10 Christian Chapman

6-0 • 200 • Jr.-2L CGP: 24; CGS: 17  
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Is 14-3 as a starting QB, including wins in back-to-back MW Championships and back-to-back bowl games (Hawaii & Las Vegas).

**2017 Stats:**

GP	GS	Comp.	Att.	Pct.	Int.	TD	Yds.	Rtg.
1	1	16	21	76.2	1	2	220	186.10

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
Mobile, accurate quarterback with a quick release ... Has the 13th-best pass eff. rating in FBS since Dec. 5, 2015 (Chapman became No. 1 QB) (156.1, min. 275 att.) ... He is the only active QB since 2012 to post a perfect record in postseason games (min. 2 championship games, & 2 bowl games) ... CH 76.2 pct., 220 yds & 2 TD vs. UCD in opener ... CH 283 yds vs. UNH & CH 3 TD at NIU ... Posted the 2nd-best pass eff. (209.7) among QBs making their Aztec debut in MW Championship vs. AFA (9-for-14, 1 TD, 0 INT) en route to being named the game's off. MVP ... Was 1 of 3 true freshman QBs on the depth chart in 2014 & traveled to every road contest, but redshirted ... Was a 3-star recruit by Rivals, Scout & ESPN at local Carlsbad HS ... Was a 2-time all-Arizona League selection, passing for 1,986 yds & 23 TDs as a senior.

### BACKUP

# 9 Ryan Agnew

6-0 • 190 • So.-1L CGP: 9; CGS: 0  
Southlake, Texas (Carroll HS)

Athletic, mobile quarterback with an accurate arm ... Was 1-for-2 for 17 yards late vs. UCD ... 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: 1; CGS: 0  
Agoura Hills, Calif. (Westlake HS)

Played for 1st time of career vs. UC Davis, running 4 times for 2 yards (0.5 avg.) & playing on special teams ... Utilized his redshirt season last season (2016) ... Rushed for more 2,808 yards and 24 touchdowns over his three-year high school career ... Was a competitive boxer growing up.

### BACKUP

# 29 Jwan Washington

5-7 • 190 • So.-1L CGP: 15; CGS: 1  
Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale HS)

A great blend of speed & power ... 14 att., 66 yds vs. UC Davis in opener ... 2016: Had 55 att. for 441 yds (8.0 avg.) & 6 TD ... Also had 3 rec. for 72 yds & a TD & 10 KR for 293 yds (29.3 avg.) & a TD ... 14 att., 137 yds & 2 TD at USU ... RS in 2015 ... Rushed for 5,139 yds & 75 TD, averaging 9.5 YPC at Kennedale HS, with 5 300-ypd games.

### Z RECEIVER

# 92 Isiah Macklin

6-5 • 200 • Fr.-RS CGP: 1; CGS: 1  
Las Vegas, Nev. (Green Valley HS)

**2017 Stats:**

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1	1	1	17.0	17.0	17	0

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
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 the state of Nevada as a prep player ... 19th birthday is Sept. 17 (day after Stanford game this season).

### BACKUP

# 8 Quest Truxton

6-0 • 185 • Sr.-1L CGP: 15; CGS: 1  
Newport Harbor, CA (Newport Harbor HS/Golden West Coll.)

Had 2 rec. vs. UCD ... Also team's PR ... Caught 11 passes for 156 yds & 3 TD in 2016 ... Led MW in PR avg. (9.0 last year) ... GWC transfer.

### BACKUP

# 81 Collin Andrews

6-3 • 185 • Fr.-RS CGP: 1; CGS: 0  
Chula Vista, Calif. (Olympian HS)

Joined the team in the spring of 2017 ... Excellent blocker ... Lindy's named him top SDSU newcomer ... Local product out of Olympian HS.

### X RECEIVER

# 93 Tim Wilson Jr.

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

**2017 Stats:**

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1	1	1	15.0	15.0	15	0

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
Started at wide receiver vs. UC Davis in first career game and game started, making a 15-yard catch ... Redshirted in 2016 ... Prepped at Plano East HS in Plano, Texas ... Majoring in construction engineering.

### BACKUP

# 89 Fred Trevillion

6-2 • 200 • Jr.-Fr. CGP: 13; CGS: 0  
Newport Harbor, CA (Newport Harbor HS/Golden West Coll.)

Had 2 rec. & 38 yds vs. UC Davis ... Played in 12 games as true freshman on defense in 2014 before returning to SDSU this past spring.

### BACKUP

# 6 Mikah Holder

6-0 • 185 • Sr.-3L CGP: 38; CGS: 24  
Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside HS)

Had 3 rec., 19 yds vs. UCD ... Has the 2nd-highest career YPC avg. for any Aztec player in the last 20 years (min. 20 rec.) ... Career: 59 rec., 1,092 yards, 11 TDs.

### TIGHT END

# 88 David Wells

6-5 • 255 • Sr.-3L CGP: 40; CGS: 14  
Clovis, Calif. (Clovis North HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Earned second-team all-Mountain West honors in his first season as a starting tight end (2016).

**2017 Stats:**

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

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
Mackey, Wueffel national watch lists Played in 40 straight games until missing 2017 opener with injury ... Nearly a unanimous preseason 1st-team all-MW selection ... Good blocker w/ good hands ... Was 2nd-team all-MW ... Had 25 rec. in 2016, 21 more than he had over his 1st 2 seasons ... CH's of 5 catches & 62 yds, & 1st career TD vs. JSU ... Played final 12 games in 2014, mostly on special teams ... RS in 2013 ... Former QB, who converted to TE late in prep career at Clovis North HS ... Was a 1st-team all-league & all-Valley ... Was a 3-star recruit by Rivals ... Was a 2015 MW Fall All-Academic pick ... Working on masters.

### BACKUP

# 82 Parker Houston

6-3 • 240 • So.-1L CGP: 11; CGS: 5  
Sparks, Nev. (Edward C. Reed HS)

Started opener vs. UC Davis with a 23-yard catch ... Played in 11 straight games ... Caught 5 passes for 32 yards & 1 TD as a true freshman last year ... Led Edward C. Reed HS to a 24-5 record (.828) over his final 2 yrs, including a 13-1 mark in 2015 ... A kinesiology major.

ALSO: No. 87 Kahlle Warring (6-6, 250, So. So.) CFP: 5, CGS: 1, 10

## Offensive Tidbits

• San Diego State returns five starters on offense this season - fullback Nick Baldwin, quarterback Christian Chapman, wide receiver Mikah Holder, right guard Antonio Rosales and tight end David Wells.

• 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 ranked seventh nationally in rushing yards per game (262.9) last year and in average yards per rush (5.8), and 12th in rushing touchdowns (34).

• San Diego State is 53-14 in the Rocky Long era when scoring just 20 or more points.

• SDSU is 22-1 in the last 22 times it had an advantage in time of possession (loss was at California in 2015).

• 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 (both Daniel Pumpfrey, 2,133 and Rashaad Penny, 1,018 in 2016) in a school-record seven straight seasons (previous longest streak was five seasons from 1991-95).

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

• The Aztecs have won 33 straight games when rushing for at least 200 yards (41-2 in the Rocky Long era).

• SDSU has a 100-yard rusher in 39 of their past 51 games and has a total of 49, 100-yard rushers during that span.

• 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 10 games.

• SDSU has just seven interceptions since Sept. 13, 2015, the fewest in FBS play over that span.

## SPECIALISTS

**PAT'S/FG'S:** 29 John Barron II, 5-11, 190, Jr.-1L  
• FG/FGA: 1-for-1 (1,000) | Long: 39 | PAT'S: 5-for-5 (1,000)  
**Punts:** 59 Brandon Heiklen, 6-0, 180, So.-TR  
• Punts: 3 | Avg.: 37.0 | Long: 38 | TB: 0 | 120-2 | 50+: 0  
**Kickoffs:** 29 John Barron II, 5-11, 190, Jr.-1L  
• KO: 7 | Avg.: 63.6 | TB: 3 | OB: 0 | Avg. Opp. Start: 23  
**Short Snapper:** 82 Parker Houston, 6-3, 240, So.-1L  
**Long Snapper:** 35 Marc Ellis, 6-0, 190, Jr.-SQ  
**Holder:** 6 Mikah Holder, 6-0, 185, Sr.-3L  
**Kick Returns:** 20 Rashaad Penny ... & 29 Jwan Washington  
• Penny - KR: 1 | Yds: 18.0 | TD: 0 | Long: 18  
**Punt Returns:** 8 Quest Truxton  
• PR: 2 | Yds: 9 | Avg.: 4.5 | TD: 0 | Long: 7



## 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 51 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: 26; CGS: 18  
Las Vegas, Nev. (Valley High)

**TOP NOTE:** Has 18 career starts, including each of the past 15 games, while the rest of the 4-line has a combined two starts (both this year).

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
Athletic, mobile defensive lineman ... Made the move to defensive end this year after playing his first 2 seasons at defensive tackle ... Had 4 tackles, 2.0 TFL & a QBH vs. UC Davis ... Had 26 tackles, 6.0 TFL, 3 sacks for 19 yards, a PBU & a QBH last year ... Had 20 tackles, 4.0 TFL, 3 sacks for 13 yards, including 6.0 TFL, 0.5 sacks, a FF & a PBU ... Starts came in the 1st 3 games vs. USD, Cal & South Alabama ... 2014 SDSU Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year, while redshirting ... Received three stars from both ESPN & 24/7sports out of HS ... A three-time letterwinner & a three-time captain at Valley High in Las Vegas ... Also earned three letters in basketball ... Previously known as Eric Burrell, but legally changed his name to honor his father, who was shot and killed before he was born ... Majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

### BACKUP

## 55 Chibu Onyuekwu

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6-4 • 255 • Jr.-RS CGP: 1; CGS: 0  
Pittsburg, Calif. (Deer Valley HS/Contra Costa College)

**Notes:** Athletic DE, who has 3 years of collegiate experience (2014-15 with Contra Costa College & rehabilitating last year at SDSU) ... Won 2 PacWest titles at CCC, along with his brother, Chimo ... Led 2015 team with 8 sacks & 12 TFL ... Prepped at Deer Valley High ... Full name is Chibuzo Onyuekwu ... Majoring in sociology.  
**ALSO:** No. 45 Anthony Lake (6-4, 260, Jr.-JR) ... CGP: 1; CGS: 0

### LINEBACKER

## 39 Ronley Lakalaka

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6-0 • 225 • Jr.-2L CGP: 26; CGS: 14  
Kalihi, Hawaii (Punahou HS)

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

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
Physical run-stopping linebacker who has become one of the leaders on defense ... Moved into the two-deep for the South Alabama game as a true freshman in 2015 with Jake Jurely injured & stayed there for the rest of the season, before starting 13 of 14 games last year ... 2 tackles & a sack vs. USD ... Had 73 tackles (2nd on team) last year with 3.0 TFL, an 8-yard sack, 2 INTs for 20 yards & a touchdown, a PBU & 8 sacks & 12 TFL ... Was 1 of 2 true freshmen on the depth chart in either side of the ball in 2015 (also safety Parker Baldwin) ... Had 11 tackles ... Full name is Ronley Ronaleonese Leolao Lakalaka ... Was two-time all-state first-team selection at Punahou HS ... Older brother, Steven, played RB at Hawaii, while younger brother, Seyderrick, is a true freshman LB at SDSU ... Is majoring in social science.

### BACKUP

## 44 Kyahva Tezino

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6-0 • 230 • So.-1L CGP: 12; 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 PkY ... Rushed for 1,704 yards & 13 TD on offense & made 243 tackles at Salesian HS ... A 4-star recruit.

### DEFENSIVE TACKLE

## 65 Sergio Phillips

6-2 • 285 • Sr.-3L CGP: 30; CGS: 1  
DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Has the second-most career tackles (49) among current SDSU defensive linemen, despite only starting one game (opener vs. UCD).

**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 23 tackles in first career start vs. UC Davis ... Had 42 tackles (20 solo), 3.0 sacks 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: 2; CGS: 0  
Novato, Calif. (San Marin High)

**Notes:** Walk-on, who played in 1 game last year after missing the entire 2015 season & the 2016 spring w/ a knee injury ... Played vs. UC ... Had 2 tackles vs. Hawaii in 2016 ... Missed 2015 w/ injury ... RS in 2014 ... Earned 2 letters at San Marin HS ... A business administration major.

### LINEBACKER

## 46 Jay Henderson

6-2 • 230 • Sr.-3L CGP: 30; CGS: 4  
Pheasant, Calif. (Serrano HS)

**TOP NOTE:** First 25 games of his career (0 FG, 7 TCK, 0 O TFL, 0 O SCK, 0 QBH; Last 5 games (4 GS): 15 TCK, 3.0 TFL, 2.5 SCK, 7 TFL)

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
Talented athlete, who moved back to linebacker late last season after moving to defensive end in the spring of 2016 ... Had a tackle and a PBU (lead to Tariq Thompson interception) vs. UCD in opener ... Had 15 tackles (10 solo), 2.5 sacks for 18 yards, three tackles for loss, a forced fumble, a pass breakup and seven quarterback hurries last year ... Had career-high four tackles, along with his first career sack, first tackle for loss, first four-quarterback hurries & first pass breakup in first career start at Wyoming (11/19/16) ... Had three tackles in nine games in 2015 ... Made three stops as a true freshman in 2014 ... A consensus three-star recruit out of Pheasant High School ... A two-time all-league pick, including the league defensive MVP as a senior ... Is majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

### BACKUP

## 31 Andrew Aleki

6-3 • 220 • Fr.-HS CGP: 1; CGS: 0  
Honolulu, Hawaii (Kamehameha HS)

**Notes:** Logged first snaps as a true freshman vs. UC Davis ... Athletic linebacker who has impressed the coaching staff with his solid fall camp ... Played his prep ball at Kamehameha HS in Honolulu ... 247 sports had him as the 6th-best recruit in Hawaii ... Full name is Andrew Kai'o Aleki.

### DEFENSIVE END

## 68 Myles Cheatum

6-2 • 255 • So.-SQ CGP: 6; CGS: 1  
Cedar Park, Texas (Cedar Park HS)

**TOP NOTE:** One of three Aztec defensive linemen from the state of Texas (also starting DT Sergio Phillips and reserve DE Mark Brown).

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
Athletic, relentless defensive 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 and was ruled out for the season ... Had one tackle in first career start (in just his sixth game) last Saturday against UC Davis ... Appeared in five games last year off the bench, recording four tackles (three solo) ... Redshirted his first season in 2015 ... Recorded 10 tackles for loss as a senior at Cedar Park High in 2014, leading the Timberwolves to a 12-4 overall record and a narrow loss in the Conference 5A Division 2 championship game ... Also added 10 offensive touchdowns (eight rushing, two receiving) ... Was born in Athens, Greece ... Is majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

### BACKUP

## 40 Randy Ricks

6-5 • 235 • Sr.-RS CGP: 14; CGS: 6  
Las Vegas, Nev. (Legacy HS/Arizona Western CC)

**Notes:** Moved from LB to DE w/in to Dakota Turner ... 2 tackles, 1.5 TFL vs. UCD ... 2016: 11 TCK, 3 TFL, 1 SCK, 1 FF, 2 PBU in 4 GS ... 2015: 2 TCK, 5 TFL, 2 SCK, 4 PBU & 2 FF in 9 GP (2 GS) ... Originally signed w/ SDSU in 2012 ... 43 TCK, 8.5 SCK & 3 FF in 2014 at AJCC ... Played VJ & LB at Legacy HS.  
**INFO:** No. 41 Dakota Turner (6-3, 250, Sr.-SQ) ... CGP: 32; CGS: 14

### LINEBACKER

## 42 Troy Cassidy

6-3 • 215 • So.-1L CGP: 12; CGS: 1  
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Entered fall camp third on the depth chart, but started the opener against UC Davis and made three tackles (two solo).

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
Smart, athletic player who played in 11 games as a true freshman last year ... Joins fellow starters Ronley Lakalaka (Lk) & Jay Henderson (H) as linebackers who never rehabbed a season (true freshman Andrew Aleki is also on the two-deep) ... Had three stops in the opener vs. UC Davis ... Played in each of 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 tackle for loss), going for 1-yard ... Recorded 178 tackles (119 solo) with 10 sacks over his three-year career at Carlsbad HS (same school as starting quarterback Christian Chapman) ... Also played tight end for the 2015 Avocado West League champ ... Is undecided on a major.

### BACKUP OR BACKUP

## 57 Ryan Dunn 52 Tyler Morris

6-3 • 230 • Sr.-2L CGP: 26; CGS: 20  
6-3 • 225 • Sr.-1L CGP: 16; CGS: 0

**Notes:** Has the most starts (20) of any returning Aztec linebacker ... 24 with INU ... 2015: 3 TCK in 14 GP ... 2014: 14 tackles in 2016 ... 40 stops in 2015 ... 1 GP missed rest with INU ... 2013: RS ... DNP in 2014 ... 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 15th nationally in yards per rush allowed (3.6), 18th nationally in yards per touch (6.3), 19th in yards allowed per game (350.6) and 29th 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	13th	16th	19th	48th
2015	7th	5th	10th	7th
2016	17th	11th	42nd	7th
2017	45th	50th	86th	21st
2014-17	7th	6th	9th	7th

• SDSU's defensive ranks last season: 1st in passes intercepted (22), 11th in rushing defense (111.9), 12th in total defense (320.2), 19th in scoring defense (21.0), and 21st in passing efficiency rating (116.2).

• 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 last season (29 games).

• Over SDSU's last 23 Mountain West contests (does not include MW Championships), opponents have scored just 15.9 points per game vs. San Diego State and only 275.3 yards per game. The Aztecs have forced three or more turnovers in 13 of their last 22 contests.

• SDSU has held six opponents to less than 200 yards of total offense since the beginning of 2015 (29 games), including twice last year.

• Since the beginning of 2015 (29 games), San Diego State's defense ranks first in interceptions (51) and third interception TDs (9).

• Since the beginning of the 2015 campaign, the Aztecs rank fifth nationally in rushing yards allowed per game (105.5) and fourth in rushing yards per attempt (3.1).

• SDSU has held its opponent to seven or less points in the first half in 16 of its last 25 games.

• In 15 of its last 31 games, San Diego State has held its opponent to a passer rating of less than 100.00.

### CORNERBACK

## 17 Ron Smith

6-0 • 170 • So.-1L CGP: 15; CGS: 7  
Oakland, Calif. (St. Mary's HS)

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
Tied a SDSU single-season record with two interceptions 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 interceptions (two for a TD), 1 PBU & a forced fumble over that span ... HIT vs. UCD & has 4 picks in last 7 games played ... Had 57 tackles, 3 interceptions for 77 yards & 2 touchdowns, 3 PBU, a forced fumble & 0.5 tackles for loss on the season ... Was named to the 2016-17 Associated Press & Athlon Sports all-team bowls for his play in the Las Vegas Bowl (10 tackles, INT for a TD) ... Redshirted in 2015 as a true freshman ... A 3-star recruit by Rivals, Scout, ESPN & 24/7sports ... Majoring in psychology.

### BACKUP

## 27 Kyree Woods

6-0 • 175 • So.-1L CGP: 8; CGS: 0  
Mesa, Ariz. (Chandler HS)

Athletic, young cornerback who should increase workload this year ... 2 stops in opener ... Had 11 tackles in 7 games as a true freshman last year, which went down as a 10-yard sack on Hawaii's quarterback Drew Brown on 4th & 5, keeping SDSU's 55-0 shutout intact ... Led Chandler HS to a 24-4 record over his 2 years, including a state title in 2014 ... A 3-star recruit by ESPN ... A business admin. major.

### WARRIOR

## 14 Tariq Thompson

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6-0 • 190 • Fr.-HS CGP: 1; CGS: 1  
San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine HS)

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

Athletic safety, who has impressed the coaching staff in full camp ... Became the first Aztec true freshman to start on defense since cornerback Leon McFadden started at Colorado State on Oct. 24, 2009 and the first to start a season opener on defense since McFadden started Sept. 5, 2009, at UCLA (Coach Rocky Long's first game as SDSU's defensive coordinator) ... Ended up with four tackles, a TFL, an interception and a forced fumble ... Played on both sides of the ball at local St. Augustine High, where the team was 20-6 over his final two seasons (2015-16) ... Was a two-time all-CIF pick ... Undecided on a major.

### BACKUP

## 18 Trenton Thompson

6-2 • 190 • So.-1L CGP: 9; CGS: 0  
Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)

Played eight games last year as a true freshman ... Had eight tackles - seven on special teams, in just eight games last year ... Had four tackles in his first career game vs. San Jose State, tied for the third most on the team ... Led Palm Springs HS to a 24-3 (.889) record over his three years ... Was a three-star recruit by Scout and 24/7sports ... Majoring in criminal justice.

### AZTEC

## 33 Parker Baldwin

6-2 • 215 • Jr.-2L CGP: 29; CGS: 10  
Siloam Springs, Ark. (Siloam Springs HS)

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

Big-time playmaker, who will make his 11th straight start this weekend at the signature Aztec spot in Rocky Long's 3-3-5 defense ... 3 stops in opener ... Had 66 tackles (37 solo), 3 TFL, 2 interceptions, a forced fumble, fumble recovery & 7 pass breakups last year ... Was 2nd on the team in special teams tackles (10) as a true freshman in 2015 ... Had 14 tackles, an interception & a forced fumble, 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 state champ in the 200 ... A communication major.

### BACKUP

## 37 Dwayne Johnson, Jr.

6-2 • 190 • Fr.-RS CGP: 1; CGS: 0  
Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta HS)

Hard-hitting safety, who is still learning the defense ... Logged starting time in opener vs. UC Davis, his first career game ... Redshirted the 2016 campaign ... Led Vista Murrieta High School to a 35-7 (.833) record and 15-0 in league play over his 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: 32; CGS: 26  
San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa HS)

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
Has the most starts (26) among any active Aztec on either the offensive or defensive side of the ball.

Reads plays exceptionally well ... Has the most tackles (109) among any current Aztec ... 2016: 33 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 1 INT & 5 PBU in 14 GP (13 GS) ... 2015: Battled injuries to finish with 9 tackles, 1.0 TFL & 1 FR in 5 GP (2 GS) ... 2014: Had most tackles (63) by an Aztec freshman in the Rocky Long DC era (since 2009) ... Named the team's most outstanding freshman (2014) with 2 FR as a true freshman ... Career: 109 tackles, 5.5 TFL, 1 sack, 1 INT, 8 PBU, 3 FR ... 2013: RS ... Also was recruited to play baseball at SDSU ... Offensive conference MVP at Mira Mesa HS ... Also hit .341 & was a 2-time 1st-team all-league baseball pick ... Earned his bachelor's in criminal justice & working on master's in homeland security.

### BACKUP

## 23 Darren Hall

6-0 • 170 • Fr.-HS CGP: 1; 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 Leon Aleki and WAR Tariq Thompson) ... Led Rancho Cucamonga HS to a 12-1 record last year, earning first-team all-league honors ... Was a consensus three-star recruit ... Prepped with fellow true freshman Tayari Venable ... Majoring in communication.

### CORNERBACK

## 7 Kameron Kelly

6-2 • 200 • Sr.-3L CGP: 34; CGS: 15  
Murphy, Texas (Wylie HS)

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

Made the move to CB this year after spending 13 seasons at Warrior ... Also will be in the mix in the KR game ... Had 4 tackles, 1 TFL vs. UC Davis ... Had 38 tackles, 5 INTs & 6 PBU last year ... Ranked 3rd in the MW & 1st 31st nationally in INT per game (0.36) ... Started 13 times in 2015 at Warrior, making 58 tackles, 3 TFL, 3 PBU & 2 INT ... Logged time in 6 games as a true freshman in 2014 w/ 1 tackle & a blocked punt before having surgery on a leg for compartment syndrome ... The 4A Region II District 13 PkY is tracking up 4,000 all-purpose yards at Wylie HS in Texas ... Is majoring in social science.

### BACKUP

## 30 Garrett Binkley

5-9 • 170 • So.-SQ CGP: 3; CGS: 0  
Ramona, Calif. (Ramona HS)

Athletic, cornerback who always seems to be in the right place at the right time ... Was awarded a scholarship late in full camp ... 4 tackles in opener ... Played in 1st 2 career games in 2016 without recording a stop ... Redshirted 2015 season ... Earned 3 letters & nearly Ramona HS, garnering 2nd-team all-CIF honors & 1st-team all-Palomar League accolades at WR ... Is majoring in interdisciplinary studies.