

San Diego State Aztecs

2017 Record: 2-0, 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: 2; CGS: 2
Fernley, Nevada (Fernley HS)

TOP NOTE: Played in all 14 games of right guard 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 ... Also started at Arizona State ... Backed up starter Kwame 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: 2; 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-CF San Diego Section ... Born in San Diego.

LEFT GUARD

79 Daishawn Dixon

6-5 • 320 • So.-1L CGP: 16; CGS: 2
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 two games this year ... According to Pro Football Focus, he logged 34 offensive snaps last season, the most among offensive line reserves ... Redshirted during the 2015 campaign ... Represented the U.S. National Select Team in a 20-15 victory over the IFAF World Team on Jan. 31, 2015 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas ... Played basketball as a sophomore in high school ... Born in Phoenix, Ariz., graduated HS in San Antonio.

BACKUP

56 Dominic Gudino

6-3 • 300 • Fr.-HS CGP: 0; CGS: 0
Chula Vista, Calif. (Olympian High)

Pronunciation: Goo-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: 2; CGS: 2
Daily City, Calif. (Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep)

TOP NOTE: The aerospace engineering major made his collegiate debut at UC Davis as the starting center.

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Pronunciation: IZ-male ... Takes over the center position from Arthur Flores, who started the previous 28 games ... One of two redshirt freshmen (LT Tyler Roemer) who made their first career start vs. UC Davis and one of four on the line overall who made their first start ... Also started at Arizona State ... 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 lac 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 ... Trained locally at Carlsbad High School with current Aztec starting quarterback Christian Chapman.

RIGHT GUARD

67 Antonio Rosales

6-4 • 305 • Sr.-2L CGP: 22; CGS: 16
Tucson, Ariz. (Tucson Magnet HS)

TOP NOTE: Started all 14 games of right guard last season; Was only Aztec on a-line with a start heading into 2017.

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Pronunciation: row-ZAL-is ... Physical, offensive lineman who continues to get bigger (up 10 pounds from last season) ... Has started 16 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. ... 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: 16; CGS: 2
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 15th consecutive game vs. Stanford and has started first two games of the season (both first of career) ... Was the just the 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 ... Started game played vs. Dec. 24, 2015 ... Played in all 14 games in 2015 but missed the 2016 campaign after suffering a knee injury in fall camp ... Earned SDSU offensive co-scout player of the year (2014).

FULLBACK

15 Nick Bawden

6-3 • 245 • Sr.-2L CGP: 29; CGS: 15
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.	TD	100+	No.	Yds.	TD	100+	
2	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	20	6	7

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 29 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 18 career catches for 157 yards (8.7 avg.) ... Played in 9 games in 2015 ... Was 13-for-38 (34.2 pct.) with a TD pass & 2 interceptions as a true freshman quarterback in 2014 ... Was a 3-star quarterback out of Los Gatos HS by ESPN, Scout & 247Sports ... Is majoring in business administration with a concentration as a management entrepreneur.

RUNNING BACK

20 Rashaad Penny

5-11 • 220 • Sr.-3L CGP: 43; CGS: 7
Norwalk, Calif. (Norwalk HS)

TOP NOTE: Was named the Walter Camp FBS National Offensive Player of the Week on Monday for totaling 353 all-purpose yards vs. Arizona State.

2017 Stats:

Rushing					Receiving					
GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	TD	100+	No.	Yds.	TD	100+	
2	2	39	413	10.6	3	9.5	2	4	38	9

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Maxwell Award, Walter Camp, Harrowing national watch lists ... FBS ranks: 1st in RYPS (206.50) & APYPS (284.00), 2nd in rush yds (413), 3rd in RYPS (110.59) & total TD (5) ... His 206.5 RYPS are more than 85 other teams (would rank 44th as a "team") ... Has 2nd-most rush YDS in 1st 2 GP in SDSU history (M. Faulk, 519 in 1992) ... MW Off. Player of the Week vs. 197 yds & 2 TD ... WC Nat'l Off. Player of the Week vs. ST Patil vs. ASU (353 AP yds, 3 TD) ... Rushed for 1,018 yds, w/ 67.5 yds avg. & 11 TD last yr behind NCAA all-time leading rusher Daniel Pumphrey ... 2-time MW ST Patil ... 2016 rush: 136-1,018 (11), rec.: 15-224-3, KR: 20-624-2 ... Career TD: 29 (18 rush, 6 KOR, 5 rec.) ... Had 2,504 rush yds & 41 TD as HS Sr. ... Brother, Elphon, led Idaho in rushing.

BACKUP

29 Juwan Washington

5-7 • 190 • So.-1L CGP: 16; CGS: 1
Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale HS)

Has a great blend of speed & power ... Has 122 rush yds on 30 att. with 1 TD in 2 GP ... 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.) ... 1 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-yd games.

QUARTERBACK

10 Christian Chapman

6-0 • 200 • Jr.-2L CGP: 25; CGS: 18
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

TOP NOTE: Is 15-3 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.
2	2	25	39	64.1	1	3	293	147.47

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Mobile, accurate quarterback with a quick release ... Has the 18th-best pass eff. rating in FBS since Dec. 5, 2015 (Chapman became No. 1 QB) (153.1, min. 150 etc.) ... 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.

Z RECEIVER

92 Isiah Macklin

6-5 • 200 • Fr.-RS CGP: 2; CGS: 1
Las Vegas, Nev. (Green Valley HS)

2017 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
2	1	1	17	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: 16; CGS: 1
Newport Harbor, CA (Newport Harbor HS/Golden West Coll.)

3 rec., 30 yds in 2 GP ... 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: 2; 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: 2; CGS: 1
Plano, Texas (Plano East HS)

2017 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
2	1	1	15	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 ... Prep at Plano East HS in Plano, Texas ... Majoring in construction engineering.

BACKUP

89 Fred Trevillion

6-2 • 200 • Jr.-Tr CGP: 14; 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: 39; CGS: 25
Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside HS)

Leads SDSU WR w/ 4 rec. ... Has the 2nd-highest career YPC avg. for any Aztec player in the last 20 years (min. 20 rec.) ... Career: 60 rec., 1,099 yards, 11 TDs.

TIGHT END

88 David Wells

6-5 • 255 • Sr.-3L CGP: 41; CGS: 15
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
1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Mackey, Wueffel national watch lists ... 40 straight GP until missing 2017 opener w/ injury ... Returned to start at ASU ... Preseason all-MW ... 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. SJSU ... 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: 12; CGS: 6
Sparks, Nev. (Edward C. Reed HS)

Started 12 games 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 years, including a 13-1 mark in 2015 ... A kinesiology major.

ALSO: No. 87 Kahlle Warring (6-6, 250, So. So.) CFP 4; CGS: 110

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 54-14 in the Rocky Long era when scoring just 20 or more points.

• SDSU is 23-1 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 Pumphrey, 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 (Pumphrey) and a 1,000-yard rusher (Penny) in the same season.

• The Aztecs have won 34 straight games when rushing for at least 200 yards (42-2 in the Rocky Long era).

• SDSU has a 100-yard rusher in 40 of its past 52 games and has a total of 40, 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 12 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: 4-for-4 (1,000) | Long: 39 | PAT'S: 8-for-8 (1,000)

Punts: 59 Brandon Heikken, 6-0, 180, So.-Tr

• Punts: 7 | Avg.: 37.7 | Long: 43 | TB: 0 | 120: 4 | 50+: 0

Kickoffs: 29 John Barron II, 5-11, 190, Jr.-1L

• KO: 14 | Avg.: 64.3 | TB: 9 | OB: 0 | Avg. Opp. Start: 24

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 Juwan Washington

• Penny - KR: 2 | Yds: 117 | Avg.: 58.5 | TD: 1 | Long: 99

Punt Returns: 8 Quest Truxton

• PR: 4 | Yds: 41 | Avg.: 10.2 | TD: 0 | Long: 27



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
- Is 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: 27; CGS: 19
Las Vegas, Nev. (Valley High)

TOP NOTE: Named Mountain West Defensive Player of the Week for play at Arizona State - 5 tackles, 2.5 TFL, 1.5 sacks & 2 FF.

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Athletic, mobile defensive lineman ... Made the move to DE this year after playing his 1st 2 seasons as DT. ... Has 9 tackles, 4.5 TFL, 1.5 sacks, 2 FF & a QBH this year ... Had 26 tackles, 6.0 TFL, 3 sacks for 19 yards, a PBU & 5 QBH last year ... Had 20 tackles in 2015 in 11 games (3 starts), 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 ... Career: 55 tackles, 16.5 TFL, 5.0 sacks, 3 FF ... Received 3 stars from both ESPN & 247sports out of HS ... A 3-time letterwinner & a 3-time captain at Valley HS in Las Vegas ... Also earned 3 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: 2; CGS: 0
Pittsburg, Calif. (Deer Valley HS/Contra Costa College)

Notes: Athletic DE, who is playing after redshirting last year ... 1st 2 tackles, 1.5 sacks, 1.5 TFL & QBH at Arizona State ... Was 2 Pacific 7 titles at CCC, along with his brother, Chibu ... Led 2015 team with 8 sacks & 12 TFL ... Prepped at Deer Valley HS ... Full name is Chibonso Owekwu ... Majoring in sociology.
ALSO: No. 45 Anthony Lake (6-4, 260, Jr.-JR) ... (p. 2) 6.0

LINEBACKER

39 Ronley

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6-0 • 225 • Jr.-2L CGP: 27; CGS: 15
Kalihi, Hawaii (Punahou HS)

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

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Physical non-stopping linebacker who has become one of the leaders on defense ... Moved into the two-deep for the South Alabama game as a true freshman in 2015 with Jake Fey injured & stayed there for the rest of the season, before starting 13 of 14 games last year ... Has 5 tackles & 2 sacks this year ... Had 73 tackles (2nd on team) last year with 3.0 TFL, an 8-yd sack, 2 INTs for 20 yards & a TD, a PBU & 5 QBH ... Was 1 of 2 true freshmen on the depth chart in either side of the ball in 2015 (also safety Parker Baldwin) ... Had 11 tackles ... Full name is Ronley Sauniamoaese Lealoo Lakalaka ... Was two-time all-state first-team selection at Punahou HS ... Older brother, Steven, played RB at Hawaii, while younger brother, Sevid, is a true freshman LB at SDSU ... Is majoring in social science.

BACKUP

44 Kyahva/Key-AH-va/ Tezino

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6-0 • 230 • So.-1L CGP: 13; 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 Pkay ... Rushed for 1704 yards & 13 TD on offense & made 343 tackles at Salesian HS ... A 4-star recruit.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

65 Sergio Phillips

6-2 • 285 • Sr.-3L CGP: 31; CGS: 2
DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto HS)

TOP NOTE: Has the second-most career tackles (52) 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 five tackles, 1.0 TFL & one QBH in first two career starts this year ... Had 42 tackles (20 solo), 8.5 tackles for loss, three sacks, a forced fumble, a pass breakup and three quarterback hurries last year off the bench ... Career-high 10 stops, 1 sack in 2016 MW Championship game ... Played in eight games in 2015 (six on OL, two on DL), including being the only defensive substitute at the MW Championship game ... Had five tackles, 2.0 TFL & a sack in 2014 ... Was a three-star recruit out of DeSoto HS in Texas ... Was an all-state selection as a senior ... Led DeSoto to a 14-1 record & 7-0 mark in league play as a senior ... Majoring in social science.

BACKUP

61 Damon Moore

6-4 • 250 • Jr.-SQ CGP: 3; CGS: 0
Novato, Calif. (San Marin High)

Notes: Walk-on, who played in 1 game in 2016 after missing 2015 & the 2016 spring w/ a knee injury ... 1 tackles in 2 GP this year ... 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: 31; CGS: 5
Pheasant, Calif. (Serrano HS)

TOP NOTE: First 25 games of his career (0 GS): 7 TCK, 0.0 TFL, 0.0 SCK, 0 QBH; Last 6 games (5 GS): 17 TCK, 3.0 TFL, 2.5 SCK, 7 QBH

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Talented athlete, who moved back to linebacker late last season after moving to defensive end in the spring of 2016 ... Had a tackle & a PBU (led to Tariq Thompson interception) vs. UCD in opener ... Made two stops at ASU ... Had 15 tackles (10 solo), 2.5 sacks for 18 yards, three TFL, a forced fumble, a pass breakup & seven quarterback hurries last year ... Had career-high four tackles, along with his first career sack, first TFL, first four QBH & 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: Legged first snaps as a true freshman vs. UCD last ... Athletic linebacker who has impressed the coaching staff with a solid fall camp ... Played his prep ball at Kamehameha HS in Honolulu ... 247sports had him as the 6th-best recruit in Hawaii ... Full name is Andrew Kai'o Aleki.

DEFENSIVE END

68 Myles Cheatum

6-2 • 255 • So.-SQ CGP: 7; CGS: 2
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 & was ruled out for the season ... Had 1 tackle in 1st career start (in just his 6th game) in opener vs. UC Davis ... Followed up with 4 stops, 2 TFL, 1 sack & 1 QBH at ASU ... Appeared in 5 games last year off the bench, recording 4 tackles (3 solo) ... Redshirted his 1st season in 2015 ... Recorded 10 tackles for loss as a senior at Cedar Park HS in 2014, leading the Timberwolves to a 12-4 overall record & a narrow loss in the Conference 5A Division 2 championship season ... Also added 10 offensive TDs (8 rushing, 2 receiving) ... Was born in Athens, Greece ... Is majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

BACKUP

40 Randy Ricks

6-5 • 235 • Sr.-RS CGP: 15; CGS: 6
Las Vegas, Nev. (Legacy HS/Arizona Western CC)

Notes: Moved from LB to DE/w/ in to D. Turner ... 3 tackles, 1.5 TFL in 2017 ... 2016: 11 TCK, 3 TFL, 1 SCK, 1 FF; 2 PBU in 4 GS ... 2015: 2 TCK, 2.5 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 AWC ... Played DL & LB at Legacy HS.
INFO: No. 41 Dakota Turner (6-3, 250, Sr.-SQ) ... (p. 2) 6.0

LINEBACKER

42 Troy Cassidy

6-3 • 215 • So.-1L CGP: 13; CGS: 2
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 (Jr.) & Jay Henderson (Sr.) as linebackers who never redshirted a season (true freshman Andrew Aleki is also on the two-deep) ... Had three stops in the opener vs. UC Davis and one at ASU ... Played the final 11 games, mostly on special teams, making 10 tackles (four solo) with a 1-yard sack (and TFL) ... Made a career-high three stops (all solo) vs. San Jose State, while also recording his first sack (and TFL), going for 1-yard ... Recorded 178 tackles (119 solo) with 10 sacks over his three-year career at Carlsbad HS (some school as starting QB Christian Chapman) ... Also played tight end for the 2015 Avocado West League champ ... Is undecided on a major.

BACKUP

57 Ryan Dunn 52 Tyler Morris

6-3 • 230 • Sr.-2L CGP: 20; CGS: 20
6-3 • 225 • Sr.-1L CGP: 17; 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 Aztec 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 ranked 12th nationally in yards per rush allowed (3.6), 20th nationally in yards per touch (6.3), 21st in yards allowed per game (350.5) and 30th 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	43rd	49th	93rd	7th
2014-17	7th	6th	10th	9th

• 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 the 2015 season (30 games).

• Over SDSU's last 23 Mountain West contests (does not include MW Championships), opponents have scored just 15.5 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 23 contests.

• SDSU has held six opponents to less than 200 yards of total offense since the beginning of 2015 (30 games), including twice last year.

• Since the beginning of 2015 (30 games), San Diego State's defensive ranks 1st in interceptions (51) and third in interception TDs (9).

• Since the beginning of the 2015 campaign, the Aztecs rank fourth nationally in rushing yards allowed per game (103.4) and third in rushing yards per attempt (3.0).

• SDSU has held its opponent to seven or less points in the first half in 16 of the last 26 games.

• In 15 of its last 32 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: 16; CGS: 8
Oakland, Calif. (St. Mary's HS)

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
TOP NOTE: Tied a SDSU single-season record with two interceptions returned for a touchdown last year.

Good technique with a knack for coming up with the big play ... Started the final 6 games last year, recording 45 tackles, 0.5 TFL, 3 interceptions (two for a TD), 1 PBU & a forced fumble over that span ... INT vs. UCD & has 4 picks in last 8 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 pre- and post-season team for 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 & 247sports ... Majoring in psychology.

BACKUP

27 Kyree Woods

6-0 • 175 • So.-1L CGP: 9; CGS: 0
Mesa, Ariz. (Chandler HS)

Athletic, young cornerback who should increase workload this year ... 3 stops this year ... Had 1 tackle 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: 2; CGS: 2
San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine HS)

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

Athletic safety, who has impressed the coaching staff in fall 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 ... Added a FR at ASU ... 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: 16; 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 on defense ... 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 247sports ... Majoring in criminal justice.

AZTEC

33 Parker Baldwin

6-2 • 215 • Jr.-2L CGP: 30; CGS: 11
Siloam Springs, Ark. (Siloam Springs HS)

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

Big time playmaker, who will make his 12th straight start this weekend at the signature Aztec spot in Rocky Long's 3-3-5 defense ... Has 9 tackles & a PBU ... Had 66 tackles (37 solo), 3 TFL, 2 interceptions, a forced fumble, fumble recovery & 3 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: 2; CGS: 0
Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta HS)

Hard-hitting safety, who is still learning the defense ... Logged status time in his first career games this year ... Redshirted the 2016 campaign ... Led Vista Murrieta High School to a 35-7 (.833) record and 15-0 in league play over these 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: 33; CGS: 27
San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa HS)

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
TOP NOTE: Has the most starts (27) among any active Aztec on either the offensive or defensive side of the ball.

Reads plays exceptionally well ... Has the most tackles (116) among any current Aztec ... Leads team w/ 11 stops ... 2016: 33 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 1 INT & 5 PBU in 14 GP (13 GS) ... 2015: Battered 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 out touch (2014) w/ 2 FR as well ... Career: 116 tackles, 5.5 TFL, 1 sack, 1 INT, 8 PBU, 3 FR ... 2013: RS ... Also was recruited to play baseball at SDSU ... Off. conference MVP at Mira Mesa HS ... Also hit 341 & was 2-time 1st-team all-league baseball pick ... Earned bachelor's in criminal justice & is 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 Andrew 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: 35; CGS: 16
Murphy, Texas (Wylie HS)

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

Made the move to CB this year after spending 1st 3 seasons at Warrior ... Also will be in the mix in the KR game ... Has 9 tackles (all solo), 1.0 TFL & 2 PBU ... Had 38 tackles, 5 INTs & 6 PBU last year ... Ranked 3rd in the MW & T-31 nationally in INT per game (0.36) ... Started 13 times in 2015 at Warrior, making 58 tackles, 3 TFL, 3 PBU & 2 INT w/ 2 FR as well ... Career: 116 tackles, 5.5 TFL, 1 sack, 1 INT, 8 PBU, 3 FR ... 2013: RS ... Also was recruited to play baseball at SDSU ... Off. conference MVP at Mira Mesa HS ... Also hit 341 & was 2-time 1st-team all-league baseball pick ... Earned bachelor's in criminal justice & is working on master's in homeland security.

BACKUP

10 Jeff Clay

6-0 • 195 • So.-1L CGP: 16; CGS: 0
Lancaster, Calif. (Antelope Valley HS)

Smart player, who mainly plays on special teams ... Has played in both games this year without recording a stat ... Had 10 tackles last year ... 7-2nd on the team with 8 KR tackles & T-3rd with 9 special teams tackles ... Redshirted in 2015 ... Led Antelope Valley HS as a senior in passing yards & TD, rushing attempts, yards & TD, total yards & all-purpose yards ... An interdisciplinary studies major.
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