

San Diego State Aztecs

2017 Record: 4-0, 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: 4; CGS: 4
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 but has moved into the number one spot at left tackle ... Has played every snap this year ... Took over for two-year starter Kwadwo Miller ... Backed up starter Kwadwo 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 IG 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: 4; 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: 18; CGS: 4
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 guard ... Takes over for Nico Sirogusa (Ballimore Ravens), who started the final 41 games of his career ... Started first four 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 2015 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-ee-no ... 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: 4; CGS: 4
Oakland, Calif. (Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep)

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

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

RIGHT GUARD

67 Antonio Rosales

6-4 • 305 • Sr.-2L CGP: 24; CGS: 18
Tucson, Ariz. (Tucson Magnet HS)

TOP NOTE: Started last 18 games dating back to last year; 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 18 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: 16; CGS: 4
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 in his 17th consecutive game vs. Northern Illinois and has started the first four games of the season (first of career) ... Was just 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 2015 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 14 games in 2015 but missed the 2016 campaign with 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: 33; CGS: 17
Los Gatos, Calif. (Los Gatos HS)

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

2017 Stats:

Rushing					Receiving				
GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	TD	Lg.	No.	Yds.	TD	Lg.
4	4	0	0	0	0	6	31	5	2

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Former quarterback, who moved to fullback in the fall of 2015 and is now considered an NFL prospect at his position ... Put on 20 pounds of muscle since switching positions ... An excellent run blocker ... Has logged the most snaps (216) of all fullbacks this year ... In 2016, was graded as the top blocking fullback in the nation by Pro Football Focus and the No. 4 overall fullback ... Has 21 career catches for 168 yards (8.0 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: 45; CGS: 9
Norwalk, Calif. (Norwalk HS)

TOP NOTE: Has been the MW Offensive Player of the Week all four weeks this year and the MW Special Teams Player of the Week once.

2017 Stats:

Rushing					Receiving				
GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	TD	Lg.	No.	Yds.	TD	Lg.
4	4	91	716	7	9	7	42	87	7

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Maxwell Award, Walter Camp, Hormung nat'l watch lists - FBScouts: 2nd in RYG (179.0), AP YPG (230.0) & TD (52) ... His 179.0 RYG are more than 73 other teams ... Leads FBs in rush yds after contact (470, 2nd in 367) ... Has 4th-most rush YDS in 1st 4 GP in SDSU history ... 1st player to be named MW Off. PatW in 4 straight weeks ... 197 yds & 2 TD ... Also WC Nat'l Off. PatW & ST PatW at USC (353 AP yds, 3 TD) ... 206 AP yds, 1 TD vs. STAN ... 128 yds & 3 TD at AFA ... Rushed for 1,018 yds, w/ a 7.5 ypc avg, & 11 TD last yr behind NCAA all-time leader Donnell Pumphrey ... 2-time MW SI PatW ... 2016: rush - 136-1,018-11; rec - 15-224-3; KR - 20-624-2 ... Career: TD 33 (rec), 6 (KR), 5 (rec) ... Had 2,504 rush yds & 41 TD vs HS etc ... Brother, Elijah, led Idaho in rushing.

BACKUP

29 Jwan Washington

5-7 • 190 • So.-1L CGP: 18; CGS: 2
Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale HS)

Has a great blend of speed & power ... Has 220 rush yds on 52 att. with 1 TD in 4 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.) & 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-yd games.

QUARTERBACK

10 Christian Chapman

6-0 • 200 • Jr.-2L CGP: 27; CGS: 20
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

TOP NOTE: Is 17-3 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	Cmp.	Att.	Pct.	Int.	TD	Yds.	Rtg.
4	4	56	84	66.7	1	5	660	149.93

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Mobile, accurate QB with a quick release ... Has the 10th-best eff. rating in FBS since his 1st start on Dec. 5, 2015 (152.9, min. 150 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 ... 4-for-5, 47 yds, TD on GW drive vs. Stanford ... Career: 27 TD, 8 INT ... 7 GP with multiple TD, 0 with 2+ INT ... 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. AIR (9-for-14, 1 TD, 0 INT) en route to being named the game's off. MVP ... Was 1 of 3 true freshmen QBs on the depth chart in 2014 & traveled to every road contest, but redshirted ... 3-star recruit by Rivals, Scout & ESPN at local Carlsbad HS ... 2-time All-Arizona League selection, passing for 1,986 yds & 23 TDs as a Sr.

BACKUP

9 Ryan Agnew

6-0 • 190 • So.-1L CGP: 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 vs. UCD ... 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

89 Fred Trevillion

6-2 • 200 • Jr.-Tr. CGP: 16; CGS: 1
Brookhaven, Miss. (Brookhaven HS/Southwest Miss. CC)

2017 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
4	1	2	38	19.0	24	0

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Had 2 rec. & 38 yds vs. UC Davis ... 1st start vs. Stanford ... Played on 12 games as true freshman on defense in 2014 before returning to SDSU this past spring ... Played at Southwest Miss. CC last year ... Social science major.

BACKUP

8 Quest Truxton

6-0 • 185 • Sr.-1L CGP: 18; CGS: 1
Newport Harbor, CA (Newport Harbor HS/Golden West Coll.)

4 rec., 44 yds in 4 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

92 Isiah Macklin

6-5 • 200 • Fr.-RS CGP: 4; CGS: 1
Las Vegas, Nev. (Green Valley HS)

At 6-5, the tallest SDSU receiver ... 17-yd grab in 1st career GS & GP vs. UCD ... RS in 2016 ... Rated as the top TE in Nevada as a prep player ... Turned 19 on Sept. 17.

X RECEIVER

6 Mikah Holder

6-0 • 185 • Sr.-3L CGP: 41; CGS: 27
Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside HS)

2017 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
4	2	13	157	12.1	24	0

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Leads SDSU with 13 rec. & 157 rec. yds ... CH 7 rec., 85 yds vs. Stanford ... Has the 2nd-highest career YPC avg. for any Aztec player in the last 20 years (min. 20 rec.) ... Career: 69 rec., 1,230 yards, 11 TDs.

BACKUP

93 Tim Wilson, Jr.

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

Started vs. UCD in 1st career game played, making a 15-yd catch ... RS in 2016 ... Prepped at Plano East HS in Plano, Texas ... Majoring in construction engineering.

BACKUP

81 Collin Andrews

6-3 • 185 • Fr.-RS CGP: 4; CGS: 0
Chula Vista, Calif. (Olympian High)

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

TIGHT END

88 David Wells

6-5 • 255 • Sr.-3L CGP: 43; CGS: 17
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
3	3	4	58	14.5	28	2

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Mackey, Wueffel nat'l watch lists ... 40 straight GP until missing 2017 opener w/ injury ... Returned to start at ASU ... GW TD catch vs. Stanford ... 28-yd TD in 4th Q at AFA ... 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. JSU ... Played final 12 games in 2014, mostly on special teams ... RS in 2013 ... Prepped 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: 14; CGS: 7
Sparks, Nev. (Edward C. Reed HS)

Started 3 of 4 games with a 23-yard catch ... Played in 13 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.

Offensive Tidbits

• Associate head coach and running backs coach Jeff Horton is in his third year as offensive coordinator at SDSU. In his third 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) and in average yards per rush (5.8), and 12th in rushing touchdowns (34).

• San Diego State is 56-14 in the Rocky Long era when scoring just 20 or more points.

• SDSU is 24-1 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 Donnell Pumphrey, 2,133 and Rashaad Penny, 1,018 in 2016) in a school-record seven straight seasons, which only Travis Auburn and Boise State (both at 8) for the longest active streak in FBS play.

• Last year, San Diego State became the first team in NCAA FBS history with a 2,000-yard rusher (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 all four games this season, 15 of the 18 games since 2016 (21, 100-yard rushers total) and 24 of the 32 games since Coach Horton took over the offense in 2015 (33, 100-yard rushers).

• San Diego State is 26-1 in program history when it has two 100-yard rushers, something it did six times last year. The Aztecs have a pair of 100-yard rushers in six of the past 14 games.

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

• San Diego State has won 20 straight games when it does not turn the ball over.

SPECIALISTS

PAT'S/FG'S: 29 John Barron II, 5-11, 190, Jr.-1L
FG/FGA: 6-for-8 (750) | Long: 43 PAT'S: 14-for-14 (1,000)
Punts: 59 Brandon Heikken, 6-0, 180, So.-Tr
Kickoffs: 29 John Barron II, 5-11, 190, Jr.-1L
KO: 24 | Avg.: 63.8 | TB: 14 | 0B: 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 Jwan Washington
Penny - KR: 2 | Yds: 117 | Avg.: 58.5 | TD: 1 | Long: 99
Punt Returns: 8 Quest Truxton
PR: 7 | Yds: 51 | Avg.: 7.3 | 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
- In his seventh season at SDSU coaching safeties
- SDSU's 54 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: 29; CGS: 21
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 at DT ... Has 15 tackles, 5.5 TFL, 2.5 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: 61 tackles, 17.5 TFL, 6.0 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 Burrall, 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: 4; 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 CC, along with his brother, Chamo ... Led 2015 team with 8 sacks & 12 TFL ... Prepped at Deer Valley HS ... Full name is Chibonso Onyuekwu ... Majoring in sociology.

ALSO: No. 41 Dakota Turner (6-3, 290, Sr.-3L) (p. 26) & 6

LINEBACKER

39 Ronley

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6-0 • 225 • Jr.-2L CGP: 29; CGS: 17
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 19 tackles & 2 sacks this year ... Had 73 tackles (2nd on team) last year with 3.0 TFL on 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 Sounamoulose Ledao 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

/tah-ZEENO/

6-0 • 230 • So.-1L CGP: 14; 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 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: 33; CGS: 4
DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto HS)

TOP NOTE: Has the second-most career tackles (60) among current SDSU defensive linemen, despite only starting four games (all this year).

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Has switched back & forth from the offensive line (2013 recruit, spring 2015) & defensive line (spring/fall 2014, fall 2015-current) ... Has 13 tackles, 1.0 TFL & two QBH in first career starts this year ... Had 42 tackles (20 solo), 3.5 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: 5; 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 ... 2 tackles, 1 FR in 4 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: 33; CGS: 7
Phelan, Calif. (Serrano HS)

TOP NOTE: First 25 games of his career (0 GS): 7 TCK, 0.0 TFL, 0.0 SCK, 0 QBH; Last 8 games (7 GS): 19 TCK, 4.0 TFL, 2.5 SCK, 8 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 Phelan High School ... A two-time all-league pick, including the league defensive MVP as a senior ... Is majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

BACKUP

38 Andrew Aleki

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

Notes: Athletic LB who has impressed the coaching staff w/ a solid full camp ... Logged 1st snaps as a true fresh vs. UC Davis ... 2 stops vs. Stanford & Air Force ... 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: 9; CGS: 4
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 ... 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 ... Has 12 tackles, 2.0 TFL, 1.0 sack & team-high 4 QBH ... 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 & to Conference 5A Division 2 championship game ... Also added 10 offensive TD (8 rushing, 2 receiving) ... Was born in Athens, Greece ... Is majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

BACKUP

45 Anthony Luke

6-4 • 260 • Jr.-TR CGP: 4; CGS: 0
Roseville, Calif. (Woodcreek High/American River College)

Notes: Joined SDSU in January ... Has played in all 4 games w/ 3 tackles, 1.5 TFL & 0.5 sacks ... SH 2 stops w/ a TFL at AFA ... 43 tackles, 3.5 sacks, 12 TFL, FF & FR in 11 GP at American River College ... Played both 4-line & running back at Woodcreek HS ... Majoring in social science.

LINEBACKER

42 Troy Cassidy

6-3 • 215 • So.-1L CGP: 15; CGS: 4
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

TOP NOTE: Entered fall camp third on the depth chart, but started first four games this season.

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) ... Has nine tackles (five solo) with 1.5 TFL, 0.5 sacks and a PBU ... 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

6-3 • 230 • Sr.-2L CGP: 29; CGS: 20

Notes: Has the most starts (20) of any returning Aztec linebacker ... 24 with INU ... 2015: 3 TCK in 14 GP ... 2014: 16 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.

OR

52 Tyler Morris

6-3 • 225 • Sr.-1L CGP: 19; CGS: 0

Notes: Back from INU ... 2016: Missed any returning Aztec linebacker ... 24 with INU ... 2015: 3 TCK in 14 GP ... 2014: 16 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 rank 15th nationally in yards per rush allowed (3.6), 19th nationally in yards per touch (6.3) and yards allowed per game (348.6), and 28th in points allowed per game (23.4).

• The Aztecs have had three of the best defensive seasons and have continued their momentum this year. Below are comparisons and total ranks of the last three seasons:

	Scoring	Total	Pass	Rush
2014	15th	16th	19th	48th
2015	7th	5th	10th	7th
2016	17th	11th	42nd	7th
2017	35th	21st	24th	45th
2014-17	6th	5th	7th	9th

• SDSU is allowing just 291.0 yards per game and 19.5 points per game this season. In their other games this season, the Aztecs' opponents are averaging 458.9 yards per game and 37.6 points per game.

• San Diego State held three straight opponents to single digits in scoring last year for the first time since a four-game stretch from Oct. 15-Nov. 5, 1977. The Aztecs have held an opponent to single digits 10 times since the beginning of the 2010 season (32 games).

• Over SDSU's last 24 Mountain West contests (does not include MW Championships), opponents have scored just 16.3 points per game vs. San Diego State and only 24.4 yards per game.

• The Aztecs have forced three or more turnovers in 14 of their last 25 contests.

• SDSU has held six opponents to less than 200 yards of total offense since the beginning of 2015 (32 games), including twice last year.

• Since the beginning of 2015 (32 games), San Diego State's defense ranks first in interceptions (54) and tied for first in interception TDs (9).

• Since the beginning of the 2015 campaign, the Aztec defense ranks second in rushing yards per attempt (3.2) and third in rushing yards per game (109.3).

• SDSU has held its opponent to seven or less points in the first half in 17 of the last 28 games.

• In 17 of its last 34 games, San Diego State has held its opponent to a passer rating of less than 100.00, including each of the last two games this year.

CORNERBACK

17 Ron Smith

6-0 • 170 • So.-1L CGP: 18; CGS: 10
Oakland, Calif. (St. Mary's HS)

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
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 & interceptions (two for a TD), 1 PBU & a forced fumble over that span ... HIT vs. UCD & Stanford & has 5 picks in last 10 games played ... Had 57 tackles, 3 interceptions for 77 yards & 2 TD, 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 & 247sports ... Majoring in psychology.

BACKUP

27 Kyree Woods

6-0 • 175 • So.-1L CGP: 11; 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 fresh 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: 4; CGS: 4
San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine HS)

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

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 on an interception and a forced fumble ... Added a FR at ASU ... Has 13 tackles this year ... Played on both sides of the ball at local St. Augustine HS where 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: 11; CGS: 0
Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)

Has one tackle this year ... 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 247sports ... Majoring in criminal justice.

AZTEC

33 Parker Baldwin

6-2 • 215 • Jr.-2L CGP: 32; CGS: 13
Siloam Springs, Ark. (Siloam Springs HS)

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Big time player, who will make his 14th straight start this weekend at the signature Aztec spot in Rocky Long's 3-3-5 defense ... Has team-high 27 tackles & a PBU ... Career-high 13 stops at Air Force ... Had 66 tackles (37 solo), 3 TFL, 1 INT, a FF, FR & 7 PBU last year ... Was 2nd on the team in special teams tackles (10) as a true freshman in 2015 ... Had 14 tackles, an INT & a FF, being named the team's Freshman of the Year ... Earned all-state accolades as a senior ... Scored 8 TD & had 758 rec. yds, 135 rush yds & 134 tackles in his final HS season ... Was the 200m state champ ... A communication major.

BACKUP

37 Dwayne Johnson, Jr.

6-2 • 190 • Fr.-RS CGP: 3; CGS: 0
Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta HS)

Hard-hitting safety, who is still learning the defense ... Logged three tackles in his first three 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 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: 35; CGS: 29
San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa HS)

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

Reads plays exceptionally well ... Has the most tackles (130) among any current Aztec ... 2nd on team w/ 25 stops ... 2016: 33 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 1 INT & 5 PBU in 14 GP (13 GS) ... 2015: Butted injuries to finish w/ 9 tackles, 1.0 TFL & 1 FR in 5 GP (2 GS) ... 2014: Had most tackles (63) by an Aztec fresh in the Rocky Long DL era (since 2009) ... Named the team's most out touch (204) w/ 2 FR as well ... Career: 130 tackles, 5.5 TFL, 1 sack, 2 INT, 9 PBU, 3 FR ... 2013: RS ... Also was recruited to play baseball at SDSU ... Off. conference MVP at Mira Mesa HS ... Also hit 341 & was 2-time 1st-team all-league baseball pick ... Earned bachelor's in criminal justice & working on a 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 LB 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: 37; CGS: 18
Murphy, Texas (Wylie HS)

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

Made the move to CB after spending 1st 3 years at Warrior ... Has 19 tackles (17 solo), 3.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 2 PBU, 1 INT & a FF ... Brokko Nagurski (Natl.) & MW Def. Pkay vs. Stanford w/ 6 tackles, 2 sacks & an INT ... Had 38 tackles, 5 INT & 6 PBU last year ... Started 13 times in 2015 at Warrior, making 58 tackles, 3 TFL, 3 PBU & 2 INT ... Logged time in 6 games as a true fresh in 2014 w/ 1 tackle & a blocked punt before having surgery on a leg for compartment syndrome ... Career: 116 tackles, 6.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 8 INT, 11 PBU, 1 FF ... The 4A Region II District 13 Pkay after racking up 4,000 all-purpose yards at Wylie HS in Texas ... Is majoring in social science.

BACKUP

10 Jeff Clay

6-0 • 195 • So.-1L CGP: 18; CGS: 0
Lancaster, Calif. (Antelope Valley HS)

Smart player, who mainly plays on special teams ... Has two tackles on special teams this year ... Had 10 tackles last year ... 2nd on the team with 8 KR tackles & 3-rd with 9 special teams tackles ... Redshirted in 2015 ... Led Antelope Valley HS to a senior in passing yards & TD, rushing yards, yards & TD, total yards & all-purpose yards ... An interdisciplinary studies major.

INJ: No. 30 Garrett Binkley (5-9, 170, So.-2L) (p. 16) & 6