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San Diego State returns 14 starters from the 2015 season, including the Mountain West Players of the Year in Donnel Pumphrey (offensive, left), Damontae Kazee (defensive, center) and Rashaad Penny (special teams, right).



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2016 SAN DIEGO STATE SCHEDULE

SEPT. 3 - QUALCOMM STADIUM 5:30 p.m. PT		NEW HAMPSHIRE
SEPT. 10 - QUALCOMM STADIUM 7:30 p.m. PT • CBS Sports Network		CALIFORNIA
SEPT. 17 - DeKALB, Ill. 2:30 p.m. CT • CBS Sports Network		at NORTHERN ILLINOIS
OCT. 1 - MOBILE, Ala. TBA • TBA		at SOUTH ALABAMA
OCT. 8 - QUALCOMM STADIUM TBA • ESPN Networks		UNLV
OCT. 14 - FRESNO, Calif. 7 p.m. PT • CBS Sports Network		at FRESNO STATE
OCT. 21 - QUALCOMM STADIUM 7:30 p.m. PT • ESPN2		SAN JOSÉ STATE
OCT. 28 - LOGAN, Utah 6 p.m. MT • CBS Sports Network		at UTAH STATE
NOV. 5 - QUALCOMM STADIUM 4 p.m. PT • CBS Sports Network		HAWAI'I
NOV. 12 - RENO, Nev. 7:30 p.m. PT • CBS Sports Network		at NEVADA
NOV. 19 - LARAMIE, Wyo. 1:30 p.m. MT • CBS Sports Network		at WYOMING
NOV. 26 - QUALCOMM STADIUM 6 p.m. PT • CBS Sports Network		COLORADO STATE

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Quick Facts



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UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Name: San Diego State University
 Location: San Diego, Calif.
 Founded: 1897
 Enrollment: 33,726
 Nickname: Aztecs
 School Colors: Scarlet (PMS 185) and Black
 Stadium (Capacity): Qualcomm Stadium (54,000)
 Surface: Natural Grass
 Conference: Mountain West
 President: Dr. Elliot Hirshman
 Alma Mater: Yale '83
 Director of Athletics: Jim Sterk
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 School Website: sdsu.edu
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TEAM INFORMATION

2015 Record: 11-3
 Conference/Finish: 8-0/1st West Division
 Starters Returning/Lost: 14/8
 Offense/Defense/Kickers Returning: 7/7/1
 Offensive System: Pro-Style
 Defensive System: 3-3-5

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FOOTBALL HISTORY

Seasons of Football: Entering 94th
 First Year of Football: 1921
 All-Time Record: 527-412-32
 Conference Championships: 20
 1922, 1923, 1924, 1936, 1937, 1950, 1951, 1962, 1963,
 1966, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2012, 2015
 Bowl Games: 14 (7-7)
 1948, 1951, 1966, 1967, 1969, 1986, 1991, 1998, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
 Division I Seasons: Entering 49th
 Division I Record: 295-249-8
 Bowl Games: 10 (4-6)
 Last Bowl: Hawai'i Bowl, 2015
 Last Bowl Result: San Diego State 42, Cincinnati 7

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2015 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Broadcast
Sept. 5	San Diego	W	37-3	MW Network/Campus Insiders
Sept. 12	at California	L	7-35	Pac-12 Networks
Sept. 19	South Alabama	L	27-34 (ot)	MW Network/Campus Insiders
Sept. 26	at Penn State	L	21-37	Big 10 Network
Oct. 3	Fresno State*	W	21-7	CBS Sports Network
Oct. 10	at Hawai'i*	W	28-14	Time Warner Cable Sports Network
Oct. 17	at San José State*	W	30-7	ESPNU
Oct. 23	Utah State*	W	48-14	ESPN2
Oct. 31	at Colorado State*	W	41-17	CBS Sports Network
Nov. 14	Wyoming*	W	38-3	CBS Sports Network
Nov. 21	at UNLV*	W	52-14	CBS Sports Network
Nov. 28	Nevada*	W	31-14	ESPN2
Dec. 5	Air Force\$	W	27-24	ESPN2
Dec. 24	vs. Cincinnati^	W	42-7	ESPN

* - Mountain West game

\$ - Mountain West Championship (Qualcomm Stadium - San Diego, Calif.)

^ - Hawai'i Bowl (Aloha Stadium - Honolulu, Hawaii)

Season Outlook



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ROCKY LONG

Of Donnel Pumphrey's 17 rushing touchdowns in 2015, it was his fourth that would herald a hurricane.

On the Aztecs' opening drive in Week 5 at Fresno State, Pumphrey, who would conclude the season needing but 318 yards to eclipse the school rushing record established by Pro Football Hall of Famer Marshall Faulk, scored on a 33-yard run to give San Diego State a 7-0 lead.

If it didn't seem memorable at the moment for a team that was 1-3, it's often the little things that launch a landslide.

Only once in the ensuing seven regular-season games did the Aztecs trail, a 7-3 deficit at Colorado State that was vaporized when SDSU outscored the Rams 34-7 over the final three quarters.

Nothing had been seen like it in 46 years. En route to winning 10 straight games, the Aztecs matched a mark not reached since the 1976-77 seasons. And when push came to shove against Air Force in its first appearance in a Mountain West championship game, SDSU proved it was as much about machismo as moxie. Three times the Aztecs trailed against the Falcons and three times they punched back, ultimately surviving a 27-24 scrum that would serve as the precursor to a 42-7 romp over Cincinnati in the Hawai'i Bowl.

Ten straight wins. A place where the air gets thin. A place to plant a championship flag. A place where you'll find only one other team --- defending national champion Alabama --- boasting a longer win streak (12). A place seemingly untenable for an SDSU program long struggling for the summit.

And a place, in 2016, where success has elevated status and hoisted expectations to dizzying heights. National media outlets have assigned SDSU a spot in the preseason top 25. There is even buzz, in hushed tones or otherwise, of a potential New Year's Six Bowl.

And why not? Aside from running the table last season following a loss at Penn State, in which three turnovers erased a second-quarter lead, the Aztecs return the Mountain West Offensive Player of the Year (Pumphrey), Defensive Player of the Year (Damontae Kazee) and Special Teams Player of the Year (Rashaad Penny).

Oh, and the league's Coach of the Year, who has about as much intention of resting on laurels as he does a thicket of thorns.

"We don't talk about last year at all," said Rocky Long, who enters his sixth season as head coach at SDSU and 17th overall. "I haven't gone so far as to make an edict that they can't talk about it, but we haven't talked about it one time since our guys came back for offseason workouts, not as a team and not as a staff.

"We have things going on now that move your focus to what's coming up. There are some preseason polls out there that show we could be pretty good. Those are things that put the attention on this season and kind of eliminate what happened last year. That's good, but it will be interesting to see how we handle it."

If recent history is any indication, chances are they handle it with aplomb. Following an 11-year drought in which they posted a mark of 43-85 (.336), the Aztecs have posted six consecutive winning seasons and appeared in six straight bowl games. SDSU became the first team last season to open with a record of 1-3 or worse and win all of its remaining games, including its bowl game, since Boston College accomplished the feat in 1986. The Aztecs were one of only 14 teams nationally to win 11 or more games.

There are 14 returning starters, including six all-MW first-team selections. Among FBS teams, only Oklahoma had more players (nine) earn first-team all-league honors. The Aztecs were the only team in the country and just the second in MW history to sweep all three of their league's major individual awards.

If SDSU is turning heads, there's ample reason.

"We've been pretty good for six years, but no one has really expected us to be good before the season started," Long said. "Now everybody is expecting us to be good and it's a different atmosphere. The expectation levels are much, much higher. Our players know that, so it will be interesting to see if we handle it well.

"Teams that are good every year, those expectations become sort of standard. But this is all new to us. There are things going on that haven't been talked about since (former head coach Don) Coryell. But other than expectations, it doesn't change a darn thing. We're taking the same approach that we always have."

Which, with Long at the helm, means one thing: Stop us.

If SDSU lacks for glitz and glimmer, it more than compensates with hammer and chisel. There's nothing fancy here, save perhaps Pumphrey, who will inevitably generate the first Heisman talk on campus since Faulk finished second in the 1992 voting. In 2015, the Aztecs finished fifth in the nation in total defense and 14th in rushing offense, effectively nixing any notion that old school has surrendered to ostentatious. This is football in its purest form, assuming your definition of football includes a not-so-subtle punch in the mouth.

Consider: It will have been 343 days since their last loss (Sept. 26 at Penn State) when the Aztecs host New Hampshire in the season opener on Sept. 3.

"I think we did enough last year that people are interested to see if this is a one-time deal or if it's a legitimate situation," Long said. "I know a lot of people say this, but we've always been the one that's been hunting; we've always wanted to be the best team. Now, and mostly because of media exposure, we're the hunted. We'll find out how we react."

■ The Aztec Offense

Once upon a time, the single constant in the game of football was that winning without a proven quarterback was an exercise in exasperation.

In 2015, redshirt freshman Christian Chapman not only

debunked such thinking, he effectively buried it. Chapman, who had appeared in the waning moments of six games before starter Maxwell Smith was lost to injury in the regular-season finale, merely led the Aztecs to three straight wins.

"What we saw was a player that played above our expectation level," Long said of Chapman, who will enter fall camp as the team's undisputed starter. "To me, that means that the kid has talent and belief in his ability. The whole time he wasn't playing he was getting better, because he wanted to get better and his attitude was such that he didn't worry about not being a starter but tried to prepare himself to be a starter somewhere down the road. It just happened a little bit sooner than all of us thought it would. Obviously, he had the right attitude the whole year. The way he played in the last three games shows that he is going to be a really good quarterback."

Particularly given that he is operating with one of the nation's premier rushing attacks and an offensive line that returns three starters. The Aztecs scored fewer than 27 points only once in their final 10 games, ultimately outscoring the opposition by an average of 15.7 points. While that differential most assuredly was aided by a defense that only allowed an average of just 12.1 points during the team's 10-game win streak, it was also a byproduct of safekeeping. SDSU lost the ball only 12 times all season, with its passing game being victimized by interception a mere three times.

SDSU, which averaged 233.3 yards on the ground last year, rushed for more than 200 yards in every game of its 10-game win streak. Once again offering a storehouse of running backs, the Aztecs are 31-2 in the Long era when rushing for more than 200 yards.

"I'm excited about the guys we have coming back," associate head coach/offensive coordinator/running backs coach Horton said. "We've got some good, veteran players who have played a lot of football. We've also got some questions areas (along the offensive line) and at fullback and in terms of the growth of our receivers, so there's work to be done. But I really like the guys we have coming back."



CHRISTIAN CHAPMAN

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QUARTERBACKS

Returning players with starting experience: Christian Chapman

Christian Chapman was nothing if not a study in steady.

Having thrown only 24 career passes, Chapman's first career start came in the MW championship game against Air Force. Playing as though he'd directed the team from Week 1, the local Carlsbad High product proceeded to complete 9-of-14 passes for 203 yards and a touchdown. He finished with a passing efficiency of 209.66, the second-highest all-time among SDSU quarterbacks making their starting debut.

Less than three weeks later, in the Hawai'i Bowl against Cincinnati, Chapman completed 8-of-11 attempts for 103 yards and a touchdown, his services not sorely needed in a game in which the Aztecs ran the ball 52 times in a 42-7 rout.

"I think he realizes that he has a chance to just get better and better," Horton said of Chapman, who threw just one interception in 49 attempts. "Really, after having played in only three true games, he hasn't even touched the tip of the iceberg. I was just so impressed with his demeanor last year and how he handled things. For a young guy who had hardly played, he never seemed flustered, and he's carried that over from spring into the summer. His leadership and his command of things, he's very humble and a great young man. He's got a tremendous work ethic and you can tell how important it is to him to be (the starter) now."

Ryan Agnew, a redshirt freshman who was tabbed SDSU's offensive scout team player of the year in 2015, is expected to enter fall camp as the backup to Chapman, whose mobility provides the Aztecs with yet another running threat.

"We're confident in Ryan," Horton said. "Christian and Ryan are very comparable in that, last year, we didn't really know what we were going to get out of Maxwell (Smith), because he hadn't played in a while. We knew what we had in Christian, because he'd already been in the program for a year. Now Christian's the guy and we've had Ryan here for a year. Ryan's a guy who can really run and a guy who's really smart. And he's a competitor, too. I feel really good about both Christian and Ryan."

RUNNING BACKS

Returning players with starting experience: Donnel Pumphrey*, Rashaad Penny

* - denotes returning starters

It's impossible to imagine where the Aztecs might be without Pumphrey.

In 40 career games, the senior has rushed for 4,272 yards (318 yards within Faulk's school record), posted 22 100-yard games, eight 150-yard contests and two 200-yard outings. He also has added 73 receptions in the past three seasons for 710 yards.

One of four players nationally to lead his team in rushing yards (1,653) and receptions (28), Pumphrey finished the regular season last year with eight straight 100-yard games, a mark equaling the longest active streak nationally. The streak is the longest in MW history and second-longest in school history.

He is on track to eclipse not only Faulk's record for rushing yards, but also the former SDSU great's record for rushing touchdowns (Pumphrey has 45, Faulk 57); all-purpose yards (Pumphrey has 5,145, Faulk 5,595); and total touchdowns (Pumphrey has 50, Faulk 62).

But as impossible as it might be to imagine the Aztecs without Pumphrey, it's no less difficult to imagine how opposing defenses withstand SDSU's relentless rushing attack



DONNEL PUMPHREY

and its endless wave of quality running backs.

Penny, who earned the league's Special Teams Player of the Year honor after returning three kickoffs for touchdowns, merely averaged 6.0 yards per carry last season, tops among all Aztec running backs. Budding star Juwan Washington, a redshirt freshman who frequently bedeviled one of the top defenses in the nation last season as a scout team player, might be the fastest player on the team (though not without argument from Penny). And then there is junior Marcus Stamps, whose talents have yet to be fully unveiled due to injury.

All, however, might be hard-pressed to find quality time behind Pumphrey, who in his final opportunity to forever etch his name in SDSU history might also be found returning the occasional punt or kickoff.

"To me, he's touching the ball as much as he possibly can, maybe even more so," Horton said. "But when you have a player who's as dynamic as he is with the ball in his hands, obviously you have to keep featuring that. But what we need now is for somebody to step up and be the No. 2 guy like Chase (Price) was last year, because he was a great player in his own right. I think Rashaad Penny is a guy who can step up. He filled a very vital role for us last year in being a multi-dimensional player. I think Marcus Stamps, if he can stay healthy, is still a guy who can help us. Then you look at a guy like Juwan Washington, who could provide the same thing Rashaad Penny provided for us last year."

It's seldom you see a former quarterback transition to fullback, but such has been the path chosen by junior Nick Bawden, who made the move last fall. Bawden, who did not register a carry last season while serving as an understudy to starter and Hawai'i Bowl MVP Dakota Gordon, appeared in five games at quarterback for the Aztecs in 2014.

"He is a guy who has really made the transition from a year ago," Horton said Bawden, who has added 20 pounds and is currently listed at 240. "He's always been strong, but now he's even stronger. He's even got a little Dakota in him now with the long hair and the pony tail. I was really surprised with him coming out of spring. I'm cautiously optimistic, because that's a key component of our offense. I'm concerned

about that position, because we really don't have a backup. It's good that we've got our two tight ends, because we can always use (David) Wells as a fullback type. I think there could be times when we'll have three tight ends in the game."

WIDE RECEIVERS

Returning players with starting experience: Curtis Anderson III, Christian Cumberlander, Chase Favreau*, Mikah Holder*, Eric Judge

* - denotes returning starters

While every receiver recruited by SDSU quickly learns that blocking is paramount to the team's offensive philosophy, catching passes is still part of the job.

In 2015, Aztec wide receivers accounted for fewer than half (65) of the team's 141 receptions, with then-sophomore Mikah Holder leading the way with 24.

In a perfect world, however, your fullback probably doesn't finish with twice as many receptions as four of your wide receivers combined, as was the case last season. While SDSU is more than capable of bludgeoning opponents with its running game, its passing offense last season ranked 10th in the 12-team MW with an average of 142.0 yards per game.

"I expect us to take a big jump," Horton said. "I think Mikah Holder can be one of the best receivers in the conference. We've got to get the ball his way more because I think he's a playmaker. He can make big plays for us. I'd like to see (senior) Eric Judge just become more consistent. He has great speed, but we need to see more consistency from him. I think Chase Favreau during the spring showed that he's finally bought in to being a receiver instead of thinking of the time he spent at quarterback."

Horton also believes the Aztecs potentially could get a boost from Tim Wilson and Isiah Macklin, a pair of incoming freshmen. Both Wilson (Plano East (Texas) HS) and Macklin (Las Vegas Green Valley (Nev.) HS) are speedy 6-foot-5 receivers who could prove beneficial in allowing SDSU to take more shots downfield, as well as presenting matchup problems in the redzone.

TIGHT ENDS

Returning players with starting experience: Daniel Brunskill*

* - denotes returning starters

SDSU, which has developed a reputation for producing quality tight ends, is stockpiling talent once again.

Heading the current cast are senior Daniel Brunskill and junior David Wells, a pair of 6-foot-5, 255-pounders who not only add muscle to the Aztecs' punishing ground game, but are more than capable of stretching opposing defenses.

Brunskill averaged 11.2 yards per catch with a pair of touchdowns last season, while Wells, a former high school quarterback with great hands, played in all 14 games.

"I think our two guys are as good as anybody around," Horton said. "Guys like that are very hard to find. They're very unsung and they don't mind doing the dirty work. They'll block until they're blue in the face. They might only catch a pass here and there, but they are tough, tough guys. I think they help set the tone with our team. They're both very bright. We have some of our best success running the ball when both of those guys are in there."

Horton also believes the Aztecs may have a wild card in 6-foot-6, 245-pound redshirt freshman Kahale Warring, a former basketball player at Sonora High in La Habra who played only one year of high school football.

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ARTHUR FLORES

OFFENSIVE LINE

Returning players with starting experience: Arthur Flores*, Kwayde Miller*, Nico Siragusa*
* - denotes returning starter

While the left side and center of the Aztecs' offensive line remains solidly intact, the right is under construction.

With left tackle Kwayde Miller, left guard Nico Siragusa and center Arthur Flores having started every game last season, SDSU, which ranked 14th nationally in rushing and yielded an average of just 1.4 sacks per game, must fill vacancies left by right guards Robert Craighead and Darrell Greene, and right tackle Pierce Slater.

Sophomore Joe Salcedo is expected to enter fall camp listed No. 1 on the depth chart at right tackle, while junior Antonio Rosales, currently No. 1 on the depth chart at right guard, may face a battle with redshirt freshman Daishawn Dixon.

If nothing else, the Aztecs are huge, as in NFL big and beyond. Miller is 6-6, 310, Siragusa 6-5, 335 and Flores, who was named to the Rimington Trophy Spring Watch List is 6-5, 305.

Newcomers Salcedo, Rosales and Dixon are listed 6-7, 300; 6-4, 295; and 6-5, 340, respectively. Problem? None has appeared in a game.

"I think the right side is a battle that could go on for a few games before we finally see how it settles out," Horton said. "Those guys are working hard and we're excited about them, but we obviously can't run it left all day."

■ The Aztec Defense

On a book shelf along the far wall of Rocky Long's office sits a twin-bar helmet he wore as a defensive back for the Detroit Wheels of the long-defunct United States Football League. In football helmet evolution it is known as a "suspension" helmet, its interior designed with a series of cloth straps that criss-cross, theoretically designed to provide separation and cushion between the helmet and the head.

Upon examination of the gold helmet's exterior --- the

scars of opponents' helmets still etched in vivid reds and blues --- one quickly concludes that the "suspension" helmet also necessitates a suspension of disbelief. If the series of cloth straps, indeed, provided the slightest bit of cushion, the simple use of a hairnet might have afforded an equal measure of safety. Long said current players react with incredulity.

"They didn't have all of the concussion protocol they do now," Long said. "They would hold three fingers up in front of you and if you could count all three they would put you back in the game."

Technology, fortunately, has changed the soundness of the football helmet.

What hasn't changed is Long's approach to football: Physical wins.

As he enters his sixth season as head coach at SDSU, Long still serves in the dual role of defensive coordinator, undoubtedly retooling his dastardly 3-3-5 defense with fresh batches of eye of newt, toe of frog and wing of bat. He will settle, however, for the return of six starters from last year's group that finished fifth in the nation in total defense, one that surrendered an average of just 12.1 points and 243.8 total yards during the team's 10-game win streak.

In 2015, the Aztecs ranked No. 1 in the nation in turnover margin (1.57). They tied for second in turnovers gained (34) and passes intercepted (23). They were seventh nationally in both rush defense (108.7 ypg) and scoring defense (16.4 ppg), while finishing 10th in the categories of pass yards allowed (178.6) and pass efficiency defense (108.71). They were also 23rd in sacks (2.64 per game) and 26th in team tackles for loss (7.1).

Consider: Cincinnati, which learned first-hand Long's diabolical ways in its 42-7 loss to SDSU in the Hawai'i Bowl, entered the contest ranked No. 1 in the nation in passing yards per game (373.1) and total offense (559.4). The Bearcats managed 279 total yards.

While the Aztecs must address the loss of defensive linemen Jon Sanchez and Christian Heyward, as well as the longtime relentless play of linebacker Jake Fely and cornerback J.J. Whittaker, they also return the reigning MW Defensive Player of the Year in cornerback Damontae Kazee; two first-team all-league picks in defensive end Alex Barrett and linebacker Calvin Munson; and a secondary that returns four of last season's five starters.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Returning players with starting experience: Alex Barrett*, Kyle Kelley, Noble Hall
* - denotes returning starter

Barrett has been an absolute fulcrum for this group over the last two years. A player deemed the best defensive lineman in the conference by Long, Barrett earned all-MW honorable mention as a sophomore before becoming one of three Aztecs named to last season's defensive all-league first team.

Barrett, who has proven equally efficient at both nose tackle and defensive end, who and is considered one of the league's top NFL prospects, has recorded 116 total tackles (24 tackles for loss) and 11.5 sacks in 36 career games. Last year he had 62 tackles, 13 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks.

Opposite Barrett in Long's 3-3-5 scheme is senior left defensive end Kyle Kelley, whose standout performance in the Hawai'i Bowl culminated in being named to the 2015 All-Bowl Team by both the Associated Press and *USA Today*. Making just his second career start, Kelley recorded highs of nine tackles (six solo) and a Hawai'i Bowl-record 3.5 sacks (tied for third most in SDSU history). He finished with 24 tackles (15 solo), nine tackles for loss, 7.5 sacks, a team-high eight

quarterback hurries, a forced fumble, a pass breakup and a blocked kick.

Junior Sergio Phillips emerged from spring drills listed No. 1 at nose tackle. Recruited as an offensive lineman, the 6-2, 300-pound Phillips was moved to defense in the spring of 2014, back to offense in the spring of 2015, and finally back to defense for the final two games last season due to an injury to starting nose tackle Christian Heyward. He enters fall camp on the heels of a standout spring.

Noble Hall, a 6-3, 265-pound sophomore, is currently listed No. 2 on the depth chart behind Phillips. Hall started the first three games of the season last year and appeared in 11 contests before being lost to injury for the final three games. He finished the season with 20 tackles (six tackles for loss), a forced fumble, a pass breakup and four quarterback hurries.

LINEBACKERS

Returning players with starting experience: Ryan Dunn*, Calvin Munson*, Randy Ricks, Austin Wyatt-Thayer
* - denotes returning starter

What senior Calvin Munson does for an encore is anyone's guess --- and more than likely an opponent's nightmare.

Munson, a first-team all-MW pick in 2015, has been on the receiving end of an avalanche of preseason honors. In his past two seasons as a starter, the 6-1, 245-pound Munson has become the ultimate disrupter. As underscored by his numbers, he is virtually everywhere, taking no prisoners and hitting anything that moves.

As he enters his final season at SDSU, Munson does so having led the team in tackles with 98 in 2015. This, one season after posting 83 as a sophomore, the team's second-highest total. He also recorded team highs last season in tackles for loss (15) and sacks (9.5).

Yet it's Munson's athleticism and his ability to anticipate that make him such a complete player. Both interceptions he recorded in 2015 were returned for touchdowns, tying an SDSU single-season record and giving him three for his career.

"If all you did was watch Calvin in games, you'd probably



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say, "Wow, this guy just came out of nowhere," linebackers coach Zach Arnett said of Munson, who also tied a team high last season with two forced fumbles. "But if you were to ask anybody who's at practice or in the weight room or anyone who sees him on a regular basis, this guy has worked for every bit of the success he's had."

While the Aztecs will sorely miss the leadership long provided by Jake Fely, they are not without talent in reserve. Opposite Munson at the team's other outside linebacker spot, 6-5, 230-pound Austin Wyatt-Thayer emerged from spring drills No. 1 on the depth chart. A transfer from Sierra College in Rocklin, Wyatt-Thayer earned first-team All-America junior college honors as a freshman when he finished second in the state with 119 tackles.

Also bidding for the starting job is redshirt freshman Kyahva Tezino, who was named the Aztecs' Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year last season. Tezino arrived from Salesian High in Los Angeles last year as one of the more heralded recruits in program history, spurning no fewer than eight Pac-12 schools after being tabbed the nation's 16th-best linebacker by ESPN.

At middle linebacker, senior Randy Ricks (6-5, 230) is currently listed No. 1 on the depth chart after playing in nine games last season and making two starts. Despite missing four games with a broken toe, Ricks showed ample promise, recording 22 tackles (five tackles for loss), 2.5 sacks, six quarterback hurries, four pass breakups and two forced fumbles.



SECONDARY

Returning players with starting experience: Damontae Kazez*, Kameron Kelly*, Trey Lomax, Na'im McGee*, Malik Smith*

* - denotes returning starter

Football analysts have a word for this: loaded.

In what might arguably be the most seasoned secondary in the West and one of the best in the nation, Kazez, Smith, McGee and Kelly enter the 2016 season with a combined seven years of starting experience. That number would be

eight were it not for the fact that among the four, Kelly is the lone junior. Better yet? All four play different positions.

Kazez might be the headliner on any other team, but in this instance he's a merely another cog in the wheel of a group that last season had a hand in 23 interceptions (second in the nation). Still, Kazez's 2015 season prompted more than a share of NFL teams to sit up and take notice. After intercepting eight passes, tied for the highest total in the Division I era at SDSU and the most in a single season in Mountain West history, Kazez became the team's first player since Kirk Morrison (2003 and 2004) to be named the Mountain West Defensive Player of the Year.

But Kazez (5-11, 190), who understandably entertained thoughts of leaving early for the NFL before announcing in January that he would return for his senior season, was more than a thorn in the side of opposing passers. Also named a second-team All-American by *USA Today*, Kazez finished the season with 75 tackles. His 58 solo tackles were the highest total on the team. He also returned an interception for a touchdown, broke up seven passes, added 5.5 tackles for loss and forced two fumbles.

But at this reunion party, the talent spreads far and wide.

Smith, who earned MW honorable mention last season, returns after amassing 77 tackles (tied for third on the team) as one of the secondary's two "Warriors" in 2015. He also had five tackles for loss, a team-best nine pass breakups, five interceptions, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

McGee, responsible for handling the team's "Aztec" position, was a force in his own right in 2015. Named the Most Valuable Defensive Player in the MW championship game in which he recorded a team-high and game-high-tying 10 tackles (five solo), McGee's 81 stops last season ranked second on the team.

Kelly, who is currently listed as the co-starter at the team's other "Warrior" spot along with junior Trey Lomax, had logged only nine career tackles in six games before posting eight last season in SDSU's Week 4 visit to Penn State. He went on to finish with 58 tackles (37 solo) with two interceptions and three tackles for loss.

Lomax, meanwhile, who turned in an outstanding performance as a redshirt freshman when he started 11 games in 2014, is looking to regain that form after being limited to just two starts a year ago due to a knee injury.

The lone question comes at left corner, where junior Billy Vaughn, Jr. and junior Derek Babiash face the unenviable task of filling the sizable shoes of longtime standout J.J. Whitaker. The two shared top billing on the depth chart at the position following spring drills.

Both Vaughn and Babiash, a transfer from Arizona and a graduate of nearby Poway High, have much to prove. Vaughn ultimately contributed 11 tackles, including nine in just eight games on kickoff returns. Babiash had three tackles and three pass breakups while appearing in seven games.

■ The Aztec Special Teams

Returning players with starting experience: Tanner Blain*, Mikah Holder, Damontae Kazez*, Rashaad Penny*
* - denotes returning starter

Former UNLV head coach Bobby Hauck didn't waste time getting acclimated.

Hauck, who has served as a special teams coach in 22 of his 23 seasons in college football, was hired as SDSU's special teams coach last year before being promoted to associate head coach in February.

Under Hauck, the Aztecs in 2015 finished No. 6 in the na-



tion in adjusted special teams efficiency, with Penny becoming the first SDSU student-athlete to ever earn Mountain West Special Teams Player of the Year honors.

"I was proud of the guys and their effort," Hauck said. "Obviously, the visible parts are always going to be the guys with the ball in their hands on returns and the kicker and the punter, but just like offense and defense it's an 11-man play. I was really proud of how quickly our kids picked up on what we were trying to accomplish and that we did what good teams do, and that's to improve as you go through the season. And that's what we're going to need to do again. But we have a chance to be productive in that area again and help our team."

Penny helped immeasurably. In addition to his duties at running back, he established a school record by returning three kickoffs (97, 100 and 100 yards) for touchdowns. His three returns for touchdowns tied for second in the nation, as did his kickoff return average of 33.5 yards. His 804 kickoff return yards ranked as second-most in Aztec history (Monty Gilbreath 880, in 1987).

Holder, the Aztecs' leading receiver in 2015, is once again expected to return punts after averaging 7.5 yards on six returns.

The loss of placekicker Donny Hageman leaves a sizable void, although head coach Rocky Long believes left-footed John Baron II, Hageman's understudy the past two years, has a stronger leg. Hageman, who was 17-of-22 on field goals last season and 2-of-3 from 50 or more yards, delivered the game-winner in SDSU's 27-24 win over Air Force in the Mountain West championship game.

Blain averaged 40.3 yards on 77 punts last season with 25 landing inside the 20-yard line, including nine inside the 10 and two inside the 5.

Despite the graduation of Jeff Overbaugh, who signed a free-agent contract with the Los Angeles Rams, the Aztecs remain in possession of a standout long snapper in Ryan Simmons. At Dana Hills High School in Dana Point, Simmons, who redshirted last season, was rated a five-star long snapping prospect and the No. 2 long snapper in California. They also bring in Mountain Ridge (Ariz.) High's Turner Bernard, who was listed as Kohl's Kicking's top incoming long snapper.

Roster



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Alphabetical		
No.	Name	Pos.
72	Achayo, Derrick	OL
9	Agnew, Ryan	QB
97	Anderson III, Curtis	WR
31	Babiash, Derek	CB
33	Baldwin, Parker	S
29	• Baron II, John	K/P
58	Barrett, Alex	DL
15	Bawden, Nick	FB
50	Bernard, Turner	LS
30	Binkley, Garrett	CB
91	Blain, Tanner	P
96	Browne, Thomas	DL
89	Brunskill, Daniel	TE
48	• Cabrera, Israel	S
37	• Cabrera, Liam	WR
34	• Carroll, John	LB
42	Cassidy, Troy	LB
86	Chaney, Jerry	WR
10	• Chapman, Christian	QB
68	Cheatum, Myles	DL
10	• Clay, Jeff	S
2	Cumberlander, Christian	WR
14	• Dedeaux, Parie	S
79	Dixon, Daishawn	OL
48	• Dodds, Taylor	WR
57	• Dunn, Ryan	LB
5	Favreau, Chase	WR
	Fincher, Trenton	OL
80	Fitzpatrick, Brandon	S
70	Flores, Arthur	OL
94	Gardner, Jondarius	DL
62	Gerhard, Nick	OL
14	• Hall, Mason	QB
95	Hall, Noble	DL
99	Hanlon, Forrest	DL
	Harper, Temerick	LB
32	Hawkins, Tayler	CB
46	Henderson, Jay	DL
36	• Hill, Josh	WR
47	Himphill, Kaelin	LB
6	Holder, Mikah	WR
82	Houston, Parker	TE
60	Ismael, Keith	OL
22	• Jasmin, Chase	RB
37	• Johnson, Jr., Dwayne	S
81	Judge, Eric	WR
23	Kazee, Damontae	CB
59	Kelley, Kyle	DL
7	Kelly, Kameron	S
64	Krum, Ryan	OL
39	Lakalaka, Ronley	LB
34	• Lessard, Isaac	FB
3	Lomax, Trey	S
92	Macklin, Isiah	WR
38	• Mathis, Dru	LB
4	Mathis, Kendrick	WR
21	McGee, Na'im	S
45	• Melifonwu, Fred	DL
75	Miller, Kwayde	OL
22	• Montgomery, Kalan	CB
61	Moore, Damon	DL
52	Morris, Tyler	LB
54	Munson, Calvin	LB
98	Murphy, Reggie	LB
57	• O'Brien, Dominic	OL

Numerical									
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School/College)		
2	Christian Cumberlander	WR	6-3	205	Jr.	1L	West Point, Ga. (Jireh Prep (Matthews, N.C.))		
3	Trey Lomax	S	5-11	195	Jr.	2L	San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa High)		
4	Kendrick Mathis	WR	6-0	195	Sr.	1L	Ventura, Calif. (Buena High)		
5	Chase Favreau	WR	6-1	200	Jr.	2L	Huntington Beach, Calif. (Edison High)		
6	Mikah Holder	WR	6-0	180	Jr.	2L	Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside High)		
7	Kameron Kelly	S	6-2	195	Jr.	2L	Murphy, Texas (Wylie High)		
9	Ryan Agnew	QB	6-0	185	Fr.	RS	Southlake, Texas (Carroll High)		
10	Christian Chapman	QB	6-0	200	So.	1L	Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad High)		
10	Jeff Clay	S	6-0	195	Fr.	RS	Lancaster, Calif. (Antelope Valley High)		
11	Will Stricklin II	S	6-0	200	Fr.	HS	San Marcos, Calif. (Mission Hills High)		
12	Malik Smith	S	6-0	190	Sr.	3L	Compton, Calif. (Dominguez High)		
14	Parie Dedeaux	S	6-1	180	Fr.	HS	Los Angeles, Calif. (Dorsey High)		
14	Mason Hall	QB	6-3	195	Fr.	RS	Smyrna, Tenn. (Stewarts Creek High)		
15	Nick Bawden	FB	6-3	240	Jr.	1L	Los Gatos, Calif. (Los Gatos High)		
16	Dwayne Parchment	S	5-11	195	Fr.	RS	Fontana, Calif. (Kaiser High)		
17	Ron Smith	CB	6-0	170	Fr.	RS	Oakland, Calif. (St. Mary's High)		
18	Trenton Thompson	S	6-2	185	Fr.	HS	Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs High)		
18	Jimmy Walker	QB	6-3	215	Jr.	TR	Redlands, Calif. (Redlands High/Cerritos College)		
19	Donnel Pumphrey	RB	5-9	180	Sr.	3L	Las Vegas, Nev. (Canyon Springs High)		
20	Rashaad Penny	RB	5-11	220	Jr.	2L	Norwalk, Calif. (Norwalk High)		
21	Na'im McGee	S	6-0	200	Sr.	2L	Oakland, Calif. (Saint Mary's High/Diablo Valley College)		
22	Chase Jasmin	RB	5-11	185	Fr.	HS	Agoura Hills, Calif. (Westlake High)		
22	Kalan Montgomery	CB	6-1	185	Jr.	2L	Compton, Calif. (Dominguez High)		
23	Damontae Kazee	CB	5-11	190	Sr.	3L	San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon High)		
24	Billy Vaughn, Jr.	CB	6-1	190	Jr.	2L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Dorsey High)		
26	Marcus Stamps	RB	6-1	215	Jr.	2L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Jefferson High)		
29	John Baron II	K/P	5-11	190	So.	SQ	Temecula, Calif. (Chaparral High)		
29	Juwan Washington	RB	5-7	190	Fr.	RS	Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale High)		
30	Garrett Binkley	CB	5-9	170	Fr.	RS	Ramona, Calif. (Ramona High)		
31	Derek Babiash	CB	6-1	190	Jr.	1L	Poway, Calif. (Poway High/Univ. of Arizona)		
32	Taylor Hawkins	CB	6-1	185	Fr.	HS	Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs High)		
33	Parker Baldwin	S	6-2	215	So.	1L	Siloam Springs, Ark. (Siloam Springs High)		
34	John Carroll	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	RS	Santa Clarita, Calif. (St. Francis High)		
34	Isaac Lessard	FB	6-3	230	Fr.	RS	Sacramento, Calif. (Jesusuit High)		
35	Kevin Walcott	CB	5-11	195	Jr.	1L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Washington Prep High)		
36	Josh Hill	WR	5-9	180	So.	HS	Los Angeles, Calif. (Dorsey High)		
36	Keoni Stallworth	S	6-1	190	Fr.	HS	Elk Grove, Calif. (Cosumnes Oaks High)		
37	Liam Cabrera	WR	5-10	190	Fr.	RS	Canyon Country, Calif. (Canyon High)		
37	Dwayne Johnson, Jr.	S	6-2	190	Fr.	HS	Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta High)		
38	Dru Mathis	LB	6-3	205	Fr.	HS	Ventura, Calif. (Buena High)		
38	Alex Valenzuela	FB	6-0	240	Fr.	HS	Chula Vista, Calif. (Otay Ranch High)		
39	Ronley Lakalaka	LB	6-0	235	So.	1L	Kalihi, Hawaii (Punahou High)		
40	Randy Ricks	LB	6-5	230	Sr.	1L	Las Vegas, Nev. (Legacy High/Arizona Western Community College)		
41	Dominic Rose	WR	6-2	190	Fr.	RS	King City, Calif. (King City High)		
41	Dakota Turner	DL	6-3	250	Jr.	2L	Mililani, Hawaii (Mililani High)		
42	Troy Cassidy	LB	6-3	210	Fr.	HS	Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad High)		
43	Austin Wyatt-Thayer	LB	6-5	230	Sr.	1L	Paradise, Calif. (Paradise High/Sierra College)		
44	Kyahva Tezino	LB	6-0	230	Fr.	RS	Los Angeles, Calif. (Salesian High)		
45	Fred Melifonwu	DL	6-5	250	Jr.	1L	San Diego, Calif. (Lincoln High)		
45	Tyler Wormhoudt	RB	6-1	205	Fr.	HS	Mammoth Lakes, Calif. (Mammoth Lakes High)		
46	Jay Henderson	DL	6-2	230	Jr.	2L	Phelan, Calif. (Serrano High)		
47	Kaelin Himphill	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	HS	Hillsboro, Ore. (Liberty High)		
48	Israel Cabrera	S	5-10	180	Fr.	RS	Canyon Country, Calif. (Canyon High)		
48	Taylor Dodds	WR	6-2	190	Fr.	RS	Lake Forest, Calif. (El Toro High)		
50	Turner Bernard	LS	6-1	200	Fr.	HS	Glendale, Ariz. (Mountain Ridge High)		
51	Sam Tai	DL	6-3	280	Sr.	SQ	Henderson, Nev. (Liberty High/UCLA)		
52	Tyler Morris	LB	6-3	225	Jr.	1L	Henderson, Nev. (Foothill High)		
53	Douglas Tucker II	OL	6-5	300	Fr.	HS	Dallas, Texas (Parish Episcopal High)		
54	Calvin Munson	LB	6-1	245	Sr.	3L	St. Charles, Mo. (Francis Howell High)		
55	Chibu Onyeukwu	DL	6-4	240	Jr.	TR	Pittsburg, Calif. (Deer Valley High/Contra Costa College)		
56	Nico Siragusa	OL	6-5	330	Sr.	3L	Chula Vista, Calif. (Mater Dei Catholic High)		
57	Ryan Dunn	LB	6-3	230	Jr.	1L	Alamo, Calif. (San Ramon Valley High/Univ. of Arizona)		
57	Dominic O'Brien	OL	6-4	290	Fr.	RS	San Pedro, Calif. (San Pedro High/Southern Utah)		
58	Alex Barrett	DL	6-3	255	Sr.	3L	Mesa, Ariz. (Desert Ridge High)		
59	Kyle Kelley	DL	6-3	260	Sr.	1L	Irvine, Calif. (Woodridge High/Saddleback JC)		



Numerical

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School/College)
60	Keith Ismael	OL	6-3	310	Fr.	HS	Daly City, Calif. (Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep)
61	Damon Moore	DL	6-4	245	So.	SQ	Novato, Calif. (San Marin High)
62	Nick Gerhard	OL	6-5	300	Fr.	RS	Arlington, Texas (Mansfield Timberview High)
64	Ryan Krum	OL	6-4	320	Sr.	SQ	San Diego, Calif. (Valhalla High/UAB)
65	Sergio Phillips	DL	6-2	295	Jr.	2L	DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto High)
67	Antonio Rosales	OL	6-4	295	Jr.	1L	Tucson, Ariz. (Tucson Magnet High)
68	Myles Cheatum	DL	6-2	265	Fr.	RS	Cedar Park, Texas (Cedar Park High)
69	Ryan Simmons	LS	6-1	210	Fr.	RS	Dana Point, Calif. (Dana Hills High)
69	Jordan Watson	DL	6-5	285	Jr.	1L	Chicago, Ill. (Hales Franciscan High)
70	Arthur Flores	OL	6-5	305	Sr.	1L	Denver, Colo. (J.K. Mullen High)
72	Derrick Achayo	OL	6-4	285	Jr.	TR	Roseville, Calif. (Oakmont High/Sierra College)
73	Alfonso Solis	OL	6-2	280	Fr.	RS	Oxnard, Calif. (Channel Islands High)
74	Tyler Roemer	OL	6-7	305	Fr.	HS	Fernley, Nev. (Fernley High)
75	Kwayde Miller	OL	6-7	315	Sr.	1L	Ramona, Calif. (Ramona High)
76	Zachary Thomas	OL	6-5	270	Fr.	HS	Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad High)
77	Ryan Pope	OL	6-7	325	So.	RS	Long Beach, Calif. (Lakewood High/Long Beach City College)
78	Joe Salcedo	OL	6-7	295	So.	1L	Santa Barbara, Calif. (Bishop Diego High)
79	Daishawn Dixon	OL	6-5	340	Fr.	RS	San Antonio, Texas (William Howard Taft HS)
80	Brandon Fitzpatrick	S	6-3	190	Fr.	RS	Ramona, Calif. (Ramona High)
81	Eric Judge	WR	6-1	195	Sr.	3L	San Diego, Calif. (San Diego High)
82	Parker Houston	TE	6-3	240	Fr.	HS	Sparks, Nev. (Edward C. Reed High)
83	Kyle Spalding	TE	6-6	270	Fr.	HS	McKinleyville, Calif. (McKinleyville High)
84	Darryl Richardson	TE	6-5	255	Jr.	SQ	Seffner, Fla. (Armwood High)
85	Kyree Woods	CB	6-0	175	Fr.	HS	Mesa, Ariz. (Chandler High)
86	Jerry Chaney	WR	6-0	190	Fr.	RS	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga High)
87	Kahale Warring	TE	6-6	245	Fr.	RS	Sonora, Calif. (Sonora High)
88	David Wells	TE	6-5	255	Jr.	2L	Clovis, Calif. (Clovis North High)
89	Daniel Brunskill	TE	6-5	260	Sr.	3L	Valley Center, Calif. (Valley Center High)
90	Julian Rochelin	DL	6-5	245	So.	1L	Woodland Hills, Calif. (El Camino Real High)
91	Tanner Blain	P	6-0	205	Sr.	1L	Lindenhurst, Ill. (Lake Community High/El Camino College)
92	Isiah Macklin	WR	6-5	200	Fr.	HS	Las Vegas, Nev. (Green Valley High)
93	Timothy Wilson, Jr.	WR	6-4	190	Fr.	HS	Plano, Texas (Plano East High)
94	Jondarius Gardner	DL	6-4	295	Jr.	TR	Pensacola, Fla. (Pine Forest HS/Mesa Community College)
95	Noble Hall	DL	6-3	265	So.	1L	Las Vegas, Nev. (Valley High)
96	Thomas Browne	DL	6-4	255	Fr.	RS	San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine High)
97	Curtis Anderson III	WR	6-3	200	Sr.	1L	Palmdale, Calif. (Pete Knight High/Antelope Valley College)
98	Reggie Murphy	LB	6-5	250	Fr.	RS	Menifee, Calif. (Heritage High)
99	Forrest Hanlon	DL	6-2	240	Fr.	HS	Lemon Grove, Calif. (Helix High)
	Trenton Fincher	OL	6-8	340	Fr.	HS	Grand Rapids, Mich. (East Kentwood High)
	Temerick Harper	LB	6-1	225	Jr.	TR	Fontana, Calif. (Carter High/San Bernardino Valley College)
	Quest Truxton	WR	6-0	180	Jr.	TR	Newport Harbor, Calif. (Newport Beach High/Golden West College)

Alphabetical

No.	Name	Pos.
55	Onyeukwu, Chibu	DL
16	Parchment, Dwayne	S
20	Penny, Rashaad	RB
65	Phillips, Sergio	DL
77	Pope, Ryan	OL
19	Pumphrey, Donnel	RB
84	Richardson, Darryl	TE
40	Ricks, Randy	LB
90	Rochelin, Julian	DL
74	Roemer, Tyler	OL
67	Rosales, Antonio	OL
41	♦ Rose, Dominic	WR
78	Salcedo, Joe	OL
69	♦ Simmons, Ryan	LS
56	Siragusa, Nico	OL
12	Smith, Malik	S
17	Smith, Ron	CB
73	Solis, Alfonso	OL
83	Spalding, Kyle	TE
36	♦ Stallworth, Keoni	S
26	Stamps, Marcus	RB
11	Stricklin II, Will	S
51	Tai, Sam	DL
44	Tezino, Kyahva	LB
76	Thomas, Zachary	OL
18	♦ Thompson, Trenton	S
	Truxton, Quest	WR
53	Tucker II, Douglas	OL
41	♦ Turner, Dakota	DL
38	♦ Valenzuela, Alex	FB
24	Vaughn, Jr., Billy	CB
35	Walcott, Kevin	CB
18	♦ Walker, Jimmy	QB
87	Warring, Kahale	TE
29	♦ Washington, Juwan	RB
69	♦ Watson, Jordan	DL
88	Wells, David	TE
93	Wilson, Jr., Timothy	WR
85	Woods, Kyree	CB
45	♦ Wormhoudt, Tyler	RB
43	Wyatt-Thayer, Austin	LB

♦ - Duplicate Number

COACHING STAFF

Rocky Long (New Mexico '74) Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator, 6th season as head coach at SDSU/8th overall; **Jeff Horton** (Nevada '81) Associate Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator/Running Backs, 2nd season as offensive coordinator/6th overall; **Bobby Hauck** (Montana '87) Associate Head Coach/Special Teams Coordinator, 2nd season; **Zach Arnett** (New Mexico '09) Linebackers, 3rd season/6th overall; **Hunkie Cooper** (UNLV '91) Wide Receivers, 2nd season; **Danny Gonzales** (New Mexico '98) Safeties, 6th season; **Ernie Lawson** (San Diego State '10) Defensive Line, 1st season; **Blane Morgan** (Air Force '99) Quarterbacks, 2nd season; **Mike Schmidt** (San Diego State '09) Offensive Line, 5th season/7th overall; **Tony White** (UCLA '02) Cornerbacks/Recruiting Coordinator, 8th season; **Kevin McGarry** (USD '79) Director of Player Personnel, 3rd season/6th overall; **Adam Hall** (San Diego State '05) Assistant Athletic Director for Strength & Conditioning, 5th season; **Jashon Sykes** (Colorado '02) Assistant Athletic Director - Football Operations, 4th season; **Jake Laudenslayer** (Cal Lutheran '11) Graduate Assistant, 3rd season; **Zach Shultis** (Cal Lutheran, 2012), Graduate Assistant, 3rd season; **Lucky Radley** (Utah, 2015), Graduate Assistant, 2nd season; **Zach Shapiro** (San Diego State, 2010), Graduate Assistant, 2nd season; **Derrick Baker** (San Diego State, 2014), Assistant Strength & Conditioning, 1st season

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No. 5 Chase Favreau	FAHV-row
No. 12 Malik Smith	Mah-LEEK
No. 14 Parie Dedeaux	PARE-ee Duh-DOE
No. 21 Na'im McGee	NYE-eem
No. 22 Kalan Montgomery	KAY-len
No. 23 Damontae Kazee	KAY-zee
No. 31 Derek Babiash	BAB-ish
No. 34 Issac Lessard	less-ARD
No. 36 Keoni Stallworth	KEY-ah-knee

No. 39 Ronley Lakalaka	ron-LEE LOCK-AH-LOCK-AH
No. 44 Kyahva Tezino	Key-AH-va Tah-ZEENO
No. 45 Fred Melifonwu	Mel-ah-FAWN-wu
No. 51 Sam Tai	TIE
No. 55 Chibu Onyeukwu	CHEE-boo On-wan-YECK-ah
No. 56 Nico Siragusa	KNEE-co SARA-goose-ah
No. 62 Nick Gerhard	GAIR-hard
No. 72 Derrick Achayo	Ah-CHY-oh
No. 75 Kwayde Miller	KWAYD

No. 78 Joe Salcedo	sal-SEE-do
No. 87 Kahale Warring	Kah-HALL-ay WHERE-ing
No. 90 Julian Rochelin	ROSH-ah-lin
No. 94 Jondarius Gardner	JOHN-dare-ee-iss

Bobby Hauck	HOWK
Jashon Sykes	JAY-shawn

Depth Chart



SIX STRAIGHT BOWL GAME APPEARANCES ► 20 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

OFFENSE

LEFT TACKLE (LT)

- 75 **Kwayde Miller, 6-7, 315, Sr.***
- 77 Ryan Pope, 6-7, 325, So.-RS

LEFT GUARD (LG)

- 56 **Nico Siragusa, 6-5, 330, Sr.*****
- 73 Alfonso Solis, 6-2, 280, Fr.-RS

CENTER (C)

- 70 **Arthur Flores, 6-5, 305, Sr.***
- 72 Derrick Achayo, 6-4, 285, Jr.-TR

RIGHT GUARD (RG)

- 67 Antonio Rosales, 6-4, 295, Jr.-1L
- 79 Daishawn Dixon, 6-5, 340, Fr.-RS
- 64 Ryan Krum, 6-4, 320, Sr.-SQ

RIGHT TACKLE (RT)

- 78 Joe Salcedo, 6-7, 295, So.*
- 62 Nick Gerhard, 6-5, 300, Fr.-RS

WIDE RECEIVER (X)

- 6 **Mikah Holder, 6-0, 180, Jr.****
- 81 Eric Judge, 6-1, 195, Sr.***
- 2 Christian Cumberlander, 6-3, 205, Jr.*
- 41 Dominic Rose, 6-2, 190, Fr.-RS
- 48 Taylor Dodds, 6-2, 190, Fr.-RS

RUNNING BACK (TB)

- 19 **Donnel Pumphrey, 5-9, 180, Sr.*****
- 20 Rashaad Penny, 5-11, 220, Jr.**
- 26 Marcus Stamps, 6-1, 215, Jr.**
- 29 Juwan Washington, 5-7, 190, Fr.-RS
- 45 Tyler Wormhoudt, 6-1, 205, Fr.-HS

QUARTERBACK (QB)

- 10 Christian Chapman, 6-0, 200, So.*
- 9 Ryan Agnew, 6-0, 185, Fr.-RS
- 18 Jimmy Walker, 6-3, 215, Jr.-TR
- 14 Mason Hall, 6-3, 195, Fr.-RS

FULLBACK (FB)

- 15 Nick Bawden, 6-3, 240, Jr.*
- 34 Isaac Lessard, 6-3, 230, Fr.-RS
- 38 Alex Valenzuela, 6-0, 240, Fr.-HS

TIGHT END (TE)

- 89 **Daniel Brunskill, 6-5, 260, Sr.*****
- 88 David Wells, 6-5, 255, Jr.**
- 87 Kahale Warring, 6-6, 245, Fr.-RS
- 84 Darryl Richardson, 6-5, 255, Jr.-SQ

WIDE RECEIVER (Z)

- 5 **Chase Favreau, 6-1, 200, Jr.****
- 97 Curtis Anderson III, 6-3, 200, Sr.*
- 86 Jerry Chaney, 6-0, 190, Fr.-RS
- 4 Kendrick Mathis, 6-0, 195, Sr.* (1st yr at WR)
- 37 Liam Cabrera, 5-10, 190, Fr.-RS

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE END (DE)

- 59 Kyle Kelley, 6-3, 260, Sr.*
- 41 Dakota Turner, 6-3, 250, Jr.**
- 46 Jay Henderson, 6-2, 230, Jr.** (1st YR on DL) **OR**
- 68 Myles Cheatum, 6-2, 265, Fr.-RS

DEFENSIVE TACKLE (DT)

- 65 Sergio Phillips, 6-2, 295, Jr.**
- 95 Noble Hall, 6-3, 265, So.*
- 94 Jondarius Gardner, 6-4, 295, Jr.-TR
- 69 Jordan Watson, 6-5, 285, Jr.*

DEFENSIVE END (DE)

- 58 **Alex Barrett, 6-3, 255, Sr.*****
- 90 Julian Rochelin, 6-5, 245, So.*
- 96 Thomas Browne, 6-4, 255, Fr.-RS

LINEBACKER (LB)

- 54 **Calvin Munson, 6-1, 245, Sr.*****
- 39 Ronley Lakalaka, 6-0, 235, So.*
- 34 John Carroll, 6-2, 225, Fr.-RS

MIDDLE LINEBACKER (MLB)

- 40 Randy Ricks, 6-5, 230, Sr.*
- 57 **Ryan Dunn, 6-3, 230, Jr.***
- 98 Reggie Murphy, 6-5, 250, Fr.-RS

LINEBACKER (LB)

- 43 Austin Wyatt-Thayer, 6-5, 230, Sr.*
- 44 Kyavha Tezino, 6-0, 230, Fr.-RS

CORNERBACK (CB)

- 24 Billy Vaughn, Jr., 6-1, 190, Jr.** **OR**
- 31 Derek Babish, 6-1, 190, Jr.*
- 17 Ron Smith, 6-0, 170, Fr.-RS
- 30 Garrett Binkley, 5-9, 170, Fr.-RS

WARRIOR (WAR)

- 12 **Malik Smith, 6-0, 190, Sr.*****
- 10 Jeff Clay, 6-0, 195, Fr.-RS
- 48 Israel Cabrera, 5-10, 180, Fr.-RS

AZTEC (AZ)

- 21 **Na'im McGee, 6-0, 200, Sr.****
- 33 Parker Baldwin, 6-2, 215, So.*
- 80 Brandon Fitzpatrick, 6-3, 190, Fr.-RS

WARRIOR (WAR)

- 7 **Kameron Kelly, 6-2, 195, Jr.** **OR****
- 3 Trey Lomax, 5-11, 195, Jr.**
- 16 Dwayne Parchment, 5-11, 195, Fr.-RS

CORNERBACK (CB)

- 23 **Damontae Kazee, 5-11, 190, Sr.*****
- 22 Kalan Montgomery, 6-1, 185, Jr.**
- 35 Kevin Walcott, 5-11, 195, Jr.*

SPECIALISTS

PUNTER (P)

- 91 **Tanner Blain, 6-0, 205, Sr.***

PLACEKICKER (PK)

- 29 John Baron II, 5-11, 190, So.-SQ

KICKOFFS (KO)

- 29 John Baron II, 5-11, 190, So.-SQ

HOLDER (H)

- 91 **Tanner Blain, 6-0, 205, Sr.***
- 5 Chase Favreau, 6-1, 200, Jr.**

LONG SNAPPER (LS)

- 69 Ryan Simmons, 6-1, 210, Fr.-RS

KICKOFF RETURNS (KR)

- 20 **Rashaad Penny, 5-11, 220, Jr.****
- 7 Kameron Kelly, 6-2, 195, Jr.**

PUNT RETURNS (PR)

- 6 Mikah Holder, 6-0, 180, Jr.**
- 23 **Damontae Kazee, 5-11, 190, Sr.*****

* - Denotes number of letters earned through the 2015 season. Players in **bold** are returning starters from the 2015 season. Underlined players are newcomers or freshmen who redshirted last season.

INJURED (INJ)

- DL 51-Sam Tai, 6-3, 280, Sr.-SQ
- DL 61-Damon Moore, 6-4, 245, So.-SQ
- LB 52-Tyler Morris, 6-3, 225, Jr.*