

San Diego State Aztecs

2016 Record: 3-1, 0-0 MW
Six Straight Bowl Game Appearances
20-Time Conference Champions



Jeff Horton

Assoc. HC/Off. Coordinator/RB's Coach

- Second season as offensive coordinator (sixth 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

75 Kwayde Miller

6-7 • 315 • Sr.-1L CGP: 21; CGS: 18
Ramona, Calif. (Ramona HS)

TOP NOTE: Started all 18 games since 2015 after playing in just three games total in 2014.

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Pronounced: KWAYD ... Big, tall lineman who took over the blind spot last year from two-time all-MW pick & 2015 NFL fourth-round draftee Terry Poulk ... Started 17 consecutive games ... CFF graded him out as second-most effective lineman on team vs. Cal. ... Started all 14 games last season ... Logged his 1st career snaps in the 2014 opener vs. NAU ... Also played off the bench vs. FS & SIS ... Redshirted in 2012 ... Switched to offensive line from tight end during his junior year at Ramona HS ... Was a 3-star recruit by Rivals, Scout & ESPN ... Also played basketball & was on the T&F team at Ramona HS ... A social science major.

BACKUP

74 Tyler Roemer

6-7 • 305 • Fr.-HS CGP: 0; CGS: 0
Fernley, Nev. (Fernley HS)

Notes: One of only two true freshmen on the offensive two-deep (also LG Keith Ismael) ... Was all-league and all-state at both offensive and defensive line as the T&F team in Nevada ... Also played two years of basketball.

LEFT GUARD

56 Nico Siragusa

6-5 • 335 • Sr.-3L CGP: 44; CGS: 32
Chula Vista, Calif. (Mater Dei Catholic HS)

TOP NOTE: Is the only Aztec o-lineman who has at least one start over each of the last four years (2013-16).

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Pronounced: sara-GOOSE-uh ... On the Outland Trophy Watch List (outstanding interior lineman) ... Has almost as many career starts (32) as the rest of the SDSU offensive line combined (44) ... Has graded out as top run blocker this season by CFF ... Is a preseason 2nd-team All-American by Phil Steele Magazine ... Was a 1st-team all-MW pick last year ... Career starts: 4 at LG in 2016, 14 at LG in 2015, 13 at LG in 2014, 1 at RG in 2013 ... Was the only SDSU fresh (ros or true) to start 2013 opener ... RS in 2012 ... Was an all-CIF first-team selection & a 1st-team all-state pick at local Mater Dei HS in Chula Vista, Calif. ... A social science major.

BACKUP

60 Keith Ismael

6-3 • 310 • Fr.-HS CGP: 0; CGS: 0
Daly City, Calif. (Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep)

Notes: Joins backup LT Tyler Roemer as the only 2-true freshmen on the offensive 2-deep ... Was a 1st-team all-league pick & a 2nd-team all-Metro selection as a senior at Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep ... Also played lax at SHCP.

CENTER

70 Arthur Flores

6-5 • 305 • Sr.-1L CGP: 18; CGS: 18
Denver, Colo. (J.K. Mullen HS)

TOP NOTE: Was the only Aztec on offense who started the 2015 opener having never played in a collegiate game.

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
On the Rimington Trophy Watch List (most outstanding center) ... Athletic lineman who will make his 19th straight start Saturday ... Moved to center in spring 2015 after playing guard his first 3 years at SDSU ... From the same high school (J.K. Mullen) as former 2-time all-MW 2nd-team center Alec Johnson (2011-12) ... Did not play in a 2013 or 2014 ... Redshirted his 1st year at SDSU in 2012 ... Was the 9th-ranked HS recruit out of Colorado, earning 1st-team all-state & all-conference as a senior in 2011 ... A 3-star recruit by ESPN & Scout ... Helped J.K. Mullen to 3 state titles ... Also was all-state in track & field.

BACKUP

62 Nick Gerhard

6-5 • 300 • Fr.-RS CGP: 1; CGS: 0
Arlington, TX (Mansfield Timberview HS)

Notes: Pronounced GAIR-hard ... Was emergency short-snapper on PAT & FG's last week ... 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 GUARD

67 Antonio Rosales

6-4 • 295 • Jr.-1L CGP: 10; CGS: 4
Tucson, Ariz. (Tucson Magnet HS)

Notes: Physical, offensive lineman who continues to get bigger ... Started all four games this year ... Played in six games off the bench in 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.

OR

RIGHT GUARD

77 Ryan Pope

6-7 • 325 • So.-RS CGP: 2; CGS: 0
Long Beach, Calif. (Lakewood HS/LBCC)

Notes: Is listed as the co-starter for the first time this season and first time listed as a guard ... Is on the two-deep for the second time this weekend ... Missed first two games with a chest injury ... Redshirted last year ... Led Long Beach City College to a 9-2 record in 2014 ... Played football and basketball at Lakewood HS ... Is majoring in social science.

RIGHT TACKLE

71 Daniel Brunskill

6-5 • 260 • Sr.-3L CGP: 44; CGS: 32
Valley Center, Calif. (Valley Center HS)

TOP NOTE: Moved to right tackle after being named a Pro Football Focus HM All-American last year at tight end.

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
On the Wuerffel Trophy Watch List (top community service) ... Good blocking tight end, who moved to right tackle in the fall with injuries to the off line ... Is ranked as the 2nd-best run blocker through four games ... Was named an all-MW HM pick by the MW coaches & media in 2016 ... Has 3 career TD catches & 15 rec. overall ... 2015: Started all 14 games, making 10 catches with 2 TD ... 2014: Started 4 games & played in all 13, making 5 catches with a TD ... 2013: Played in all 13 games ... 2012: Redshirt ... First-team all-CIF all-league & all-county as a SR. at Valley Center HS ... Majoring in civil engineering.

BACKUP

77 Ryan Pope

6-7 • 325 • So.-RS CGP: 2; CGS: 0
Long Beach, Calif. (Lakewood HS/LBCC)

Notes: On 2-deep for 2nd time this weekend ... Missed 1st 2 GP with chest injury ... Redshirted last year ... Led Long Beach City College to a 9-2 record in 2014 ... Played football & basketball at Lakewood HS ... A social science major.

FULLBACK

15 Nick Bawden

6-3 • 240 • Jr.-1L CGP: 17; CGS: 3
Los Gatos, Calif. (Los Gatos High)

TOP NOTE: Is expected to start at fullback Saturday vs. UNLV for the second time (also started twice at QB as a true-freshman in 2014).

2016 Stats:

Rushing		Receiving			
GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	TD	Lg.
3	1	1	4	0	4
4	4	9	75	7	29
3	1	7	8	7	3
1	1	7	8	7	3
1	1	7	8	7	3

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Former quarterback, who moved to FB in the fall of 2015 ... Put on 20 pounds of muscle since switching positions ... Coach Long called him the most improved player in the spring ... Has three catches for 18 yards (6.0 avg.) over the past three games after not playing in the opener ... Also has a 4-yard rush ... Played in nine games in 2015 ... Was 13-for-38 (34.2 pct.) with TD pass and two interceptions as a true freshman quarterback in 2014 ... Was a three-star quarterback out of Los Gatos High School by ESPN, Scout & 247sports ... Is majoring in business administration with a concentration on a management entrepreneur.

RUNNING BACK

19 Donnel Pumfrey

5-9 • 180 • Sr.-3L CGP: 45; CGS: 31
Las Vegas, Nev. (Canyon Springs HS)

TOP NOTE: Currently leads the nation in rushing (187.5), is ranked 2nd in all-purpose (222.0) & 17th all-time in NCAA rushing (5,022).

2016 Stats:

Rushing		Receiving			
GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	TD	Lg.
4	4	98	750	7	79
3	3	11	74	6	26

On Walter Camp, Maxwell & Doak Walker Award Watch Lists ... Is the pre-MW Off. PoY ... Has 2 of top-10 rush yrs this year (281 vs. Cal (2nd) & 220 at NIU (10th)) ... Was 1st FBS player with 500-plus yds in 2 games since Oklahoma's Samaje Perine in 2014 ... Has SDSU record 5,022 rush yds, 5,969 all-purpose yds & 25 100-yd games ... Leads all active FBS players in rush yds & AP yds ... Was 1 of 4 in FBS last year to lead team in rushing & receptions ... Named a 5th AA & the MW Off. PoY ... 2014 FBS rush: 4th in RYPC (143.6), 8th in APYPC (155.9), 9th in rush TDs (20) & RYPC (6.8) & 1st-team all-MW ... Had 752 yds & 8 TD as a FR in 2013 ... First SDSU rush with 100+ yds in 3 straight games since Marshall Faulk in 1991 ... Nev. Governor Pat Cuffy in 2012 ... Had 4,152 yds & 49 TDs over HS career ... Comm. major.

BACKUP

20 Rashaad Penny

5-11 • 220 • Jr.-2L CGP: 31; CGS: 4
Norwalk, Calif. (Norwalk HS)

Notes: Has 8 straight GP w/ at least 1 TD (5 rush, 2 rec, 2 KR) ... Named pre-2nd-team AA by 2 pubs ... Had a 100-yd KR TD vs. Cal (4th career KR for TD) ... Is 3rd among active FBS leaders in KR avg. (30.5) ... Was MW ST PoY last year, ranking 2nd all-MW avg. (33.5) & 2nd in KR TDs (3) ... 2015 rec: 8-120-1 (0.5) KR, 24-804-3 (33.5) ... Had 2,504 rush yds & 41 TDs over HS career ... Brother, Elijah, led Idaho in rushing.

QUARTERBACK

10 Christian Chapman

6-0 • 200 • So.-1L CGP: 13; CGS: 6
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

TOP NOTE: Is 5-1 as a starting quarterback, winning the 2015 MW Championship, the Hawai'i Bowl and first three games this year.

2016 Stats:

GP	GS	Att.	Cmp.	Pct.	Int.	TD	Yds.	Rtg.
4	4	89	54	60.7	2	7	697	147.92

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Notes: Mobile, accurate quarterback with a quick release ... Has the 16th-best pass efficiency rating in FBS since Dec. 5, 2015 (Chapman became No. 1 QB) (159.5, min. 100 att) ... Career-high 283 yards vs. UNH & CH three TD at NIU ... Threw for 436 yards last year with no interceptions over his final 39 attempts ... Posted the 2nd-best pass eff. (209.7) among QBs making their Aztec debut in MW Championship vs. AFA (19-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 ended up redshirting ... Was a 3-star recruit by Rivals, Scout & ESPN at local Carlsbad High School ... Was a 2-time all-Avocado League selection, passing for 1,986 yards & 23 TDs as a senior.

BACKUP

9 Ryan Agnew

6-0 • 185 • Fr.-RS CGP: 1; CGS: 0
Southlake, Texas (Carroll HS)

Notes: Athletic, mobile quarterback with an accurate arm ... Was 1-for-1 for 8 yards vs. UNH ... RS in 2015, where he was named the team's off. scout PoY ... Passed for 6,967 yards & 56 touchdowns over three years at Carroll High in Southlake, Texas ... Also rushed for 2,286 yards & 38 TDs.

No. 3 RUNNING BACK

29 Juwan Washington

5-7 • 190 • Fr.-RS CGP: 4; CGS: 0
Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale HS)

Notes: Has a great blend of speed and power ... Carried 8 times for 37 yards (4.6 avg.) this year ... Also has 3 KR for 93 yds (31.0 avg.) ... Redshirted his 1st season at SDSU in 2015 ... Rushed for 139 yds & 7 TD, averaging 9.5 YPC at Kennedale HS ... Had 5 3,000-yard games in HS.

Z RECEIVER

6 Mikah Holder

6-0 • 180 • Jr.-2L CGP: 28; CGS: 15
Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside HS)

TOP NOTE: Brother, King, lettered at SDSU from 2011-13 at cornerback, starting during the 2013 season.

2016 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
4	4	12	290	24.2	86	3

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Had 4 catches for 160 yds & 2 TD vs. UNH, the most yards by Aztec since Ezell Ruffin had 165 on Nov. 2, 2013 ... Included in 160 yards was an 86-yd TD ... Career: 41 rec., 782 yds, 9 TDs ... Had 24 catches for a team-high 439 yards (18.3 avg.) & 6 TD in 2015 ... His 6 TD were the most by an Aztec WR since Colin Lockhart had 8 in 2011 ... Played in final 10 games in 2014 as a TR-Fresh ... Had 3 rec. for 33 yds (11.0 avg.) in 1st career game vs. UNLV ... Was a 3-star recruit from all of the major recruiting services out of nearby Oceanside HS ... Had 41 rec. for 1,229 yds & 11 TD as a Sr. ... A social science major.

BACKUP

85 Quest Truxton

6-0 • 180 • Jr.-FR CGP: 4; CGS: 0
Newport Harbor, CA (Newport Harbor HS/Golden West Coll.)

Notes: All-purpose transfer who can play WR, PR & KR ... Leads MW in PR avg. (11.3 avg.) ... Also has 2 catches for 23 yds & has 3 KR for 52 yds. (17.3 avg.) ... All-region 1st team at Golden West College ... Sunset League Off. PoY at Newport Harbor HS ... A sociology major.

X RECEIVER

97 Curtis Anderson

6-3 • 200 • Sr.-1L CGP: 11; CGS: 2
Palmdale, Calif. (Pete Knight HS/Antelope Valley College)

TOP NOTE: Is first in the depth chart heading into the UNLV game for the first time of his career.

2016 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
4	1	2	9	4.5	6	0

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Notes: Earned a scholarship before fall drills ... Arguably the best blocking wide receiver ... Has played in all four games this year, starting last week at South Alabama ... Has two receptions for nine yards this year ... Battled injuries in 2015 in first season at SDSU ... Had a 6-yard catch at Hawai'i and started at San Jose State ... Played two years at Antelope Valley High, combining for 34 catches, 387 yards & 4 touchdowns ... Played prep ball at Pete Knight High School, earning second-team all-Golden League honors as a senior ... A social science major.

BACKUP

81 Eric Judge

6-1 • 190 • Sr.-3L CGP: 43; CGS: 11
San Diego, Calif. (San Diego HS)

Notes: Big-play receiver w/ excellent speed ... Started 1st 3 games with 13 rec. & 149 yds ... Career: 65 rec., 1,125 yds. (17.3 avg.), 6 TD ... 2015: 15 rec., 296 yds., 1 TD ... 2014: 24 rec., 471 yds., 2 TD ... 2013: 13 rec., 218 yds., 3 TD ... Had 3 100-plus yard games at SDSU ... A social science major.

TIGHT END

88 David Wells

6-5 • 255 • Jr.-2L CGP: 30; CGS: 4
Clovis, Calif. (Clovis North HS)

TOP NOTE: Made first career starts this season after playing first 26 games off the bench.

2016 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
4	4	5	46	9.2	13	0

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Notes: Tall, big body with great hands ... Made first career starts this year ... Already has five catches, one more than he had over his first two seasons ... Has a catch in four straight games for the first time of his career ... Had four catches for 22 yards (5.5 avg.) last year ... Played final 12 games in 2014, mostly on special teams ... Redshirted the 2013 campaign ... Former quarterback, who converted to tight end late in prep career at Clovis North High School ... Was a first-team all-league and all-Valley ... Was a three-star recruit by Rivals ... Was a 2015 MW Fall All-Academic pick ... Working on masters.

BACKUP

87 Kahale Warring

6-6 • 245 • Fr.-RS CGP: 4; CGS: 0
Sonora, Calif. (Sonora HS)

Notes: Put on 25 lbs. since arriving in 2015 ... Has 2 catches (both TDs) for 17 yards ... Redshirted in 2015 ... Played just 1 year of football in high school, while also excelling in basketball & water polo ... Full name: Kahale Kaio Kalani Michael Wodehouse Warring ... A business admin. major.

Offensive Tidbits

- Several of the Aztec offensive players are on watch lists for the nation's top player at their position, including TE (now RT) Daniel Brunskill (Wuerffel), C Arthur Flores (Rimington), RB Donnel Pumfrey (Walter Camp, Maxwell, Doak Walker) & RG Nico Siragusa (Outland).
- Associate head coach and offensive backs coach Jeff Horton is in his second year as offensive coordinator at SDSU. In his sixth year overall at San Diego State, Horton has head coaching stints at Minnesota (interim in 2011), UNLV (1994-98) and Nevada (1993).

- SDSU is 45-12 in the Rocky Long era when scoring just 20 or more points.

- The Aztecs had a school-record 3,266 rushing yards last season (previous best was 2,869 in 2012).

- SDSU has a 1,000-yard rusher in six straight seasons for the first time in program history. Donnel Pumfrey (1,653) and Chase Price (1,008) gave San Diego State multiple 1,000-yard rushers for the first time in school history in 2015.

- The Aztecs have won 25 straight games when rushing for at least 200 yards (33-2 in the Rocky Long era).

- San Diego State had 200-plus rushing yards in 10 straight games last year in the same season for the first time in its Division I history (since 1969).

- SDSU has a 100-yard rusher in 30 of its past 39 games and has a total of 34, 100-yard rushers during that span.

- San Diego State is 20-1 in program history when it has two, 100-yard rushers, including three times last year - Oct. 3 vs. Fresno State, Nov. 14 vs. Wyoming and Nov. 28 vs. Nevada.

- The Aztecs have just 20 interceptions (both this season) since Sept. 13, 2015, the fewest in FBS play over that span.

- San Diego State had gone 13 games without throwing an interception until its Sept. 10 game vs. California, which was the longest streak in terms of games played in at least 20 years (since 1996).

SPECIALISTS

PAT'S/FG'S: 29 John Baron II, 5-11, 190, So.-SO
▶ FG/FGA: 3-for-4 (0.750) | Long: 39 | PAT: 17-for-17 (1.000)
Punts: 91 Tanner Blain, 6-0, 205, Sr.-1L
▶ Punts: 23 | Avg.: 40.4 | Long: 53 | TB: 2 | I20: 9 | 50+: 3
Kickoffs: 29 John Baron II, 5-11, 190, So.-SO
▶ KO: 26 | Avg.: 62.8 | TB: 10 | OB: 1 | Avg. Opp. Start: 23
Long/Short Snapper: 69 Ryan Simmons, 6-1, 210, Fr.-SR
Holder: 91 Tanner Blain, 6-0, 205, Sr.-1L
Kick Returner: 20 Rashaad Penny ▶ & 85 Quest Truxton
▶ Penny - KR: 4 | Yds: 158 | Avg.: 39.5 | TD: 1 | Long: 100
Punt Returner: 85 Quest Truxton
▶ PR: 9 | Yds: 102 | Avg.: 11.3 | TD: 0 | Long: 32

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Rocky Long

Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator

- Three-Time Mountain West Coach of the Year
- All-time winningest coach in Mountain West history
- Has led San Diego State to 20 come-from-behind victories
- Defensive unit ranked in top 10 in all four major categories in 2016
- 12 players selected in the NFL Draft in his five seasons as head coach

DEFENSIVE END

59 Kyle Kelley

6-3 • 260 • Sr.-1L CGP: 30; CGS: 6
Irvine, Calif. (Woodbridge HS/Saddleback College)

TOP NOTE: Had a Hawai'i Bowl-record 3.5 sacks vs. Cincinnati on Dec. 24, 2015, in just his second career start.

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Excellent pass rusher ... 2nd year at SDSU after playing the 2014 season at Saddleback College & 2013 at Arizona ... Has 11 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 2.0 sacks & 4 QBH ... Led SDSU to QBH (8) last year & ranked 2nd in sacks (7.5), despite starting just 2 times ... His 3.5 sacks in the Hawai'i Bowl were tied for the 3rd most in a game in program history ... First 10 games last year: 8 tackles, 2 TFL, 1.0 sack & 1 PBU. Final 4 games: 16 tackles, 7 TFL, 6.5 sacks & 1 FF ... Earned 1st career start against Air Force in the MW Championship ... Had 46 tackles, 9.5 sacks & 13 TFL in 2014 at Saddleback College ... Played 12 games in 2013 at Arizona with 1 stop ... KS in 2012 ... A 4-star recruit out of Woodbridge HS, where he was a PrepStar & Parade All-American ... Is majoring in social science.

BACKUP

41 Dakota Turner

6-3 • 250 • Jr.-1L CGP: 22; CGS: 3
Mililani, Hawaii (Mililani High)

Notes: Tore his ACL last year at Hawai'i & came back to start the 1st 3 games at FB this year ... Moved back to DE for bye week & had career-high 7 tackles last week at South Ala. ... Career: 41 tackles, 6.5 TFL & 2 sacks in 22 career games (inc. 3 off. GP) ... A business admin. major.

LINEBACKER

54 Calvin Munson

6-1 • 245 • Sr.-3L CGP: 42; CGS: 31
St. Charles, Mo. (Francis Howell HS)

TOP NOTE: His three career interceptions returned for a touchdown are tied for the most in SDSU history with Ricky Parker (1996-99).

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
On 4 NFL preseason watch lists (Nagurski, Bednarik, Burkus & Latt IMPACT) ... Leads team in tackles (43, No. 2 in 2015) & QBH (8) ... Also has 4.5 TFL & 2 sacks ... Was a 1st-team all-MW pick in 2015, totaling 98 tackles, 15.0 TFL, 9.5 sacks, 2 INT (both for TD), 2 FF & 2 PBU ... Named SDSU Co-Def. POY in 2014 ... Earned nat'l Def. POW honors (Waller Camp & Latt IMPACT) & MW POW accolades after posting 10 tackles, w/ 2 INT returns for TD & a FR vs. USD ... 2014 HM all-MW ... Avg. 36.5 yds per INT return in 2014, which ranked 3rd in FBS ... Named SDSU Def. POY in 2014 ... 2013: 4 tackles on ST ... Career: 228 tackles, 30 TFL, 15.5 sacks, 6 INT, 4 FF, 2 FR, 2 PBU ... A health comm. major ... Father, Kurt, was on DL at Oregon St. ... Drafted in 31st round of 2013 MLB Draft by STL ... Also pitched on SDSU baseball team in 2015.

BACKUP

44 Kyahva /Key-AH-va/ Tezino

6-0 • 230 • Fr.-RS CGP: 3; CGS: 0
Los Angeles, Calif. (Salesian HS)

Notes: Explosive athlete who is expected to log key snaps this year in his redshirt freshman year ... Redshirted 2015, where he was named the team's defensive scout player of the year ... Rushed for 1,704 yards & 13 TDs on offense & made 343 tackles at Salesian HS ... A 4-star recruit.

CORNERBACK

31 Derek Babiash

6-1 • 190 • Jr.-1L CGP: 20; CGS: 4
Poway, CA (Poway HS/Univ. of Ariz.)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
A fantastic athlete, who also was an all-star basketball & track runner at Poway HS ... Is 3rd in MW (17th in FBS) in passes defensed (PG (1.50)) ... Made 1st start vs. UNH ... Had CH's of 8 tackles & 3 PBU in another start vs. Cal ... Leads team with 5 PBU & is 2nd in tackles (20) ... In his 4th collegiate (played 9 games as a TR-Fr. at Arizona in 2013 with 2 tackles, SDSU RS in 2014, played final 7 games of 2015 as a sophomore at SDSU with 3 stops & 3 PBU) ... A communication major.

OR

24 Billy Vaughn, Jr.

6-1 • 190 • Jr.-2L CGP: 25; CGS: 0
Los Angeles, Calif. (Dorsey HS)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
An athletic playmaker ... Battled injuries in fall camp, but did play on special teams vs. New Hampshire, making one tackle ... Also played last three games ... In 2015, had 11 tackles (nine on special teams) in eight games ... Had 30 tackles (19 solo), an interception and three PBU in 2014 ... Had two stops & blocked kick in 2013 opener before redshirting with an injury ... Career: 44 tackles, 1 INT & 3 PBU ... A three-star recruit by ESPN & track standout at Dorsey High School ... A business admin. major.

BACKUP

10 Jeff Clay

6-0 • 195 • Fr.-RS CGP: 4; CGS: 0
Lancaster, Calif. (Antelope Valley HS)

A smart player, who saw first career action in all three games this year ... Currently listed as the backup behind two-time all-Mountain West selection Malik Smith ... Redshirted in 2015 and was named SDSU special teams scout player of the year ... Led Antelope Valley HS as a senior in passing yards and TD, rushing attempts, yards and TD ... An environmental engineering major.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

95 Noble Hall

6-3 • 265 • So.-1L CGP: 15; CGS: 7
Las Vegas, Nev. (Valley High)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Athletic, mobile defensive lineman ... Has seven tackles, 1.5 TFL, a sack & 2 QBH this year in four starts ... Had 20 tackles in 2015 in 11 games (three starts), including 6 TFL, 0.5 sacks, a FF & a PBU ... Starts came in the 1st 3 games vs. San Diego, California & South Alabama ... Received SDSU Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year, while redshirting ... Reached 3 stars from both ESPN & 24/7sports out of HS ... A 3-time letterwinner & 3-time captain at Valley High 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.

OR

65 Sergio Phillips

6-2 • 295 • Jr.-2L CGP: 19; CGS: 0
DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto HS)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Was recruited on offensive line, but played defensive line in 2014, offensive line in 2015 and back to defensive line in the Air Force game last year in the MW Championship game ... Has seven tackles and a QBH this season in three games ... Played in eight games last year (six on OL, two on DL), including being the only substitute at the MW Championship game ... Had five tackles, 2.0 TFL & a sack in 2014 ... Was a three-star recruit out of DeSoto High School in Texas ... On an all-state selection as a senior ... Led DeSoto to a 14-1 record and 7-0 mark in league play as a senior ... A criminal justice major.

LINEBACKER

40 Randy Ricks

6-5 • 230 • Sr.-1L CGP: 12; CGS: 5
Las Vegas, Nev. (Legacy HS/Arizona Western College)

TOP NOTE: Only player on the team this year with at least one sack, one forced fumble and one pass breakup.

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Big body who has experience playing both linebacker & at defensive line ... Originally signed with the Aztecs in 2012, but didn't join SDSU until the fall of 2015 ... Has 11 tackles, 3.0 TFL, a sack, 3 QBH & 2 PBU this year ... Played in 9 games with 2 starts last year, missing 4 games with a toe injury ... Had 22 tackles, 5.0 TFL, 2.5 sacks, 4 PBU & 2 FF in 2015 ... Spent 2 seasons at Arizona Western College ... Posted 43 tackles, 8.5 sacks & 3 FF in 2014, helping the Matadors to a 11-1 overall record ... In 2013, made 36 tackles, 16 TFL, 3 FF, 2 FR & 3 PBU ... Was named the defensive MVP at the El Toro Bowl, recording 3 sacks, 5 tackles & a FF ... Played both defensive line & linebacker at Legacy High in Las Vegas, where he was a 2-time all-league pick ... Also played basketball & competed in track & field.

BACKUP

57 Ryan Dunn

6-3 • 230 • Jr.-1L CGP: 17; CGS: 13
Alamo, CA (San Ramon Valley HS/Univ. of Arizona)

Notes: Has 5 tackles this year ... Started all 13 games he played in last year with 40 tackles & 4.5 TFL ... Sat out in 2014 after transferring from Arizona, where he RS in 2013 ... Prep'd at San Ramon Valley HS ... A consensus 3-star recruit who played in the BMW West Coast Bowl & Cal State All-Star Game.

BACKUP

33 Parker Baldwin

6-2 • 215 • So.-1L CGP: 18; CGS: 0
Siloam Springs, Ark. (Siloam Sprgs. HS)

Has 11 tackles, a TFL & a FF in 2016 ... Career-high 8 stops at NIU on extensive action ... Was 2nd on the team as a fresh in special teams tackles (10) ... Only TR-Fr. to see action in 2015 opener ... Had 14 tackles, an INT & a FF being named team's Fr. of the Year ... Earned all-state accolades as a Sr ... Scored 8 TD & had 758 rec. yds, 135 rush yds & 134 catches in his final HS season ... Was the state champ in the 200m dash.

DEFENSIVE END

58 Alex Barrett

6-3 • 255 • Sr.-3L CGP: 40; CGS: 28
Mesa, Ariz. (Desert Ridge HS)

TOP NOTE: Last year became SDSU's first defensive lineman to earn first-year all-MW honors since 2006 (Anthony Applewhite).

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Is a preseason 1st-team all-MW selection by all the major publications & the MW media ... Has 18 tackles, 4.0 sacks, 5.0 TFL, 4 PBU & 3 QBH ... 4 PBU vs. UNH were tied for 5th most-ever by an Aztec ... Has the most TFL (37) & sacks (11.5) of any current Aztec, despite starting just 28 times ... Career: 134 tackles, 32.0 TFL, 15.5 sacks, 2 INT (1 TD), 8 PBU, 2 FF ... Was a 1st-team all-MW pick last year ... Had 62 tackles in 2014 to go along with 13 TFL, 5.5 sacks, 2 interceptions, 2 forced fumbles & a PBU ... Named 2014 MW honorable mention as a sophomore, despite missing the final 3 games due to injury (foot) ... Earned team's defensive lineman of the year ... Was a 2-time 1st-team all-state at Desert Ridge HS ... Also played OL & lettered in track & field ... Criminal justice major.

BACKUP

41 Dakota Turner

6-3 • 250 • Jr.-1L CGP: 22; CGS: 3
Mililani, Hawaii (Mililani High)

Notes: Tore his ACL last year at Hawai'i & came back to start the 1st 3 games at FB this year ... Moved back to DE for bye week & had career-high 7 tackles last week at South Ala. ... Career: 41 tackles, 6.5 TFL & 2 sacks in 22 career games (inc. 3 off. GP) ... A business admin. major.

LINEBACKER

39 Ronley /ron-lee/ Lakalaka

6-0 • 235 • So.-1L CGP: 15; CGS: 3
Kalihii, Hawaii (Punahou HS)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Physical linebacker who has a ton of potential ... 1 of 2 players on the team from Hawai'i (also fullback Dakota Turner) ... Started three of four games this year (UNH, NIU & USA) ... Career-high five stops vs. UNH ... Had a 9-yard INT return for a touchdown vs. Cal ... Has played in 15 straight games (starting with Penn State on Sept. 26, 2015) ... Was 1 of 2 true freshmen on the depth chart in either side of the ball last season (also safety Parker Baldwin) ... Had 11 tackles ... Middle name is Saunamoniofae (68 points in Scrabble (includes 50 points for using all files)) ... A business admin. major ... Was two-time all-state first-team selection at Punahou High.

OR

43 Austin Wyatt-Thayer

6-5 • 230 • Sr.-1L CGP: 16; CGS: 2
Paradise, Calif. (Sierra College)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Big, athletic body who is coming off another solid fall camp ... Has played in each of the last 13 games ... Started vs. Cal ... Career-high 8 tackles at South Alabama ... Made his 1st career start in the Hawai'i Bowl against Cincinnati last season ... Played in 12 games, making 11 tackles (9 solo) ... Was a two-time all-Wal-Cat League pick at Sierra College & a team captain in his final year in 2014 ... His 119 tackles in 2013 were second most in state ... Prep'd at Paradise High School, earning all-Eastern Athletic League accolades on four occasions, including three as a safety & one as a wide receiver ... Is majoring in psychology.

OR

7 Kameron Kelly

6-2 • 195 • Jr.-2L CGP: 23; CGS: 13
Murphy, Texas (Wylie HS)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Explosive speedster who saw immediate playing time as a true freshman in 2014 & started final 13 games in 2015 ... Has nine tackles, two PBUs & an interception in four games off the bench ... Had 58 tackles, 3 PBU, 2 INT & 2.0 TFL in 2015 ... Played in the first six games as a true freshman in 2014 before being sidelined with an injury ... Career: 68 tackles, 3 INT, 5 PBU ... A three-star recruit (Scout.com) ... Recorded seven interceptions on defense as a prep athlete at Wylie HS ... Is majoring in kinesiology.

Defensive Tidbits

- Several of the Aztec defensive players are on watch list for the nation's top player at their position, including CB Damontae Kazez (Thorpe) LB Calvin Munson (Nagurski, Burkus).
- Rocky Long is serving as the team's defensive coordinator for the eighth straight season (includes all six as head coach). Since he's taken over as the defensive coordinator in 2009, SDSU's defense rank 20th nationally in yards per game (6.4), 19th nationally in yards per rush allowed (3.7), 25th in yards allowed per game (356.8) and 37th in points allowed per game (24.3).
- San Diego State had posted two of the best defensive seasons in each of the last two seasons and is off to another good start. Below are comparisons of the past two-plus seasons and total rankings over the last two-plus years:

	Scoring	Total	Pass. Eff.	Rush Avg.
2014	13th	16th	19th	37th
2015	7th	5th	10th	5th
2016	66th	44th	69th	15th
2014-16	10th	7th	13th	13th

- Since Oct. 3, 2014 (includes 27 SDSU games), San Diego State ranks seventh nationally in yards allowed per game (305.7).
- The Aztecs have allowed just 371 points in their last 21 games (17.7 ppg) with 82 of that coming in two games this year.
- SDSU had the ninth-best defensive third-down conversion percentage (28.9) in FBS last year and are ranked 16th this year (28.3).

- San Diego State has held 16 straight league opponents below 400 yards of total offense, the longest active streak in FBS (league games only).
- Over the Aztecs' last 15 Mountain West contests (does not include MW Championship), opponents have scored just 15.1 points per game vs. SDSU and only 263.9 yards per game.

- SDSU has forced three or more turnovers in seven of its last 11 contests.
- Over the last 177 offensive drives vs. SDSU (since the second half at Penn State in 2015), opponents have totaled just 220 points (15.2 PPG), 3,993 yards (27.5 4 YPG), 67 three and outs (4.6 3&O/PG), 222 first downs (15.3 FDFG) and 4.49 yards per play (89 yards). During that span, opponents have had 54-for-196 on third-down conversions (27.6 percent).

CORNERBACK

23 Damontae Kazez

5-11 • 190 • Sr.-3L CGP: 43; CGS: 31
San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon HS)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
TOP NOTE: Preseason MW defensive player of the year, earned preseason league defensive POY last season.

On the following national award watch lists: Bednarik (defensive POY) and Thorpe (DB D) ... Joins Kirk Morrison as the only Aztec to ever be named MW defensive player of the year ... Is 2nd among all active FBS players with 12 career interceptions ... Has 20 stops, 2 TFL, 3 PBU & 2 INT this year ... Started 31 consecutive games in play in 36 straight games ... Career: 194 tackles, 12 interceptions, 6 forced fumbles, 1 fumble recovery ... Ranks 14th at SDSU & 2nd in DL era (since '69) with 12 career INT ... Brother, Walter, was a 1,000-yd RB for the Aztecs from 2009-12, captaining in 2012 ... A criminal justice major.

BACKUP

22 Kalan /KAY-len/ Montgomery

6-1 • 185 • Jr.-2L CGP: 33; CGS: 0
Compton, Calif. (Dominguez Hills HS)

Played in all 31 games the last two-plus seasons after earning preseason teams scout player of the year as a redshirt (2013) ... Has two stops this year ... Has 15 career tackles and a pass breakup up ... Was a prep team letterwinner at Aztec Malik Smith ... Also a high school letterwinner in track ... A social science major.