

# San Diego State Aztecs

2017 Record: 3-0, 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: 3; CGS: 3  
Fernley, Nevada (Fernley HS)

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

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
**Pronunciation:** ROME-er ... One of two redshirt freshmen (Keith Ismael) on the offensive line that made his college debut against UC Davis ... Also started at Arizona State and vs. Stanford ... Backed up starter Kwayde 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: 3; CGS: 0  
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

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

### LEFT GUARD

**79 Daishawn Dixon**  
6-5 • 320 • So.-1L CGP: 17; CGS: 3  
San Antonio, Texas (Wm. Howard Taft HS)

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
**Pronunciation:** DAY-shawn ... After spring practice was listed as the backup at right guard but has moved into the number one spot at left tackle ... Takes over for Nico Sirogusa (Baltimore Ravens), who started the final 41 games of his career ... Started first three games this year ... According to Pro Football Focus, he logged 34 offensive snaps last season, the most among offensive line reserves ... Redshirted during the 2015 campaign ... Represented the U.S. National Select Team in a 20-15 victory over the IFAF World Team on Jan. 31, 2015 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas ... Played basketball as a sophomore in high school ... Born in Phoenix, Ariz., graduated HS in San Antonio.

### BACKUP

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

**Pronunciation:** 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: 3; CGS: 3  
Oakland, Calif. (Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep)

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
**Pronunciation:** IZ-male ... Takes over the center position from Arturo 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 all three 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)

**Pronunciation:** GAR-herd ... Recorded 24 snaps in 2016 ... Was emergency short-snapper on PAT & FGs 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 GUARD

**67 Antonio Rosales**  
6-4 • 305 • Sr.-2L CGP: 23; CGS: 17  
Tucson, Ariz. (Tucson Magnet HS)

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
**Pronunciation:** row-ZAL-is ... Physical, offensive lineman who continues to get bigger (up 10 pounds from last season) ... Has started 17 consecutive games ... Pro Football Focus graded him as the 10th-best guard in the country and the nation's sixth-best runner 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:** 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.

### RIGHT TACKLE

**77 Ryan Pope**  
6-7 • 315 • Jr.-1L CGP: 15; CGS: 3  
Long Beach, Calif. (Lakewood HS/LBCC)

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
**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 ... Earned SDSU offensive co-scout player of the year (2014).

### BACKUP

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

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
**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.

### FULLBACK

**15 Nick Bawden**  
6-3 • 245 • Sr.-2L CGP: 30; CGS: 16  
Los Gatos, Calif. (Los Gatos HS)

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

**2017 Stats:**

GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	100+	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
3	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	30	6.0	0	7

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
Former quarterback, who moved to fullback in the fall of 2015 and is now considered an NFL prospect at his position ... Put on 20 pounds of muscle since switching positions ... An excellent run blocker ... Has logged the most snaps (159) 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 18 career catches for 157 yards (8.7 avg.) ... Played in 9 games in 2015 ... Was 13-for-38 (34.2 pct.) with 10 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: 44; CGS: 8  
Norwalk, Calif. (Norwalk HS)

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

**2017 Stats:**

GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	100+	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
3	3	71	588	8.3	4	9	69	7.7	1	33	

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
Maxwell Award, Walter Camp, Harrowing national watch lists ... FBS ranks: 1st in rush yds (588), RYPS (196.0), AP yds (271) & AP YPS (258.0), & 2nd in TD (6) ... Has 196.0 RYPS on more than 87 other teams (would rank 42nd as a team) ... Has 3rd-most rush YDS in 1st 3 GP in SDSU history ... MW Off. PatW vs. UCD with 197 yds & 2 TD ... WC Harl' Off. PatW, MW Off. & ST PatW at ASU (253 AP yds, 3 TD) ... MW Off. PatW vs. STAN (206 AP yds, 1 TD) ... 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 SF Puff ... 2016: rush - 136-1,018-11 rec. - 15-224-3 KOR, 20-624-2 ... Career: TD: 29 (18 rush, 6 KOR, 5 rec.) ... Had 2,504 rush yds & 41 TD as HS Sr. ... Brother, Elipha, led Idaho in rushing.

### QUARTERBACK

**10 Christian Chapman**  
6-0 • 200 • Jr.-2L CGP: 26; CGS: 19  
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Is 16-3 as a starting QB, including wins in back-to-back MW Championships and back-to-back bowl games (Hawai'i & Las Vegas).

**2017 Stats:**

GP	GS	Comp.	Att.	Pct.	Int.	TD	Yds.	Rtg.
3	3	46	68	67.6	1	4	480	143.41

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
Mobile, accurate QB with a quick release ... Has the 17th-best eff. rating in FBS since his 1st start on Dec. 5, 2015 (151.8, 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: 26 TD, 8 INT ... 7 GP with multiple TD, 0 with 2+ INT ... CH 283 yds vs. UNH & GH 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 Carl'sbad HS ... 2-time All-Arizona League selection, passing for 1,986 yds & 23 TDs as a Sr.

### No. 3 RUNNING BACK

**22 Chase Jasmin**  
5-11 • 195 • Fr.-RS CGP: 3; CGS: 0  
Agoura Hills, Calif. (Westlake HS)

Has a great blend of speed & power ... Has 152 rush yds on 38 att. with 1 TD in 3 GP ... 2016: Had 55 att. for 441 yds (8.0 avg.) & 6 TD ... Also had 3 rec. for 72 yds & a TD & 10 KOR 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.

### BACKUP

**29 Juwan Washington**  
5-7 • 190 • So.-1L CGP: 17; CGS: 1  
Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale HS)

Has a great blend of speed & power ... Has 152 rush yds on 38 att. with 1 TD in 3 GP ... 2016: Had 55 att. for 441 yds (8.0 avg.) & 6 TD ... Also had 3 rec. for 72 yds & a TD & 10 KOR 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.

### 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. ... 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: 15; CGS: 1  
Brookhaven, Miss. (Brookhaven HS/Southwest Miss. CC)

**2017 Stats:**

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
3	1	2	38	19.0	24	0

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
Had 2 rec. & 38 yds vs. UC Davis ... 1st start vs. Stanford ... Played in 12 games as a 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: 12; CGS: 1  
Newport Harbor, CA (Newport Harbor HS/Golden West Coll.)

3 rec., 30 yds in 3 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: 3; 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: 40; CGS: 27  
Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside HS)

**2017 Stats:**

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
3	2	11	111	10.1	22	0

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
Leads SDSU WR w/ 11 rec. & 111 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: 67 rec., 1,184 yards, 11 TDs.

### BACKUP

**93 Tim Wilson, Jr.**  
6-4 • 205 • Fr.-RS CGP: 3; CGS: 1  
Plano, Texas (Plano East HS)

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

### BACKUP

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

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: 42; CGS: 16  
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
2	2	3	30	10.0	14	1

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
Mackey, Wueffel national watch lists ... 40 straight GP until missing 2017 opener w/ injury ... Returned to start at ASU ... GW TD catch vs. Stanford ... Pre-season 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 5 catches & 62 yds, & 1st career TD vs. JSU ... Played final 12 games in 2014, mostly on special teams ... RS in 2013 ... Former QB, who converted to TE late in prep career at Clovis North HS ... Was a 2015 MW Fall All-Academic pick ... Working on masters.

### BACKUP

**82 Parker Houston**  
6-3 • 240 • So.-1L CGP: 13; CGS: 6  
Sparks, Nev. (Edward C. Reed HS)

Started 1st 2 games with a 23-yard catch ... Played in 12 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 (18 TD) over his final 2 years, including a 13-1 mark in 2015 ... A kinesiology major.

Also: No. 87 Kahale Warring (6-6, 250, So.-SQ) (GP: 0, CGS: 0)

## Offensive Tidbits

- Associate head coach and running backs coach Jeff Horton is in his third year as offensive coordinator at SDSU. In his seventh year overall at San Diego State, Horton has head coaching stints at Minnesota (interim in 2011), UNLV (1994-98) and Nevada (1993).
- Last season, San Diego State averaged 35.2 points per game to rank 29th in the nation. It was the school's highest points per game average since 1996 (38.9 ppg) and the 493 points were the most scored in school history.
- The Aztecs ranked seventh nationally in rushing yards per game (262.9) last year and in average yards per rush (5.8), and 12th in rushing touchdowns (34).
- San Diego State is 55-14 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 trails 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 three games this season, 14 of the 17 games since 2016 (20, 100-yard rushers total) and 23 of the 31 games since Coach Horton took over the offense in 2015 (32, 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 13 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-7 (.857) | Long: 43 | PAT'S: 10-for-10 (1.000)  
**Punts:** 59 Brandon Heikken, 6-0, 180, So.-Tr  
► Punt: 12 | Avg.: 38.0 | Long: 49 | TB: 0 | 120: 4 | 50+: 0  
**Kickoffs:** 29 John Barron II, 5-11, 190, Jr.-1L  
► KO: 19 | Avg.: 64.4 | TB: 12 | 0B: 0 | Avg. Opp. Start: 25  
**Short Snapper:** 82 Parker Houston, 6-3, 240, So.-1L  
**Long Snapper:** 35 Marc Ellis, 6-0, 190, Jr.-SQ  
**Holder:** 6 Mikah Holder, 6-0, 185, Sr.-3L  
**Kick Returns:** 20 Rashaad Penny ... & 29 Juwan Washington  
► Penny - KR: 2 | Yds: 117 | Avg.: 58.5 | TD: 1 | Long: 99  
**Punt Returns:** 8 Quest Truxton  
► PR: 5 | Yds: 43 | Avg.: 8.6 | TD: 0 | Long: 27



## Rocky Long

Head Coach

- Three-Time Mountain West Coach of the Year
- All-time winningest coach in Mountain West history
- SDSU finished 25th in both national polls last year
- Defense ranked 11th last year and 17th in scoring defense
- 15 players selected in the NFL Draft in his six seasons as head coach



## Danny Gonzales

DC/Safeties Coach

- Named defensive coordinator in March 2017
- Is in his seventh season at SDSU coaching safeties
- SDSU's 53 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: 28; CGS: 20  
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 10 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: 56 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 Burral, 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

/chee-boo/ /on-you-koor/

6-4 • 255 • Jr.-RS CGP: 3; 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 CCS, along with his brother, Chibu ... Led 2015 team with 8 sacks & 12 TFL ... Prepped at Deer Valley HS ... Full name is Chibonso Onyuekwu ... Majoring in sociology.

**INJ:** No. 41 Dakota Turner (6-3, 250, Sr.-3L) CGP: 20; CGS: 0

### LINEBACKER

## 39 Ronley /ron-lee/ Lakalaka /lock-ah-look-ah/

6-0 • 225 • Jr.-2L CGP: 28; CGS: 16  
Kalihi, Hawaii (Punahou HS)

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

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
Physical run-stopping linebacker who has become one of the leaders on defense ... Moved into the two-deep for the South Alabama game as a true freshman in 2015 with Jake Fein injured & stayed there for the rest of the season, before starting 13 of 14 games last year ... Has 9 tackles & 2 sacks this year ... Had 73 tackles (2nd on team) last year with 3.0 TFL, an 8-yd sack, 2 INTs for 20 yards & a TD, a PBU & 5 QBH ... Was 1 of 2 true freshmen on the depth chart in either side of the ball in 2015 (also safety Parker Baldwin) ... Had 11 tackles ... Full name is Ronley Souniamouhe Lako Lakalaka ... Was two-time all-state first-team selection at Punahou HS ... Older brother, Steven, played RB at Hawai'i, while younger brother, Sevid, played, 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 PoyL ... Rushed for 1,704 yards & 13 TD on offense & made 243 tackles at Salesian HS ... A 4-star recruit.

### BACKUP

## 27 Kyree Woods

6-0 • 175 • So.-1L CGP: 10; CGS: 0  
Mesa, Ariz. (Chandler HS)

Athletic, young cornerback who should increase workload this year ... 3 starts this year ... Had 1 tackle in 7 games as a true freshman last year, which went down as a 10-yard sack on Hawai'i quarterback Drew Brown on 4th & 5, keeping SDSU's 55-0 shutout intact ... Led Chandler HS to a 24-4 record over his three years ... Was a three-star recruit in 2014 ... A 3-star recruit by ESPN ... A business admin. major.

### DEFENSIVE TACKLE

## 65 Sergio Phillips

6-2 • 285 • Sr.-3L CGP: 32; CGS: 3  
DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Has the second-most career tackles (53) among current SDSU defensive linemen, despite only starting three 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 six tackles, 1.0 TFL, & one QBH in first two career starts this year ... Had 42 tackles (20 solo), 8.5 tackles for loss, three sacks, a forced fumble, a pass breakup and three quarterback hurries last year off the bench ... Career-high 10 stops, 1 sack in 2016 MW Championship game ... Played in eight games in 2015 (six on OL, two on DL), including being the only defensive substitute at the MW Championship game ... Had five tackles, 2.0 TFL & a sack in 2014 ... Was a three-star recruit out of DeSoto HS in Texas ... Was an all-state selection as a senior ... Led DeSoto to a 14-1 record & 7-0 mark in league play as a senior ... Majoring in social science.

### BACKUP

## 61 Damon Moore

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

**Notes:** Walk-on, who played in 1 game in 2016 after missing 2015 & the 2016 spring w/ a knee injury ... 1 tackle, 1 FR in 3 GP this year ... Had 2 tackles w/ Hawai'i 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: 32; CGS: 6  
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 7 games (6 GS): 17 TCK, 3.0 TFL, 2.5 SCK, 7 QBH

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
Talented athlete, who moved back to linebacker late last season after moving to defensive end in the spring of 2016 ... Had a tackle & a PBU (led to Tariq Thompson interception) vs. UCD in opener ... Made two stops at ASU ... Had 15 tackles (10 solo), 2.5 sacks for 18 yards, three TFL, a forced fumble, a pass breakup & seven quarterback hurries last year ... Had career-high four tackles, along with his first career sack, first TFL, first four QBH & first pass breakup in first career start at Wyoming (11/19/16) ... Had three tackles in nine games in 2015 ... Made three stops as a true freshman in 2014 ... A consensus three-star recruit out of 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: 2; CGS: 0  
Honolulu, Hawaii (Kamehameha HS)

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

### DEFENSIVE END

## 68 Myles Cheatum

6-2 • 255 • So.-SQ CGP: 8; CGS: 3  
Cedar Park, Texas (Cedar Park HS)

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

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
Athletic, relentless defensive lineman who continues to improve his technique ... Was promoted to a starter when incumbent Dakota Turner injured his knee in the Aztec Fan Fest on Aug. 19 & was ruled out for the season ... Had 1 tackle in 1st career start (in just his 6th game) in opener vs. UC Davis ... Followed up with 4 stops, 2 TFL, 1 sack & 1 QBH at ASU ... Appeared in 5 games last year off the bench, recording 4 tackles (3 solo) ... Redshirted his 1st season in 2015 ... Recorded 10 tackles for loss as a senior at Cedar Park HS in 2014, leading the Timberwolves to a 12-4 overall record & a narrow loss in the Conference 5A Division 2 championship game ... Also added 10 offensive TDs (8 rushing, 2 receiving) ... Was born in Athens, Greece ... Is majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

### BACKUP

## 40 Randy Ricks

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

**Notes:** Moved from LB to DE/w/ in to O. Turner ... 3 tackles, 1.5 TFL in 2017 ... 2016: 11 TCK, 3 TFL, 1 SCK, 1 FF; 2 PBU in 4 GS ... 2015: 2 TCK, 5 TFL, 2.5 SCK, 4 PBU & 2 FF in 9 GP (2 GS) ... Originally signed w/ SDSU in 2012 ... 43 TCK, 8.5 SCK & 3 FF in 2014 at UNLV ... Played DL & LB at Legacy HS.

**ALSO:** No. 45 Anthony Luke (6-4, 260, Jr.-1R) CGP: 3; CGS: 0

### LINEBACKER

## 42 Troy Cassidy

6-3 • 215 • So.-1L CGP: 14; CGS: 3  
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Entered fall camp third on the depth chart, but started first three 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 a PBU ... Played the final 11 games, mostly on special teams, making 10 tackles, 1 sack, 1 FF, 2 PBU in 4 GS ... 2015: 2 TCK, 5 TFL, 2.5 SCK, 4 PBU & 2 FF in 9 GP (2 GS) ... Originally signed w/ SDSU in 2012 ... 43 TCK, 8.5 SCK & 3 FF in 2014 at UNLV ... Played DL & LB at Legacy HS ... Was a two-time all-league pick, including the league defensive MVP as a senior ... Is undecided on a major.

### BACKUP OR BACKUP

## 57 Ryan Dunn 52 Tyler Morris

6-3 • 230 • Sr.-2L CGP: 28; CGS: 20  
6-3 • 225 • Sr.-1L CGP: 18; CGS: 0

**Notes:** Has the most starts (20) of any returning Aztec linebacker ... 24 with INU ... 2015: 3 TCK in 14 GP ... 2014: 14 tackles in 2016 ... 40 stops in 2015 1 GP, missed rest with INU ... 2013: RS ... DNP in 2014 ... RS at Ariz. in 2013. Working on master's in homeland security.

### DEFENSIVE TACKLE

## Defensive Tidbits

• Danny Gonzales is serving as the team's defensive coordinator for first time at SDSU, but head coach Rocky Long will still call the game. Since Long took over as the defensive coordinator in 2009, San Diego State's defense ranked 16th nationally in yards per rush allowed (3.6), 19th nationally in yards per touch (6.3) and yards allowed per game (349.5), and 29th 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	13th	16th	19th	48th
2015	7th	5th	10th	7th
2016	17th	11th	42nd	7th
2017	36th	29th	56th	18th
2014-17	6th	6th	8th	9th

• SDSU's defense has limited all three opponents this year to well below its season averages in total yards and points: UC Davis (315 yards and 17 points vs. San Diego State, 504.0 ypg and 36.0 ppg in other games), Arizona State (342 and 20, 447.0 ypg and 41.0 ppg) and Stanford (254 and 17, 499.0 ypg and 43.0 ppg).

• San Diego State held three straight opponents to single digits in scoring last year for the first time since a four-game stretch from Oct. 15-Nov. 5, 1977. The Aztecs have held an opponent to single digits 10 times since the beginning of the 2015 season (31 games).

• Over SDSU's last 23 Mountain West contests (does not include MW Championships), opponents have scored just 15.9 points per game vs. San Diego State and only 275.3 yards per game.

• The Aztecs have forced three or more turnovers in 14 of their last 24 contests.

• SDSU has held six opponents to less than 200 yards of total offense since the beginning of 2015 (31 games), including twice last year.

• Since the beginning of 2015 (31 games), San Diego State's defense ranks first in interceptions (53) and tied for third in interception TDs (9).

• Since the beginning of the 2015 campaign, the Aztecs rank third nationally in rushing yards allowed per game (105.7) and in rushing yards per attempt (3.1).

• SDSU has held its opponent to seven or less points in the first half in 17 of the last 27 games.

• In 16 of its last 33 games, San Diego State has held its opponent to a passer rating of less than 100.00.

### CORNERBACK

## 17 Ron Smith

6-0 • 170 • So.-1L CGP: 17; CGS: 9  
Oakland, Calif. (St. Mary's HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Tied a SDSU single-season record with two interceptions returned for a touchdown last year.

Good technique with a knack for coming up with the big play ... Started the final 6 games last year, recording 45 tackles, 0.5 TFL, 3 interceptions (two for a TD), 1 PBU & a forced fumble over that span ... INT vs. UCD & Stanford & has 5 picks in last 9 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: 10; CGS: 0  
Mesa, Ariz. (Chandler HS)

Athletic, young cornerback who should increase workload this year ... 3 starts this year ... Had 1 tackle in 7 games as a true freshman last year, which went down as a 10-yard sack on Hawai'i quarterback Drew Brown on 4th & 5, keeping SDSU's 55-0 shutout intact ... Led Chandler HS to a 24-4 record over his three years ... Was a three-star recruit 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: 3; CGS: 3  
San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine HS)

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
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### BACKUP

## 18 Trenton Thompson

6-2 • 190 • So.-1L CGP: 11; CGS: 0  
Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)

Had one tackle this year ... Played eight games last year as a true freshman ... Had eight tackles - seven on special teams, in 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 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: 31; CGS: 12  
Siloam Springs, Ark. (Siloam Springs HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Ranked third on the team in tackles last year (66), despite coming off the bench the first 3 games.

Big time player, who will make his 13th straight start this weekend at the signature Aztec spot in Rocky Long's 3-3-5 defense ... Has 11 tackles ... Had 66 tackles (37 solo), 3 TFL, 2 interceptions, a forced fumble, fumble recovery & 3 pass breakups last year ... Was 2nd on the team in special teams tackles (10) as a true freshman in 2015 ... Had 14 tackles, an interception & a forced fumble, being named team's Freshman of the Year ... Earned all-state accolades as a senior ... Scored 8 TD & had 758 rec. yds, 135 rush yds & 134 tackles in his final HS season ... Was the state champion in the 200 ... A communication major.

### BACKUP

## 37 Dwayne Johnson, Jr.

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

Hard-hitting safety, who is still learning the defense ... Logged statusless time in his first career games this year ... Redshirted the 2016 campaign ... Led Vista Murrieta High School to a 35-7 (.833) record and 15-0 in league play over 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: 34; CGS: 28  
San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa HS)

**Notes:** '17; Career; Personal  
Reads plays exceptionally well ... Has the most tackles (121) among any current Aztec ... 2nd on team w/ 16 stops ... 2016: 33 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 1 INT & 5 PBU in 14 GP (13 GS) ... 2015: Battled injuries to finish w/ 9 tackles, 1.0 TFL & 1 FR in 5 GP (2 GS) ... 2014: Had most tackles (63) by an Aztec freshman in the Rocky Long DC era (since 2009) ... Named the team's most out. frosh (2014) w/ 2 FR as well ... Career: 121 tackles, 5.5 TFL, 1 sack, 1 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: 36; CGS: 17  
Murphy, Texas (Wylie HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Recorded two interceptions against Houston in the 2016 Las Vegas Bowl game.

Made the move to CB this year after spending 1st 3 seasons at Warrior ... Also will be in the mix in the KR game ... Has 15 tackles, 1 sack, 3.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 2 PBU, 1 INT & a FF ... Bronko Nagurski NFL & MW Def. PotW vs. Stanford with 6 tackles, 2 sacks, a FF & an INT ... Had 38 tackles, 5 INTs & 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 freshman in 2014 w/ 1 tackle & a blocked punt before having surgery on a leg for compartment syndrome ... The 4A Region II District 13 PotW 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: 17; 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 TFLs & 3-rd with 9 special teams tackles ... Redshirted in 2015 ... Led Antelope Valley HS to a senior in passing yards & TD, rushing attempts, yards & TD, total yards & all-purpose yards ... An interdisciplinary studies major.

**INJ:** No. 30 Garrett Binkley (5-9, 170, So.-2L) CGP: 10; CGS: 0