

[19/24] San Diego State Aztecs

2016 Record: 3-0, 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: 20; CGS: 17
Ramona, Calif. (Ramona HS)

TOP NOTE: Started all 17 since 2015 after playing in just three games total from 2012-14.

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 Poul. Started 16 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 in 2015 ... Also played two years of basketball.

LEFT GUARD

56 Nico Siragusa

6-5 • 335 • Sr.-3L CGP: 43; CGS: 31
Chula Vista, Calif. (Mater Dei Catholic HS)

TOP NOTE: Is the only Aztec on the o-line who has at least one start over 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 (31) as the rest of the SDSU offensive line combined (40) ... 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: 3 at LG in 2016, 14 at LG in 2015, 13 at LG in 2014, 1 at RG in 2013 ... Was the only SDSU frosh (RS 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: 17; CGS: 17
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 18th 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 in 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: 0; CGS: 0
Arlington, TX (Mansfield Timberview HS)

Notes: Pronounced GAIR-hard ... On the two-deep in his first official playing season ... Redshirted his first year at SDSU in 2015 ... Was a first-team all-district & all-state pick at Mansfield Timberview HS in Arlington, Texas.

RIGHT GUARD

67 Antonio Rosales

6-4 • 295 • Jr.-1L CGP: 9; CGS: 3
Tucson, Ariz. (Tucson Magnet HS)

TOP NOTE: Was the only Aztec on offense who started the 2015 opener at right guard against New Hampshire.

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Physical, offensive lineman who continues to get bigger ... Was listed as the co-starter with Dashawn Dixon heading into the opener with New Hampshire, but earned the start for the first time of his career ... Played in six games off the bench in 2015 ... Made his first collegiate appearance vs. Fresno State ... Also saw time vs. Utah State, at Colorado State, against Wyoming, at UNLV and vs. Nevada ... 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

79 Daishawn Dixon

6-5 • 340 • Fr.-RS CGP: 3; CGS: 0
San Antonio, TX (William Howard Taft HS)

Notes: On 2-deep for 1st 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.

RIGHT TACKLE

71 Daniel Brunskill

6-5 • 260 • Sr.-3L CGP: 43; CGS: 21
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 light end.

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
On the Wuerffel Trophy Watch List (top community service) ... Was listed as the co-starter with Dashawn Dixon heading into the fall with injuries to the off. line ... Is ranked as the 2nd-best blocker through 3 games ... Was named an all-MW HM pick by the MW coaches & media in 2016 ... Has 3 career TD catches & 15 rec. covers ... 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: 1; CGS: 0
Long Beach, Calif. (Lakewood HS/LBCC)

Notes: On 2-deep for 1st 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: 6; CGS: 2
Los Gatos, Calif. (Los Gatos High)

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

2016 Stats:
Rushing Receiving
GP GS Att. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 100+ No. Yds. Avg. TD Lg.
2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 8 4.0 0 4

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 ... Is expected to start at fullback Sat. vs. South Alabama for first time ... Has two catches or eight yards (4.0 avg.) over the past two games after not playing in the opener ... Played in nine games in 2015 ... Was 13-for-38 (34.2 pct.) with a 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 as a management entrepreneur.

RUNNING BACK

19 Donnel Pumphrey

5-9 • 180 • Sr.-3L CGP: 43; CGS: 31
Las Vegas, Nev. (Canyon Springs HS)

TOP NOTE: Currently leads the nation in rushing (199.7) & all-purpose (222.0), & is the active career rushing leader (29th all-time) with 4,871.

2016 Stats:
Rushing Receiving
GP GS Att. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 100+ No. Yds. Avg. TD Lg.
3 3 73 599 8.2 7 79 2 9 67 7.4 0 26

On Walter Camp, Maxwell & Doak Walker Award Watch Lists: ... Is the pre-MW Off. Poly ... Has 2 of top-8 rush gms this year (281 vs. Cal (1st) & 220 at NIU (8th)) ... Is 1st FBS player with 500-plus yds in 2-game span since Oklahoma's Samaje Perine in 2014 ... Has SDSU-record 4,871 rush yds, 5,811 AP yds & 24 career 100-yd games ... Leads all active FBS players in rushing yds & all-purpose yds ... Was 1 of 4 in FBS last year to lead teams in rushing & receptions ... Named a SI HM AA & the MW Off. Poly ... 2014 FBS ranks: 4th in RYPS (143.6), 8th in APYPS (155.9), 9th in rush TDs (20) & RYPC (6.8) & 1st-team all-MW ... Had 752 yds & 8 TD as a TR-F in 2013 ... First SDSU frosh with 100-plus yds in 3 straight games since Marshall Faulk in 1991 ... Nev. Comm. Poly at CSHS in 2012 ... Had 4,152 yds & 49 TDs over HS career ... Coaches: Pat & Gann.

BACKUP

20 Rashaad Penny

5-11 • 220 • Jr.-2L CGP: 30; CGS: 4
Norwalk, Calif. (Norwalk HS)

Notes: Has 7 straight GP w/ at least 1 TD (4 rush, 2 rec, 2 KR) ... Named pre-2nd-team AA by 2 pubs ... Had 100-yd KR TD vs. Cal (4th career KR for TD) ... Is 3rd among active FBS leaders in KR avg. (31.2) ... Was MW ST Poly last year, ranking 2nd in KR avg. (33.5) & 7-2nd in KR TDs (3) ... 2015 rec: 8-120-1 (15.0) KR: 24-804-3 (33.5) ... Had 2,504 rush yds & 41 TDs over HS career ... Brother: Dajun, led Idaho in rushing.

QUARTERBACK

10 Christian Chapman

6-0 • 200 • So.-1L CGP: 12; CGS: 5
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

TOP NOTE: Is 5-0 as a starting quarterback and looking to become the first Aztec QB to start career 6-0 since David Lowery was 6-0 in 1991.

2016 Stats:
GP GS Att. Cmp. Pct. Int. TD Yds. Rtg.
3 3 67 41 61.2 2 6 538 152.23

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Mobile, accurate quarterback with a quick release ... Has the 10th-best pass efficiency rating in FBS since Nov. 28, 2015 (Chapman became No. 1 QB) (165.4, min. 90 att., 5 gms.) ... 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 (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 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 Poly ... Passed for 6,967 yards & 56 touchdowns over three years at Carroll High in Southlake, Texas ... Also rushed for 2,286 yards & 38 TDs.

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 Pumphrey (Walter Camp, Maxwell, Doak Walker) and RG Nico Siragusa (Outland).
- Associate head coach and running 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 45-11 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 Pumphrey (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's last 10 200+ rush games: 10-15 vs. Utah State (11/20/15), 10-15 vs. Utah State (11/20/15), 10-15 vs. Utah State (11/20/15).
- SDSU has a 100-yard rusher in 29 of its past 38 games and has a total of 33, 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 two interceptions (both this season) since Sept. 13, 2015, tied with option-team Navy for 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).

Z RECEIVER

6 Mikah Holder

6-0 • 180 • Jr.-2L CGP: 27; CGS: 14
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
3 3 3 10 242 24.2 86 3

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Had 4 catches for 160 yds & 2 TD vs. UNH, the most by an Aztec since Ezell Ruffin had 165 on Nov. 2, 2013 ... Included in 160 yards was an 86-yd TD ... Career: 39 rec., 734 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 Lockard had 6 in 2011 ... Also has 3 KR for 93 yds (31.0 avg.) ... Redshirted his 1st season at SDSU in 2015 ... Rushed for 1,139 yds & 75 TD, averaging 9.5 YPC at Kennedale HS ... Had 5 3,000-yard games in HS.

BACKUP

5 Chase Favreau

6-1 • 200 • Jr.-2L CGP: 23; CGS: 3
Huntington Beach, Ca (Edison HS)

Notes: Switched from quarterback in fall 2014 ... Has 5 career receptions for 79 yards, including an 8-yard grab in 2016 ... Had 2 catches each in 2014 & 2015 ... Led Edison High to undefeated 2012 season ... A communication major.

X RECEIVER

81 Eric Judge

6-1 • 190 • Sr.-3L CGP: 42; CGS: 11
San Diego, Calif. (San Diego HS)

TOP NOTE: Has a 17.6 career catch average, which is ranked 14th among active FBS players (min. 60 receptions).

2016 Stats:
GP GS Rec. Yds. Avg. Long TD
3 3 3 10 106 10.6 16 0

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Notes: Big-play receiver with excellent speed ... Has been a starter throughout his career when healthy ... Has seven career touchdown receptions, second most of any current Aztec ... 2015: Had 15 catches for 296 yards (19.7 avg.) and two touchdowns ... 2014: Led SDSU in receiving yards (471) and reception avg. (19.6), adding 24 catches ... The 19.6 YPC was second best at SDSU since 1996 (min. 20 rec.) ... 2013: 218 yards and three touchdowns in 13 games ... 2012: Redshirt ... Played locally at SDHS ... Had three games with 100-plus yards ... A social science major.

BACKUP

97 Curtis Anderson III

6-3 • 200 • Sr.-1L CGP: 10; CGS: 1
Palmdale, Calif. (Pete Knight HS/Antelope Valley College)

Notes: Arguably team's best WR blocker ... Has 2 rec. for 9 yards this year ... Bottled injuries in 2015 in 1st season at SDSU ... Had a 6-yd catch at Hawaii & started at San Jose St. ... Played 2 years at AVC, combining for 34 rec., 387 yds & 4 TDs ... A social science major ... Earned scholarship before fall drills.

TIGHT END

88 David Wells

6-5 • 255 • Jr.-2L CGP: 29; CGS: 3
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
3 3 3 3 25 8.7 11 0

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Notes: Tall, big body with great hands ... Made 1st career starts this year ... Has a catch in 3 straight games for 1st time of career ... Had 4 catches for 22 yards (5.5 avg.) last year ... Played final 12 games in 2014, mostly on ST ... Former QB, who converted to TE late in prep career at Clovis North HS ... 1st-team all-league & all-Valley at CNHS ... 3-star recruit by Rivals.

BACKUP

84 Darryl Richardson

6-5 • 235 • Jr.-SQ CGP: 3; CGS: 0
Seffner, FL (Armwood HS)

Notes: Big, athletic TE who played QB in HS ... Played in 5 games in 2015 ... DNP in 2014 ... RS in 2013 ... Led Armwood HS to a state title ... Was a 4-star recruit as a dual-threat QB by ESPN ... Majoring in social science.

SPECIALISTS

PAT'S/FG'S: 29 John Baron II, 5-11, 190, So.-SQ
► FG/FGA: 2-for-3 (0.667) | Long: 39 | PAT's: 16-for-16 (1.000)
Punts: 91 Tammer Blain, 6-0, 205, Sr.-1L
► Punts: 18 | Avg.: 38.7 | Long: 52 | TB: 2 | IZ: 7 | 50+: 2
Kickoffs: 29 John Baron II, 5-11, 190, So.-SQ
► KO: 21 | Avg.: 63.7 | TB: 8 | OB: 1 | Avg. Opp. Start: 23
Long Snapper: 50 Turner Bernard, 6-1, 200, Fr.-HS
Holder: 91 Tammer Blain, 6-0, 205, Sr.-1L
Kick Returns: 20 Rashaad Penny ◀ & 85 Quest Truxton
► Penny - KR: 1 | Yds: 100 | Avg.: 100.0 | TD: 0 | Long: 0
Punt Returns: 85 Quest Truxton
► PR: 7 | Yds: 69 | Avg.: 9.8 | TD: 0 | Long: 25

BACKUP

85 Quest Truxton

6-0 • 180 • Jr.-TR • CGP: 2; CGS: 0
Newport Harbor, Ca (NH HS/Golden West College)

Notes: All-purpose transfer who can play WR, PR & KR ... Leads MW in PR avg. (9.9 avg.) & had a 14-yd catch vs. UNH ... All-region 1st team at Golden West College ... Sunset League Off. Poly at Newport Harbor HS.

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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: 29; CGS: 3
Irvine, Calif. (Woodbridge HS/Saddleback College)

TOP NOTE: Had a Hawaii Bowl-record 3.5 sacks vs. Cincinnati on Dec. 24, 2015, in just his second career start.
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Excellent pass rusher who has gotten better each game... 2nd year at SDSU after playing the 2014 season at Saddleback College & 2013 at Arizona... Has 8 tackles, 2.5 TFL, a sack & 4 QBH... Led SDSU in QBH (8) last year & ranked 2nd in sacks (1.5), despite starting just 2 times... His 3.5 sacks in the Hawaii 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: 21; CGS: 3
Mililani, Hawaii (Mililani High)

Notes: Tore his ACL last year at Hawaii & came back to start the 1st 3 games at FB this year... Moved back to DE for bye week & is expected to back-up both DE spots this week... Career: 34 tackles, 6.5 TFL & 2 sacks in 18 career games games off the bench... A business admin. major.

LINEBACKER

54 Calvin Munson

6-1 • 245 • Sr.-3L CGP: 41; CGS: 30
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 & LattIPACCT)... Leads team in tackles (34, No. 2 in 15) & QBH (8)... Also has 3.5 TFL & a sack... 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 FR & 2 PBU... Named SDSU Co-Def. POY in 2014... Earned nat'l Def. TowH honors (Walker Camp & LattIPACCT) & MW POY 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 FB... Named SDSU Def. POY in 2014... 2013: 4 tackles on ST... Career: 219 tackles, 29 TFL, 14.5 sacks, 4 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 /tah-ZEENO/

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 /BAB-ish

6-1 • 190 • Jr.-1L CGP: 19; CGS: 3
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 1-3rd in MW (12th in FB) in passes defensed (P.L.1.67)... 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 (15)... 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.

24 Billy Vaughn, Jr.

6-1 • 190 • Jr.-2L CGP: 26; 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 vs. Cal and NIU... 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.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

95 Noble Hall /nobel/

6-3 • 265 • So.-1L CGP: 14; CGS: 6
Las Vegas, Nev. (Valley High)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Athletic, mobile defensive lineman... Has three tackles & two quarterback hurries in three starts this year... 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... 2014 SDSU Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year, while redshirting... Received 3 stars from both ESPN & 24/7sports out of HS... A 3-time letterwinner & a 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.

65 Sergio Phillips

6-2 • 295 • Jr.-2L CGP: 18; CGS: 0
DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto HS)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Was recruited on offensive line, but played defensive line in 2014, finishing last year in 2015 and back to defensive line since the Air Force game last year in the MW Championship game... Has two 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... Was 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 10 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: 16; CGS: 13
Alamo, CA (San Ramon Valley HS/Univ. of Arizona)

Notes: Has 2 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... Prepped at San Ramon Valley HS... A consensus 3-star recruit who played in the BMW West Coast Bowl & Cal State All-Star Game.

WARRIOR

12 Malik Smith /mah-LEEK/

6-0 • 190 • Sr.-3L CGP: 42; CGS: 30
Compton, Calif. (Dominguez HS)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
2-time all-MW honorable-mention... Has played last 42 games & started last 30... Has been a part of a turnover in 6 of last 10 games (5 INT, 1 FR)... Has 15 stops, a TFL & an INT this year... Had 77 tackles, 5.0 TFL, 5 INT, 9 PBU, a FF & a FR in 2015... Career-high 11 tackles vs. So. Ala. (2015)... MW Def. POW on Nov. 30, 2015... Earned HM all-MW honors as a soph. (2014), recording 55 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 7 PBU, 3 INT & a FR in 2014... Has 4 career games w/ 10+ tackles... 21 stops in 2013 as TR-Fresh... Career: 168 tackles, 9.5 TFL, 8 INT, 17 PBU, 1 FF, 2 FR... Quoted in an article as saying "football saved my life"... A criminal justice major.

BACKUP

10 Jeff Clay

6-0 • 195 • Fr.-RS CGP: 3; 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 team player of the year... Led Antelope Valley HS as a senior in passing yards and TD, rushing yards, yards and TD... An environmental engineering major.

DEFENSIVE END

58 Alex Barrett /bear-it/

6-3 • 255 • Sr.-3L CGP: 39; CGS: 27
Mesa, Ariz. (Desert Ridge HS)

TOP NOTE: Last year became SDSU's first defensive lineman to earn first-team 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 13 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 27 times... Career: 129 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 LB & lettered in track & field... Criminal justice major.

BACKUP

41 Dakota Turner

6-3 • 250 • Jr.-1L CGP: 21; CGS: 3
Mililani, Hawaii (Mililani High)

Notes: Tore his ACL last year at Hawaii & came back to start the 1st 3 games at FB this year... Moved back to DE for bye week & is expected to back-up both DE spots this week... Career: 34 tackles, 6.5 TFL & 2 sacks in 18 career games games off the bench... A business admin. major.

LINEBACKER

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

6-0 • 235 • So.-1L CGP: 14; CGS: 2
Kalihii, Hawaii (Punahou HS)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Physical linebacker who has a ton of potential... 1 of 2 players on the team from Hawaii (also fullback Dakota Turner)... Started two of three games this year (UNH, NIU)... Career-high five stops vs. UNH... Had a 9-yard INT return for a touchdown vs. Cal... Has played in 14 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 Saunamuafoese (68 points in Scrabble (includes 50 points for using all tiles)... A business admin. major... Was two-time all-state first-team selection at Punahou High.

43 Austin Wyatt-Thayer

6-5 • 230 • Sr.-1L CGP: 15; 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 12 games... Made 2 tackles off the bench vs. New Hampshire & 2 in a start vs. Cal... Made his 1st career start in the Hawaii Bowl against Cincinnati last season... Played in 12 games, making 11 tackles (9 solo)... Was a two-time all-Hor-Cal League pick at Sierra College & a team captain in his final year in 2014... His 119 tackles in 2013 were second most in state... Prepped 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.

WARRIOR

3 Trey Lomax

5-11 • 195 • Jr.-2L CGP: 20; CGS: 16
San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa HS)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Fantastic athlete, who is coming off a pair of solid seasons... Has 6 tackles, 1 INT in 3 starts this year... Battled injuries last year & had 9 tackles & a FF in 5 games (3 GS)... Named the team's most outstanding freshman (2014) with 63 stops & 2 FR... Career: 76 tackles, 4 TFL, 1 sack, 3 PBU, 3 FR... Redshirted the 2013 campaign... Was also recruited to play baseball at SDSU... Offensive conference MVP at Mira Mesa HS... Also hit 341 & was a 2-time 1st-team all-league baseball selection... Is majoring criminal justice.

7 Kameron Kelly

6-2 • 195 • Jr.-2L CGP: 22; 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 six tackles, two PBU's & an interception in three 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: 65 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.

AZTEC

21 Na'im McGee /nye-EM/

6-0 • 200 • Sr.-2L CGP: 29; CGS: 27
Oakland, CA (St. Mary's HS/Diablo Valley College)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
TOP NOTE: Was the defensive most valuable player of the Mountain West Championship (15) with 10 tackles.
Plays the signature position in Rocky Long's 3-3-5 defense for third straight year (previous Aztec was current NYG Nat Berhe)... Added 10 lbs. to his frame since 2014... Has 12 tackles (seven solo), an interception and a fumble recovery this year... Has made at least three tackles in 24 of his 29 college games... Career: 156 tackles, 1 INT, 1 FR... Three career games with double-digit tackles... Played one year at DVC, earning first-team all-conference... A criminal justice major... Was a two-time All-American at St. Mary's HS... A member of the Stockton (Calif.) Athletic Hall of Fame... A three-star recruit (Rivals.com).

BACKUP

33 Parker Baldwin

6-2 • 215 • So.-1L CGP: 17; CGS: 0
Siloam Springs, Ark. (Siloam Springs, HS)

Has 11 tackles, a TFL & a FF in 2016... Career-high 8 stops at NIU on extensive action... Was 2nd in the team as a freshman in special teams tackles (10)... Only TR-Fresh 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 TDs & had 758 rec. yds, 135 sack yds & 134 tackles in his final HS season... Was the state champ in the 200m dash.

Defensive Tidbits

• Several of the Aztec defensive players are on watch list for the nation's top player at their position, including CB Damontae Kazee (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 ranks 20th nationally in yards per touch (6.4), 21st in yards allowed per yard (3.7), 25th in yards allowed per game (356.8) and 33rd in points allowed per game (24.1).

• 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 Pss.	Eff.	Rush Avg.
2014	13th	16th	19th	37th
2015	7th	5th	10th	5th
2016	48th	53rd	38th	32nd
2014-16	6th	9th	9th	17th

• Since Oct. 3, 2014 (includes 26 SDSU games), San Diego State ranks sixth nationally in yards allowed per game (304.8).

• The Aztecs have allowed just 329 points in their last 20 games (16.5 ppg) with 40 of that coming Sept. 10 in a 45-40 win over California.

• SDSU had the ninth-best defensive third-down conversion percentage (28.9) in FBs last year and are ranked seventh this year (21.3).

• 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 10 contests.

• Over the last 164 offensive drives vs. SDSU (since the second half at Penn State in 2015), opponents have totaled just 185 points (14.0 PPG), 3,662 yards (276.4 YPG), 61 three and outs (4.6 3&0PG), 204 first downs (15.4 FDPG) and 4.42 yards per play (829 plays). During that span, opponents have 47-for-183 on third-down conversions (25.7 percent).

CORNERBACK

23 Damontae Kazee /kay-ZEE/

5-11 • 190 • Sr.-3L CGP: 42; CGS: 30
San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon HS)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
TOP NOTE: Preseason MW defensive player of the year, earned preseason league award defensive POY last season.
Has played the national award watch lists: Bednarik (defensive POY) and Thorpe (top DB)... Joins Kirk Morrison as the only Aztecs to ever be named MW defensive player of the year... Is 1-st among all active FBs players with 12 career interceptions... Has 15 stops, 1 TFL, 3 PBU & 2 INT this year... Started 30 consecutive games & played in 35 straight games... Career: 189 tackles, 12 interceptions, 6 forced fumbles, 1 fumble recovery... Ranks 1-4th 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: 30; CGS: 0
Compton, Calif. (Dominguez Hills HS)

Played in all 30 games the last two-plus seasons after earning special teams scout player of the year as a redshirt (2013)... Has two stops this year... Has 15 career tackles and a pass break up... Was a prep team letterwinner at Aztec Malik Smith... Also a high school letterwinner in track... A social science major.