

# San Diego State Aztecs

2017 Record: 6-1, 2-1 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: 7; CGS: 7  
Fernley, Nevada (Fernley HS)

**TOP NOTE:** In high school, he competed in football, basketball, wrestling and swimming.

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
**Pronunciation:** ROM-er ... One of two redshirt freshmen (C Keith Ismael) on the offensive line that has moved into the number one spot at left tackle. ... Has missed only one snap this season ... Arguably OLS most consistent performer ... Took over for two-year starter Kwame Miller ... Backed up Miller last year but did not see the field & was able to maintain his redshirt ... Last season was one of only two true freshmen on the offensive two-deep (also then Keith Ismael) ... Was all-league & all-state at both offensive & defensive line at Fernley HS in Nevada ... Also played two years of basketball and a year of wrestling & swimming ... A business administration major.

### BACKUP

**76 Zachary Thomas**  
6-5 • 285 • Fr.-RS CGP: 7; CGS: 0  
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

**Pronunciation:** GOO-deno ... 1st career start in 1st career game vs. NIU ... Only true freshman on the off. 2-deep ... Played on both sides of the line of scrimmage in HS ... Helped his HS to CIF San Diego Section DII playoffs 4 years ... Rated 14th nationally at his position by ESPN.

### LEFT GUARD

**79 Daishawn Dixon**  
6-5 • 320 • So.-1L CGP: 21; CGS: 7  
San Antonio, Texas (Wm. Howard Taft HS)

**TOP NOTE:** One of two Aztecs (also Keith Ismael) to play all 481 snaps this season.

**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 Sragosa (Baltimore Ravens), who started the final 41 games of his career ... Started first seven 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: 2; CGS: 1  
Chula Vista, Calif. (Olympian High)

**Pronunciation:** GUD-ee-no ... 1st career start in 1st career game vs. NIU ... Only true freshman on the off. 2-deep ... Played on both sides of the line of scrimmage in HS ... Helped his HS to CIF San Diego Section DII playoffs 4 years ... Rated 14th nationally at his position by ESPN.

### CENTER

**60 Keith Ismael**  
6-3 • 310 • Fr.-RS CGP: 7; CGS: 7  
Oakland, Calif. (Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep)

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

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
**Pronunciation:** IZ-male ... Takes over the center position from Arthur Flores, who started the previous 28 games ... One of two redshirt freshmen (Tyler Roemer) who made their first career start ... UC Davis and one of four on the line overall who made their first start ... Has started all seven games and has played all 481 snaps on the year ... 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 lax at Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep ... An aerospace engineering major.

### BACKUP

**55 Garrison Young**  
6-3 • 295 • Jr.-TR CGP: 0; CGS: 0  
Carlsbad, Calif. (Saddleback College)

Joined the Aztecs in the fall and already has landed on the two-deep ... Played two seasons of nearby Saddleback College ... Prepped locally at Carlsbad High School with current Aztec starting quarterback Christian Chapman.

### RIGHT GUARD

**67 Antonio Rosales**  
6-4 • 305 • Sr.-2L CGP: 26; CGS: 20  
Tucson, Ariz. (Tucson Magnet HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Started 20 games over his career; Was only Aztec on offensive line with a start heading into 2017.

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
**Pronunciation:** row-ZAL-is ... Physical, offensive lineman who continues to get bigger (up 10 pounds from last season) ... Had started 18 consecutive games before missing NIU with an ankle injury ... Returned to start at UNLV and vs. Boise State ... Pro Football Focus graded him as the 10th-best guard in the country and the nation's sixth-best run blocker ... Played in six games off the bench in 2015 ... Did not see any action in 2014 ... Redshirted in 2013 ... Teammates call him "Chief" ... A three-star recruit by ESPN and 247sports at Tucson Magnet HS ... Also spent time on the defensive line ... A social science major.

### BACKUP

**62 Nick Gerhard**  
6-5 • 300 • So.-SQ CGP: 5; CGS: 0  
Arlington, Texas (Mansfield Timberview HS)

**Pronunciation:** GAIR-hard ... Recorded 24 snaps in 2016 ... Was emergency short-snapper on PAT & FG's at So. Ala. UT ... Redshirted his 1st year at SDSU in 2015 ... Was a 1st-team all-district & all-state pick at Mansfield Timberview HS in Arlington, TX.

### RIGHT TACKLE

**77 Ryan Pope**  
6-7 • 315 • Jr.-1L CGP: 19; CGS: 5  
Long Beach, Calif. (Lakewood HS/LBCC)

**TOP NOTE:** At 6-7, he is tied for the tallest player on the team (also: Tyler Roemer and Joe Salcedo).

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
**Pronunciation:** ROW-pope ... Started to play in his 20th consecutive game vs. Fresno State ... Started the first five games of the season (first of career), but only played on special teams at UNLV with a finger injury and 33 snaps vs. BSU ... Was just the third Aztec to start at right tackle since the start of the 2014 campaign (Daniel Brunsell - 14 games, Pearce Slater - 27 games) ... Missed first two games of the 2016 campaign with a chest injury, but saw action in the final 12 games of the season ... Redshirted during the 2015 campaign ... Led Long Beach City College to a 9-2 record in 2014 ... Played football & basketball at Lakewood HS ... A social science major.

### BACKUP

**78 Joe Salcedo**  
6-7 • 300 • Jr.-1L CGP: 17; CGS: 2  
Santa Barbara, Calif. (Bishop Diego HS)

**Pronunciation:** sal-SAY-do ... 1st career starts last 2 weeks ... Also played vs. NIU ... Played all 14 games in 2015 but missed 2016 with after suffering a knee injury in fall camp ... Earned SDSU offensive co-coach player of the year (2014).

### FULLBACK

**15 Nick Bawden**  
6-3 • 245 • Sr.-2L CGP: 33; CGS: 19  
Los Gatos, Calif. (Los Gatos HS)

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

**2017 Stats:**

| GP | GS | Att. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Lg. | 100+ | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Lg. |
|----|----|------|------|------|----|-----|------|-----|------|------|----|-----|
| 6  | 6  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0   | 0    | 0   | 8    | 43   | 5  | 4   |

**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 (311) of all fullbacks this year, despite missing the UNLV game with an injury ... Was graded as the top blocking fullback in the nation by Pro Football Focus and the top overall fullback ... Has 23 career catches for 180 yards (7.8 avg.) ... Played in 9 games in 2015 ... Was 13-for-38 (34.2 pct.) with 0 TD passes & 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: 48; CGS: 12  
Norwalk, Calif. (Norwalk HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Was the MW Offensive Player of the Week the first four weeks this year and the MW Special Teams Player of the Week once.

**2017 Stats:**

| GP | GS | Att. | Yds.  | Avg. | TD | Lg. | 100+ | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Lg. |
|----|----|------|-------|------|----|-----|------|-----|------|------|----|-----|
| 7  | 7  | 164  | 1,046 | 6.4  | 10 | 6   | 16   | 127 | 7    | 9    | 2  | 33  |

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
Maxwell Award, Walter Camp, Hornum and Wretch lists - FBS ranks: 1st in TDs (13) & pts (78), 2nd in AP Yds (1,395), 3rd in rush yds (1,046) & 6th in rush TD (10) ... Was 2nd Aztec (1st since Marshall Faulk in 1992) w/ 6 straight 100-yd games to open season ... 1st player to be named MW Off. Pk of the Week in 4 straight weeks ... Also WC Nat'l Off. Pk of the Week at ASU (535 AP Yds, 3 TD) ... 206 AP Yds, 1 TD vs. STAN ... Rushed for 1,018 yds, w/ a 7.5 ypc avg. & CH 9 rec. (also 144 yds at UNLV) ... Has the 2nd-highest career YPC avg. (17.5) for any Aztec player in the last 20 years (min. 20 ... Career: 81 rec., 1,421 yds, 11 TD ... Played twin brother, Alijah, a CB vs. Stanford.

### BACKUP

**29 Juwan Washington**  
5-7 • 190 • So.-1L CGP: 21; CGS: 4  
Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale HS)

Quick first step ... Has 332 rush yds on 69 att. w/ 2 TD in 7 GP & 6 KR for 124 yds & 1 TD ... MW ST PatW w/ 96-yd KR vs. NIU ... 2016: Had 55 att. for 441 yds (8.0 avg.) & 6 TD ... Also had 3 rec. for 77 yds & a TD & 10 KR for 293 yds (29.3 avg.) & a TD ... RS in 2015 ... Rushed for 5,139 yds & 75 TD, averaging 9.5 YPC at Kennedale HS, with 5 300-yd games.

### QUARTERBACK

**10 Christian Chapman**  
6-0 • 200 • Jr.-2L CGP: 30; CGS: 23  
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Is 19-3 as a starting QB, including wins in back-to-back MW Championships and back-to-back bowl games (Hawaii & Las Vegas).

**2017 Stats:**

| GP | GS | Comp. | Att. | Pct. | Int. | TD | Yds.  | Rtg.   |
|----|----|-------|------|------|------|----|-------|--------|
| 7  | 7  | 92    | 153  | 60.1 | 1    | 8  | 1,208 | 142.40 |

**Notes: '17; Career; Personal**  
Mobile, accurate QB with a quick release ... His 864 career QB win pct. is best in SDSU DI history & 6th best in FBS (min. 15 starts) ... He is the only active QB since 2012 to post a perfect record in postseason games (min. 2 championship yrs., & 2 bowl yrs.) ... CH 76.2 pct., 220 yds & 2 TD vs. UCD in opener ... 4-for-5, 47 yds, 1 TD on GW drive vs. Stanford ... Career: 30 TD, 8 INT ... 8 GP with multiple TD, 0 with 2+ INT ... 2016: 1,994 yds, 20 TD, 6 INT ... 2015: Posted the 2nd-best pass eff. (209.7) among QBs making their Aztec debut in MW Championship vs. AFA (9-14, 1 TD, 0 INT) en route to being named the game's off. MVP ... Was 1 of 3 true freshmen QBs on the depth chart in 2014 & traveled to every road contest, but redshirted ... 3-star recruit by Rivals, Scout & ESPN at local Carlsbad HS ... 2-time All-Arizona League selection, passing for 1,986 yds & 23 TDs as a Sr.

### BACKUP

**9 Ryan Agnew**  
6-0 • 190 • So.-1L CGP: 10; 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 last year ... 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.

### TIGHT END

**88 David Wells**  
6-5 • 255 • Sr.-3L CGP: 46; CGS: 19  
Clovis, Calif. (Clovis North HS)

**2017 Stats:**

| GP | GS | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | Long | TD |
|----|----|------|------|------|------|----|
| 6  | 5  | 7    | 92   | 13.1 | 28   | 2  |

Mackey, Wuerfel and 7 watch lists ... 40 straight GP until missing 2017 opener w/ injury ... GW TD catch vs. Stanford ... 28-yd TD in 4th Qtr at AFA ... Preseason all-MW ... Good blocker w/ good hands ... Was 2nd-team all-MW in 2016 w/ 25 rec. in 2016, 21 rec. in 2015 ... Was the 1st Aztec to have 15 2-point conversions ... CH's of 5 catches & 62 yds, & 1st career TD vs. SIU ... Played final 12 games in 2014, mostly on ST ... RS in 2013 ... Prepped 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: 17; CGS: 8  
Sparks, Nev. (Edward C. Reed HS)

Physically TE ... Started 4 of 7 games w/ 2 rec. for 34 yds ... 5 rec. for 32 yds & 1 TD as a true freshman last year ... SDSU Co-Freshman of the Year (also Juwan Washington) ... Led Edward C. Reed HS to a 24-5 record (828) over his final 2 yrs, including a 13-1 mark in 2015 ... Criminal justice major.

### ALSO

**87 Kahale Warring**  
6-6 • 290 • So.-SQ CGP: 15; CGS: 1  
Santoma, Calif. (Santoma HS)

**Pronunciation:** KAH-hall-uy WHERE-ing ... Put on 30 lbs. since arriving in 2015 ... Has 13 rec., 185 yds & 2 TD ... 2 rec., 17 yds & 2 TD in 2016 before practice inj. sidelined him for year ... RS in 2015 ... Played just 1 year of football in HS ... Full name: Kahale Kua Kalani Michael Wodehouse Warring.

## 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 are ranked 31st nationally in rushing yards per game (202.9), tied for 33rd in rushing touchdowns (14) and 48th in rush average (4.7).
- San Diego State is 58-1-4 in the Rocky Long era when scoring just 20 or more points.
- SDSU is 22-1 the last 23 times it had an advantage in time of possession (loss was last week vs. Boise State).
- 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 (Rashaad Penny, 1,046) in a school-record eight straight seasons, which is tied with Auburn and Boise State (both without 1,000-yard rushers this year) 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 35 straight games when rushing for at least 200 yards (43-2 in the Rocky Long era).
- SDSU has a 100-yard rusher in six of seven games this season, 17 of the 21 games since 2016 (23, 100-yard rushers total) and 26 of the 35 games since Coach Horton took over the offense in 2015 (35, 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 16 games.
- SDSU has just seven interceptions since Sept. 13, 2015, the fewest in FBS play over that span.
- San Diego State has won 21 straight games when it does not turn the ball over.

### Z RECEIVER

**89 Fred Trevillion**  
6-2 • 200 • Jr.-Tr. CGP: 19; CGS: 1  
Brookhaven, Miss. (Brookhaven HS/Southwest Miss. CC)

**2017 Stats:**

| GP | GS | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | Long | TD |
|----|----|------|------|------|------|----|
| 7  | 1  | 5    | 173  | 34.6 | 89   | 1  |

Team's most athletic wideout ... 1st start vs. Stanford ... 2 rec., 128 yds, 1 TD vs. BSU, inc. 89-yd TD (4th longest in SDSU history) ... Played in 12 games as TR-F, an offense 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: 21; CGS: 1  
Newport Beach, Calif. (Newport Harbor HS/Golden West Coll.)

8 rec., 86 yds in 7 GP ... Also 15 PR for 114 yds ... Caught 11 passes for 156 yds & 3 TD in 2016 ... Led MW in PR avg. (9.0) ... GWC transfer.

### BACKUP

**92 Isiah Macklin**  
6-5 • 200 • Fr.-RS CGP: 7; 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: 43; CGS: 29  
Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside HS)

**2017 Stats:**

| GP | GS | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | Long | TD |
|----|----|------|------|------|------|----|
| 7  | 4  | 25   | 348  | 13.9 | 26   | 0  |

Leads SDSU with 25 rec. & 348 rec. yds ... 7 rec., 85 yds vs. Stanford ... CH 9 rec. (also 144 yds at UNLV) ... Has the 2nd-highest career YPC avg. (17.5) for any Aztec player in the last 20 years (min. 20 ... Career: 81 rec., 1,421 yds, 11 TD ... Played twin brother, Alijah, a CB vs. Stanford.

### BACKUP

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

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

### BACKUP

**81 Collin Andrews**  
6-3 • 185 • Fr.-RS CGP: 7; CGS: 1  
Chula Vista, Calif. (Olympian HS)

Joined program in spring 2017 ... Excellent blocker ... 1st start & catch vs. NIU ... Lindy's named him top SDSU newcomer ... Local product out of Olympian HS.



## 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 57 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: 32; CGS: 24  
Las Vegas, Nev. (Valley High)

**Notes:** '17; **Career:** **Personal**  
Athletic, mobile d-lineman ... Played 1st 2 seasons at DT ... Has 24 tackles, 6.5 TFL, 2.5 sacks, 2 FF & 2 QBH this year ... **MW Def. PoTW** at ASU (5 tackles, 2.5 TFL, 1.5 SCK, 2 FF) ... 2016: 26 tackles, 6.0 TFL, 3 SCK, a PBU & 5 QBH ... 2015: 20 tackles in 11 GP (3 GS), inc. 6.0 TFL, 0.5 sacks, a FF & a PBU ... **2014 SDSU Def. Scout Team PoTW**, while redshirting ... **Career:** 70 tackles, 18.5 TFL, 6.0 sacks, 3 FF ... Received 3 stars from **ESPN** & **24/7sports** out of HS ... A 3-time captain at Valley HS in Las Vegas ... Previously known as Eric Burral, but legally changed his name to honor his father, who was shot and killed before he was born.

OR

## 41 Dakota Turner

6-3 • 250 • Jr.-1L CGP: 35; CGS: 3  
Mililani, Hawaii (Mililani High)

**Notes:** '17; **Career:** **Personal**  
**Notes:** Tough, relentless defensive end who is great in pursuit ... Returned to play Sept. 30 vs. NIU after partially tearing an ACL on Aug. 19 in an SDSU scrimmage ... Has 4 tackles & a sack ... Started first three games last year at fullback, but played final 11 at defensive end, totaling 40 tackles, 5 TFL, 2 sacks, 2 PBU & a FR ... 2015: 15 tackles (4 TFL) before tearing an ACL at Hawai'i ... 2014: 18 tackles, 2.5 TFL & 2 sacks in 12 games ... 2013: Redshirted ... **Career:** 75 TCK, 11.5 TFL, 4 SCK & 1 FF in 33 career games (inc. 3 off. GP) ... 1st-team all-state at Mililani HS ... Social science major.

ALSO: No. 55 Chiba Onyekwra (6-4, 255, Jr.-3L) ... [DP: 8/8](#)

### DEFENSIVE TACKLE

## 65 Sergio Phillips

6-2 • 285 • Sr.-3L CGP: 36; CGS: 7  
DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Has the most career tackles (71) among current SDSU defensive linemen, despite only starting six 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 24 tackles, 1.0 TFL & two QBH in first seven career starts this year ... Had 42 tackles (20 solo), 3.5 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 ... 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: 8; 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 ... 8 tackles, 1 FR in 7 GP this year ... Had 2 tackles vs. Hawai'i in 2016 ... Missed 2015 w/ injury ... RS in 2014 ... Earned 2 letters at San Marin HS ... A business administration major.

### DEFENSIVE END

## 68 Myles Cheatum

6-2 • 255 • So.-SQ CGP: 12; CGS: 7  
Cedar Park, Texas (Cedar Park HS)

**Notes:** '17; **Career:** **Personal**  
Athletic, relentless d-lineman who continues to improve his technique ... Was promoted to a starter when incumbent Dakota Turner injured his knee in the Aztec Fan Fest on Aug. 19 ... Had 1st career start (in just his 6th game) in opener vs. UCD ... Has 14 tackles, 3.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks & team-high 4 QBH ... 2016: 4 tackles in 5 GP ... 2015: RS ... Recorded 10 TFL as a senior at Cedar Park HS in 2014 as the team went 12-4 overall record at SDSU ... Off. conference MVP at Mira Mesa HS ... Also hit 341 & was a 2-time 1st-team all-league baseball pick ... Earned bachelor's in criminal justice & working on a master's in homeland security.

OR

## 41 Dakota Turner

6-3 • 250 • Jr.-1L CGP: 35; CGS: 3  
Mililani, Hawaii (Mililani High)

**Notes:** '17; **Career:** **Personal**  
**Notes:** Tough, relentless defensive end who is great in pursuit ... Returned to play Sept. 30 vs. NIU after partially tearing an ACL on Aug. 19 in an SDSU scrimmage ... Has 4 tackles & a sack ... Started first three games last year at fullback, but played final 11 at defensive end, totaling 40 tackles, 5 TFL, 2 sacks, 2 PBU & a FR ... 2015: 15 tackles (4 TFL) before tearing an ACL at Hawai'i ... 2014: 18 tackles, 2.5 TFL & 2 sacks in 12 games ... 2013: Redshirted ... **Career:** 75 TCK, 11.5 TFL, 4 SCK & 1 FF in 33 career games (inc. 3 off. GP) ... 1st-team all-state at Mililani HS ... Social science major.

ALSO: No. 45 Anthony Luke (6-4, 260, Jr.-TR) ... [DP: 8/8](#)

### LINEBACKER

## 39 Ronley/ron-lee/Lakalaka/lock-oh-lock-oh

6-0 • 225 • Jr.-2L CGP: 32; CGS: 20  
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 Fey injured & stayed there for the rest of the season, before starting 13 of 14 games last year ... Has 41 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 2 sacks & 2 QBH this year ... Had 73 tackles (2nd on team) last year with 3.0 TFL on 6-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), making 11 tackles ... Full name is Ronley Suomani-afese Lealoo Lakalaka ... Was 2-time all-state 1st-team selection at Punahou HS ... Older brother, Steven, played RB at Hawai'i, while younger brother, Seydiakid, 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: 16; 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 PoTW ... Rushed for 1,704 yards & 13 TD on offense & made 243 tackles at Salesian HS ... A 4-star recruit.

### LINEBACKER

## 46 Jay Henderson

6-2 • 230 • Sr.-3L CGP: 36; CGS: 10  
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 11 games (10 GS): 27 TCK, 9.0 TFL, 6.5 SCK, 9 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 ... Has 13 tackles, 6.5 TFL, 4 sacks, 2 QBH & a PBU ... Monster game vs. NIU with 6 tackles (5 solo), 3 sacks, 4 TFL & a QBH ... PBU vs. UCD in opener led toATING Thompson pick ... Had 15 tackles (10 solo), 2.5 sacks for 18 yards, 3 TFL, a forced fumble, a PBU & 7 QBH last year ... Had career-high 4 tackles, along with his 1st career sack, 1st TFL, 1st 4 QBH & 1st PBU in 1st career start at Wyoming (11/19/16) ... Had 3 tackles in 9 games in 2015 ... Made 3 stops as a true freshman in 2014 ... A consensus 3-star recruit out of Phelan High School ... A 2-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: 6; CGS: 0  
Honolulu, Hawaii (Kamehameha HS)

**Notes:** Athletic LB who impressed coaching staff w/ a solid fall camp ... Logged 13 snaps as a true freshman vs. UC Davis ... 2 stops in 3 separate games ... FR vs. NIU ... Played his prep ball at Kamehameha HS in Honolulu ... 24/7sports had him as the 6th-best recruit in Hawai'i ... Full name is Andrew Kai'o Aleki.

### LINEBACKER

## 42 Troy Cassidy

6-3 • 215 • So.-1L CGP: 18; CGS: 7  
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Entered fall camp third on the depth chart, but started first six games this season; From same high school as Christian Chapman.

**Notes:** '17; **Career:** **Personal**  
**Notes:** Smart, athletic player who played in 11 games as a true freshman last year ... Joins fellow starters Ronley Lakalaka (Jr.) & Jay Henderson (Sr.) as linebackers who never redshirted a season (true freshman Andrew Aleki is also on the two-deep) ... Has 21 tackles (11 solo) with 1.5 TFL, 0.5 sacks, a PBU & a QBH ... Played the final 11 games, mostly on special teams, making 10 tackles (four solo) with a 1-yard sack (and TFL) ... Made a career-high three stops (all solo) vs. San Jose State, while also recording his first sack (and TFL), going for 1-yard ... Recorded 178 tackles (119 solo) with 10 sacks over his three-year career at Carlsbad HS (some school as starting CB Christian Chapman) ... Also played tight end for the 2015 Backwood West League champ ... Is undecided on a major.

### BACKUP

## 57 Ryan Dunn

6-3 • 230 • Sr.-2L CGP: 33; CGS: 20

**Notes:** Has 16 tackles, 1 PBU & 2 Notes: Back from NIU ... 2016: Missed QBH ... 24 tackles in 2016 ... 40 stops with NIU ... 2015: 3 TCK in 14 GP ... 2014 in 2015 ... DNP in 2014 ... **Career:** 80 1 GP missed rest with NIU ... 2013: RS ... 135 tackles ... RS at Ariz. in 2013. Working on master's in homeland security.

### OR

## 52 Tyler Morris

6-3 • 225 • Sr.-1L CGP: 22; CGS: 0

## 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 ranks 16th nationally in yards per rush allowed (3.7), 19th in yards allowed per game (348.4), 19th nationally in yards per touch (6.3) 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    | 15th    | 16th  | 19th | 48th |
| 2015    | 7th     | 5th   | 10th | 7th  |
| 2016    | 17th    | 11th  | 42nd | 7th  |
| 2017    | 39th    | 17th  | 16th | 43rd |
| 2014-17 | 7th     | 5th   | 8th  | 9th  |

• SDSU is allowing just 310.7 yards per game and 21.0 points per game this season. In their other games this season, the Aztecs' opponents are averaging 434.8 yards per game and 32.3 points per game.

• San Diego State held three straight opponents to single digits in scoring last year for the first time since a four-game stretch from Oct. 15-Nov. 5, 1977. The Aztecs have held an opponent to single digits 10 times since the beginning of the 2010 season (35 games).

• Over SDSU's last 25 Mountain West contests (does not include MW Championships), opponents have scored just 16.3 points per game vs. San Diego State and only 274.6 yards per game.

• The Aztecs have forced three or more turnovers in 15 of their last 28 contests.

• SDSU has held six opponents to less than 200 yards of total offense since the beginning of 2015 (35 games), including twice last year.

• Since the beginning of 2015 (35 games), San Diego State's defense ranks first in interceptions (57, second is 49) and tied for second in interception TDs (10).

• Since the beginning of the 2015 campaign, the Aztec defense ranks third nationally in rushing yards allowed per game (112.7) and fourth in rushing yards per attempt (3.3).

• SDSU has held its opponent to seven or less points in the first half of 17 of the last 31 games.

• In 17 of its last 37 games, San Diego State has held its opponent to a passer rating of less than 100.00, including two games this year.

### CORNERBACK

## 17 Ron Smith

6-0 • 170 • So.-1L CGP: 20; CGS: 12  
Oakland, Calif. (St. Mary's HS)

**Notes:** '17; **Career:** **Personal**  
**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 INT (2 for a TD), 1 PBU & a FF over that span ... INT vs. UCD & Stanford & has 5 picks in last 13 GP ... 34 stops (27 solo), 2 INT, 8 PBU & a TFL ... Had 57 tackles, 3 INT for 77 yards & 2 TD, 3 PBU, a FF & 0.5 TFL on the season ... Was named to the 2016-17 Associated Press & **Athlon Sports** all-bowl teams 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 & 24/7sports ... Majoring in psychology.

### BACKUP

## 27 Kyree Woods

6-0 • 175 • So.-1L CGP: 13; CGS: 0  
Mesquite, Ariz. (Chandler HS)

Athletic, young cornerback who should increase workload this year ... 7 stops 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 2 years, including a state title in 2014 ... A 3-star recruit by ESPN ... A business admin. major.

### WARRIOR

## 14 Tariq Thompson

6-0 • 190 • Fr.-HS CGP: 7; CGS: 7  
San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine HS)

**Notes:** '17; **Career:** **Personal**  
**TOP NOTE:** Was the first Aztec true freshman to start on defense since Leon McFadden in 2009.

Athletic safety, who impressed the coaching staff in fall camp ... Shows great maturity for his age (turned 18 on Aug. 9) ... Became 1st Aztec true freshman to start on defense since CB Leon McFadden started at CSU on Oct. 24, 2009 & the 1st to start a season opener on defense since McFadden on Sept. 5, 2009, at UCLA (Coach Rocky Long's 1st game as SDSU's DO) ... Ended up with 4 tackles, a TFL on an INT & a FF ... Added a FR at ASU on ... CH 6 stops, 2 INT (1 for 83-yr TD) vs. NIU ... Has 28 tackles (21 solo), 2 TFL, 3 INT, a FF & a FR ... Played both sides of the ball at local St. Augustine HS, where team was 20-6 over his final 2 seasons (2015-16) ... Was a 2-time all-CIF pick.

### BACKUP

## 48 Israel Cabrera

5-10 • 180 • So.-1L CGP: 18; CGS: 0  
Canyon Country, Calif. (Canyon HS)

Speedy DB with good technique ... Also excels on special teams ... Has 5 tackles in 7 games on special teams ... Leads SDSU with 5 KR tackles ... Played 11 games on special teams last year with 1 assisted tackle ... Redshirted in 2015 ... Foothill League Defensive PoTW at Canyon HS in 2014 ... Had 188 stops, 8.5 TFL, 14 INT, 14 PBU, 3 FF & 3 FR for HS career ... Twin brother, Liam, also on SDSU at WR.

ALSO: No. 18 Trenton Thompson (6-2, 190, So.-1L) ... [DP: 11/10](#)

### AZTEC

## 33 Parker Baldwin

6-2 • 215 • Jr.-2L CGP: 35; CGS: 18  
Siloam Springs, Ark. (Siloam Springs HS)

**Notes:** '17; **Career:** **Personal**  
**TOP NOTE:** Ranked third on the team in tackles last year (66), despite coming off the bench the first 5 games.

Big time playmaker, who will make his 17th straight start this weekend at the signature Aztec spot in Rocky Long's 3-3 defense ... Has team-high 47 tackles & a PBU ... Had 24 tackles in a 2-game stretch this year, including CH 13 at AAU ... Had 66 tackles (37 solo), 3 TFL, 2 INT, a FF & 7 PBU last year ... Was 2nd on the team in special teams tackles (10) as a true freshman in 2015 ... Had 14 tackles, an INT & a FF, being named team's freshman of the year ... Earned all-state accolades as a senior ... Scored 8 TD & had 758 rec. yds, 135 rush yds & 134 tackles in his final HS season ... Was the 200m state champ ... A communication major.

### BACKUP

## 37 Dwayne Johnson, Jr.

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

Hard-hitting safety, who is still learning the defense ... Logged five tackles and a TFL in his first career game on the defense this year ... Redshirted the 2016 campaign ... Led Vista Murrieta High School to a 35-7 (833) record and 15-0 in league play over those 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: 38; CGS: 32  
San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa HS)

**Notes:** '17; **Career:** **Personal**  
**TOP NOTE:** Has the most starts (32) among any active Aztec on either the offensive or defensive side of the ball.

Reads plays exceptionally well ... Has the most tackles (150) among any current Aztec ... 2nd on team w/ 45 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 era (since 2009) ... Named the team's most out touch (from 2014) w/ 2 FR as well ... **Career:** 150 tackles, 7.5 TFL, 1 sack, 2 INT, 9 PBU, 3 FR ... 2013: RS ... Also was recruited to play baseball at SDSU ... Off. conference MVP at Mira Mesa HS ... Also hit 341 & was a 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: 2; 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 Leon 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: 40; CGS: 21  
Murphy, Texas (Wylie HS)

**Notes:** '17; **Career:** **Personal**  
**TOP NOTE:** Recorded two interceptions against Houston in the 2016 Las Vegas Bowl game.

Made the move to CB after spending 1st 3 years at Warrior ... Has 38 tackles (32 solo), 4.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 3 PBU, 1 INT & a FF ... Bronko Nagurski Nart & MW Def. PoTW vs. Stanford w/ 6 tackles, 2 sacks, a FF & an INT ... Had 38 tackles, 5 INT & 6 PBU last year ... Started 13 times in 2015 at Warrior, making 58 tackles, 3 TFL, 3 PBU & 2 INT ... Logged time in 6 games as a true freshman in 2014 w/ 1 tackle & a blocked punt before having surgery on a leg for compartment syndrome ... **Career:** 135 tackles, 7.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 9 INT, 12 PBU, 1 FF ... 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

## 32 Tayler Hawkins

6-1 • 200 • Fr.-RS CGP: 4; CGS: 0  
Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)

Hard-hitting athlete, who has played last four games for first time of career ... Missed first 3 years, recovering from an injury ... Has three tackles on special teams ... Redshirted last year ... Four-year letterwinner at Palm Springs HS with fellow DB Trenton Thompson ... Led Indians to 24-3 record over final two seasons ... Excelled as WR, DB & P ... Consensus 3-star recruit ... Business admin.

ALSO: No. 30 Garrett Binkley (5-9, 170, So.-SD) ... [DP: 8/8](#)