

San Diego State Aztecs

2016 Record: 9-2, 6-1 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 CCGP: 28; CGS: 25
Ramona, Calif. (Ramona HS)

TOP NOTE: Started all 25 games 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 25 consecutive games ... *Pro Football Focus* 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 1&T team at Ramona HS ... A social science major.

BACKUP

74 Tyler Roemer

6-7 • 305 • Fr.-HS CCGP: 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 at Fernley HS in Nevada ... Also played two years of basketball.

LEFT GUARD

56 Nico Siragusa

6-5 • 335 • Sr.-3L CCGP: 51; CGS: 39
Chula Vista, Calif. (Mater Dei Catholic HS)

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

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Pronounced: nico-GOOSE-uh ... On the Outland Trophy Watch List (outstanding interior lineman) ... Has 39 career starts, 14 more than the next SDSU o-lineman (25) ... Has graded out as the 4th-best guard ... Is a preseason 2nd-team All-American by *Phil Steele Magazine* ... Was a 1st-team all-MW pick last year ... Career starts: 11 at LG in 2016, 14 at LG in 2015, 13 at LG in 2014, 1 at RG in 2013 ... Was the only SDSU Fresh (or true) to start 2013 opener ... RS in 2012 ... Was an all-CF 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 CCGP: 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 CCGP: 25; CGS: 25
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 25th 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 game 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-league & 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 CCGP: 5; CGS: 0
Arlington, TX (Mansfield Timberview HS)

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

RIGHT GUARD

67 Antonio Rosales

6-4 • 295 • Jr.-1L CCGP: 17; CGS: 11
Tucson, Ariz. (Tucson Magnet HS)

TOP NOTE: Earned his first career start in the 2016 opener at right guard against New Hampshire.

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Physical, offensive lineman who continues to get bigger ... Has started all 11 games this year, the first 11 starts of his career ... Grades as the third-best run-blocker at guard by *Pro Football Focus* and No. 12 overall ... 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 CCGP: 11; CGS: 0
San Antonio, TX (William Howard Taft HS)

Notes: Big body, who was the co-starter in the opener ... Redshirted last year ... Played for the U.S. National Select Team in a 20-15 win over the IFAF World Team at AT&T Stadium in Jan. 2015 ... A business admin major.

RIGHT TACKLE

71 Daniel Brunskill

6-5 • 260 • Sr.-3L CCGP: 51; CGS: 39
Valley Center, Calif. (Valley Center HS)

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

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
On the Wuerffel Trophy Watch List (community service) & the Barburth Trophy Watch List (walk-on/former walk-on) ... Good blocking TE, who moved to RT in the fall w/ injuries to the o-line ... Coach Horton calls him the most consistent blocker ... Rated as the 4th-best run blocking tackle by PFF ... Was named an all-MW HM pick by the MW coaches & media in 2015 ... Has 3 career TD catches & 15 rec. overall ... 2015: Started all 14 games, making 10 catches w/ 2 TD ... 2014: Started 4 games & played in all 13, making 5 catches w/ a TD ... 2013: Played in all 13 games ... 2012: Redshirt ... 1st-team all-CF all-league & all-conference as a SR, at Valley Center HS ... A civil engineering major.

BACKUP

77 Ryan Pope

6-7 • 325 • So.-RS CCGP: 9; CGS: 0
Long Beach, Calif. (Lakewood HSL/BCC)

Notes: On 2-deep for 9th 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 CCGP: 24; CGS: 10
Los Gatos, Calif. (Los Gatos HS)

TOP NOTE: Has started eight games this season off fullback after starting two games at quarterback as a true freshman in 2014.

2016 Stats:

Rushing	Receiving											
GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Td.	LG	100+	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Td.	LG
10	8	1	1	4	0	4	0	1	85	7.7	0	19

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Former quarterback, who moved to fullback in the fall of 2015 ... Put on 20 pounds of muscle since switching positions ... An excellent run blocker ... Coach Long called him the most improved player in the spring ... Is graded as the top blocking fullback in the nation by *Pro Football Focus* and the No. 2 overall fullback ... Has 11 catches for 85 yards (7.7 avg.) ... Also has a 4-yard rush ... Played in 9 games in 2015 ... Was 13-for-38 (34.2 pct.) with 2 TD passes & 2 interceptions as a true freshman quarterback ... 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

19 Donnel Pumpfrey

5-9 • 180 • Sr.-3L CCGP: 51; CGS: 38
Las Vegas, Nev. (Canyon Springs HS)

TOP NOTE: Currently ranks second in the nation in rushing yards (1,855) & all-purpose yards (2,058), & is third all-time in NCAA rushing yds (6,127).

2016 Stats:

Rushing	Receiving											
GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Td.	LG	100+	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Td.	LG
11	11	287	1,855	6.5	14	79	9	25	197	7.9	0	27

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Is a Doak Walker Award finalist ... Also was Walter Camp & Maxwell semifinalist ... Was a midseason All-American by USA Today, SI, ESPN, CBS Sports & Sporting News ... Has a FBS-best 4 220-plus games this year (281 vs. Cal. 223 at USU, 220 at NIU & FS) ... Needs 153 rushing yards to move into 2nd on the all-time FBS list ... Is the first player in FBS history with 5K (8,620) rushing yds & 1K rec. yds. ... Has SDSU-record & FBS-leading 6,127 rushing yds, 7,203 all-purpose yds & 31 100-yd games ... Named a 2015 SI All-Am & the MW Off. Post ... 2014 FBS ranks: 4th in RYPP (143.6), 8th in APYPP (155.9), 9th in rush TDs (20) & RYPP (6.8) & 1st-team all-MW ... Had 752 yds & 8 TD as a TR-FR in 2013 ... Nev. Governor Paul at CSHS in 2012 ... Had 4,152 yds & 49 TDs over HS career ... Comm. major.

QUARTERBACK

10 Christian Chapman

6-0 • 200 • So.-1L CCGP: 20; CGS: 13
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

TOP NOTE: Is 11-2 as a starting quarterback, winning the 2015 MW Championship, the Hawai'i Bowl and nine of 11 games this year.

2016 Stats:

GP	GS	Comp.	Att.	Pct.	Int.	TD	Yds.	Rtg.
11	11	126	205	61.5	4	17	1,598	150.41

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Mobile, accurate quarterback with a quick release ... Has the 7th-best pass efficiency rating in FBS since Dec. 5, 2015 (Chapman became No. 1 08) (155.9, min. 220 att. & 12 GP) ... Career-high 283 yards vs. UNH & CH three TD ... 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. ARK (for-14, 1 TD, INT) en route to being named the game's off. MVP ... Was 1 of 3 true freshmen QB's 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-Avalado League selection, passing for 1,986 yards & 23 TDs as a senior.

BACKUP

9 Ryan Agnew

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

Notes: Athletic, mobile quarterback with an accurate arm ... Is 2-for-2 for 29 yds & has rushed 2 times for 26 yds ... In 2015, where he was named the team's off. scout PostY ... Passed for 6,967 yds & 56 TD over 3 years at Carroll HS in Southlake, Texas ... Also rushed for 2,286 yds & 38 TDs.

No. 3 RUNNING BACK

29 Juwan Washington

5-7 • 190 • Fr.-RS CCGP: 11; CGS: 0
Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale HS)

Notes: Has a great blend of speed & power ... Has 44 att. for 341 yds (7.8 avg.) & 4 TD ... Also has 3 rec. for 72 yds & a TD & 8 KR for 237 yds (29.6 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 3,900-yd games.

BACKUP

20 Rashaad Penny

5-11 • 220 • Jr.-2L CCGP: 38; CGS: 5
Norwalk, Calif. (Norwalk HS)

Notes: Pr. 2nd-team AA by 2 pubs ... Has 18 TDs (12 rush, 3 rec, 3 KR) over last 15 GP ... 1 of 7 w/ 9 rush TD & 3 rec. TD & only 1 w/ a KR as well ... Is 2nd in active FBS KR avg. (31.2) ... Was 2015 MW ST PostY, ranking 3rd in FBS in KR avg. (33.5) & 7-2nd in KR TDs (3) ... 2015 rec. - 8-120-1 (15.0); KR-24-80-4 (33.5) ... Had 2,504 rush yds & 41 TDs as HS Sr. ... Brother, Elijah, led Idaho in rushing.

Z RECEIVER

6 Mikah Holder

6-0 • 180 • Jr.-2L CCGP: 34; CGS: 11
Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside HS)

TOP NOTE: Twin brother, Aijah, plays CB at Stanford, while older brother, King, lettered at SDSU from 2011-13, starting at CB in 2013.

2016 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
10	10	21	426	20.3	86	4

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Had 4 catches for 160 yds & 2 TD vs. UNH, the most yds by an Aztec since Ezell Ruffin had 165 on Nov. 2, 2013. Included in 160 yds was an 86-yd TD ... Missed SJSU game w/ ankle injury ... Career: 50 rec., 918 yds, 10 TD ... 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 Lockett had 8 in 2011 ... Played in final 10 games in 2014 as a TR-Fresh ... Had 3 rec. for 33 yds (11.0 avg.) in 1st career GP vs. UNLV ... Was a 3-star recruit from the major recruiting services out of nearby Oceanstate HS ... Had 41 rec. for 1,229 yds & 11 TD as a Sr. ... A social science major.

BACKUP

85 Quest Truxton

6-0 • 180 • Jr.-TR CCGP: 13; CGS: 0
Newport Harbor, CA (Newport Harbor HS/Golden West Coll.)

Notes: All-purpose transfer who can play WR, PR & KR ... Leads MW in PR avg. (10.6 avg.) ... Also has 9 catches for 139 yards & 3 TD, & has 4 KR for 61 yds (15.2 avg.) ... All-region 1st team at Golden West College ... Sunset League Off. Poly at Newport Harbor HS ... A sociology major.

X RECEIVER

97 Curtis Anderson

6-3 • 200 • Sr.-1L CCGP: 18; CGS: 5
Palmdale, Calif. (Pete Knight HS/Antelope Valley College)

TOP NOTE: Is first in the depth chart heading into the Colorado State game for the eighth time of his career and eighth straight week.

2016 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
11	4	5	31	6.2	12	0

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Earned a scholarship before fall drills ... Arguably team's best blocking receiver ... Has played in all 11 games this year, starting at South Alabama, vs. UNLV, at SJSU & at Nevada ... Has five receptions for 31 yards this year ... Battled injuries in 2015 in first season at SDSU ... Had a 6-yard catch at Hawai'i and started at San Jose State ... Played two years at Antelope Valley College, combining for 34 catches, 387 yards & 4 touchdowns ... Played prep ball at Pete Knight High School, earning second-team all-Golden League honors as a senior ... A social science major.

BACKUP

81 Eric Judge

6-1 • 190 • Sr.-3L CCGP: 50; CGS: 11
San Diego, Calif. (San Diego HS)

Notes: Big-play WR w/ excellent speed ... Started 1st 3 games ... Has 16 rec. & 182 yds ... Career: 68 rec., 1,167 yds. (17.2 avg.), 6 TD ... 2015: 15 rec., 296 yds., 1 TD ... 2014: 24 rec., 471 yds., 2 TD ... 2013: 13 rec., 218 yds., 3 TD ... Had 3 100-plus yard games at SDHS ... A social science major.

TIGHT END

88 David Wells

6-5 • 255 • Jr.-2L CCGP: 37; CGS: 11
Clovis, Calif. (Clovis North HS)

TOP NOTE: Made first career starts this season after playing first 27 games off the bench.

2016 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
11	11	18	212	11.8	27	3

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Notes: Good blocker with good hands ... Made 1st career starts this year ... Has 18 catches, 14 more than he had over his 1st 2 seasons ... Had 3 receptions & 30 yards at Fresno State in front of hometown crowd ... CHS of 5 catches & 62 yds, & 1st career TD vs. SJSU ... Had 4 catches for 22 yds (5.5 avg.) last year ... Played final 12 games in 2014, mostly on special teams ... Redshirted in 2013 ... Former quarterback, who converted to TE late in prep career at Clovis North HS ... Was a 1st-team all-league & all-Valley ... Was a 3-star recruit by Rivals ... Was a 2015 MW Fall All-Academic pick ... Working on masters.

BACKUP

82 Parker Houston

6-3 • 240 • Fr.-HS CCGP: 7; CGS: 3
Sparks, Nev. (Edward C. Reed HS)

Notes: Made 1st career start at FS in 2nd career game, making 1st career catch ... Made debut previous week vs. UNLV ... 1st TD at WYO ... Also is team's short snapper on PATs & FGs ... Led Edward C. Reed HS to a 24-5 record (828) over his final 2 yrs, including a 13-1 mark in 2015 ... A kinesiology major.

Offensive Tidbits

- Several of the Aztec offensive players are on watch lists for the nation's top player at their position, including TE (now RT) Daniel Brunskill (Wuerffel), C Arthur Flores (Rimington), RB Donnel Pumpfrey (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).
- The Aztecs scored 40-plus points in four consecutive games for the first time since 1990 (interrupted last week at Wyoming with 33 points).
- San Diego State is 50-13 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) and are on pace for 3,967 yards this year (assuming a 14-game season).
- SDSU has a 1,000-yard rusher (Donnel Pumpfrey, 1,855) in seven straight seasons for the first time in program history (previous longest streak was five seasons from 1991-95).
- San Diego State has won 31 straight games when rushing for at least 200 yards (39-2 in the Rocky Long era).

- The Aztecs have a 100-yard rusher in 36 of their past 47 games and have a total of 45, 100-yard rushers during that span.
- SDSU is 25-1 in program history when it has two, 100-yard rushers, including this year against UNLV, San Jose State, Utah State, Hawai'i and Nevada. San Diego State has a pair of 100-yard rushers in four of the past six games, five of the past seven and eight of the past 21.
- Donnel Pumpfrey (14) and Rashaad Penny (14) have more combined touchdowns (28) than 13 other FBS teams this year.
- The Aztecs have just four interceptions (all this season) since Sept. 13, 2015, the fewest in FBS play over that span.

SPECIALISTS

PAT's/FG's: 29 John Barron II, 5-11, 190, So.-1L
► FG/FGA: 16-for-18 (.889) Long: 50 | PAT's: 45-for-47 (.957)
Punts: 91 Tanner Blain, 6-0, 205, Sr.-1L
► Punts: 46 | Avg.: 41.7 | Long: 60 | TB: 5 | 20: 20 | 50+: 9
► KO: 75 | Avg.: 62.6 | TB: 23 | 08: 1 | Avg. Opp. Start: 23
Short Snapper: 82 Parker Houston, 6-3, 240, Fr.-HS
Long Snapper: 69 Ryan Simmons, 6-1, 210, Fr.-HS
Holder: 91 Tanner Blain, 6-0, 205, Sr.-1L
Kick Returns: 20 Rashaad Penny & 29 Juwan Washington
► Penny - KR: 9 | Yds: 349 | Avg.: 38.8 | TD: 2 | Long: 100
Punt Returns: 85 Quest Truxton
► PR: 23 | Yds: 244 | Avg.: 10.6 | TD: 0 | Long: 41

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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 21 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: 37; CGS: 13
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 ... 2nd year at SDSU after playing the 2014 season at Saddleback College & 2013 at Arizona ... Has 34 tackles, 4.5 TFL, 3.0 sacks & 10 QBH ... Led SDSU in QBH (8) last year & ranked 2nd in sacks (7.5), 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: 29; CGS: 3
Mililani, Hawaii (Mililani High)
Notes: Tore his ACL last year at Hawaii & came back to start the 1st 3 games of FB this year ... Moved back to DE for bye week & had 7 stops in 1st game vs. So. Ala. ... Has 31 tackles, 4 TFL, 2 SCK, 1 FF & 2 QBH in 8 def. GP ... Career: 62 TCK, 10.5 TFL, 4 SCK & 1 FF in 29 career games (inc. 3 off. GP) ... A business admin. major.

LINEBACKER

54 Calvin Munson

6-1 • 245 • Sr.-3L CGP: 49; CGS: 38
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 a 4th preseason watch list (Nagurski, Bednarik, Burkus & Lott IMPACT) ... Leads team in tackles (92, No. 2 Has 52) ... Also has 8.0 TFL, 2.5 SCK, 3 PBU & 12 QBH ... 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. POY honors (Waller, Camp & Lott IMPACT) & MW Post-MW accolades after posting 10 tackles, w/ 2 INT returns for TD & a FR vs. USD ... 2014 HM all-MW ... Avg. 36.5 yds per INT return in 2014, which ranked 3rd in FBS ... SDSU Def. POY in 2014 ... 2013: 4 tackles on ST ... Career: 277 tackles, 33.5 TFL, 16 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 2013.

BACKUP

42 Troy Cassidy

6-3 • 210 • Fr.-HS CGP: 8; CGS: 0
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)
Notes: Is on the 2-dep for the second time this year ... Has played in eight games this year, mainly on special teams ... Has 10 tackles, including a sack (and TFL) vs. San Jose St. ... A first-team All-CIF honoree as a senior at nearby Carlsbad HS ... A three-star recruit by Rivals, Scouts & ESPN.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

95 Noble Hall

6-3 • 265 • So.-1L CGP: 22; CGS: 14
Las Vegas, Nev. (Valley High)
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Athletic, mobile defensive lineman ... Has 22 tackles, 4.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 5 QBH & a PBU this year in 11 starts ... Had 20 tackles in 2015 in 11 games (three starts), including 6 TFL, 0.5 sacks, a FF & a PBU ... Starts came in the 1st 3 games vs. USD, Cal & 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.

OR

65 Sergio Phillips

6-2 • 295 • Jr.-2L CGP: 26; CGS: 0
DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto HS)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Was recruited on offensive line, but played defensive line in 2014, offensive line in 2015 & back to defensive line since the Air Force game last year in the MW Championship game ... Has 27 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, two sacks, a forced fumble & a 0 QBH this year in 11 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 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 ... A criminal justice major.

LINEBACKER

57 Ryan Dunn

6-3 • 230 • Jr.-1L CGP: 23; CGS: 19
Alamo, CA (San Ramon Valley HS/Univ. of Arizona)
TOP NOTE: Started all 13 games he played in last year as a walk-on transfer before earning a scholarship prior to fall drills.

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Athletic linebacker who continues to shine, now in his third year with the program ... Is expected to start Saturday for the seventh time this year ... Has 23 tackles, 1.5 TFL & 2 QBH in 10 games (missed WYO game with an injury) ... Started all 13 games he played in last year, only missing the Air Force game ... Had 40 tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss, 0.5 sacks & two quarterback hurries ... Had SDSU's first two tackles of the season (kickoff & USD's first offensive play) ... Made a career-high 10 tackles vs. South Alabama ... 2013 redshirt season at Arizona and a 2014 transfer season ... One of three current/former Aztecs who started careers at Arizona and the similar 3-3-5 defense (also CB Derek Bushash and DL Kyle Kelley) ... Prepped at San Ramon Valley High ... A consensus three-star recruit who played in the BMW West Coast Bowl & Col State All-Star Game.

BACKUP

46 Jay Henderson

6-2 • 230 • Jr.-2L CGP: 26; CGS: 1
Petaluma, Calif. (Serrano HS)
Notes: Moved from DE to LB in the spring, but moved back to MB play with an injury to starter Randy Ricks ... Has 4 tackles, 1.0 sack, 2 QBH & a PBU in 1st career start at WYO ... Had 3 tackles in 9 games in both 2014 & 2015 ... A consensus 3-star recruit out of HS ... A 2-time all-league pick. (No. 40 Randy Ricks (6-5, 230, Sr.-1L), GP: 12, 18.6)

DEFENSIVE END

58 Alex Barrett

6-3 • 255 • Sr.-3L CGP: 47; CGS: 35
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 ... Leads team in sacks (6.5), TFL (10.0) & QBH (13) ... Also has 42 tackles & 4 PBU ... 4 PBU vs. UNH were tied for 5th-most-ever by an Aztec ... Ranks 8th all-time at SDSU in sacks (18.0) & 10th in TFL (37.0) ... Career: 158 tackles, 37.0 TFL, 18 sacks, 2 INT (1 TD), 8 PBU, 2 FF ... Was a 1st-team all-MW pick last year ... Had 62 tackles in 2014 to go along with 13 TFL, 5.5 sacks, 2 interceptions, 2 forced fumbles & a PBU ... Named 2014 MW honorable mention as a sophomore, despite missing the final 3 games due to injury (foot) ... Earned team's defensive lineman of the year ... Was a 2-time 1st-team all-state at Desert Ridge HS ... Also played OL & lettered in track & field ... Criminal justice major.

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6-3 • 250 • Jr.-1L CGP: 29; CGS: 3
Mililani, Hawaii (Mililani High)
Notes: Tore his ACL last year at Hawaii & came back to start the 1st 3 games of FB this year ... Moved back to DE for bye week & had 7 stops in 1st game vs. So. Ala. ... Has 31 tackles, 4 TFL, 2 SCK, 1 FF & 2 QBH in 8 def. GP ... Career: 62 TCK, 10.5 TFL, 4 SCK & 1 FF in 29 career games (inc. 3 off. GP) ... A business admin. major.

LINEBACKER

39 Ronley/Lakalaka

6-0 • 235 • So.-1L CGP: 22; CGS: 10
Kalihi, Hawaii (Punahou HS)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Physical linebacker who has a ton of potential ... One of two players on the team from Hawaii (also DL Dakota Turner) ... Started 10 of 11 games this year (DHS vs. Cal) ... Had a 9-yard INT return for a TD vs. Cal ... Another pick vs. Hawaii ... Has 52 tackles, 0.5 TFL, 2 INT, 1 PBU & 5 QBH ... 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 Sounniaosefa (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 HS ... Brother, Steven, is a senior RB at Hawai'i.

43 Austin Wyatt-Thayer

6-5 • 230 • Sr.-1L CGP: 23; CGS: 2
Paradise, Calif. (Paradise HS/Sierra College)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Notes: Big, athletic body who is coming off another solid fall camp ... Has played in last 20 games ... Started vs. Cal ... Career-high 8 tackles at South Alabama ... 1st sack vs. UNLV ... 2 sacks vs. JSU ... Made his 1st career start in the Hawaii Bowl vs. Cincinnati last season ... Played in 12 games, making 11 tackles (9 solo) ... Was a two-time all-NorCal League pick at Sierra College & a team captain in his final year in 2014 ... His 19 tackles in 2013 were second most in state ... Prepped at Paradise HS earning all-Eastern Athletic League accolades on 4 occasions, including 3 as a safety & one as a wide receiver ... Is majoring in psychology.

Defensive Tidbits

- Several of the Aztec defensive players are on watch list for the nation's top player at their position, including CB Damontae Kazez (Thorpe) LB Calvin Munson (Nagurski, Burkus),
- Rocky Long is serving as the team's defensive coordinator for the eighth straight season (includes all six as head coach). Since he's taken over as the defensive coordinator in 2009, SDSU's defense ranked 19th nationally in yards per rush allowed (3.7), 16th nationally in yards per touch (6.3), 20th in yards allowed per game (350.4) and 28th in points allowed per game (23.3).
- San Diego State had posted two of the best defensive seasons in each of the last two seasons and is off to another good start. Below are comparisons of the past two-plus seasons and total rankings over the last two-plus years:

	Scoring	Total	Pass	Rush
2014	13th	16th	19th	48th
2015	7th	5th	10th	7th
2016	8th	9th	37th	3rd
2014-16	5th	6th	9th	8th

• SDSU held three straight opponents to single digits in scoring earlier this year for the first time since a four-game stretch from Oct. 15-Nov. 5, 1977. San Diego State has held an opponent to single digits 10 times since the beginning of last season (25 games).

• The Aztecs have allowed just 447 points in their last 28 games (16.0 ppg) with 82 of that coming in two games this year.

• SDSU had the ninth-best defensive third-down conversion percentage (28.9) in FBS last year and is ranked 42nd this year (37.3).

• San Diego State held 22 straight league opponents below 400 yards of total offense until last Saturday at Wyoming. That was the longest active streak in FBS (league games only).

• Over the Aztecs' last 22 Mountain West contests (does not include MW Championship), opponents have scored just 13.8 points per game vs. SDSU and only 264.8 yards per game.

• San Diego State has forced three or more turnovers in 10 of its last 18 contests.

• The Aztec defense has scored three touchdowns in seven MW games and has allowed only eight.

CORNERBACK

17 Ron Smith

6-0 • 170 • Fr.-RS CGP: 11; CGS: 3
Oakland, Calif. (St. Mary's HS)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
TOP NOTE: Had a career-high seven tackles and first interception (and interception return for a TD) vs. Hawai'i. Is listed as the No. 1 left cornerback for the third time this week vs. Colorado State after logging first career starts the past two games ... Has played in all 11 games on the year, making 33 stops (18 solo) with two interceptions (including one touchdown), two pass breakups & a forced fumble ... Also excels on special teams, leading the team with 13 tackles on special teams & 12 on the kick return unit ... Has seven tackles each in past three games (all starts) ... Redshirted in 2015 as a true freshman ... A three-star recruit by Rivals, Scout, ESPN and 24/7sports ... Majoring in psychology.

BACKUP

27 Kyree Woods

6-0 • 175 • Fr.-HS CGP: 4; CGS: 0
Mesa, Ariz. (Chandler HS)

Is on the depth chart for the third time of his career ... Has 1 tackle in 3 games this year, which went down as a 10-yard sack on Hawai'i quarterback Drew Brown two weeks ago on 4th & 5, keeping SDSU's 55-0 shutout intact ... Logged 13 stops at USD ... Led Chandler HS to a 24-4 record over his three years, including a state title in 2014 ... A 3-star recruit by ESPN ... A business admin. major.

WARRIOR

12 Malik Smith

6-0 • 190 • Sr.-3L CGP: 59; CGS: 38
Compton, Calif. (Dominguez HS)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
TOP NOTE: One of two SDSU safeties to earn multiple all-MW honors under Rocky Long (current NYG Nat Berhe). Is 2-time all-MW honorable-mention ... Has played last 50 games & started last 38 ... Has 43 stops, 2.0 TFL, 5 INT, 9 PBU, a FF & a FR in 2015 ... Career-high 11 stops 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 PBUs, 3 INT & a FR in 2014 ... Has 4 career games w/ 10+ tackles ... 21 stops in 2013 at Tr-Fresh ... Career: 196 tackles, 10.5 TFL, 9 INT, 22 PBU, 1 FF, 2 FR ... Quoted in 2015 article as saying "football saved my life" ... A criminal justice major.

BACKUP

18 Trenton Thompson

6-2 • 185 • Fr.-HS CGP: 5; CGS: 0
Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)

True freshman, who is on the depth chart for the fifth time of his career this weekend ... Has seven tackles - six on special teams, in just four games ... Had four tackles in his first career game vs. San Jose State, tied for the third most on the team ... Led Palm Springs HS to a 24-3 (889) record over his three years ... Was a three-star recruit by Scout and 24/7sports ... Majoring in criminal justice.

AZTEC

33 Parker Baldwin

6-2 • 215 • So.-1L CGP: 25; CGS: 6
Siloam Springs, Ark. (Siloam Springs HS)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
TOP NOTE: Ranks third on the team in tackles (51), despite only starting six of 11 games (last six). Big time player, who will make his 7th career start this weekend at the signature Aztec spot in Rocky Long's 3-3-5 defense with Na'McGee out with an injury ... Has 51 tackles (25 solo), 3.0 TFL, 2 INT, a FF & 8 PBU so far in 11 games with 6 GS ... Had a career-high 11 stops & an interception at Wyoming ... Was 2nd on the team as a true-freshman in special teams tackles (10) last year ... Had 14 tackles, an INT & a FF being named Star's Fr. 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 business management major.

BACKUP

14 Trey Lomax

5-11 • 195 • Jr.-2L CGP: 28; CGS: 24
San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa HS)

Projected starting Warrior, who also might play some Aztec vs. CSU ... Has 24 career starts, including one at the Aztec last season ... Has 24 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 1 INT & 5 PBU in 11 starts this year at Warrior ... Battled injuries & had 9 tackles & 8 FF & 5 sacks in 10 starts at Hawai'i ... Named the team's most outstanding freshman (2014) with 63 stops & 2 FR ... Redshirted in 2013 ... Is majoring in criminal justice.

WARRIOR

3 Trey Lomax

5-11 • 195 • Jr.-2L CGP: 28; CGS: 24
San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa HS)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Fantastic athlete, who is coming off a pair of solid seasons ... Has 24 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 1 INT & 5 PBU in 11 starts this year ... Battled injuries & had 9 tackles & a FF in 5 GP (3 GS) in 2015 ... Named the team's most outstanding freshman (2014) w/ 63 stops & 2 FR ... Career: 96 tackles, 5.5 TFL, 1 sack, 1 INT, 8 PBU, 3 FR ... KS in 2013 ... 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: 30; 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 32 tackles, three interceptions & 4 PBUs in 11 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: 91 tackles, 5 INT, 7 PBU ... A three-star recruit (Scout.com) ... Recorded seven interceptions on defense as a prep athlete at Wylie HS ... Is majoring in kinesiology.

CORNERBACK

23 Damontae Kazez

5-11 • 190 • Sr.-3L CGP: 59; CGS: 38
San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon HS)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
TOP NOTE: Preseason MW defensive player of the year, was the MW defensive player of the year last season. On the following national award watch lists: Bednarik (defensive POY) and Thorpe (DB II) ... Joins Kirk Morrison as the only Aztecs to ever be named MW Def. Player of the Year ... Active FBS ranks: 2-nd in INT (15), 14-th in passes def. (43) & 1-7th in FF (6) ... Has 50 stops, 3 TFL, 5 INT & 6 PBU this year ... Started 38 straight games & played in 42 straight ... Career: 225 tackles, 15 interceptions, 6 FF, 1 FR ... Ranks 1st at SDSU with 15 career INT, and is 1-6th with 6 FF & 9th with 27 PBUs ... Brother, Walter, was a 1k-yd RB for the Aztecs from 2009-12, captaining in 2012 ... A criminal justice major.

BACKUP

22 Kalan Montgomery

6-1 • 185 • Jr.-2L CGP: 38; CGS: 2
Compton, Calif. (Dominguez Hills HS)

Played in all 38 games the last two-plus seasons after earning second teams scout player of the year as a redshirt (2013) ... Started twice this year ... Has 20 tackles (15 solo) & two pass breakups ... Has 34 career tackles and three pass breakups ... Was a prep teammate of fellow Aztec Malik Smith ... Also a high school letterwinner in track ... A social science major.