



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 in 2016
- Aztecs have won two of last five MW titles and three since 2012
- 18 players selected in the NFL Draft in his eight seasons as head coach



Zach Arnett

DC/Linebackers Coach

- Named defensive coordinator in January 2018
- Is in his ninth season at SDSU and sixth as asst. coach
- Has worked with the SDSU linebackers all nine years
- Has coached an all-MW linebacker in seven straight years
- Has spent 12 years working/playing with Coach Long

DEFENSIVE END

68 Myles Cheatum

6-2 • 265 • Sr.-2L CGP: 41; CGS: 23
Cedar Park, Texas (Cedar Park HS)

TOP NOTE: Entered the year as the only Aztec with a start on the d-line (11), while his 29 GP were 3 more than the rest of the DL 2-deep (26).

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
1st-team all-Mountain West ... Athletic, relentless defensive lineman with veteran leadership ... Has 23 career starts and 41 games played ... 39 TCK, 9.5 TFL, team-high 5.0 SCK in 12 GS this year ... Career: 88 tackles, 16.0 TFL, 9.0 SCK, 2 FR & 1 RR ... 2018: Had 27 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 2 sacks, & 4 QBH in 13 GP (3 GS) ... 2017: 18 stops, 3 TFL, 2 sacks, 1 FF & 4 QBH in 11 GP (8 GS) ... Biggest game came at ASU on 9/9/17 (4 tackles, 2 TFL, 1 SACK & 1 QBH) ... 2016: 4 TCK in 5 GP ... 2015: RS ... Had 10 TFL as Sr. at Cedar Park HS in 2014, leading the Timberwolves to a 12-4 overall record & Conference SA Division 2 championship game ... Also added 10 offensive TD (8 rush, 2 rec.) ... Born in Athens, Greece ... An interdisciplinary studies major ... Housemates with LB Kyahva Tezino, RB Jovan Washington & WR Chaz Collins.

BACKUP

58 Connor Mitchell

6-5 • 260 • So.-1L CGP: 25; CGS: 0
Island Lakes, Ill. (Wauconda HS)

Notes: Is the second-most experienced defensive lineman with 25 career games played ... Had eight tackles, including 1 TFL in 2018, playing all 13 games off the bench ... Redshirted in 2017 ... All-state of Wauconda HS in Island Lakes, Ill. ... Led HS league in sacks ... A communication major.

LINEBACKER (SAM)

54 Caden McDonald

6-3 • 230 • So.-1L CGP: 25; CGS: 9
Haslet, Texas (Northwest HS)

TOP NOTE: Recovered a blocked punt in the end zone at UNLV for his first career touchdown.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Is coming off another solid spring, where he earned a starting role at the "Sam" linebacker and held that position through the full camp ... A physical LB, who continues to get bigger in the weight room ... Has 30 tackles, 5.5 TFL, 2.5 sacks, 1 INT, 1 FR & 6 QBH in 12 GP (9 GS) ... 1st in UCLA ... 1st INT at SDSU ... 2 SCK on UIU ... Recorded 2 tackles in 13 games off the bench in 2018, working behind 3-year starter Ronley Lakolaka ... Redshirted in 2017 ... Totaled a school-record 290 tackles over his 3-year career at Northwest HS in Haslet, Texas ... Was NH's defensive player of the year all 3 seasons ... Was rated as the 10th-best LB recruit in the state-rich state of Texas ... Also track & field star, qualifying for state meet ... A kinesiology major with an emphasis as fitness specialist.

BACKUP

43 Seyddrick Lakalaka

/SAID-rikk/
/LOK-oh-LOK-oh/

6-1 • 230 • So.-1L CGP: 21; CGS: 0
Kalihii, Hawaii (Punahou HS)

Notes: Solid linebacker, who continues to improve ... Has 6 stops in 12 GP, mostly on ST ... Had 3 tackles in 9 games last year ... RS in 2017 ... Was a 2nd-team all-league LB as a Sr at Punahou HS ... Younger brother of Ronley (2015-18 LB at SDSU) and Steven (2013-16 RB at Hawaii).

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

65 Cameron Thomas

6-5 • 260 • Fr.-RS CGP: 13; CGS: 11
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

TOP NOTE: Was the only freshman on the all-Mountain West first team (defense or offense).

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
1st-team all-Mountain West ... Young, athletic with a ton of potential ... An excellent pass rusher ... Has 45 tackles, 8.0 TFL & 4.5 sacks in 2019 ... Has been named to the Pro Football Focus MW Team of the Week 4 times this year ... Did not start at Hawaii after missing most of week with concussion-like symptoms ... Played in 1 game in 2018 as a true freshman, logging special teams play vs. Ohio in the DXL Frisco Bowl ... Was on the travel squad for 3 games ... Played his prep ball at Carlsbad HS, along with fellow Aztecs Troy Cassidy & Zachary Thomas, & SDSU's all-time winningest QB Christian Chapman ... Had 86 tackles & 9.5 sacks over his final 2 seasons at CHS ... Older brother, Zachary, started 2 games before tearing ACL, but has started the last 7 at right tackle.

BACKUP

66 Jonah Tavai

/TUH-vie/
/TAV-ai/

6-0 • 315 • So.-TR CGP: 12; CGS: 1
Manhattan Beach, CA (Mira Costa HS/Camino College)

Notes: Big body who is learning the 3-3-5 defense ... 14 TCK, 2.0 TFL, 1.5 SCK in 2019 ... All-league pick at ECC in 2018 ... 3-time all-league selection at Mira Costa HS ... Also a star rugby player ... Turned 19 on Dec. 13 ... Brother, Jahari, plays LB for DePaul University ... Other brother, Justus, plays at Hawaii ... Also: No. 69 Sam Hines (6-2, 260, Fr.-RS) ... [@JAH-tee](#)

LINEBACKER (MIKE)

44 Kyahva Tezino

/Key-AH-va/
/Tuh-zeeno/

6-0 • 235 • Sr.-3L CGP: 47; CGS: 30
Los Angeles, Calif. (Salesian HS)

TOP NOTE: Has led the team (or tied for the team lead) in tackles in 18 of the 30 career games he has started.

On 3 watch lists (Bedarrik Award, Magurski Award & Burkus Award) ... 1st-team all-MW for 2nd straight year ... Expansive running ability ... Has 96 tackles, 9.0 TFL, 3.0 SCK, 2 FF, 1 INT, 2 PBU & 2 QBH ... MW Def. PoW for 3rd time of his career at UCLA (9 TCK, 1 INT, 1.0 SCK, 1 FF, 1 QBH) ... 13 TCK, 2.5 TFL, 1.0 SCK, 1 FF at CSU ... Had 127 TCK, 14.5 TFL, 8.5 SCK & 17 QBH last year ... Was 1st-team all-MW & SDSU's PoW ... 127 stops were 24 more than No. 2 on the team, 67 more than No. 3 & 8th most in SDSU history ... 2017: 59 TCK, 6 TFL, 2 SCK (56 TCK, 6 TFL, 2 SCK over final 5 GP (1st 5 starts)) ... 17 tackles vs. Army in AFB ... 2016: 5 TCK, 1.5 SCK ... 2015: RS as team's def. soul pat ... Career: 287 TCK, 31.0 TFL, 15 SCK ... Starred on both sides of the ball at Salesian HS, rushing for 1,704 yds & 13 TD (9.6 avg.), & recording 343 tackles & 9 INT.

BACKUP

46 Michael Shawcroft

6-2 • 225 • Fr.-HS CGP: 12; CGS: 0
San Diego, Calif. (Helix HS)

Notes: Impressed early, getting reps with the 2nd-string defense almost immediately in fall camp ... Has great speed & tenacity ... 5 stops ... Was the 2018 CIF San Diego Section Def. PoW & 2-time all-CIF 1st-team at nearby Helix HS ... Majoring in physics w/ plans to become an astronomer.

DEFENSIVE END

57 Keshawn Banks

6-4 • 270 • So.-1L CGP: 24; CGS: 12
Rio Rancho, N.M. (Rio Rancho HS)

TOP NOTE: Earned second-team all-Mountain West honors in his first season as a starter.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
2nd-team all-MW ... Talented, young defensive end who had a solid 2018 fall camp & played immediately as a true freshman, despite 4 seniors on the d-line ... Emerged as a starter in the spring, which carried into fall camp ... Has 41 tackles, team-high 13.5 TFL, 4.5 sacks & 1 PBU in his first career 12 starts ... Had 7 tackles, including 1 TFL, in 12 games off the bench ... Only missed the Nevada game (injury) ... Played 180 snaps last season ... Led Rio Rancho High in the Albuquerque (N.M.) area to a 13-0 record & state championship in 2016, & a 9-3 mark in 2017 ... Had 133 tackles, 37 TFL, 18 sacks, 8 PBUs, 3 FF, 3 FR & an interception in his 3 seasons at Rio Rancho HS ... Earned all-state honors ... Also played basketball & lettered in track & field ... Undecided on a major.

BACKUP

52 Jalil Lecky

/JAH-lee/
/LUCK-ee/

6-5 • 240 • Jr.-RS CGP: 6; CGS: 0
Antioch, Calif. (Heritage HS/College of San Mateo)

Notes: Tall, athletic d-line man ... Has 4 tackles & a sack in 1st 6 GP this year ... RS in 2018, while working w/ both the DL & LBs ... Led the College of San Mateo to a 18-1 record from 2016-17, including a 11-2 mark & a spot in the 2017 California JuCo championship game ... Prepped at Heritage HS.

LINEBACKER (WILL)

38 Andrew Aleki

/uh-LECK-ee/
/ALEE-ki/

6-3 • 230 • Jr.-2L CGP: 36; CGS: 8
Honolulu, Hawaii (Kamehameha HS)

TOP NOTE: One of four Aztecs from the state of Hawaii and the only one to log extensive snaps on either side of the ball.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Young, stout linebacker who has played since he was a true freshman in 2017 ... Has played in 36 games with eight starts over his career, including seven this year ... Has 35 tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss, a 5-yard sack, a PBU and five QBH ... Had five tackles, 2.0 TFL, and a sack in a start at New Mexico State ... Played in 12 of the team's 13 games last year, starting the DXL Frisco Bowl vs. Ohio ... Had 22 tackles and one pass breakup ... Had 16 tackles & a fumble recovery in 12 games as a true freshman in 2017 ... Prepped at Kamehameha High School in Honolulu ... Ranked as sixth-best recruit in Hawaii by 247sports and second-best outside linebacker in the state by Scout ... Full name is Andrew Ka'o Aleki ... Majoring in psychology.

BACKUP

42 Troy Cassidy

6-3 • 230 • Sr.-3L CGP: 49; CGS: 28
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

Notes: Smart, athletic player ... His 28 career starts are 2nd most among Aztec def. players (L. Thompson, 38) ... Has 35 TCK (3 TFL), 1 SCK & 9 QBH ... 2018: 45 TCK, 4 TFL, 2 SCK in 13 GP (12 GS) ... 2017: 31 TCK ... 2016: 11 GP ... Career: 121 TCK, 9.5 TFL, 5 SCK ... 178 tackles (119 solo) w/ 10 sacks over his 3-yr career at CHS.

Defensive Tidbits

• Zach Arnett is serving as the team's defensive coordinator for the second season 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 7th nationally in rush avg. (3.5), 14th in yards per touch (6.3) and 15th in total defense (340.9).

• The Aztecs have had five of the best defensive seasons nationally and are off to another good start this year. Below are total ranks of the last five plus seasons:

	Scoring	Total	Pass	Rush
2014	13th	16th	19th	47th
2015	7th	5th	10th	7th
2016	17th	11th	42nd	7th
2017	21st	11th	15th	32nd
2018	22nd	6th	6th	7th
2019	4th	5th	52nd	2nd
2014-19	7th	6th	16th	5th
2015-19	9th	6th	18th	2nd

• The Aztecs have allowed just 154 points through 12 games this season, their fewest through 12 games in program history (next fewest is 207 in 2003).

• The Aztecs are allowing 12.8 points (5th nationally) and 288.7 yards (7th nationally) per game this season. In SDSU's opponents' other games, they are averaging 28.7 points and 410.7 yards per game.

• Opponents this year have had 133 drives where they have tried to score on SDSU's defense (excludes kneel downs to end half/game). The Aztecs have forced three-and-outs (or better) in 53 of those drives (39.9 pct., 6th nationally). SDSU is averaging a 4.42 three-and-outs per game (1-2th nationally).

• SDSU ranks second in FBS play this year in both rushing yards allowed per game (72.3) and defensive rush average (2.6). Over the last two years, San Diego State ranks second in def. RYPP (88.7) and third in def. RYPC (2.8).

• The Aztecs went the first five games of the season last year without allowing a rush longer than 17 yards. San Diego State allowed only three rushes (out of 453, 0.66 pct.) for 20 or longer last year. This year opponents have rushed 329 times against the Aztecs and only four attempts are longer than 20 yards.

• The Aztecs have held an opponent to single digits 15 times since the beginning of the 2015 season (66 games).

• Since the beginning of 2015 (66 games), San Diego State's defense ranks first in interceptions (88) and tied for 10th interception TDs (10).

CORNERBACK

16 Luq Barcoo

/LUKE/
/BAR-kooh/

6-1 • 175 • Sr.-1L CGP: 23; CGS: 12
San Diego, CA (Grossmont College/Castle Park HS)

TOP NOTE: Was named the MW Defensive Player of the Week on Oct. 7 after his 3-interception game at CSU.

A Jim Thorpe Award semifinalist ... Walter Camp 2nd-team AA ... 1st-team all-MW ... Has 51 tackles (41 solo), 5.0 TFL, 8 INT & 16 PBU in 1st career 12 starts ... FBS ranks: 1st in passes defended (INT + PBU) (24), 1st in PBU (16) & 2nd in INT (8) ... 6 TCK, 3 INT in consecutive snaps, 1 PBU at CSU ... 2 INT vs. FSU ... Has been named PFF MW Team of the Week 6 times ... 2018: 20 tackles, 4 PBUs & an INT in 11 games ... Career: 71 TCK, 5.0 TFL, 9 INT, 20 PBU ... Played both sides of the ball at Grossmont Coll. ... In 2017, had 35 rec. for 767 yds (21.9 avg.) & 7 TD, while adding 3 INT in 2 yrs ... Played both ways at CPHS in nearby Chula Vista.

BACKUP

12 Nolen Harris

6-0 • 185 • Sr.-SO CGP: 12; CGS: 0
San Diego, CA (SD Mesa College/Patrick Henry HS)

Notes: Logged first time on special teams in first 12 games this year ... TH 3 tackles on KO unit ... Is coming off a solid fall camp ... Did not play in 2018 ... Spent two seasons at San Diego Mesa College, leading the Olympians to an 11-2 record in 2017 and a Southern California Bowl title ... Had a combined 64 tackles, 11 pass breakups and an interception ... Prepped at local Patrick Henry HS.

FIELD WARRIOR

14 Tariq Thompson

/TAR-ee/
/THOMP-son/

6-0 • 200 • Jr.-2L CGP: 38; CGS: 38
San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine HS)

TOP NOTE: Has started all 38 games since arriving to campus as a true freshman in 2017.

Was on the Jim Thorpe Award Watch List ... 2nd-team all-MW for 3rd straight year ... Has 10 career INT (16th active FBS & 10th all-time at SDSU) in just 38 GP ... Has the most starts at SDSU, despite turning 20 on Aug. 9 ... Has 51 TCK (41 solo), 8 PBU, 3 INT & 3 FR ... 2nd-team all-MW in 2018 after making 60 tackles, 5 TFL, 2 INT & 5 PBU ... 2nd-team all-MW in 2017 as a true freshman with 63 tackles, 3 TFL, 5 INT (1 for TD), 1 FF, 1 FR, 4 PBU & 3 QBH ... Became 1st Aztec true freshman to start on defense since CB Sam McMillan started at CSU on a 24.09 (Coach Long's 1st year as SDSU's DC) ... MW Def. PoW vs. UNM (8 TCK, 2 INT, 2 PBU, 1 TFL) ... Career: 174 TCK, 10 TFL, 10 INT, 20 PBU, 3 FF, 5 FR ... Played both ways at local St. Augustine HS under current safeties coach Richard Sanchez.

BACKUP

20 Rashad Scott

6-2 • 195 • So.-1L CGP: 18; CGS: 0
San Diego, Calif. (Helix HS)

Notes: Young, smart player who returned from an injury which occurred during the summer to play four games on special teams ... Had a tackle and a fumble recovery vs. Wyoming ... Had one stop in 11 games on special teams in 2018 as a true freshman ... Led Helix HS to a 34-7 record in his three years (2015-17), including a state championship berth in 2017 ... Also a T&F star.

AZTEC

36 Dwayne Johnson Jr.

6-2 • 215 • Jr.-2L CGP: 37; CGS: 13
Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta HS)

TOP NOTE: Had 12 tackles & 1.5 TFL in 2nd career start vs. Weber St. (entered with 16 career TCK in 25 GP).

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
HM all-MW ... Hard-hitting safety, who took over for 3-year starter Parker Baldwin ... Pro Football Focus HM All-American & 3-time PFF MW Team of the Week ... Has 86 tackles (15 TFL), 1 INT, 1 FF, 2 FR & 5 PBU ... Played in all 13 games last year, mainly on ST, making 2 tackles w/ a FR vs. Hawaii ... 2017: Had 14 tackles & 1 TFL in his 1st 12 career games, starting at Hawaii ... 2016: RS ... Led Vista Murrieta HS to a 35-7 (833) record & a 15-0 mark in league play over his 3 seasons ... Had 207 tackles & 8 INT over his final 2 years ... Is majoring in interdisciplinary studies ... No relation to Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.

BACKUP

33 Patrick McMorris

6-0 • 180 • Fr.-HS CGP: 8; CGS: 0
Santa Ana, Calif. (Santa Ana HS)

Notes: Is coming off a good camp, vaulting to No. 2 spot in the signature Aztec position in Long's 3-3-3 defense ... Played on ST in 8 games ... Played 1 year at Santa Ana HS, heading team to ... 1st team in 2018 & 3-0 league mark ... Ran for 1,801 yards & 23 TD, while catching 17 passes for 375 yards & 2 TD ... Had 207 tackles & 8 INT with 2 interceptions ... Previously starred at Godinez HS.

BOUNDARY WARRIOR

18 Trenton Thompson

6-2 • 200 • Jr.-2L CGP: 35; CGS: 13
Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)

TOP NOTE: Best game was against UNLV, where he had a career-high 12 tackles, 2.0 TFL & a blocked punt.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Playmaker, who started 8 times & played all 13 games last year at Boundary Warrior ... Has 42 stops, 2.0 TFL, 2 PBU & 1 blocked kick this year in 10 GP (4 GS) ... His blocked punt at UNLV was recovered by Caden McDonald in the end zone for a TD ... Made 57 tackles last year w/ 2.0 TFL, 1.0 SCK, 2 PBUs, 1 INT & 1 FF ... 2017: RS w/ 1 tackle in 3 games ... 2016: 9 stops w/ a PBU as a true freshman ... Career: 109 TCK, 4.0 TFL, 1.0 SCK, 1 INT, 5 PBU, 1 FF ... Led Palm Springs HS to a 24-3 (889) record over his 3 years where he logged 219 tackles, 7 TFL, 4 INTs, 6 FF, 2 FR & 6 blocked kicks ... Was HS teammates w/ fellow Warrior Taylor Hawkins ... A social science major.

BACKUP

32 Tayler Hawkins

6-1 • 205 • Jr.-2L CGP: 35; CGS: 10
Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)

Notes: Hard-hitting athlete, who has played the last 35 games with 10 starts ... Has great technique ... Cts of 10 tackles & 2 TFL at UCLA ... Has 30 tackles & 3 TFL this year in 12 GP (5 GS) ... 2018: 35 tackles, 1 TFL & 5 PBU ... 2017: 5 stops on special teams ... 2016: RS ... 4-year letter winner at Palm Springs HS with fellow 5 Trenton Thompson ... Helped PSHS to 24-3 record as WR, DB & P.

CORNERBACK

23 Darren Hall

6-0 • 180 • So.-1L CGP: 25; CGS: 13
Pasadena, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga HS)

TOP NOTE: Came up with interceptions on his back-to-back snaps in 2018 vs. Eastern Michigan and Boise State.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
HM all-MW ... A ball hawk w/ good instincts ... Missed 1st game & most of 2nd vs. UCLA, but has started last 10 at CB w/ 43 TCK, 2.5 TFL, 0.5 SCK, 1 INT, 16 PBU & 2 FF ... FBS ranks: 1st in PBU (16) & 1.5th in passes defended (17) ... Was SDSU's Co-Fresh of the Year w/ 45 tackles (34 solo), 2 INT, 3 PBU, a sack & a FF ... Was a 2-time MW Def. PoW (4 TCK, 1 INT in OT with EMU & 9 TCK, 1 SCK, 1 FF, 1 INT at BSU), despite not starting either game ... RS in 2017 w/ 2 stops in 2 GP played ... Career: 90 TCK, 4.5 TFL, 2.0 SCK, 3 INT, 19 PBU, 3 FF ... Led RCHS to a 12-1 record in 2016, earning 1st-team all-league honors ... A comm. major.

BACKUP

17 Eric Wilson

6-0 • 185 • Jr.-TR CGP: 5; CGS: 0
Oceanside, CA (Riverside City College/El Camino HS)

Notes: Worked himself into the two-deep spot after joining the Aztecs in the fall ... Played 3 snaps at CSU & on special teams last 4 games ... Totaled 67 tackles (50 solo) over his 2 years at Riverside City College along with 4 TFL, 5 INT, 18 PBU & a blocked kick ... Earned all-California honors as a soph. in 2018 & was a 2-time all-league pick ... Prepped at El Camino HS ... Undecided on a major.

San Diego State Aztecs

2019 Record: 9-3, 5-3 MW
10 Straight Bowl Game Appearances
MW Champions: 2016, 2015, 2012 | 21-Time Conference Champions



Jeff Horton

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

- Fifth season as offensive coordinator (ninth year at SDSU overall)
- SDSU has the second-fewest turnovers (64) under his watch (min. 50 GP)
- 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

71 Kyle Spalding

6-6 • 300 • Jr.-IL CGP: 28; CGS: 13
McKinleyville, Calif. (McKinleyville High)

Started 10 games at LT (1st 7 & last 3) ... Was recruited to SDSU as a TE, but moved to OL in the fall of 2017 ... Says that he is more comfortable at LT as he has practiced at that position more ... 1 sack allowed in career ... 2018: Played in all 13 games, starting final 3 at RT ... 2017: Played 3 games (44 snaps) ... 2016: RS as a TE ... QB McKinleyville HS, throwing for 5,103 yds & 54 TD, & rushing for 960 yds & 22 TD ... Also punted at MHS ... Was all-county & team MVP ... Also played baseball & basketball ... Majoring in criminal justice ... **OR**

77 Jacob Capra

6-5 • 315 • Jr.-TR CGP: 28; CGS: 7
Auburn, Calif. (Univ. of Oregon)

Versatile OL who spent previous 3 yrs at Oregon under 3 different OC's ... Joined SDSU for the '19 spring camp & has 2 years left ... Started first 4 this year at RT & 2 later at LT ... Has played in all 12 games ... Has allowed just 4 sacks (2 this year) for his career ... 15 GP, 1 GS at Oregon, logging 357 snaps ... A 2-time Pac-12 All-Acad. HM pick ... Graduated from Oregon in June w/ degree in general social science & crime law society ... Working on his master's in homeland security & conflict resolution ... Older brother, Johnny, played at Utah, while younger brother, Joey, is TR-Fr. at Utah ... **OR**

LEFT GUARD

79 Daishawn Dixon

6-5 • 330 • Sr.-3L CGP: 51; CGS: 36
San Antonio, Texas (Wm. Howard Taft HS)

TOP NOTE: Is the most experienced Aztec on either side of the ball with 51 career games played.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Pronunciation: DAY-shawn ... 2nd-team all-MW ... PFF National Team of the Week for his play at NMSU ... Big body who moves well ... Made 35 regular-season straight starts at LG & played in 49 straight regular-season games before missing 1st half at UH w/ flu ... 3rd-most snaps played on team in '18 (808) and '17 (819) ... Logged 34 offensive snaps in '16, the most among OL reserves, playing in all 14 games, mostly on PAT & FG units ... Redshirted during the '15 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 ... Born Phoenix, prep'd in San Antonio.

BACKUP

64 Chris Martinez

6-4 • 305 • So.-SQ CGP: 8; CGS: 0
Turlock, Calif. (Pitman HS)

Has not played yet ... Redshirted in 2017 ... A three-time letterwinner at Pitman High in Turlock, Calif. ... A three-star prep recruit ... Twice named first-team all-Central California Conference ... Was born in San Jose, Calif.

CENTER

60 Keith Ismael

6-3 • 310 • Jr.-2L CGP: 37; CGS: 37
Oakland, Calif. (Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep)

TOP NOTE: One of only two players on the entire team to start every game he has played in (also Tariq Thompson).

Pronunciation: iz-MAEL ... Was on 2 watch lists (Outland for top interior lineman & Rimington for top center) ... 1st-team all-MW & 3rd-team PFF All-American ... No. 2 graded center by PFF ... Leader of the o-line ... Started all 12 at C ... Started 12 games in 2018 (6 at C, 5 at RG & 1 at LG) ... Named 1st-team all-MW (2018) & 2nd-team all-MW (2017) ... Started all 13 games in 2017 (8 at C, 5 at RG) ... 1 of 2 non-senior O-linemen to make the MW 1st or 2nd team (made 2nd) ... Was on the depth chart in 2016 at LG, but DNP & RS ... Was a 1st-team all-league pick & a 2nd-team all-Metro selection as a Sr. at Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep ... Played lax at SHCP ... An int'l & conflict resolution major.

BACKUP

62 Jacob Jimenez

6-5 • 300 • Sr.-TR CGP: 18; CGS: 0
Pflugerville, Texas (Brigham Young Univ.)

Swiftover on ST in opener vs. Weber St. & BYU, & played 1 snap at RG at Hawai'i ... Joined SDSU after spending 4 years at BYU, playing in 15 games & 134 offensive snaps in 3 seasons ... Attended Pflugerville HS in Texas.

RIGHT GUARD

73 William Dunkle

6-5 • 350 • Fr.-RS CGP: 12; CGS: 11
Chula Vista, Calif. (Eastlake High)

TOP NOTE: Nephew of Freddie Dunkle, who played at San Diego State from 2004-07.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Honorable-mention all-MW ... A big, raw offensive lineman who enjoys contact ... Weighed 380 when he arrived on campus, currently listed at 350 ... Played every snap & his college debut and has played 805 snaps through 12 weeks ... Has been named to the Pro Football Focus Mountain West Team of the Week three times this season ... 19th-highest graded guard in the country and No. 4 in the MW (according to Pro Football Focus) ... Redshirted last year ... A three-year letterwinner and two-time captain at nearby Eastlake High in Chula Vista, Calif. ... His 2017 prep team finished 10-3 and was CIF runner-up ... Does not turn 20 until a month after the 2019 season ends (currently 19).

BACKUP

56 Dominic Gudino

6-3 • 300 • Jr.-2L CGP: 23; CGS: 16
Chula Vista, Calif. (Olympian HS)

Pronunciation: GOO-deeno ... Started at RG at NMSU & LG at UH ... Started 8 times last year & has 16 career starts (10 at C, 1 at RG, 1 at LG) ... Earned 3 letters at local Olympian HS in Chula Vista ... Was a Blue-Gray All-American ... A kinesiology major.

RIGHT TACKLE

76 Zachary Thomas

6-5 • 300 • Jr.-1L CGP: 27; CGS: 10
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

TOP NOTE: Started last eight games, his first starts since tearing his ACL on Sept. 15, 2018 vs. Arizona State.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
A local lineman out of Carlsbad HS who was in the mix for playing time in 2018 after working as a reserve in '17. Has solid technique ... Tore his ACL in the 3rd game of 2018 (his 2nd straight start) & missed all of the 2019 spring season ... Started the year as the backup LT, but is now expected to start at RT for the 9th straight game this week ... Two-time PFF MW Team of the Week ... Played in 3 games in 2018 with 2 starts ... Saw action in all 13 games off the bench in 2017 ... Redshirted in 2016 ... Alongside fellow 2016 recruit Trey Cassidy, helped lead Carlsbad HS to an Awards West regional championship ... Younger brother, Cameron, is a starting DT as a redshirt freshman.

BACKUP

75 Desmond Bessent

6-7 • 310 • So.-SQ CGP: 2; CGS: 0
Tampa, Fla. (Sickles HS)

Pronunciation: BESS-ent ... On two-spot for 2nd straight season ... Played special teams in 2 games in 2018 ... Utilized his redshirt season last year as a true freshman (2017) ... Played high school ball in Tampa ... Criminal justice major.

H-BACK / TE

82 Parker Houston

6-3 • 250 • Sr.-3L CGP: 48; CGS: 33
Sparks, Nev. (Edward S. Reed High)

TOP NOTE: Is the most experienced receiver (WR, RB or TE) on the offensive side of the ball w/33 career starts (No. 2 has 18 career starts).

2019 Stats:

Rushing				Receiving			
GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	TD	Lg.	No.	Yds.
12	8	0	0	0	0	17	143

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
2nd-team all-MW ... AHC/OC Jeff Horton calls him "our huckery god" & says "he is the heart of our team" ... Played in 48 games with 33 starts (20 straight snapped at SDSU) ... Has played 878 of 881 ... Played 660 off snaps in 2018, the most on his side of the ball among non-offensive linemen ... Career: 44 receptions, 409 yards, 3 TDs, 9.3 ypc ... 2017: Started w/ 6 rec. for 56 yards ... 2016: 5 rec. for 32 yds. & 1 TD as a true freshman, being named SDSU Co-Fresh of the Year (Juwon Washington) ... Already a college graduate, working on his master's degree in criminal justice ... Led Edward C. Reed HS to a 24-5 record (828) over his final 2 years ... A 3-time MW Fall Acad. Team member ... Very active in community service.

TIGHT END

88 Daniel Bellinger

6-6 • 250 • So.-1L CGP: 21; CGS: 10
Las Vegas, Nev. (Palo Verde High)

Has 14 catches for 190 yards & 3 TD in 1st 10 starts ... 2 rec., 40 yds. inc. 12-yd TD in GW drive vs. WYO ... CH 4 rec. vs. FS ... Lone TD (25 yds.) in game vs. BYU ... Played in final 9 games (59 snaps) in 2018 as a TR-Fr. ... Had 1 catch for 10 yds & was used primarily in big personnel packages ... A 2-way player in HS (TE & LB) ... 1st-team all-state as a linebacker.

ALSO: No. 26 Keogon Williams (5-9, 190, So.-1L) ... GP: 16

RUNNING BACK

29 Juwan Washington

5-7 • 190 • Sr.-3L CGP: 45; CGS: 18
Fort Worth, Texas (Kennedale HS)

TOP NOTE: Ranks seventh in school history in all-purpose yards (4,000) and ninth rushing yards (2,699).

2019 Stats:

Rushing				Receiving			
GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	TD	Lg.	No.	Yds.
9	6	150	500	3	2	30	17

Is questionable for bowl game ... Has battled on ankle sprains suffered early in the 10 of 14 games vs. Weber St. & likely a turf toe injury ... Missed 3 games & has been limited in others ... Has 84 career missed tackles ... Was on 3-season watch lists & a presser on all-MW pick ... Rushed for 999 yds in 2018 despite missing 4 1/2 gms ... Was 2nd in SPS in RYPC when he was in; vs. BMU (4th game of 2018) ... Career: 531 att., 2,699 yards, 25 TD, 5.1 ypc, 7.100-yd career ... 31 career TD ... Ran for 5,139 yds. & 75 TD at KHS.

BACKUPS

15 Jordan Byrd

Speedster ... 118 yds., 2 TD at NMSU ... 2nd on team in AP yds (626) ... 2018: SDSU Co-Fresh of the Year w/ 297 AP yds. & 1 TD ... Prepped as QB.

OR

21 Chance Bell

Tough runner ... 116 yds., 1 TD at NMSU ... 88 att., 373 yds., 2 TD in 2019 ... 2018: 40 att., 189 yds. ... 2017: RS ... 4,525 yds, 59 TD at JHS.

OR

22 Chase Jasmin

Slifty RB ... 50-yd TD at SISU ... 69 att., 315 yds, 4 overall TD in '19 ... 2018: 138-582-1 (+1 rec. TD) ... 2017: 33-137-2 ... 2016: RS ... Boxer as youth.

QUARTERBACK

9 Ryan Agnew

6-0 • 200 • Sr.-3L CGP: 38; CGS: 18
Southlake, Texas (Carroll HS)

TOP NOTE: Owns a 14-4 record as a starter with wins over nationally-ranked opponents Arizona State and Boise State (on the road).

2019 Stats:

GP	GS	Cmp.	Att.	Pct.	Int.	TD	Yds.	Rtg.
11	11	216	340	63.5	5	11	2,175	125.00

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Missed BYU game w/ calf injury ... Athletic, mobile QB ... CH 323 yds vs. FS ... 16-for-20, 3 TD, 0 INT at CSU ... Went CH 124 att. w/out an INT from Sept. 21-Oct. 26 ... 2018 SDSU OH. Player of the Year ... Was 6-1 w/ 3 2nd-half come-from-behind victories for injured Christian Chapman last year ... Posted wins over 23/25 ASU (1st GS QB to win starting debut vs. a ranked FS team since 2009) & at riv/25 BSU ... 1,525 yds., 10 TD, 6 INT last year ... Just 2 INT in 192 career passes on the road ... 2017: 4-for-7 for 47 yds in 7 GP, rushing 52 times on 10 att. ... 2016: 2-for-2 for 29 yds ... 2015: RS (off. scout of the year) ... Career: 3,902 yds, 21 TD, 11 INT ... Passed for 6,967 yds & 56 TD at Carroll HS in Texas ... Econ. major ... Asst. HC/DC Jeff Horton refers to him as Clark Kent for his calm demeanor.

BACKUP

3 Carson Baker

6-3 • 190 • Fr.-RS CGP: 1; CGS: 1
San Diego, Calif. (Helix HS)

19 of 24 for 172 yds & 4 TD in 1st career start/game in 13-3 win vs. BYU ... 1st Aztec to win debut without having ever thrown a pass since 1976 ... Entered camp 4th on the depth chart but emerged as the backup QB ... RS in 2018, but traveled for 3 games ... Helped lead local Helix HS to a 34-7 record & a state championship game appearance ... 1 of 3 players (Rehad Scott & Michael Showcraft) to attend Helix HS (3.0 miles from SDSU).

X RECEIVER

92 Kobe Smith

6-2 • 190 • So.-1L CGP: 24; CGS: 11
Compton, Calif. (Junipero Serra HS)

2019 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
12	9	57	673	11.8	42	4

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Is having a breakout season ... Has team-highs of 57 catches, 673 yards & touchdowns (4) ... Ranks seventh in the Mountain West in receptions per game (4.75) ... Has more receiving TD (4) than SDSU's top receivers last year (3 apiece by Tim Wilson Jr. & Fred Trevillion) ... 7 rec., 132 yds. & 1st career TD at UCLA ... 7-102-1 vs. USU ... 7-101-2 at CSU ... 7-78-0 at UNLV ... 1st Aztec with consecutive 100-yard games since Ezell Ruffin (2018) after RS ... Was a 1st-team all-league & all-county performer in 2017 at nearby Christian HS, when he had 57 rec. for 889 yds (15.6 avg.) & 14 TD ... Also played baseball (SS) & basketball (F) ... A comm. major.

BACKUP

96 Elijah Kothe

6-4 • 205 • So.-1L CGP: 20; CGS: 6
Las Vegas, Nev. (Faith Lutheran HS)

Pronunciation: CODY ... Great hands ... Has 15 rec. for 159 yards ... Started 1st 4 games before breaking left hand vs. USU, missing the next four games ... 2018: 12 GP (2 GS), making 7 rec. for 78 yards ... 2018 MW All-Academic Team ... Had 115 rec. for 1,806 yds. & 19 TD at Faith Lutheran HS ... Business admin. major ... Father, Jacob, was WR coach at FHS.

Z RECEIVER

45 Jesse Mathews

6-0 • 190 • Fr.-RS CGP: 12; CGS: 9
San Diego, Calif. (Christian HS)

2019 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
12	9	45	522	11.6	33	0

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Burlsworth Trophy nominee (top walk-on) ... Earned scholarship on Dec. 5 ... 1st career starts (9) & GP (12) this year ... Had a great spring camp & brought that into the fall, where he was the most consistent wideout ... Arguably best vertical leap on team ... Has great hands ... SDSU all-time freshman ranks: 2nd in rec. (45) & 3rd in rec. (522) ... Had 1st 100-yd game vs. Fresno St. (8-11-19) ... Named off. scout player of the year (2018) after RS ... Was a 1st-team all-league & all-county performer in 2017 at nearby Christian HS, when he had 57 rec. for 889 yds (15.6 avg.) & 14 TD ... Also played baseball (SS) & basketball (F) ... A comm. major.

BACKUP

13 Isaiah Richardson

6-1 • 190 • So.-So CGP: 13; CGS: 0
Palmdale, Calif. (Chaminade Prep)

Speedy, athletic receiver w/ good hands ... 9 rec., 119 yds, 1 TD ... 3 rec., 65 yds & 49-yd TD vs. USU ... Burst into the MW w/ 3 catches for 58 yds (19.3 avg.) in 1st career game vs. Ohio in the DFL Friday Bowl ... Was on travel squad 4 games before bowl game ... RS in 2017 ... Played HS ball at Chaminade Prep ... Also played basketball & was on the T&F team.

E RECEIVER

81 Ethan Dedeaux

5-9 • 185 • So.-1L CGP: 20; CGS: 11
Las Vegas, Nev. (Liberty HS)

2019 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
10	2	6	102	17.0	49	1

Pronunciation: DAY-doh ... Has 6 catches for 102 yards in 10 GP (2 GS) ... 1st career TD at UNLV (49 yards) ... Started 8 of 10 appearances, missing 3 games (1 with inj., 2 personal) last season ... Had 6 catches for 90 yards (15.0 avg.) vs. Sac State in last season's home opener (90 yards were most by an Aztec freshman since at least 1996) ... 7 rec., 63 yds vs. UNLV (7 catches tied for most in Jeff Horton OC era since 2005) ... Redshirted in 2017 ... Was on the dean's list at Liberty HS ... Scored 54 TDs in 54 career high school games ... In HS, he played the following positions: WR, RB, CB, S & QB ... 19 years old ... A communication major.

BACKUP

41 BJ Busbee

5-8 • 155 • So.-1L CGP: 22; CGS: 0
Long Beach, Calif. (St. Anthony HS)

Pronunciation: BUZZ-bee ... Walk-on wide receiver ... Has 11 catches for 70 yards (6.4 avg.) ... Played in final 11 games of the 2018 campaign ... 8 rec. for 136 yards and a touchdown (Eastern Michigan) last season ... 6 rec., 89 yds. (14.8 avg.) last year in 12 GP ... RS in 2016 ... Prepped at St. Anthony High ... 3x first-team all-CF ... A social science major.

Offensive Tidbits

• Since Jeff Horton took over as offensive coordinator prior to the 2015 campaign, San Diego State is 22nd nationally in rushing yards per game (211.1), 34th in rushing yards per carry (4.8) and 44th in rushing touchdowns (125).

• San Diego State is 43-2 the last 44 times it has rushed for at least 200 yards.

• SDSU has a 100-yard rusher has at least one in 28 of its last 52 games since 2016 (37, 100-yard rushers total) and 37 of the 66 games since Jeff Horton took over as the offensive coordinator in 2015 (49, 100-yard rushers total).

• San Diego State had two rushers at New Mexico State (Jordan Byrd - 118 and Chance Bell - 116) on Sept. 14 for the 30th time in program history. The Aztecs are 29-1 in those occasions, including a 16-0 mark in the Rocky Long era, and now have multiple 100-yard rushers nine times in the last 48 games.

• San Diego State has the fewest interceptions thrown since the 2015 season (25, min. 35 GP), one less than No. 2 (Georgia Southern, 26).

• The Aztecs are 35-4 the last 39 times they have scored at least 30 points and 47-9 in the Rocky Long era when scoring 30-plus points.

• Since Oct. 3, 2015, San Diego State is 41-7 when scoring at least 20 points. The Aztecs are 73-18 in the Rocky Long era when scoring just 20 points.

• Since the beginning of 2014, SDSU is 45-11 when committing one turnover or less and 10-13 when having two or more turnovers in the game. San Diego State has one turnover or less in 48 of the 66 games since the start of the 2015 campaign.

• SDSU is 38-7 in the last 45 games when owning an edge in time of possession.

• San Diego State threw for 323 yards vs. Fresno State on Nov. 15, its most in the Jeff Horton Offensive Coordinator era (since 2015).

SPECIALISTS

PAT'S/FG'S: 2 Matt Arizola, 6-2, 195, Fr.-RS
► Season/Career: FGs: 20-for-24 (83%) | 10 GP; PATs: 22-for-22
Punts: 59 Brandon Heicklen, 6-0, 190, Sr.-2L
► Season: 67 | Avg.: 45.4 | Long: 61 | TB: 6 | 120: 32 | 50+: 24
► Career: 194 | Avg.: 42.0 | Long: 61 | TB: 10 | 120: 76 | 50+: 43
Kickoffs: 2 Matt Arizola, 6-2, 195, Fr.-RS
► Season: 56 | Avg.: 62.0 | TB: 42 | 100: 0 | Avg. Opp. Start: 25
Short/Long Snapper: 50 Turner Bernard, 6-1, 225, Jr.-2L
Kick Returns: 59 Juwan Washington & 22 Chase Jasmin
► Washington (Career) - KR: 43 | Yds: 1,017 | Avg: 23.7 |