

# San Diego State Aztecs

2016 Record: 9-3, 6-2 MW  
Six Straight Bowl Game Appearances  
20-Time Conference Champions



## Jeff Horton

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

- Second season as offensive coordinator (sixth year at SDSU overall)
- Spent the final five games of 2011 as the interim head coach at Minnesota
- Also has head coaching stints at UNLV (1994-98) & Nevada (1993)
- Coached four years in the NFL (2006-08 at St. Louis, 2009 at Detroit)
- Started coaching career in 1984 as a GA at Minnesota under Lou Holtz

### LEFT TACKLE

**75 Kwayde Miller**

6-7 • 315 • Sr.-1L CGP: 29; CGS: 26  
Ramona, Calif. (Ramona HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Started all 26 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 26 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 CGP: 0; CGS: 0  
Fernley, Nev. (Fernley HS)

**Notes:** One of only two true freshmen on the offensive two-deep (also LG Keith Ismael) ... Was all-league and all-state at both offensive and defensive line at Fernley HS in Nevada ... Also played two years of basketball.

### LEFT GUARD

**56 Nico Siragusa**

6-5 • 335 • Sr.-3L CGP: 52; CGS: 40  
Chula Vista, Calif. (Mater Dei Catholic HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Is the first Aztec to earn multiple all-MW first-team honors (2015-16) in MW history (since 1999).

**Notes:** '16; Career; Personal  
**Pronounced:** sara-GOOS-uh ... On the Outland Trophy Watch List (outstanding interior lineman) ... A 1st-team all-MW pick for 2nd straight year ... Has 40 career starts, 14 more than the next SDSU o-lineman (26) ... Has graded out as the 5th-best guard by Pro Football Focus & the 3rd-best rushing blocking guard ... Was a 1st-team all-MW pick last year ... Career starts: 12 at LG in 2016, 14 at LG in 2015, 13 at LG in 2014, 1 at RG in 2013 ... Was the only SDSU freshman (RS or true) to start 2013 opener ... RS in 2012 ... Was an all-CIF first-team selection & a 1st-team all-state pick at local Mater Dei HS in Chula Vista, Calif. ... A social science major.

### BACKUP

**60 Keith Ismael**

6-3 • 310 • Fr.-HS CGP: 0; CGS: 0  
Daly City, Calif. (Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep)

**Notes:** Joins backup LT Tyler Roemer as the only 2 true freshmen on the offensive 2-deep ... Was a 1st-team all-league pick & 2nd-team all-Metro selection as a senior at Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep ... Also played lax at SHCP.

### CENTER

**70 Arthur Flores**

6-5 • 305 • Sr.-1L CGP: 26; CGS: 26  
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 27th 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 2013 or 2014 ... Redshirted his 1st year at SDSU in 2012 ... Was the 9th-ranked HS recruit out of Colorado, earning 1st-team all-state & all-conference as a senior in 2011 ... A 3-star recruit by ESPN & Scout ... Helped J.K. Mullen to 3 state titles ... Also was all-state in track & field.

### BACKUP

**62 Nick Gerhard**

6-5 • 300 • Fr.-RS CGP: 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 CGP: 18; CGS: 12  
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 12 games this year, the first 12 starts of his career ... Grades as the sixth-best run-blocker at guard by Pro Football Focus and No. 13 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 CGP: 12; 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 CGP: 52; CGS: 30  
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 (comm. service) & 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 ... Named a 2nd-team all-MW pick ... Coach Horton calls him the most consistent blocker ... Rated as the 4th-best run blocking tackle by PFF ... Was an all-MW HM pick as a TE 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-CIF all-league & all-county as a SR, at Valley Center HS ... A civil engineering major.

### BACKUP

**77 Ryan Pope**

6-7 • 325 • So.-1L CGP: 10; CGS: 0  
Long Beach, Calif. (Lakewood High/LBCC)

**Notes:** On 2-deep for 10th time this weekend ... Missed 1st 2 GP with chest injury ... Redshirted last year ... Led Long Beach City College to a 9-2 record in 2014 ... Played football & basketball at Lakewood HS ... A social science major.

### FULLBACK

**15 Nick Bawden**

6-3 • 240 • Jr.-1L CGP: 25; CGS: 11  
Los Gatos, Calif. (Los Gatos HS)

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

**2016 Stats:**  
Rushing: GP 6S Att. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 100+ No. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 12 12 305 1,908 6.3 15 79 0 14 117 8.4 0 19  
Receiving: GP 6S Att. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 100+ No. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 12 12 137 224 6.1 2 5 19 1,781 151.47  
**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. 4 overall fullback ... Has 14 catches for 117 yards (7.7 avg.) ... Also has a 4-yard rush ... Played in 9 games in 2015 ... Was 13-for-38 (34.2 pct.) with a TD pass & 2 interceptions as a true freshman quarterback in 2014 ... Was a 3-star quarterback out of Los Gatos HS by ESPN, Scout & 247sports ... Is majoring in business administration with a concentration as a management entrepreneur.

### RUNNING BACK

**19 Donnel Pumphrey**

5-9 • 180 • Sr.-3L CGP: 52; CGS: 39  
Las Vegas, Nev. (Canyon Springs HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Currently ranks second in the nation in rushing yards (1,908) & all-purpose yards (2,119), & is third all-time in NCAA rushing yds (6,180).

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**Notes:** Mobile, accurate quarterback with a quick release ... Has the 6th-best pass efficiency rating in FBS since Dec. 5, 2015 (Chapman became No. 1) (156.4 min. 240 att. & 13 GP) ... Career-high 283 yards vs. UNH & GH three TD to NIU ... Threw for 436 yards last year with no interceptions over his final 39 attempts ... Posted the 2nd-best pass eff. (209.7) among QBs making their Aztec debut in MW Championship vs. AFA (for-14, 1 TD, INT) en route to being named the game's off. MVP ... Was 1 of 3 true freshman 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-Avalonco League selection, passing for 1,986 yards & 23 TDs as a senior.

### QUARTERBACK

**10 Christian Chapman**

6-0 • 200 • So.-1L CGP: 21; CGS: 14  
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Is 11-3 as a starting quarterback, winning the 2015 MW Championship, the Hawai'i Bowl and nine of 12 games this year.

**2016 Stats:**  
GP 6S Cmp. Att. Pct. Int. TD Yds. Rtg. 12 12 137 224 61.2 5 19 1,781 151.47  
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### No. 3 RUNNING BACK

**29 Juwan Washington**

5-7 • 190 • Fr.-RS CGP: 12; CGS: 1  
Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale HS)

**Notes:** Has a great blend of speed & power ... Has 50 att. for 433 yds (8.7 avg.) & 5 TD ... Also has 3 rec. for 72 yds & a TD & 9 KR for 266 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 CGP: 39; CGS: 5  
Norwalk, Calif. (Norwalk HS)

**Notes:** MW ST PatF for 2nd straight year ... 1 of 11 w/ 9 rush TD & 3 rec TD & only 1 w/ a KR as well ... 2016: rush-110-878-9 rec-12-207-3R-16-462-2; 3rd in active FBS KR avg. (29.4) ... Was 2015 MW ST PatF, ranking 3rd in FBS in KR avg. (33.5) ... 2015: rush-61-368-4 rec-8-120-1(15.0); KR-24-80-4(33.5) ... Had 4,152 rush yds & 41 TDs as HS Sr. ... Brother, Elijah, led Idaho in rushing.

### BACKUP

**9 Ryan Agnew**

6-0 • 185 • Fr.-RS CGP: 7; CGS: 0  
Southlake, Texas (Carroll HS)

**Notes:** Athletic, mobile quarterback with an accurate arm ... Is 2-for-2 for 29 yds & has rushed 4 times for 32 yds ... RS in 2015, where he was named the team's off. scout PatF ... Passed for 6,967 yds & 56 TD over 3 years at Carroll HS in Southlake, Texas ... Also rushed for 2,286 yds & 38 TDs.

### Z RECEIVER

**6 Mikah Holder**

6-0 • 180 • Jr.-2L CGP: 35; CGS: 12  
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 11 11 24 513 21.4 86 5  
**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: 53 rec., 1,005 yds., 11 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 Locketh 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 Oceanside 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 CGP: 12; CGS: 0  
Newport Harbor, CA (Newport Harbor HS/Golden West Coll.)

**Notes:** Big-play transfer who can play WR, PR & KR ... Leads MW in PR avg. (10.4 avg.) ... HM all-MW as PR ... Also has 10 catches for 147 yds & 3 TD, & has 4 KR for 61 yds (15.2 avg.) ... All-region 1st team at Golden West College ... Sunset League Off. PatF at Newport Harbor HS ... A sociology major.

### X RECEIVER

**97 Curtis Anderson**

6-3 • 200 • Sr.-1L CGP: 19; CGS: 6  
Palmdale, Calif. (Pete Knight HS/Antelope Valley College)

**TOP NOTE:** Is first on the depth chart heading into the MW Championship game for the ninth time of his career and ninth straight week.

**2016 Stats:**  
GP GS Rec. Yds. Avg. Long TD 12 12 4 5 31 6.2 12 0  
**Notes:** '16; Career; Personal  
Notes: Earned a scholarship before fall drills ... Arguably team's best blocking wide receiver ... Has played in all 12 games this year, starting at South Albah, 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 Hawaii & 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 CGP: 5; 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 CGP: 38; CGS: 12  
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 12 12 20 254 12.7 27 4  
**Notes:** '16; Career; Personal  
Notes: Good blocker with good hands ... 2nd-team all-MW ... Has 20 catches, 16 more than he had over his 1st 2 seasons ... Had 3 receptions & 30 yards at Fresno State in front of hometown crowd ... CH's 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 2015 MW Fall All-Academic pick ... Working on masters.

### BACKUP

**82 Parker Houston**

6-3 • 240 • Fr.-HS CGP: 8; 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 & FG's ... 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 Pumphrey (Walter Camp, Maxwell, Doak Walker) and RG Nico Siragusa (Outland).
- Associate head coach and running backs coach Jeff Horton is in his second year as offensive coordinator at SDSU. In his sixth year overall at San Diego State, Horton has head coaching stints at Minnesota (interim in 2011), UNLV (1994-98) and Nevada (1993).
- The Aztecs scored 40-plus points in four consecutive games for the first time since 1990 (snapped two weeks ago at Wyoming with 33 points).
- San Diego State is 50-14 in the Rocky Long era when scoring just 20 or more points.
- The Aztecs have a school-record 3,311 rushing yards this year with two games still to go. SDSU had broken its 2012 record (2,869) last year with 3,266 yards.
- SDSU has a 1,000-yard rusher (Donnel Pumphrey, 1,908) in seven straight seasons for the first time in program history (previous longest streak was five seasons from 1991-95).
- San Diego State has now had 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 48 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 seven games, five of the past eight and eight of the past 22.

• Donnel Pumphrey (15) and Rashaad Penny (14) have more combined touchdowns (29) than 13 other FBS teams this year.

• The Aztecs have just five 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.-50  
• FG/FGA: 17-for-19 (89%) Long: 50 | PAT'S: 49-for-51 (96%)  
**Punts:** 91 Tanner Blain, 6-0, 205, Sr.-1L  
• Punt: 50 | Avg.: 41.4 | Long: 60 | TB: 5 | 120: 20 | 50+: 10  
**Kickoffs:** 29 John Barron II, 5-11, 190, So.-50  
• KO: 81 | Avg.: 62.4 | TB: 25 | 0B: 1 | Avg. Opp. Start: 23  
**Short Snapper:** 82 Parker Houston, 6-3, 240, Fr.-HS  
**Long Snapper:** 69 Ryan Simmons, 6-1, 210, Fr.-RS  
**Holder:** 91 Tanner Blain, 6-0, 205, Sr.-1L  
**Kick Returns:** 20 Rashaad Penny & 29 Juwan Washington  
• Penny - KR: 16 | Yds: 462 | Avg.: 28.9 | TD: 2 | Long: 100  
**Punt Returns:** 85 Quest Truxton  
• PR: 24 | Yds: 250 | Avg.: 10.4 | TD: 0 | Long: 41

INS: No. 87 Kahale Warring (6-6, 245, Fr.-RS) CFP: 6, 8, 0

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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: 38; CGS: 14  
Irvine, Calif. (Woodbridge HS/Saddleback College)  
**TOP NOTE:** Had a Hawai'i 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 ... **HM all-MW** ... Led SDSU in QBH (8) last year & ranked 2nd in sacks (7.5), despite starting just 2 times ... **His 3.5 sacks in the Hawai'i 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: 30; CGS: 3  
Mililani, Hawaii (Mililani High)  
**Notes:** Tore his ACL last year at Hawai'i & came back to start the 1st 3 games of FB this year ... Moved back to DE for bye week & had 17 stops in 1st game vs. So. Ala. ... Has 34 tackles, 4 TFL, 2 SCK, 1 FF & 4 QBH in 9 def. GP ... **Career: 65 TCK, 10.5 TFL, 4 SCK & 1 FF in 30 career games (inc. 3 off. GP).** A business admin. major.

### LINEBACKER

## 54 Calvin Munson

6-1 • 245 • Sr.-3L CGP: 50; CGS: 39  
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 & Loti Iupati) ... 1st team all-MW for 2nd straight year ... Leads team in tackles (99), has 7 sacks ... Also has 9.0 TFL, 2.5 SCK, 3 PBU & 13 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 (Walter Camp & Loti Iupati) & MW POY accolades after posting 10 tackles, w/ 2 INT returns for TD & 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 Sr. ... **Career: 284 tackles, 34.5 TFL, 16 SCK, 6 INT, 4 FF, 2 FR, 3 PBU** ... A health comm. major ... Father, Kurt, was an OL at Oregon St. ... Drafted in 31st rd of 2013 MLB Draft by STL ... Also pitched on SDSU baseball team in 2015.

### BACKUP

## 42 Troy Cassidy

6-3 • 210 • Fr.-HS CGP: 9; CGS: 0  
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)  
**Notes:** Is on the 2-dep for the second time this week ... 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: 23; CGS: 15  
Las Vegas, Nev. (Valley High)  
**Notes:** '16; Career; Personal  
Athletic, mobile defensive lineman ... Has 23 tackles, 4.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 5 QBH & a PBU this year in 12 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 of 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.

## 65 Sergio Phillips

6-2 • 295 • Jr.-2L CGP: 27; 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 28 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, two sacks, a forced fumble & a three QBH this year in 12 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

## 46 Jay Henderson

6-2 • 230 • Jr.-2L CGP: 27; CGS: 2  
Pheasant, Calif. (Serrano HS)  
**TOP NOTE:** Had career-high four tackles, one sack, one tackle for loss and one pass breakup in first career start two weeks ago at Wyoming.

**Notes:** '16; Career; Personal  
Moved from defensive end to linebacker in the spring, but moved back for Mountain West play with an injury to starter Randy Rickis ... Is No. 1 on the depth chart at middle linebacker for the second time of his career this weekend at the MW Championships ... Had career-high four tackles, along with his first career sack, first tackle for loss, first four-quarterback hurries and first pass breakup in first career start two weeks ago at Wyoming ... Has nine tackles on the year in nine games (two starts) ... Had three tackles in nine games last year ... Made three stops as a true freshman in 2014 ... A consensus three-star recruit out of Pheasant High School ... A two-time all-league pick, including the league defensive MVP as a senior ... Is majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

### BACKUP

## 57 Ryan Dunn

6-3 • 230 • Jr.-1L CGP: 23; CGS: 19  
Alamo, CA (San Ramon Valley HS/Univ. of Arizona)  
**Notes:** Battling a leg injury, which had him miss WYO game ... Has 23 tackles, 1.5 TFL & 2 QBH in 10 GP (6 GS) ... Had 40 tackles, 4.5 TFL & 0.5 sacks last year in 13 GS ... **RS in 2013 at UCLA** ... A consensus three-star recruit who played in the BMW West Coast Bowl & Cit State All-Star Game at San Ramon Valley HS. **IN: No. 40 Randy Rickis (6-5, 230, Sr.-1L)** ... GP: 13, GS: 8

### DEFENSIVE END

## 58 Alex Barrett

6-3 • 255 • Sr.-3L CGP: 48; CGS: 36  
Mesa, Ariz. (Desert Ridge HS)  
**TOP NOTE:** Is SDSU's first defensive lineman to earn multiple first-team all-MW accolades (2015-16) in league history (since 1999).

**Notes:** '16; Career; Personal  
Team captain ... Is first-team all-MW for second straight year ... Leads team in sacks (6.5), TFL (11.0) & QBH (14) ... Also has 47 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) & 9th in TFL (38.0)** ... **Career: 163 tackles, 38.0 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.

### BACKUP

## 41 Dakota Turner

6-3 • 250 • Jr.-1L CGP: 30; CGS: 3  
Mililani, Hawaii (Mililani High)  
**Notes:** Tore his ACL last year at Hawai'i & came back to start the 1st 3 games of FB this year ... Moved back to DE for bye week & had 17 stops in 1st game vs. So. Ala. ... Has 34 tackles, 4 TFL, 2 SCK, 1 FF & 4 QBH in 9 def. GP ... **Career: 65 TCK, 10.5 TFL, 4 SCK & 1 FF in 30 career games (inc. 3 off. GP).** A business admin. major.

### LINEBACKER

## 39 Ronley Lakalaka

6-0 • 235 • So.-1L CGP: 23; CGS: 11  
Kalihi, Hawaii (Punahou HS)  
**Notes:** '16; Career; Personal  
Physical linebacker who has a ton of potential ... One of two players on the team from Hawai'i (also DL Dakota Turner) ... Started in 12 of 12 games this year (DNS vs. Cal) ... Had a 9-yard INT return for a TD vs. Cal ... Another pick vs. Hawai'i ... Has 58 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 Sounmaiose (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 11 of 12 games this year ... 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 Hawai'i 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 119 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.

### CORNERBACK

## 17 Ron Smith

6-0 • 170 • Fr.-RS CGP: 12; CGS: 4  
Oakland, Calif. (St. Mary's HS)  
**Notes:** '16; Career; Personal  
Had seven tackles and first interception (and interception return for a TD) vs. Hawai'i in first start.

Is listed as the No. 1 left cornerback for the fourth time this week at Wyoming after logging first career starts the past four weeks ... Has played in all 17 games on the year, making 42 stops (20 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 ... Had seven tackles each in his first three starts & a career-high nine vs. Colorado State last week ... Redshirted in 2015 as a true freshman ... A three-star recruit by Rivals, Scout, ESPN & 24/7sports ... Majoring in psychology.

### BACKUP

## 27 Kyree Woods

6-0 • 175 • Fr.-HS CGP: 5; CGS: 0  
Mesa, Ariz. (Chandler HS)  
Is on the depth chart for the fourth time of his career ... Has 1 tackle in 4 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 131 snaps of USD ... 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

## 12 Malik Smith

6-0 • 190 • Sr.-3L CGP: 51; CGS: 39  
Compton, Calif. (Dominguez HS)  
**Notes:** '16; Career; Personal  
One of two SDSU safeties to earn multiple all-MW honors under Rocky Long (current NYG ND Berhe).

2nd-team all-MW after earning HM accolades in 2014-15 ... Has played last 51 games & started last 39 ... Has 50 stops, 2.0 TFL, 6 PBU & an INT for a TD this year ... Had 77 tackles, 5.0 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 PBU, 3 INT & a FR in 2014 ... Has 4 career games w/ 10+ tackles ... 21 stops in 2013 as TR-Fresh ... **Career: 293 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: 6; CGS: 0  
Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)  
True freshman, who is on the depth chart for the sixth time of his career this weekend ... Has eight tackles on special teams, in just six 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: 26; CGS: 7  
Siloam Springs, Ark. (Siloam Springs HS)  
**Notes:** '16; Career; Personal  
Notes: Ranks third on the team in tackles (55), despite only starting seven of 12 games (last seven).

Big time playmaker, who will make his 8th career start this weekend at the signature Aztec spot on Rocky Long's 3-3-5 defense with Na'im McGeoe out with an injury ... Has 55 tackles (29 solo), 3.0 TFL, 2 INT, a FF & 7 PBU so far in 12 games with 7 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 team's Fr. of the Year ... Earned all-state accolades as a Sr. ... 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: 29; CGS: 25  
San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa HS)  
Projected starting Warrior, who also might play some Aztec at WYO ... Has 25 career starts, including one at the Aztec last season ... Has 31 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 1 INT & 5 PBU in 12 starts this year at Warrior ... Battled injuries last year & had 9 tackles & a FF in 5 games (3 GS) ... Named the team's most outstanding freshman (2014) with 63 stops & 2 FR ... Redshirted in 2013 ... Is majoring in criminal justice. **IN: No. 21 Na'im McGeoe (6-0, 200, Sr.-2L)** ... GP: 13, GS: 8

### WARRIOR

## 3 Trey Lomax

5-11 • 195 • Jr.-2L CGP: 29; CGS: 25  
San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa HS)  
**Notes:** '16; Career; Personal  
Fantastic athlete, who is coming off a pair of solid seasons ... Has 31 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 1 INT & 5 PBU in 12 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: 103 tackles, 5.5 TFL, 1 sack, 1 INT, 8 PBU, 3 FR** ... **RS 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 in criminal justice.

## 7 Kameron Kelly

6-2 • 195 • Jr.-2L CGP: 31; 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 36 tackles, three interceptions & 4 PBU in 12 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: 95 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.

## Defensive Tidbits

- San Diego State has 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    | 19th    | 11th  | 36th | 12th |
| 2014-16 | 8th     | 7th   | 10th | 11th |
- San Diego State had served 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 17th nationally in yards per rush allowed (3.7), 19th nationally in yards per touch (6.3), 21st in yards allowed per game (351.9) and 30th in points allowed per game (23.7).
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• 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 (26 games).

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

• Over the Aztecs' last 23 Mountain West contests (does not include MW Championship), opponents have scored just 15.9 points per game vs. SDSU and only 275.3 yards per game.

• San Diego State has forced three or more turnovers in 10 of its last 19 contests.

• The Aztec defense has scored three touchdowns in the first six Mountain West games and allowed only four.

• SDSU has held six opponents to less than 200 yards of total offense since the beginning of 2015 (26 games), including twice this year.

• Since the beginning of 2015 (26 games), San Diego State's defense ranks first in interceptions (43) and tied for second in interception TDs (8).

### CORNERBACK

## 23 Damontae Kazez

5-11 • 190 • Sr.-3L CGP: 31; CGS: 39  
San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon HS)  
**Notes:** '16; Career; Personal  
Back-to-back MW Defensive Player of the Year (2015-16).

On the following national award watch lists: Bednarik (defensive POY) and Thorpe (top DB) ... Joins Kirk Morrison as the only Aztecs to ever be named MW Def. Player of the Year (both have done it twice) ... Active FBS ranks: 2nd in INT (15), 5th in passes def. (43) & T-17th in FF (6) ... Has 54 stops, 3 TFL, 5 INT & 6 PBU this year ... Started 39 straight games & played in 43 straight ... **Career: 228 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 PBU ... 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: 39; CGS: 2  
Compton, Calif. (Dominguez Hills HS)  
Played in all 39 games the last two-plus seasons after earning special teams scout player of the year as a redshirt (2013) ... Started twice this year ... Has 21 tackles (15 solo) and two pass breakups ... **Has 35 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.