



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 four 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: 34; CGS: 16
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
Athletic, relentless defensive lineman with veteran leadership ... Has 16 career starts and 34 games played ... 14 TCK, 4 OLB, 2.5 SK in 5 GS this year ... Career: 63 tackles, 10.5 TFL, 6.5 sacks, 2 FF ... 2017: 18 stops, 3 TFL, 2 sacks, 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 9/17/17 (4 tackles, 2 TFL, 1 SACK & 1 QBH) ... 2016: 4 TCK in 5 GP ... 2015: KS ... Had 10 TFL as a 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: 18; CGS: 0
Island Lakes, Ill. (Wauconda HS)

Notes: Is the second-most experienced defensive lineman with 18 career games played ... Had eight tackles, including 1 TFL in 2018, playing all 13 games off the bench ... Redshirted in 2017 ... All-state at 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: 18; CGS: 2
Haslet, Texas (Northwest HS)

TOP NOTE: Has two career starts (both this season), including last week at Colorado State
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 linebacker, who continues to get bigger in the weight room ... Has 12 tackles, 2.5 TFL, 0.5 sacks & 1 FR in 5 GP (2 GS) ... Recorded two tackles in 13 games off the bench last season, working behind three-year starter Ronley Lakalaka ... Redshirted the 2017 campaign ... Totalled a school-record 290 tackles over his three-year career at Northwest High School in Haslet, Texas ... Was Northwest High's defensive player of the year all three seasons ... Was rated as the 10th-best linebacker recruit in the talent-rich state of Texas ... Also track and field star, qualifying for state meet ... A kinesiology major with an emphasis as fitness specialist.

BACKUP

38 Andrew Aleki

6-3 • 230 • Jr.-2L CGP: 29; CGS: 4
Honolulu, Hawaii (Kamehameha HS)

Notes: Has 10 tackles, 3 TFL, a sack & a PBU in 5 games (3 GS) ... 2018: 22 tackles & a PBU ... 2017: 16 tackles & a FR in 12 games as a true freshman ... Prepped at Kamehameha HS in Honolulu ... Full name is Andrew Kala'o Aleki ... 1 of 4 Aztecs from the state of Hawaii.

BACKUP

12 Nolen Harris

6-0 • 185 • Sr.-SO CGP: 5; CGS: 0
San Diego, CA (SD Mesa College/Patrick Henry HS)

Notes: Logged first time on special teams in first five games this year ... Is coming off a solid fall camp ... Did not play his first season at SDSU 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.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

65 Cameron Thomas

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

TOP NOTE: Entered the season with no playing time on the defensive line, but has started all five games this year.
Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Young, athletic defensive lineman with a ton of potential ... An excellent pass rusher ... Is the lone projected freshman starter on defense ... Has 19 tackles, 3.5 TFL and 2.0 sacks in 2019 ... Played in one game in 2018 as a true freshman, logging special teams plays vs. Ohio in the DFL Frisco Bowl ... Was on the travel squad for three games ... Played his prep ball at Carlsbad High School, along with fellow Aztec Troy Cassidy (starting WILL linebacker) and Zachary Thomas (backup left tackle), and SDSU's all-time winningest quarterback Christian Chapman ... Had 88 tackles and 9.5 sacks over his final two seasons at Carlsbad High ... Older brother, Zachary, started two games last year on the offensive line before an injury forced him to miss the rest of the season.

BACKUP

66 Jonah Tavai

6-0 • 315 • So.-TR CGP: 5; CGS: 0
Manhattan Beach, CA (Mira Costa HS/EI Camino College)

Notes: All-body who continues to learn the defense ... 5 TCK in 1st 5 games ... All-league pick at ECC in 2018 ... 3-time all-league selection at Mira Costa HS ... Also a star rugby player ... Turns 19 on Dec. 13 ... Brother, Jahliani, plays LB for District Lions ... Other brother, Justin, plays at Hawaii ... Also: No. 69 Sam Hines (6-2, 260, Fr.-RS) ... CFP 1 & 6

LINEBACKER (MIKE)

44 Kyahva Tezino

6-0 • 235 • Sr.-3L CGP: 40; CGS: 23
Los Angeles, Calif. (Salesian HS)

TOP NOTE: Has led the team (or tied for the team lead) in tackles in 16 of the 23 career games he has started.
On three watch lists (Bednarik Award, Nagurski Award & Butkus Award) ... Preseason 1st-team all-MW ... Explosive run-stopping off-liner ... Has 43 tackles (22 solo), 5.0 TFL, 2.0 SK, 2 FF, 1 INT & 1 PBU ... MVP Def. PoW for 2nd time in his career at UCLA (9 TCK, 1.5 TFL, 1.0 SK, 1 FF, 1 QBH) ... 13 TCK, 2.5 TFL, 1.0 SK, 1 FF at CSU ... Had 127 TCK, 14.5 TFL, 8.5 SK & 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 SK (56 TCK, 6 TFL, 2 SK over final 5 GP (1st 5 starts)) ... 17 tackles vs. Army in AFB ... 2016: 5 TCK, 1.5 SK ... 2015: RS, earning the team's def. soul PoW ... Career: 234 TCK, 27 TFL, 14 SK ... Started on both sides of the ball at Salesian HS, rushing for 1,704 yds & 13 TD (9 g. avg.), & recording 343 tackles & 9 INT.

BACKUP

46 Michael Shawcroft

6-2 • 225 • Fr.-HS CGP: 5; 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 ... 1 stop ... 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.

BACKUP

33 Patrick Morris

6-0 • 180 • Fr.-HS CGP: 2; 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 3-3-5 defense ... Has played on ST 12 games ... Played 1 year at Santa Ana HS, leading team to a 10-3 record in 2018 & 5-0 league mark ... Ran for 1,801 yards & 23 TD, while catching 17 passes for 375 yards & 3 TD ... Had 99 stops on defense with 2 interceptions ... Previously starred at Godinez HS.

DEFENSIVE END

57 Keshawn Banks

6-4 • 270 • So.-1L CGP: 17; CGS: 5
Rio Rancho, N.M. (Rio Rancho HS)

TOP NOTE: Had a great game at New Mexico State on Sept. 14, recording 5 tackles, 2.0 sacks & 2.0 TFL.
Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Talented, young defensive end who had a solid 2018 fall camp & played immediately as a true freshman, despite 4 seniors on the defensive line ... Emerged as a starter in the spring, which carried into fall camp ... Has 16 tackles (6.0 TFL) & 2.5 sacks in his 5 starts this year ... 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 forced fumbles, 3 fumble recoveries & 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

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

Notes: Talented d-lineman ... Has 4 tackles & a sack in 1st 5 GP this year ... RS in 2018, while working w/ both the DL & IL ... Led the College of San Mateo to a 18-5 record from 2016-17, including a 11-2 mark & a spot in the 2017 California JuCo championship season ... Prepped at Heritage HS.

LINEBACKER (WILL)

42 Troy Cassidy

6-3 • 230 • Sr.-3L CGP: 42; CGS: 25
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

TOP NOTE: Has played 42 consecutive games, the longest streak on the team.
Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Smart, athletic player who has played since his true freshman season in 2016 ... His 25 career starts are 2nd most among Aztec def. players (Taring Thompson, 31) ... Has 25 tackles (2 TFL) this year ... Started 12 of 13 last year, making 45 TCK, 4 TFL, 2.5 sacks & 1 FF ... Best games came at UNM (45 TCK, 2 TFL, 2 SK & 1 FF (7 TCK)) ... 2017: 31 TCK w/ 1.5 TFL, 0.5 SK, a PBU & 5 QBH ... 2016: Played final 11 games as a true freshman, mostly on ST, w/ 10 TCK & a sack ... Career: 111 TCK, 8.5 TFL, 4 SK ... Recorded 178 tackles (119 solo) w/ 10 sacks over his 3-yr career at Carlsbad HS ... Also played TE for the 2015 AWC champ ... A consensus 3-star recruit ... An interdisciplinary studies major.

BACKUP

43 Seydrick Lakalaka

6-1 • 230 • So.-1L CGP: 14; CGS: 0
Kalihii, Hawaii
Punahou HS

Notes: Has 7 career snaps on defense ... Had 3 tackles in 9 GP last year ... RS in 2017 ... Brother, Ronley, was a 3-yr. starting LB at SDSU.

BACKUP

47 Kaelin Himphill

6-2 • 225 • Jr.-1L CGP: 17; CGS: 0
Hillsboro, Ore.
Liberty HS

Has only played special teams at SDSU ... MW ST PoW w/ AFA last year w/ blocked punt ... Has 2 career tackles ... 2-time all-state at Liberty HS.

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. (3.6), 15th in total defense (342.9) and 16th in yards per touch (6.3).
• 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 48th
2015 7th 5th 10th 7th
2016 17th 11th 42nd 7th
2017 21st 11th 15th 32nd
2018 32nd 22nd 66th 7th
2019 8th 8th 70th 1st
2014-19 8th 6th 15th 5th
2015-19 10th 6th 19th 3rd
• The Aztecs have allowed just 57 points through the first five games of the season, which is the fifth-fewest allowed through the first five games in their DI history (since 1969). If you take away a pick 6 by the SDSU offense, then the 50 points mark as the fourth fewest allowed through five games.
• The Aztecs have forced 3 and outs (or better) in 27 of those drives (44.3 pct.). SDSU is averaging 5.40 3 and outs per game.
• The Aztecs are allowing 270.8 yards (8th nationally) and 11.4 points (8th nationally) per game this season. In SDSU's opponents' other games, they are averaging 416.9 yards and 28.9 points per game.
• SDSU ranks first in FBS play this year in rushing yards allowed per game (45.4) and second in defensive rush average (11.8). Over the last two years, San Diego State ranks second in both def. RYPG (87.6) and in def. RYPC (2.7).
• 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 127 times vs. SDSU with only one attempt (0.78 pct.) longer than 20 yards.
• SDSU's opponents have converted just 12 of its last 47 attempts (255) on fourth down against the Aztecs.

CORNERBACK

16 Luq Barcoo

6-1 • 175 • Sr.-1L CGP: 16; CGS: 5
San Diego, CA (Grossmont College/Castle Park HS)

TOP NOTE: Was named the MW Defensive Player of the Week on Monday after his 3-interception game at CSU.
Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Grossmont College transfer who impressed in the 2018 fall camp & made the 2-deep ... Worked himself into a starting position in the spring & fall camp ... Has 15 career starts this year, making 24 tackles (18 solo), 3 OLB, 4 INT & 6 PBU ... 6 TCK, 3 INT in consecutive snaps, 1 PBU at CSU ... Had 20 tackles, 4 PBUs & an INT in 11 games off the bench in 2018 ... Career: 44 TCK, 3 OLB, 5 INT, 10 PBU ... Played on both sides of the ball at Grossmont JC ... In 2017, caught 35 passes for 767 yards (21.9 avg.) & 7 TD, while recording 3 INT in 2 seasons ... A 3-star recruit by Rivals ... Played both ways at Castle Park HS in nearby Chula Vista.

BACKUP

12 Nolen Harris

6-0 • 185 • Sr.-SO CGP: 5; CGS: 0
San Diego, CA (SD Mesa College/Patrick Henry HS)

FIELD WARRIOR

14 Tariq Thompson

6-0 • 200 • Jr.-2L CGP: 31; CGS: 31
San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine HS)

TOP NOTE: Has started all 31 games since arriving to campus as a true freshman in 2017.
On the Jim Thorpe Award Watch List ... A preseason 1st-team all-MW selection ... Has 8 career INT (1-9th among active FBS players) in just 31 GP ... Has the most starts at SDSU, despite turning 20 on Aug. 9 ... Has 22 TCK (16 solo), 6 PBU, 1 INT & 2 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 Leon McFadden started at CSU on 9/24/09 (Coach Long's 1st year as SDSU's DC) ... MVP Def. PoW vs. UNM (8 TCK, 2 INT, 2 PBU, 1 TFL) ... Career: 145 TCK, 9 INT, 18 PBU, 3 FF, 4 FR ... Played both sides of the ball at local St. Augustine HS under current safeties coach Richard Sanchez.

BACKUP

18 Trenton Thompson

6-2 • 200 • Jr.-2L CGP: 29; CGS: 8
Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)

AZTEC

36 Dwayne Johnson Jr.

6-2 • 215 • Jr.-2L CGP: 30; CGS: 6
Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta HS)

TOP NOTE: Had 12 tackles & 1.5 TFL in 2nd career start vs. St. (entered with 16 career TCK in 25 GP).
Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Hard-hitting safety, who took over for 3-year starter Parker Baldwin ... 2-time Pro Football Focus MW Team of the Week (Sept. 10 & Sept. 17) ... Has 36 tackles (1.5 TFL), 1 FF, 2 FR & 1 INT ... Played in all 13 games last year, mainly on special teams, making 2 tackles with a FR ... How'd it ... 2017: Had 14 tackles & a TFL in his 1st 12 career games, starting 11 ... 2016: Redshirted ... 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 Morris

6-0 • 180 • Fr.-HS CGP: 2; CGS: 0
Santa Ana, Calif. (Santa Ana HS)

CORNERBACK

23 Darren Hall

6-0 • 180 • So.-1L CGP: 18; CGS: 6
Pasadena, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga HS)

TOP NOTE: Came up with interceptions on back-to-back snaps in 2018 vs. Eastern Michigan and Boise State.
Notes: Current; Career; Personal
A ball hawk with good instincts ... Missed 1st game & most of 2018 vs. UCLA, but has started last 3 at CB with 16 tackles, 2.5 TFL, 6 PBU & 2 FF ... 1-3rd in MW (1-10th in FBS) in TFL (P. 50) ... Was the SDSU Co-Fresh of the Year after recording 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 vs. EMU & 9 TCK, 1 SCK, 1 FF, 1 INT at BS), despite not starting all year ... Redshirted 2017 w/ 2 stops in 2 GP played vs. Career: 63 TCK, 4.5 TFL, 2.0 SK, 2 INT, 9 PBU, 3 FF ... Led Rancho Cucamonga HS to a 12-1 record in 2016, earning first-team all-league honors ... A communication major.

BACKUP

17 Eric Wilson

6-0 • 185 • Jr.-TR CGP: 1; CGS: 0
Oceanside, CA (Riverside City College/EI Camino HS)

San Diego State Aztecs

2019 Record: 4-1, 1-1 MW
 Nine Straight Bowl Game Appearances
 MW Champions: 2016, 2015, 2012 | 21-Time Conference Champions



Jeff Horton

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

- Fourth season as offensive coordinator (eighth year at SDSU overall)
- SDSU has scored 30+ points in 26 of its last 50 games
- 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.-1L CGP: 21; CGS: 8
 McKinleyville, Calif. (McKinleyville High)

TOP NOTE: Went from quarterback in high school to tight end at SDSU in 2016 to offensive lineman in 2017.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
 One of four to play every offensive snap ... Played every snap in the opener and did not allow a QB hit ... Was recruited to SDSU as a TE, but moved to OL in the fall of '17 ... Says that he is more comfortable at OL as he has practiced at that position more ... Played in all 13 games last year ... Played three games in '17 logging 44 snaps ... Redshirted '16 as a tight end ... Started final three games of last year at OL ... QB McKinleyville HS, throwing for 5,103 yards and 54 TD, and rushing for 960 yards and 22 TD ... Also played for the Panthers ... Was all-county and team MVP ... Also played baseball and basketball ... Majoring in criminal justice.

BACKUP

75 Desmond Bessent

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

Pronunciation: BESS-ent ... On two-deep 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.

LEFT GUARD

79 Daishawn Dixon

6-5 • 330 • Sr.-3L CGP: 44; CGS: 30
 San Antonio, Texas (Wm. Howard Taft HS)

TOP NOTE: Is the most experienced Aztec on either side of the ball with 44 career games played.

Pronunciation: DAY-shawn ... Played every snap this season ... PFF National Team of the Week for his play at NMSU ... Big body who moves well (can pull) ... Made 30 regular-season straight starts at LG & played in 44 straight regular-season games ... 3rd-most snaps played on team in '18 (808) and '17 (819) ... Logged 34 offensive snaps in '16, the most among OL reserves ... That season he played 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, prepped in San Antonio.

BACKUP

64 Chris Martinez

6-4 • 305 • So.-SQ CGP: 0; 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-year 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: 30; CGS: 30
 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 ... On two watch lists (Outland for top interior lineman & Rimington for top center) ... All-MW pressman team ... Leader of the o-line ... Last season he started 12 games (6 at C, 5 at RG and 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 did not play & was able to maintain his RS ... Was a 1st-team all-league pick & a 2nd-team All-Metro selection as a Sr. at Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep ... Also played lacrosse at SHCP ... An international & conflict resolution major.

BACKUP

56 Dominic Gudino

6-3 • 300 • Jr.-2L CGP: 20; CGS: 15
 Chula Vista, Calif. (Olympian HS)

Pronunciation: Goo-deeno ... Started at RG at NMSU ... Started 8 times last year & has 15 career starts (10 at C, 5 at RG) ... Earned 3 letters in local Olympian HS in Chula Vista, captaining 2 yrs ... Was a Blue-Gray All-American ... A kinesiology major.

RIGHT GUARD

73 William Dunkle

6-5 • 350 • Fr.-RS CGP: 5; CGS: 4
 Chula Vista, Calif. (Eastlake High)

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

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
 A big, raw offensive lineman who enjoys contact ... Weighed 380 when he arrived on campus, currently listed at 350 ... Played every snap in his college debut and has played 304 snaps through five weeks ... Has been named to the Pro Football Focus Mountain West Team of the Week twice this season ... Also started at UCLA, Utah State & Colorado State ... 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

62 Jacob Jimenez

6-5 • 300 • Sr.-TR CGP: 16; CGS: 0
 Pflugerville, Texas (Brigham Young Univ.)

Saw action on special teams in week one ... Joined the Aztecs after spending four years at Brigham Young, playing in 15 games and 134 offensive snaps in three seasons ... Attended Pflugerville High.

RIGHT TACKLE

76 Zachary Thomas

6-5 • 300 • Jr.-1L CGP: 20; CGS: 3
 Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

TOP NOTE: Started last game at Colorado State, his first start since tearing his ACL on Sept. 15, 2018 vs. Arizona St.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
 A local lineman out of Carlsbad High School who was in the mix for playing time in 2018 after working as a reserve in 2017 ... Has solid technique ... Tore his ACL in the third game of the 2018 season (his second straight start) and missed all of the 2019 spring season ... Started the season as the backup left tackle, but is now expected to start at right tackle for the second straight game this week ... Played in three games in 2018 with two starts ... Saw action in all 13 games off the bench in 2017 ... Redshirted in 2016 ... Alongside fellow 2016 recruit Troy Cassidy, helped lead Carlsbad HS to an ArcoVado West League championship ... Younger brother, Cameron, is a starting defensive tackle as a redshirt freshman.

BACKUP

77 Jacob Capra

6-5 • 315 • Jr.-TR CGP: 20; CGS: 5
 Auburn, Calif. (Univ. of Oregon)

Started 1st 4 at OL ... Spent 3 yrs of Oregon on 3 diff. OCs, graduating in June ... Played 15 games w/ 1 start, logging a combined 357 snaps ... Working on master's in homeland security & conflict resolution ... Younger brother, Joey, is a RS-Fresh.

H-BACK / TE

82 Parker Houston

6-3 • 250 • Sr.-3L CGP: 41; CGS: 29
 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/29 career starts (No. 2 has 13 career starts).

2019 Stats:

GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg.	100+	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg.
5	5	0	0	0.0	0	0	5	36	7.2	0	19	

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
 Assistant HC/OC Jeff Horton calls him "our hockey guy" and says "he is the heart of our team" ... Played in 41 games, made 29 starts, including 19 straight ... Has played 329 of 379 snaps this season ... Played 660 offensive snaps last season, most on his side of the ball among non-offensive linemen ... Career numbers: 31 receptions, 295 yards, three TDs, 9.5 ypc ... 2017: Started 7 games with 6 receptions for 58 yards ... 2016: 5 rec. for 32 yds & 1 TD as a true freshman, being named SDSU Co-Freshman 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 Academic Team member ... Very active in comm. service.

TIGHT END

88 Daniel Bellinger

6-6 • 250 • So.-1L CGP: 14; CGS: 3
 Las Vegas, Nev. (Palo Verde High)

Made 1st career 3 starts ... Has 3 catches for 28 yards & a TD ... Had a 2-yard TD catch at NMSU, the 1st of his career ... Last season, he played in the final 9 games as a TR-Fr. ... Had 1 catch for 10 yards & was used primarily in big personnel packages ... Logged 59 total snaps as a freshman ... A 2-way player in high school (TE & LB) ... 1st-team all-state as a linebacker.

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

RUNNING BACK

29 Juwon Washington

5-7 • 190 • Sr.-3L CGP: 39; CGS: 13
 Fort Worth, Texas (Kennedale HS)

TOP NOTE: Ranks 12th in school history w/2,380 career rushing yards; 1-5th nationally among active FBS players in KOR touchdowns (3).

2019 Stats:

GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg.	100+	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg.
3	2	64	181	2.8	0	16	0	9	65	7.2	1	21

Has battled an ankle sprain suffered early in the 10 of the Weber St. game (Aug. 31) ... Missed 2 gms., returning w/ TD catch at CSU ... Has 78 career missed tackles ... On 3 preseason watch lists & a preseason all-MW selection ... Rashed for 999 yds in 2018 despite missing 4 1/2 games ... Was 2nd in the nation in RYPG when he was injured vs. EMU (4th game of 2018) ... Career: 445 att., 2,380 yards, 23 TD, 5.3 ypc, 7 100-yrd games ... 28 career TD ... Ran for 5,139 yds & 75 TD at KHIS.

BACKUPS

15 Jordan Byrd

Speedster ... 118 yds., 2 TD at NMSU ... 2nd in MW in PR avg. (7.6) ... 2018: SDSU Co-Fresh of the Year w/ 297 AP yds & 1 TD ... Prepped as QB.

21 Chance Bell

Tough runner ... 116 yds., 1 TD at NMSU ... 44 att., 7H 211 yds., 1 TD in 2019 ... 2018: 40 att., 189 yds. ... 2017: RS ... 4,525 yds, 59 TD at JHS.

22 Chase Jasmin

Squared team's 1st TD of season at UCLA ... 2018: 138 att., 582 yds., 1 TD (+1 rec. TD) ... 2017: 33-137-2 ... 2016: RS ... Competitive boxer as youth.

QUARTERBACK

9 Ryan Agnew

6-0 • 200 • Sr.-3L CGP: 32; CGS: 12
 Southlake, Texas (Carroll HS)

TOP NOTE: Owns a 10-2 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.
5	5	92	144	63.9	2	7	945	132.28

HC/OC Jeff Horton refers to him as Clark Kent for his calm demeanor.

BACKUP

3 Carson Baker

6-3 • 190 • Fr.-RS CGP: 0; CGS: 0
 San Diego, Calif. (Helix HS)

Entered fall camp fourth on the depth chart but emerged as the backup at the position ... Redshirted in 2018, but did make the travel squad for three road games ... Helped lead his prep team, the Highlanders, to a 34-7 record and a state championship game appearance in his three years on the varsity ... One of three players (Rashed Scott and Michael Showcroft) to attend Helix High (located 3.0 miles from the SDSU campus).

X RECEIVER

96 Elijah Kothe

6-4 • 205 • So.-1L CGP: 16; CGS: 6
 Las Vegas, Nev. (Faith Lutheran HS)

2019 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
4	4	4	10	9.5	15	0

Pronunciation: CODY ... Targeted 13 times this season ... Has 10 catches for 95 yards through four games (all starts) ... Tall, has ability to make tough catches in traffic ... Has great hands and is a good route-runner ... Currently playing with a broken left hand ... Played in the final 12 games of the season with two starts as a true freshman in 2018 ... 7 catches for 78 yards in 2018 ... Last season, record two-catch games vs. Eastern Michigan and at Nevada ... 2018 Mountain West All-Academic Team ... Had 115 rec. for 1,806 yds. and 19 TD from 2015-17 at Faith Lutheran High ... Business administration major ... Father, Jacob, was WR coach at FLHS.

BACKUP

92 Kobe Smith

6-2 • 190 • So.-1L CGP: 17; CGS: 4
 Compton, Calif. (Junipero Serra HS)

Has 18 of 25 rec., 368 yds. (14.7 avg.) & 4 TD ... Had 7 rec., 132 yds. and 1st career TD at UCLA ... 7-102-1 vs. USU ... 7-101-2 at CSU ... 1st Aztec w/ b-h 100-yrd gms. since Enal Ruffin in 2013 ... Saw action as a true freshman last season (2018) ... 12 GP (2 GS), w/ 9 rec. for 113 yds. ... 107 rec. for 1,689 yds & 13 TD at JHS from 2016-17 ... Turned 19 in July.

Z RECEIVER

45 Jesse Mathews

6-0 • 190 • Fr.-RS CGP: 5; CGS: 3
 San Diego, Calif. (Christian HS)

2019 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
5	3	15	151	10.1	20	0

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
 Made the first three career starts this season ... Has 15 receptions for 151 yards ... Walked onto the team last year ... Had a great spring camp and brought that into the fall, where he was the most consistent wide receiver ... Excellent zone route runner with good hands ... Arguably best vertical leaper on team ... Named offensive scout player of the year (2018) after redshirting ... Was a first-team all-league & all-county performer in 2017 at nearby Christian High School, when he had 57 catches for 888 yards (15.6 avg.) & 14 TD ... Also was a shortstop on the baseball team & a point guard on the basketball squad ... Is majoring in communication.

BACKUP

13 Isaiah Richardson

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

Speedy, athletic receiver with good hands ... 3 rec., 65 yds & 49-yr TD vs. USU ... Burst onto the scene with 3 catches for 58 yds (19.3 avg.) in his 1st career game vs. Ohio in the DXL Fiesta Bowl ... Was on travel squad 4 games before bowl game ... RS in 2017 ... Played his high school ball at Chaminade Prep ... Also played basketball & was on the track & field team.

E RECEIVER

81 Ethan Dedeaux

5-9 • 185 • So.-1L CGP: 15; CGS: 10
 Las Vegas, Nev. (Liberty HS)

2019 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
5	2	3	26	8.7	12	0

Pronunciation: DAY-doh ... Has 3 catches for 28 yards in 5 GP (2 GS) ... 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 where he participated in football & track ... 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: 15; CGS: 0
 Long Beach, Calif. (St. Anthony HS)

Pronunciation: BUZZ-bee ... Walk-on wide receiver who saw playing time last season ... Played in final 11 games of the 2018 campaign ... 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-CIF ... A social science major.

Offensive Tidbits

- Since Jeff Horton took over as offensive coordinator prior to the 2015 campaign, San Diego State is 14th nationally in rushing yards per game (220.4), 26th in rushing yards per carry (4.9) and 36th in rushing touchdowns (119).
- San Diego State is 42-2 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 45 games since 2016 (37, 100-yard rushers total) and 37 of the 59 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 41 games.
- San Diego State has the fewest interceptions thrown since the 2015 season (22, min. 50 GP), three less than No. 2 (Navy, 25).
- The Aztecs are 35-4 the last 38 times they have scored at least 30 points and redshirted in 2018, but did make the travel squad for three road games ... Helped lead his prep team, the Highlanders, to a 34-7 record and a state championship game appearance in his three years on the varsity ... One of three players (Rashed Scott and Michael Showcroft) to attend Helix High (located 3.0 miles from the SDSU campus).
- Since Oct. 3, 2015, San Diego State is 38-7 when scoring at least 20 points. The Aztecs are 70-18 in the Rocky Long era when scoring just 20 points.
- Since the beginning of 2014, SDSU is 41-9 when committing one turnover or less and 9-13 when having two or more turnovers in the game. San Diego State has one turnover or less in 43 of the 59 games since the start of the 2015 campaign.
- SDSU is 35-6 in the last 41 games when owning an edge in time of possession.
- San Diego State threw for 293 yards at UCLA on Sept. 7, 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: 8-for-9 (889) | Long: 43 | PATs: 11-for-11
- Punts:** 59 Brandon Heicklen, 6-0, 190, Sr.-2L
 ▶ Season: 31 | Avg.: 43.5 | Long: 58 | TB: 2 | TD: 12 | 50+: 10
 ▶ Career: 158 | Avg.: 40.8 | Long: 58 | TB: 6 | TD: 56 | 50+: 29
- Kickoffs:** 2 Matt Arizola, 6-2, 195, Fr.-RS
 ▶ Season: 24 | Avg.: 62.3 | TB: 17 | OB: 0 | Avg. Opp. Start: 25
- Short/Long Snapper:** 50 Turner Bernard, 6-1, 225, Jr.-2L
- Holder:** 59 Brandon Heicklen, 6-0, 190, Sr.-2L
- Kick Returns:** 29 Juwon Washington & 22 Chase Jasmin
 ▶ Washington (Career) - KR: 43 | Yds: 1,017 | Avg: 23.7 | TD: 3 | Long: 96
 ▶ Jasmin (Career) - KR: 2 | Yds: 26 | Avg: 13.0 | TD: 0 | Long: 20
- Punt Returns:** 15 Jordan Byrd, 5-9, 170, So.-1L
 ▶ Byrd (Season) - PR: 8 | Yds: 61 | Avg: 7.6 | Long: 17
 ▶ Byrd (Career) - PR: 11 | Yds: 68 | Avg: 6.2 | Long: 17