

San Diego State Aztecs

2016 Record: 4-1, 1-0 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: 22; CGS: 19
Ramona, Calif. (Ramona HS)

TOP NOTE: Started all 19 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 19 consecutive games ... CFF 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 T&F 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 in 2015 and on the T&F team at Ramona HS ... A social science major.

LEFT GUARD

56 Nico Siragusa

6-5 • 335 • Sr.-3L CGP: 45; CGS: 33
Chula Vista, Calif. (Mater Dei Catholic HS)

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

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Pronounced: sara-GOOSE-uh ... On the Outland Trophy Watch List (outstanding interior lineman) ... Has almost as many career starts (33) as the rest of the SDSU offensive line combined (48) ... Has graded out as top run blocker this season by CFF ... Is a preseason 2nd-team All-American by Phil Steele Magazine ... Was a 1st-team all-MW pick last year ... Career starts: 4 LG in 2016, 14 at LG in 2015, 13 at LG in 2014, 1 at RG in 2013 ... Was the only SDSU frosh (RS or true) to start 2013 opener ... RS in 2012 ... Was an all-CIF 1st-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 & a 2nd-team all-Metro selection as a senior at Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep ... Also played lax at SHCP.

CENTER

70 Arthur Flores

6-5 • 305 • Sr.-1L CGP: 19; CGS: 19
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 20th straight start Saturday ... Moved to center in spring 2015 after playing guard ... Moved to center 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: 1; 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: 11; CGS: 5
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 five games this year, the first five starts of his career ... 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 at 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

77 Ryan Pope

6-7 • 325 • So.-RS CGP: 3; CGS: 0
Long Beach, Calif. (Lakewood HS/LBCC)

Notes: On 2-deep for 3rd 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.

RIGHT TACKLE

71 Daniel Brunskill

6-5 • 260 • Sr.-3L CGP: 45; CGS: 33
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 light end.

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
On the Wuerffel Trophy Watch List (top community service) ... Good blocking tight end, who moved to right tackle in the fall with injuries to the offensive line ... Is ranked as the 2nd-best run blocker through 5 games ... Was named an all-MW HM pick by the MW coaches & media in 2016 ... Has 3 career TD catches & 15 rec. overall ... 2015: Started all 14 games, making 10 catches with 2 TD ... 2014: Started 4 games & played in all 13, making 5 catches with a TD ... 2013: Played in all 13 games ... 2012: Redshirt ... First-team all-CIF, all-league & all-county as a SR. at Valley Center HS ... Majoring in civil engineering.

BACKUP

77 Ryan Pope

6-7 • 325 • So.-RS CGP: 3; CGS: 0
Long Beach, Calif. (Lakewood HS/LBCC)

Notes: On 2-deep for 3rd 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: 18; CGS: 4
Los Gatos, Calif. (Los Gatos High)

TOP NOTE: Is expected to start at fullback Friday at Fresno State, the same place he earned his first career start at quarterback in 2014.

2016 Stats:
Rushing: GP 6S Att. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 100+ No. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 4 2 1 4 0 4 0 0 3 18 6 0 0 10
Receiving: GP 6S Att. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 100+ No. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 5 5 129 891 6.9 9 79 4 18 31 7.9 0 26
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Former quarterback, who moved to fullback in the fall of 2015 ... Put on 20 pounds of muscle since switching positions ... Coach Long called him the most improved player in the spring ... Has three catches for 18 yards (6.0 avg.) over the past four games after not playing in the opener ... Also has a 4-yard rush ... Played in nine games in 2015 ... Was 13-for-38 (34.2 pct.) with 2 TD passes and two interceptions as a true freshman quarterback in 2014 ... Was a three-star quarterback out of Los Gatos High School by ESPN, Scout & 247Sports ... Is majoring in business administration with a concentration in a management entrepreneur.

RUNNING BACK

19 Donnel Pumphrey

5-9 • 180 • Sr.-3L CGP: 44; CGS: 32
Las Vegas, Nev. (Canyon Springs HS)

TOP NOTE: Currently leads the nation in rushing (178.2) and all-purpose (204.4), and is 14th all-time in NCAA rushing (5,163).

2016 Stats:
Rushing: GP 6S Att. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 100+ No. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 5 5 129 891 6.9 9 79 4 18 31 7.9 0 26
On Walter Camp, Maxwell & Doak Walker Award Watch Lists ... Is the pre-MW off. Poyt ... Has 2 of top-12 rush gms this year (281 vs. Cal (2nd) & 220 at NIU (12th)) ... Was 1st FBS player with 500-plus yds in 2-game span since Oklahoma's Sammie Perine in 2014 ... Was SDSU record & FBS-leading 5,163 rush yds, 6,167 all-purpose yds & 26 100-yd games ... Was 1st AA & the MW off. Poyt ... 2014 FBS rank: 4th in RYPC (143.6), 8th in APYPC (155.9), 9th in rush TDs (20) & RYPC (6.8) & 1st all-MW ... Had 752 yds & 8 TD as a TR-Fr. in 2013 ... First SDSU frosh with 100+ yds in 3 straight games since Marshall Faulk in 1991 ... Nev. Governor Poyt at CSHS in 2012 ... Had 4,152 yds & 49 TDs over HS career ... Comm. major.

QUARTERBACK

10 Christian Chapman

6-0 • 200 • So.-1L CGP: 14; CGS: 7
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

TOP NOTE: Is 6-1 as a starting quarterback, winning the 2015 MW Championship, the Hawai'i Bowl and four of five games this year.

2016 Stats:
GP 6S Att. Cmp. Pct. Int. TD Yds. Rtg. 5 5 109 69 63.3 2 8 912 154.14
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Mobile, accurate quarterback with a quick release ... Has the seventh-best pass efficiency rating in FBS since Dec. 5, 2015 (Chapman became No. 1 QB) (162.8, min. 120 att. & 6 GP) ... Career-high 283 yards vs. UNH & CH third TD at 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. ARA (9-for-14, 1 TD, INT) en route to being named the game's off. MVP ... Was 1 of 3 true freshmen QBs on the depth chart in 2014 & traveled to a very road contest, but ended up redshirting ... Was a 3-star recruit by Rivals, Scout & ESPN at local Carlsbad High School ... Was a 2-time all-Avalado League selection, passing for 1,986 yards & 23 TDs as a senior.

No. 3 RUNNING BACK

29 Juwan Washington

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

Notes: Has a great blend of speed and power ... Carried 13 times for 50 yards (3.8 avg.) this year ... Also has 4 KR for 108 yds (27.0 avg.) ... Redshirted his 1st year at SDSU in 2015 ... Rushed for 5,139 yds & 75 TD, averaging 9.5 YPC at Kennedale HS ... Had 5 300-yard games in HS.

BACKUP

20 Rashaad Penny

5-11 • 220 • Jr.-2L CGP: 32; CGS: 4
Norwalk, Calif. (Norwalk HS)

Notes: Pre-2nd-in AA by 2 picks ... 9 straight GP w/ 1+ TD (6 rush, 3 rec, 2 KR) ... 1 of 7 w/ 3 rush TD & 3 rec. TD & only 1 w/a KR as well ... 2nd in active FBS KR avg. (30.5) ... Was 2015 MW ST Poyt ranking 2nd in FBS in KR avg. (33.5) & 2nd in KR TDs (3) ... 2015 rec. - 8-120-1 (15.0); KR - 24-80-4 (33.5) ... Had 2,504 rush yds & 41 TDs as HS Sr. ... Brother, Elijah, led Idaho in rushing.

BACKUP

9 Ryan Agnew

6-0 • 185 • Fr.-RS CGP: 2; CGS: 0
Southlake, Texas (Carroll HS)

Notes: Athletic, mobile quarterback with an accurate arm ... Was 1-for-1 for 8 yards vs. UNH in RS in 2015, where he was named the team's off. scout Poyt ... Passed for 6,967 yards & 56 touchdowns over three years at Carroll High in Southlake, Texas ... Also rushed for 2,286 yards & 38 TDs.

Z RECEIVER

6 Mikah Holder

6-0 • 180 • Jr.-2L CGP: 29; CGS: 16
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 5 5 15 358 23.9 86 3
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Had 4 catches for 160 yds & 2 TD vs. UNH, the most by any Aztec since Ezell Ruffin had 165 on Nov. 2, 2013 ... Included in 160 yards was an 86-yd TD ... Career: 44 rec., 850 yds., 9 TDs ... 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 Lockard had 8 in 2011 ... Played in final 10 games in 2014 as a TR-Frosh ... Had 3 rec. for 33 yds (11.0 avg.) in 1st career game vs. UNLV ... Was a 3-star recruit from all of 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: 5; CGS: 0
Newport Harbor, CA (Newport Harbor HS/Golden West Coll.)

Notes: All-purpose transfer who can play WR, PR & KR ... Leads MW in PR avg. (10.4 avg.) ... Also has 4 catches for 59 yds & has 3 KR for 52 yds. (17.3 avg.) ... All-region 1st team at Golden West College ... Sunset League Off. Poyt at Newport Harbor HS ... A sociology major.

X RECEIVER

97 Curtis Anderson

6-3 • 200 • Sr.-1L CGP: 12; CGS: 3
Palmdale, Calif. (Pete Knight HS/Antelope Valley College)

TOP NOTE: Is first on the depth chart heading into the Fresno State game for the second time of his career and second straight week.

2016 Stats:
GP GS Rec. Yds. Avg. Long TD 5 2 3 13 4.3 6 0
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Notes: Earned a scholarship before fall drills ... Arguably team's best blocking wide receiver ... Has played in all five games this year, last two games ... Has three receptions for 13 yards this year ... Battled injuries in 2015 in first season at SDSU ... Had a 6-yard catch at Hawaii and started at San Jose State ... Played two years at Antelope Valley College, combining for 34 catches, 387 yards & 4 touchdowns ... Played prep ball at Pete Knight High School, earning second-team all-Golden League honors as a senior ... A social science major.

BACKUP

81 Eric Judge

6-1 • 190 • Sr.-3L CGP: 44; CGS: 11
San Diego, Calif. (San Diego HS)

Notes: Big-play receiver w/ excellent speed ... Started 1st 3 games with 13 rec. & 149 yds ... Career: 65 rec., 1,125 yds. (17.3 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: 31; CGS: 5
Clovis, Calif. (Clovis North HS)

TOP NOTE: Made first career starts this season after playing first 7 games off the bench.

2016 Stats:
GP GS Rec. Yds. Avg. Long TD 5 5 5 5 46 9.2 13 0
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Notes: Good blocker with good hands ... Made 1st career starts this year ... Already has 5 catches, 1 more than he had over his 1st 2 seasons ... Had a catch in 4 straight games for the 1st time of his career, a streak that was snapped last week vs. UNLV ... 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 tight end 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: 1; CGS: 0
Sparks, Nev. (Edward C. Reed HS)

Notes: Logged first career playing time last week as a true freshman ... Also is the team's short snapper on PATs & FG's ... Led Edward C. Reed HS to a 24-5 record (8.28) over his two final seasons, including a 13-1 mark in 2015 ... Is majoring in kinesiology.

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).
- SDSU is 46-12 in the Rocky Long era when scoring just 20 or more points.
- The Aztecs had a school-record 3,266 rushing yards last season (previous best was 2,869 in 2012).
- SDSU has a 1,000-yard rusher in six straight seasons for the first time in program history. Donnel Pumphrey (1,653) and Chase Price (1,008) gave San Diego State multiple 1,000-yard rushers for the first time in school history in 2015.
- The Aztecs have won 26 straight games when rushing for at least 200 yards (34-1 in the Rocky Long era).
- San Diego State had 200-plus rushing yards in 10 straight games last year in the same season for the first time in its Division I history (since 1969).

• SDSU has a 100-yard rusher in 31 of its past 40 games and has a total of 36 100-yard rushers during that span.

• San Diego State is 21-1 in program history when it has two, 100-yard rushers, including last week vs. UNLV. SDSU has had a pair of 100-yard rushers in four of the past 15 games.

• The Aztecs have just two interceptions (both this season) since Sept. 13, 2015, the fewest in FBS play over that span.

• San Diego State had gone 13 games without throwing an interception until its Sept. 10 game vs. California, which was the longest streak in FBS play in terms of games played in at least 20 years (since 1996).

SPECIALISTS

PAT'S/FG'S: 29 John Barron II, 5-11, 190, So.-5Q
► FG/FGA: 5-for-6 (83.3) | Long: 50 PATS: 19-for-19 (100%)
Punts: 91 Tanner Blain, 6-0, 205, Sr.-1L
► Punt: 27 | Avg.: 40.4 | Long: 55 TB: 3 | 120-11 | 50+; 4
► Kickoffs: 29 John Barron II, 5-11, 190, So.-5Q
► KO: 32 | Avg.: 63.0 | TB: 11 | 08-1 | Avg. Opp. Start: 23
Short Snapper: 82 Parker Houston, 6-3, 240, Fr.-HS
Long Snapper: 69 Ryan Simmons, 6-1, 210, Fr.-HS
Holder: 91 Tanner Blain, 6-0, 205, Sr.-1L
Kick Returns: 20 Rashaad Penny & 85 Quest Truxton
► Penny - KR: 4 | Yds: 158 | Avg.: 39.5 | TD: 1 | Long: 100
Punt Returns: 85 Quest Truxton
► PR: 14 | Yds: 146 | Avg.: 10.4 | TD: 0 | Long: 32

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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 20 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 CPG: 33; CGS: 7
Irvine, Calif. (Woodbridge HS/Saddleback College)
TOP NOTE: Had a Hawaii Bowl-record 3.5 sacks vs. Cincinnati on Dec. 24, 2015, in just his second career start.

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Excellent pass rusher ... 2nd year at SDSU after playing the 2014 season at Saddleback College & 2013 at Arizona ... Has 15 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 2.0 sacks & 5 QBH ... Led SDSU in QBH (8) last year & ranked 2nd in sacks (7.5), despite starting just 2 times ... His 3.5 sacks in the Hawaii Bowl were tied for the 3rd most in a game in program history ... First 10 games last year: 8 tackles, 2 TFL, 1.0 sack & 1 PBU. Final 4 games: 16 tackles, 7 TFL, 6.5 sacks & 1 FF ... Earned 1st career start against Air Force in the MW Championship ... Had 46 tackles, 9.5 sacks & 13 TFL in 2014 at Saddleback College ... Played 12 games in 2013 at Arizona with 1 stop ... KS in 2012 ... A 4-star recruit out of Woodbridge HS, where he was a PrepStar & Parade All-American ... Is majoring in social science.

BACKUP

41 Dakota Turner

6-3 • 250 • Jr.-1L CPG: 23; CGS: 3
Mililani, Hawaii (Mililani High)
Notes: Tore his ACL last year at Hawaii & came back to start the 1st 3 games at FB this year ... Moved back to DE for week 7 and had career-high 7 tackles in 1st game vs. So. Ala. ... Career: 41 tackles, 6.5 TFL & 2 sacks in 23 career games (inc. 3 off. GP) ... A business admin. major.

LINEBACKER

54 Calvin Munson

6-1 • 245 • Sr.-3L CPG: 43; CGS: 32
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 4 non-presseason watch lists (Nagurski, Bednarik, Burkus & Lott IMPACT) ... Leads team in tackles (48, No. 2: 25) & QBH (9) ... Also has 5.5 TFL & 2 sacks ... Was a 1st-team all-MW pick in 2015, totaling 98 tackles, 15 TFL, 9.5 sacks, 2 INT (both for TD), 2 FF & 2 PBU ... Named SDSU Co-Def. POY in 2014 ... Earned nat'l Def. POW honors (Walker Camp & Lott IMPACT) & MW POW accolades after posting 10 tackles, w/ 2 INT returns for TD & a FR vs. USD ... 2014 HM all-MW ... Avg. 36.5 yds per INT return in 2014, which ranked 3rd in FBS ... Named SDSU Def. POY in 2014 ... 2013: 4 tackles on ST ... Career: 233 tackles, 31 TFL, 15.5 sacks, 2 INT, 4 FF, 2 FR, 3 PBU ... A health care major ... Father, Kurt, was on DL at Oregon St. ... Drafted in 31st round of 2013 MLB Draft by STL ... Also pitched on SDSU baseball team in 2015.

BACKUP

53 Tamerick Harper

6-1 • 225 • Jr.-1L CPG: 0; CGS: 0
Fontana, CA (Carter HS/San Bernardino Valley Coll.)
Notes: In on the two-deep for the first time this season, joining the team in the summer ... Has not played in a game yet ... Was a 1st-team Region IV All-California selection with 80 tackles at San Bernardino Valley College in 2015 ... Redshirted in 2013 at Fresno State ... A social science major.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

95 Noble Hall

6-3 • 265 • So.-1L CPG: 16; CGS: 8
Las Vegas, Nev. (Valley High)
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Athletic, mobile defensive lineman ... Has nine tackles, 1.5 TFL, a sack & 3 QBH this year in five starts ... Had 20 tackles in 2015 in 11 games (three starts), including 6 TFL, 0.5 sacks, a FF & a PBU ... Starts came in the 1st 3 games vs. San Diego, California & 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 & 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 CPG: 20; 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 and back to defensive line as the Air Force game last year in the MW Championship game ... Has nine tackles and a QBH this season in five 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 High School in Texas ... Was an all-state selection as a senior ... Led DeSoto to a 14-1 record and 7-0 mark in league play as a senior ... A criminal justice major.

LINEBACKER

57 Ryan Dunn

6-3 • 230 • Jr.-1L CPG: 18; CGS: 14
Alamo, CA (San Ramon Valley HS/Univ. of Arizona)
TOP NOTE: Started all 13 games he played in last year as a walk-on transfer before earning a scholarship prior to fall drills.

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

BACKUP

46 Jay Henderson

6-2 • 230 • Jr.-2L CPG: 20; CGS: 0
Phelan, Calif. (Serrano HS)
Notes: Moved from DE to LB in the spring, but moved back last week with an injury to starter Randy Ricks ... Has played in two games ... Had three tackles in nine games in both 2014 and 2015 ... A consensus three-star recruit out of Serrano High School ... A two-time all-league pick.

DEFENSIVE END

58 Alex Barrett

6-3 • 255 • Sr.-3L CPG: 41; CGS: 29
Mesa, Ariz. (Desert Ridge HS)
TOP NOTE: Last year became SDSU's first defensive lineman to earn first-year all-MW honors since 2006 (Anthony Applewhite).

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Is a preseason 1st-team all-MW selection by all the major publications & the MW media ... Has 22 tackles, 5.0 sacks, 6.0 TFL, 4 PBU & 3 QBH ... 4 PBU vs. UNLV were tied for 5th most-ever by an Aztec ... Has the most TFL (33) & sacks (16.5) of any current Aztec, despite starting just 29 times ... Career: 138 tackles, 33.0 TFL, 16.5 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

90 Julian Rochelin

6-5 • 245 • So.-1L CPG: 17; CGS: 0
Woodland Hills, Calif. (El Camino Real HS)
Notes: Athletic body, who comes from a basketball background ... Does not have a start in a game ... 1st 2 career tackles, sack & TFL at UNLV last year ... Redshirted the 2014 season ... Was WVI Def. Player of the Year in 2013 with 114 tackles, 8 sacks, 2 FF & 2 FR ... A business management major.

LINEBACKER

39 Ronley Ron-lee/Lakalaka

6-0 • 235 • So.-1L CPG: 16; CGS: 4
Kalihi, Hawaii (Punahou HS)
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Physical linebacker who has a ton of potential ... 1 of 2 players on the team from Hawaii (also fullback Dakota Turner) ... Started four of five games this year (UNLV, NIU, USA & UNLV) ... Career-high five stops vs. UNLV ... Had a 9-yard INT return for a touchdown vs. Cal ... Has played in 16 straight games (starting with Penn State on Sept. 26, 2015) ... 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 Saunamoafoese (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 High.

43 Austin Wyatt-Thayer

6-5 • 230 • Sr.-1L CPG: 17; 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 each of the last 14 games ... Started vs. Cal ... Career-high 8 tackles at South Alabama ... 1st sack vs. UNLV ... Made his 1st career start in the Hawaii Bowl vs. Cincinnati last season ... Played in 12 games, making 11 tackles (9 solo) ... Was a two-time all-Hor Cal 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 High School, earning all-Eastern Athletic League accolades on four occasions, including three as a safety & one as a wide receiver ... Is majoring in psychology.

Defensive Tidbits

- Several of the Aztec defensive players are on watch list for the nation's top player at their position, including CB Damontae Kazez (Thorpe) LB Calvin Munson (Nagurski, Burkus).
- Rocky Long is serving as the team's defensive coordinator for the eighth straight season (includes all six as head coach). Since he's taken over as the defensive coordinator in 2009, SDSU's defense rank 18th nationally in yards allowed per rush (3.7), 21st in yards allowed per touch (6.3), 24th in yards allowed per game (354.1) and 34th in points allowed per game (24.1).
- San Diego State had posted two of the best defensive seasons in each of the last two seasons and is off to another good start. Below are comparisons of the past two-plus seasons and total rankings over the last two-plus years:

	Scoring	Total	Pass. Eff.	Rush Avg.
2014	13th	16th	19th	37th
2015	7th	5th	10th	5th
2016	42nd	15th	44th	15th
2014-16	7th	7th	11th	10th

- Since Oct. 3, 2014 (includes 28 SDSU games), San Diego State ranks sixth nationally in yards allowed per game (299.2).
- The Aztecs have allowed just 378 points in their last 22 games (17.2 ppg) with 82 of that coming in two games this year.
- SDSU had the ninth-best defensive third-down conversion percentage (28.9) in FBS last year and is ranked 17th this year (29.7).

- San Diego State has held 17 straight league opponents below 400 yards of total offense, the longest active streak in FBS (league games only).
- Over the Aztecs' last 16 Mountain West contests (does not include MW Championship), opponents have scored just 14.6 points per game vs. SDSU and only 255.0 yards per game.

- San Diego State has forced three or more turnovers in seven of its last 12 contests.
- Since the last 188 offensive drives vs. SDSU (over the second half at Penn State in 2015), opponents have totaled just 220 points (14.2 PPG), 4,115 yards (265.5 YPG), 71 three and outs (4.7 3&O/PG), 231 first downs (14.9 FDBG) and 4.49 yards per play (93.9 yards). During that span, opponents have 59-for-210 on third-down conversions (28.2 percent).

CORNERBACK

31 Derek Babiash

6-1 • 190 • Jr.-1L CPG: 21; CGS: 5
Poway, CA (Poway HS/Univ. of Ariz.)
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
A fantastic athlete, who also was an all-star basketball & track runner at Poway HS ... Is 3rd in MW (2nd in FBS) in passes deflected PG (1.40) ... Made 1st start vs. UNLV ... Had 7 sacks & 3 PBU in another start vs. Cal ... Leads team with 5 PBU & 1st with 2 INT ... In his 4th collegiate season (played 9 games as a TR-Fr. at Arizona in 2013 with 2 tackles, SDSU RS in 2014, played final 7 games of 2015 as a sophomore at SDSU with 3 stops & 3 PBU) ... A communication major.

24 Billy Vaughn, Jr.

6-1 • 190 • Jr.-2L CPG: 26; CGS: 0
Los Angeles, Calif. (Dorsey HS)
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
An athletic playmaker ... Battled injuries in fall camp, but did play on special teams in New Hampshire, making one tackle ... Also played last four games ... In 2015, had 11 tackles (nine on special teams) in eight games ... Had 30 tackles (19 solo), an interception and three PBU in 2014 ... Had two stops & blocked kick in 2013 opener before redshirting with an injury ... Career: 44 tackles, 1 INT & 3 PBU ... A three-star recruit by ESPN & track standout at Dorsey High School ... A business admin. major.

WARRIOR

12 Malik Smith

6-0 • 190 • Sr.-3L CPG: 44; CGS: 32
Compton, Calif. (Dominguez HS)
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
TOP NOTE: One of two SDSU safeties to earn multiple all-MW honors under Rocky Long (current NYG Nat Berhe).
2-time all-MW honorable-mention ... Has played last 44 games & started last 32 ... Has 22 stops, a TFL & 3 PBU this year ... Had 77 tackles, 5.0 TFL, 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: 175 tackles, 9.5 TFL, 8 INT, 19 PBU, 1 FF, 2 FR ... Quoted in 2015 article as saying "football saved my life" ... A criminal justice major.

BACKUP

10 Jeff Clay

6-0 • 195 • Fr.-RS CPG: 5; CGS: 0
Lancaster, Calif. (Antelope Valley HS)
A smart player, who saw his played in first career games as a sophomore ... Is backing up two-time all-Mountain West selection Malik Smith ... Has two tackles on special teams ... Redshirted in 2015 and was named SDSU special teams scout team player of the year ... Led Antelope Valley HS as a senior in passing yards and TD, rushing attempts, yards and TD ... An environmental engineering major.

AZTEC

33 Parker Baldwin

6-2 • 215 • So.-1L CPG: 18; CGS: 0
Siloam Springs, Ark. (Siloam Springs HS)
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
TOP NOTE: Will be making his first career start Friday at Fresno State.
Big time playmaker, who will make his 1st career start this weekend at the signature Aztec spot in Rocky Long's 3-3-5 defense with Na'im McGee out with an injury ... Has 14 tackles (11 solo), 1.5 TFL, a FF & a PBU so far in 5 games ... Had a career-high 8 stops in extensive action at Northern Illinois ... 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 champ in the 200m dash ... A business management major.

BACKUP

14 Trey Lomax

5-11 • 195 • Jr.-2L CPG: 22; CGS: 18
San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa HS)
Projected starting Warrior, who will also play some Aztec vs. Fresno State ... Has 18 career starts, including one at the Aztec last season ... Has 10 tackles, 1 INT & 5 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 fresh (2014) with 63 stops & 2 FR ... Redshirted the 2013 campaign ... Is majoring criminal justice.

WARRIOR

3 Trey Lomax

5-11 • 195 • Jr.-2L CPG: 22; CGS: 18
San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa HS)
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Fantastic athlete, who is coming off a pair of solid seasons ... Has 10 tackles, 1 INT, 1 PBU in 5 starts this year ... Battled injuries & had 9 tackles & a FF in 5 GP (3 GS) in 2015 ... Named the team's most outstanding fresh (2014) w/ 63 stops & 2 FR ... Career: 82 tackles, 4 TFL, 1 sack, 4 PBU, 3 FR ... Redshirted in 2013 ... Was also recruited to play baseball at SDSU ... Offensive conference MVP at Mira Mesa HS ... Also hit .341 & was a 2-time 1st-team all-league baseball selection ... Is majoring criminal justice.

7 Kameron Kelly

6-2 • 195 • Jr.-2L CPG: 24; 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 11 tackles, two PBU & an interception in five 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 fresh in 2014 before being sidelined with an injury ... Career: 70 tackles, 3 INT, 5 PBU ... A three-star recruit (Scout.com) ... Recorded seven interceptions on defense as a prep athlete at Wylie HS ... Is majoring in kinesiology.

CORNERBACK

23 Damontae Kazez

5-11 • 190 • Sr.-3L CPG: 44; CGS: 32
San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon HS)
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
TOP NOTE: Preseason MW defensive player of the year, earned preseason league award defensive POY last season.
On the following national award watch lists: Bednarik (defensive POY) and Thorpe (top DB) ... Joins Kirk Morrison as the only Aztec to ever be named MW defensive player of the year ... Active FBS ranks: 2nd in INT (12), 3rd in passes def. (38) & 11th in FF (6) ... Has 25 stops, 3 TFL, 4 PBU & 2 INT this year ... Started 31 straight games & played in 37 straight ... Career: 199 tackles, 12 interceptions, 6 forced fumbles, 1 fumble recovery ... Ranks 14th at SDSU & 2nd in DL era (since '69) with 12 career INT ... Brother, Walter, was a 1,000-yd RB for the Aztecs from 2009-12, captaining in 2012 ... A criminal justice major.

BACKUP

22 Kalan Montgomery

6-1 • 185 • Jr.-2L CPG: 32; CGS: 0
Compton, Calif. (Dominguez Hills HS)
Played in all 32 games the last two-plus seasons after earning preseason defensive scout player of the year as a redshirt (2013) ... Has three stops this year ... Has 2 career tackles and a pass block vs. So. Ala. ... Prep teammate of fellow Aztec Malik Smith ... Also a high school letterwinner in track ... A social science major.