



### Rocky Long

Head Coach

- Three-Time Mountain West Coach of the Year
- All-time winningest coach in Mountain West history
- SDSU finished 25th in both national polls in 2016
- Aztecs have won two of last five MW titles and three since 2012
- 18 players selected in the NFL Draft in his eight seasons as head coach



### Zach Arnett

DC/Linebackers Coach

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

**DEFENSIVE END**

## 68 Myles Cheatum

6-2 • 265 • Sr.-2L CGP: 39; CGS: 12  
Cedar Park, Texas (Cedar Park HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Has almost more career games played (30) and games started (12) than the rest of the two-deep on the defensive line (31 GP; 2 GS).

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
Athletic, relentless defensive lineman with veteran leadership ... Was only Aztec on the d-line w/ starting experience (11 career starts) entering Weber State game ... Career: 50 tackles, 7 TFL, 4 sacks, 2 FF & 1 FR ... 2018: Had 27 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 2 sacks, & 4 QBH in in 13 GP (3 GS) ... 2017: 18 stops, 3 TFL, 2 sacks, 1 FF & 4 QBH in 18 GP (8 GS) ... Biggest game came at ASU on 9/9/17 (4 tackles, 2 TFL, 1 SACK & 1 QBH) ... 2016: Had 4 tackles & 5 games off the bench ... 2015: Redshirt ... Had 10 TFL as a senior at Cedar Park HS in 2014, leading the Timberwolves to a 12-4 overall record & to Conference 5A Division 2 championship game ... Also added 10 offensive TD (8 rush, 2 rec.) ... Born in Athens, Greece ... An interdisciplinary studies major ... Housemates with LB Kyalva Tezno, RB Jwan Washington & WR Chaz Collins.

**BACKUP**

## 58 Caden Mitchell

6-5 • 260 • So.-1L CGP: 14; CGS: 0  
Island Lakes, Ill. (Wauconda HS)

**Notes:** Is the second-most experienced defensive lineman with 14 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)**

## 38 Andrew Aleki

/ah-LECK-ee/

6-3 • 230 • Jr.-2L CGP: 25; CGS: 1  
Honolulu, Hawaii (Kamehameha HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Saturday vs. UCLA will be his second career start (also the 2018 DXL Frisco Bowl vs. Ohio).

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
Has been on the two-deep since arriving as a true freshman in 2017, but has only one start to his credit (2018 DXL Frisco Bowl) ... Was hampered by a leg injury late in fall camp, but played 16 snaps in the opener with Weber State ... Had 22 tackles and a pass breakup in 12 games in 2018 ... Recorded 16 tackles and a fumble recovery in 12 games as a true freshman in 2017 ... Played his prep ball at Kamehameha High School in Honolulu ... Was rated as the sixth-best recruit in Hawaii by 247Sports ... Full name is Andrew Ka'e Aleki ... One of four Aztecs from the state of Hawaii ... Is majoring in psychology.

**BACKUP**

## 54 Caden McDonald

6-3 • 230 • So.-1L CGP: 14; CGS: 1  
Haslet, Texas (Northwest HS)

**Notes:** Started 1st career game in opener with Weber State (2 TCK, 1 QBH) ... Had 2 tackles in 13 games in 2018, playing mostly on special teams ... RS in 2017 ... Totaled school-record 290 tackles at Northwest HS, where he was a 3-time team def. Poly ... A kinesiology major.

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE**

## 65 Cameron Thomas

6-5 • 260 • Fr.-RS CGP: 2; CGS: 1  
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Started the opener last weak vs. Weber State, playing the first 39 defensive snaps of his career.

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
Young, defensive lineman who moved over to nose tackle after working as a defensive end in the spring ... Is the lone projected freshman starter on defense ... Had a PBU in opener with Weber State ... Played in one game in 2018 as a true freshman, logging special teams play ... Ohio in the DXL Frisco Bowl ... Was on the travel squad for three games ... Played his prep ball at Carlsbad High School, along with fellow Aztecs Troy Cassidy (starting WILL linebacker) and Zachary Thomas (backup left tackle), and SDSU's all-time winningest quarterback Christian Chapman ... Had 80 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**

## 69 Sam Hines

6-2 • 260 • Fr.-RS CGP: 1; CGS: 0  
New Orleans, La. (Saint Mary's College HS (Calif.))

**Notes:** Physical defensive tackle ... Had team's lone sack vs. Weber State in just six snaps in collegiate debut ... Joined the Aztecs late in the 2018 fall camp ... Redshirted the 2018 campaign ... Was a two-time all-league defensive end at Saint Mary's College ... Is majoring in kinesiology.

**LINEBACKER (MIKE)**

## 44 Kyahva Tezno

/Key-AH-va/

6-0 • 235 • Sr.-3L CGP: 36; CGS: 19  
Los Angeles, Calif. (Salesian HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Has led the team (or tied for the team lead) in tackles in 14 of the 19 career games he has started.

On three watch lists (Bednarik Award, Nagurski Award & Butkus Award) ... Preseason 1st-team all-MW ... Explosive run-stopping ability ... Had 189 TCK & 20.5 TFL over his last 19 games (all starts) ... Had 127 tackles, 14.5 TFL, 8.5 sacks & 17 QBH last year ... Was 1st-team all-MW & SDSU's player of the year ... 127 stops were 24 more than No. 2 on the team, 67 more than No. 3, 3rd most among Aztecs (RS in program history & 8th most overall) ... Was a 2-time MW Def. PolyW ... 2017: 59 TCK, 6 TFL, 2 SCK (56 TCK, 6 TFL, 2 SCK over final 5 games (1st 5 starts)) ... 17 tackles vs. Army West Point in AFB, earning SI All-Bowl team honors ... 2016: 5 TCK, 1.5 SCK ... 2015: RS, earning the team's def. scout Poly ... Career: 197 TCK, 22 TFL, 12 SCK ... Started on both sides of the ball at Salesian HS, rushing for 1,704 yards & 13 TD (19.6 avg.), & recording 343 tackles & 9 INT.

**BACKUP**

## 46 Michael Shawcroft

6-2 • 225 • Fr.-HS CGP: 1; 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 on ST ... Was the 2018 CIF San Diego Section Def. Poly & 2-time all-CIF 1st-team at nearby Helix HS ... Majoring in physics w/ plans to become an astronomer.

**DEFENSIVE END**

## 57 Keshawn Banks

6-4 • 270 • So.-1L CGP: 13; CGS: 1  
Rio Rancho, N.M. (Rio Rancho HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Played 12 of the team's 13 games last season as a true freshman.

**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 ... Had 3 tackles (1.5 TFL) vs. Weber State in 1st career start ... Had 7 tackles, including 1 TFL, in 12 games off the bench ... Only missed the Nevada game (injury) ... Played 180 snaps on the 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

/JAH-lee/

6-5 • 240 • Jr.-RS CGP: 1; CGS: 0  
Antioch, Calif. (College of San Mateo/Heritage HS)

**Notes:** Tall, athletic d-lineman ... 1 tackle in 1st career 5 snaps vs. WSU ... RS in 2016, while working with both the DL & LBs ... 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 game ... Prepped at Heritage HS.

**LINEBACKER (WILL)**

## 42 Troy Cassidy

6-3 • 230 • Sr.-3L CGP: 38; CGS: 21  
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Has played 38 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 21 career starts are 2nd most among Aztec def. players (Troy Thompson, 27) ... Played all 51 snaps vs. Weber St. w/ 7 tackles ... Started 12 of 13 last year, making 45 TCK, 4 TFL, 2.5 sacks & 1 FF ... Best games came at UNW (5 TCK, 2 TFL, 2 SCK) & at FS (7 TCK) ... 2017: 31 TCK w/ 1.5 TFL, 0.5 SCK, a PBU & 5 QBH ... 2016: Played final 11 games as a true freshman, mostly on ST, w/ 10 TCK & sack ... Career: 93 TCK, 7 TFL, 4 SCK ... 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 • Sr.-1L CGP: 16; CGS: 0  
Kalili, Hawaii  
Punahou HS

Only has 4 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: 13; CGS: 0  
Hillsboro, Ore.  
Liberty HS

Has only played special teams at SDSU ... MW ST PolyW vs. 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 8th nationally in rush avg. (3.6), 15th in yards per touch (6.3) and 18th in total defense (344.2).

• 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 seasons:

	Scoring	Total	Pass	Rush
2014	13th	6th	19th	48th
2015	7th	5th	10th	7th
2016	17th	11th	42nd	7th
2017	21st	11th	15th	32nd
2018	22nd	66th	66th	7th
2019	1st	8th	21st	13rd
2014-19	8th	5th	12th	6th
2015-19	10th	6th	17th	4th

• SDSU has forced 3 and outs (or better) in eight of the 13 drives (61.5 pct.) when their opponent tried to score this year (excludes kneel downs to end half/game).

• SDSU ranks 13th in FBS play this year in rushing yards allowed per game (35.0) and 21st in defensive rush average (1.8). Over the last two years, San Diego State ranks third in def. RYPG (98.9) and fifth in def. RYPC (2.9).

• The Aztecs went the first five games of the season last year without allowing a rush longer than 17 yards. SDSU's first rush allowed longer than 20 yards came on the 160th rush attempt. San Diego State allowed only three rushes out of 453, 0.66 pct. for 20 or longer last year. This year, the longest carry SDSU has allowed is 12 yards.

• SDSU's opponents have converted just 11 of its last 41 attempts (.268) on fourth down during the Aztecs.

• The Aztecs have held an opponent to single digits 13 times since the beginning of the 2015 season (55 games).

• Since the beginning of 2015 (55 games), San Diego State's defense ranks in a tie for first in interceptions (74) and fifth in interception TDs (10).

• In 13 games last year, SDSU's defense allowed 334.6 yards and 22.2 points per game (21.2 points if you take away the three times the Aztecs took safeties and a fumble return (and PAT) by New Mexico). In the other games for SDSU's 13 opponents, they averaged 409.3 yards and 30.8 points per game.

**CORNERBACK**

## 16 Luq Barcoo

/LUKE/ /BAR-kooh/

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

**TOP NOTE:** Will be making his second career start Saturday at UCLA (first one was the opener with Weber State).

**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, where he has remained ever since ... Had 2 stops in 1st career start vs. Weber St. ... Had 20 tackles, 4 PBUs & an INT in 11 games off the bench last year ... Recorded 1st career INT at UNW to seal the Aztec win ... 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.-SQ CGP: 1; CGS: 0  
San Diego, CA (SD Mesa College/Patrick Henry HS)

**Notes:** Logged first time on special teams vs. Weber State ... 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, 15 pass breakups and an interception ... Prepped at local Patrick Henry HS.

**FIELD WARRIOR**

## 14 Tariq Thompson

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6-0 • 200 • Jr.-2L CGP: 27; CGS: 27  
San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Has started all 27 games since arriving to campus in 2017.

On the Jim Thorpe Award Watch List ... A preseason 1st-team all-MW selection ... Has 8 career INT (1-3rd among active FBS players) in just 27 GP ... Has the most starts vs. Weber State ... 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 0.24-0.09 (Coach Long's 1st year as SDSU's DC) ... MW Def. PolyW vs. UNW (8 TCK, 2 INT, 2 PBU, 1 TFL) ... Career: 128 TCK, 8 TFL, 8 INT, 15 PBU, 3 FF, 2 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: 25; CGS: 8  
Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)

**Notes:** Playmaker, who started 8 times & played all 13 games last year at Boundary Warrior ... Made 57 tackles last year with 2 TFL, 1 SCK, 2 PBUs, 1 INT & 1 FF ... 2017: Redshirted with 1 tackle in 3 games ... 2017: Made 9 stops with a PBU as a true freshman ... Led Palm Springs HS to a 24-3 (889) record over his 3 years ... Was PSIS teammates with fellow Warrior Tayler Hawkins.

**AZTEC**

## 36 Dwayne Johnson Jr.

6-2 • 215 • Jr.-2L CGP: 26; CGS: 2  
Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta HS)

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

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
Hard-hitting safety, who took over for 3-year starter Parker Baldwin ... Has TH & GH 12 tackles (also 1.5 TFL) vs. Weber State in the opener ... Played in all 13 games last year, mainly on special teams, making 2 tackles with a fumble recovery vs. Hawaii ... 2017: Had 14 tackles & a TFL in his 12 career games, starting at Hawai'i ... 2016: Redshirted ... Led Vista Murrieta High School to a 35-7 (.833) record and a 15-0 mark in league play over his three seasons ... Had 207 tackles & eight interceptions over his final two years ... Is majoring in interdisciplinary studies ... No relation to Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.

**BACKUP**

## 33 Patrick McMorris

6-0 • 180 • Fr.-HS CGP: 1; 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 ... Playing on ST vs. WSU ... Played 1 year at Santa Ana HS ... Led 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 & 2 TD ... Had 99 stops on defense with 2 interceptions ... Previously starred at Godinez HS.

**BOUNDARY WARRIOR**

## 32 Tayler Hawkins

6-1 • 205 • Jr.-2L CGP: 24; CGS: 6  
Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Was high school teammates with current Aztec backup Trenton Thompson.

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
Hard-hitting athlete, who has played the last 24 games with six starts ... Had great technique ... Started the opener against Weber State and had one tackle ... 2018: Had 35 tackles, 1.0 TFL & 5 pass breakups ... 2017: Missed first three games, recovering from an injury ... Had five tackles on special teams ... Redshirted in 2017 ... Was a four-year letter winner at Palm Springs HS with fellow 5 Trenton Thompson ... Helped Indians to 24-3 record over his final two seasons, excelling as a wide receiver, defensive back and a punter ... Is majoring in business administration.

**BACKUP**

## 18 Trenton Thompson

6-2 • 200 • Jr.-2L CGP: 25; CGS: 8  
Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)

**Notes:** Playmaker, who started 8 times & played all 13 games last year at Boundary Warrior ... Made 57 tackles last year with 2 TFL, 1 SCK, 2 PBUs, 1 INT & 1 FF ... 2017: Redshirted with 1 tackle in 3 games ... 2017: Made 9 stops with a PBU as a true freshman ... Led Palm Springs HS to a 24-3 (889) record over his 3 years ... Was PSIS teammates with fellow Warrior Tayler Hawkins.

**CORNERBACK**

## 27 Kyree Woods

6-0 • 190 • Sr.-3L CGP: 33; CGS: 11  
Mesa, Ariz. (Chandler HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Worked with the safeties in the spring and in fall camp until Monday of the Weber State opener.

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
Athletic, run-stopper ... Was expected to start at Boundary Warrior this year, but moved back to CB with Darren Hall hampered with an injury ... Had 4 tackles, 1 TFL & 1 PBU vs. WSU ... Had 37 tackles, 4.5 TFL, 4 PBUs, 1 FF, 1 FR & 1 sack last year in 13 games (10 starts) at CB ... 2017: Made 13 tackles (9 solo) in 12 games, adding a PBU ... 2016: Had 1 tackle in 7 games as a true freshman, which went down as a 10-yd sack vs. Hawai'i on 4th & 5, keeping SDSU's 55-0 shutout intact ... Led Chandler HS to a 24-4 record over his 2 years, including a 2014 state title ... A 3-star recruit by ESPN ... A business administration major.

**BACKUP**

## 23 Darren Hall

6-0 • 180 • So.-1L CGP: 13; CGS: 3  
Pasadena, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga HS)

**Notes:** A ball hawk with good instincts ... Missed opener with an injury ... 2018: Was SDSU's Co-Freshman of the Year after recording 45 tackles (34 solo), 1 INT, 3 PBU, 1 sack & 1 FF ... Was 2-time MW Def. PolyW (4 TCK, 1 INT in OT vs. EMU & 9 TCK, 1 SCK, 1 FF, 1 INT at BS), despite not starting either game ... 2017: RS w/ 2 stops in 2 GP ... Led Rancho Cucamonga HS to a 12-1 record in 2016.

# San Diego State Aztecs

2019 Record: 1-0  
 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 47 games. (29.7 avg.)
- 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: 17; CGS: 4  
 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**  
 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 ... Started final three games of last year at RT ... Says that he is more comfortable at LT 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 ... Quarterbacked McKinleyville HS, throwing for 5,103 yards and 54 TD, and rushing for 960 yards and 22 TD ... Also punted for the Panthers ... Was all-county and team MVP ... Also played baseball and basketball ... Majoring in criminal justice.

### BACKUP

# 76 Zachary Thomas

6-5 • 300 • Jr.-1L CGP: 16; CGS: 2  
 Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Played the three games last season, making two starts at RT before suffering a season-ending injury ... Played in all 13 games as a freshman ... Younger brother, Cameron, is a redshirt freshman defensive lineman on the team.

### LEFT GUARD

# 79 Daishawn Dixon

6-5 • 330 • Sr.-3L CGP: 40; CGS: 26  
 San Antonio, Texas (Wm. Howard Taft HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Is the most experienced Aztec on either side of the ball with 40 career games played.

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
**Pronunciation:** DAY-shawn ... Played every snap in week one ... Big body who moves well (can pull) ... Made 26 regular-season straight starts at LG & played in 40 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 in Phoenix, Ariz., graduated HS in San Antonio.

### BACKUP

# 64 Chris Martinez

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

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

### CENTER

# 60 Keith Ismael

6-3 • 310 • Jr.-2L CGP: 26; CGS: 26  
 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 tax at SHCP ... An international & conflict resolution major.

### BACKUP

# 56 Dominic Gudino

6-3 • 300 • Jr.-2L CGP: 18; CGS: 14  
 Chula Vista, Calif. (Olympian HS)

**Pronunciation:** Goo-deeno ... Started eight times last season and has 14 career starts (10 at C, 4 at RG) ... Earned 3 letters at local Olympian HS in Chula Vista, captaining 2 seasons ... Was a Blue-Gray All-American ... Is majoring in kinesiology.

### RIGHT GUARD

# 73 William Dunkle

6-5 • 350 • Fr.-RS CGP: 1; CGS: 1  
 Chula Vista, Calif. (Eastlake High)

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

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
 Played every snap in his college debut last week and received the top o-line pass blocking grade from PFF ... Allowed no sacks, no hurries, no QB hits and had no penalties against Weber State ... A big, raw offensive lineman who enjoys contact ... Weighed 380 when he arrived on campus, currently listed at 350 ... Is slated to see his first action as a starter at right guard Saturday ... Redshirted last season ... 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.)

**TOP NOTE:** 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

# 77 Jacob Copra

6-5 • 315 • Jr.-TR CGP: 16; CGS: 2  
 Auburn, Calif. (Univ. or Oregon)

**TOP NOTE:** Older brother, Johnny, played at Utah, while younger brother, Joey, is a true freshman on the Aztecs.

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
 Earned the second best offensive rating from PFF in week one ... Versatile offensive lineman, who spent the last three seasons at Oregon ... Joined SDSU for the '19 spring camp and has two years of eligibility left ... Has allowed just two sacks and one quarterback hurry over his two-year playing career ... Played in 15 games at Oregon with one start, logging a combined 357 snaps ... Was a two-time Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention pick ... Prepped at Placer HS ... Competed at the Army All-American Combine ... Graduated from Oregon in June with a degree in general science and crime law society ... Working on his master's in homeland security and conflict resolution.

### 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 at FS & vs. UH ... Utilized his redshirt season last year as a true freshman (2017) ... Played high school ball in Tampa ... Criminal justice major.

### H-BACK / TE

# 82 Parker Houston

6-3 • 250 • Sr.-3L CGP: 37; CGS: 25  
 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/25 career starts (No. 2 has 13 career starts).

**2019 Stats:**  

Rushing							Receiving						
GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	100+	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	10+	100+	
1	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	7	3.5	0	5		

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
 Assistant HC/OC Jeff Horton calls him "our hockey goot" and says "He is the heart of our team" ... Played in 37 games, made 25 starts, including 15 straight ... Played every o-snap in opener ... Played 660 offensive snaps last season, most on his side of the ball among non-offensive linemen ... Career numbers: 27 receptions, 266 yards, three TDs, 9.9 ypc ... 2017: Started 7 games with 6 receptions for 56 yards ... 2016: 5 rec. for 37 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 ... Criminal justice major and 3-time MW Fall Academic Team member.

### RUNNING BACK

# 29 Juwan Washington

5-7 • 190 • Sr.-3L CGP: 37; CGS: 13  
 Fort Worth, Texas (Kennedale HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Ranks 12th in school history w/2,254 career rushing yards; 3rd nationally among active FBS players in KOR touchdowns (3).

**2019 Stats:**  

Rushing							Receiving						
GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	100+	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	10+		
1	1	22	55	2.5	0	0	3	14	4.7	0	6		

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
 Last time Washington failed to reach 100 yards rushing he responded with 158-yard effort and two TDs vs. Hawaii (11-24-18) ... **Member of the Maxwell (player of the year), Paul Hornung (most versatile) and Earl Campbell (offensive player w/Texas ties) Watch Lists** ... **Preseason all-MW selection** ... Rushed for 999 yards last season despite missing 4 1/2 games ... Was 2nd in the nation in RYPG when he was injured in the game against Eastern Michigan (4th game of season) ... Career rushing numbers: 403 carries, 2,254 yards, 23 touchdowns, 5.6 ypc, 7,100-yard rushing games ... 27 career touchdowns ... Ran for 5,139 yds. & 75 TD at Kennedale High.

### QUARTERBACK

# 9 Ryan Agnew

6-0 • 200 • Sr.-3L CGP: 28; CGS: 8  
 Southlake, Texas (Carroll HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Owns a 7-1 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.
1	1	16	30	53.3	0	0	108	83.57

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
 2018 San Diego State Offensive Player of the Year ... Athletic, mobile QB ... Started 7 games for injured Christian Chapman last season, going 6-1 with three 2nd-half come-from-behind victories ... Logged time at the QB position in the final 12 games of season ... Posted wins over 23/25 ASU (1st GS QB to win starting debut vs. a ranked P5 team since 2009) & at rv/25 Boise ... 1,525 yds., 10 TD, 6 INT on year ... CH 283 yds, 3 TD on Nevada ... No INTs in 72 career PA on the road ... 2017: 4-for-7 for 47 yds in 7 GP, rushing 52 times on 10 att ... 2016: 2-for-2 for 29 yds ... 2015: RS (off. scout. player of the year) ... Passed for 6,967 yds & 56 TD at Carroll High in Texas ... Economics major ... Assistant head coach/OC Jeff Horton refers to him as Clark Kent for his calm demeanor.

### BACKUP

# 3 Carson Baker

6-3 • 190 • Fr.-RS CGP: 9; CGS: 0  
 San Diego, Calif. (Helix HS)

**TOP NOTE:** 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).

### TIGHT END

# 88 Daniel Bellinger

6-6 • 250 • So.-1L CGP: 10; CGS: 0  
 Las Vegas, Nev. (Palo Verde High)

**TOP NOTE:** Caught 12-yard pass in opener ... Enters the season listed as the starting tight end ... Last season, he played in the final nine games as a true freshman ... Had one catch for 10 yards and was used primarily in big personnel packages ... Logged 59 total snaps as a freshman ... A two-way player in high school (TE and LB) ... First-team all-state as a linebacker.

### BACKUPS

# 22 Chase Jasmin

5-11 • 195 • Jr.-2L CGP: 27; CGS: 3  
 Agoura Hills, Calif. (Westlake HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Played in all 13 games last season and made three starts ... He became the 77th different player in school history with a 100-yard rushing game when he ran for 112 yards vs. No. 23/25 Arizona State (Sept. 15, 2018) ... Rushed 138 times for 592 yards with five touchdowns in 2018 ... 729 career rushing yards ... 2017: 33 att., 137 yds & 2 TD ... RS in 2016 ... Rushed for more 2,808 yards & 24 TD over his 3-year HS career.

**ALSO:** No. 21 Chance Bell | No. 26 Keegan Williams | No. 15 Jordan Byrd

### X RECEIVER

# 96 Elijah Kothe

6-4 • 205 • So.-1L CGP: 13; CGS: 3  
 Las Vegas, Nev. (Faith Lutheran HS)

**2019 Stats:**  

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1	1	3	24	8.0	11	0

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
**Pronunciation:** CODY ... Made three catches and was targeted four times in the opener against Weber State ... Tall, has ability to make tough catches in traffic ... Can play all receiver positions ... 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 against Eastern Michigan and home-state opponent 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.

### BACKUP

# 92 Kobe Smith

6-2 • 190 • So.-1L CGP: 13; CGS: 2  
 Compton, Calif. (Junipero Serra HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Caught an 8-yard pass in the 2019 opener ... Saw action as a true freshman last season (2018) ... Played in 12 games (two starts), with 4 catches for 113 yards ... 107 rec. for 1,689 yds & 13 TD at JSHS from 2016-17 ... Turned 19 in July.

### Z RECEIVER

# 45 Jesse Mathews

6-0 • 190 • Fr.-RS CGP: 1; CGS: 1  
 San Diego, Calif. (Christian HS)

**2019 Stats:**  

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1	1	3	25	8.3	11	0

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
 Started and played in his first career game last week ... Shared team-high honors with three receptions for 25 yds ... Walked onto the team last season ... 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 ... Named offensive scout player of the year (2018) after redshirting ... Was a first-team all-league and all-county performer in 2017 at nearby Christian High School, when he had 57 catches for 888 yards (15.6 avg.) and 14 touchdowns ... Also was a shortstop on the baseball team and a point guard on the basketball squad ... Is majoring in communication.

### BACKUP

# 13 Isaiah Richardson

6-1 • 190 • So.-SQ CGP: 2; CGS: 0  
 Palmdale, Calif. (Chaminade Prep)

**TOP NOTE:** Speedy, athletic receiver with good hands ... Burst onto the scene with three catches for 58 yards (19.3 avg.) in his first career game against Ohio in the DLX Frisco Bowl ... Was on the travel squad for four games prior to playing vs. Ohio ... Redshirted in 2017 ... Played his high school ball at Chaminade Prep ... Also played basketball and was on the track & field team.

### E RECEIVER

# 81 Ethan Dedeaux

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

**2019 Stats:**  

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1	1	1	8	8.0	8	0

**Pronunciation:** DAY-doh ... Started and had an 8-yard reception in the opener ... 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 & QB ... 19 years old ... A communication major.

### BACKUP

# 41 BJ Busbee

5-8 • 155 • So.-1L CGP: 12; 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 ... 8 rec. for 136 yards and a touchdown (Eastern Michigan) last season ... 6 rec., 89 yds. (14.8 avg.) last year in 12 GP ... RS in 2016 ... Prepped at St. Anthony High ... 3x first-team all-CIF. A social science major.

### Offensive Tidbits

- Since Jeff Horton took over as offensive coordinator prior to the 2015 campaign, San Diego State is 13th nationally in rushing yards per game (226.5), 24th in rushing yards per carry (5.1) and 30th in rushing touchdowns (115).
- San Diego State is 41-2 the last 43 times it has rushed for at least 200 yards.
- SDSU has a 100-yard rusher has at least one in 27 of its last 41 games since 2016 (35, 100-yard rushers total) and 36 of the 55 games since Jeff Horton took over as the offensive coordinator in 2015 (47, 100-yard rushers total).
- San Diego State had two 100-yard rushers vs. No. 23/25 Arizona State last season (Juwon Washington - 138 and Chase Jasmin - 112) for the 29th time in program history (the Aztecs are 28-1 in those occasions, including a 15-0 mark in the Rocky Long era).
- San Diego State has the fewest interceptions thrown since the 2015 season (20, min. 35 GP), two less than No. 2 (LSU, 22).
- The Aztecs are 34-4 the last 38 times they have scored at least 30 points and 46-9 in the Rocky Long era when scoring 30-plus points.
- Since Oct. 3, 2015, San Diego State is 35-7 when scoring at least 20 points. The Aztecs are 67-18 in the Rocky Long era when scoring just 20 points.
- Since the beginning of 2014, SDSU is 38-8 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 39 of the 55 games since the start of the 2015 campaign.
- SDSU is 32-5 in the last 37 games when owning an edge in time of possession.

### SPECIALISTS

**PAT'S/FG'S:** 2 Matt Arizola, 6-2, 195, Fr.-RS  
 ▶ Season/Career: FGs 2-for-2 (1.000) | Long: 34 | PATs: 0-for-0  
**Punts:** 59 Brandon Heicklen, 6-0, 190, Sr.-2L  
 ▶ Season: 9 | Avg.: 49.0 | Long: 58 | TB: 1 | 100+: 3 | 50+: 5  
 ▶ Career: 136 | Avg.: 40.8 | Long: 58 | TB: 5 | 100+: 47 | 50+: 24  
**Kickoffs:** 2 Matt Arizola, 6-2, 195, Fr.-RS  
 ▶ Season: 3 | Avg.: 65.0 | TB: 1 | 100+: 0 | Avg. Opp. Start: 25.0  
**Short/Long Snapper:** 50 Turner Bernard, 6-1, 225, Jr.-2L  
**Holder:** 59 Brandon Heicklen, 6-0, 190, Sr.-2L  
**Kick Returns:** 29 Juwan Washington & 22 Chase Jasmin  
 ▶ Washington (Career) : KOR: 43 | Yds: 1,017 | Avg: 23.7 | TD: 3 | Long: 96  
 ▶ Jasmin (Career) : KOR: 1 | Yds: 6 | Avg: 6.0 | TD: 0 | Long: 6  
**Punt Returns:** 15 Jordan Byrd, 5-9, 170, So.-1L  
 ▶ Byrd (Season) - PR: 4 | Yds: 25 | Avg: 6.3 | Long: 8  
 ▶ Byrd (Career) - PR: 7 | Yds: 32 | Avg: 4.6 | Long: 8