

San Diego State Aztecs

2016 Record: 10-3, 6-2 MW
Seven Straight Bowl Game Appearances
Back-to-Back MW Champions | 21-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: 30; CGS: 27
Ramona, Calif. (Ramona HS)

TOP NOTE: Started all 27 games since 2015 after playing in just three games total in 2014.

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Pronounced: KWAYD ... Is currently playing with a broken hand... Big, tall lineman who took over the blind spot last year from two-time all-MW pick & 2015 NFL fourth-round draftee Terry Poole... Started 27 consecutive games... 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 TRF 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 freshmen on the offensive two-deep (also LG Keith Ismael)... Was all-league and all-state at both offensive and defensive line at Fernley HS in Nevada... Also played two years of basketball.

LEFT GUARD

56 Nico Siragusa

6-5 • 335 • Sr.-3L CGP: 53; CGS: 41
Chula Vista, Calif. (Mater Dei Catholic HS)

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

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Pronounced: sara-GOOS-uh... On the Outland Trophy Watch List (outstanding interior lineman)... A 1st-team all-MW pick for 2nd straight year... Is a USA Today 1st-team All-American & a AP 3rd-team pick... Has 41 career starts, 14 more than the next SDSU o-line man (Z)... Has graded out as the 3rd-best guard by Pro Football Focus & the 3rd-best rushing blocking guard... Career starts: 13 at LG in 2016, 14 at LG in 2015, 13 at LG in 2014, 1 at RG in 2013... Was the only SDSU freshman (RS or true) to start 2013 opener... RS in 2012... Was an all-CF first-team selection & a 1st-team all-state pick at local Mater Dei HS in Chula Vista, Calif... A social science major.

BACKUP

60 Keith Ismael

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

Notes: Joins backup LT Tyler Roemer as the only 2-year freshman 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: 27; CGS: 27
Denver, Colo. (J.K. Mullen HS)

TOP NOTE: Recently earned the team's President's Award (player with highest athletic and academic standards).

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
On the Rimington Trophy Watch List (most outstanding center)... Athletic lineman who will make his 28th straight start Saturday... Moved to center in spring 2015 after playing guard his first 3 years at SDSU... From the same high school (J.K. Mullen) as former 2-time all-MW 2nd-team center Alec Johnson (2011-12)... Did not play in a 2013 or 2014... Redshirted his 1st year at SDSU in 2012... Was the 9th-ranked HS recruit out of Colorado, earning 1st-team all-state & all-conference as a senior in 2011... A 3-star recruit by ESPN & Scout... Helped J.K. Mullen to 3 state titles... Also was all-state in track & field.

BACKUP

62 Nick Gerhard

6-5 • 300 • Fr.-RS CGP: 5; CGS: 0
Arlington, TX (Mansfield Timberview HS)

Notes: Pronounced GAIR-hard... Was emergency short-snapper on PAT & FG's at So. Ala... Redshirted his 1st year at SDSU in 2015... Was a 1st-team all-district & all-state pick at Mansfield Timberview HS in Arlington, TX.

RIGHT GUARD

67 Antonio Rosales

6-4 • 295 • Jr.-1L CGP: 19; CGS: 13
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 13 games this year, the first 13 starts of his career... Grades as the fifth-best run-blocker guard by Pro Football Focus & No. 12 overall... Played in six games off the bench in 2015... Made his first collegiate appearance vs. Fresno State... Also saw time vs. Utah State, at Colorado State, against Wyoming, at UNLV and vs. Nevada... Did not see any action in 2014... Redshirted in 2013... Teammates call him "Chief"... A three-star recruit by ESPN and 247sports at Tucson Magnet HS... Also spent time on the defensive line... A social science major.

BACKUP

79 Daishawn Dixon

6-5 • 340 • Fr.-RS CGP: 13; CGS: 0
San Antonio, TX (William Howard Taft HS)

Notes: Big body, who was the co-starter in the opener... Redshirted last year... Played for the U.S. National Select Team in a 2015 win over the IFAF World Team at AT&T Stadium in Jan. 2015... A business admin major.

RIGHT TACKLE

71 Daniel Brunskill

6-5 • 260 • Sr.-3L CGP: 53; CGS: 31
Valley Center, Calif. (Valley Center HS)

TOP NOTE: Was named the team's offensive lineman of the year after playing tight and his first three seasons.

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
On the Wuerffel Trophy (comm. service) & the Barabworth Trophy Watch List (walk-on/former walk-on)... Good blocking TE who moved to RT in the fall w/ return to the o-line... Named a 2nd-team all-MW pick... Coach Horton calls him the most consistent blocker... Is rated as the 4th-best run blocking tackle by PFF... Was an all-MW HM pick as a TE in 2015... Has 3 career TD catches & 15 rec. overall... 2015: Started all 14 games, making 10 catches w/ 2 TD... 2014: Started 4 games & played in all 13, making 5 catches w/ a TD... 2013: Played in all 13 games... 2012: Redshirt... 1st-team all-CF all-league & all-conference as a SR, at Valley Center HS... A civil engineering major.

BACKUP

77 Ryan Pope

6-7 • 325 • So.-RS CGP: 11; CGS: 0
Long Beach, Calif. (Lakewood HS/LBCC)

Notes: On 2-deep for 12th 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: 26; CGS: 12
Los Gatos, Calif. (Los Gatos HS)

TOP NOTE: Former quarterback (two starts in 2014) who was recently named a first-team All-American by Pro Football Focus.

2016 Stats:
Rushing: GP 6S Att. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 100+ No. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 12 10 1 4 0 4 0 0 14 117 8.4 0 19
Receiving: GP 6S Att. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 100+ No. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 12 10 1 4 0 4 0 0 14 117 8.4 0 19
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Former quarterback, who moved to fullback in the fall of 2015... Put on 20 pounds of muscle since switching positions... An excellent run blocker... Coach Long called him the most improved player in the spring... Is graded as the top blocking fullback in the nation by Pro Football Focus and the No. 4 overall fullback... Has 14 catches for 117 yards (7.7 avg.)... Also has a 4-yard rush... Played in 9 games in 2015... Was 13-for-38 (34.2 pct.) with 0 TD pass & 2 interceptions as a true freshman quarterback in 2014... Was a 3-star quarterback out of Los Gatos HS by ESPN, Scout & 247sports... Is majoring in business administration with a concentration as a management entrepreneur.

RUNNING BACK

19 Donnel Pumphrey

5-9 • 180 • Sr.-3L CGP: 53; CGS: 40
Las Vegas, Nev. (Canyon Springs HS)

TOP NOTE: Currently ranks second in the nation in rushing yards (2,018) & all-purpose yards (2,229), & is third all-time in NCAA rushing yds (6,290).

2016 Stats:
Rushing: GP 6S Att. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 100+ No. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 13 13 330 2018 6.1 16 79 10 26 205 7.9 0 27
Receiving: GP 6S Att. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 100+ No. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 13 13 143 237 60.3 6 19 1,866 147.8
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Was a Doak Walker Award finalist... Also was a Walter Camp & Maxwell semifinalist... Is a 1st-team All-American by Walter Camp & Sports Illustrated, & a 2nd-team pick by AP, FWAA, USA Today & The Sporting News... Has been named the MW Off. Play for a 2nd straight year... Has a FBS-best 4,220 pass-yards this year (281 vs. CU, 223 at USU, 220 at NIU & FS)... Needs 108 rush yards to become the all-time FBS leader... Is the first player in FBS history with 3K (& 6K) rush yds. & 1K rec. yds... Named a 2015 5 MW All-Am & the MW Off. Play... 2014 FBS yards: 4th in RYPC (143.6), 8th in APYPC (155.9), 9th in rush TDs (20) & RYPC (6.8) 1st-team all-MW... Had 752 yds. & 8 TD as a TR-Fr. in 2013... Nev. Governor Poff at CHS in 2012... Had 4,152 yds. & 49 TDs over HS career... Brother, Elipha, led Idaho in rushing.

BACKUP

20 Rashaad Penny

5-11 • 220 • Jr.-2L CGP: 40; CGS: 5
Norwalk, Calif. (Norwalk HS)

Notes: MW SI Post for 2nd straight year... 1 of 9 w/ 111 rush TD & 3 rec. TD & only 1 w/ a KR as well... 2016 rec. - 126-995-11 rec. - 14-220-3 KR - 18-575-2; 12 TD in active FBS KR avg. (30.3)... Was 2015 MW SI Post for 2nd straight year... Had 752 yds. & 8 TD as a TR-Fr. in 2013... Nev. Governor Poff at CHS in 2012... Had 4,152 yds. & 49 TDs over HS career... Brother, Elipha, led Idaho in rushing.

QUARTERBACK

10 Christian Chapman

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

TOP NOTE: Is 12-3 as a starting quarterback, including wins in back-to-back MW Championships and a victory at the 2015 Hawaii Bowl.

2016 Stats:
GP 6S Cmp. Att. Pct. Int. TD Yds. Rtg. 13 13 143 237 60.3 6 19 1,866 147.8
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Mobile, accurate quarterback with a quick release... Has the 16th-best pass efficiency rating in FBS since Dec. 5, 2015 (Chapman became No. 1 QB) (152.9, min. 250 att)... Career-high 283 yards vs. UNH & CH these 12 at NIU... Threw for 436 yards last year with no interceptions over his final 39 attempts... Posted the 2nd-best pass off. (209.7) among QBs making their AZ debut in MW Championship vs. AFA (9-for-14, 1 TD, 0 INT) on route to being named the game's off. MVP... Was 1 of 3 true freshmen QB's on the depth chart in 2014 & traveled to every road contest, but ended up redshirting... Was a 3-star recruit by Rivals, Scout & ESPN at local Carlsbad High School... Was a 2-time all-Avocado League selection, passing for 1,986 yards & 23 TDs as a senior.

BACKUP

9 Ryan Agnew

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

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

No. 3 RUNNING BACK

29 Jwan Washington

5-7 • 190 • Fr.-RS CGP: 13; CGS: 1
Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale HS)

Notes: Has a great blend of speed & power... Has 52 att. for 433 yds. (8.3 avg.) & 5 TD... Also has 3 rec. for 72 yds. & a TD & 9 rec. for 266 yds. (29.6 avg.) & a TD... 14 att., 137 yds. & 2 TD at USU... RS in 2015... Rushed for 5,139 yds. & 75 TD, averaging 9.5 YPC at Kennedale HS, with 3,900-yd games.

Z RECEIVER

6 Mikah Holder

6-0 • 180 • Jr.-2L CGP: 36; CGS: 23
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 12 12 12 26 569 21.9 86 5
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Had 4 catches for 160 yds & 2 TD vs. UNH, the most yds by an Aztec since Ezell Ruffin had 165 on Nov. 2, 2013... Included in 160 yds was an 86-yd TD... Missed SDSU game w/ ankle injury... Career: 55 rec., 1,061 yds., 11 TD... Had 24 catches for a team-high 439 yards (18.3 avg.) & 6 TD in 2015... His 6 TD were the most by an Aztec WR since Colin Lockett had 8 in 2011... Played in final 10 games in 2014 as a TR-Fr. HS... Had 3 rec. for 33 yds. (11.0 avg.) in 1st career GP vs. UNLV... Was a 3-star recruit from the major recruiting services out of nearby Oceanside HS... Had 41 rec. for 1,229 yds & 11 TD as a Sr... A social science major.

BACKUP

85 Quest Truxton

6-0 • 180 • Jr.-TR CGP: 13; CGS: 0
Newport Harbor, CA (Newport Harbor HS/Golden West Coll.)

Notes: Big-play transfer who can play WR, PR & KR... Leads MW in PR avg. (9.4 avg.)... HM all-MW as PR... Also has 11 catches for 156 yds. & 3 TD, & has 4 KR for 61 yds. (15.2 avg.)... All-region 1st team at Golden West College... Sunset League Off. Post at Newport Harbor HS... A sociology major.

X RECEIVER

97 Curtis Anderson

6-3 • 200 • Sr.-1L CGP: 20; CGS: 6
Palmdale, Calif. (Pete Knight HS/Antelope Valley College)

TOP NOTE: Is first on the depth chart heading into the Las Vegas Bowl for the 10th time of his career and 10th straight week.

2016 Stats:
GP GS Rec. Yds. Avg. Long TD 13 4 5 31 6.2 12 0
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Notes: Earned a scholarship before fall drills... Arguably the team's best blocking wide receiver... Has played in all 13 games this year, starting at South Alabake, vs. UNLV, at SJSU & at Nevada... Has five receptions for 31 yards this year... Battled injuries in 2015 in first season at SDSU... Had a 6-yard catch at Hawaii 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: 51; CGS: 11
San Diego, Calif. (San Diego HS)

Notes: Big-play WR w/ excellent speed... Started 1st 3 games... Has 16 rec. & 182 yds... Career: 68 rec., 1,167 yds. (17.2 avg.), 6 TD... 2015: 15 rec., 296 yds., 1 TD... 2014: 24 rec., 471 yds., 2 TD... 2013: 13 rec., 218 yds., 3 TD... Had 3 100-plus yard games at SDHS... A social science major.

TIGHT END

88 David Wells

6-5 • 255 • Jr.-2L CGP: 39; CGS: 13
Clovis, Calif. (Clovis North HS)

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

2016 Stats:
GP GS Rec. Yds. Avg. Long TD 13 13 13 21 26 12.4 27 4
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Notes: Good blocker with good hands... 2nd-team all-MW... Has 21 catches, 17 more than he had over his 1st 2 seasons... Had 3 receptions & 30 yards at Fresno State in front of hometown crowd... CH's of 5 catches & 62 yds. & 1st career TD vs. SJSU... Had 4 catches for 22 yds. (5.5 avg.) last year... Played final 12 games in 2014, mostly on special teams... Redshirted in 2013... Former quarterback, who converted to TE late in prep career at Clovis North HS... Was a 1st-team all-league & all-Valley... Was a 3-star recruit by Rivals... Was 2015 MW Fall All-Academic pick... Working on masters.

BACKUP

82 Parker Houston

6-3 • 240 • Fr.-HS CGP: 9; CGS: 4
Sparks, Nev. (Edward C. Reed HS)

Notes: Made 1st career start at FS in 2nd career game, making 1st career catch... Made debut previous week vs. UNLV... 1st TD at WVO... Also is team's short snapper on PATs & FG's... Led Edward C. Reed HS to a 24-5 record (828) over his final 2 yrs, including a 13-1 mark in 2015... A kinesiology major.

Offensive Tidbits

- Several of the Aztec offensive players are on watch lists for the nation's top player at their position, including TE (now RT) Daniel Brunskill (Wuerffel), C Arthur Flores (Rimington), RB Donnel Pumphrey (Walter Camp, Maxwell, Doak Walker) and RG Nico Siragusa (Outland).
- Associate head coach and running backs coach Jeff Horton is in his second year as offensive coordinator at SDSU. In his sixth year overall at San Diego State, Horton has head coaching stints at Minnesota (interim in 2011), UNLV (1994-98) and Nevada (1993).

- The Aztecs scored 40+ points in four consecutive games for the first time since 1990 (snapped three weeks ago) at Wyoming with 33 points).

- San Diego State is 51-14 in the Rocky Long era when scoring just 20 or more points.

- The Aztecs have a school-record 3,553 rushing yards this year with one game still to go. SDSU had broken its 2012 record (2,869) last year with 3,266 yards.

- SDSU has a 1,000-yard rusher (Donnel Pumphrey, 2,018) in seven straight seasons for the first time in program history (previous longest streak was five seasons from 1991-95).

- Rashaad Penny needs five yards to make San Diego State the first team in NCAA FBS history with a 2,000-yard rusher (Pumphrey) and 1,000-yard rusher (Penny) in the same season.

- The Aztecs have won 32 straight games when rushing for at least 200 yards (20-2 in the Rocky Long era).

- SDSU has a 100-yard rusher in 37 of their past 49 games and has a total of 47, 100-yard rushers during that span.

- San Diego State is 26-1 in program history when it has two, 100-yard rushers, including this year against UNLV, San Jose State, Utah State, Hawaii, Nevada and Wyoming in the MW Championship game. The Aztecs have a pair of 100-yard rushers in six of the past nine games.

- SDSU is one of three schools to have two players record at least 16 touchdowns apiece (Donnel Pumphrey - 16 and Rashaad Penny - 16).

- San Diego State has just six interceptions (all this season) since Sept. 13, 2015, the fewest in FBS play over that span.

SPECIALISTS

PAT'S/FG'S: 29 John Barron II, 5-11, 190, So.-SO
FG/FGA: 19-for-21 (90%) Long: 50 | PAT'S: 52-for-54 (96%)
Punts: 91 Tanner Blain, 6-0, 205, Sr.-1L
Kicks: 56 | Avg.: 41.9 | Long: 75 | TB: 5 | 120: 23 | 50+: 11
Kickoffs: 29 John Barron II, 5-11, 190, So.-SO
KO: 87 | Avg.: 62.6 | TB: 30 | 0B: 1 | Avg. Opp. Start: 23
Short Snapper: 82 Parker Houston, 6-3, 240, Fr.-HS
Long Snapper: 69 Ryan Simmons, 6-1, 210, Fr.-RS
Holder: 91 Tanner Blain, 6-0, 205, Sr.-1L
Kick Returns: 20 Rashaad Penny & 29 Jwan Washington
Penny - KR: 18 | Yds: 575 | Avg.: 31.9 | TD: 1 | Long: 100
Punt Returns: 85 Quest Truxton
PR: 27 | Yds: 255 | Avg.: 9.4 | TD: 0 | Long: 41

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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 22 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: 39; CGS: 15
Irvine, Calif. (Woodbridge HS/Saddleback College)
TOP NOTE: Had a Hawai'i Bowl record 3.5 sacks vs. Cincinnati on Dec. 24, 2015, in just his second career start.

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Excellent pass rusher ... 2nd year at SDSU after playing the 2014 season at Saddleback College & 2013 at Arizona ... Has 39 tackles, 6.5 TFL, 5.0 sacks & 12 QBH ... HM all-MW ... Had 7 sacks in MW Championship game ... Led SDSU in QBH (8) last year & ranked 2nd in sacks (7.5), despite starting just 2 times ... His 3.5 sacks in the Hawai'i Bowl were tied for the 3rd most in a game in program history ... First 10 games last year: 8 tackles, 2 TFL, 1.0 sack & 1 PBU. Final 4 games: 16 tackles, 7 TFL, 6.5 sacks & 1 FF ... Earned 1st career start against Air Force in the MW Championship ... Had 46 tackles, 9.5 sacks & 13 TFL in 2014 at Saddleback College ... Played 12 games in 2013 at Arizona with 1 stop ... RS 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: 31; CGS: 3
Mililani, Hawaii (Mililani High)
Notes: Tore his ACL last year at Hawai'i & came back to start the 1st 3 games of FB this year ... Moved back to DE for bye week & had 47 stops in 1st game vs. So. Ala. ... Has 36 tackles, 4 TFL, 2 SCK, 1 FF, 2 PBU & 4 QBH in 9 def. GP ... Career: 67 TCK, 10.5 TFL, 4 SCK & 1 FF in 30 career games (inc. 3 off. GP) ... A business admin. major.

LINEBACKER

54 Calvin Munson

6-1 • 245 • Sr.-3L CPG: 51; CGS: 40
St. Charles, Mo. (Francis Howell HS)
TOP NOTE: His three career interceptions returned for a touchdown are the most in SDSU history with Ricky Parker (1996-99).

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
On 4-yr. pressman with his (Nagurski, Bednarik, Burkus & Latt IMPACT) ... 1st team all-MW for 2nd straight year ... Leads team in tackles (108, No. 2 has 64), the most in the Rocky Long DE era (since 2009) ... Also has 10.0 TFL, 3.5 SCK, 3 PBU & 17 QBH ... Was a 1st-team all-MW pick in 2015, leading 98 tackles, 15.0 TFL, 9.5 sacks, 2 INT (both for TD), 2 FF & 2 FR in 2015 ... Named SDSU Co-Def. POW in 2014 ... Earned 1st Def. POW honors (Walker Camp & Latt IMPACT) & MW Def. 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 FB ... SDSU Def. POW in 2014 ... 2013: 4 tackles on ST ... Career: 293 tackles, 35.5 TFL, 17 sacks, 6 INT, 4 FF, 2 FR, 5 PBU ... A health care major ... Father, Kurt, was an OL at Ore. St. ... Drafted in 31st rd of 2013 MLB Draft by STL ... Also pitched on SDSU baseball team in 2015.

BACKUP

42 Troy Cassidy

6-3 • 210 • Fr.-HS CPG: 10; CGS: 0
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)
Notes: Is on the 2-deep for the fourth time this week ... Has played in 10 games this year, mainly on special teams ... Has 10 tackles, including a sack (and TFL) vs. San Jose St. ... A first-team all-CIF honoree as a senior at nearby Carlsbad HS ... A three-star recruit by Rivals, Scout, ESPN & 247sports ... Majoring in psychology.

CORNERBACK

17 Ron Smith

6-0 • 170 • Fr.-RS CPG: 13; CGS: 5
Oakland, Calif. (St. Mary's HS)
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Has seven tackles and first interception (and interception return for a TD) vs. Hawai'i in first start.

Is listed as the No. 1 left cornerback for the fifth time this week vs. Houston at the Las Vegas Bowl after logging first career starts the past five weeks ... Has played in all 13 games so far, making 47 stops (23 solo) with 10 interceptions (including one touchdown), three pass breakups & a forced fumble ... Also excels on special teams, leading the team with 13 tackles on special teams & 12 on the kick return unit ... Had seven tackles each in his first three starts & a career-high nine vs. Colorado State ... Redshirted in 2015 as a true freshman ... A three-star recruit by Rivals, Scout, ESPN & 247sports ... Majoring in psychology.

BACKUP

27 Kyree Woods

6-0 • 175 • Fr.-HS CPG: 6; CGS: 0
Mesa, Ariz. (Chandler HS)
Is on the depth chart for the fifth time of his career ... Has 1 tackle in 6 games this year, which went down as an 10-yard sack on Hawai'i quarterback Dru Brown on 4th & 5, keeping SDSU's 55-0 shutout intact ... Logged 1st snaps at USD ... Led Chandler HS to a 24-4 record over his 2 years, including a state title in 2014 ... A 3-star recruit by ESPN ... A business admin. major.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

95 Noble Hall

6-3 • 265 • So.-1L CPG: 24; CGS: 16
Las Vegas, Nev. (Valley High)
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Athletic, mobile defensive lineman ... Has 24 tackles, 4.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 5 QBH & a PBU this year in 13 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. USD, Cal & South Alabama ... 2014 SDSU Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year, while redshirting ... Received 3 stars from both ESPN & 247sports out of HS ... A 3-time letterwinner & a QBH 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: 28; CGS: 0
DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto HS)
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Was recruited on offensive line, but played defensive line in 2014, offensive line in 2015 & back to defensive line since the Air Force game last year in the MW Championship game ... Has 38 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 3 sacks, a FF, PBU & a 3 QBH this year in 13 games ... CH 10 stops, 1 sack in 2016 MW Championship game ... Played in 8 games last year (6 on OL, 2 on DL), including being the only substitute at the MW Championship game ... Had 5 tackles, 2.0 TFL & a sack in 2014 ... Was a 3-star recruit out of DeSoto HS in Texas ... Was an all-state selection as a senior ... Led DeSoto to a 14-1 record & 7-0 mark in league play as a senior ... A criminal justice major.

LINEBACKER

46 Jay Henderson

6-2 • 230 • Jr.-2L CPG: 28; CGS: 3
Phelan, Calif. (Serrano HS)
TOP NOTE: Has started the past three games for the first time of his career, making 11 tackles, 1.5 TFL, a sack, a FF, PBU & six QBH.

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Moved from defensive end to linebacker in the spring, but moved back for Mountain West play with an injury to starter Randy Ricks ... Is No. 1 on the depth chart at middle linebacker for the third time of his career this weekend at the Las Vegas Bowl ... Had career-high four tackles, along with his first career sack, first tackle for loss, first four quarterback sacks and first pass breakup in first career start two weeks ago at Wyoming ... Has 12 tackles on the year in 10 games (three starts) ... Had three tackles in nine games last year ... Made three stops as a true freshman in 2014 ... A consensus three-star recruit out of Phelan High School ... A two-time all-league pick, including the league defensive MVP as a senior ... Is majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

BACKUP

57 Ryan Dunn

6-3 • 230 • Jr.-1L CPG: 24; CGS: 20
Alamo, CA (San Ramon Valley HS/Univ. of Arizona)
Notes: Battling a leg injury, which had him miss 2 games ... Has 23 tackles, 1.5 TFL & 3 QBH in 11 GP (7 GS) ... Had 40 tackles, 4.5 TFL & 0.5 sacks last year in 13 GS ... RS in 2013 at USD ... A consensus three-star recruit who played in the BNM West Coast Bowl & Cal State All Star Game at San Ramon Valley HS. (NLS: No. 40 Randy Ricks (6-5, 230, Sr.-1L), GP: 19, 18.8)

DEFENSIVE END

58 Alex Barrett

6-3 • 255 • Sr.-3L CPG: 49; CGS: 37
Mesa, Ariz. (Desert Ridge HS)
TOP NOTE: Is SDSU's first defensive lineman to earn multiple first-team all-MW accolades (2015-16) in league history (since 1999).

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Team captain ... Is first-team all-MW for second straight year ... Leads team in sacks (6.5) & TFL (11.0), & is 2nd in QBH (15) ... Also has 48 tackles & 4 PBU ... 4 PBU vs. UNLV were tied for 5th most ever by an Aztec ... Ranks 8th all-time at SDSU in sacks (18.0) & 9th in TFL (38.0) ... Career: 165 tackles, 38.0 TFL, 18 sacks, 2 INT (1 TD), 8 PBU, 2 FF ... Was a 1st-team all-MW pick last year ... Had 62 tackles in 2014 to go along with 13 TFL, 5.5 sacks, 2 interceptions, 2 forced fumbles & a PBU ... Named 2014 MW honorable mention as a sophomore, despite missing the final 3 games due to injury (foot) ... Has earned the team's defensive lineman of the year award in 2014 & 2015 ... Was a 2-time 1st-team all-state at Desert Ridge HS ... Also played OL & lettered in track & field ... Criminal justice major.

BACKUP

41 Dakota Turner

6-3 • 250 • Jr.-1L CPG: 31; CGS: 3
Mililani, Hawaii (Mililani High)
Notes: Tore his ACL last year at Hawai'i & came back to start the 1st 3 games of FB this year ... Moved back to DE for bye week & had 47 stops in 1st game vs. So. Ala. ... Has 36 tackles, 4 TFL, 2 SCK, 1 FF, 2 PBU & 4 QBH in 9 def. GP ... Career: 67 TCK, 10.5 TFL, 4 SCK & 1 FF in 30 career games (inc. 3 off. GP) ... A business admin. major.

LINEBACKER

39 Ronley/Lakalaka/Lock-ah-lock-ah/

6-0 • 235 • So.-1L CPG: 24; CGS: 12
Kalihii, Hawaii (Punahou HS)
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Physical linebacker who has a ton of potential ... One of two players on the team from Hawai'i (also DL Dakota Turner) ... Started 12 of 13 games this year (DNIS vs. Cal) ... Had a 9-yard INT return for a TD vs. Cal ... Another pick vs. Hawai'i ... Has 64 tackles, 2.0 TFL, 2 INT, 1 PBU & 5 QBH ... Was 1 of 2 true freshmen on the depth chart in either side of the ball last season (also safety Parker Baldwin) ... Had 11 tackles ... Middle name is Sounaimesa (68 points in Scrabble (includes 50 points for using all tiles)) ... A business admin. major ... Was two-time all-state first-team selection at Punahou HS ... Brother, Steven, is a senior RB at Hawai'i.

43 Austin Wyatt-Thayer

6-5 • 230 • Sr.-1L CPG: 24; 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 12 of 13 games this year ... Started vs. Cal ... Career-high 8 tackles at South Alabama ... 1st sack vs. UNLV ... 2 sacks vs. SDSU ... Made his 1st career start in the Hawai'i Bowl vs. Cincinnati last season ... Played in 12 games, making 11 tackles (9 solo) ... Was a two-time all-NorCal League pick at Sierra College & a team captain in his final year in 2014 ... His 119 tackles in 2013 were second most in state ... Prepped at Paradise HS earning all-Eastern Athletic League accolades on 4 occasions, including 3 as a safety & one as a wide receiver ... Is majoring in psychology.

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 ranked 17th nationally in yards per rush allowed (3.7), 19th nationally in yards per touch (6.3), 22nd in yards allowed per game (351.8) and 30th in points allowed per game (23.7).
- 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	Rush
2014	13th	16th	19th	48th
2015	7th	5th	10th	7th
2016	19th	12th	40th	11th
2014-16	6th	6th	10th	11th

- SDSU held three straight opponents to single digits in scoring earlier this year for the first time since a four-game stretch from Oct. 15-Nov. 5, 1977. San Diego State has held an opponent to single digits 10 times since the beginning of last season (27 games).
- San Diego State held 22 straight league opponents below 400 yards of total offense until three weeks ago at Wyoming. That was the longest active streak in FBS (league games only).
- Over the Aztecs' last 23 Mountain West contests (does not include MW Championships), opponents have scored just 15.9 points per game vs. SDSU and only 275.3 yards per game.
- San Diego State has forced three or more turnovers in 11 of its last 20 contests.
- The Aztec defense has scored three touchdowns in the first six Mountain West games and allowed only four.
- SDSU has held six opponents to less than 200 yards of total offense since the beginning of 2015 (27 games), including twice this year.
- Since the beginning of 2015 (27 games), San Diego State's defense ranks first in interceptions (45) and tied for third in interception TDs (9).

CORNERBACK

23 Damontae Kazez

5-11 • 190 • Sr.-3L CPG: 32; CGS: 40
San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon HS)
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Was on the following national award watch lists: Bednarik (defensive POT) and Thorpe (top DB) ... Joins Kirk Morrison as the only Aztec to ever be named MW Def. Player of the Year (both have done it twice) ... Active FBS ranks: T-1st in INT (17) & passes def. (47), & T-18th in FF (6) ... Has 60 stops, 3 TFL, 7 INT & 8 PBU this year ... Started 40 straight games & played in 44 straight ... Career: 235 tackles, 17 interceptions, 6 FF, 1 FR ... Ranks 1st at SDSU with 17 career INT, and is T-6th with 6 FF & 8th with 29 PBUs ... Brother, Walter, was a 1K-yd RB for the Aztecs from 2009-12, captaining in 2012 ... A criminal justice major.

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BACKUP

22 Kalan Montgomery

6-1 • 185 • Jr.-2L CPG: 40; CGS: 2
Compton, Calif. (Dominguez Hills HS)
Played in all 40 games the last two-plus seasons after earning second teams scout player of the year as a redshirt (2013) ... Started twice this year ... Has 21 tackles (15 solo) and two pass breakups ... Has 35 career tackles and three pass breakups ... Was a prep teammate of fellow Aztec Malik Smith ... Also a high school letterwinner in track ... A social science major.

AZTEC

33 Parker Baldwin

6-2 • 215 • So.-1L CPG: 27; CGS: 8
Siloam Springs, Ark. (Siloam Springs HS)
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
TOP NOTE: Ranks fourth on the team in tackles (57), despite only starting eight of 13 games (last eight).

Big time playermaker, who will make his 9th career start this weekend at the signature Aztec stop on Rocky Long's 3-3-5 defense with Na'im McGehee out with an injury ... Has 57 tackles (30 solo), 3.0 TFL, 2 INT, a FF & 7 PBU so far in 13 games with 8 GS ... Had a career-high 11 stops & an interception at Wyoming ... Was 2nd on the team as a true-freshman in special teams tackles (10) last year ... Had 14 tackles, an INT & a FF being named team's Fr. of the Year ... Earned all-state accolades as Sr. ... Scored 8 TD & had 758 rec. yds, 135 rush yds & 134 tackles in his final HS season ... Was the state champ in the 200 ... A business management major.

BACKUP

14 Trey Lomax

5-11 • 195 • Jr.-2L CPG: 30; CGS: 25
San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa HS)
Projected starting Warrior, who also might play some Aztec vs. UNLV ... Has 25 career starts, including one at the Aztec last season ... Has 33 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 1 INT & 5 PBU in 12 starts this year at Warrior ... Battled injuries last year & had 9 tackles & a FF in 5 games (3 GS) ... Named the team's most outstanding freshman (2014) with 63 stops & 2 FR ... Redshirted in 2013 ... Is majoring in criminal justice. (NLS: No. 21 Na'im McGehee (6-0, 200, Sr.-2L), GP: 18, 63.8)

WARRIOR

3 Trey Lomax

5-11 • 195 • Jr.-2L CPG: 30; CGS: 25
San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa HS)
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Fantastic athlete, who is coming off a pair of solid seasons ... Has 33 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 1 INT & 5 PBU in 12 starts this year ... Battled injuries & had 9 tackles & a FF in 5 GP (3 GS) in 2015 ... Named the team's most outstanding freshman (2014) w/ 63 stops & 2 FR ... Career: 105 tackles, 5.5 TFL, 1 sack, 1 INT, 8 PBU, 3 FR ... RS in 2013 ... Was also recruited to play baseball at SDSU ... Offensive conference MVP at Mira Mesa HS. Also hit .341 & was a 2-time 1st-team all-league baseball selection ... Is majoring in criminal justice.

7 Kameron Kelly

6-2 • 195 • Jr.-2L CPG: 32; CGS: 13
Murphy, Texas (Wylie HS)
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Explosive speedster who saw immediate playing time as a true freshman in 2014 & started final 13 games in 2015 ... Has 36 tackles, three interceptions & 5 PBUs in 13 games off the bench ... Had 58 tackles, 3 PBU, 2 INT & 2.0 TFL in 2015 ... Played in the first six games as a true freshman in 2014 before being sidelined with an injury ... Career: 95 tackles, 5 INT, 8 PBU ... A three-star recruit (Scout.com) ... Recorded seven interceptions on defense as a prep athlete at Wylie HS ... Is majoring in kinesiology.

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