

San Diego State Aztecs

2016 Record: 6-1, 3-0 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: 24; CGS: 21
Ramona, Calif. (Ramona HS)

TOP NOTE: Started all 21 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 21 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 at Fernley HS in Nevada ... Also played two years of basketball.

LEFT GUARD

56 Nico Siragusa
6-5 • 335 • Sr.-3L CGP: 47; CGS: 35
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-GOOS-uh ... On the Outland Trophy Watch List (outstanding interior lineman) ... Has 35 career starts, 14 more than the next SDSU offensive lineman (21) ... Has graded out as the team's best pass blocker & second-best run blocker by CFF ... Is in preseason 2nd-team all-MW pick by Phil Steele Magazine ... Was a 1st-team all-MW pick last year ... Career starts: 7 at LG in 2016, 14 at LG in 2015, 13 at LG in 2014, 1 at RG in 2013 ... Was the only SDSU full (RS or true) to start 2013 opener ... RS in 2012 ... Was an all-CIF first-team selection & a 1st-team all-state pick at local Mater Dei HS in Chula Vista, Calif. ... A social science major.

BACKUP

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

Notes: Joins backup LT Tyler Roemer as the only 2 true freshmen on the offensive 2-deep ... Was a 1st-team all-league pick & 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: 21; CGS: 21
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 22nd straight start Friday ... 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 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: 2; 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-year all-district & all-state pick at Mansfield Timberview HS in Arlington, TX.

RIGHT GUARD

67 Antonio Rosales
6-4 • 295 • Jr.-1L CGP: 13; CGS: 7
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 seven games this year, the first seven starts of his career ... Grades as the third-best run-blocker on the team by CFF ... 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: 7; 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: 47; CGS: 35
Valley Center, Calif. (Valley Center HS)

TOP NOTE: Moved to right tackle after being named a Pro Football Focus HM All-American last year at tight end.

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
On the Wuerffel Trophy Watch List (top community service) ... Good blocking tight end, who moved to right tackle in the fall with injuries to the off. line ... Coach Horton calls him the most consistent blocker ... Is rated as the team's top run-blocker by CFF ... Was named an all-MW HM pick by the MW coaches & media in 2015 ... 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 1 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: 5; CGS: 0
Long Beach, Calif. (Lakewood HSB/LBCC)

Notes: On 2-deep for 5th 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: 20; CGS: 6
Los Gatos, Calif. (Los Gatos HS)

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

2016 Stats:
Rushing: GP 6S Att. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 100+ No. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 6 4 1 4 0 4.0 4 0 7 58 8.3 0 14
Receiving: GP 6S Att. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 100+ No. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 7 7 191 246 6.5 13 79 6 20 145 7.2 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 Logan called him the most improved player in the spring ... Has seven catches for 58 yards (8.3 avg) over the past six games after not playing in the opener ... Also has a 4-yard rush ... Has four catches for 40 yards over the last two weeks, including a career-high 23 at Fresno State ... Played in nine games in 2015 ... Was 13-for-38 (34.2 pct.) with TD pass 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 as a management entrepreneur.

RUNNING BACK

19 Donnel Pumphrey
5-9 • 180 • Sr.-3L CGP: 46; CGS: 34
Las Vegas, Nev. (Canyon Springs HS)

TOP NOTE: Currently leads the nation in rushing YPG (178.0) & is 2nd in rushing TDs (13), and is eighth all-time in NCAA rushing yds (5,518).

2016 Stats:
Rushing: GP 6S Att. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 100+ No. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 7 7 191 246 6.5 13 79 6 20 145 7.2 0 26
On Walter Camp, Maxwell & Doak Walker Award Watch Lists ... Named a midseason All-American by USA Today, SI, ESPN, CBS Sports & Sporting News ... Has 3,220-plus rushing yards this year (281 vs. Cal, 220 at NIU & FS) (nobody else has more than 1) ... The difference between him & the No. 2 rusher (256 yds.) is the same between No. 2 & No. 18 ... Needs 82 yds. to move into 5th on the all-time FBS list ... Has SDSU-record & FBS-leading 5,518 rushing yds, 6,536 all-purpose yds & 28 100-yard games ... Named a 2015 SI HM AA & the MW OF. Post ... 2014 FBS rushing 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 in 2013 ... Was a TR-Fr. in 2013 ... Career: Post at CSHS in 2012 ... Had 4,152 yds & 49 TDs over HS career ... Comm. major.

BACKUP

20 Rashaad Penny
5-11 • 220 • Jr.-2L CGP: 34; CGS: 4
Norwalk, Calif. (Norwalk HS)

Notes: Pro. 2nd-MW AA by 2 pubs. ... Has 14 TDs (12 rush, 3 rec, 1 KR) over last 11 ... 1 of 4 w/ 4 rush TD & 3 rec. TD & only 1 w/ a KR as well ... Is 3rd in active FBS KR avg. (30.1) ... Was 2015 MW ST Post ranking 2nd in KR avg. (33.5) & 1-2nd 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, Ephraim, led Idaho in rushing.

QUARTERBACK

10 Christian Chapman
6-0 • 200 • So.-1L CGP: 16; CGS: 9
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

TOP NOTE: Is 8-1 as a starting quarterback, winning the 2015 MW Championship, the Hawai'i Bowl and six of seven games this year.

2016 Stats:
GP 6S Att. Cmp. Pct. Int. TD Yds. Rtg. 7 7 139 89 64.0 3 9 1,151 150.64
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Mobile, accurate quarterback with a quick release ... Has the ninth-best pass efficiency rating in FBS since Dec. 5, 2015 (Chapman became No. 1 QB) (158.2, min. 150 ant. & 8 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 off. (209.7) among QBs making their Aztec debut in MW Championship vs. ARA (9-for-14, 1 TD, 0 INT) en route to being named the game's 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-Avalado League selection, passing for 1,986 yards & 23 TDs as a senior.

BACKUP

9 Ryan Agnew
6-0 • 185 • Fr.-RS CGP: 3; CGS: 0
Southlake, Texas (Carroll HS)

Notes: Athletic, mobile quarterback with an accurate arm ... Was 1-for-1 for 8 yards vs. UNH ... RS in 2015, where he was named the team's off. scout PAF ... 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: 30; CGS: 17
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 6S Rec. Yds. Avg. Long TD 6 6 15 358 23.9 86 3
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 last game with injury ... 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-Fr. ... Had 3 rec. for 33 yds (11.0 avg.) in 1st career game vs. UNLV ... Was a 3-star recruit from all 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.-FR CGP: 7; 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. (9.8 avg.) ... Also has 4 catches for 59 yds & 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: 14; CGS: 4
Palmdale, Calif. (Pete Knight HS/Antelope Valley College)

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

2016 Stats:
GP 6S Rec. Yds. Avg. Long TD 7 7 3 4 1.9 4.8 6 0
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Notes: Earned a scholarship before fall drills ... Arguably team's best blocking wide receiver ... Has played in all seven games this year, starting at South Alabama, vs. UNLV and at SJSU ... Has four receptions for 19 yards this year ... Battled injuries in 2015 in first season at SDSU ... Had a 6-yard catch at Hawai'i 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: 46; 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.), 1 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: 33; CGS: 7
Clovis, Calif. (Clovis North HS)

TOP NOTE: Made first career start this season after playing first 77 games off the bench.

2016 Stats:
GP 6S Rec. Yds. Avg. Long TD 7 7 7 13 1.88 10.6 24 1
Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Notes: Good blocker with good hands ... Made 1st career start this year ... Already had 13 catches, 9 more than he had over his 1st 2 seasons ... Had 3 receptions & 30 yards at Fresno State in front of hometown crowd ... CHS 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 a 2015 MW Fall All-Academic pick ... Working on masters.

BACKUP

82 Parker Houston
6-3 • 240 • Fr.-HS CGP: 3; CGS: 1
Sparks, Nev. (Edward C. Reed HS)

Notes: Made 1st career start two weeks ago at FS in 2nd career game, making 1st career catch (14 yds.) ... Made debut previous week vs. UNLV ... 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).
- SDSU is 47-12 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) and are on pace for 3,538 yards this year (assuming a 14-game season).
- SDSU has a 1,000-yard rusher (Donnel Pumphrey, 1,246) in seven straight seasons for the first time in program history (previous longest streak was five seasons from 1991-95).
- The Aztecs have won 28 straight games when rushing for at least 200 yards (36-2 in the Rocky Long era).
- SDSU has a 100-yard rusher in 33 of its past 43 games and has a total of 39, 100-yard rushers during that span.

• San Diego State is 22-1 in program history when it has two, 100-yard rushers, including this year against UNLV and San Jose State. SDSU has a pair of 100-yard rushers in five of the past 17 games.

• Donnel Pumphrey (13) and Rashaad Penny (10) have more combined touchdowns (23) than 36 other FBS teams this year.

• The Aztecs have just three interceptions (all 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.-SO
► FG/FGA: 6-for-7 (85.7) | Long: 50 | PAT'S: 27-for-27 (100%)
Punts: 91 Tanner Blain, 6-0, 205, Sr.-1L
► Punts: 34 | Avg.: 39.9 | Long: 57 | TB: 3 | 120-14 | 50+ : 5
Kickoffs: 29 John Barron II, 5-11, 190, So.-SO
► KO: 43 | Avg.: 63.3 | TB: 11 | 0B: 1 | Avg. Opp. Start: 22
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 & 29 Jwan Washington
► Penny - KR: 6 | Avg.: 19.9 | Avg.: 32.2 | TD: 1 | Long: 100
Punt Returns: 85 Quest Truxton
► PR: 17 | Yds: 166 | Avg.: 9.8 | TD: 0 | Long: 32

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

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Rocky Long Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator

- Three-Time Mountain West Coach of the Year
- All-time winningest coach in Mountain West history
- Has led San Diego State to 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 CGP: 32; CGS: 8
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 17 tackles, 4.5 TFL, 3.0 sacks & 9 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 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 all of Saddleback College ... Played 12 games in 2013 at Arizona with 1 stop, 1.5 sacks in 2012 ... A 4-star recruit out of Woodbridge HS, where he was a PrepStar & Parade All-American ... Is majoring in social science.

BACKUP

41 Dakota Turner

6-3 • 250 • Jr.-1L CGP: 25; 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 71.5 stops in game vs. So. Ala. ... Has 16 tackles, 2 TFL, 1 SOX, 1 PBU & 1 QBH in 3rd def. GP ... Career: 49 tackles, 8.5 TFL & 3 sacks in 25 career games (incl. 3 def. GP) ... A business admin. major.

LINEBACKER

54 Calvin Munson

6-1 • 245 • Sr.-3L CGP: 45; CGS: 34
St. Charles, Mo. (Francis Howell HS)

TOP NOTE: His three career interceptions returned for a touchdown are tied for the most in SDSU history with Ricky Parker (1996-99).

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
On a 4th preseason watch list (Nagurski, Bednarik, Burkus & Lott IMPACT) ... Leads team in tackles (61, No. 2) and QBH (10) ... Also has 5 TFL, 2 SOX & 3 PBU ... Was a 1st-team all-MW pick in 2015, totaling 98 tackles, 15.0 TFL, 9.5 sacks, 2 INT (both for TD), 2 FF, 2 FR & 2 PBU ... Named SDSU Co-Def. POY in 2014 ... Earned nat'l Def. POY honors (Waller, Camp & Lott; MW PAC) & MW POY accolades after posting 10 tackles, w/ 2 INT returns for TD & a FR vs. USD ... 2014 Hill all-MW ... Avg. 36.5 yds per INT return in 2014, which ranked 3rd in FB5 ... SDSU def. POY in 2014 ... 2013: 4 tackles on ST ... Career: 246 tackles, 31 TFL, 15.5 sacks, 4 INT, 4 FF, 2 FR, 5 PBU ... A health comm. 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 2013.

BACKUP

53 Tamerick Harper

6-1 • 225 • Jr.-1R CGP: 1; CGS: 0
Fontana, CA (Carter HS/San Bernardino Valley Coll.)

Notes: Is on the 2-deep for the 3rd straight week, joining the team in the summer ... Made 1 tackle on special teams in 1st game 2 weeks ago at Fresno St. ... Was a 1st-team Region IV All-California pick with 80 tackles at San Bernardino VC in 2015 ... RS in 2013 at Fresno St. ... A social science major.

CORNERBACK

22 Kalan Montgomery

6-1 • 185 • Jr.-2L CGP: 34; CGS: 1
Compton, Calif. (Dominguez Hills HS)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Played high school ball with fellow defensive back and starting Warrior Malik Smith.

Played in all 34 games the last two-plus seasons after earning special teams scout player of the year as a redshirt (2013) ... Started for the first time last week against San Jose State, making a career and team-high seven tackles and adding a career-best two pass breakups ... Has 11 stops and two PBUs this year ... Has 24 career tackles and a three pass breakups over his career ... Had nine tackles and six (six solo) and a PBU in 2015 in 14 games ... Made four stops in 13 games in 2014 ... Redshirt in 2013 ... Also a high school letterwinner in track ... A three-star recruit by Rivals, Scout and ESPN ... A social science major.

BACKUP

17 Ron Smith

6-0 • 170 • Fr.-RS CGP: 7; CGS: 0
Oakland, Calif. (St. Mary's HS)

Is one the two-deep for the first time as a redshirt freshman ... Had played in all seven games so far, making seven stops ... Also excels on special teams, tying for the team lead with six tackles with five on the kick return unit (No. 2 on the team) ... Redshirted in 2015 as a true freshman ... A three-star recruit by Rivals, Scout, ESPN and 247-sports ... Majoring in psychology.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

95 Noble Hall

6-3 • 265 • So.-1L CGP: 18; CGS: 10
Las Vegas, Nev. (Valley High)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Athletic, mobile defensive lineman ... Has 14 tackles, 2.5 TFL, a sack, 3 QBH & a PBU this year in seven 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 & 247-sports out of HS ... A 3-time letterwinner & a 3-time captain at Valley High in Las Vegas ... Also earned 3 letters in basketball ... Previously known as Eric Burrell, but legally changed his name to honor his father, who was shot and killed before he was born.

65 Sergio Phillips

6-2 • 295 • Jr.-2L CGP: 22; 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 13 tackles, 0.5 tackles for loss and a QBH this season in seven 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 CGP: 20; CGS: 16
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 Friday for the fourth time this year ... Has 15 tackles, 1.5 TFL & a QBH in seven 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 & USO'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/former Aztecs who started careers at Arizona and the similar 3-5 defense (also CB Derek Babush and DL Kyle Kelley) ... Prepped at San Ramon Valley High ... A consensus three-star recruit who played in the BMW West Coast Bowl & Cal State All-Star Game.

BACKUP

46 Jay Henderson

6-2 • 230 • Jr.-2L CGP: 22; CGS: 0
Phelan, Calif. (Serrano HS)

Notes: Moved from DE to LB in the spring, but moved back three weeks ago with an injury to starter Randy Ricks ... Has no stats in four 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. (No. 40 Randy Ricks (6-5, 230, Sr.-1L) ... GP: 13, 28)

DEFENSIVE END

58 Alex Barrett

6-3 • 255 • Sr.-3L CGP: 43; CGS: 31
Mesa, Ariz. (Desert Ridge HS)

TOP NOTE: Last year became SDSU's first defensive lineman to earn Mesa, Ariz. 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 28 tackles, 6.0 sacks, 8.0 TFL, 4 PBU & 6 QBH ... 4 PBU vs. UNLV were tied for 5th most-ever by an Aztec ... Has the most TFL (35) & sacks (17.5) of any current Aztec ... Career: 144 tackles, 35.0 TFL, 17.5 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 CGP: 19; CGS: 0
Woodland Hills, Calif. (El Camino Real HS)

Notes: Athletic body, who comes from a basketball background ... Does not have a start in games ... 1st 2 career tackles, sack & TFL at UNLV last year ... Redshirted the 2014 season ... Was WFL Def. Player of the Year in 2013 with 114 tackles, 8 sacks, 2 FF & 2 FR ... A business management major.

LINEBACKER

39 Ronley/Lakalaka

6-0 • 235 • So.-1L CGP: 18; CGS: 6
Kalihii, Hawaii (Punahou HS)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Physical linebacker who has a ton of potential ... One of two players on the team from Hawaii (also DL Dakota Turner) ... Started 6 of 7 games this year (DNS vs. Cal) ... Career-high 5 stops vs. UNLV ... Had a 9-yard INT return for a TD vs. Cal ... Has 25 tackles, 0.5 TFL, 1 INT & 5 PBU ... Has played in 18 straight games ... 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 Saunaniapone (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 CGP: 19; 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 last 16 games ... Started vs. Cal ... Career-high 8 tackles at South Alabama ... 1st sack vs. UNLV ... 2 sacks vs. JSU ... Made his 1st career start in the Hawai'i Bowl vs. Cincinnati last season ... Played in 12 games, making 11 tackles (9 solo) ... Was a two-time all-NorCal League pick at Sierra College & a team captain in his final year in 2014 ... His 119 tackles in 2013 were second most in state ... Prepped at Paradise HS earning all-Eastern Athletic League accolades on 4 occasions, including 3 as a safety & one as a wide receiver ... Is majoring in psychology.

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 took over as the defensive coordinator in 2009, SDSU's defense ranks 17th nationally in yards per rush allowed (3.7), 19th nationally in yards per touch (6.3), 21st in yards allowed per game (351.2) and 29th 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	16th	19th
2015	7th	5th	10th	7th
2016	13th	6th	13th	2nd
2014-16	5th	6th	7th	12th

• SDSU has held three straight opponents to single digits in scoring 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 nine times since the beginning of last season (21 games).

• The Aztecs have allowed just 384 points in their last 24 games (16.0 ppg) with 82 of that coming in two games this year.

• SDSU had the ninth-best defensive third-down conversion percentage (28.9) in FB5 last year and is ranked 21st this year (32.1).

• San Diego State has held 19 straight league opponents below 400 yards of total offense, the longest active streak in FB5 (league games only).

• Over the Aztecs' last 18 Mountain West contests (does not include MW Championship), opponents have scored just 13.3 points per game vs. SDSU and only 250.3 yards per game.

• San Diego State has forced three or more turnovers in eight of its last 14 contests.

• Since the last 208 offensive drives vs. SDSU (over the second half at Penn State in 2015), opponents have totaled just 226 points (12.9 PPG), 4,541 yards (259.5 YPG), 75 three and one (4.28 3&0PG), 255 first downs (14.6 FDPG) and 4.30 yards per play (1,055 plays). During that span, opponents are 71- for-242 on third-down conversions (29.3 percent).

CORNERBACK

23 Damontae Kazez

5-11 • 190 • Sr.-3L CGP: 46; CGS: 34
San Bernardino, Calif. (Cajon HS)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
TOP NOTE: Preseason MW defensive player of the year, earned preseason league defensive POY last season.

On the following national award watch lists: Bednarik (defensive POY) and Thorpe (DB) ... Joins Kirk Morrison as the only Aztecs to ever be named MW defensive player of the year ... Active FB5 ranks: 1-1st in INT (13), 4th in passes def. (39) & 1-2th in FF (6) ... Has 32 stops, 3 TFL, 4 PBU & 3 INT this year ... Started 34 straight games & played in 39 straight ... Career: 206 tackles, 13 interceptions, 6 forced fumbles, 1 fumble recovery ... Ranks 1-2nd at SDSU & 1-1st in DL era (since '69) with 13 career INT ... Brother, Walter, was a 1K-yd RB for the Aztecs from 2009-12, captaining in 2012 ... A criminal justice major.

BACKUP

35 Kevin Walcott

5-11 • 195 • Jr.-1L CGP: 12; CGS: 0
Los Angeles, Calif. (Washington Prep HS)

Walk-on who is on the two-deep for the first time of his career ... Has one tackle in four games this year (came last week vs. San Jose State) ... Career: nine tackles ... Made eight stops in eight games last year ... Did not play in 2014 ... Redshirted in 2013 ... Played two years at Washington Prep HS in Los Angeles, earning second-team all-league honors in 2012 ... Majoring in social science.

AZTEC

33 Parker Baldwin

6-2 • 215 • So.-1L CGP: 20; CGS: 2
Siloam Springs, Ark. (Siloam Springs HS)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
TOP NOTE: Started the last two games for the first time of his career.

Big time playmaker, who will make his 3rd 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 23 tackles (14 solo), 2.0 TFL, a FF & a PBU so far in 7 games with 2 GS ... Had a career-high 8 stops in extensive action at NIU ... 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 & 184 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 CGP: 24; CGS: 20
San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa HS)

Projected starting Warrior, who also might play some Aztec at SDSU ... Has 20 career starts, including one at the Aztec last season ... Has 14 tackles, 1 TFL, 1 INT & 2 PBU in 7 starts this year of 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. (No. 14 Na'im McGee (6-0, 200, Sr.-2L) ... GP: 13, 28)

WARRIOR

3 Trey Lomax

5-11 • 195 • Jr.-2L CGP: 24; CGS: 20
San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa HS)

Notes: '16; Career; Personal
Fantastic athlete, who is coming off a pair of solid seasons ... Has 14 tackles, 1 TFL & 2 PBU in 7 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: 86 tackles, 5 TFL, 1 sack, 5 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 in criminal justice.

7 Kameron Kelly

6-2 • 195 • Jr.-2L CGP: 26; 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 18 tackles, two interceptions & 3 PBUs in seven 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: 77 tackles, 4 INT, 6 PBU ... A three-star recruit (Scout.com) ... Recorded seven interceptions on defense as a prep athlete at Wylie HS ... Is majoring in psychology.