

# San Diego State Aztecs

2024 Record: 0-0, 0-0 Mountain West  
12 Bowl Game Appearances in last 14 Seasons (Bowl Eligible in 13)  
MW Champions: 2016, 2015, 2012 | 21-Time Conference Champions



## Sean Lewis Head Coach, 1st season

- First season as SDSU head coach; sixth overall (24-31 overall)
- Served as offensive coordinator at Colorado in 2023
- Led Kent State to its first 2 bowl games in program history (2019, 2021)
- In 5 seasons at Kent State, set school records for plays, total yards, rushing yards, passing yards and first downs during the 2021 season

### O-LINE NOTES

- Three of the five projected starters are newcomers.
- The offensive line returns 30 of 60 starts from 2023.
- Aztec nfl rush ranks with Mike Schmidt on staff (2012-19): 15th in yds per carry & yds per game & 21st in rush TDs.
- San Diego State is 55-2 the last 57 times the Aztecs have rushed for at least 200 yards.

#### LEFT TACKLE /bore-zhon/

# 78 Joseph Borjon

6-8 • 330 • Jr.-TR CGP: 6; CGS: 3  
La Puente, Calif. (Nogales High/Arizona)

**TOP NOTE:** Started at right tackle for Arizona in last year's Valero Alamo Bowl.

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
Started his collegiate career at Mt. San Antonio College (2020-21) before transferring to the University of Arizona (2022-23). Appeared in six games, making three starts for Arizona... Named second-team Central League all-conference as a true freshman at Mt. SAC... Had no scholarship offers coming out of high school.

#### BACKUP /psy-paul-eh/ /twe-maw-oh-ro/

# 57 Saipale Fuimaono

6-4 • 310 • Jr.-TR CGP: 0; CGS: 0  
Aiea, American Samoa (Kapahulu High/Alam Hancock College)

Began his career at Alam Hancock College (2022-23). Helped the Bulldogs to back-to-back league titles... An all-state as a true freshman and two-time all-league selection... Prepped at Fagan High.

#### LEFT GUARD

# 70 Christian Jones

6-9 • 315 • Jr.-2L CGP: 25; CGS: 6  
San Luis Obispo, Calif. (San Luis Obispo High)

**TOP NOTE:** Possibly the most versatile offensive lineman, working at both tackle and both guard positions this fall.

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
Tall, athletic, very mobile offensive lineman who has dropped weight to make 315 pounds... Started at left tackle the first six games last season, playing all 392 of offensive snaps in that span... Played all 25 games from 2022-23 on special teams... 3-star recruit by 247sports and ESPN... Plays the saxophone.

#### BACKUP /murr-ow/

# 53 Myles Murao

6-3 • 305 • Jr.-1L CGP: 10; CGS: 6  
Torrance, Calif. (Mater Dei High/Washington)

Polynesia College FB Pa'Yi Watch List... Started 6 games last year, missed 6 to injury... Spent first three seasons at Washington, playing in four games... Prepped at powerhouse Mater Dei... Rated No. 8 player in CA by ESPN.

#### CENTER

# 55 Brayden Bryant

6-2 • 305 • Sr.-TR CGP: 14; CGS: 10  
Ardmore, Okla. (Ardmore High/North Dakota)

**TOP NOTE:** Started at left guard in 10 of his 15 games at the University of North Dakota.

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
Named MVFC All-Newcomer Team in 2022... Limited to four games last season, utilizing his redshirt season... Appeared in all 11 games in 2022 for North Dakota, including starts in the final 10 contests... While on the line, UND ranked No. 6 nationally in redzone scoring... Began collegiate career at Butler Community College... Prepped at Ardmore High, earning all-state honors twice... Won two state titles in shot put.

#### BACKUP

# 68 Ryan Silver

6-4 • 290 • Fr.-RS CGP: 0; CGS: 0  
San Francisco, Calif. (Junipero Serra High)

Utilized redshirt season in 2023, his first year with the Aztecs... Prepped at Junipero Serra High in San Mateo, Calif... Helped the Padres to a 13-1 record and championship appearance in 2022... 3-star recruit by 247sports and ESPN.

#### RIGHT GUARD /oo-loo-gaw-loo/ /moss-ay-oo-lee/

# 63 Ross Ulugalu-Maseuli

6-4 • 320 • Jr.-2L CGP: 19; CGS: 16  
San Diego, Calif. (Mater Dei High)

**TOP NOTE:** Started the opener at right tackle opposite Ohio with just four career appearances before joining the Aztecs.

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
Polynesia College FB Pa'Yi Watch List for the second cons. year... Started the first nine games at center last season and was one of two Aztecs to play all 58 offensive snaps in that span... 6 starts in 2022 (5 at RG & 1 at LG)... Played last 2 yrs of 2021... Prepped at power Mater Dei in Spring 2021... Also went to J Serra Catholic & Cathedral Catholic.

#### BACKUP /ab-dull-ah/

# 76 Dean Abdullah

6-4 • 290 • Sr.-2L CGP: 17; CGS: 10  
Antelope, CA (Antelope HS/American River College)

Played all 12 games with seven starts in 2023... Started 3 games at RG in 2022... Played 6 games total... DNP over the final 7 in 2022... Transferred from American River College... Prepped at Antelope HS.

#### RIGHT TACKLE

# 74 Nate Williams

6-6 • 310 • Sr.-TR CGP: 34; CGS: 27  
Utica, Ohio (Newark Catholic High/Akron)

**TOP NOTE:** His 27 career starts is third-most on the Aztecs roster entering the 2024 season.

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
Started 27 games across his four years at the University of Akron, including 27 consecutively over the last two-plus seasons... Named Academic all-MAC in 2022... Prepped at Newark Catholic High School, earning 2019 all-state AP special mention, first team all-Advocate and first team all-conference... Played both sides of the ball as well as two years of baseball in high school... 2-star recruit.

#### BACKUP

# 65 Tyler McMahan

6-5 • 300 • Jr.-TR CGP: 0; CGS: 0  
Sutter Creek, Calif. (Amador High/Modesto JC)

Played two seasons at Modesto Junior College... Helped his team to back-to-back conference championships... His Pirate offense averaged 32.7 points and 445.5 yards per game in 2023... Prepped at Amador High School.

### TE

• Since 2010, eight SDSU TEs have appeared on the John Mackey Award Watch List.

#### TIGHT END

# 18 Jude Wolfe

6-6 • 247 • Sr.-TR CGP: 33; CGS: 0  
Laguna Hills, Calif. (St. John Bosco High/USC)

**TOP NOTE:** Scored his first career touchdown at USC playing against Coach Sean Lewis and Colorado last season.

**2023 Stats:**  
GP GS Rec. Yds. Avg. Long TD  
33 0 12 66 5.5 18 1

Spent five seasons at USC... Battled multiple injuries... Appeared in 33 games, making 12 catches for 66 yards and a touchdown... Was a 2018 All-American at St. John Bosco High School... Recorded 24 receptions for 349 yards and 10 touchdowns in three years on varsity.

#### TIGHT END OR

# 87 Michael Harrison

6-63 • 220 • Sr.-TR CGP: 36; CGS: 6  
San Francisco, Calif. (St. Ignatius College Prep/Colorado)

**TOP NOTE:** Played under head coach Sean Lewis at Colorado, recording 27 receptions for 249 yards and four touchdowns with Lewis' play calling.

**2023 Stats:**  
GP GS Rec. Yds. Avg. Long TD  
36 6 33 296 9.0 25 5

Spent 4 seasons at Colorado, appearing in 36 consecutive games over the last 3 years... Recorded 31 catches for 284 yards and five touchdowns in 2023... Holds the record for most TDs by a CU walk-on... Prepped at St. Ignatius College Prep in the Bay Area... Won a league title as a senior.

**ALSO:** No. 89 Logan Tanner (6-3, 235, So.)... CGP: 8, GS: 1

### RB

• SDSU has had three running backs finish in the top 10 of Heisman Trophy balloting (Marshall Faulk in 1991 (9th), 1992 (2nd) and 1993 (4th); Donnel Pumphrey in 2016 (10th) and Rashad Penny in 2017 (5th)).

#### RUNNING BACK

# 15 Marquez Cooper

5-8 • 200 • Sr.-TR CGP: 42; CGS: 41  
Gaithersburg, Md. (Quince Orchard High/Ball State)

**TOP NOTE:** Is the nation's active leader in rushing yards (3,856), rushing touchdowns (33) and all-purpose yards (4,472).

**2023 Stats:**  
GP GS Att. Yds. Avg. Long TD  
12 12 227 1,043 4.6 39 4

Named to the Maxwell Award Watch List for the second consecutive season as well as the Doak Walker Award Watch List... Was chosen as the offensive captain by his teammates... Played last season at Ball State and his first three collegiate seasons at Kent State under head coach Sean Lewis... Is a three-time all-MAC selection, earning first team honors in 2022 and second team honors in both 2021 and 2023... Has three consecutive seasons rushing for over 1,000 yards, including 1,080 and 1,331 while at Kent State in 2021 and 2022, respectively, and 1,043 last year at Ball State... Has 17 career 100-yard rushing games, including 13 at Kent State (five in 2022, seven in 2021 and one in 2020) and four at Ball State last year... Has a career-high of 240 yards in a single game set on Oct. 1, 2022 against Ohio... His 3,856 yards and 17 100-yard rushing games would rank third in SDSU history, his 33 rushing touchdowns would rank eighth and his 33 touchdowns overall would rank ninth... His rushing yards per game ranks in FBS over the last three seasons: 42nd in 2021 (86.1), 17th in 2022 (110.5) and 36th in 2023 (86.9)... A four year letterwinner at Quince Orchard High School... Finished his career as the Cougars' all-time leading rusher with over 4,500 career yards and 98 touchdowns... His 98 touchdowns are a Montgomery County record... Was the 2020 Offensive Player of the Year... Led Quince Orchard to the 2018 Class 4A state title.

**NOTE:** #23 Kenan Christon OUT due to injury.

**CAPTAIN**

### QB

• Only 3 true freshmen have started a game at QB in SDSU Division I history, none for an opener.

#### QUARTERBACK

# 5 Danny O'Neil

6-0 • 195 • Fr.-HS CGP: 0; CGS: 0  
Indianapolis, Ind. (Cathedral High)

**TOP NOTE:** First true freshman to be named starting quarterback in SDSU's Division I history (since 1969).

**2023 Stats:**  
GP GS Cmp. Att. Pct. Int. TD Yds. Rtg.  
11 11 182 288 63.2 9 9 1,842 120.98

Third true freshman QB to start a game for SDSU since 1969 - also Spencer Brinton (1997) and Nick Bowden (2014)... Threw for 7,786 yards and 98 touchdowns at Cathedral High... Also ran for 1,326 yards and 27 touchdowns... Consensus 3-star recruit & top 40 quarterback.

#### BACKUP /too-poo-aw-tah/

# 6 Javance Tupou'ata-Johnson

6-4 • 220 • Fr.-RS CGP: 0; CGS: 0  
Oakland, Calif. (Chaminade High)

Is on the depth chart for the first time of career... RS in 2023... Prepped at Chaminade College Prep... Threw for 1,679 yards and 15 TDs, and rushed for 803 yards and 13 TDs as a senior... 3-star recruit by 247sports.

#### BACKUP OR

# 10 AJ Duffy

6-2 • 220 • So.-TR CGP: 4; CGS: 0  
Inland Empire, Calif. (Rancho Verde High/Florida State)

Returns to his home state after two years at Florida State... Played in 4 games, completing 2 passes for 26 yards and a TD... Prepped at IMG Academy as a senior... Consensus 4-star prospect... No. 3 ranked QB by ESPN.

### WR

• SDSU only returns 14 starts from last season's receivers (Shaw 7, Brooks 4, Wesley 3).  
• Among the room, they own seven 100-yard receiving games (Poke 2, Shaw 2, Bennett 1, Brooks 1, Brown 1).  
• SDSU has not had a 1,000-yard receiver since Ezell Ruffin had 1,136 receiving yards in 2013.

#### WR (1) /muh-kye/

# 83 Mekhi Shaw

5-11 • 190 • Sr.-3L CGP: 34; CGS: 13  
San Diego, Calif. (Scripps Ranch High)

**TOP NOTE:** Former walk-on at CU, moved to WR in spring of 2021 and earned a scholarship on Nov. 21, 2022.

**2023 Stats:**  
GP GS Rec. Yds. Avg. Long TD  
4 1 0 1 766 12.5 69 5

Good route-runner and versatile positionally... Has 2 100-yard receiving games in his career... 2022: 12 rec., 166 yds., 2021: 5 rec., 61 yds., 2020: DNP, 2019: RS... Oldest brother, Elhoun, played in NFL (AZ & NYG).

#### BACKUP (1)

# 85 Jerry McClure

6-1 • 200 • Fr.-RS-TR CGP: 2; CGS: 0  
Coronado, Calif. (Mater Dei High/UCLA)

Began career at UCLA, redshirting in 2023... Prepped at Mater Dei... Won back-to-back Division 2-AA state titles in 2021-22... In 20 games, recorded 98 catches, 1,964 yards and 22 TDs... 3-star recruit by 247 and Rivals.

#### WR (2)

# 19 Jordan Napier

6-2 • 200 • Fr.-RS CGP: 4; CGS: 0  
Fontana, Calif. (Jurupa Hills High)

**TOP NOTE:** Made his collegiate debut.

**2023 Stats:**  
GP GS Rec. Yds. Avg. Long TD  
1 0 0 1 -2.0 -2 0

Will play a role in the return game... Utilized redshirt season in 2023... Played four games and made his first career catch against Fresno State... Prepped at nearby Jurupa Hills HS... Consensus 3-star recruit.

#### BACKUP (1) OR

# 11 Nate Bennett

6-3 • 200 • Sr.-TR CGP: 33; CGS: 31  
Simi Valley, Calif. (Grace Brethren High/Portland State)

Played four years at Portland State... Totaled 110 catches for 1,291 yards and 4 TDs... Appeared on Jerry Rice Award Watch List in 2021... Prepped at Grace Brethren High School... First team all-league and all-state as a sr.

#### WR (3)

# 3 Ja'Shaun Poke

5-10 • 185 • Sr.-TR CGP: 37; CGS: 17  
Hampton, Ga. (Dutchtown High/West Virginia)

**TOP NOTE:** Played for Coach Lewis for three seasons at Kent State, recording 83 catches for 1,044 yards and five touchdowns.

**2023 Stats:**  
GP GS Rec. Yds. Avg. Long TD  
1 0 0 2 11 5.5 11 0

Played four seasons at Kent State (2019-22) and one at West Virginia (2023)... Played just one game at WVU, battling injury... Prepped at Dutchtown High School... A 3-star recruit as a CB... Won a state title in the 400m.

#### BACKUP (3)

# 81 Mikey Welsh

5-9 • 170 • So.-SQ CGP: 8; CGS: 0  
Servite, Calif. (Servite High)

Had a tremendous fall camp, earning a spot on the depth chart for the first time in his career... Played on the practice squad in 2022- and 2023... Prepped at Servite High School... Earned first team all-league as a senior.

#### WR (4)

# 4 Louis Brown IV

6-2 • 195 • Jr.-TR CGP: 22; CGS: 9  
South LA, Calif. (Inglewood High/Colorado State)

**TOP NOTE:** Recorded his first career 100-yard receiving game against head coach Sean Lewis in 2023 with 131 yards on 10 catches and a TD.

**2023 Stats:**  
GP GS Rec. Yds. Avg. Long TD  
12 7 47 481 10.2 46 5

Played two seasons at Colorado State... Totaled 59 catches for 579 yards and five touchdowns... 2023: 47 rec., 481 yds., 5 TD... 2022: 12 rec., 98 yds... Prepped at Inglewood High School... 3-star recruit by 247sports.

#### BACKUP (4)

# 80 Baylin Brooks

6-02 • 200 • So.-1L CGP: 12; CGS: 4  
Pasadena, Calif. (Pasadena High)

Played all 12 games as a true freshman, including 4 starts... Became the first Aztec true freshman with at least 100 rec. yds. since 1994... Totaled 15 catches for 261 yds... Named league MVP as a senior at Pasadena High.

Positions in gold notes returning starter

Indicates player is on a national award watch list



**Eric Schmidt**  
DC/Linebackers Coach

- Is in first season at San Diego State
- Spent the last two seasons as the special teams coordinator and EDGE coach at Washington, which made the CFP Championship
- Also coached defensive line and was STC at Fresno State (2020-21).
- Also has stints at North Dakota (2006-07, 2014-19) & SIU (2010-13)



**Zac Barton**  
Assoc. HC/ST Coord.

- In first season at San Diego State
- Was special teams analyst last year at Kansas, where the Jayhawks ranked seventh in special teams (PFF)
- Worked alongside Coach Lewis as STC at Kent State
- Also has stops at Memphis, Winona St. & Heb.-Omaha

**FIELD EDGE**

**32 Marlem Louis**

6-3 • 255 • Sr.-TR CGP: 43; CGS: 27  
Venice, Fla. (Venice HS/Richmond)

**TOP NOTE:** Logged 16 sacks and 26 tackles for loss over his last two seasons at FCS school Richmond.

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
Joined the Aztecs as a grad transfer after spending five seasons at Richmond (2019-23)... Has a high motor... Was a team captain for the Spiders in 2023, who earned a share of the Coast Athletic Association title... Richmond made back-to-back FCS playoff appearances... Was a 2022 First-team all-CAA pick and a third-team selection in 2023... Accumulated 110 tackles for his career at Richmond, including 30 tackles for loss and 16 sacks, as well as seven forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries, and three pass breakups... Was a first-team all-area selection at Venice High School in Venice, Fla., as the 2017 squad captured a 7A state championship to close out a 14-1 season... Pursuing a masters in education counseling.

**NOSE TACKLE**

**90 Sam Benjamin**

6-5 • 285 • So.-TR CGP: 9; CGS: 0  
Oro Valley, Ariz. (Ironwood Ridge HS/ASU)

**TOP NOTE:** Has 18 career games played, including 10 at Arizona State in 2023 and eight at Idaho in 2022.

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
Joined SDSU in the summer after previous stints at Arizona State (10 games played in 2023) and Idaho State (eight games in 2022)... Has 20 career tackles across two levels of collegiate football, including 2.5 tackles for loss and 0.5 sacks, and three pass breakups... Had six tackles in 10 games for Arizona State last season... Played eight games at Idaho State in 2022, accumulating 14 tackles, 0.5 sacks and three pass breakups... Prepated at Ironwood Ridge High School in Tucson, Ariz... Is majoring in leadership studies at San Diego State.

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE**

**40 Krishna Clay**

6-2 • 280 • So.-TR CGP: 0; CGS: 0  
Yacaville, Calif. (Wood HS/College of San Mateo)

**TOP NOTE:** Saturday will be his first career Division I game.

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
Enters the season having never played a snap of Division I football... Began his collegiate career at College of San Mateo in 2023... Played one season with the Bulldogs, appearing in nine games and totaling 19 tackles... Also logged eight tackles for loss for 37 yards and four sacks for 32 yards, and chipped in with two pass breakups... Prepated at Wood High School in Yacaville, Calif... Is majoring in business administration with an emphasis in management.

**RUSH EDGE**

**47 Trey White**

6-2 • 245 • So.-IL CGP: 15; CGS: 1  
San Diego, Calif. (Eastlake HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Along with teammate Tano Letuli, is the first Aztec underclassman to be named a team captain since 2005.

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
Has been named a team captain has chosen by his teammates... Made the move from linebacker to defensive end late in the 2023 season, and is now playing defensive edge... Played in all 12 games in 2023 with his first career start coming in the series finale vs. Fresno State on Nov. 25... Recorded an interception, 15 tackles (nine solo) and a fumble recovery... Played in three games in 2022, being named SDSU's special teams scout team player of the year... Was a three-time first-team all-league selection at nearby Eastlake High in Orla Vista... Was the Spring 2021 Mesa League Defensive Player of the Year.

**BACKUP**

**96 Ryan Henderson**

6-3 • 255 • So.-IL CGP: 9; CGS: 0  
Las Vegas, Nev. (Goodyear HS)

Is coming off a solid fall camp... Continues to improve... Had eight tackles in nine games last year as a redshirt freshman... Redshirted in 2022 (DNP)... Was an all-state selection at Canyon Springs High in Las Vegas, the same high school as former Aztec All-American RB Dannel Pumphrey.

**BACKUP**

**94 Teivis Tuioti** /tay-vis/  
/too-eh-oh-tee/

6-4 • 290 • Jr.-TR CGP: 15; CGS: 0  
Laei, Hawaii (Southeast HS (Nev.)/Colorado State)

Versatile big body who has played at both defensive line and offensive line in college... Has stints at Colorado State (15 tackles in 2022 and 10 games at offensive line in 2023) and Nevada (two tackles in five games in 2021 (redshirted 2020)... Working on a masters in liberal arts.

**BACKUP**

**99 Tupu Alualu** /too-poo/  
/ah-loo-ah-loo/

6-1 • 280 • Sr.-IL CGP: 12; CGS: 12  
Honolulu, Hawaii (Moanalua HS/Mt. SAC)

Polynesian College Football PolyWatch List... Started all 12 games at DT in 2023, making 28 tackles, inc. 4 TFL & 3 sacks... Played at Mt. SAC in 2021 w/ 46 tackles & 5.5 sacks... Also played at New Mexico Military Institute in 2019, w/ 27 tackles & a FR... Prepated at Moanalua High School.

**BACKUP**

**30 Dominic Oliver**

6-3 • 250 • Jr.-2L CGP: 22; CGS: 0  
San Jose, Calif. (Valley Christian HS)

Made the move to defensive end from linebacker midway through the 2022 season... Has three tackles and a sack in 22 career games over last two years... Redshirted 2021 working with the linebackers... Was a three-star recruit out of Valley Christian High School in San Jose, Calif.

**LINEBACKER (SAM)**

**21 Tano Letuli** /tan-no/  
/tool-ee/

6-2 • 240 • So.-TR CGP: 11; CGS: 0  
San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic HS/Army)

**TOP NOTE:** Along with teammate Trey White, is the first Aztec underclassman to be named a team captain since 2005.

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
Came to SDSU after one season at Army West Point... Logged 12 tackles in 11 games for the Black Knights as a true freshman in 2023, one of just a few freshman defensive players to make Army's opening-day travel squad... Played running back and safety for nearby Cathedral Catholic HS from 2019-21 before moving onto Army Prep in 2022.

**LINEBACKER (WILL)**

**5 Owen Chambliss**

6-3 • 230 • Fr.-RS CGP: 4; CGS: 0  
Corona, Calif. (Centennial HS/Utah)

**TOP NOTE:** Is expected to earn his first career start on Saturday with just four career games to his credit.

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
Hard-hitting, highly-recruited linebacker... Came to SDSU after playing four games as a true freshman at Utah in 2023 with one special teams tackle... Three-star recruit out of Centennial HS... Named first team all-CIF league MVP first team all-section and second team LA Times as a senior... Majoring in business administration with a focus in real estate.

**KICKER**

**46 Gabriel Plascencia**

6-0 • 230 • Jr.-RS CGP: 4; CGS: 2  
Oakland, CA (Bishop O'Dowd HS/Coll. of San Mateo)

**TOP NOTE:** Is 4-for-4 for his career in field goal attempts with a long of 46 yards.

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
A hard worker that showed consistency in practice as the backup kicker last year before moving into the starting field goal role, ultimately sitting out the final game to save his redshirt season... Was a perfect 4-of-4 in field goals with a long of 46 yards... Also kicked off 16 times for 992 yards (62.0 average) in four games... Kicked at College of San Mateo from 2021-22, going 14-for-21 on field goals and 57-of-58 on PATs... Had a career long of 51 yards... Starred on soccer team at Bishop O'Dowd High School and also kicked on football team... Is majoring in communications with a focus in liberal arts.

**PUNTER**

**13 Tyler Pastula**

6-3 • 200 • Sr.-TR CGP: 43; CGS: 43  
Easton, Pa. (Easton Area HS/UAlbany)

**TOP NOTE:** Punted for UAlbany team that advanced to the FCS semifinal game.

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
Has four years of collegiate experience, including two at UAlbany (2022-23) and two at Delaware (2021-22)... Helped UAlbany to a FCS semifinal appearance last year en route to being named an all-CAA second-team special teams selection... Was a first-team all-CAA punter at Delaware... For his FCS career, has punted 201 times for 8,461 yards (42.1 avg)... Has 63 career punts inside the 20-yard line and 35 of at least 50 yards with a long of 73... Prepated at Easton High School in Easton, Pa., averaging 40 yards per punt for his career... Is pursuing a masters in educational counseling.

**BACKUP**

**44 Kyle Moretti**

6-2 • 240 • Sr.-TR CGP: 34; CGS: 22  
Arvada, Colo. (Pomona HS/Central Michigan)

Comes to The Mesa after 3 seasons at CMU (2021-23)... Two-time all-MAC third team (2022-23)... Career: 207 tackles, 16.5 TFL, 6 sacks, 7 PBU, 1 FF & 1 FR in just 34 GP... Brother, Jake, played football at Colorado.

**BACKUP**

**58 Cody Moon**

6-3 • 210 • Sr.-IL CGP: 36; CGS: 14  
Albuquerque, N.M. (Volcano Vista HS/New Mexico)

Was on Nagurski Watch List (best def. player) in first year at SDSU... Career: 215 tackles, 12 TFL, 5 sacks, 7 PBU, 1 FF, 2 FR & 1 INT... HM all-WAC at UNM in 2022 w/ 105 tackles, 9.5 TFL & 4.5 sacks... Former walk-on.

**KICKOFFS (KO)**

46 Gabriel Plascencia, 6-0, 230, Jr.	4	2
20 Nick Lopez, 6-1, 195, Sr.-TR	6	0

**HOLDER (H)**

13 Tyler Pastula, 6-3, 220, Sr.-TR	43	43
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**LONG SNAPPER (LS)**

50 Ryan Wintermeyer, 6-1, 220, Sr.-TR	GP	GS
64 Tyson Chavez, 6-2, 235, Jr.	39	39

**KICKOFF RETURNS (KOR)**

3 JayShawn Poole, 5-10, 185, Sr.-TR	36	35
or 7 Lucky Sutton, 6-1, 210, So.-SO	6	0
or 12 Jordan Napier, 6-2, 200, Fr.-RS	4	0

**PUNT RETURNS (PR)**

19 Jordan Napier, 6-2, 200, Fr.-RS	4	0
or 83 Mekhi Shaw, 5-10, 190, Jr.-TR	35	10
or 81 Mikay Welsh, 5-9, 170, So.-	8	0

**CORNERBACK**

**1 Chris Johnson**

6-0 • 185 • Jr.-2L CGP: 24; CGS: 0  
Eastvale, Calif. (Eleanor Roosevelt HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Is expected to earn his first career start Saturday vs. Texas A&M-Commerce.

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
Athletic cornerback who has taken a leap after a strong spring and fall... Is expected to start for first time Saturday vs. Texas A&M-Commerce in 25th career game... Career: 36 tackles, 1 INT... Has 27 tackles for loss in 15 games played (had nine over his first career 15 games)... Was named SDSU's outstanding freshman award (defense) in 2022... Had six tackles in 12 games, playing 72 defensive snaps overall... Was a first-team all-league selection at Eleanor Roosevelt High School as a senior, excelling as a CB, WR, KR, PR and P... Is majoring in business administration with an emphasis in finance.

**FREE SAFETY**

**6 Eric Butler**

6-1 • 190 • Jr.-2L CGP: 23; CGS: 0  
Corona, Calif. (Centennial High)

**TOP NOTE:** Prepated with fellow Aztec Owen Chambliss at Centennial High in Corona, California.

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
A fantastic athlete... Continues to get better... One of the best special teams players... Had 21 tackles, 2.5 TFL & a sack in 2023... Tied for second-most blocked punts in SDSU single-season history (2)... Mainly played on special teams in 2022 with 7 tackles (three solo) as a true freshman... Logged 30 defensive snaps overall... Played in the final 12 games... Prepated at Centennial High School in Corona, Calif... Led the Huskies to the state semi's... Centennial HS ranked 3rd in the state... Is majoring in social science.

**STUD**

**17 Deshawn McCuin**

6-0 • 200 • Sr.-IL CGP: 33; CGS: 3  
Jacksonville, TX (Jacksonville HS/TCU)

**TOP NOTE:** Played for national runner-up TCU in 2022 before joining the Aztecs in the spring of 2023.

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
Has incredible speed... Is moving to the 'Stud' position after playing more of a free safety position last year... Logged time in eight games last year in first season at SDSU with two starts, making 14 tackles (9 solo), 1.5 TFL and an interception (70 yds for a TD)... Had 18 tackles in his three-plus-year career at TCU... Played 25 games (one start) with the Horned Frogs, the 2022 CFP National Championship game... Rated as the No. 86 safety in the nation and No. 131 overall player in Texas coming out of high school... Was listed as a three-star recruit by 247Sports.

**ROVER**

**9 Dalesean Staley**

6-1 • 190 • So.-TR CGP: 14; CGS: 11  
Kansas City, Mo. (Blue Springs HS/No. Iowa)

**TOP NOTE:** Was a FCS Freshman All-American last season while at Northern Iowa.

**Notes: Current; Career; Personal**  
Joined the Aztecs for spring ball after spending two seasons at Northern Iowa... Recorded 70 tackles, eight pass breakups and three interceptions last year in 11 games en route to being named a Freshman All-American selection... Played in three games as a true freshman in 2022, making three solo stops... Prepated at Blue Springs High School in Kansas City, Mo., earning first-team all-district and second-team all-conference honors as a senior when he had 72 tackles, three interceptions and two forced fumbles... Also played basketball and competed in track & field... Is majoring in social science.

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**BACKUP**

**16 Jelani Whitmore**

6-1 • 185 • Jr.-IL CGP: 12; CGS: 0  
Rialto, Calif. (Carter HS)

Moved back to cornerback in 2023 fall camp after spending 2022 trying out wide receiver... In 12 games for career, all on special teams... Played in the 2022 Hawai'i Bowl vs. Middle Tennessee State for first collegiate appearance... DNP in 2021... RS in 2020... Played both sides at Carter High... Also ran track & field.

**BACKUP**

**7 William Nimmo Jr.**

6-1 • 205 • Sr.-TR CGP: 36; CGS: 1  
Corona, Calif. (Mater Dei HS/UCLA)

Comes to SDSU after five years at UCLA (2019-23)... Played 35 games in his Bruin career, totaling 37 tackles... In his final two seasons, played 25 games with 31 tackles... Prepated at powerhouse Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, Calif... Mater Dei was the high school national champions in 2017 and 2018, according to USA Today... Working on masters in education counseling.

**BACKUP**

**24 Josh Hunter**

5-9 • 180 • So.-IL CGP: 13; CGS: 5  
Temecula, Calif. (Mater Dei High)

An excellent tackler... Started final 5 games last season... Had 38 tackles in 10 games, including 15 at CSU (11/11), matching the most by an Aztec since the 2017 Armed Forces Bowl... RS in 2022 despite playing 13 games on ST... Helped Mater Dei HS to 2 CIF open championships, 2 state titles & 3 league championships, where it was a combined 43-2 (.956)... Father, Brian, spent 9 years in MLB.

**BACKUP**

**11 JD Coffey III**

6-0 • 195 • Sr.-IL CGP: 22; CGS: 1  
Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale HS/Texas)

Transfer from Texas who joined the Aztecs for the 2023 spring season... Had 12 tackles & a PBU in 10 games last year, earning his 1st career start vs. Utah State on Nov. 4... Had 6 tackles in 6 games in 2022 & 5 in 6 games in 2021 as a true freshman... Picked Texas out of high school out of numerous offers, including eight P5 programs.

**BACKUP**

**10 Bennett Walker**

6-0 • 190 • Sr.-TR CGP: 13; CGS: 11  
San Diego, Calif. (Patrick Henry HS/EMU)

Is back in San Diego after a season at Eastern Michigan in 2023... Logged 23 tackles, five pass breakups and three interceptions in 13 games for EMU... Played two seasons at nearby San Diego Mesa College, earning second-team all-Southern honors in 2022... Had 23 tackles and an interception at SDMC... Prepated at nearby Patrick Henry High School... Is majoring in economics.