

San Diego State Aztecs

2024 Record: 1-0, 0-0 Mountain West
12 Bowl Game Appearances in last 14 Seasons (Bowl Eligible in 13)
Three-time Mountain West champions (2012, 2015 and 2016)



Sean Lewis

Head Coach, 1st season

- First season as SDSU head coach; sixth overall (25-31 overall record)
- 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.

O-LINE NOTES

- The offensive line returns 30 of 60 starts from 2023.
- Williams has 28 of proj. starting o-line's 58 FBS starts.
- Aztec nat'l 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 57-2 the last 59 times the Aztecs have rushed for at least 200 yards.

LEFT TACKLE

70 Christian Jones

6-9 • 315 • Jr.-2L CGP: 26; CGS: 7
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

57 Saipale Fuimaono

6-4 • 310 • Jr.-TR CGP: 1; CGS: 0
Aiea, American Samoa (Fagaitua High/Alun Hanok College)

Made his first FBS appearance against A&M-Commerce... Began his career at Allan Hancock College (2022-23)... Prepped at Fagaitua High.

NOTE: #78 Joseph Borjon OUT due to injury.

LEFT GUARD /murr-ow/

53 Myles Murao

6-3 • 305 • Jr.-1L CGP: 11; CGS: 6
Torrance, Calif. (Mater Dei High/Washington)

TOP NOTE: Graded as the top returning offensive lineman from last season by Pro Football Focus.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Polynesian College FB Pa'Yi Watch List... Athletic, versatile lineman who can play anywhere on the line... Started 6 games last year, missed 6 to injury... Spent first three collegiate seasons at Washington, playing in four games... Prepped at powerhouse Mater Dei... Rated No. 8 player in California by ESPN... 2020 Polynesian Bowl & All-American Bowl selection.

BACKUP

76 Dean Abdullah

6-4 • 290 • Sr.-2L CGP: 18; CGS: 10
Antelope, CA (Antelope HS/American River College)

Versatile lineman... 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.

CENTER

55 Brayden Bryant

6-2 • 305 • Sr.-TR CGP: 15; CGS: 11
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
High motor with a fringy attitude... Started his first career game at center in the season opener... Named MWFC All-Newcomer Team in 2022... Limited to four games last season... Appeared in all 11 games in 2022 for North Dakota, including starts in the final 10 contests... 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: 3; CGS: 0
San Francisco, Calif. (Junipero Serra High)

Made collegiate debut against A&M-Commerce... Utilized redshirt season in 2023, his first year with the Aztecs... Prepped at Junipero Serra High in San Mateo, Calif... 3-star recruit by 247sports and ESPN.

RIGHT GUARD /oo-loo-gaw-loo/moss-ay-oolee/

63 Ross Ulugalu-Maseuli

6-4 • 320 • Jr.-2L CGP: 20; CGS: 17
San Diego, Calif. (Mater Dei High)

TOP NOTE: Has played both center and guard for San Diego State, one of three returning offensive linemen.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Polynesian College FB Pa'Yi Watch List for the second cons. year... Adapted to the new offense quickly in fall camp... Started the first nine games at center last season and was one of two Aztecs to play all 589 offensive snaps in that span... 6 starts in 2022 (5 at RG & 1 at LG)... Played last 2 games of 2021... Prepped at power Mater Dei in spring 2021... Also went to JSerra Catholic & Cathedral Catholic.

BACKUP

76 Dean Abdullah

6-4 • 290 • Sr.-2L CGP: 18; CGS: 10
Antelope, CA (Antelope HS/American River College)

Versatile lineman... 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: 35; CGS: 28
Utica, Ohio (Newark Catholic High/Akron)

TOP NOTE: His 28 career FBS starts is second-most on the Aztecs roster, third-most at the Division I level.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Solid and most consistent lineman... Has started 25 consecutive games... Started 27 games across his four years at the University of Akron... 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: 1; CGS: 0
Sutter Creek, Calif. (Amador High/Modesto JC)

Made his first FBS appearance against A&M-Commerce... Played two seasons at Modesto Junior College... Helped his team to back-to-back conference championships... 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: 34; CGS: 1
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.

2024 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1	1	3	14	4.7	6	0

Made first career start against A&M-Commerce... Recorded 3 catches for 14 yards in his Aztec debut... 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.

TIGHT END OR

87 Michael Harrison

6-6 3/4 • 220 • Sr.-TR CGP: 37; 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.

2024 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1	0	3	22	7.3	9	0

Has played 37 cons. games... Made 3 catches for 22 yards and rushed in a 2-pt conversion in the season opener... Spent 4 seasons at Colorado... Had 31 catches, 284 yards and 5 TDs in 2023... Holds the record for most TDs by a CI walk-on... Prepped at St. Ignatius College Prep in the Bay Area.

ALSO: No. 88 Gabbe Garretson (6-4, 240, So.)... CFP: 1; CFS: 0

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); Donnell Pumphrey in 2016 (10th) and Rashad Penny in 2017 (5th)).

RUNNING BACK

15 Marquez Cooper

5-8 • 200 • Sr.-TR CGP: 43; CGS: 42
Gaithersburg, Md. (Quince Orchard High/Ball State)

TOP NOTE: Is the nation's active leader in rushing yards (4,079) and all-purpose yards (4,705), and tied for the most rushing touchdowns (35).

2024 Stats:

GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1	1	27	223	8.3	47	2

Named to the Maxwell Award Watch List for the second cons. season and the Doak Walker Award Watch List... Was chosen as the offensive captain by his teammates... Ranks second in FBS in rushing yards (223, 2nd in MW) and rushing yards per game (22.3, 2nd in MW), tied for third in rushing attempts per game (27.0, 1st in MW), tied for fifth in rushing attempts (27, 2nd in MW), tied for sixth in total all-purpose plays (30, 2nd in MW), tied for 10th in rushing touchdowns (2, T-3rd in MW), 17th in rushing yards per carry (8.26, 3rd in MW) and tied for 27th in points per game (12.0, T-2nd in MW)... Ran 27 times for 223 yards and 2 TDs in his Aztec debut... Also had 3 catches for 10 yards... The 223 rushing yards was the first 200-yard game by an Aztec since Rashad Penny had 221 in the 2017 Armed Forces Bowl, the second most yards in a season opener (David Turner, 239, 1976) and a Snapdragon Stadium record... 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... Has 3 cons. seasons rushing for over 1,000 yards... Has 18 career 100-yard rushing games, including one this season... Owns a career-high of 40 carries and 240 yards in a single game set on Oct. 1, 2022 against Ohio... Also has a career-best 3 touchdown game vs. Akron on Nov. 17, 2020... His 4,079 yards and 18 100-yard rushing games would rank third in SDSU history... 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.

BACKUP

7 Lucky Sutton

6-1 • 212 • So.-SQ CGP: 7; CGS: 0
San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic High)

Highly recruited local product... Played five games in 2023, rushing for 157 yards on 30 carries... Scored two touchdowns, the first two of his career, at Hawaii last year... Starred at nearby Cathedral Catholic High School, leading the Dons to a state title... A 3-star recruit by 247sports.

BACKUP

29 Cam Davis

5-9 • 180 • Jr.-2L CGP: 26; CGS: 0
Dallas, Texas (South Oak Cliff High)

Has a quick first step and can find the holes... 2023: 52 att., 225 yds., 16 rec., 53 yds... 2022: 46 att., 151 yds. & a TD... Played two games on special teams in 2021... Ran for 2,932 yds and 35 TDs at South Oak Cliff HS in Dallas.

BACKUP

2 Jaylon Armstead

5-11 • 222 • Sr.-3L CGP: 32; CGS: 4
Los Angeles, Calif. (Serra High)

Big bruising back... Had 5 carries for 9 yards in the season opener... 2023: 103 attempts, 448 yards, team-leading 8 TDs... 2022: 52 attempts, 313 yards, 2 TDs... 2021: 24 attempts, 75 yards... Prepped at Serra High School... 3-star recruit by Rivals and 247sports... Also ran track.

BACKUP

5 Danny O'Neil

6-0 • 195 • Fr.-HS CGP: 1; CGS: 1
Indianapolis, Ind. (Cathedral High)

TOP NOTE: First freshman to start a game at quarterback in SDSU's Division I history (since 1969).

2024 Stats:

GP	GS	Comp.	Att.	Pct.	Int.	TD	Yds.	Rtg.
1	1	22	33	66.7	0	2	214	141.14

3rd true freshman QB to start for SDSU since 1969 - also Spencer Brinton (1977) and Nick Bowden (2014)... 1-of-2 true freshman starting QBs in FBS this season... Went 22-for-33 for 214 yards and 2 TDs in his collegiate debut... Was 11-for-12 for 130 yards and 2 TDs in 2023... 7th pass efficiency rating in the second half... Threw for 7,786 yds and 98 TDs at Cathedral High... Also ran for 1,326 yds and 27 TDs... Consensus 3-star recruit.

BACKUP

6 Javance Tupou'ata-Johnson

6-4 • 220 • Fr.-RS CGP: 1; CGS: 0
Oakland, Calif. (Chaminade High)

Is on the depth chart for the first time of career... Made collegiate debut against A&M-Commerce... Ran for 7 yards in the closing minutes... RS in 2023... Prepped at Chaminade College Prep... 3-star recruit by 247sports.

BACKUP

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 playing 4 games in 2 years at Florida State.

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: 35; CGS: 13
San Diego, Calif. (Scripps Ranch High)

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

2024 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0

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, Elijah, 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: 5; CGS: 1
Fontana, Calif. (Jurupa Hills High)

TOP NOTE: Made his first career start against A&M-Commerce, recording career-highs in receptions (3), yards (40) and touchdowns (1).

2024 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1	0	3	40	13.3	29	1

Made first career start against A&M-Commerce... Had 3 catches for 40 yards and his career touchdown... Played 4 games, utilizing his redshirt season in 2023... Prepped at Jurupa Hills HS... Consensus 3-star recruit.

BACKUP (1)

11 Nate Bennett

6-3 • 200 • Sr.-TR CGP: 34; CGS: 32
Simi Valley, Calif. (Grace Brethren High/Portland State)

Started the season opener; did not record a catch... Played 4 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.

WR (3)

3 Ja'Shaun Poke

5-10 • 185 • Sr.-TR CGP: 38; CGS: 18
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.

2024 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1	1	6	30	5.0	9	0

Had 6 catches for 30 yards in his first career SDSU start... Played four seasons at Kent State (2019-22) and one at West Virginia (2023)... Prepped at Dutchtown High School... A 3-star recruit as a CB.

BACKUP (3)

81 Mikey Welsh

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

Had a tremendous fall camp, earning a spot on the depth chart for the first time in his career... Was the starting punt returner in the season opener... Played on the practice squad in 2022 and 2023... Prepped at Serrite High.

WR (4)

4 Louis Brown IV

6-2 • 195 • Jr.-TR CGP: 23; CGS: 10
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.

2024 Stats:

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
1	1	3	91	30.3	44	1

Recorded 3 catches 91 yards and a touchdown, starting the season opener... Played 2 seasons at Colorado State... Totaled 59 catches for 579 yards and 5 TDs... Prepped at Inglewood High School... 3-star recruit by 247sports.

BACKUP (4)


80 Baylin Brooks

6-02 • 200 • So.-1L CGP: 13; CGS: 4
Pasadena, Calif. (Pasadena High)

Made 1 catch for 7 yds in the season opener... Played 12 games as a true freshman... Became the first Aztec true freshman with at least 100 rec. yds. since 1994... Totaled 15 catches for 261 yds... Prepped 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, Wirona St. & Heb.-Omaha

FIELD EDGE

32 Marlem Louis
6-3 • 255 • Sr.-TR CCGP: 44; CGS: 27
Venice, Fla. (Venice HS/Richmond)

TOP NOTE: Logged 16 sacks and 26 tackles for loss over his previous 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... Had a sack off the bench in the opener... 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 & a third-team selection in 2023... Accumulated 110 tackles for his career at Richmond, including 30 TFL & 16 sacks, as well as 7 FF, 3 FR & 3 PBuss... Was a first-team all-area selection at Venice HS 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 CCGP: 19; CGS: 1
Oro Valley, Ariz. (Ironwood Ridge HS/ASU)

TOP NOTE: Has 19 career games played, including 10 at Arizona State in 2023, eight at Idaho in 2022 and one at San Diego State in 2023.

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)... Started the opener vs. Texas A&M-Commerce... 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... Prepped 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 CCGP: 1; CGS: 1
Yacaville, Calif. (Wood HS/College of San Mateo)

TOP NOTE: Earned a start in his first career Division I game last Saturday against Texas A&M-Commerce.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Entered the season having never played a snap of Division I football... Made the start in the opener against Texas A&M-Commerce, recording two tackles, including a tackle for loss and 0.5 sacks, and recovered a fumble... Began his collegiate career at College of San Mateo in 2023... Entered 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... Prepped 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 CCGP: 16; CGS: 2
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... Had five tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, 0.5 sacks and a forced fumble that led to a defensive touchdown in the opener vs. Texas A&M-Commerce... 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 Chula Vista... Was the Spring 2021 Mesa League Defensive Player of the Year.

BACKUP

96 Ryan Henderson
6-3 • 255 • So.-IL CCGP: 10; CGS: 0
Las Vegas, Nev. (Goodyear HS)

Is coming off a solid fall camp... Had a sack in opener... 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 Daniel Humphrey.

ALSO: No. 93 Brady Nassar (6-5, 265, So.)... CCGP: 11; GS: 1

BACKUP

94 Teivis Tuioti /tay-vis/
/too-ehh-oh-tee/
6-4 • 290 • Jr.-TR CCGP: 16; CGS: 1
Laei, Hawaii (Southeast HS (Nev.)/Colorado State)

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

ALSO: No. 97 Darrion Dalton (6-3, 275, Jr.)... CCGP: 12; GS: 0

BACKUP

99 Tupu Alualu /too-poo/
/ah-loo-ah-loo/
6-1 • 280 • Sr.-IL CCGP: 13; 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 & 1 FR... Prepped at Moanalua High School.

ALSO: No. 91 Keaton Mitchell (6-4, 275, Jr.)... CCGP: 13; GS: 0

BACKUP

30 Dominic Oliver
6-3 • 250 • Jr.-2L CCGP: 23; 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 two years... Redshirted 2021 working with the linebackers... Was a three-star recruit out of Valley Christian High School in San Jose, Calif.

ALSO: No. 31 Jared Badie (6-3, 230, So.)... CCGP: 6; GS: 0

LINEBACKER (SAM)

21 Tano Letuli /tan-no/
/too-lee/
6-2 • 240 • So.-TR CCGP: 12; CGS: 1
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... FR in end zone, 7 tackles vs. TAMUC... Logged 12 tackles in 11 games for the Black Knights as a true freshman in 2023, one of just a few freshmen defensive players to make opening-day travel squad... Played RB & S 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 CCGP: 5; CGS: 1
Corona, Calif. (Centennial HS/Utah)

TOP NOTE: Earned first career start last Saturday vs. Texas A&M-Commerce in just his fifth career game played.

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 CCGP: 5; CGS: 3
Oakland, CA (Bishop O'Dowd HS/Coll. of San Mateo)

TOP NOTE: Is 5-for-6 for his career in field goal play attempts with a long of 50 yards (2024 opener vs. TAMUC).

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
A hard worker who showed consistency in practice as the backup kicker last year before moving into the starting kicker role, ultimately sitting out the final game to save his redshirt season... Was 1-for-2 with a 50-yarder in opener vs. TAMUC... Was a perfect 4-of-4 in FGs with a long of 46 yards... Also kicked off 16 times for a 62.0 avg... Kicked at College of San Mateo from 2021-22, going 14-for-21 on FGs & 57-of-58 on PATs... Had a career long of 51 yards... Starred on soccer team at Bishop O'Dowd HS & also kicked on football team... Is majoring in communications with a focus in liberal arts.

BACKUP: #20 Nick Lopez, 6-1, 195, Sr.-TR

PUNTER

13 Tyler Pastula
6-3 • 200 • Sr.-TR CCGP: 44; CGS: 44
Easton, Pa. (Easton Area HS/UMaryland)

TOP NOTE: Punted for UMaryland team that advanced to the 2023 FCS semifinal game.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Has four years of collegiate experience, including two at UMaryland (2022-23) and two at Delaware (2021-22)... Helped UMaryland 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.)... Had 63 career punts inside the 20-yard line and 35 of at least 50 yards with a long of 73... Prepped at Easton High School in Easton, Pa., averaging 40 yards per punt for his career... Is pursuing a masters in educational counseling.

BACKUP: #39 Emil Herranen, 6-4, 195, Jr.-TR

OR

44 Kyle Moretti
6-2 • 240 • Sr.-TR CCGP: 35; CGS: 22
Arvada, Colo. (Pomona HS/Central Michigan)

Comes to The Mesa after 3 seasons at CMU (2021-23)... Two-time all-MAC first team (2022-23)... Career: 210 tackles, 16.5 TFL, 6 sacks, 7 PBU, 1 FF & 1 FR in just 34 GP... Brother, Jake, played football at Colorado.

OR

58 Cody Moon
6-3 • 210 • Sr.-IL CCGP: 37; CGS: 14
Albuquerque, N.M. (Volcano Vista HS/New Mexico)

Was on 2023 Nagurski Watch List (best def. player) in 1st year at SDSU... Career: 217 tackles, 12 TFL, 5 sacks, 7 PBU... HM all-MW at UNM in 2022 w/ 105 tackles, 9.5 TFL & 4.5 sacks... Former walk-on.

KICKERS (KO)

46 Gabriel Plascencia, 6-0, 230, Jr.	5	3
20 Nick Lopez, 6-1, 195, Sr.-TR^	7	0

HOLDER (H)

13 Tyler Pastula, 6-3, 220, Sr.-TR^	44	44
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LONG SNAPPER (LS)

50 Ryan Wintermeyer, 6-1, 220, Sr.**	40	40
64 Tyson Chavez, 6-2, 235, Jr.	0	0

KICKER RETURNS (KOR)

3 JaiShawn Puka, 5-10, 185, Sr.-TR	37	36
or 7 Lucky Sutton, 6-1, 210, So.-SO	7	0
or 17 Jordan Napier, 6-2, 200, Fr.-KS	5	0

PUNT RETURNS (PR)

19 Jordan Napier, 6-2, 200, Fr.-KS	5	0
or 83 Mekhi Shaw, 5-10, 190, Jr.**	36	10
or 81 Mikay Welsh, 5-9, 170, So.*	3	0

BACKUP

56 DJ Herman
6-2 • 235 • Jr.-2L CCGP: 25; CGS: 0
Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman HS)

A special teams star who plays is expected to play on all four units (P, PR, KO, KR)... On depth chart for 1st time... Has 6 career tackles in 24 games... RS in 2021... Prepped at powerhouse Bishop Gorman HS in Las Vegas.

OR

42 Brady Anderson
6-2 • 230 • Jr.-2L CCGP: 25; CGS: 1
Bakersfield, Calif. (Liberty HS)

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CORNERBACK

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6-0 • 185 • Jr.-2L CCGP: 25; CGS: 1
Eastvale, Calif. (Eleanor Roosevelt HS)

TOP NOTE: Was named the team's defensive player of the game in his first career start in the opener vs. TAMUC.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Athletic cornerback who has taken a leap after a strong spring & fall... Started opener for 1st time in career, logging the top defensive grade (87.7) & pass coverage (89.6) among all MW CBs (87, 7 min, 20 snaps)... Career: 37 tackles, 1 INT, 1 FF... Has 28 tackles over his last 10 GP (had 9 over his 1st career 15 GP)... Was named SDSU's outstanding freshman (defense) in 2022... Had 6 tackles in 12 games, playing 72 defensive snaps overall... Was a 1st-team all-league selection at Eleanor Roosevelt HS as a senior, excelling as a CB, WR, KR, PR & P... Is majoring in business administration with an emphasis in finance.

FREE SAFETY

6 Eric Butler
6-1 • 190 • Jr.-2L CCGP: 24; CGS: 1
Corona, Calif. (Centennial High)

TOP NOTE: Prepped 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 team's best special teams players... Team-high seven tackles (all solo) in first career start in opener... Had 21 tackles, 2.5 TFL & a sack in 2023... Ined 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... Prepped 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 McQuin
6-0 • 200 • Sr.-IL CCGP: 34; 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... Had 3 tackles & a PBU in 20 snaps in the opener... Logged time in 8 games last year in 1st season at SDSU with 2 starts, making 14 tackles (9 solo), 1.5 TFL & an interception (7 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 CCGP: 15; CGS: 12
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... Had 3 stops in 1st FBS start vs. TAMUC... Recorded 70 tackles, eight PBUs & three interceptions last year en route to being named a freshman All-America selection... Played in three games as a true freshman in 2022, making three solo stops... Prepped at Blue Springs HS 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.

BACKUP

16 Jelani Whitmore
6-1 • 185 • Jr.-IL CCGP: 15; CGS: 0
Rialto, Calif. (Carter HS)

Moved back to cornerback in 2023 fall camp after spending 2022 trying out wide receiver... Logged four starting snaps vs. TAMUC... Played in 12 games for Carter, almost all on special teams... Played in the 2022 Hawaii 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 Jr. Nimmo Jr.
6-1 • 205 • Sr.-TR CCGP: 36; CGS: 1
Corona, Calif. (Mater Dei HS/UCLA)

Comes to SDSU after five years at UCLA (2019-23)... Made 2 stops in opener... Played 35 games in his Bruin career, totaling 37 tackles... In his final 2 seasons, played 25 games with 31 tackles... Prepped at powerhouse Mater Dei HS in Santa Ana, Calif... Mater Dei was the high school national champions in 2017 & 2018, according to USA Today... Working on masters in education counseling.

BACKUP

24 Josh Hunter
5-9 • 180 • So.-IL CCGP: 14; CGS: 5
Temecula, Calif. (Mater Dei High)

An excellent tackler... Made 5 solo stops in opener... Started 12 games 5 times last year... Had 38 tackles in 10 games, including 15 CSU (11/71)... matching most by an Aztec since the 2017 bowl... RS in 2022 despite playing 1st 3 games on ST... Helped Mater Dei HS to a 2 CIF open championships & 2 state titles, 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 CCGP: 23; CGS: 1
Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale HS/Texas)

Former Texas transfer who joined SDSU for the 2023 spring season... Pick 6 vs. TAMUC... Had 12 tackles & a PBU in 10 games last year, earning his 1st career start vs. USU on Nov. 4... Played 2 years at Texas, totaling 11 stops in 12 games... Had 6 tackles in 6 games in 2022 & 5 in 6 games in 2021 as a true freshman... Picked Texas out of HS out of numerous offers, including eight P5 programs.

BACKUP

10 Bennett Walker
6-0 • 190 • Sr.-TR CCGP: 14; 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... Prepped at nearby Patrick Henry High School... Is majoring in economics.

BACKUP

10 Bryce Phillips
6-0 • 195 • Sr.-TR CCGP: 23; CGS: 23
Long Beach, CA (La Habra HS/Tenn. St.)

TOP NOTE: Younger brother of Clark, a fourth-round draft pick to Atlanta Falcons in 2023.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
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