

San Diego State Aztecs

2025 Record: 8-2, 5-1 Mountain West
12 Bowl Game Appearances in last 15+ Seasons (Bowl Eligible in 14)
Three-time Mountain West champions (2012, 2015 and 2016)

Sean Lewis
Head Coach, 2nd season

- Second year as SDSU's head coach (11-11); 7th overall (35-42)
- 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 just 25 of 60 starts from 2024.
- SDSU has had 10 different linemen play snaps this year.

- San Diego State is one of eight schools to start the same starting five on the offensive line all season.

- San Diego State is 61-2 the last 63 times the Aztecs have rushed for at least 200 yards.

LEFT TACKLE

70 Christian Jones

6-9 • 330 • Sr.-3L CPG: 47; CGS: 28
San Luis Obispo, Calif. (San Luis Obispo High)

TOP NOTE: One of two offensive linemen (Ross Ulugalu-Maseuli) with Aztec starts in each of the last three seasons.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Tall, athletic, very mobile offensive lineman... Has started the last 22 games (21 at LT, 1 at LG)... Has played a team-high 609 offensive snaps... Started all 12 last season & played most snaps (846) on the team... Started at LT the 1st 6 games in 2023, playing all 392 offensive snaps in that span... Played all 25 games from 2022-23 on special teams... Is a history buff... Plays the saxophone.

BACKUP

77 Cam May

6-7 • 310 • Jr.-TR CPG: 27; CGS: 11
Detroit, Mich. (Southeastern HS/Howard)

Has played 52 snaps this year across six games... Played last three seasons at Howard, starting 11 times in 21 appearances... Started 8 games last year... Prepped at Southeastern HS in Detroit.

LEFT GUARD

76 Kalan Ellis

6-5 • 350 • Jr.-TR CPG: 31; CGS: 24
Waimanalo, HI (St. Louis School/Syracuse)

TOP NOTE: Missed most of 2023 (only played 45 snaps) and all of 2024 with an injury.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Has started all 10 games this season at left guard... Joined SDSU after the spring season after battling injuries the past few years at Syracuse... His first 1,099 snaps came at Syracuse from 2021-23, where he started 14 of his 21 appearances... Has allowed just four sacks in 2023 career passing chances... Prepped at powerhouse St. Louis High School in Hawaii, leading team to four state titles.

BACKUP

57 Saipale Fuimaono

6-4 • 300 • Sr.-1L CPG: 17; CGS: 1
Auto, American Samoa (Fagaitua HS/Allan Hancock College)

Is OL's "Sixth man"... Played in all 10 games (139 snaps total)... Started 2024 finale & played in seven games overall... Came to SDSU from Allan Hancock College (2022-23)... Attended Fagaitua High School.

CENTER

63 Ross Ulugalu-Maseuli

6-4 • 320 • Sr.-3L CPG: 41; CGS: 38
San Diego, Calif. (Mater Dei High)

TOP NOTE: Has played all three inside positions (LG, C and RG), starting 38 of his 41 appearances for his career.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Offense's emotional leader... Has started all 10 at center... Has started last 22 games (last 10 at C, previous 9 at LG and first 3 at RG)... HM All-MW in 2024... Starts over his career: 19 at C, 10 at LG & 8 at RG... Played last 2 games in 2021... Prepped at power Mater Dei in spring 2021... Also went to Serra Catholic & Cathedral Catholic... An excellent bowler w/ 2 career perfect games.

BACKUP

75 Michael Leville-Watkins

6-2 • 310 • Fr.-RS-TR CPG: 4; CGS: 0
Glendale, AZ (Apollo HS/Washington)

Has played in four games, missing the middle five with an injury... Has 34 snaps... Redshirted 2024 season at Washington... Prepped at Apollo HS in Glendale, Ariz., earning 1st-team all-state.

RIGHT GUARD

71 Bayo Kannike

6-6 • 300 • Sr.-TR CPG: 48; CGS: 40
Los Angeles, CA (Eleanor Roosevelt HS/Utah Tech)

TOP NOTE: Has the most career starts (40) among any Aztec on the offensive side of the ball.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Entered 2025 having never played a snap at FBS level... Has started all 10 games this year at RG... Started 30 games & played in 38 over his 5 seasons at Utah Tech, including 3 starts in 2024, 11 in 2023, 11 in 2022 & 5 in 2021... The 2021 team led the WAC in passing offense & passing TDs... Prepped last 2 years at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

BACKUP

61 Chase Duarte

6-5 • 305 • Fr.-HS CPG: 6; CGS: 0
Concord, Calif. (Clayton Valley Charter HS)

Is the only true freshman on either side of the depth chart... Played 52 snaps (13 in opener w/ SBU, 6 vs. CU, 8 vs. CSU, 13 at NV, 4 at FS & 8 at UH)... Prepped at Clayton Valley Charter High.

RIGHT TACKLE

78 Joe Borjon

6-8 • 338 • Sr.-SQ CPG: 17; CGS: 14
La Puente, Calif. (Nogales High/Arizona)

TOP NOTE: Started at right tackle for Arizona in the 2023 Valero Alamo Bowl and three times that season.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Started all 10 games this season at right tackle... Started the 2024 opener vs. Texas A&M-Commerce but tore an ACL in the second quarter and missed the rest of season... 2023: 6 GP, 3 GS for a 10-3 Arizona team... Started his collegiate career at Mt. SAC (2020-21), earning second-team all-league honors as a true freshman... Had no scholarship offers coming out of high school.

BACKUP

77 Cam May

6-7 • 310 • Jr.-TR CPG: 27; CGS: 11
Detroit, Mich. (Southeastern HS/Howard)

Has played 52 snaps this year across six games... Played last three seasons at Howard, starting 11 times in 21 appearances... Started 8 games last year... Prepped at Southeastern HS in Detroit.

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

TIGHT END

19 Seth Adams

6-2 • 260 • Sr.-TR CPG: 40; CGS: 30
Dawsonville, GA (Dawson County HS/Southeastern LA)

TOP NOTE: Has made his first career 10 starts at the FBS level after previously playing at the FCS and I levels.

2025 Stats:
GP GS Rec. Yds. Avg. Long TD
10 10 2 28 14.0 16 0
Nicknamed "The Boogeyman"... A big bodied tight end who excels at blocking... Has 30 career starts, but only 10 at the FBS level (this year) & only 13 at tight end after previously playing offensive line... Appeared in all 12 games last year of Southeastern Louisiana (FCS), starting 3 times... Spent 2 years at Kennesaw State (FCS), moving from OL in 2022 to TE in 2023... Played 2 years (2020-21) at Cumberland (NAIA), starting 17 times on the offensive line... Prepped at Dawson County HS in Georgia.

BACKUP

15 Jackson Ford

6-6 • 250 • So.-TR CPG: 19; CGS: 0
Melissa, Texas (Melissa High/Tulsa)

2025 Stats:
GP GS Rec. Yds. Avg. Long TD
10 0 7 62 8.9 18 0
Transferred to SDSU from Tulsa... Has great hands... Has played in all 10 games off the bench, making seven catches in 307 snaps... Played in nine games last year at Tulsa without recording a stat... Prepped at Melissa HS in Texas, where he was a 3-star prospect.

ALSO: No. 88 Ryan Woffler (6-5, 235, RS-Fr.)... (GP: 10; GS: 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); Donnel Pumphrey in 2016 (10th) and Rashad Penny in 2017 (5th)).

RUNNING BACK

7 Lucky Sutton

6-1 • 225 • Jr.-SQ CPG: 19; CGS: 10
San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic High)

TOP NOTE: Recently became the first Aztec named a semifinalist for the Doak Walker Award (top running back) since Rashad Penny in 2017.

2025 Stats:
GP GS Att. Yds. Avg. Long TD
10 10 197 1,048 5.3 50 8
Is making the most of his 1st season as the team's No. 1 running back for his first career starts... Ranks 6th in FBS in both rushing yards (1,048) & rushing yards per game (104.80)... Is the 20th different Aztec with a 1,000-yard season (28 100-yard rushers overall)... His 1,408 yards are the 23rd most in SDSU single-season history... Has five 100-yard games... First career 100-yard game in opener vs. Stony Brook (22-100-2) on Aug. 28... 21-113-2 vs. Colorado State on Oct. 3... 21-131-1 at Fresno State on Oct. 25... 28-158 (career high)-1 vs. Wyoming on Nov. 1... 25-150 vs. Boise State on Nov. 15 (first 150-yard game vs. BS since Nov. 19, 2022)... Career: 219 attempts, 1,116 yards, 5.1 avg., 10 TDs... Ran for 35 yards on 7 carries (7.0 avg.) in 4 games in 2024... Had 157 yards on 30 attempts (5.2) & 2 TDs in 2023 across 5 games... Played 1 game as a redshirt in 2022, carrying twice for 8 yards (4.0 avg.)... Started at nearby Cathedral Catholic HS in San Diego... Led the Dons to a 12-2 record as senior in 2021 & a state championship... Ran for 3,581 yards & 44 TDs over his career, averaging 10.5 YPC... Ran for an amazing 2,628 yards as a senior in 2021 & 36 TDs on 232 carries, averaging 11.3 YPC & 202.2 YPG.

21 Byron Cardwell Jr.

6-0 • 220 • Sr.-TR CPG: 28; CGS: 0
San Diego, Calif. (Morse High/California)

2025 Stats:
GP GS Att. Yds. Avg. Long TD
10 0 45 253 5.6 22 1
Joined SDSU in the summer after stops at Cal (2023-24) & Oregon (2021-22)... Broke out vs. CSU with CH 129 yds. & a TD on 15 att. (8.6 avg.)... Also has 5 rec. for 108 yds. & a TD... Career: 140 att., 821 yds. (5.9 avg.), 5 TD... At Cal: 7 att., 16 yds. in 2024; injured in 2023... At Oregon: 11 att., 76 yds., 1 TD in 2022; 61 att., 417 yds., 3 TD in 2021... A 4-star recruit & the top-ranked RB out of nearby Morse HS... Picked Oregon out of offers from SDSU, Florida, Florida State, LSU, Michigan, Notre Dame, Penn State, Tennessee, Texas A&M, UCLA, USC, Washington, and more.

BACKUP

23 Christian Washington

5-10 • 205 • Jr.-TR CPG: 33; CGS: 6
San Diego, Calif. (Helix High/Coastal Carolina)

2025 Stats:
GP GS Att. Yds. Avg. Long TD
10 0 67 339 5.1 41 2
Joined the Aztecs after spring ball after stops at UNM (2022-23) & Coastal Carolina (2024)... Ran for 98 yds. on 9 att. vs. BS (Nov. 15)... Career: 254 att., 1,197 yds. (4.7 avg.), 8 TD... At Coastal Carolina: 102 att., 537 yds., 5 TD in 2024; At New Mexico: 11 att., 12 yds. in 2023; 73 att., 310 yds. in 2022... Also can return kicks - Career: 31 KR, 728 yds., 1 TD... Local product out of nearby Helix HS, where he totaled 4,053 rushing yards & 5,634 all-purpose yards... Also had 60 career TDs, including 50 rushing, 8 receiving & 2 KR... As a senior, rushed for 2,241 yards & 31 touchdowns.

QB • SDSU returned only 48 passing yards from last year and none from a quarterback.

QUARTERBACK

4 Jayden Denegal

6-5 • 230 • Jr.-TR CPG: 17; CGS: 10
Apple Valley, Calif. (Apple Valley HS/Michigan)

TOP NOTE: Owned the fifth-highest pass efficiency rating in FBS in October this year (189.1 on 38-of-52 passing for 585 yards & 4 TDs (1 INT)).

2025 Stats:
GP GS Cmp. Att. Pct. Int. TD Yds. Rtg.
10 10 121 203 59.6 7 8 1,564 130.4
Named SDSU's starting QB after practice on Aug. 13... Was named a team captain on Aug. 23... Big arm with the ability to make plays with his feet... Mountain West ranks: 4th in yards per completion (12.93, 27th in FBS), 6th in yards per attempt (7.70) & 7th pass efficiency rating (126.43)... 13-for-16 for 256 yds. & 2 TD vs. CSU (3rd-best pass. eff. rating (256.90) in school in SDSU history... Career: 125-for-209, 1,614 yds., 9 TD, 7 INT... First career interception (at NIU on Sept. 27) came on his 94th career attempt... Played seven games at Michigan (2022-24), completing 4 of 5 passes for 50 yards and a touchdown... Totaled more than 4,600 passing yards with 69 touchdowns at Apple Valley High School.

BACKUP

5 Bert Emanuel Jr.

6-3 • 230 • Jr.-TR CPG: 23; CGS: 4
Houston, Texas (Ridge Point High/Central Mich.)

A CMU transfer... Has played in first 9 games this season, completing 5 of 9 passes for 37 yards, while rushing for 98 yards on 21 attempts... Career: 32-for-60, 476 yds., 5 TD, 3 INT; 165 att., 943 yds., 12 TD... Ran for 293 yards in his 3rd career game vs. Buffalo on Nov. 9, 2022, setting a CMU record for most rushing yards by a QB... Prepped at Ridge Point HS in Texas... As a senior, threw for 2,654 yards & 31 TDs, while running for 1,022 yards & 15 TDs... Father, Bert Sr., played 8 years in the NFL at WR.

WR • SDSU only returns one start from last year (Jordan Napier).
• Napier is only offensive player who returns with at least one catch.

WR (SLOT)

11 Mikey Welsh

5-9 • 170 • Jr.-1L CPG: 18; CGS: 1
Servite, Calif. (Servite High)

TOP NOTE: Former walk-on, who earned a scholarship after Fan Fest on Aug. 14.

2025 Stats:
GP GS Rec. Yds. Avg. Long TD
9 1 10 116 11.6 44 0
Sure-handed WR, who makes the most of his chances... Had a CH 3 rec. 45-yd TD vs. BS... 1st career start at WV (Oct. 11)... Also has the team's PR (2 PR, 16 yds.)... Was team's PR in 2024 opener but suffered a season-ending injury... 8 GP in 2022... RS in 2021... Servite HS grad.

BACKUP

10 Parker Threath

6-1 • 200 • Fr.-RS CPG: 5; CGS: 0
San Jose, Calif. (Bellarmine College Prep)

Walk-on, who came to SDSU as a QB but was converted to WR last fall... Has a 5-yd TD run (but no catches) in 30 snaps... RS in 2024.

INJ: No. 2 Jordan Napier (6-2, 205, So.-1B)... (GP: 25; GS: 4)

WR (OUTSIDE)

14 Donovan Brown

6-2 • 180 • Jr.-TR CPG: 28; CGS: 14
Montgomery Village, Md. (Quince Orchard HS/Monroe U.)

TOP NOTE: Has 14 career starts, including four at Syracuse in the 2023 season.

2025 Stats:
GP GS Rec. Yds. Avg. Long TD
10 10 23 321 14.0 45 1
Athletic receiver with a ton of speed... Is 2nd on the team with 23 catches... 45-yd TD vs. CSU on Oct. 3... Spent last season at Monroe Univ. (JUCO), making 30 rec. & 8 TDs for 611 yds... Had 27 catches for 321 yards & a TD at Syracuse in 2023... RS in 2022... Attended Quince Orchard HS.

BACKUP

85 Jerry McClure

6-1 • 205 • So.-SQ CPG: 12; CGS: 0
Coronado, Calif. (Mater Dei High/UCLA)

In second season at SDSU... Began career at UCLA, RS in 2023... Prepped at Mater Dei... Won back-to-back Division 2-AA state titles in 2021-22.

WR (3)

13 Nathan Acevedo

5-10 • 170 • Jr.-TR CPG: 16; CGS: 3
San Diego, Calif. (Lincoln High/Fresno State)

TOP NOTE: Made his first career starts over the last three games, making four catches for 67 yards.

2025 Stats:
GP GS Rec. Yds. Avg. Long TD
9 3 10 117 11.7 26 0
Has great hands... Has played more lately, including 33 snaps against his former team Fresno State on Dec. 25, 36 vs. Wyoming on Nov. 1, 45 last at Hawai'i & 24 vs. BS... Played in 7 games at Fresno State last year, making 9 catches for 75 yards... Prepped at nearby powerhouse Lincoln High.

BACKUP

16 Will Cianfrini

6-4 • 190 • Fr.-RS CPG: 6; CGS: 1
Galveston, Texas (Carlsbad High (CA))

Has battled back from injuries in fall camp, starting Oct. 25 at Fresno State... Has great hops... RS in 2024... Prepped one year at Carlsbad HS.

INJ: No. 17 Jacob Bastick (6-3, 190, Jr.-TR)... (GP: 25; GS: 4)

Matt Johnson
Off. Coord./QBs

- In first year as offensive coordinator & second overall
- Played for Coach Lewis at Bowling Green and coached alongside him at both Syracuse and Kent State
- Started at quarterback for three years at Bowling Green, earning 2015 MAC Player-of-the-Year honors



Rob Aurich

DC/Linebackers Coach

- Is in first season as defensive coordinator & second year overall
- Spent the previous two seasons at Idaho, helping the Vandals to a No. 4 ranking and their first ever FCS postseason victory in 2023
- Coached at South Dakota for four seasons (2018-21)
- Started his coaching career at Bemidji (2014-17)



Zac Barton

Assoc. HC/ST Coord.

- In second season at San Diego State
- Last year, Tyler Pastula was a first-team all-MW punter and Gabe Plascencia was a second-team kicker
- Worked alongside Coach Lewis as STC at Kent State
- Also has stops at Memphis, Winona St. & Heb.-Omaha

FIELD EDGE

44 Niles King

6-6 • 260 • Sr.-TR CGP: 44; CGS: 38
Southfield, MI (West Bloomfield HS/Grand Valley State)

TOP NOTE: Made his first career FBS starts this year after his first 14 career starts came at the DII level.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
An athletic edge defender... Joined the Aztecs in spring ball... Has 18 tackles on the season, including 5.5 tackles for loss and three sacks... Also has a pair of quarterback hurries... Had two sacks at Colorado State on Oct. 3, which followed with his first career FBS start vs. Nevada (Oct. 11)... Played four years at DII's Grand Valley State, helping the team go 38-5... In 34 career games, had 70 tackles, 27 TFLs, 20 sacks and four forced fumbles... Prepped at West Bloomfield HS in Michigan.

BACKUP

33 Brady Nassar

6-5 • 255 • Jr.-2L CGP: 32; CGS: 12
Pleasanton, Calif. (Amador Valley High)

Has 12 tackles & 7 QBH in 10 GP (4 GS) this year... Played all 12 games (8 GS) last year, making 26 tackles (14 solo), 4.5 TFL & a SCK... Had 6 tackles in 10 GP as a true freshman in 2023... Prepped at Amador Valley

56 August Salvati

6-3 • 245 • Jr.-TR CGP: 12; CGS: 0
Clearwater, Fla. (Clearwater HS/Florida Atlantic)

Has 35 sacks & an interception in just 115 snaps... Played 2 games at FAU in 2024... Spent 2022-23 at Kilgore College (NJCAA).

LINEBACKER

41 Mister Williams

6-0 • 245 • Sr.-TR CGP: 54; CGS: 22
Canoga, Calif. (Oaks Christian HS/Incarnate Word)

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Is in his first season at San Diego State but has a ton of experience with 54 career games played and 22 starts... Ranked tied for fourth on the team with 41 tackles (16 solo), despite starting only five of the 10 games... Career: 165 TCK, 20.5 TFL, 5.0 SCK, 5 FF... Had 79 tackles last year in 12 games (two starts)... Had one tackle in 11 games in 2023... Made three stops on special teams in 13 games in 2022... Has 45 career tackles in 46 games... Redshirted in 2021... Prepped at Oaks Christian High... Younger brother, Prince, is a redshirt freshman cornerback on the team.

BACKUP

45 DJ Herman

6-2 • 240 • Sr.-3L CGP: 46; CGS: 2
Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman HS)

Voted a team captain... A special teams star who plays on all five units - punt, punt return, kickoff, kick return and PAT/field goal... Has 12 tackles (6 solo)... Has played 65 snaps on defense... Had 29 tackles last year in 12 games (two starts)... Had one tackle in 11 games in 2023... Made three stops on special teams in 13 games in 2022... Has 45 career tackles in 46 games... Redshirted in 2021... Prepped at Bishop Gorman HS in Las Vegas.

(INJ: No. 21 Tano Letuli (6-2, 240, Jr.-1L) - GP: 27, GS: 14)

NOSE TACKLE

90 Sam Benjamin

6-5 • 290 • Sr.-TR CGP: 39; CGS: 14
Oro Valley, Ariz. (Ironwood Ridge HS/ASU)

TOP NOTE: Has started the first 10 games of the season after coming off the bench in his final seven appearances of 2024.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Has 12 tackles on the season, including 1.5 TFL and a quarterback hurry... Had four tackles (two solo) in 11 games last year, including four starts... Joined SDSU in the summer of 2024... Registered six tackles and 0.5 tackles for loss in 10 games at Arizona State in 2023... Had 14 tackles, 2 tackles for loss, 0.5 sacks and three pass breakups in eight games at Idaho State in 2022... Career: 35 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 0.5 sacks, 3 PBUs... Prepped at Ironwood Ridge High School in Tucson, Arizona.

BACKUP

91 Amari Comier

6-2 • 295 • Jr.-TR CGP: 10; CGS: 1
East Oakland, Calif. (Clayton Valley HS/DVC)

Has continued to log more action as the season as gone on... Made 1st start vs. BS... Has 10 tackles (1.5 TFL) in 10 games... Spent 2 years at Diablo Valley College, earning 1st-team all-league honors... Prepped at Clayton Valley HS... Picked SDSU over UNLV and several FCS offers.

ALSO: No. 94 Tevis Taitoti (6-4, 295, Sr.-1L) - GP: 4, GS: 4

LINEBACKER

12 Owen Chambliss

6-3 • 230 • So.-1L CGP: 21; CGS: 17
Corona, Calif. (Centennial HS/Utah)

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Hard-hitting, highly-recruited linebacker... Has NFL talent... Is excellent in pass coverage... Has a team-high 93 tackles (No. 2 is 54), to go along with 9.5 TFLs, 4 sacks, 4 PBU & 2 QBH... Had 31 tackles (16 solo) and a PBU last season in seven starts (missed other five games with injuries)... 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 & second-team LA Times as a senior... Majoring in business administration.

BACKUP

42 Brady Anderson

6-2 • 230 • Sr.-3L CGP: 45; CGS: 1
Bakersfield, Calif. (Liberty HS)

Plays all on all five special teams units (P, PR, PK, KR, PAT/FG)... Has 24 tackles in 10 games... Has 47 career tackles in 45 GP... Logged 15 tackles, 2.0 TFL, 1 SCK & 1 FR in 11 games in 2024... Had 14 tackles in 12 games in 2023... Earned first and only career start vs. San Jose State on Nov. 18, 2023... Redshirted 2022 season with an injury... Played 12 of 14 games as true freshman on special teams in 2021... Prepped at Liberty HS in Bakersfield, California.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

55 Malachi Finau

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6-1 • 295 • Jr.-TR CGP: 31; CGS: 10
Los Angeles, Calif. (St. John Bosco HS/Hawaii)

TOP NOTE: Has started the first nine games this season after playing at Hawai'i his first two years in 2023 and 2024.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Big body who transferred to San Diego State from Hawai'i in January... Has 15 tackles on the season in nine starts and 10 games played, including 1.5 tackles for loss, and a forced fumble... Had four tackles and first career forced fumble vs. Wyoming... Career: 38 tackles, 3.5 sacks... Played in 11 games at Hawai'i in 2024 with one start, totaling 19 tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss and three sacks... Saw action in nine games in 2023 with four tackles and 0.5 sacks... Played in one game as a true freshman in 2022... Prepped at powerhouse St. John Bosco High School in Bellflower, California... Helped SJB to the CIF Semifinals in 2021.

BACKUP

54 Krishna Clay

6-2 • 295 • Jr.-1L CGP: 22; CGS: 12
Vacaville, Calif. (Wood HS/College of San Mateo)

Has 11 tackles & 2 QBH in 9 games off the bench... Had 40 tackles (20 solo), 4.5 TFLs & 1.5 sacks last year, starting all 12 games... Played one year of college at San Mateo High School in 2023, totaling 19 tackles, 8 TFL & 4 sacks... Prepped at Wood High School in Vacaville, Calif.

ALSO: No. 48 Kainea Davis (6-1, 275, Fr.-SR) - GP: 4, GS: 0

KICKER

11 Gabriel Plascencia

6-0 • 245 • Sr.-1L CGP: 25; CGS: 20
Oakland, CA (Bishop O'Dowd HS/Coll. of San Mateo)

TOP NOTE: Owns the second-highest field goal percentage (.919) in FBS history (min. 30 FGM & 1.2 FGM PG)

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
A semifinalist for Lou Groza Award Watch List... Pre-season MW Special Teams Player of the Year... Is 17-for-19 in FGs this year w/ a long of 53 yds... Made Mountain West-record 26 straight FGs until missing a 23-yarder vs. Wyoming... GW FG at NIU (1st walkoff win for SDSU as time expired since 1994)... Has 13 career games w/ multiple FGs (6 this year)... 2nd-team all-MW & on Lou Groza WL in 2024 after going 13-for-14 (.929) on FGA... 2023: Saved KS year... Was a perfect 4-of-4 in FGs w/ a long of 46 yds... Kicked at CSM from 2021-22, going 14-for-21 on FGs... Starred on soccer team at Bishop O'Dowd HS & kicked on football team.

BACKUP: #18 Nick Clegg, 6-1, 175, Fr.-RS

KICKOFFS (KO) GP GS

11 Gabriel Plascencia, 6-0, 245, Sr.* 25 21

18 Nick Clegg, 6-1, 175, Fr.-RS 1 0

HOLDER (H) GP GS

39 Ennil Herranen, 6-4, 210, Jr.-RS 32 25

89 Toshi Dorje, 6-2, 205, Jr.-TR 1 0

LONG SNAPPER (LS) GP GS

50 Tyson Chavez, 6-2, 230, Jr.-SQ 10 9

64 Luke Williams, 6-0, 220, Jr.-TR 1 1

RUSH EDGE

2 Trey White

6-2 • 255 • Jr.-2L CGP: 37; CGS: 23
San Diego, Calif. (Eastlake HS)

TOP NOTE: Logged 12.5 sacks last season, tied for the third most in SDSU single-season history.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
MW Preseason Defensive Player of the Year... On Bednarik and Nagurski Watch Lists... Along with Tano Letuli, is the first Aztec multi-time captain since J.J. Whitaker in 2014-15... Moved from LB to DE late in 2023... Has 41 tackles, 8.5 TFLs, 6.0 SCK & 12 QBH... 2-SCK vs. CSU & WYO... Career: 117 tackles, 29.0 TFLs, 18.5 sacks... First-team all-MW in 2024... 2024 FBS ranks: 4th in sacks per game (1.04) & TFLs per game (1.54), 7-5th in sacks (12.5), 7th in TFLs (18.5)... Played in all 12 games in 2023 with his first career start coming in the series finale... Had an INT, 15 tackles & a FR... Named SDSU's special teams scout team player of the year in 2022... Was a three-time first-team all-league selection at nearby Eastlake High... Was the Spring 2021 Mesa League Defensive POTY.

BACKUP

10 Ryan Henderson

6-3 • 250 • Jr.-2L CGP: 31; CGS: 3
Las Vegas, Nev. (Canyon Springs High)

An excellent pass rusher... Has 14 tackles, 5.0 TFLs & 4.0 sacks in 10 GP (2 GS)... Registered 13 tackles, 2.5 sacks & 2.5 TFLs in 11 games in 2024 with one start... Had eight tackles in nine games in 2023... Redshirted in 2022... Was a first-team all-state pick at Canyon Springs HS in Las Vegas.

ALSO: No. 31 Jared Badie (6-3, 225, Jr.-SQ) - GP: 18, GS: 4

PUNTER

93 Hunter Green

6-4 • 225 • Jr.-TR CGP: 36; CGS: 32
Redmond, WA (Lake Washington HS/No. Colo.)

TOP NOTE: Is one of only five punters in FBS this season with multiple punts of at least 67 yards.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Is on Roy Guy Award Watch List... Athletic punter with a big leg... MW ranks: 1-1st in punts inside the 20-yard line (18, 1 22th in FBS) in 2024, 2nd in punt avg. (47.7, 4th in FBS) & 3rd in net punt avg. (41.7, 21st in FBS)... His 45.7 career punt average ranks first among all active FBS punners (min. 150 punts)... Last year at Northern Colorado, ranked fifth in FCS in punt average (46.3), which would have eclipsed the all-MW first-team punter Tyler Pastula of San Diego State (46.1)... Was a third-team FCS All-American... Also a FCS Freshman All-American in 2023... Prepped at Lake Washington High School as a two-sport athlete, lettering in football and soccer.

BACKUP: #89 Toshi Dorje, 6-2, 205, Jr.-TR

KICKOFF RETURNS (KOR) GP GS

14 Donovan Brown, 6-2, 180, Jr.-TR 28 0

23 Christian Washington, 5-10, 205, Jr.-TR 33 14

PUNT RETURNS (PR) GP GS

11 Mikey Welch, 5-9, 170, Jr.-1L 18 0

14 Donovan Brown, 6-2, 180, Jr.-TR 28 2

CORNERBACK

1 Chris Johnson

6-0 • 195 • Sr.-3L CGP: 45; CGS: 21
Eastvale, Calif. (Eleanor Roosevelt HS)

TOP NOTE: Is the No. 1 CB in FBS in PFF's def. grade (91.1, min. 15 snaps) & in coverage (91.4, min. 15 snaps).

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
An AP midseason first-team All-American... A team captain... Has 46 tackles (32 solo), 8 PBUs, 3 INTs (for 2 TDs & 146 yds), 1 FF & 2 QBH... Career: 149 tackles, 5 INT, 5 FF, HM all-MW in 2024, making 67 tackles (49 solo), 3 FF (1-18th in FBS), 1 INT, 4 PBU & 1 blocked kick... Led SDSU defense with 757 snaps... SDSU's Special Teams Player of the Year in 2023... Had 30 tackles, 2 PBUs, 1 INT & 1 FR in 2023... Was named SDSU's outstanding freshman (defensive) in 2022 with 6 tackles and strong special team play... First team all-league at Eleanor Roosevelt HS as a senior, excelling in all 3 phases.

BACKUP

13 Prince Williams

6-2 • 195 • Fr.-RS CGP: 12; CGS: 0
Westlake Village, CA (Oaks Christian HS)

Young, athletic cornerback... Has six tackles in 53 snaps off the bench... Also plays on special teams... Younger brother of linebacker, Mister... Appeared in three games as a true freshman in 2024, all on special teams, without recording a stat... Ended up redshirted... Played at Oaks Christian HS, named the 2023 Marmonte League Defensive Back of the Year.

SAM SAFETY

6 Eric Butler

6-2 • 195 • Sr.-3L CGP: 45; CGS: 20
Corona, Calif. (Centennial High)

TOP NOTE: Was an honorable-mention all-Mountain West selection last year.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
A fantastic athlete... Continues to get better... One of the team's best man-to-man defenders... Has 30 tackles, 5 PBUs & a FR... Career: 107 tackles, 5 TFL, 1 INT, 8 PBU, 1 FF, 1 FR... Was HM All-MW last year after making 49 tackles, 2.5 TFL, 1 INT, 3 PBU & a FF... 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... Prepped at Centennial HS in Corona, Calif... Led the Huskies to the state semi's... Centennial HS ranked 3rd in the state... Majoring in social science.

BACKUP

24 Josiah Cox

6-1 • 197 • Jr.-TR CGP: 30; CGS: 1
San Diego, Calif. (Lincoln HS/NMSU)

Has 17 tackles (1.5 TFL) on the season in 154 snaps off the bench... Spent 2024 at New Mexico State, recording 35 tackles and two interceptions in 10 games (one start)... Appeared in 10 games as a true freshman at Arizona State in 2023, making three tackles with 0.5 sacks... Starred at nearby Lincoln High School in San Diego.

FREE SAFETY

26 Dwayne McDougale

5-11 • 208 • Jr.-TR CGP: 37; CGS: 18
Oakland, CA (McClymonds HS/Idaho)

TOP NOTE: Has started all 10 games, his first at the FBS level.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Smart, instinctive safety who is in his first season at SDSU... Has 39 tackles, 2 INT, 2 PBUs and a fumble recovery... Had a 35-yard FR for a TD vs. Cal... Played the past two seasons at Idaho, including the 2023 campaign under current DC Rob Aurich... Appeared in 14 games in 2024 with eight starts, posting 58 tackles with six pass breakups... In 2023, had 29 tackles, five PBUs, two interceptions and a forced fumble... Appeared in one game in 2022 with Northern Arizona, making one tackle and ended up redshirted... Prepped at McClymonds HS in Oakland, leading team to a 12-1 record.

BACKUP

17 Deshawn McQuinn

6-0 • 195 • Sr.-2L CGP: 54; CGS: 11
Jacksonville, TX (Jacksonville HS/TCU)

Has incredible speed... Has 9 tackles, an INT & a PBU in 9 GP... Had an INT at Hawai'i in 1st start at Cal... Had 28 tackles, 5 PBUs, 2 TFL in 2024... Played 8 games (2 starts) in 2023, making 14 tackles, 1.5 TFL & an INT (70 yds for a TD)... Had 18 tackles in his 3-plus year career at TCU across 25 G (1 GS)... Rated as the No. 86 safety in the nation & No. 131 overall player in Texas out of HS.

BULLET

9 Dalesean Staley

6-1 • 190 • Jr.-1L CGP: 35; CGS: 31
Kansas City, Mo. (Blue Springs HS/No. Iowa)

TOP NOTE: Was a FCS Freshman All-American in 2023 while at Northern Iowa.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Has 54 tackles (1 TFL), 1 INT, 9 PBUs & a FF... MW Def. PatW for play vs. Cal (7 tackles, 1 FF, 1 INT)... Had 61 tackles in 11 starts last season... Had a 72-yard fumble recovery at UNLV... Recorded 70 tackles, 8 PBUs & 3 INTs in 2023 in 11 games at Northern Iowa, earning Freshman All-American honors... Played in three games as a true freshman in 2022, making three solo stops and one interception... Prepped at Blue Springs HS in Kansas City, Mo., earning first-team all-district and second-team all-conference honors as a senior... Also played basketball and competed in track & field... Is majoring in social science.

BACKUP

20 Jelani McLaughlin

6-0 • 205 • So.-1L CGP: 22; CGS: 0
San Jacinto, Calif. (Citrus Valley High)

Has played 46 snaps this season in a reserve role... Has eight tackles this season... Also excels on special teams... Played in 12 games in 2024, mainly on special teams, making seven tackles... Logged two defensive snaps on the season... Redshirted in 2023... Prepped at Citrus Valley HS, totaling 287 tackles over his career with 19 TFLs and eight interceptions.

CORNERBACK

0 Bryce Phillips

6-0 • 195 • ^Sr.-1L CGP: 44; CGS: 44
Long Beach, CA (La Habra HS/Tenn. St.)

TOP NOTE: Younger brother of Clark Phillips, a NFL fourth-round draft pick in 2023.

Notes: Current; Career; Personal
Has started the last 44 games, including all 21 at San Diego State... Has 29 tackles (23 solo), 1 INT & 8 PBUs (4 vs. Cal)... Had 40 tackles, 4.0 TFLs, 1 INT & 8 PBUs in 12 starts... Started all 22 games at FCS Tennessee State from 2022-23, recording 48 tackles, 4 TFLs & 18 PBUs... Named to 2022 Ohio Valley Conference 2nd team & OVC all-newcomer team... Played one year at Santa Ana College in 2021, logging 19 tackles, 2 INT (1 for a TD) & 7 PBUs... Played his senior season at La Habra High School as team went 10-3, won a Freeway League title and advanced to the CIF semifinals.

BACKUP

23 Isaiah Buxton

6-0 • 180 • Fr.-RS CGP: 8; CGS: 0
San Diego, Calif. (Mater Dei High)

Enters the two-deep for the first time of his SDSU career, but has mainly seen time on special teams... Has two tackles in his first eight career games this year... Redshirted last year... Played at local power Mater Dei HS, helping Crusaders to consecutive OJAA state titles... Picked SDSU out of high school over Auburn, BYU, San Francisco, California, Colorado, Penn State & Washington, among others.

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