

San Diego State Aztecs

2017 Record: 9-2, 5-2 MW
Seven Straight Bowl Game Appearances
Back-to-Back MW Champions | 21-Time Conference Champions



Jeff Horton

Assoc. HC/Off. Coordinator/RB's Coach

- Third season as offensive coordinator (seventh year at SDSU overall)
- Spent the final five games of 2011 as the interim head coach at Minnesota
- Also has head coaching stints at UNLV (1994-98) & Nevada (1993)
- Coached four years in the NFL (2006-08 at St. Louis, 2009 at Detroit)
- Started coaching career in 1984 as a GA at Minnesota under Lou Holtz

LEFT TACKLE

74 Tyler Roemer
6-7 • 305 • Fr.-RS CGP: 11; CGS: 11
Fernley, Nevada (Fernley HS)

TOP NOTE: In high school, he competed in football, basketball, wrestling and swimming.

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Pronunciation: ROME-er ... 1 of 2 redshirt freshmen (C Keith Ismael) on the offensive line that made his college debut against UC Davis ... Has played the 3rd-most snaps (739) this year ... Arguably O's most consistent performer ... Took over for 2-year starter Kwadwo Miller ... Backed up Miller last year but did not see the field & was able to maintain his redshirt ... Last season was 1 of only 2 true freshmen on the offensive 2-deep (also LG Keith Ismael) ... Was all-league & all-state at both offensive & defensive line at Fernley HS in Nevada ... Also played 2 years of basketball & a year of wrestling & swimming ... A business administration major.

BACKUP

71 Kyle Spalding
6-6 • 300 • Fr.-RS CGP: 2; CGS: 0
McKinleyville, Calif. (McKinleyville HS)

Came to SDSU as a tight end ... moved to defensive line in the fall ... Played late in last two road games ... RS in 2016 ... Was a QB at McKinleyville HS, throwing for 5,103 yards & 54 TD, while adding 22 rush TDs.

LEFT GUARD

79 Daishawn Dixon
6-5 • 320 • So.-1L CGP: 25; CGS: 11
San Antonio, Texas (Wm. Howard Taft HS)

TOP NOTE: Has played the most snaps (740) on the team, along with C Keith Ismael.

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Pronunciation: DAY-shawn ... After spring practice was listed as the backup at right guard but has moved into the number one spot at left guard ... Takes over for Nico Sragosa (Baltimore Ravens), who started the final 41 games of his career ... Started first 11 games this year ... According to Pro Football Focus, he logged 34 offensive snaps last season, the most among offensive line reserves ... Redshirted during the 2015 campaign ... Represented the U.S. National Select Team in a 20-15 victory over the IFAF World Team on Jan. 31, 2015 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas ... Played basketball as a sophomore in high school ... Born in Phoenix, Ariz., graduated HS in San Antonio.

BACKUP

76 Zachary Thomas
6-5 • 285 • Fr.-RS CGP: 11; CGS: 0
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

Local lineman, who serves on the PAT and FG unit this year ... Played on OL late in last two road games ... Redshirted in 2016 ... Played in Alex Spornos All-Star Football Classic ... First-team all-CF San Diego Section ... Born in San Diego.

CENTER

56 Dominic Gudino
6-3 • 300 • Fr.-HS CGP: 6; CGS: 5
Chula Vista, Calif. (Olympian High)

TOP NOTE: First true freshman to start for SDSU since current fullback Nick Bowden started at quarterback in 2014.

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Pronunciation: Goo-deeno ... Has started five games as a true freshman & has played in six ... Earned his first career start in last four games at center vs. Northern Illinois ... Started the first four (Fresno State, Hawai'i, San Jose State & Nevada) at center ... Earned three letters at local Olympian High School in Chula Vista, capturing two seasons ... Played on both sides of the line ... Was a first-team all-league & first-team all-CF selection ... Was a Blue-Grey All-American ... Also a three-time Union-Tribune all-academic pick ... A three-star recruit by ESPN, 24/7sports & Scout ... Also threw the shot put & discus on the track & field team ... Is majoring in kinesiology ... Is 18 years old.

BACKUP

52 Nick Gerhard
6-5 • 300 • So.-SQ CGP: 8; CGS: 0
Arlington, Texas (Mansfield Timberview HS)

Pronunciation: GAR-hard ... Recorded 24 snaps in 2016 ... Was emergency short-snapper on PAT & FG's at So. Ala. UY ... Redshirted his first year at SDSU in 2015 ... Was a 1st-team all-district & all-state pick at Mansfield Timberview HS in Arlington, TX.

RIGHT GUARD

60 Keith Ismael
6-3 • 310 • Fr.-RS CGP: 11; CGS: 11
Oakland, Calif. (Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep)

TOP NOTE: The aerospace engineering major made his collegiate debut at UC Davis as the starting center.

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Pronunciation: IZ-male ... Took over the center position from Arthur Flores, who started the previous 28 games ... 1 of 2 redshirt freshmen (LT Tyler Roemer) who made their 1st career start vs. UC Davis & 1 of 4 on the line overall who made their 1st start ... Has started all 11 games (7 at C, last 4 at RG) & has played 740 snaps (tied with Daishawn Dixon for most on team) ... Was on the depth chart last season at left guard, but did not play & was able to maintain his redshirt ... Was a 1st-team all-league pick & a 2nd-team all-Metro selection as a senior at Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep ... Also played lax at Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep ... An aerospace engineering major.

BACKUP

67 Antonio Rosales
6-4 • 305 • Sr.-2L CGP: 27; CGS: 20
Tucson, Ariz. (Tucson Magnet HS)

Pronunciation: raw-SAY-do ... Started 18 straight games before missing NIU w/ ankle injury ... Started 6 of 11 this year, battling an injury ... PFF graded him as the 10th-best guard in FBS last year in 14 starts ... Teammates call him "Chief."

RIGHT TACKLE

77 Ryan Pope
6-7 • 315 • Jr.-1L CGP: 23; CGS: 9
Long Beach, Calif. (Lakewood HS/LBCC)

TOP NOTE: At 6-7, he is tied for the tallest player on the team (also: Tyler Roemer & Joe Salcedo).

Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Pronunciation: IZ-male ... Started to play in his 24th consecutive game vs. New Mexico ... Started the 1st 5 games of the season (1st of career), but only played on special teams at UNLV with a hand injury & 33 snaps vs. BSU ... Started again last 4 weeks ... Was just the 3rd Aztec to start at right tackle since the start of 2014 (Daniel Brunsell - 14 games, Pearce Stear - 27 games) ... Missed 1st 2 games of 2016 with a chest injury, but saw action in the final 12 games of the season ... Redshirted during the 2015 campaign ... Led Long Beach City College to a 9-2 record in 2014 ... Played football & basketball at Lakewood HS ... A social science major.

BACKUP

78 Joe Salcedo
6-7 • 300 • Jr.-1L CGP: 21; CGS: 2
Santa Barbara, Calif. (Bishop Diego HS)

Pronunciation: sal-SAY-do ... 1st career starts at UNLV vs. BSU ... Played last 7 games ... Played 14 games in 2015 but missed 2016 with an injury after suffering a knee injury in fall camp ... Earned SDSU offensive co-scout player of the year (2014).

FULLBACK

15 Nick Bowden
6-3 • 245 • Sr.-2L CGP: 37; CGS: 23
Los Gatos, Calif. (Los Gatos HS)

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

2017 Stats:
Rushing: GP 65 Att. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 100+ No. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 10 10 0 0 0 0 0 0 12 70 5.8 1 12
Receiving: GP 65 Att. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 100+ No. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 11 11 253 1,824 7.2 17 95 9 18 142 7.9 2 33
Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Former QB, who moved to FB in the fall of 2015 & is now considered an NFL prospect at his position ... Put on 20 pounds of muscle since switching positions ... An excellent run blocker ... Has logged the 2nd-most snaps (508) of all FBs this year, despite missing the UNLV game with an injury ... 4-yd TD catch (1st of career) at SDSU ... In 2016, was graded as the top blocking FB in the nation by Pro Football Focus & the No. 4 overall FB ... Has 26 career catches for 198 yards (7 avg.) & 8 TD ... Played in 9 games in 2015 ... Was 13-for-38 (34.2 pct.) with 1 TD pass & 2 INT as a true freshman QB in 2014 ... Was a 3-star quarterback out of Los Gatos HS by ESPN, Scout & 24/7sports ... Is majoring in business administration with a concentration as a management entrepreneur.

RUNNING BACK

20 Rashaad Penny
5-11 • 220 • Sr.-3L CGP: 52; CGS: 16
Norwalk, Calif. (Norwalk HS)

TOP NOTE: Is a semifinalist for the Maxwell Award (outstanding college player), Walter Camp Player-of-the-Year Award & Doak Walker Award (top running back).

2017 Stats:
Rushing: GP 65 Att. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 100+ No. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 11 11 253 1,824 7.2 17 95 9 18 142 7.9 2 33
Receiving: GP 65 Att. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 100+ No. Yds. Avg. TD Lg. 11 11 253 1,824 7.2 17 95 9 18 142 7.9 2 33
Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Maxwell Award, Walter Camp, Doak Walker, Harmon nati'l watch lists ... FBS ranks: 1st in rush yds. (1,824) & AP yds. (2,462), 2nd in TD (22) & 1st in rush TD (17) ... Was 2nd Aztec (1st since Marshall Faulk in 1992) w/ 6 straight 100-yd games in open season ... 1st player to be named MW Off. RB of the Week in 4 straight weeks ... WC Nat'l Off. RB of the Week (ASU (353 AP yds.), 3 TD ... CH 253 yds., 2 TD at UNLV ... 234 yds., 3 TD at SDSU ... WC Nat'l Off. RB of the Week (429 AP yds. (7.9th in FBS history), 4 TD ... Rushed for 1,018 yds, w/ a 7.5 ypc avg. & 11 TD last yr behind NCAA all-time leader Donald Punnett ... 2-time MW ST RB of the Week (136-1,018; 11; rec: 15-224-3; 11; rec: 15-224-3 ... Career TD: 46 (32 rush, 7 KOR, 6 rec, 1 PR), 3,232 rush yds, 486 rec. yds & 2,463 KR yds ... Had 2,504 rush yds & 41 TD as HS Sr. ... Brother, Elijah, led Idaho in rushing.

BACKUP

29 Jwan Washington
5-7 • 190 • So.-1L CGP: 25; CGS: 4
Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale HS)

Quick first step ... Has 631 rush yds on 113 att. w/ 6 TD & 10 KR for 193 yds & 1 TD ... MW ST RB of the Week (96-yd KR vs. NIU ... 16 att, 134 yds, 2 TD at SDSU ... 17-11 for any Aztec player in the last 20 years (min. 20 rec. ... Career: 95 rec; 1,625 yds, 13 TD ... Played twin brother, Elijah, a CB vs. Stanford.

QUARTERBACK

10 Christian Chapman
6-0 • 200 • Jr.-2L CGP: 34; CGS: 27
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

TOP NOTE: IS 22-5 as a starting QB, including wins in back-to-back MW Championships and back-to-back bowl games (Hawai'i & Las Vegas).

2017 Stats:
GP 65 Cmp. Att. Pct. Int. TD Yds. Rtg. 11 11 126 212 59.4 2 11 1,650 140.05
Notes: '17; Career; Personal
Mobile, accurate QB with a quick release ... His .815 career QB win pct. is best in SDSU DI history ... He is the only active QB since 2012 to post a perfect record in postseason games (min. 2 championship gms., & 2 bowl gms.) ... CH 76.2 pct., 220 yds & 2 TD vs. UCD in opener ... 4-for-5, 47 yds, TD on GW drive vs. Stanford ... Career: 33 TD, 9 INT ... 8 GP with multiple TD, 0 with 2+ INT ... 2016: 1,994 yds, 20 TD, 9 INT ... 2015: Posted the 2nd-best pass off. (209.7) among QBs making their Aztec debut in MW Championship vs. ARA (9-for-14, 1 TD, 0 INT) on route to being named the game's off. MVP ... Was 1 of 3 true freshman QBs on the depth chart in 2014 & traveled to every road contest, but redshirted ... 3-star recruit by Rivals, Scout & ESPN at local Carlsbad HS ... 2-time All-Arizona League selection, passing for 1,986 yds & 23 TDs as a Sr.

BACKUP

9 Ryan Agnew
6-0 • 190 • So.-1L CGP: 14; CGS: 0
Southlake, Texas (Carroll HS)

Athletic, mobile quarterback with an accurate arm ... Is 4-for-7 for 47 yards & 1 GP ... Was 2-for-2 for 29 yds & rushed 4 times for 32 yds last year ... Redshirt in 2015, where he was named the team's offensive scout player of the year ... Passed for 6,967 yds & 56 TD over 3 years at Carroll HS in Southlake, Texas ... Also rushed for 2,286 yds & 38 TDs.

No. 3 RUNNING BACK

22 Chase Jasmin
5-11 • 195 • Fr.-RS CGP: 11; CGS: 0
Agoura Hills, Calif. (Westlake HS)

Has rushed for 137 yards & 2 TDs on 33 carries ... 1st career TD at UNLV (7.9 yds) vs. TR, on defense in 2014 before returning to SDSU this past spring ... Played at Southwest Miss. CC last year ... Social science major.

Z RECEIVER

89 Fred Trevillion
6-2 • 200 • Jr.-Fr. CGP: 23; CGS: 2
Brookhaven, Miss. (Brookhaven HS/Southwest Miss. CC)

2017 Stats:
GP 65 Rec. Yds. Avg. Long TD 11 2 7 276 32.3 89 1
Team's most athletic wideout ... 1st start vs. Stanford ... 2 rec., 128 yds, 1 TD vs. BSU, inc. 89-yd TD (4th longest in SDSU history) ... Played in 12 games as TR, on defense in 2014 before returning to SDSU this past spring ... Played at Southwest Miss. CC last year ... Social science major.

BACKUP

8 Quest Truxton
6-0 • 185 • Sr.-1L CGP: 25; CGS: 1
Newport Beach, Calif. (Newport Harbor HS/Golden West Coll.)

9 rec., 95 yds in 11 GP ... Also 22 PR for 191 yds ... Caught 11 passes for 156 yds & 3 TD in 2016 ... Led MW in PR avg. (9.0) ... GWC transfer.

BACKUP

92 Isiah Macklin
6-5 • 200 • Fr.-RS CGP: 11; CGS: 2
Las Vegas, Nev. (Green Valley HS)

At 6-5, the tallest SDSU receiver ... 17-yd grab in 1st career GS & GP vs. UCD ... RS in 2016 ... Rated as the top TE in Nevada as a prep player ... Turned 19 on Sept. 17.

X RECEIVER

6 Mikah Holder
6-0 • 185 • Sr.-3L CGP: 48; CGS: 32
Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside HS)

2017 Stats:
GP 65 Rec. Yds. Avg. Long TD 11 2 7 276 32.3 89 1
Leads SDSU with 39 rec., 552 rec. yds & 2 TD ... 7 rec., 85 yds vs. Stanford ... CH 9 rec. (also 144 yds at UNLV) ... Has the 2nd-highest career YPC avg. (17.1) for any Aztec player in the last 20 years (min. 20 rec. ... Career: 95 rec; 1,625 yds, 13 TD ... Played twin brother, Elijah, a CB vs. Stanford.

BACKUP

93 Tim Wilson, Jr.
6-4 • 205 • Fr.-RS CGP: 10; CGS: 1
Plano, Texas (Plano East HS)

Has 5 rec. for 75 yds (15.0 avg.) in 10 GP & 1 GS ... RS in 2016 ... Praised at Plano East HS in Plano, Texas ... Majoring in construction engineering.

BACKUP

81 Collin Andrews
6-3 • 185 • Fr.-RS CGP: 7; CGS: 1
Chula Vista, Calif. (Olympian HS)

Joined program in spring 2017 ... Excellent blocker ... 1st start & catch vs. NIU ... Lindy's named him top SDSU newcomer ... Local product out of Olympian HS.

TIGHT END

88 David Wells
6-5 • 255 • Sr.-3L CGP: 50; CGS: 22
Clovis, Calif. (Clovis North HS)

2017 Stats:
GP 65 Rec. Yds. Avg. Long TD 10 8 9 133 14.8 30 2
Mackey, Wuerfel nati'l watch lists ... 40 straight GP until missing 2017 opener w/ injury ... GW TD catch vs. Stanford ... 28-yd TD in 4th Qtr at AFA ... Preseason all-MW ... Good blocker w/ good hands ... Was 2nd-team all-MW in 2016 w/ 25 rec. in 2016, 21 more than he had his 1st 2 years ... CH's of 5 catches & 62 yds, & 1st career TD vs. SJU ... Played final 12 games in 2014, mostly on ST ... RS in 2013 ... Prepped at Clovis North HS ... Was a 2015 MW Fall All-Academic pick ... Working on masters.

BACKUP

82 Parker Houston
6-3 • 280 • So.-1L CGP: 21; CGS: 11
Sparks, Nev. (Edward C. Reed HS)

Physiql TE ... Started 6 of 11 games w/ 6 rec. for 56 yds ... 5 rec. for 32 yds & 1 TD as a true freshman last year ... SDSU Co-Freshman of the Year (also Jwan Washington) ... Led Edward C. Reed HS to a 24-5 record (.828) over his final 2 yrs, including a 13-1 mark in 2015 ... Criminal justice major.

ALSO

87 Kahale Warring
6-6 • 290 • So.-SQ CGP: 15; CGS: 2
Simons, Calif. (Simons HS)

Pronunciation: kah-HALL-ey WHERE-ing ... Pat on 30 lbs. since arriving in 2015 ... Has 15 rec., 233 yds & 2 TD ... 2 rec., 17 yds & 2 TD in 2016 before practice inj. sidelined him for year ... RS in 2015 ... Played just 1 year of football in HS ... Full name: Kahale Kalo Kahani Michael Wohelhouse Warring

Offensive Tidbits

• Associate head coach and running backs coach Jeff Horton is in his third year as offensive coordinator at SDSU. In his seventh year overall at San Diego State, Horton has head coaching stints at Minnesota (interim in 2011), UNLV (1994-98) and Nevada (1993).

• Last season, San Diego State averaged 35.2 points per game to rank 29th in the nation. It was the school's highest points per game average since 1996 (38.9 ppg) and the 493 points were the most scored in school history.

• The Aztecs are ranked 14th nationally in rushing yards per game (251.1), 18th in rush coverage (5.3) and tied for 26th in rushing touchdowns (26).

• San Diego State is 61-14 in the Rocky Long era when scoring just 20 or more points.

• SDSU is 25-2 the last 27 times it had an advantage in time of possession.

• The Aztecs had a school-record 3,680 rushing yards last year. SDSU had broken its 2012 record (2,869) in 2015 with 3,266 yards.

• SDSU has a 1,000-yard rusher (Rashaad Penny, 1,824) in a school-record eight straight seasons, which only trails Auburn (9) for the longest active FBS streak in the country.

• Last year, San Diego State became the first team in NCAA FBS history with a 2,000-yard rusher (Punnett) and a 1,000-yard rusher (Penny) in the same season.

• The Aztecs have won 38 straight games when rushing for at least 200 yards (46-2 in the Rocky Long era).

• SDSU has a 100-yard rusher in nine of 11 games this season (10, 100-yard rushers total), 20 of the 25 games since 2016 (27, 100-yard rushers total) and 29 of the 39 games since Coach Horton took over the offense in 2015 (39, 100-yard rushers).

• San Diego State is 27-1 in program history when it has two, 100-yard rushers, something it did last game at San Jose State. The Aztecs have a pair of 100-yard rushers in seven of the past 20 games.

• SDSU has just 11 interceptions since 2015, the lowest in FBS play over that span.

• San Diego State has won 21 straight games when it does not turn the ball over.

SPECIALISTS

PAT'S/FG'S: 29 John Barron II, 5-11, 190, Jr.-1L
• FG/FGA: 12-for-15 (80%) | Long: 43 | PAT's: 42-for-42 (100%)
Punts: 59 Brandon Heiklen, 6-0, 180, So.-Tr
• Punt: 52 | Avg.: 38.1 | Long: 51 | TB: 3 | TD: 17 | 50+: 2
Kickoffs: 29 John Barron II, 5-11, 190, Jr.-1L
• KO: 65 | Avg.: 63.3 | TB: 29 | 0B: 0 | Avg. Opp. Start: 24
Short Snapper: 82 Parker Houston, 6-3, 240, So.-1L
Long Snapper: 50 Turner Bernard, 6-1, 210, Fr.-RS
Holder: 6 Mikah Holder, 6-0, 185, Sr.-3L
Kick Returns: 20 Rashaad Penny ... & 29 Jwan Washington
• Penny - KR: 14 | Yds: 426 | Avg.: 30.4 | TD: 2 | Long: 100
• Washington - KR: 10 | Yds: 193 | Avg.: 19.3 | TD: 1 | Long: 96
Punt Returns: 8 Quest Truxton
• PR: 22 | Yds: 191 | Avg.: 8.7 | TD: 0 | Long: 37



Rocky Long

Head Coach

- Three-Time Mountain West Coach of the Year
- All-time winningest coach in Mountain West history
- SDSU finished 25th in both national polls last year
- Defense ranked 11th last year and 17th in scoring defense
- 15 players selected in the NFL Draft in his six seasons as head coach



Danny Gonzales

DC/Safeties Coach

- Named defensive coordinator in March 2017
- In his seventh season at SDSU coaching safeties
- SDSU's 60 interceptions from 2015-17 are most in FBS
- Aztecs led nation with 26 interceptions last year
- Has spent 15 years working/playing with Coach Long

DEFENSIVE END

55 Chibu Onyuekwu

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6-4 • 255 • Jr.-RS CGP: 11; CGS: 2
Pittsburg, Calif. (Deer Valley HS/Contra Costa College)

TOP NOTE: Has started each of the past two games (the first two of his career) after playing the first nine off the bench.

Notes: '17; Career; Personal

Athletic defensive end, who has three years of collegiate experience (2014-15 with Contra Costa College and redshirting last year at SDSU) ... Expected to make second career start Saturday vs. Nevada ... Has 15 tackles (eight solo) in 11 games, including 4.5 sacks (and tackles for loss) and two quarterback hurries ... Ranks seventh in the MW with 4.5 sacks, despite only starting twice on the season ... Had first two tackles, 1.5 sacks and 1.5 TFL in second game at Arizona State ... Career-high three tackles, two sacks and two TFL vs. Hawai'i ... Won two Pacific 7 titles at Contra Costa College, along with his brother, Chima, who now is playing at Washington State ... Led 2015 team with eight sacks & 12 TFL ... Prepped at Deer Valley HS ... Full name is Chibueze Onyuekwu ... Majoring in sociology.

BACKUP

95 Noble Hall

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6-3 • 265 • Jr.-2L CGP: 35; CGS: 26
Las Vegas, Nev. (Valley High)

Notes: Has 32 tackles, 7.5 TFL, 3.5 sacks & 2 FF in 9 games ... MW Def. PkV at ASU (5 tackles, 2.5 TFL, 1.5 SACK, 2 FF) ... 2016: 26 tackles, 6.0 TFL, 3 SACK ... 2015: 20 tackles, 6.0 TFL, 0.5 SACK, a FF ... 2014 SDSU Def. Scout Team PkV, while RS ... Career: 77 tackles, 19.5 TFL, 7.0 SACK, 3 FF ... Previously known as Eric Burnett.

LINEBACKER

39 Ronley Lakalaka

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6-0 • 225 • Jr.-2L CGP: 35; CGS: 23
Kalihi, Hawaii (Punahou HS)

TOP NOTE: His 73 tackles last year were the third most by an Aztec underclassman in the Rocky Long defensive coordinator era (since 2009).

Notes: '17; Career; Personal

Physical yet stoppish linebacker who has become one of the leaders on defense ... Moved into the two-deep for the South Alabama game as a true freshman in 2015 with Luke Foley injured & stayed there for the rest of the season, before starting 13 of 14 games last year ... Has 67 tackles (1st on team), 4.5 TFL, 3 sacks & 5 QBH this year ... Had 73 tackles (2nd on team) last year with 3.0 TFL, an 8-yd sack, 2 INTs for 20 yards & a TD, a PBU & 5 QBH ... Was 1 of 2 true freshmen on the depth chart in either side of the ball in 2015 (also safety Parker Baldwin), making 11 tackles ... Full name is Ronley Saunioaloes Leao Lakalaka ... Was 2-time all-state 1st-team selection at Punahou HS ... Older brother, Steven, played FB at Hawai'i, while younger brother, Seydrick, is a true freshman LB at SDSU ... Is majoring in social science.

BACKUP

44 Kyahva Tezino

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6-0 • 230 • So.-1L CGP: 29; CGS: 3
Los Angeles, Calif. (Salesian HS)

Notes: Has 25 tackles over his last 3 games (all starts) (entered game with 8 tackles in 1st career game) ... 2016: 5 tackles (1.5 sacks) in 11 GP ... 2015: RS as team's def. scout PkV ... Rushed for 1,704 yards & 13 TD on offense & made 343 tackles at Salesian HS ... A 4-star recruit.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

65 Sergio Phillips

6-2 • 285 • Sr.-3L CGP: 40; CGS: 11
DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto HS)

TOP NOTE: Has the most career tackles (83) among current SDSU defensive linemen, despite only starting 11 games (all this year).

Notes: '17; Career; Personal

Has switched back & forth from the offensive line (2013 recruit, spring 2015) & defensive line (spring/fall 2014, fall 2015-current) ... Has 36 tackles, 1.0 TFL & three QBH in first 11 career starts this year ... Had 42 tackles (20 solo), 3.5 tackles for loss, three sacks, a forced fumble, pass breakup and three quarterback hurries last year off the bench ... Career-high 10 stops, 1 sack in 2016 MW Championship game ... Played in eight games in 2015 (six on OL, two on DL), including being the only defensive substitute at the MW Championship game ... Had five tackles, 2.0 TFL & a sack in 2014 ... Was a three-star recruit out of DeSoto HS in Texas ... Was an all-state selection as a senior ... Led DeSoto to a 14-1 record & 7-0 mark in league play as a senior ... Majoring in social science.

BACKUP

61 Damon Moore

6-4 • 250 • Jr.-SQ CGP: 10; CGS: 0
Novato, Calif. (San Marin High)

Notes: Walk-on, who played in 1 game in 2016 after missing 2015 & the 2016 spring w/ a knee injury ... 9 tackles, 1 FR in 9 GP this year ... Had 2 tackles vs. Hawai'i in 2016 ... Missed 2015 w/ injury ... RS in 2014 ... Earned 2 letters at San Marin HS ... A business administration major.

DEFENSIVE END

41 Dakota Turner

6-3 • 250 • Jr.-1L CGP: 39; CGS: 6
Mililani, Hawaii (Mililani High)

TOP NOTE: Started for the first time of his career on defense at Hawai'i (also started first three games at fallback last year).

Notes: '17; Career; Personal

Tough, relentless defensive end who is great in pursuit ... Returned to play Sept. 30 vs. Northern Illinois after suffering extensive cartilage and ligament damage on Aug. 19 in an SDSU scrimmage ... Has recorded 10 tackles, a sack, a fumble recovery & a PBU in last seven games played ... Started first three games last year at fallback, but played final 11 at defensive end, totaling 40 tackles, five TFL, two sacks, two PBU and a fumble recovery ... 2015: 15 tackles (four TFL) before tearing an ACL at Hawai'i ... 2014: 18 tackles, 2.5 TFL and two sacks in 12 games ... 2013: Redshirted ... Career: 83 tackles, 12.5 TFL, five sacks, 1 FF & 1 FR in 39 career games (inc. 3 off GP) ... First-team all-state at Mililani HS ... Two-time all-league selection ... A three-star recruit ... Majoring in social science.

BACKUP

58 Myles Cheatum

6-2 • 255 • So.-SQ CGP: 15; CGS: 8
Cedar Park, Texas (Cedar Park HS)

Notes: Has 17 tackles, 3.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks & 4 QBH in 10 GP (8 GS) ... 2016: 4 tackles (3 solo) in 5 GP ... 2015: RS ... Led Cedar Park HS to a 12-4 overall record & to Conference 5A Division 2 championship game ... Also had 10 offensive TD (8 rushing, 2 receiving) ... Born in Athens, Greece. ALSO: No. 45 Anthony Lake (6-4, 260, Jr.-TR) ... (p. 11) a.e.

LINEBACKER

42 Troy Cassidy

6-3 • 215 • So.-1L CGP: 22; CGS: 7
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

TOP NOTE: Entered fall camp third on the depth chart, but started first seven games this season; From same high school as Christian Chapman.

Notes: '17; Career; Personal

Smart, athletic player who played in 11 games as a true freshman last year ... Joins fellow starters Ronley Lakalaka (Jr.) & Jay Henderson (Sr.) as linebackers who never redshirted a season (true freshman Andrew Aleki is also on the two-deep) ... Has 22 tackles (12 solo) with 1.5 TFL, 0.5 sacks, a PBU & a QBH ... Played the final 11 games, mostly on special teams, making 10 tackles (four solo) with a 1-yard sack (and TFL) ... Made a career-high three stops (all solo) vs. San José State, while also recording his first sack (and TFL), going for 1-yard ... Recorded 178 tackles (119 solo) with 10 sacks over his three-year career at Carlsbad HS (some school as starting QB Christian Chapman) ... Also played tight end for the 2015 Nevada West League champ ... Is undecided on a major.

BACKUP

52 Tyler Morris

6-3 • 225 • Sr.-1L CGP: 26; CGS: 0
Las Vegas, Nev. (Foothill HS)

Notes: Veteran LB, who also is a special teams stalwart ... Has three tackles in 11 games off the bench ... 2016: Missed season with a 2nd torn ACL ... 2015: Had 3 tackles in 14 games ... 2014: Tore ACL in opener & missed season ... 2013: Redshirt ... Working on master's in homeland security.

Defensive Tidbits

• Danny Gonzales is serving as the team's defensive coordinator for first time at SDSU, but head coach Rocky Long will still call the game. Since Long took over as the defensive coordinator in 2009, San Diego State's defense ranks 13th nationally in yards per rush allowed (3.6), 18th in yards per touch (6.3), 19th in yards allowed per game (346.9) and 26th in yards allowed per game (23.2).

• The Aztecs have had three of the best defensive seasons and have continued their momentum this year. Below are comparisons and total ranks of the last three seasons:

	Scoring	Total	Pass	Rush
2014	13th	16th	19th	48th
2015	7th	5th	10th	7th
2016	17th	11th	42nd	7th
2017	19th	13th	29th	11th
2014-17	6th	5th	8th	7th

• SDSU is allowing just 308.5 yards per game and 19.2 points per game this season. In their other games this season, the Aztecs' opponents are averaging 406.9 yards per game and 29.4 points per game.

• San Diego State held three straight opponents to single digits in scoring last year for the first time since a four-game stretch from Oct. 15-Nov. 5, 1977. The Aztecs have held an opponent to single digits 12 times since the beginning of the 2015 season (39 games), including two of the last three games.

• Over SDSU's last 29 Mountain West contests (does not include MW Championships), opponents have scored just 16.2 points per game vs. San Diego State and only 27.8 yards per game.

• SDSU has held seven opponents to less than 200 yards of total offense since the beginning of 2015 (39 games), including once this year.

• Since the beginning of 2015 (39 games), San Diego State's defense ranks first in interceptions (60, second is 52) and tied for second in interception TDs (10).

• Since the beginning of the 2015 campaign, the Aztec defense ranks third nationally in rushing yards allowed per game (108.8) and third in rushing yards per attempt (3.2).

• SDSU has held its opponent to seven or less points in the first half in 19 of the last 35 games.

• In 18 of its last 41 games, San Diego State has held its opponent to a passer rating of less than 100.00, including three games this year.

CORNERBACK

17 Ron Smith

6-0 • 170 • So.-1L CGP: 24; CGS: 16
Oakland, Calif. (St. Mary's HS)

Notes: '17; Career; Personal

Good technique with a knack for coming up with the big play ... Started the final 6 games last year, recording 45 tackles, 0.5 TFL, 3 INT (2 for a TD), 1 PBU & a FF over that span ... Ranks 2nd in MW (9th in FBS) in passes defended per game (1.45) ... 49 stops (35 solo), 2 INT, 1 TFL, 2.0 TFL & a FF ... Had 57 tackles, 3 INT for 77 yards & 2 TD, 3 PBU & a FF ... Was named to the 2016-17 Associated Press & Athlon Sports all-bowl teams for his play in the Las Vegas Bowl (10 tackles, INT for a TD) ... Redshirted in 2015 as a true freshman ... A 3-star recruit by Rivals, Scout, ESPN & 247Sports ... Majoring in psychology.

BACKUP

27 Kyree Woods

6-0 • 175 • So.-1L CGP: 17; CGS: 0
Mesquite, Ariz. (Chandler HS)

Athletic, young cornerback who should increase workload this year ... In 10 starts this year ... Had 11 tackles in 7 games as a true freshman last year, which went down on a 10-yard sack on Hawai'i quarterback Drew Brown on 4th & 5, keeping SDSU's 55-0 shutout intact ... Led Chandler HS to a 24-4 record over his 2 years, including a state title in 2014 ... A 3-star recruit by ESPN ... A business admin. major.

WARRIOR

14 Tariq Thompson

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6-0 • 190 • Fr.-HS CGP: 11; CGS: 11
San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine HS)

Notes: '17; Career; Personal

Athletic safety, who impressed the coaching staff in fall camp ... Shows great maturity for his age (turned 18 on Aug. 9) ... Became 1st Aztec true freshman to start on defense since CB Leon McCordden started at CSU on Oct. 24, 2009 & the 1st to start a season opener on defense since McCordden on Sept. 5, 2009, at UCLA (Coach Rocky Long's 1st game as SDSU's DC) ... Ended up with 4 tackles, a TFL, an INT & a FF ... Added a FR at ASU ... CB 6 stops, 2 INT (1 for 83-yd TD) vs. NIU ... Has 46 tackles (33 solo), 2 TFL, 3 INT, a FF, FR, PBU & 2 QBH ... Played both sides of the ball at local St. Augustine HS, where team was 20-6 over his final 2 years (2015-16) ... Was a 2-time all-CF pick.

BACKUP

48 Israel Cabrera

5-10 • 180 • So.-1L CGP: 22; CGS: 0
Canyon County, Calif. (Canyon HS)

Speedy DB with good technique ... Also excels on special teams ... Has 8 tackles in 11 games on special teams ... Leads SDSU with 8 ST & 8 KR tackles ... Played 11 games on special teams last year with 1 tackle ... Redshirted in 2015 ... Football League Defensive PkV at Canyon HS in 2014 ... Had 188 stops, 8.5 TFL, 14 INT, 14 PBU, 3 FF & 3 FR for HS career ... Twin brother, Liam, also on SDSU at WR. (p. 11) a.e. No. 18 Trenton Thompson (6-2, 190, So.-1L) ... (p. 11) a.e.

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33 Parker Baldwin

6-2 • 215 • Jr.-2L CGP: 39; CGS: 19
Siloam Springs, Ark. (Siloam Springs HS)

Notes: '17; Career; Personal

TOP NOTE: Ranked third on the team in tackles last year (66), despite coming off the bench the first 5 games. Big time playermaker, who did not start at Hawai'i because of a knee injury after starting 17 straight at the signature Aztec spot in Rocky Long's 3-3-5 defense ... Has 59 tackles (1-2nd on team), an INT, a PBU & 0.5 TFL ... Had 24 tackles in 2-game stretch this year, including CH 13 at AFA ... Had 66 tackles (37 solo), 3 TFL, 2 INT, a FF, FR & 7 PBU last year ... Was 2nd on the team in special teams tackles (10) as a true freshman in 2015 ... Had 14 tackles, an INT & a FF being named team's Freshman of the Year ... Earned all-state accolades as a Sr. ... Scored 8 TD & had 758 rec. yds, 135 rush yds & 134 catches in his final HS season ... Was the 200m state champ ... A communication major.

BACKUP

37 Dwayne Johnson, Jr.

6-2 • 190 • Fr.-RS CGP: 10; CGS: 1
Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta HS)

Hard-hitting safety, who is still learning the defense ... Logged 13 tackles & 1 TFL in his 1st 10 career games this year ... Earned 1st career start at Hawai'i ... Redshirted the 2016 campaign ... Led Vista Murrieta HS to a 35-7 (833) record & 15-0 in league play over his 3 seasons ... Had 207 tackles & 8 interceptions over his final 2 years ... No relation to Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.

WARRIOR

3 Trey Lomax

5-11 • 195 • Sr.-3L CGP: 42; CGS: 36
San Diego, Calif. (Mira Mesa HS)

Notes: '17; Career; Personal

TOP NOTE: Has the most starts (36) among any active Aztec on either the offensive or defensive side of the ball. Reads plays exceptionally well ... Has the most tackles (160) among any current Aztec ... 4th on team w/ 55 stops ... 2016: 33 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 1 INT & 5 PBU in 14 GP (13 GS) ... 2015: Battered injuries to finish w/9 tackles, 1.0 TFL & 1 FR in 5 GP (2 GS) ... 2014: Had most tackles (63) by an Aztec freshman in the Rocky Long DC era (since 2009) ... Named the team's most out. frosh (2014) w/ 2 FR as well ... Career: 160 tackles, 8 TFL, 1 sack, 3 INT, 10 PBU, 3 FR ... 2013: RS ... Also was recruited to play baseball at SDSU ... Off. conference MVP at Mira Mesa HS ... Also hit .341 & was 2-time 1st-team all-league baseball pick ... Earned bachelor's in criminal justice & working on a master's in homeland security.

BACKUP

23 Darren Hall

6-0 • 170 • Fr.-HS CGP: 2; CGS: 0
Pasadena, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga HS)

Ball hawk, who saw action in the opener vs. UC Davis, making two tackles ... One of three true freshmen on the defensive side of the depth chart (also Andrew Aleki and WAR Taylor Thompson) ... Led Rancho Cucamonga HS to a 12-1 record last year, earning first-team all-league honors ... Was a consensus three-star recruit ... Prepped with fellow true freshman Tayari Venable ... Majoring in communication.

CORNERBACK

7 Kameron Kelly

6-2 • 200 • Sr.-3L CGP: 44; CGS: 25
Murphy, Texas (Wylie HS)

Notes: '17; Career; Personal

TOP NOTE: Recorded two interceptions against Houston in the 2016 Las Vegas Bowl game. Made the move to CB after spending 1st 3 years at Warrior ... Has 59 tackles (48 solo), 4.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 8 PBU, 3 INT & 2 FF ... Brokko Nagarski Narf & MW Def. PkV vs. Stanford w/ 6 tackles, 2 sacks, a FF & an INT ... Had 38 tackles, 10 INT & 6 PBU last year ... Started 13 times in 2015 at Warrior, making 58 tackles, 3 TFL, 3 PBU & 2 INT ... Logged time in 6 games as a true frosh in 2014 w/ 1 tackle & a blooded punt before having surgery on a leg for compartment syndrome ... Career: 156 tackles, 7.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 10 INT (1.0th in SDSU history), 17 PBU, 2 FF ... The 4A Region II District 13 PkV after racking up 4,000 all-purpose yds at Wylie HS in Texas ... A social science major.

BACKUP

32 Tayler Hawkins

6-1 • 200 • Fr.-RS CGP: 8; CGS: 0
Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)

Hard-hitting athlete, who has played last eight games for the first time in 2014 w/ 1 tackle & a blooded punt before having surgery on a leg for compartment syndrome ... Career: 156 tackles, 7.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 10 INT (1.0th in SDSU history), 17 PBU, 2 FF ... The 4A Region II District 13 PkV after racking up 4,000 all-purpose yds at Wylie HS in Texas ... A social science major.

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