

# San Diego State Aztecs

2018 Record: 4-1, 1-0 MW  
 Eight Straight Bowl Game Appearances  
 MW Champions: 2012, 2015, 2016 | 21-Time Conference Champions



## Jeff Horton

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

- Fourth season as offensive coordinator (eighth year at SDSU overall)
- SDSU has scored 30+ points in 25 of its last 40 games. (32.8 avg.)
- 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 • 315 • So.-1L CGP: 18; CGS: 18  
 Fernley, Nevada (Fernley HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Named a USA Today Freshman All-American and second-team All-Mountain West as a freshman (2017)

**Notes:** '18; Career; Personal  
**Pronunciation:** ROM-er ... of 3 players to log all 344 snaps this season ... Has made 18 consecutive starts at LG & 1st-team preseason all-MW by teammate C/RG Keith Ismael) to make the MW 1st or 2nd team last year (was on 2nd) ... Named team's OL of the year (2017) ... Although he was on the two-deep, redshirted during the 2016 campaign ... Was all-league and all-state at both offensive and defensive line at Fernley HS in Nevada ... Also played 2 years of basketball and a year of wrestling and swimming ... A interdisciplinary studies major.

### BACKUP

**71 Kyle Spalding**

6-6 • 300 • So.-SO CGP: 8; CGS: 0

McKinleyville, Calif. (McKinleyville HS)  
**Pronunciation:** LAVD-gee bah-GAH-yo-ko ... Enrolled in Jan., '17 and has a pair of spring and fall ('17, '18) practice periods under his belt ... **RS in 2017** ... Ranked 7th among OT prospects in Calif.

### LEFT GUARD

**79 Daishawn Dixon**

6-5 • 320 • Jr.-2L CGP: 32; CGS: 18  
 San Antonio, Texas (Wm. Howard Taft HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Has played in all 32 games the last two seasons and made 18 straight starts at left guard.

**Notes:** '18; Career; Personal  
**Pronunciation:** DAY-shawn ... Made 18 straight starts at LG & played in 32 straight games ... 1 of 3 players to play all 344 snaps this season ... One penalty, no sacks allowed in 2018 ... 3rd-most snaps played on team in 2017 (819) ... Logged 34 offensive snaps in 2016, the most among OL reserves ... That season he played in all 14 games, mostly on PAT & FG units ... Redshirted during the '15 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 ... Born in Phoenix, Ariz., graduated HS in San Antonio.

### BACKUP

**70 Ladji Bagayoko**

6-4 • 305 • Fr.-RS CGP: 0; CGS: 0

Saint-Laurent, Quebec (Bishop Alemany HS)  
**Pronunciation:** LAVD-gee bah-GAH-yo-ko ... Enrolled in Jan., '17 and has a pair of spring and fall ('17, '18) practice periods under his belt ... **RS in 2017** ... Ranked 7th among OT prospects in Calif.

### CENTER

**56 Dominic Gudino**

6-3 • 300 • So.-1L CGP: 11; CGS: 7  
 Chula Vista, Calif. (Olympian High)

**TOP NOTE:** Last season, became the first true FR to start on offense for SDSU since Nick Bowden started at QB in 2014.

**Notes:** '18; Career; Personal  
**Pronunciation:** GOO-deeno ... Played in 11 consecutive games & made 7 starts during that span (6 at C, 1 at RG), prior to not playing last 7 games (ankle) ... Started at C in opener & most of ASU game at RG w/ Zachary Thomas going down w/ an injury ... Earned his 1st career start in 1st career game at RG vs. NU (2017) ... Earned 3 letters at local Olympian HS in Chula Vista, capturing 2 seasons ... Played on both sides of the line ... Was a 1st-team all-league & 1st-team all-CF selection ... Was a Blue-Grey All-American ... Also a 3-time Union-Tribune all-academic pick ... A 3-star recruit by ESPN, 247Sports & Scout ... Also threw the shot put & discus on the track & field team ... Majoring in kinesiology ... Is 19 years old.

### BACKUP

**62 Nick Gerhard**

6-5 • 300 • Jr.-SO CGP: 12; CGS: 2

Arlington, Texas (Mansfield Timberview HS)  
**Pronunciation:** GAIR-hard ... Started last 3 games 1st time in career ... Logged 31 snaps in 2017 ... Recorded 24 snaps in 2016 ... **RS his 1st year at SDSU in 2015** ... Was a 1st-team all-state pick at Mansfield Timberview HS in Arlington, TX.

### RIGHT GUARD

**60 Keith Ismael**

6-3 • 310 • So.-1L CGP: 19; CGS: 18  
 Oakland, Calif. (Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep)

**TOP NOTE:** International & conflict resolution major was tied for the most snaps on the team last season (829).

**Notes:** '18; Career; Personal  
**Pronunciation:** iz-MALE ... 1st-team preseason all-MW by MW media, Athlon, Phil Steele and Street & Smith's ... Started twice at C (Sac St., ASU) & 3 times at RG (Ston. EMU & BS) ... Named 2nd-team all-MW (2017) ... Started all 13 games in 2017 (eight at C, five at RG) ... 1 of 2 non-senior O-line-men (also: teammate RT Tyler Roemer) to make the MW 1st or 2nd team (made 2nd) ... Was on the depth chart in 2016 at LG, but did not play & was able to maintain his RS ... Was a 1st-team all-league pick & a 2nd-team all-Metro selection as a Sr. at Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep ... Also played lax at SHCP ... An international & conflict resolution major.

### BACKUP

**64 Chris Martinez**

6-4 • 305 • Fr.-RS CGP: 0; CGS: 0

Turlock, Calif. (Pitman HS)  
 Has not played yet ... Redshirted in 2017 ... A three-time letterwinner at Pitman High in Turlock, Calif. ... A three-star prep recruit ... Twice named first-team all-Central-California Conference ... Was born in San Jose, Calif.

### RIGHT TACKLE

**77 Ryan Pope**

6-7 • 315 • Sr.-2L CGP: 39; CGS: 16  
 Long Beach, Calif. (Lakewood HS/LBCC)

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

**Notes:** '18; Career; Personal  
 Played in 30 consecutive games & made 11 straight starts ... Has 16 career starts at RT, including the 5 games this season ... Allowed no OQ pressures in 33 game snaps vs. ASU & was highest graded out player on team ... Became just the 3rd Aztec to start at RT in the 2017 opener since the start of 2014 (Daniel Brunskill - 14 games, Pearce Slater - 27 games) ... Missed 12 games of 2016 w/ a chest injury, but saw action in the final 12 games of the year ... Redshirted the 2015 campaign ... Led Long Beach City College to a 9-2 record in 2014 ... Played FB & basketball at Lakewood HS ... A social science major.

### BACKUP

**75 Desmond Bessent**

6-7 • 325 • Fr.-RS CGP: 0; CGS: 0

Tampa, Fla. (Sickles HS)  
**Pronunciation:** BESS-ent ... On two-deep for third straight week ... Utilized his redshirt season last year as a true freshman (2017) ... Played high school ball in Tampa ... Criminal justice major.

### FULLBACK

**4 Chad Woolsey**

6-1 • 225 • Sr.-3L CGP: 19; CGS: 1  
 Vista, Calif. (Santa Barbara City College)

**TOP NOTE:** Is expected to start for the second time of his career Friday against Air Force after earning a scholarship after the fall camp.

**2018 Stats:**

Rushing					Receiving				
GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	TD	100+	No.	Yds.	TD	Lg.
5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Notes:** '18; Career; Personal  
 Originally a walk-on who moved from running back to fullback after the spring season ... Awarded a scholarship a week prior to the season opener ... Has mainly seen action on special teams ... Enters the Air Force game with 70 career snaps at fullback (47 last game at Boise state) and 82 snaps for his career (12 snaps at running back in 2017) ... Has seen extensive action on special teams during his career, recording six tackles (two in 2018) ... Last season, carried eight times for 41 yards (5.1 ypc) as a running back ... Played one season (2015) at Santa Barbara City College ... Earned three letters at Rancho Buena Vista High School.

### BACKUP

**15 Jordan Byrd**

5-9 • 175 • Fr.-TR CGP: 3; CGS: 0

Albuquerque, N.M. (Manzano HS)  
 Fastest player on the team, who can get outside & take it all the way ... Has 87 yards on 4 rushes with a 72-yd TD at Boise State ... Ranks 3rd in FBS in YPC (21.75, min. 4 att.) ... 3,993 all-purpose yards & 42 TD in Manzano HS, while throwing for 1,522 yards & 16 TD ... State champ in football, and multiple-state champ in track & field with a 10.32 PR in the 100.

### RUNNING BACK

**22 Chase Jasmin**

5-11 • 195 • So.-1L CGP: 18; CGS: 1  
 Agoura Hills, Calif. (Westlake HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Has rushed for 284 yards on 61 attempts with two touchdowns over his last three games, starting for the first time at Boise State.

**2018 Stats:**

Rushing					Receiving				
GP	GS	Att.	Yds.	TD	100+	No.	Yds.	TD	Lg.
5	1	69	311	4	2	4	24	0	2

**Notes:** '18; Career; Personal  
 Is expected to start for the second time of his career Friday vs. Air Force ... Has already logged more snaps this season (132) than all of last year (99), including 111 over the last three games ... Had 19 attempts and a career-high 112 yards with a TD against No. 23 Arizona State ... Followed with 94 yards on 16 attempts vs. Eastern Michigan ... Career-high 26 attempts & TD for 78 yards at Boise State ... Rushed for 137 yds & 2 TDs in 33 carries in 2017 ... 1st career TD at UNLV ... 14 att. & 82 yds with a TD at SDSU ... Redshirted in 2016 ... Rushed for more 2,808 yards & 24 touchdowns over his three-year high school career ... Was a competitive boxer growing up.

### BACKUP

**26 Kaegun Williams**

5-9 • 200 • Fr.-RS CGP: 2; CGS: 0

Cedar Hill, Texas (Cedar Hill HS)  
 Has a 1-yard rush in 2 GP ... **RS in 2017** ... 3,896 AP yds & 43 TD at Cedar Hill HS.

**OR**  
**21 Chance Bell**  
 CGP: 0; CGS: 0  
 5-10 • 185 • Fr.-RS  
 Burbank, Calif.  
 John Burroughs HS  
 Has not played in a game ... **RS in 2017** ... 4,525 yds, 59 TDs at JBHS.  
**INJ:** No. 76 Zachary Thomas (6-5, 300, Fr.-RS). (IP: 16:02)

### QUARTERBACK

**9 Ryan Agnew**

6-0 • 190 • Jr.-2L CGP: 19; CGS: 3  
 Southlake, Texas (Carroll HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Against No. 23 ASU became first Group 5 quarterback to win in his starting debut against a ranked Power 5 team since 2009.

**2018 Stats:**

GP	GS	Comp.	Att.	Pct.	Int.	TD	Yds.	Rtg.
4	3	43	78	55.1	3	3	577	122.27

**Notes:** '18; Career; Personal  
 Athletic, mobile QB with an accurate arm ... Will make his 4th career start Friday vs. AFA ... Came off the bench to play vs. Sac St., going 11-for-17 for 159 yards ... Making starting debut vs. #23 ASU, going 12-for-24 for 129 yards with a TD & 36 rushing yards on 9 carries ... Was 1st Aztec QB to beat a ranked team in his starting debut ... Was 1st Aztec to start at QB other than Christian Chapman since Dec. 5, 2015 ... 12-for-22 for 176 yards & 2 TD vs. EMU ... No TDs in win vs. #24 Boise St. ... Went 4-for-7 for 47 yards in 7 GP in 2017, while rushing 52 times on 10 att. ... Was 2-for-2 for 29 yds & rushed 4 times for 33 yds in 2016 ... Redshirt in 2015, where he was named the team's off. scout Poll ... Passed for 6,967 yds & 56 TD over 3 years at Carroll HS in Southlake, Texas ... Also rushed for 2,286 yds & 38 TDs.

### BACKUP

**5 Mark Salazar**

6-3 • 190 • Fr.-RS CGP: 0; CGS: 0

San Diego, Calif. (Rancho Bernardo HS)  
 Making his 48th straight week on depth chart, but has yet to play ... In his second season with the Aztecs after redshirting as a true freshman in 2017 ... Played at nearby Rancho Bernardo HS ... Led team to 24-3 record during his final two years ... Passed for 3,496 yards during his final two prep seasons ... Business administration major with an emphasis in marketing.

### Z RECEIVER

**81 Ethan Dedeaux**

5-9 • 185 • Fr.-RS CGP: 5; CGS: 5  
 Las Vegas, Nev. (Liberty HS)

**2018 Stats:**

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
5	5	13	161	12.4	27	0

**Notes:** '18; Career; Personal  
**Pronunciation:** DAY-doh ... Questionable for AFA ... Leading the team in receptions (13) & yards (161) ... Was only player listed as a starter on either side of the ball that started in his 1st game at Stanford (every other projected starter on offense has at least 1 career start) ... Had 6 catches for 90 yards (15.0 avg.) vs. Sac State ... 90 yards were most by an Aztec freshman since at least 1996 ... Redshirted last season ... Was on the depth chart at Liberty HS where he participated in football & track ... Scored 54 TDs in 54 career high school games ... In HS, he played the following positions: WR, RB, CB, S & QB ... 19 years old ... A communication major.

### BACKUP

**6 Tim Wilson, Jr.**

6-4 • 205 • So.-1L CGP: 16; CGS: 1

Plano, Texas (Plano East HS)  
 Has 6 catches for 106 yds (17.7 avg.) & a TD ... 1st TD (9 yds) in 2nd Q to the ASU game at 14-14 ... Missed EMU game w/ back inj. ... Played in 12 of 13 games in 2017 & made 1 start (UC Davis) ... Caught 6 passes for 89 yds (14.8 avg.) ... **RS in 2016** ... Prepped at Plano East HS in Plano, Texas ... Was a 3-star HS recruit ... Majoring in business administration.

### X RECEIVER

**7 Fred Trevillion**

6-2 • 200 • Sr.-2L CGP: 30; CGS: 6  
 Brookhaven, Miss. (Brookhaven HS/Southwest Miss. CC)

**2018 Stats:**

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
5	4	9	151	16.8	30	0

**Notes:** '18; Career; Personal  
 Playmaker with great speed ... Has 9 catches for 151 yards on season ... Ranks 5th among active FBS players in catch avg. (22.8, min. 2 cr.) ... Led the FBS in rec. avg. (27.25) in his 2017 (min. 10 rec.) ... One of 83 SDSU players in school history & only current member of the Aztec team to include a 100-yd receiving game ... 2 rec., 128 yds, 1 TD vs. BSU, inc. 89-yd TD (4th longest in SDSU history) ... Originally signed with the Aztecs in 2014 & played in 12 games while playing on special teams & working with the safeties ... Played at Southwest Miss. CC in 2016 ... Social science major.

### BACKUP

**92 Kobe Smith**

CGP: 5; CGS: 0  
 6-2 • 175 • Fr.-TR  
 Compton, Calif.  
 Junipero Serra HS

Has 3 catches for 32 yards, playing all 5 games as a true fresh. ... 2 rec, 27 yds vs. EMU ... Had 107 rec. for 1,689 yds & 13 TD at JHS from 2016-17.

**OR**  
**96 Elijah Kothe**  
 CGP: 4; CGS: 0  
 6-4 • 185 • Fr.-HS  
 Las Vegas, Nev.  
 Faith Lutheran HS

**Pronunciation:** CODY ... 2 catches for 16 yards (both vs. EMU) in 4 games as a true freshman ... Had 115 rec. for 1,806 yds. & 19 TD from 2015-17 at JHS.

### TIGHT END

**82 Parker Houston**

6-3 • 250 • Jr.-2L CGP: 28; CGS: 16  
 Sparks, Nev. (Edward S. Reed HS)

**2018 Stats:**

GP	GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
5	5	6	72	12.0	25	1

**Notes:** '18; Career; Personal  
 Has the most career starts (16) among any active SDSU tight end, wide receiver or running back ... Physical tight end and the team's best blocking skilled player ... Has a catch in all five games this season (only Aztec), including two receptions and a 25-yard TD vs. EMU ... Started seven of 13 games last year with six receptions for 56 yards ... 5 rec. for 32 yds & 1 TD as a true fresh in 2016 ... SDSU Co-Freshman of the Year (also Jovan Washington) ... Led Edward C. Reed HS to a 24-5 record (.828) over his final two years, including a 13-1 mark in 2015 ... Criminal justice major, who has a two-time MW Fall Academic Team member (2016-17).

### BACKUP

**87 Kahale Waring**

6-6 • 250 • Jr.-1L CGP: 22; CGS: 4

Sonora, Calif. (Sonora HS)  
**Pronunciation:** kah-HALL-ay WHERE-ing ... Is on the Mackey Award Watch List (top TE) ... Has 8 rec., 127 yds. & a 2-pt. conv. ... Of his 28 career receptions, five have gone for a touchdown ... Played in all 13 games in 2017 ... Played only one season of prep football ... In high school, he played basketball, water polo, cross country, swimming and tennis.

### INJURED

**QB Christian Chapman**

CGP: 38; CGS: 31  
 6-0 • 200 • Sr.-3L

Season: FGs 10-for-11 (909) | Long: 54 | PATs: 8-for-8

Career: FGs 43-for-49 (878) | Long: 54 | PATs: 116-for-118

Punts: 59 | Brandon Heicklen, 6-0, 180, Jr.-1L

Season: 24 | Avg.: 41.8 | Long: 58 | TB: 0 | 120: 9 | 50+: 6

Career: 83 | Avg.: 39.3 | Long: 58 | TB: 3 | 120: 27 | 50+: 9

Kickoffs: 29 | John Baron II, 5-11, 190, Sr.-2L

Season: 26 | Avg.: 61.7 | TB: 18 | OB: 0 | Avg. Opp. Start: 24

Short/Long Snapper: 50 | Turner Bernard, 6-1, 210, So.-1L

Holder: 59 | Brandon Heicklen, 6-0, 180, Jr.-1L

Kick Returns: 15 | Jordan Byrd & Fred Trevillion

Byrd (2018) - KR: 0 | Yds: 0 | Avg.: 0.0 | TD: 0 | Long: n/a

Trevillion (2018) - KR: 2 | Yds: 52 | Avg.: 26.0 | TD: 0 | Long: 29

Punt Returns: 81 | Ethan Dedeaux (questionable)

Dedeaux (2018) - PR: 4 | Yds: 7 | Avg.: -1.8 | TD: 0 | Long: 5

### SPECIALISTS

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## 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 in 2017
- Aztecs have won two of last three MW titles and three since 2012
- 17 players selected in the NFL Draft in his seven seasons as head coach



## Zach Arnett

DC/Linebackers Coach

- Named defensive coordinator in January 2018
- Is in his eighth season at SDSU and fifth as asst. coach
- Has worked with the SDSU linebackers all eight years
- Has coached an all-MW linebacker in six straight years
- Has spent 11 years working/playing with Coach Long

### DEFENSIVE END

# 55 Chibu Onyuekwu

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6-4 • 265 • Sr.-1L CGP: 18; CGS: 9  
Pittsburg, Calif. (Deer Valley HS/Contra Costa College)

**TOP NOTE:** Started the final four games of 2017 and the first five games this year, posting six sacks in 18 career games.

**Notes:** '18; Career; Personal

Questionable ... Athletic DE, who has four college experience (2014-15 with Contra Costa College, redshirting in 2016 at SDSU & playing last year) ... Is listed as questionable this weekend after starting last nine games ... Had one sack on the opener at No. 13/13 Stanford ... Had 18 tackles (10 solo) in 13 games last year, including five tackles for loss, 4.5 sacks & 2 quarterback hurries ... Had first two tackles, 1.5 sacks & 1.5 TFL in second game at Arizona State ... Career-high three tackles, two sacks & two TFL vs. Hawaii ... Won two Pacific 7 titles at Contra Costa College, along with his brother, China, 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

# 68 Myles Cheatum

6-2 • 270 • Jr.-1L CGP: 21; CGS: 10  
Cedar Park, Texas (Cedar Park HS)

**Notes:** Has 14 TFL, 2 TFL, 1 SCK, FR & 3 QBH ... Started ASU & EMU at DT for in N. Hill ... Played 55 snaps at DE for in C. Omyuekwu at BS ... 2017: 18 TCK, 2 SCK & 4 QBH in 11 GP (6 BS) ... 2016: 4 TCK in 5 GP ... 2015: RS ... Led CHS to 12-4 record ... Added 10 off. TD (8 rush, 2 rec) ... Born in Athens, Greece.

### LINEBACKER

# 39 Ronley Lakalaka

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6-0 • 225 • Sr.-3L CGP: 42; CGS: 30  
Kalihi, Hawaii (Punahou HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Was a second-team all-Mountain West selection last year, leading the Aztecs with 82 tackles.

**Notes:** '18; Career; Personal

Physical run-stopping LB who is one of leaders on defense ... Moved into the two-deep for the So. Ala. game as a true freshman in 2015 with Jake Juley injured & stayed there for the rest of the year, before starting 30 of his last 31 games played ... Has 19 tackles, 5 QBH this year ... Led team with 82 tackles (44 solo) in 12 GP (12 GS), including 3 sacks, 5.5 TFL & 5 QBH on route to 2nd-team all-MW honors ... 2016: Had 73 tackles (2nd on team) w/ 3 TFL, 2 INT & a TD, a PBU & 5 QBH ... 2015: 1 of 2 true freshmen on the depth chart in either side of the ball in 2015, making 11 tackles ... Career: 185 tackles, 9 TFL ... Full name is Ronley Sumuaniotea Leaoa Lakalaka ... Was 2-time all-state 1st-team selection at Punahou HS ... Older brother, Steven, played RB at Hawaii, while younger brother, Seyadrick, is a RS freshman LB at SDSU ... Is majoring in social science.

### BACKUP

# 54 Caden McDonald

6-3 • 225 • Fr.-RS CGP: 5; CGS: 0  
Haslet, Texas (Northwest HS)

**Notes:** Coming off a solid spring ... Has 1 tackle in 4 games ... Redshirted last season ... Totaled a school-record 290 tackles over his 3-year career at Northwest HS in Haslet, Texas ... Was NHS's defensive player of the year all 3 seasons ... Also track & field star, qualifying for state meet.

### DEFENSIVE TACKLE

# 95 Noble Hall

6-3 • 265 • Sr.-3L CGP: 40; CGS: 29  
Las Vegas, Nev. (Valley High)

**TOP NOTE:** Has 29 career starts, including 20 on defensive tackle and one on defensive end.

**Notes:** '18; Career; Personal

Mobile d-lineman, who is back to DT this year after playing there in 2015 & 2016, & at DE in 2017 ... Missed 2 gms w/ inj., but returned at BS ... 1st career INT at No. 13 Stanford ... 2016: 39 tackles (24 solo) in 12 games & 9 starts, adding 0.5 TFL for 45 yards, 3.5 sacks for 27 yards, 2 FF & 4 QBH ... Was MW Def. PoW for play at ASU (5 tackles, 2.5 TFL, 1.5 sacks, 2 FF) ... 2016: 26 tackles, 6.0 TFL, 3 SCK, a PBU & 5 QBH ... 2015: 20 tackles in 11 GP (3 GS), inc. 6.0 TFL, 0.5 sacks, a FF & a PBU ... 2014 SDSU Def. Scout Team PoW, while redshirting ... Career: 92 tackles, 20.5 TFL, 7.0 sacks, 3 FF ... A 3-time captain at Valley HS in Las Vegas ... Previously known as Eric Burrall, but legally changed his name to honor his father, who was shot and killed before he was born.

### BACKUP

# 98 Damon Moore

6-4 • 270 • Sr.-1L CGP: 16; CGS: 0  
Novato, Calif. (San Marin HS)

**Notes:** Former walk-on, who earned scholarship after 2018 fall camp ... 6 tackles, 1 sack in 3-plus games (inj.) ... 2017: 12 tackles, 1 FR in 11 GP ... 2016: 6 tackles in 1 GP ... 2015: Missed season w/ knee injury ... 2014: RS ... Earned 2 letters at San Marin HS ... A business admin. major.

### LINEBACKER

# 44 Kyahva Tezino

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/tah-zeeno/

6-0 • 230 • Jr.-2L CGP: 27; CGS: 10  
Los Angeles, Calif. (Salesian HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Has led the team (or tied for the team lead) in tackles in seven of the 10 career games he has started.

**Notes:** '18; Career; Personal

Explosive run-stopping athlete, who broke out with a big 2nd half of 2017, including 57 tackles over his final 5 games (1st career 5 starts) ... Has 95 TCK & 10.5 TFL over his last 10 games (all starts) after recording 8 TCK & 1.5 TFL over his first 17 games (no starts) ... Has team-highs of 39 TCK, 4.5 TFL, 3 SCK & 10 QBH ... 7 TCK, 1 SCK, 5 QBH at BS ... Had 59 TCK, 6 TFL, 2 sacks, 1 PBU & 6 QBH in 11 games (5 starts) last year ... 14 tackles, 2.5 TFL, UNM ... 17 tackles vs. Army West Point in Armed Forces Bowl, earning Sports Illustrated All-Team honors ... 17 stops were most by Aztec in Rocky Long DC era (since 2009) ... Had 5 stops with 1.5 sacks on both sides ... Redshirted 2015, earning the team's def. scout honor ... Starred on the ball at Salesian HS, rushing for 1,704 yards & 13 TD (9.6 avg.), & recording 343 tackles & 9 INT.

### BACKUP

# 47 Kaelin Himphill

6-2 • 225 • So.-SQ CGP: 5; CGS: 0  
Hillsboro, Ore. (Liberty HS)

**Notes:** Hard-hitting linebacker, who has played in four of five games on special teams ... 2017: Had 4 special teams tackles in one game ... 2016: Redshirted ... Led Liberty HS to a 19-3 record over final two years, including 15-1 mark in league play ... Two-time all-state & two-time all-league pick.

### DEFENSIVE END

# 45 Anthony Luke

6-4 • 260 • Sr.-1L CGP: 18; CGS: 5  
Roseville, CA (Woodcreek HS/American River College)

**TOP NOTE:** His game-high 10 tackles vs. Eastern Michigan were the most by an Aztec defensive lineman since 2016 MW Championship game.

**Notes:** '18; Career; Personal

Joined Aztecs in 2017 signing class, playing in the spring ... Athletic on the edge, who contributed right away last year ... Has 21 tackles, 4 TFL & a sack in 13 career 5 starts this year ... Had 12 tackles (6 solo) with 1.5 TFL in 2017 in 13 games off the bench, while adding a 21-yard INT, 0.5 sacks & a QBH ... Played 2 seasons at American River College ... Had 75 stops in 2016, adding 5.5 sacks & 17 TFL en route to earning 1st-team All-American, all-state & all-conference honors ... Totaled 43 tackles, 3.5 sacks, 12 TFL, 1 FF, 1 FR, 1 INT & 3 PBUs in 11 games in 2015 ... Played both DL & RB at Woodcreek HS ... Is majoring in social science, earning all-MW academic honors last year.

### BACKUP

# 57 Keshawn Banks

CGP: 5; CGS: 0  
6-4 • 260 • Fr.-TR  
Rio Rancho, N.M.  
Rio Rancho HS

Has played in all 5 games as a true freshman, making 5 tackles with a TFL ... Led RRHS to 13-0 record & state championship in 2016.

### BACKUP

# 58 Connor Mitchell

CGP: 5; CGS: 0  
6-5 • 250 • Fr.-RS  
Island Lakes, Ill.  
Wauconda HS

Has 3 tackles in 1st career 5 games off the bench ... RS in 2017 ... Was all-state, all-area & all-conference at Wauconda HS in Island Lakes, Ill.

### LINEBACKER

# 42 Troy Cassidy

6-3 • 225 • Jr.-2L CGP: 29; CGS: 13  
Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

**TOP NOTE:** One of four Aztecs from Carlsbad High School (also QB Christian Chapman, RT Zachary Thomas and DE Cameron Thomas).

**Notes:** '18; Career; Personal

Smart, athletic player who played in 11 games as a true freshman in 2016 & started eight times last year, including the first seven ... Started all five this year ... 5 tackles & 0.5 TFL at No. 13/13 Stanford ... Had 31 TCK (15 solo) last year with 1.5 TFL, 0.5 SCK, a PBU & 5 QBH ... Had 3 TCK & a game-high 3 QBH off the bench vs. New Mexico ... Career-high six tackles vs. Army West Point ... Played the final 11 games in 2016 as a true freshman, mostly on special teams, making 10 tackles (four solo) with a 1-yard sack (and TFL) ... Recorded 178 tackles (119 solo) with 10 sacks over his three-year career at Carlsbad HS ... Also played tight end for the 2015 Avocado West League champ ... A three-star recruit by Rivals, Scout and ESPN ... Is majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

### BACKUP

# 38 Andrew Aleki

6-3 • 230 • So.-1L CGP: 16; CGS: 0  
Honolulu, Hawaii (Kamehameha HS)

**Notes:** Praised as All-ack-ee ... Athletic LB ... Career-high 3 stops & a PBU at No. 13/13 Stanford ... 2017: Had 2 stops in 6 separate games & FR vs. NIU ... Played his prep ball at Kamehameha HS in Honolulu ... 247 stops had him as the 6th-best Hawaii recruit ... Full name is Andrew Mo'ao Aleki.

## Defensive Tidbits

• Zach Arnett 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 12th nationally in yards per rush allowed (3.6), 15th in yard allowed per touch (6.3) and 18th in yards allowed per game (345.6).

• The Aztecs have had four of the best defensive seasons nationally. Below are total ranks of the last four seasons and where they rank this year.

	Scoring	Total	Pass	Rush
2014	13th	16th	19th	48th
2015	7th	5th	10th	7th
2016	17th	11th	42nd	7th
2017	21st	11th	15th	32nd
2018	28th	17th	101st	2nd
2014-18	9th	5th	9th	6th

• In its five games this year, San Diego State's defense has allowed just 315.4 yards and 19.8 points per game, while posting a 4-1 record. In the other games for SDSU's opponents, they have averaged 438.7 yards and 32.4 points per game, while going 13-10.

• The Aztecs have held an opponent to single digits 13 times since the beginning of the 2015 season (46 games), including two of the last 10 games.

• Over SDSU's last 31 regular-season Mountain West contests, opponents have scored just 15.9 points per game vs. San Diego State and are averaging only 276.2 yards per game.

• SDSU has held seven opponents to less than 200 yards of total offense since the beginning of 2015 (46 games), including once last year.

• Since the beginning of 2015 (46 games), San Diego State's defense ranks first in interceptions (68) and third in interception TDs (10).

• The Aztecs are one of only three FBS teams who have yet to allow a 20-yard run this season (long is 16).

• SDSU ranks second in FBS play this year in defensive rush average (2.0) and rushing yards allowed per game (61.8).

• SDSU has held its opponent to seven or less points in the first half in 21 of the last 40 games.

• SDSU's opponents are 2-for-8 on fourth down this year & 6-for-32 (1.88) since 2016.

### CORNERBACK

# 17 Ron Smith

6-0 • 170 • Jr.-2L CGP: 32; CGS: 24  
Oakland, Calif. (St. Mary's HS)

**TOP NOTE:** His 16 pass breakups last season were the second most in Aztec single-season history.

**Notes:** '18; Career; Personal

Good technique with a knack for coming up with the big play ... Has started the last 24 games, the longest start on either side of the ball ... Had 62 tackles (46 solo) last year with 2 INT for 27 yards, 2 TFL, 16 PBU & a FF ... Tied for 13th in FBS (1st in MW) in passes defended PG (1.38) ... 2016: 57 tackles, 3 INT for 77 yards & 2 TD, 3 PBU, a FF & 0.5 TFL ... Named to the 2016-17 AP & Athlon Sports all-bowl teams for his play in the IUB (10 tackles, INT for a TD) ... 2015: RS ... Career: 141 tackles, 19 PBU, 5 INT & 2 FF ... A psychology major, who earned SDSU's Malik Award (4.00 GPA) in fall 2017 ... Is learning Japanese in his free time.

### BACKUP

# 16 Luq Barcoo

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/BAR-ko/

6-1 • 170 • Jr.-TR CGP: 3; CGS: 0  
San Diego, CA (Grossmont College/Castle Park HS)

**Notes:** Ground game transfer who impressed in fall camp & found himself in the 2-deep ... 6 tackles, 3 PBU in three games ... Missed two games with an injury ... Played on both sides of the ball at Grossmont College ... In 2017, caught 35 passes for 767 yards (21.9 avg.) & 7 TD, while recording 3 INT in 2 seasons ... A 3-star recruit by Rivals ... Played 2 ways at Castle Park HS in nearby Chula Vista.

### WARRIOR

# 18 Trenton Thompson

6-2 • 200 • So.-1L CGP: 16; CGS: 3  
Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Was high school teammate of his current backup Taylor Hawkins at Palm Springs High School.

**Notes:** '18; Career; Personal

Athletic, hard-hitting safety with a ton of potential ... Returned from injury last year to earn the starting job opposite Tariq Thompson (no relation) ... Has 26 tackles, a sack & a PBU this year in 5 starts ... 2017: 1 solo tackle in 3 games, missing rest of year with a leg injury, getting a redshirt ... 2016: 9 stops & a PBU in 2016 as a true freshman, despite playing in only 8 games ... Was 1 of 3 true freshmen to play on defensive side of the ball (also LB Troy Cassidy & CB Kyrie Woods) ... Helped Palm Springs HS go 24-3 (889) over his final two years ... Logged 219 total tackles (134 solo) over his three seasons.

### BACKUP

# 32 Tayler Hawkins

6-1 • 200 • So.-1L CGP: 15; CGS: 2  
Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)

**Notes:** Hard-hitting athlete, who has played the last 15 games with 2 starts this year ... Has 12 tackles & 2 PBU ... Missed 1st 3 games in 2017, recovering from an injury ... Had 4 tackles on special teams ... RS in 2017 ... 4-year letterwinner at Palm Springs HS with fellow 5-tee Trenton Thompson ... Helped Indians to 24-3 record over final 2 seasons ... Excelled as WR, DB & P ... A social science major.

### AZTEC

# 33 Parker Baldwin

6-2 • 215 • Sr.-3L CGP: 46; CGS: 28  
Siloam Springs, Ark. (Siloam Springs HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Is the most experienced player with 46 career games played (has never missed a game).

**Notes:** '18; Career; Personal

Big time player, who has played all 46 games since arriving on campus in 2015 ... Plays the signature Aztec spot in Rocky Long's 3-3-5 defense ... 11 stops at Stanford ... 33 tackles this year (2nd most on team) ... HM all-MW last year, recording 75 tackles (27 solo), 3 TFL, 2 INT, 2 FF FR & 7 PBU ... 2015: 2nd on the team in 51 tackles (10) as a true freshman ... Had 14 tackles, an INT & a FF, being named team's Fresh of the Year ... Career: 188 tackles, 10 PBU, 4 INT, 3 FF ... Earned all-state accolades as a Sr. ... Scored 8 TD & had 758 rec. yds, 135 rush yds & 134 tackles in his final HS season ... Was the 200th state champ ... A communication major.

### BACKUP

# 36 Dwayne Johnson, Jr.

6-2 • 215 • So.-1L CGP: 17; CGS: 1  
Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta HS)

**Notes:** Hard-hitting safety, who gained experience last year ... Logged 14 tackles & a TFL in his 12 career games in 2017 ... 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

# 14 Tariq Thompson

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6-0 • 200 • So.-1L CGP: 18; CGS: 18  
San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Was a 2017 Freshman All-American by both FWAA and USA Today.

**Notes:** '18; Career; Personal

Athletic safety, who shows great maturity for his age (turned 19 on Aug. 9) ... Has 17 tackles, 0.5 TFL, 1 INT & 2 PBU ... 2nd-team all-MW in 2017 as a true freshman with 63 tackles, 3 TFL, 5 INT (1 for TD), 1 FF, 1 FR, 4 PBU & 3 QBH ... Became 1st Aztec true freshman to start on defense since CB Leon McFadden started at CSU on Oct. 24, 2009 & the 1st to start an opener on defense since McFadden on Sept. 5, 2009 at UCLA (Coach Rocky Long's 1st game as SDSU's DC) ... MW Def. PoW vs. UNM (8 TCK, 2 INT, 2 PBU, 1 TEL) ... Played both sides of the ball at local St. Augustine HS, where he was 20-6 in 2015-16 ... Was a 2-time all-CF pick.

### BACKUP

# 31 Jerry Chaney

6-0 • 190 • Jr.-1L CGP: 10; CGS: 0  
Fontana, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga HS)

**Notes:** Speedy back who moved to safety in the spring of 2017 after working with the wideouts his first two years (2015-16) ... Had three tackles in his first career six games in 2017 (two on special teams) ... Was 1st to start as a WR in 2016 ... Redshirted in 2015 ... Was a second-team all-Baseline League selection as a safety as a senior at Rancho Cucamonga HS ... Also was the team's receiver of the year.

### CORNERBACK

# 27 Kyree Woods

6-0 • 185 • Jr.-2L CGP: 24; CGS: 8  
Mesa, Ariz. (Chandler HS)

**TOP NOTE:** Came up with a career-high four pass breakups vs. No. 23/25 Arizona State (1-5th in FBS).

**Notes:** '18; Career; Personal

Athletic, run-stopping cornerback ... Is listed as a starting cornerback for sixth time of career ... Has 23 tackles, 3 TFL, 4 PBU, 1 FF and a sack this year ... Played in 12 games last year, making 13 tackles (nine solo) and a pass breakup ... Played in 33 snaps vs. Army West Point in the Armed Forces Bowl ... Had one tackle in seven games as a true freshman in 2016 which went down as a 10-yard sack on Hawai'i quarterback Drew Brunner 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.

### BACKUP

# 23 Darren Hall

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

**Notes:** Ball hawk, who played in 2 games in 2017 before RS w/ inj. ... MW Def. PoW for play vs. EMU (4 TCK, INT in Q1) & BS (9 TCK, 1 SCK, 1 FF, INT) ... Had an INT in 8-to-8 def. snaps vs. EMU & BS ... Was 1 of 4 true freshmen who played in a game last year, making 2 TCK in 2 GP ... Led Rancho Cucamonga HS to a 12-1 record in 2016, earning 1st-team all-league honors ... Prepped with fellow CB Taylor Venable.