

# Aztec Football 2017 Preseason Honors

as of July 20

## ► Team Honors

### ► National Ranking

41st - *Phil Steele Magazine*

### ► Projected MW Championship Outcome

Runner-Up - *Athlon Sports*

Runner-Up - *Street & Smith's*

### ► Projected MW West Division Finish

1st - *Athlon Sports*

1st - *Lindy's Sports*

1st - *Phil Steele Magazine*

1st - *Street & Smith's*

### ► Projected Bowl

Royal Las Vegas Bowl vs. Colorado - *Phil Steele Magazine*

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl vs. Miami (OH) - Bill Bender, *Sporting News*

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl vs. Miami (OH) - *Street & Smith's*

### ► Games to Watch

Sept. 16, Stanford at San Diego State - *Lindy's Sports*

Sept. 16, Stanford at San Diego State - Pete Fiutak, *Campus Insiders*

Oct. 14, Boise State at San Diego State - *Lindy's Sports*

Oct. 14, Boise State at San Diego State - Mitch Light, *Athlon Sports*

Oct. 28, San Diego State at Hawai'i - *Lindy's Sports*

### ► Top Units

Special Teams (1st in the Mountain West; 9th overall) - *Phil Steele Magazine*

Linebackers (1st in the Mountain West; 29th overall) - *Phil Steele Magazine*

Running Backs (1st in the Mountain West) - *Athlon Sports*

Defensive Backs (1st in the Mountain West) - *Athlon Sports*

Coaching Staff (1st in the Mountain West) - *Phil Steele Magazine*

Defensive Line (1st in the Mountain West) - *Phil Steele Magazine*

Defensive Line (2nd in the Mountain West) - *Athlon Sports*

Running Backs (3rd in the Mountain West; 34th overall) - *Phil Steele Magazine*

Linebackers (3rd in the Mountain West) - *Athlon Sports*

### ► Other Superlatives

"No. 7 Non-Power 5 Team" - *Phil Steele Magazine*

"No. 8 Projected Total Defense" - *Bleacher Report*

"No. 24 Projected Total Offense" - *Bleacher Report*

"Key Position to Watch: Offensive Line" - Steven Lissan, *Athlon Sports*

"Key Position to Watch: Offensive Line" - Mitch Light, *Athlon Sports*

## ► Individual Honors

### Collin Andrews | Fr. | Chula Vista, Calif. | Wide Receiver

"SDSU's Top Newcomer" - *Lindy's Sports*

### Parker Baldwin | Jr. | Siloam Springs, Ark. | Aztec (Safety)

All-Mountain West first team - *Lindy's Sports*

All-Mountain West second team - *Phil Steele Magazine*

All-Mountain West fourth team - *Athlon Sports*

"Best Athlete in the Mountain West" - *Street & Smith's*

### John Baron II | Jr. | Temecula, Calif. | Placekicker

Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award Watch List

All-Mountain West first team - *Athlon Sports*

All-Mountain West first team - *Lindy's Sports*

All-Mountain West first team - *Phil Steele Magazine*

"Seventh-Rated Kicker in 2018 NFL Draft" - *Phil Steele Magazine*

"Eighth-Rated Kicker in FBS" - *Lindy's Sports*

### Nick Bawden | Sr. | Los Gatos, Calif. | Fullback

"13th-Rated Fullback in 2018 NFL Draft" - *CBS Sports*

"14th-Rated Fullback in 2018 NFL Draft" - *Phil Steele Magazine*

### Christian Chapman | Jr. | Carlsbad, Calif. | Quarterback

Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Candidate (Accomplishments on and off the Field)

### Noble Hall | Jr. | Las Vegas, Nev. | Defensive End

All-Mountain West second team - *Lindy's Sports*

All-Mountain West third team - *Athlon Sports*

All-Mountain West third team - *Phil Steele Magazine*

"SDSU's Key Player To A Successful Season" - Pete Fiutak, *Campus Insiders*

### Mikah Holder | Sr. | Oceanside, Calif. | Wide Receiver

All-Mountain West second team - *Phil Steele Magazine*

All-Mountain West fourth team - *Athlon Sports*

### Kameron Kelly | Sr. | Murphy, Texas | Cornerback

All-Mountain West second team - *Phil Steele Magazine*

All-Mountain West third team - *Athlon Sports*

### Ronley Lakalaka | Jr. | Kalihi, Hawaii | Linebacker

All-Mountain West first team - *Street & Smith's*

All-Mountain West second team - *Athlon Sports*

All-Mountain West second team - *Lindy's Sports*

"SDSU's Best Defensive Player" - Pete Fiutak, *Campus Insiders*

**Rocky Long | Head Coach**

"No. 2 Head Coach in the Mountain West" - *Athlon Sports*

**Rashaad Penny | Sr. | Norwalk, Calif. | Running Back/Kick Returner**

Maxwell Award Watch List (Collegiate Player of the Year)

Hornung Award Watch List (Most Versatile Player)

All-America second team (KR) - *Phil Steele Magazine*

All-America third team (KR) - *Athlon Sports*

All-Mountain West first team (RB) - *Athlon Sports*

All-Mountain West first team (RB) - *Lindy's Sports*

All-Mountain West first team (RB) - *Phil Steele Magazine*

All-Mountain West first team (RB) - *Street & Smith's*

All-Mountain West first team (KR) - *Athlon Sports*

All-Mountain West first team (KR) - *Phil Steele Magazine*

All-Mountain West first team (All-Purpose) - *Lindy's Sports*

"Fourth-Rated All-Purpose Player in FBS" - *Lindy's Sports*

"Ninth-Rated Return Specialist in 2018 NFL Draft" - *Phil Steele Magazine*

"16th-Rated Running Back in 2018 NFL Draft" - *CBS Sports*

"MW's Heisman Hopeful" - *Street & Smith's*

"MW's Top NFL Prospect" - *Street & Smith's*

"Sixth-Rated NFL Talent in the MW" - *Lindy's Sports*

"Top 10 MW Player to Watch" - Matt Murschel, *Orlando Sentinel*

"SDSU's Best Offensive Player" - Pete Fiutak, *Campus Insiders*

**Sergio Phillips | Sr. | DeSoto, Texas | Defensive Tackle**

All-Mountain West second team - *Phil Steele Magazine*

All-Mountain West fourth team - *Athlon Sports*

**Antonio Rosales | Sr. | Tucson, Ariz. | Offensive Guard**

All-Mountain West first team - *Lindy's Sports*

All-Mountain West second team - *Athlon Sports*

All-Mountain West second team - *Phil Steele Magazine*

"Best Run Blocker in the Mountain West" - *Lindy's Sports*

**Ron Smith | So. | Oakland, Calif. | Cornerback**

All-Mountain West second team - *Athlon Sports*

**Quest Truxton | Sr. | Newport Harbor, Calif. | Wide Receiver/Punt Returner**

All-Mountain West first team (PR) - *Athlon Sports*

All-Mountain West first team (PR) - *Phil Steele Magazine*

**Juwan Washington | So. | Kennedale, Texas | Running Back**

All-Mountain West fourth team (RB) - *Athlon Sports*

All-Mountain West fourth team (KR) - *Phil Steele Magazine*

**David Wells | Sr. | Clovis, Calif. | Tight End**

John Mackey Award Watch List (Most Outstanding Collegiate Tight End)

Wuerffel Trophy Watch List (Community Service)

All-Mountain West first team - *Athlon Sports*

All-Mountain West first team - *Lindy's Sports*

All-Mountain West first team - *Phil Steele Magazine*

All-Mountain West first team - *Street & Smith's*

"10th-Rated Tight End in 2018 NFL Draft" - *CBS Sports*

"30th-Rated Tight End in 2018 NFL Draft" - *Phil Steele Magazine*