

2002 AZTEC VOLLEYBALL

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2002 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

RECORD: 18-10 (HOME: 9-4; AWAY 3-5; NEUTRAL: 6-1)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 30	Tulane +	W 3-0
Aug. 31	Florida International +	W 3-0
Aug. 31	UC Santa Barbara +	L 1-3
Sept. 5	Washington #	L 0-3
Sept. 6	at Hawai'i #	L 0-3
Sept. 7	San Francisco #	W 3-0
Sept. 10	UC Irvine	L 2-3
Sept. 13	Arkansas-Little Rock ^	W 3-0
Sept. 13	at Missouri ^	L 1-3
Sept. 14	Eastern Illinois ^	W 3-0
Sept. 14	North Carolina State ^	W 3-1
Sept. 17	San Diego	L 1-3
Sept. 20	Winthrop &	W 3-1
Sept. 21	Alabama-Birmingham &	W 3-0
Sept. 21	at Wake Forest &	W 3-1
Sept. 25	Loyola Marymount	L 2-3
Sept. 27	Brigham Young *	W 3-0
Sept. 29	Utah *	W 3-2
Oct. 4	at Colorado State *	L 2-3
Oct. 5	at Wyoming *	W 3-1
Oct. 11	UNLV *	W 3-0
Oct. 15	at San Diego	L 0-3
Oct. 18	Air Force *	W 3-0
Oct. 19	New Mexico *	W 3-1
Oct. 25	at Utah *	L 0-3
Oct. 26	at Brigham Young *	W 3-0
Oct. 31	Wyoming *	W 3-1
Nov. 2	Colorado State *	W 3-0
Nov. 9	at UNLV *	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 15	at New Mexico *	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 16	at Air Force *	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 21-23	MWC Tournament at Fort Collins, Colo.	TBA
Nov. 26	at UC Riverside	7:00 p.m.

+ Ramada Invitational at San Diego State
Aston Imua Wahine Challenge at Hawaii
^ Tiger Invitational at Missouri
& Black and Gold Challenge at Wake Forest
* Mountain West Conference Match
All times are site times

This Week in Aztec Volleyball

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
November 9	UNLV	Las Vegas, Nev.	7:00 p.m.

AZTECS VISIT LAS VEGAS

- ★ In its lone match this week, San Diego State will travel to Las Vegas to take on UNLV on Saturday (Nov. 9) at 7:00 p.m.
- ★ The match is the first of three consecutive road contests to conclude the Aztecs' 2002 conference season.

SERIES RECORD

- ★ San Diego State leads its series with UNLV by an 11-2 margin. That record includes a 3-0 win by the Aztecs in San Diego in mid-October.
- ★ UNLV's last win over San Diego State came in November 2002 in the first round of the Mountain West Conference tournament at Colorado State.
- ★ San Diego State has won all seven regular-season matches against UNLV in the MWC. UNLV last defeated San Diego State in league play during the 1999 season when both schools were members of the Western Athletic Conference.
- ★ The Aztecs are 5-1 against the Rebels in Las Vegas.

SCOUTING THE OPPOSITION

- ★ UNLV enters the weekend with a record of 8-17 (4-7 MWC) after a 3-2 non-conference loss at Northern Arizona on Tuesday.
- ★ The Rebels offense is led by the outside hitters Tarin Keith (3.05 kpg) and Leiana Oswald (2.99 kpg). Oswald had 20 kills in the loss the NAU earlier this week. Sheila Ocasio-Clemente is the team's top blocker with an average of 1.10 bpg.

2002 San Diego State Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Angela Verdenacci	OH	5-11	Fr.	Sao Paulo, Brazil (Inst. de Ensino Sant'anna)
2	Kara Moriarty	OH	6-1	So.	Idaho Falls, Idaho (Skyline HS)
3	Ashley Kopperier	OH	5-10	Fr.	San Diego, Calif. (Grossmont HS)
4	Nicole Akporiaye	MB	6-1	Sr.	Tucson, Ariz. (Canyon Del Oro HS)
5	Brittney Pearson	S	5-10	Jr.	Sanger, Calif. (Fresno State)
6	Melissa Cansdale	OH	5-11	Jr.	Boulder City, Nev. (Boulder City HS)
7	Rochelle Currier	OH	6-0	Sr.	Aliso Viejo, Calif. (Utah State)
8	Robyn Gregg	OH/DS	5-9	Jr.	Santee, Calif. (West Hills HS)
9	Kathryn Landrum	S	5-8	Fr.	San Antonio, Texas (Tom C. Clark HS)
10	Melissa Wright	S	5-9	Sr.	Muncie, Ind. (Washington State)
11	Megan Schaueramm	OH/MB	6-0	Jr.	Vancouver, Wash. (Hudson's Bay HS)
12	Kari Dykema	DS	5-9	Fr.	Portage, Mich. (Portage Northern HS)
13	Sara Engstrom	S	5-8	Jr.	San Diego, Calif. (Portland)
14	Janice Dykema	MB	6-0	Jr.	Portage, Mich. (Connecticut)
15	Zlatina Anguelova	OH	6-1	Jr.	Sofia, Bulgaria (Vassil Leuski 166)
16	Aspen McPartland	MB	6-1	Jr.	San Diego, Calif. (Grossmont HS)
17	Lucilla Xavier	MB	6-2	So.	Belo Horizonte, Brazil (St. Gregory's)
18	Natalie Sande	OH	5-11	Jr.	Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. (San Francisco)
19	Caroline Kendall	MB	6-2	Fr.	Orinda, Calif. (Miramonte HS)
20	Jenna Pierson	MB	5-11	Fr.	Malibu, Calif. (Malibu HS)

Head Coach: Mark Warner, Eighth Season (San Diego State '87)
Assistant Coach: John Ross, Eighth Season (San Diego State '93)
Assistant Coach: John Shirk, Fifth Season (San Diego State '98)
Volunteer Assistant Coach: John Engstrom, First Season (San Diego State '00)

LAST WEEK

- ★ SDSU won a pair of Mountain West Conference matches at home, defeating Wyoming and Colorado State.
- ★ On Thursday (Oct. 31), the Aztecs recovered from a one-game deficit to defeat Wyoming, 3-1 (27-30, 30-15, 30-27, 30-22). Aspen McPartland led the way for SDSU with a career-high 23 kills along with 10 digs and a .667 attack percentage. Rochelle Currier and Zlatina Anguelova chipped in 16 kills apiece in the winning effort.
- ★ Last Saturday, San Diego State defeated Colorado State, 3-0 (30-20, 30-25, 30-27), on Senior Night in Peterson Gym. Rochelle Currier led all players with 14 kills while Nicole Akporiaye finished with nine kills and six blocks. Anguelova also reached double figures in kills for SDSU with a dozen.

OH, THE POSSIBILITIES

- ★ If the Aztecs win their final three league matches (at UNLV, at New Mexico, at Air Force), the worst they can do is tie for the regular-season Mountain West Conference title. Should Colorado State win its final four matches, the Rams and Aztecs would finish with identical 10-2 MWC records. In that event, CSU would be the top seed at the upcoming conference tournament by virtue of the tiebreaker system.
- ★ If San Diego State, Colorado State and Utah all finish with 9-3 league records (assuming Utah beats Colorado State when they meet in two weeks), they would be declared MWC tri-champions. The number-one tourney seed would likely go Utah.
- ★ Several other scenarios are possible, depending on results over the final two weeks of the season. Here is the remaining schedule for the top three title contenders:

Date	SDSU	CSU	Utah
11/8	-----	New Mexico	at BYU
11/9	at UNLV	Air Force	-----
11/15	at New Mexico	at Utah	Colo. St.
11/16	at Air Force	at BYU	Wyoming

HEAD COACH MARK WARNER

- ★ SDSU head coach Mark Warner is in his eighth season at the helm of the Aztec women's program. His career record over the past seven seasons at SDSU stands at 135-106 (.560).
- ★ Over the past seven years, Warner has led his teams to a pair of NCAATournament berths and a Western Athletic Conference championship. His tutelage has produced nine all-conference players.

ANGUELOVA STEPS UP

- ★ Since returning from an ankle injury six matches ago, junior Zlatina Anguelova has been making up for lost time.
- ★ This past weekend she totaled 28 kills and 19 digs in two matches. She has been in double figures in kills in each of the six matches since her return.
- ★ Over San Diego State's last six outings, Anguelova is averaging 4.70 kills and 2.84 digs per game while hitting .325.

- ★ The junior from Sofia, Bulgaria has recorded 11 doubles-doubles this season, a figure which ranks third in the Mountain West Conference.

GREGG SETS SERVICE ACE MARK

- ★ Junior Robyn Gregg average one service ace per game in SDSU's two matches last week (seven aces in seven games). She had five in the match against Wyoming, all in the second game when she served 10 straight points.
- ★ She leads the conference in total aces with 54 and is averaging a league-best 0.79 aces per game in MWC contests.
- ★ Two weeks ago, she set a Mountain West Conference record (for all matches and MWC matches only) with nine service aces in the three-game win over Air Force. It was also a career-high for the junior from Santee, Calif., whose previous best was eight aces vs. Utah in a five-game match in San Diego last season.
- ★ Gregg already owns the Mountain West marks for aces in a season with 79 (all matches) and 40 (conference only), records she set last year.

MCPARTLAND DOUBLES UP

- ★ In last week's two matches, junior Aspen McPartland totaled 32 kills (4.57 kpg), 22 digs (3.14 dpg) and 14 blocks (2.00 bpg) while hitting .519.
- ★ Her double double 23 kills/10 digs) in the Wyoming match was the 13th of the season. She still ranks second in the MWC in double-doubles this season and her 25 career double-doubles is second among active conference players.
- ★ McPartland's 23 kills against Wyoming was a career best, surpassing her previous high of 19 set earlier this season at Wake Forest. She has also set a personal best in digs this year with 28 digs vs. Colorado State on Oct. 4. That total was also a Mountain West Conference record.
- ★ McPartland is hitting .312 on the year overall (8th in the MWC) and her 3.12 digs per game average is second in the league this week.

AKPORIAYE GETTING OFFENSIVE

- ★ With her move to a middle blocker role this season, senior Nicole Akporiaye has emerged as a true threat at the net, both as a hitter and a blocker.
- ★ She ranks first in the Mountain West this week in overall hitting percentage (.347) and is second in league contests only (.381).
- ★ Her average of 1.48 blocks per game (for all contests) ranks 18th in the nation and is second in the Mountain West Conference. Her conference match average of 1.75 bpg tops the MWC stat list this week.
- ★ She had a career-best 11 block assists in the three-game win over Brigham Young earlier this season.

- ★ With 133 block assists this season, Akporiaye has moved into the number six spot on the SDSU single-season list. She needs just eight blocks to take over the five spot currently occupied by Jennifer Miller (140 assists in 1989).
- ★ With 353 block assists in her four seasons at SDSU, she has moved into the number-six spot on the Aztec career top 10 list. Number five on the list is Shannon Mathew (358 BA, 1988-89) while the fourth position is held by Jennifer Hamilton (361 BA, 1992-95).

SCHAUERMANN ON THE ATTACK

- ★ Over San Diego State's most recent four matches, junior Megan Schauerermann is averaging 1.77 blocks per game.
- ★ In last week's pair of matches, she had five blocks in each of SDSU's victories. She also had a total of five set assists in those two outings to account for almost a quarter of her season total of 21.
- ★ Megan Schauerermann's 12 kills against UNLV on Oct. 11 was a season high for the middle blocker from Vancouver, Wash. Her total was one kill short of her SDSU career best of 13 set last season at Wyoming.

THE WRIGHT STUFF

- ★ Setter Melissa Wright has moved up to second on the SDSU career assist list with 3,614 since arriving from the Washington State as a sophomore for the 2000 season. The top spot is occupied by Andrea Clark (4,916 assists, 1994-97). Wright's 1,177 assists in 2002 is the eight-most ever in a season for an Aztec.
- ★ She has moved up to third in the Mountain West Conference in assists this week with an average of 11.65 per game. Her season assist average has increased each of the past four weeks.
- ★ Wright is also averaging 1.17 kills per game from her setter position and is hitting .379 with only 30 errors in 101 games.

2002 Mountain West Conference Standings (as of Tuesday, November 5)

Team	-----Conference-----				-----Overall-----		
	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct
San Diego State	9	2	.818	-	18	10	.643
Colorado State	8	2	.800	0.5	16	8	.667
Utah	8	3	.727	1.0	19	6	.760
Brigham Young	6	5	.545	3.0	11	14	.440
UNLV	4	7	.364	5.0	8	16	.333
Wyoming	3	7	.300	5.5	18	8	.692
Air Force	2	8	.200	6.5	8	17	.320
New Mexico	2	8	.200	6.5	7	16	.304

**This Weekend in the MWC
November 5 (Tuesday)
UNLV at Northern Arizona**

November 8 (Friday)
New Mexico at Colorado State
Utah at Brigham Young
Air Force at Wyoming

November 9 (Saturday)
San Diego State at UNLV
Utah at New Mexico
Air Force at Colorado State
New Mexico at Wyoming

The Aztecs' Record When...

Record

At Home.....	9-4
Away.....	3-5
Neutral.....	6-1
Non-Conference.....	9-8
MWC.....	9-2
MWC Home.....	7-0
MWC Away.....	2-2

By Game

Three-Game.....	11-4
Four-Game.....	6-3
Five-Game.....	1-3
Leading After Two.....	13-2
Trailing After Two.....	0-4
Leading 2-1.....	6-3
Trailing 2-1.....	0-4

By Months

August.....	2-1
September.....	9-6
October.....	6-3
November.....	1-0

Against Ranked Teams

vs. Top 10.....	0-1
vs. Top 25.....	1-3
vs. Unranked Teams.....	17-7

By Kills

Leading in Kills.....	14-2
Trailing in Kills.....	4-8

By Digs

Leading in Digs.....	14-5
Trailing in Digs.....	3-5

By Blocks

Leading in Blocks.....	15-5
Trailing in Blocks.....	2-3

By Attack Percentage

Hitting .300 or better.....	7-0
Hitting .200 or better.....	18-3
Hitting Below .300.....	11-11
Hitting Below .200.....	0-7
Holding Opp. Below .200.....	13-0
Holding Opp. Below .100.....	1-0

Season Match Highs

Team

Kills.....	74 vs. New Mexico, 10/19
	74 vs. Wyoming, 10/31
Total Attacks.....	204 vs. Colorado State, 10/4
Hitting Pct.....	.398 vs. Air Force, 10/18
Assists.....	.68 vs. UC Irvine, 9/10
	.68 vs. Loyola Marymount, 9/25
Aces.....	.12 vs. Brigham Young, 9/27
Digs.....	.84 vs. UCSB, 8/31
	.84 vs. Colorado State, 10/4
BS.....	.6 vs. Brigham Young, 10/26
BA.....	.28 vs. Brigham Young, 9/27
Team Blocks.....	.16.0 vs. Brigham Young, 9/27

Individual

K.....	.23, Anguelova vs. New Mexico, 10/19
	.23 vs. Wyoming, 10/31
TA.....	.55, Anguelova vs. New Mexico, 10/19
Pct.....	.667, McPartland vs. Wyoming, 10/31
Assists.....	.61, Wright vs. Wyoming, 10/31
Aces.....	.9, Robyn Gregg vs. Air Force, 10/18
Digs.....	.28, McPartland vs. Colorado St., 10/4
BS.....	.3, Akporiaye vs. Colorado St., 10/4
BA.....	.11, Akporiaye vs. Brigham Young, 9/27

- ★ She recorded her first triple-double as an Aztec in the match at Colorado State on Oct. 4 when she had 11 kills, 51 assists and 12 digs. It is one of only three triple-doubles recorded by Mountain West Conference players this year.
- ★ She has been named to a pair of all-tournament teams this season: the Ramada Inn Invitational at SDSU and the Black and Gold Challenge at Wake Forest.

CURRIER FINISHING STRONG

- ★ In her final two home matches as an Aztec, senior Rochelle Currier averaged 4.29 kills and 2.00 digs last week.
- ★ On the year, she has the second-highest kill average on the squad at 3.20 kpg. Her 2.55 dig per game mark ranks third as does her 0.22 service aces per game.

GETTING IT DONE DEFENSIVELY

- ★ SDSU has kept its opponents' hitting percentages to under the .200 mark in 14 of its 18 victories this season, and under .100 in two of those wins. By contrast, San Diego State has been under the .200 mark in seven matches (all losses).
- ★ The Aztecs are averaging a over half a block (0.78) more per game than opponents.
- ★ Three players are averaging better than a block per game : Nicole Akporiaye (1.48 bpg), Aspen McPartland (1.17 bpg) and Megan Schauerermann (1.12 bpg)
- ★ SDSU'S team average of 3.00 blocks ranks 16th in the country last week among Division I teams.

MWC TEAM LEADERS

- ★ San Diego State continues to rank among the top four in the MWC in four categories (all matches). Included in that number are digs (1st-14.86 dpg), hitting percentage (2nd-.248), blocks (3rd-3.00 bpg) and kills (4th-15.31 kpg).
- ★ In conference matches only, SDSU is among the top three in every category: digs (1st-14.25 dpg), hitting percentage (1st-.273), blocks (1st-3.44 bpg), kills (1st-15.385 kpg), service aces (3rd-1.62 sapg), assists (3rd-14.18 apg) and opponent hitting percentage (3rd-.202).

TEAM NOTES

- ★ San Diego state's win over Colorado State broke an eight-match losing streak at the hands of the Rams. It was SDSU's first win over CSU since 1996.
- ★ At 9-2, San Diego State is off to its best Mountain West Conference start since joining the league in 1999. The Aztecs' best final league record the previous four seasons as members of the MWC is 9-5 (in 2000 and 2001).
- ★ SDSU's best start to a league season was 12-0 in 1995 when it was a member of the Western Athletic Conference. The team finished with an 13-1 league mark that year.
- ★ Since starting the season with a 4-5 record, the Aztecs have gone 14-5. SDSU has won seven of its last 10 matches.

USA Today/AVCA Poll

	Record	Points
1. Hawai'i	21-0	1599
2. USC	19-1	1517
3. Florida	22-1	1460
4. Stanford	21-3	1434
5. Nebraska	21-1	1417
6. UC Santa Barbara.....	23-0	1344
7. Minnesota	24-3	1227
8. Northern Iowa	24-2	1135
9. Long Beach State.....	20-3	1090
10. Pepperdine	16-6	1043
11. Santa Clara	20-3	903
12. North Carolina	23-2	870
13. Wisconsin	17-6	778
14. Penn State.....	18-5	679
15. Eastern Washington.....	24-1	655
16. Arizona	12-8	610
17. Washington State.....	16-7	510
18. South Carolina.....	19-4	446
19. UCLA.....	13-10	439
20. Missouri.....	20-4	395
21. Washington	15-7	342
22. Utah	19-6	238
23. Arizona State.....	10-7	222
24. Georgia Tech.....	23-5	200
25. Kansas State.....	15-6	134

Others receiving votes (points):

Michigan State (130), Michigan (97), U. of San Diego (60), Texas (43), Notre Dame (28), California (23), South Florida (9), Arkansas (7), Kansas (4), Fresno State (3).

- ★ San Diego State's current three-match win streak (it's second of the year) is its longest of the season. The team's longest losing streak is also three games (in early September).

PLAYER NOTES

- ★ Megan Schauerermann and Nicole Akporiaye are the only two Aztecs to have recorded at least one block in every match this season.
- ★ Sara Engstrom is averaging 1.80 digs per game over SDSU's last three outings. The junior transfer from University of Portland plays strictly in the back row and has become a regular off the bench over SDSU's last few matches.
- ★ Nicole Akporiaye had no hitting errors in last weekend's matches vs. Wyoming and Colorado State. She hit .621 over those two contests.
- ★ Zlatina Anguelova has been in double figures in 16 of her 22 matches played this fall. She was hurt during two of those contests and did not complete the full match.

UP NEXT

- ★ San Diego State will conclude its 2002 Mountain West Conference season with a pair of away matches next weekend.
- ★ The Aztecs will be at New Mexico on Friday, Nov. 15 (7:00 pm MDT), and will follow that match with a contest at Air Force the following night at 7:00 pm MDT).
- ★ SDSU has one remaining regular season match, at UC Riverside following the MWC Tournament on Nov. 26.