

AZTEC MEN'S GOLF

2008-09 Tournament Results

Fall Results

Washington Husky Invitational SEPT. 29-30 • GOLD MOUNTAIN G.C. • BREMERTON, WASH.

3rd of 11 teams (66 individuals) • Par 72 • 7,061 yards

Johan Carlsson	68-73-73-214 (-2)	2nd
Andrew Cooley	* 71-73-72—216 (E)	t-3rd
J.J. Spaun	74-75-72—221 (+5)	t-14th
Matt Hoffenber	g 77-71-75—223 (+7)	t-20th
Alex Kang	76-76-74—226 (+10)	t-32nd
David Palm	76-72-79—227 (+11)	t-35th
SDSU TEAM	294-291-294879 (+15)	3rd

Tournament Champion: Washington, 857 (-7) **Individual Champ.:** Chris Killmer, Washington, 211 (-5) * = Played as an individual

Coast BMW College Challenge! OCT. 6-7 • MONARCH DUNES G.C. • NIPOMO, CALIF.

• Par 71 • 6,724 yards

Bryan Martin*	70-74-69—213 (E)	4th
Ryan Citarella*	76-74-73—223 (+10)	t-14th
Michael Wynn	1*77-79-75—231 (+18)	27th
Tyler Morris*	84-79-79—242 (+29)	37th
Tournament Ch	ampion: Cal Poly, 844 (-8)	

Individual Champ.: Jarod Knight, Cal Poly, 203 (-10)

- = SDSU 'Black' team event
- * = Played as an individual

Sycuan Collegiate Invitational OCT. 20-21 • WILLOW GLEN G.C. • EL CAJON, CALIF.

6th of 20 teams (120 individuals) • Par 72 • 6,687 yards

76-70-74—220 (+4) 73-74-75—222 (+6) 78-72-82—232 (+16) 290-275-287—852 (-12)	t-67th t-75th t-105th
76-70-74—220 (+4) 73-74-75—222 (+6)	t-67th t-75th
76-70-74—220 (+4)	t-67th
70 00 73 213 (13)	- 0150
76-68-75-219 (+3)	t-61st
71-73-73—217 (+1)	t-46th
74-68-74—216 (E)	t-35th
e^ 72-74-70—216 (E)	t-35th
77-70-69—216 (E)	t-35th
73-66-75—214 (-2)	t-35th
71-68-74—213 (-3)	t-24th
72-70-71—213 (-3)	t-24th
67-72-72—211 (-5)	t-11th
69-69-73—211 (-5)	t-11th
	67-72-72—211 (-5) 72-70-71—213 (-3) 71-68-74—213 (-3) 73-66-75—214 (-2) 77-70-69—216 (E) e^ 72-74-70—216 (E) 74-68-74—216 (E)

Tournament Champion: Colorado State, 837 (-27) **Individual Champ.:** Dustin Garza, Wichita State, 200 (-16)

- * = Played as an individual
- ^ = Played as a member of the SDSU 'Black' team

Reese Jones Collegiate Invitational NOV. 3-4 • HAIG POINT CLUB • DAUFUSKIE ISLAND, S.C.

3rd of 12 teams (60 individuals) • Par 72 • 7,380 yards

J.J. Spaun	76-75-73-224 (+8)	t-7th
Andrew Cooley	76-71-79226 (+10)	t-11th
Bryan Martin	70-78-80228 (+12)	t-15th
Johan Carlsson	75-75-78228 (+12)	t-18th
David Palm	73-82-79-234 (+18)	t-31st
SDSU Team	294-299-308905 (+37)	3rd

Tournament Champion: South Carolina, 879 (+10) **Individual Champ.:** Wesley Bryan, South Carolina, 218 (+2)

Turtle Bay Resort Invitational

NOV. 10-12 • WILLOW GLEN COURSE • EL CAJON, CALIF. 2nd of 19 teams (105 individuals) • Par 72 • 7,218 yards

Tournament Cha	mpion: Texas, 843 (-21)	
SDSU Team	277-291-278846 (-18)	2nd
J.J. Spaun	73-74-71218 (+2)	t-42nd
Alex Kang	73-76-66215 (-1)	t-31st
Matt Hoffenberg	70-74-69213 (-3)	t-18th
Andrew Cooley	66-74-72212 (-4)	t-14th
Johan Carlsson	68-69-72209 (-7)	t-3rd

Individual Champ.: Vaughn Snyder, Ohio State, 205 (-11)

Spring Results

San Diego Intercollegiate! JAN. 26 • LA JOLLA C.C. • LA JOLLA, CALIF.

• Par 72 • 6,685 yards

	Ryan Citarella*	79-72—151 (+7)	t-4th
	Colin Featherstone*	76-76—152 (+8)	6th
Bryan Martin* 79-74—153 (+9) t-7	Bryan Martin*	79-74—153 (+9)	t-7th
David Palm* 77-76—153 (+9) t-7	David Palm*	77-76—153 (+9)	t-7th
Alex Kang* 80-74—154 (+10) t-10	Alex Kang*	80-74—154 (+10)	t-10th
Tyler Morris* 79-84—163 (+19) 23	Tyler Morris*	79-84—163 (+19)	23rd

Tournament Champion: Point Loma, 614 (+38) **Individual Champ.:** Gunner Wiebe, San Diego, 145 (+1)

- = SDSU 'Black' team event
- * = Played as an individual

Arizona Invitational FEB. 2-3 • ARIZONA NATIONAL G.C. • TUCSON, ARIZ.

2nd of 17 teams (92 individuals) • Par 71 • 6,900 yards

SDSU Team	288-280-290905 (+6)	2nd
David Palm	70-81-75—226 (+13)	t-54th
Alex Kang	77-70-78—225 (+12)	t-51st
Johan Carlsson	81-73-70—224 (+11)	t-44th
Andrew Cooley	72-69-81—222 (+10)	t-31st
Matt Hoffenberg	69-68-67—204 (-9)	2nd

Tournament Champion: Pepperdine, 855 (+3) **Individual Champ.:** Chris Paisley, Tennessee, 201 (-12)

CSU San Marcos Invitational! FEB. 9-10 • SAN LUIS REY DOWNS • BONSALL, CALIF.

• Par 72 • 6,750 yards

Ryan Citarella*	71-72—143 (-1)	1st
Colin Featherstone*	79-69—148 (+4)	10th
Tyler Morris*	79-76—155 (+11)	t-29th
Michael Wynn*	81-77—158 (+14)	t-39th

Tournament Champion: Holy Names Univ., 592 (+16) **Individual Champ.:** Ryan Citarella, SDSU, 143 (-1)

- = SDSU 'Black' team event
- * = Played as an individual

USC Invitational

FEB. 23-24 • NORTH RANCH C.C. • LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

SDSU Team	294-293-291878 (+26)	6th
Matt Hoffenberg	79-76-75—230 (+17)	t-64th
Andrew Cooley	75-75-79—229 (+16)	t-60th
Ryan Citarella*	72-70-83—225 (+12)	t-48th
Alex Kang	72-75-72—219 (+6)	t-26th
I.J. Spaun	71-70-76—217 (+4)	t-18th
Johan Carlsson	76-73-68—217 (+4)	t-18th
t-7th of 13 teams	(79 individuals) • Par 72 • 7	7,033 yards

Tournament Champion: Stanford, 839 (-13) **Individual Champion:** Steve Ziegler, Stanford, 204 (-9)

* = Played as an individual

Fresno State Lexus Classic

MARCH 9-10 • FORT WASHINGTON C.C. • FRESNO, CALIF.

TBD • Par 72 • 6,729 yards

2008 Tournament Champion: San Diego State, 841 (-23) **2008 Individual Champi.:** Charlie Holland, Texas 207 (-9)*

* Won on third playoff hole

SDSU Team/ Top Indiv. Finish: 1st of 20/Matt Hoffenberg, t-1st of 110

Barona Collegiate Cup

MARCH 16-17 • BARONA CREEK G.C. • LAKESIDE, CALIF.

TBD • Par 72 • 7,393 yards

2008 Tournament Champion: Texas A&M, 847 (-17) 2008 Individual Champ.: Nacho Elvira, Texas A&M 204 (-12) SDSU Team/Top Indiv. Finish: 2nd of 12 teams/David Palm, t-2nd of 60

Callaway Collegiate Match Play

MARCH 22-24 • THE FARMS G.C. • RANCHO SANTA FE, CALIF.

TBD • Par 72 • 6,911 yards

ASU Thunderbird Invitational APRIL 10-11• ASU KARSTEN G.C. • TEMPE, ARIZ.

TBD • Par 71 • 7,057 yards

2008 Tournament Champion: Arizona State, 843 (-9) 2008 Individual Champ.: Rory Hie, USC, 200 (-10) SDSU Team/Top Indiv. Finish: 8th of 16 teams/Matt Hoffenberg, t-14th of 86

Texas A&M Aggie Invitational APRIL 18-19 • STANFORD G.C. • COLLEGE STATION, TEX.

TBD • Par 70 • 6,742 yards

MWC Championships

APR. 30-MAY 2 • OMNI TUCSON NATIONAL G.C. • TUCSON, ARIZ.

TBD • Par 71 • 7,136 yards

2008 Tournament Champion: Colorado State, 850 (-2) 2008 Individual Champ.: Eddie Olson, UNLV, 209 (-4) SDSU Team/Top Indiv. Finish: 7th of 9/Aaron Goldberg, 2nd of 45

NCAA West Regionals

MAY 14-16 • GOLD MOUNTAIN G.C. • SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

TBD • Par 72 • 7,111 yards

2008 Tournament Champion: USC, 862 (-2) 2008 Individual Champ.: Joey Benedetti, Oregon 207 (-9) SDSU Team/Top Indiv. Finish:t-9th of 27/Aaron Goldberg, 10th of 140

NCAA Championships

MAY 25-30 • INVERNESS CLUB G.C. • TOLEDO, OHIO

30 Teams (156 Individuals) • Par 72 • 7,431 yards 2008 NCAA Champion: UCLA, 1194 (+12) 2008 Individual Champ.: Kevin Chappell, UCLA, 286 (-2) SDSU Team/Top Indiv. Finish: 14th of 30/Johan Carlsson, t-52nd of 150

▶▶▶2008-09 Overall Individual Statistics

					Count	Low	Low	Low		Top	Top	Top	Best	
Player	Events	Rounds	Strokes	Avg.	Pct.	18	36	54	Won	5	10	20	Finish	
Johan Carlsson	6	18	1,303	72.39 1	12.5/18 (0.69	4) 68	137	209	-	2	2	5	2nd	
Matt Hoffenberg	5	15	1,090	72.67 1	11.3/15 (0.75	3) 67	137	204	-	1	1	1	2nd	
Andrew Cooley	6	18	1,316	73.11	11/15 (0.733) 66	139	212	-	1	1	3	t-3rd	
J.J. Spaun	5	15	1,097	73.13	14/15 (.933)	68	139	213	-	-	1	3	t-7th	
Alex Kang*	6	17	1,250	73.53	9.5/12 (0.792	9 66	139	211	-	-	1	2	t-10th	
Bryan Martin*	4	11	810	73.64	3.3/6 (.550)	69	144	213	-	1	2	3	4th	
Colin Featherstone*	3	7	516	73.71		69	146	216	-	-	2	2	6th	
Ryan Citarella*	5	13	959	73.77		70	142	217	1	2	2	3	1st	
Jerry Porras*	1	3	222	74.00		73	147	222	-	-	-	-	t-75th	
David Palm*	5	14	1,053	75.21	8.3/12 (0.692	2) 70	142	213	-	-	1	1	t-7th	
Michael Wynn*	3	8	608	76.00		68	144	219	-	-	-	-	t-27th	
Tyler Morris*	4	10	792	79.20		72	150	232	-	-	-	-	t-23rd	
SDSU Team	6	18	5,219	289.94	-	275	565	846	0	7	13	23	2nd	

^{* -} Includes rounds played as an individual

Rounds in the 60s: (18) - Carlsson 6, Hoffenberg 4, Kang 2, Palm 2, Cooley, Martin, Spaun, Wynn.

Rounds below par: (38) - Carlsson 7, Hoffenberg 7, Cooley 5, Martin 5, Spaun 4, Kang 3, Palm 3, Citarella 2, Featherstone, Wynn.

▶▶▶Spring 2009 Individual Statistics

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Player	Events	Rounds	Strokes	Avg.	Pct.	18	36	54	Won		10	20	FINISN		
Matt Hoffenberg	2	6	434	72.33	4/6 (.667)	67	137	204	-	1	1	1	2nd		
J.J. Spaun	1	3	217	72.33	3/3 (1.000)	70	141	217	-	-	-	1	t-18th		
Johan Carlsson	2	6	441	73.50	5/6 (.833)	68	154	217	-	-	-	1	t-18th		
Ryan Citarella*	3	7	519	74.14		70	142	225	1	2	2	2	1st		
Alex Kang*	3	8	598	74.75	6/6 (1.000)	70	147	225	-	-	1	1	t-10th		
Colin Featherstone*	2	4	300	75.00		69	148	-	-	-	2	2	6th		
Andrew Cooley	2	6	451	75.17	4/6 (.667)	69	141	222	-	-	-	-	t-31st		
David Palm*	2	5	379	75.80	2/3 (.667)	70	151	226	-	-	1	1	t-7th		
Bryan Martin*	1	2	153	76.50		74	153	-	-	-	1	1	t-7th		
Michael Wynn*	1	2	158	79.00		77	158	-	-	-	-	-	t-39th		
Tyler Morris*	2	4	318	79.50		76	155	-	-	-	-	-	t-23rd		
Jerry Porras	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SDSU Team	2	6	1,736	289.33	-	288	568	858		3	8	8	2nd		

^{* -} Includes rounds played as an individual

Rounds in the 60s: (4) - Hoffenberg 3, Carlsson, Cooley.

Rounds below par: (10) - Hoffenberg 3, Carlsson 2, Citarella, Cooley, Kang, Palm, Spaun.

Even-par rounds: (2) - Citarella, Spaun.

▶▶►Fall 2008 Individual Statistics

				Count	Low	Low	Low		Top	Top	Top	Best	
Player	Events	Rounds	Strokes	Avg.	Pct.	18	36	54	Won	5	10	20	Finish
Johan Carlsson	4	12	862	71.83	11.5/12 (.958)	68	137	209	-	2	2	4	2nd
Colin Featherstone*	1	3	216	72.00		70	146	216	-	-	-	-	t-35th
Andrew Cooley	4	12	865	72.08	7/9 (.778)	66	139	212	-	1	1	3	t-3rd
Alex Kang	3	9	652	72.44	3.5/6 (.583)	66	139	211	-	-	-	1	t-11th
Matt Hoffenberg	3	9	656	72.89	7.3/9 (.811)	69	144	213	-	-	-	2	t-18th
Bryan Martin*	3	9	657	73.00	3.3/6 (.550)	69	144	213	-	1	1	2	4th
Ryan Citarella*	2	6	440	73.33		71	144	217	-	-	-	1	t-14th
J.J. Spaun	4	12	880	73.33	8/9 (.888)	68	139	213	-	-	1	2	t-7th
Jerry Porras*	1	3	222	74.00		73	147	222	-	-	-	-	t-75th
David Palm	3	9	674	74.88	6.3/9 (.700)	70	142	213	-	-	-	-	t-24th
Michael Wynn*	2	6	450	75.00		68	144	219	-	-	-	-	27th
Tyler Morris*	2	6	474	79.00		72	150	232	-	-	-	-	37th
SDSU Team	4	12	3,483	290.25	-	275	565	846	0	4	5	15	2nd

^{* -} Includes rounds played as an individual

Rounds in the 60s: (13) - Carlsson 5, Kang 2, Palm 2, Hoffenberg, Martin, Spaun, Wynn.

Rounds below par: (26) - Carlsson 5, Cooley 4, Hoffenberg 4, Martin 3, Spaun 3, Kang 2, Palm 2, Citarella, Featherstone, Wynn.

Even-par rounds: (10) - Cooley 2, Kang 2, Palm 2, Carlsson, Featherstone, Morris, Spaun.



AZTEC MEN'S GOLF

2008-09 Head-to-Head Results

Air Force Academy
Arizona
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Arkansas State
Army
Baylor
BYU2-
California1-
Cal Poly
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Charleston
Coastal Carolina1-
Colorado State0-
Denver
East Tennessee State
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Eastern Michigan
Fresno State
George Mason1-
Georgia State0-
Hawaii2-
Idaho3-
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Long Beach State
LMU2-
Methodist1-
Michigan State1-
Middle Tennessee State
Middle Tennessee State
Mississippi State1-
Nevada
New Mexico1-
New Mexico State
Ohio State
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Oregon
Oregon State
Pacific
Pepperdine1-
Point Loma Nazarene1-
Portland
Rice University
Rice University
Saint Mary's1-
San Diego
San Jose State1-
Santa Clara1-
South Carolina0-
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of the spring.

SDSU freshman J.J. Spaun was unable to carry over his first day 1-under momentum to the final round, settling for a 76 over the final 18 holes to finish in a tie for 18th with Carlsson. The San Dimas, Calif. native posted his third career top-20 performance of his young Aztec career.

Meanwhile, fellow freshman Alex Kang (Oak Park, Calif.) moved up eight spots on the individual leaderboard, firing a 72 during the final round to tie for 26th at 6-over 219. After consecutive bogeys on holes one and two, Kang played bogey-free golf the rest of the round, including a birdie on the par-5 eighth.

The day was not kind to freshman Andrew Cooley, however, as the New Haw, Surrey, England, native dropped 10 spots to tie for 60th position at 16-over 226 after posting a final round 79. Rounding out the Aztec fivesome was sophomore Matt Hoffenberg (Simi Valley, Calif.), who shaved one stroke off of his secondround score en route to a 17-over 230 (64th position).

Two Former Aztecs Named to MWC 10th Anniversary Team

Former San Diego State men's golf standouts Aaron Goldberg and Mark Warman were named to the Mountain West Conference 10th Anniversary Men's Golf Team, as selected by a combined panel of media, institutional and conference personnel and online fan poll. In order to be eligible for consideration, candidates must have been a first-team all-MWC selection at least once in their careers.

A native of Encinitas, Calif., Goldberg earned first-team all-MWC accolades three times (2006-08) and was named the league's player of the year in 2008. Goldberg was named the MWC golfer of the month five times in his Aztec career, joining Ryan Moore of UNLV as the only two players to be recognized on a least five occasions since the league's formation in 1999-2000. A two-time All-American, Goldberg became the first SDSU golfer to gain All-America status in consecutive seasons since Kris Moe accomplished the feat in 1983-84. Goldberg ended his Aztec career with two individual tournament titles and currently owns the top 54-hole individual score in the SDSU record books (68-66-67-201 at the 2006 District 7 Shootout).

Warman, meanwhile, earned first-team all-MWC honors each of the three years he played for the Aztecs (2002-04). The San Clemente, Calif., product claimed medalist honors at the 2003 U.S. Intercollegiate, a tournament in which he shot a 62 which stands as the lowest individual 18-hole score in the SDSU record books. The MWC player of the month in March 2002, Warman was also an All-American candidate his senior season and was named one of Golf World's top 50 "Players to Watch" in 2004.

Head Coach Ryan Donovan

Coming off San Diego State's best season since 1982 and the Aztecs' best showing during his tenure, San Diego State alumnus Ryan Donovan is now in his sixth season as the leader of the Aztec men's golf program. With Donovan at the helm, SDSU placed in the top 14 in all 15 out-

ings with the 15th tournament being a 14thplace finish at the NCAA Championships. Overall, the Aztecs compiled a 266-21 head-tohead record and finished 20th in Golfstat's final collegiate poll.

Individually, Donovan helped a pair of athletes in senior Aaron Goldberg and junior David Palm earn All-America accolades. Additionally, both were all-Mountain West Conference and all-Southwest Region selections. Other players to earn season-ending honors under Donovan were matt Hoffenberg (MWC freshman of the year, all-MWC, all-Southwest Region) and Johan Carlsson (all-Southwest Region). Donovan himself was named the Eaton Golf Pride Division I Coach of the Year for the southwest region given out annually by the Golf Coaches Association of America.

In 2006-07, SDSU secured three team tournament titles and reached the NCAA Regionals for the team's ninth straight appearance. Aaron Goldberg had one the program's finest campaigns, finishing with a scoring average of 70.71, while recording seven top-five finishes and capturing medalist honors at the District 7 Fall Shootout on his way to being named an honorable mention PING All-America honors, the program's first such honor since 2001.

The 2005-06 season was equally impressive as Donovan guided SDSU to three team tournament victories and its eighth consecutive NCAA regional appearance. Three Aztec golfers - seniors Andrew Scott and Josh Warthen and sophomore David Palm - all claimed individual titles during the season, while Scott and Goldberg garnered all-Mountain West Conference accolades.

Donovan was a four-year competitor for the SDSU golf squad from 1997- 2001. His most successful season came as a junior when he posted five top-30 finishes.

National Rankings

Golfstat (March 4)

San Diego State 20

Golfweek/Sagarin (March 3)

San Diego State 37

2008-09 Awards/Honors

MWC Golfer of the Month

Nov. - Johan Carlsson

MWC 10th Anniversay Team

Oscar Alvarez, BYU
Jake Ellison, BYU
Daniel Summerhays, BYU
Martin Laird, Colorado State
Charlie Beljan, New Mexico
Michael Letzig, New Mexico

Aaron Goldberg, San Diego State Mark Warman, San Diego State

Seung-su Han, UNLV Ryan Moore, UNLV

AZTEC MEN'S GOLF This week: March 9-10, at Fresno State Lexus Classic, Fresno, Calif.

2008-09 Schedule

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Fall				
<u>Dates</u>	Tournament (Results)			
Sept. 29-30	WashingtonHusky Invitational			
	3rd of 11/879 (+15)			
Oct. 20-21	Sycuan Collegiate Invitational			
	6th of 20 / 852 (-12)			
Nov. 3-4	Rees Jones Collegiate Invitational			
	2nd of 19/901 (+37)			
Nov. 10-12	Turtle Bay Resort Invitational			
	2nd of 19/846 (-18)			
Spring				
<u>Dates</u>	Tournament (Site)			
Feb. 2-3	Arizona Invitational			
	2nd of 17/858 (+6)			
Feb.23-24	USC Invitational			
	t-7th of 13 teams/878 9(+26)			

(Fresno, Calif.)

March 16-17 Barona Collegiate Cup
(Lakeside, Calif.)

Fresno State Lexus Classic

(Toledo,

March 22-24 Callaway Collegiate Match Play
(Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.)
April 10-11 ASU Thunderbird Invitational
(Tempe, Ariz.)

April 18-19 Texas A&M Aggie Invitational
(College Station, Texas)

April 30-May 2 MWC Championships

(Tucson, Ariz.)
May 14-16 NCAA West Regionals
(San Francisco, Calif.)

May 27-30 NCAA Championships

Ohio)

March 9-10

Home tournaments in bold

2008-09 Roster

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Athlete	Class	Hometown		
Johan Carlsson	So. C	Gothenburg, Sweden		
Ryan Citarella	Sr.	Santa Ana, Calif.		
Andrew Cooley	Fr.	New Haw, England		
Evan Emerick	Fr.	Oceanside, Calif.		
Colin Featherstone	e FrRS	Fallbrook, Calif.		
Matt Hoffenberg	So.	Simi Valley, Calif.		
Alex Kang	Fr.	Oak Park, Calif.		
Bryan Martin	Sr. Tl	nousand Oaks, Calif.		
Tyler Morris	FrRS	Encinitas, Calif.		
David Palm	Sr.	Landvetter, Sweden		
Jerry Porras	So.	Tijuana, Mexico		
J.J. Spaun	Fr.	San Dimas, Calif.		
Michael Wynn	Jr.	Las Vegas, Nev.		

Head Coach: Ryan Donovan (San Diego State '01), Sixth Season **Director of Golf Operations:** Dale Walker (San Diego State '80), Ninth Season

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Aztec Men's Golf Looks to Defend Team Title This Week at Fresno State Lexus Classic

The San Diego State men's golf team returns to the fairways this week when it travels north for the 46th annual Fresno State Lexus Classic, March 9-10, in Fresno, Calif. The first two rounds of the 54-hole tournament will be contested on Monday with 8 a.m. (PST) shotgun start, while final-round action from the 6,503 yard, par-72 Belmont Country Club commences on Tuesday with the same morning time start. A link to Golfstat's live scoring will be available on

the home page of GoAztecs.com.

SDSU will be looking to defend its team title from the last two years. Last season, San Diego State was buoyed by a trio of top-10 finishes to capture its second event title of the season. The Aztecs shot a combined 23-under par 841 to outlast Texas (-20) and California (-20) by just three strokes. The race for medalist honors was even more dramatic as freshman Matt Hoffenberg and Charlie Holland of Texas completed regulation in a tie atop the individual leaderboard at 9-under 207. Holland prevailed on the third sudden-death hole. In 2007, the Aztecs held off UC Irvine by one stroke in a thrilling finish. Bolstered by three top-five finishes, the Scarlet and Black carded a combined 15under par 849 to take home their third tournament crown of the 2006-07 season.

The two-day event features a field of 20 teams, including four schools which currently rank in the top 40 according to Golfstat. San Diego State leads the field with a No. 20 ranking, followed by No. 23 Arizona State, 27th-ranked Washington and No. 33 UC Irvine. In addition to the host Bulldogs (94th), the Aztecs will also meet Boise State (89th), Brigham Young (92nd), CSU Bakersfield, Fresno City College, Hawai'i, Nevada, CSU Northridge, Oklahoma (63rd), Pacific (95th), Sacramento State, San Diego (84th), San Jose State, UC Davis (81st), UC Santa Barbara (90th) and UTEP.

This Week's Lineup

Head coach Ryan Donovan will employ his sixth different lineup of the 2008-09 season this week as the Aztecs head north to Fresno, Calif. Leading the way are sophomores Johan Carlsson and Matt Hoffenberg. The lineup also includes a trio of freshman with Colin Featherstone, Alex Kang and J.J. Spaun making the trip for the Scarlet and Black. Freshman Andrew Cooley will also represent SDSU and play as an individual

This tournament marks the spring debut for Featherstone, who has only competed as an individual for the Scarlet and Black. Carlsson, Cooley, Hoffenberg and Kang were all part of the squad that finished as runner-up at the Arizona Invitational (Feb. 2-3). Spaun made his spring debut at the USC Collegiate (Feb. 23-24).

Carlsson is currently first on the squad this year with a 72.39 stroke average, carding a season-best 4-under-par 68 in the third round of the USC Collegiate en route to a 18th-place tie with a 4-over-par 217 overall. Hoffenberg is not far behind, currently holding a 72.67 stroke average and having finished second at the Arizona Invitational. Spaun, meanwhile, has a 73.13

average and sits just above Kang (73.53 stroke average). Featherstone fired an even-par 216 (72-74-70) at the Sycuan Collegiate Invitational during the fall to tie for 35th position on the final individual leaderboard. He currently owns a stoke average of 74.20. Cooley, who has participated in every event for the Aztecs, is third on the squad with a 73.11 stroke average. He competed as an individual at the season-opening Washington Husky Invitational, firing an even-par 216 (71-73-72) to finish in a tie for 3rd.

On Deck

Following the USC Invitational, SDSU will return home for its second home tournament of the season, the Barona Collegiate Cup, March 16-17, at the 7,448-yard, par-72 Barona Creek Golf Club in Lakeside, Calif. The eighth annual event was moved to SDSU's spring schedule in March 2007, after the resort played host to the 2007 Nationwide Tour Championship in October. In its place, San Diego State has since held the Sycuan Collegiate Invitational at Sycuan Resort in El Cajon.

Carlsson Named Mountain West Conference Golfer of the Month

Sophomore Johan Carlsson was named the Mountain West Conference men's golfer of the month as announced by the league office on Nov. 19. The award is the first of his career.

Carlsson, a product of Gothenburg, Sweden, helped the Aztecs to a third-place finish at the Rees Jones Intercollegiate on Daufuski Island, S.C. in early November, followed by a second-place team finish at the Turtle Bay Resort Intercollegiate in Kuhuku, Hawaii.

Carlsson recorded five rounds below 70 during the fall campaign, including two during the month of November.

Freshmen Fantastic

San Diego State's freshman class is among America's best. The class currently ranks second on the Golfstat Top 25 Freshman Class Impact Ranking, released March 5. As a class, the SDSU freshmen hold a 73.22 stroke average, according to Golfstat. Only Alabama (72.59) ranks ahead of the Aztecs.

Last Time Out

San Diego State's men's golf team shot a 7-overpar 291 on during the final round to finish in a tie for seventh place at the USC Collegiate in Westlake Village, Calif. The Aztecs were able to shave two strokes off of their second-round score to improve two notches on the leaderboard. The Scarlet and Black shot a collective 26-over 878 at the 6,869 yard, par-71 North Ranch Country Club.

Individually, sophomore Johan Carlsson (Gothenburg, Sweden) led San Diego State on day two of the tournament, firing a final-round 68 to tie for the 18th spot with a combined 4-over 217. Carlsson began the round with birdies on holes eight, 10 and 12, before a bogey on 14 cost him one stroke. Carlsson was able to make up the lost stroke on the par-5 15th with a birdie and finished his final round with three pars in a row to turn in a 68, his lowest 18-hole score