

AZTEC TENNIS CENTER



Aztec Tennis Center features 12 plexicushion courts plus a 2,000 square-foot operations building.

In the spring of 2005, the San Diego State women's and men's tennis programs began play at the Aztec Tennis Center courts, located on the western edge of campus.

The 12-court tennis complex was made possible due to the generosity of San Diego Padres' owner John Moores.

The 12 courts are surfaced with Plexicushion Prestige surfacing which is a similar surface to what is used at the National Tennis Center in New York, home of the U.S. Open.

The 2005 opening of the tennis center was long-anticipated by both San Diego State tennis programs. It is one of the finest collegiate facilities on the West Coast and one of the few in the nation to utilize the state-of-the-art surface material.

Plexicushion entails six coats of liquid cushion squeezed onto the base, which provides for uniform bounce, as well as being easier on the legs due to the increased cushion.

"I think we have one of the finest collegiate facilities in the nation," women's head coach Peter Mattera said. "It is very fan-friendly and player-friendly. I think it's going to help San Diego State regain the elite status it held in the 1980s when the Aztecs were in the top 10 every year."

"We're at the right university," Mattera added. "We have the funding, and we have the schedule. So with the new facility in place, it has helped every recruiting cycle since it opened."

SDSU men's head coach Gene Carswell certainly feels the same way.

"For us to be able to play two dual matches at the same time allows us to run some collegiate events here, some different tournaments that we just have not been able to host," Carswell said.

"As far as a recruiting tool, it is one of the best facilities in the country, bar none. So we're really excited to be playing at the Aztec Tennis Center and posting some victories and some championships there."

In addition to the 12 tennis courts, the facility includes a 2,000-square foot tennis operations building with a team room, office space and a multi-purpose room.

The central room features an adjoining, covered patio that provides a very fan-friendly environment, as

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well as the ability to play host to tournaments, receptions and athletic functions.

Near completion is a new addition to the Aztec Tennis Center, a locker room for both men's and women's tennis teams.

With its prime location, Aztec Tennis Center is nestled next to SDSU Softball Stadium, which opened in 2005, and the brand-new Aztec Aquaplex. Also nearby are the SDSU Sports Deck, Tony Gwynn Stadium and three football practice fields. In addition, Cox Arena is within walking distance, which truly makes the west side of campus the home for Aztec athletics. Moreover, the facility is situated behind the Aztec Athletics Center, which allows student-athletes easy access to some of the top training personnel and weightlifting facilities on the West Coast.



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SDSU's covered patio overlooks the facility's three center courts.

Aztec Tennis Center Highlights

- ▶ 12 outdoor tennis courts
- ▶ Plexicushion Prestige surfacing
- ▶ 2,000-square foot tennis center
- ▶ Lighting for night competition
- ▶ Team rooms
- ▶ Staff offices
- ▶ Covered patio
- ▶ Spectator seating
- ▶ Easy access to training facilities

Aztec Tennis Center Firsts

First matchvs. LMU (3/1/05)
First team winvs. LMU, 5-2 (3/1/05)
First shutoutvs. #75 Ohio State, 7-0
(3/22/05)
First singles sweepvs. #75 Ohio State
(3/22/05)
First doubles sweepvs. LMU (3/1/05)
First winning streak3 matches
vs. LMU, 5-2 (3/1/05)
vs. #28 Michigan, 4-3 (3/3/05)
vs. #8 Washington, 5-2 (3/5/05)
Overall Record25-12



The operations building includes office space, a lounge, team rooms and a kitchen.