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2002-03 San Diego State University WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2002-03 Schedule/Times

N. 8	Basketball Travelers (Exh.)	W, 72-65
N. 18	West Coast All-Stars (Exh.)	L, 70-74
N. 22	Centenary	W, 75-58
N. 25	at St. Mary's	L, 47-60
N. 29-30	at Fresno State Classic (Fresno, Calif.)	
29	vs. Murray State#	W, 59-54
30	at Fresno State	L, 49-59
D. 4	UC Irvine	L, 58-61 OT
D. 11	at Univ. of San Diego	L, 53-72
D. 19	American University	7:05 p.m.
D. 22	Creighton	2:05 p.m.
D. 28	Cal State Northridge	2:05 p.m.
J. 5	Univ. of Missouri-K.C.	2:05 p.m.
J. 9	at Portland State	7:05 p.m.
J. 11	at Sacramento State	2:00 p.m.
J. 18	UNLV*	5:05 p.m.
J. 23	Brigham Young*	7:05 p.m.
J. 25	Utah*	5:05 p.m.
J. 30	at New Mexico*	7:00 p.m.
F. 1	at Air Force*	2:00 p.m.
F. 6	Colorado State*	7:05 p.m.
F. 8	Wyoming*	5:05 p.m.
F. 15	at UNLV*	7:35 p.m.
F. 20	at Utah*	7:00 p.m.
F. 22	at Brigham Young*	1:00 p.m.
F. 27	Air Force*	7:05 p.m.
M. 1	New Mexico*	5:05 p.m.
M. 5	at Wyoming*	7:00 p.m.
M. 7	at Colorado State*	7:00 p.m.
M. 12-15	MWC Championship	TBA

All times local to site Home Games in **BOLD**
 Home games at Cox Arena except where noted
 # at Fresno State, Fresno, Calif.

Aztecs' Agenda

December 16 • Monday

Practice 1-3 p.m. Cox Arena

December 17 • Tuesday

Practice 1-3 p.m. Cox Arena

December 18 • Wednesday

Practice 12:30-3 p.m. Cox Arena

December 19 • Thursday

Shoot around 2 a.m.-3 p.m. Cox Arena

December 20 • Friday

Practice TBA Cox Arena

December 21 • Saturday

Practice TBA Cox Arena

Up Next: Game No. 8

vs. Creighton

Sunday, Dec. 22 - 2:00 p.m.

Cox Arena (12,414) - San Diego, CA

Series: Creighton leads 7-0

Game No. **7**

American University Eagles (6-2) at SAN DIEGO STATE Aztecs (2-4)

► **When & Where:** Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002, Cox Arena (12,414), San Diego, Calif., 7:00 p.m. (PST).

► **Webcast/TV:** Live audio broadcast on www.goaztecs.com, with Bill Earley, Tammy Blackburn and Dan Lawton.

► **The Records:** The Aztecs (2-4) are coming off an eight-day break from their 2002-03 schedule, playing host to first time opponent American University. The Eagles (6-2), meanwhile, also took a break for finals, as their last game was Dec. 8, versus University of Maryland-Eastern Shore.

► **In The RPI:** In the third RPI rankings released by the WBCA through games of December 15, SDSU is currently 262nd, while American is No. 201.

► **SDSU Head Coach Jim Tomey:** Tomey (Michigan '81) is in his first season at San Diego State, taking over the Aztec helm on April 9, 2002. His career and Aztec head coaching record is 2-4.

► **American Head Coach Shann Hart:** Hart (Norfolk State, '88) is in her third season at American, boasting a 22-40 mark. Hart's seven-year career record is 99-70.

► **Series History:** First meeting.

San Diego State Begins Four-Game Home Stand With American University Thursday

The Aztec women's basketball team (2-4) begins its longest home stand of the season this Thursday at Cox Arena versus non-conference opponent American University (7:05 p.m.). The game with American (6-2) is the first of four consecutive home games for SDSU and also marks the end of an eight-day break between games for finals.

Home For The Holidays

San Diego State is in the midst of playing a six-game stretch all in the city of San Diego. The stay includes five home games and one away game at the University of San Diego (Dec. 11). In all, the Aztecs will remain in San Diego for 35 straight days before heading on its final non-conference road trip to Portland State and Sacramento State, Jan. 9-11.

The team's first three Mountain West Conference games are also at Cox Arena, leaving SDSU with seven of its next 10 games in San Diego.

Last Time Out - Aztecs Drop Game To Cross-Town Rival USD:

The San Diego State women's basketball team shot just 31 percent from the field, as the University of San Diego won the first meeting between the two schools since 1996, 72-53, Wednesday at Jenny Craig Pavilion. With the loss, the Aztecs fell to 2-4, while the Toreros improved to 5-2, winning for just the second time in the 26-game series.

"In the first half, we took 14 more shots than them," SDSU head coach Jim Tomey said. "For the game, we shot

2002-03 San Diego State Aztecs Roster (2-4/0-0 MWC)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)	PPG	RPG	Individual Player Note
00	Tynisha King	F	5-10	Sr.	Moreno Valley (UNC Asheville)	2.0	2.5	► Career high 5 rebs. vs. USD
4	Ashley White	F	6-1	Fr.	Chino Hills (Ayala HS)	0.0	0.0	► 1st career game vs. USD
5	Michelle Strawberry	G	5-10	Fr.	Corona (Centennial HS)	-	-	► Will not play vs. American
10	Ashonda Williams	F	6-0	Sr.	Crockett (Contra Costa CC)	4.2	2.5	► 7 pts., 7 rebounds vs. USD
14	Heather Wolf	G	5-6	So.	Stayton, Ore. (Regis HS)	2.2	1.2	► Starter at guard in 4 games
20	Jamey Cox	G	5-7	Sr.	Waterloo, Iowa (West HS)	16.0	2.5	► Three games w/20+ pts.
21	Veronica Shaw	G	5-7	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Mt. Pointe HS)	4.0	1.5	► Scored 10 in first career gm.
23	Amber Fouse	G	5-7	Fr.	Compton (Narbonne HS)	4.7	4.3a	► 7 assists in opener
24	Nicolette McCartney	C/F	6-2	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. (Hersey HS)	8.2	5.0	► 3rd in ppg. in 2002-03
33	Maggie Sauls	G	5-9	So.	Borger, Texas (Borger HS)	-	-	► Recovering from knee surgery
34	Valencia Howard	F	6-1	Sr.	Richmond (Contra Costa CC)	6.4	5.8	► Fresno all-tourney selection
35	Ashlee Dunlap	F	6-1	Fr.	Los Angeles (Fairfax HS)	10.3	8.2	► 3 double-doubles in 6 games
42	Tami Garnett	C	6-3	Fr.	Arlington, Texas (Sam Houston HS)	0.0	1.0	► First action vs. Fresno State
50	Megan Bryant	C	6-3	Fr.	Austin, Texas (Westlake HS)	0.0	1.0	► 1st career game vs. USD
52	Andrea Kiesling	C	6-3	Sr.	Helena, Mont. (Helena HS)	1.3	2.0	► career-best 23 min. vs. USD

Head Coach: Jim Tomey (Michigan, 1981), first season

Projected Starting Line-up Highlighted

Assistant Coaches: Matt Hart (Long Beach St., 1992), Nicole Anderson (UCLA, 1993), Jennifer Gross (UC Davis, 1997)



San Diego State
Head Coach Jim Tomey
First Season (Michigan, 1981)

- Univ. of San Diego High School Boys' Head Coach
San Diego State Men's Assistant Coach
San Diego State Women's Head Coach
SDSU Head Coach
Overall Total

American at SDSU
Series: First Meeting

Table with 2 columns: Record at SDSU, Record at AU, Record at Neutral, Most Points SDSU, Most Points AU, Largest Margin SDSU, Largest Margin AU, Longest SDSU Win Streak, Longest AU Win Streak, Current Streak.

2002-03 Comparative Stats

As of Dec. 16, 2002

Table comparing Aztecs and Eagles stats: Overall Record, League Record, Field Goal Pct., 3-PT FG Pct., Free Throw Pct., Opp. FG Pct., Opp. 3-PT FG Pct., Opp. FT Pct., Rebound Avg., Rebound Margin, Points/Game, Pts. Allowed/Game.

All-Time Series

Table with 3 columns: Date, Site, Result. Row: 12-19-02, San Diego, TBA



31 percent and missed everything around the basket. When you're missing shot after shot, it gets frustrating. Our inability to put the ball in the basket hurts our defensive part of our game, which has been pretty good."

Senior Jamey Cox (Waterloo, Iowa) was the only Aztec to reach double-figures in scoring, putting in 16 points and adding four steals. Cox was helped by senior Ashonda Williams' (Crockett, Calif.) seven points and team-high seven rebounds, while SDSU was without the services of senior Valencia Howard.

In the first half, SDSU fell behind by as many as nine points at 4-13 and 15-24, as two of the team's top scorers, Ashlee Dunlap (Los Angeles, Calif.) and Nicolette McCartney (Chicago, Ill.) were limited to a combined 15 minutes of playing time.

SDSU cut the USD first half lead with the help of a 7-0 run to 22-24 in the final six minutes, following two Cox lay-ups, a foul shot by Williams and a basket from Andrea Kiesling (Helena, Mont.). The Toreros responded with a small 5-2 run of their own, taking a 30-25 advantage into the half.

USD continued its momentum into the second half, jumping out to as big as a 27-point lead at 43-70, eventually winning 72-53.

Torero Marta Menuez had a game-high 18 points on 9-of-17 shooting from the field. USD, which overcame 25 turnovers in the game, had four players in all finish in double-figures.

Stepping In

With senior forward Valencia Howard out due to injury against USD, the Aztecs got notable efforts off the bench from a pair of seniors in the front court.

Senior center Andrea Kiesling logged a career-high 23 minutes, finishing with six points on 3-of-5 shooting. Kiesling's six points is her second-highest point total of her career, trailing only her nine points at CSU Fullerton in 1999. Kiesling also matched her season best for rebounds with four versus USD.

Kiesling's classmate Tynisha King (Moreno Valley, Calif.), meanwhile, posted a career high for minutes played with 13 against the Toreros, grabbing five rebounds (career best) and adding four points (season high).

First-Timers

SDSU's game with USD was a special one for Aztec freshmen Ashley White (Chino Hills, Calif.) and Megan Bryant (Austin, Texas), as both made their collegiate debuts. White and Bryant each played only one minute, coming in at the end of the second half. White was 0-for-1 from the field, while Bryant managed to grab a defensive rebound.

So far this season, 13 of the 15 players on the Aztec roster have logged playing time.

When Will She Be Back?

Missing just the second game of her Aztec career, forward Valencia Howard was on the bench due to a right knee strain against USD. Howard's injury, which occurred in practice on Dec. 7, could keep the senior on the bench for more than one game, however, as she is doubtful for the team's meeting with American.

Howard is second on the team in rebounding this season with 5.8 per game, while she is fourth in scoring with just under six and a half points a game.

Blocking Machines

The Aztecs have continued to be blocking machines on defense over the team's last four games. SDSU owns a 23-8 advantage during the four-game span, including six versus USD last week.

Prior to the USD game, the Aztecs blocked nine shots against UC Irvine, which ties as the most in a game by a MWC team this season. The nine blocks are the most by SDSU since the Aztecs also put up nine versus both Portland (Nov. 20, 1999) and Texas A&M-CC (Jan. 17, 2000).

SDSU leads the Mountain West Conference in the blocks category with 4.50 per game. Individually, junior Nicolette McCartney is first on the team with 11 blocks, five short of matching her career season-high of 16, which she recorded as a freshman.

Perfect At The Line

Already six games into her freshman campaign at San Diego State, freshman Veronica Shaw (Phoenix, Ariz.) is one of just four players in the Mountain West Conference to have a perfect percentage at the free throw line this season. Shaw has not missed in her eight attempts at the line, hitting her first six in the team's first two games with Centenary and St. Mary's, before adding a pair against USD.

Shaw is joined in the perfect free throw club by Utah's Carley Marshall (16-for-16), Colorado State's Vanessa Espinoza (5-for-5) and Wyoming's Sara Hippen (1-for-1).

15 More

After hitting a pair of three-point field goals in the loss to USD, San Diego State senior Jamey Cox continues to edge her way toward the school record for career three pointers made. The senior enters Thursday's game with American needing just 15 more to surpass current record-holder Falisha Wright, who had 206 three's from 1992-95.

USD 72, San Diego State 53

Game 6 ■ Dec. 11 ■ J.C. Pavilion ■ San Diego, Calif.

SDSU Player Stats: Fouse, Dunlap, McCartney, Cox, Shaw, King, White, Williams, Wolf, Bryant, Kiesling, Team. Columns: FG, 3FG, FT, REB, F, TP, A, T, B, S, MP.

USD Player Stats: Plocher, Padgett, Menuez, Nakamoto, Dong, Harris, Corwin, Wedo, Krug, Malich, Team. Columns: FG, 3FG, FT, REB, F, TP, A, T, B, S, MP.

Officials: Carla Fujimoto, Chuck Gonzalez, Henry Eshom
Technical fouls: N/A
Attendance: 603

Score by Periods table with columns: Period, San Diego State, San Diego.

American Univeristy Eagles (6-2)

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown/Last Scol
00	Mariam Veppumthara	C	Sr.	6-3	Chevy Chase, Md./Newport School/St. Mary's (Md.)
3	Angel Jordan	G	So.	5-7	Glendale, Md./The Newport School/Delaware State
4	Damarah Rhymer	G	So.	5-9	Colorado Springs, Colo./Widefield
10	Kaitlin Schuyler*	G	Jr.	5-8	Baltimore, Md./Mercy
20	Joanna Barnes	G	So.	5-10	Washington, D.C./Dunbar/Fresno State
21	Katryn Costenbader	F/G	Jr.	5-10	Silver Spring, Md./Einstein/St. Mary's (Md.)
22	Angel McNatt	G	Jr.	5-9	Adelphia, Md./High Point/Montgomery JC
25	Kim Salem	F/C	So.	6-1	Oakville, Ontario/St. Thomas Aquinas
30	Chanel Spriggs*	G	Jr.	5-7	Sunderland, Md./Northern/St. Mary's (Md.)
31	Emily Branitz	G	Fr.	5-4	Coral Springs, Fla./Pope John Paul II
32	Katie Walsh	C	Fr.	6-4	Goshen, N.Y./J.S. Burke Catholic
33	Maria Werries*	G	Sr.	5-10	Pittsburgh, Pa./Oakland Catholic
35	Chanel Hunt*	F	So.	6-0	Raleigh, N.C./Ravenscroft
42	Alicia Zorzetto	F	Fr.	6-0	Niagara Falls, Ontario/A.N. Myer
44	Jenyce Woodruff*	G/F	So.	5-9	Wexford, Pa./North Allegheny

Head Coach: Shann Hart (Norfolk State '88, 3rd season) *= Probable Starter

Assistant Coaches: Becky King (William Penn '81, 3rd season), Deb Reardon (Assumption '86, 1st season)
Brian Johnson (Drexel '98, 1st season), Quintina Walker (William & Mary '02, 1st season)

This season, Cox has 20 three-pointers, accounting for 60 of her 96 points. Of her 87 field-goal attempts, Cox has taken 56 from beyond the arc.

Scouting the American Eagles

After a 10-day break for finals, the American University Eagles travel across the country for their first-ever meeting with San Diego State this Thursday.

Under head coach Shann Hart, American boasts a 6-2 record this season and owns a current three-game winning streak. The Eagles have been led by sophomore Chanel Hunt's 14.3 points per game and 9.5 rebounds per game. Guards Maria Werries and Chanel Spriggs also both average over 12 points a game.

A year ago, American finished the season with a 12-15 overall record, taking fourth in the Patriot League with a 7-7 mark.

Going With The Guards - Line-Up Notes

The Aztecs are expected to start three guards for the seventh straight time, including senior **Jamey Cox**, sophomore **Heather Wolf (Stayton, Ore.)** and freshman **Amber Fouse (Compton, Calif.)** freshman forward **Ashlee Dunlap** and junior forward/center **Nicolette McCartney** should round out the starting line-up on the posts ... the projected starting line-up includes all four class levels, while four of the five players hail from different states (Arizona, California, Iowa and Illinois) ... sophomore **Maggie Sauls** (left knee) and freshmen **Michelle Strawberry** (right knee) and **Tami Garnett** (exercised-induced migraines) are not expected to suit-up for the game with American.

Aztec Career Record Book

3-Point Field Goals

1.	Falisha Wright (1992-95)	206
2.	Jamey Cox (2000-Pres.)	192
3.	Sophia Sledge (1997-2001)	82
4.	Carmelia Bloodsaw (1991)	65
	Charley Murray (1998-99)	65
6.	Jodi Nowlin-Tres (1994-97)	57
7.	Jurate Zukauskaitė (1996-97)	46
8.	Ashonda Williams (2002-Pres.)	41
9.	Claire Swinbank (1999-2002)	38
10.	Elisha Johns (1991-92)	35
	Angela Walker (1995-96)	35

Assists

1.	Falisha Wright (1992-95)	448
2.	Crystal Lee (1989-90)	413
3.	Michelle Miles (1991-92)	367
4.	Lakeysha Wright (1992-95)	358
5.	Marsha Overton (1980-83)	356
6.	Jamey Cox (2000-Pres.)	303
7.	Shannon Lee (1998-2001)	302
8.	Shelda Arceneaux (1984-87)	299
9.	Sandy Wright (1995-97)	292
10.	Laura Dion (1978-80)	278

games. Cox logged back-to-back 40-minute efforts at the Fresno State Classic, the 11th and 12th times she has done so in her career, with the previous 10 times coming during her freshman campaign in 1999-2000.

Cox sat for two minutes of the first half in the team's game with UC Irvine, before playing the entire second half and the five-minute overtime period. Cox's breather was the first time she had been off the court since the St. Mary's game on Nov. 25.

Freshman guard Amber Fouse (31.2) is the only other Aztec to average over 30 minutes a game.

Double-Double Times Four

Double-doubles have become common place for the Aztecs so far this season, as one SDSU player has recorded a double-double in four of the team's six games. Freshman **Ashlee Dunlap** has three of the double-doubles, while senior **Valenica Howard** has the fourth.

Dunlap began the season with two double-doubles in the first two games, coming up with 14 points and 10 rebounds against Centenary College and a 15-point, 13-rebound game at St. Mary's. In the team's second home game versus UC Irvine last week, the freshman scored a career-best 17 points and also tagged on 12 boards for her third double-double.

Dunlap's double-double against Centenary was the first time an Aztec had turned the trick since Atim Otii finished with 12 rebounds and 12 points against Creighton on December 22, 2001. Dunlap's 13 boards are also the most by an Aztec since Mary Apiafi had 14 in a game at Air Force on Jan. 22, 2000.

Howard, meanwhile, recorded her first career double-double with 10 rebounds and a career-best 13 points at Fresno State.

40-Minute Girl

As the team's top returnee this season, senior **Jamey Cox** has played 234 of 245 minutes (39.0/g) in the team's five



Mountain West Conference

2002-03 Standings	MWC	Overall
New Mexico (rv/rv)	0-0	8-1
Utah	0-0	5-1
BYU (19 AP/22)	0-0	6-2
Colorado State (rv/rv)	0-0	5-2
UNLV	0-0	5-2
Air Force	0-0	4-2
Wyoming (rv)	0-0	4-2
San Diego State	0-0	2-4

As of Dec. 16, 2002 () = rankings

Mountain West Conference Upcoming Schedule

December 16 (Monday)

New Mexico State at Utah, 7 p.m.

December 17 (Tuesday)

Mesa State at Wyoming, 7 p.m.

December 18 (Wednesday)

New Mexico at Arizona, 7 p.m.

December 19 (Thursday)

American at San Diego State, 7:05 p.m.

December 20 (Friday)

Iona at UNLV, 7:35 p.m.

2002-03 MWC Preseason Media Poll

School (First Place Votes)	Pts
1. BYU (8)	110
2. Colorado State (7)	103
3. New Mexico (1)	91
4. Utah	70
5. UNLV	69
6. Wyoming	49
7. San Diego State	31
8. Air Force	17

SDSU In The MWC Poll

Yr.	Pre.	Final
1999-2000	6th	6th
2000-01	7th	6th
2001-02	7th	7th

2002-03 MWC Preseason All-Conference Team

Jennifer Leitner, Sr., F	BYU
Erin Thorn, Sr., G	BYU
Ashley Augspurger, Sr., F	CSU
Jordan Adams, Sr., C	NMU
Constance Jinks, Sr., G	UNLV
Carrie Bacon, Sr., F	WYO

Top Returning Player: Erin Thorn (BYU)

Top Newcomer: Infini Robinson (UNLV)



Mountain West Conference Overall Rankings

(As of Dec. 16, 2002)

TEAM CATEGORY	SDSU	RANK
Scoring Offense	56.8	8th
Scoring Defense	60.7	5th
Scoring Margin	-3.8	8th
Field Goal Pct.	.377	8th
Field Goals Pct. Def.	.392	4th
3-Pt. FG Pct.	.333	6th
3-Pt. FG Pct. Def.	.370	8th
3-Pt. FG Made	4.83	7th
Free Throw Pct.	.535	8th
Rebounding Offense	36.7	4th
Rebounding Defense	40.8	8th
Rebounding Margin	-4.2	8th
Offensive Rebounds	13.33	3rd
Defensive Rebounds	23.33	6th
Blocked Shots	4.50	1st
Assists	12.50	8th
Assist/Turnover Ratio	0.60	8th
Turnover Margin	0.67	5th
Steals	10.00	3rd

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY (TOP 12) AVG. Scoring

5. Cox	16.0
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Rebounding

3. Dunlap	8.2
10. Howard	5.8

Rebounding

10. McCartney	.488
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FT Percentage

1. Shaw	1.000
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Assists Per Game

7. Fouse	4.33
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Steals Per Game

4. Dunlap	2.83
8. Shaw	1.83

3-Point Field Goals Made Per Game

2. Cox	3.33
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Blocked Shots Per Game

2. McCartney	1.83
3. Dunlap	1.50

Offensive Rebounds

2. Dunlap	3.50
4. McCartney	2.67

Defensive Rebounds

6. Dunlap	4.67
11. Howard	4.00

Cox Reaches A Scoring Milestone

Entering the season needing 69 points to reach the 1,000 career point milestone, Aztec senior **Jamey Cox** accomplished the feat in just four games, doing so with a 23-point performance at Fresno State on November 30.

Cox became the 16th Aztec player to reach the 1,000-point mark and the first since Jodi Nowlin-Tres (1994-97). Cox is 15th in career scoring, 62 points behind Jodi Nowlin-Tres, who put up 1,089 from 1994-97.

San Diego State's 1,000 Point Scorers	
Name (Years)	Total Points
Judy Porter (1980-83)	2,318
Falisha Wright (1992-95)	1,733
Chana Perry (1988-89)	1,445
Jessica Haynes (1986-88)	1,395
Michelle Suman (1992-95)	1,341
Brooke Meadows (1986-89)	1,310
Marsha Overton (1980-83)	1,273
Tina Hutchinson (1984-85)	1,256
Christina Murguia (1992-95)	1,237
Kieishsha Games (1991-92)	1,235
Shelda Arceneaux (1984-87)	1,232
Dee Dee Duncan (1983-86)	1,108
Julie Evans (1989-90)	1,106
Jodi Nowlin-Tres (1994-97)	1,089
Jamey Cox (1999-current)	1,027
Heidi Bauer (1981-83, 85)	1,024

Putting Up Some Points

Three times this season, Aztec senior **Jamey Cox** has broken the 20-point barrier, putting up 23 most recently in the tournament championship game at Fresno State.

Cox also had 23 a day earlier versus Murray State, while she opened the season with 26 at home against Centenary.

The 26 points versus the Ladies were the most by an Aztec since Cox scored 27 in a Mountain West Conference game against Colorado State on March 4, 2000.

For her career, Cox has recorded 11 career games with 20 points or more, including her career-best effort of 30 points coming as a freshman on December 30, 1999, against Cal State Fullerton. A year ago, the Aztecs only had one player - Cox - reach the 20-point barrier. Cox scored 20 in the team's 73-69 win over Navy.

In The Rankings

In the fourth set of stats released by the Mountain West Conference, four different Aztecs appear among the top five in seven different categories for the second straight week. Senior **Jamey Cox** is second in the MWC in three-point field goals made with 3.33 per game, while freshman **Ashlee Dunlap** appears in top five in four different categories, including offensive boards (2nd - 3.50/g), rebounding (3rd - 8.2/g) and blocked shots (3rd - 1.50/g).

Junior **Nicolette McCartney** (blocks, offensive rebounds) and freshmen **Veronica Shaw** (free throw percentage) complete the list of Aztecs in the top five.

Other Season Notes

In the team's opener with Centenary, four Aztec players reached double-figures in scoring. A year ago, SDSU had four players or more reach double-figures in a game five times, highlighted by the team's win over Radford, in which five players recorded double-figures ... Proving that team work and victories go hand-in-hand, San Diego State had 20 assists in the team's win over Centenary. Four Aztecs had three assists, while freshman **Amber Fouse** contributed a team-best six in her first game at SDSU. On the flip side, Centenary had just eight assists for the game, including only three in the first half ... SDSU seniors **Jamey Cox** and **Valencia Howard** both earned all-tournament honors for their performances at the Fresno State Classic.

A New Crew

On April 9, 2002, **Jim Tomey** was hired as the seventh head coach in program history. A former SDSU men's assistant (1999-2002), Tomey made a name for himself in San Diego as the head coach of boys' prep powerhouse University of San Diego High School from 1989-99. Tomey, who enters his first year as a head coach on the collegiate level, spent the summer putting together a balanced coaching staff, which now includes assistants **Matt Hart**, **Nicole Anderson** and **Jennifer Gross**.

Other Newbie Coaching Notes

► **Jim Tomey** will look to buck the trend for first-year women's basketball head coaches at San Diego State. Only one of the program's previous six coaches have had winning records in their rookie campaigns. Earnest Riggins (1984-89) led the Aztecs to a 24-6 record in 1983-84.

► SDSU is not the only Mountain West Conference school to have a new

2002-03 San Diego State Roster Breakdown

Returning Letterwinners (8)

Jamey Cox, G, 9.8 p, 1.9 r, 4.0 a
Valencia Howard, F 3.8 p, 3.9 r
Andrea Kiesling, C, 1.1 p, 0.7 r
Tynisha King, F, 1.0 p, 0.4 r
Nicolette McCartney, F/C, 3.5 p, 3.1 r
Maggie Sauls, G, 0.7 p, 0.3 r
Ashonda Williams, F, 7.5 p, 4.2 r
Heather Wolf, G, 1.8, 0.7 r

Letterwinners Lost (5)

Atim Otii, F 9.3 p, 5.8 r
Tanisha Knight, F 5.6 p, 3.4 r
Claire Swinbank, G 12.1 p, 4.3 r
Morgan Vargas, C 4.0 p, 2.6 r
Missy Shoemaker, F 3.2 p, 2.2 r

Returning Starters (3)

Jamey Cox, G, 9.8 p, 1.9 r, 4.0 a
Nicolette McCartney, F/C, 3.5 p, 3.1 r
Ashonda Williams, F, 7.5 p, 4.2 r

Starters Lost (2)

Atim Otii, F, 9.3 p, 5.8 r
Claire Swinbank, G, 12.1 p, 4.3 r

Newcomers (7)

Megan Bryant, 6-3, Fr., C
Ashlee Dunlap, 5-11, Fr., F
Amber Fouse, 5-6, Fr., G
Tami Garnett, 6-3, Fr., C
Veronica Shaw, 5-8, Fr., G
Michelle Strawberry, 5-10, Fr., G
Ashley White, 6-1, Fr., F

Class Breakdown

Seniors (5): Cox, Howard, Kiesling, King, Williams
Junior (1): McCartney
Sophomores (2): Sauls, Wolf
Freshmen (7): Bryant, Dunlap, Fouse, Garnett, Shaw, Strawberry, White

Position Breakdown

Forwards (6): Dunlap, Howard, King, McCartney, White, Williams
Centers (4): Bryant, Garnett, Kiesling, McCartney
Guards (6): Cox, Fouse, Sauls, Shaw, Strawberry, Wolfe

Aztecs By Height

6-3 Megan Bryant
Tami Garnett
Andrea Kiesling
6-2 Nicolette McCartney
Ashlee Dunlap
6-1 Valencia Howard
Ashley White
6-0 Ashonda Williams
5-10 Tynisha King
Michelle Strawberry
5-9 Maggie Sauls
5-7 Jamey Cox
Amber Fouse
Veronica Shaw
5-6 Heather Wolf

SDSU Miscellaneous Stats

Largest halftime lead	7, two times
Largest halftime deficit	25 at St. Mary's
Most 2nd half points	41 vs. Centenary
Fewest 2nd half points	20 vs. UCI
Largest lead	17, twice vs. Centenary
Largest deficit	28, at St. Mary's
Largest lead in a loss	13, vs. UCI
Largest deficit in a win	3, many times
FT % in last 2 min. & OT	.533 (8-15)

SDSU Streaks

Last 5/10 games (incl. 2001-02)	1-4/2-8
Longest winning streak	1
Longest losing streak	3
Current streak	Lost 3

SDSU's Record When...

Playing at home	1-1
Playing on the road	0-3
Playing at a neutral site	1-0
Leading at halftime	2-1
Trailing at halftime	0-3
Tied at halftime	0-0
Leading with 5:00 left in regulation	1-0
Trailing with 5:00 left in regulation	1-4
Tied with 5:00 left	0-0
In overtime	0-1
Scoring less than 60 points	1-4
Scoring between 60-69 points	0-0
Scoring between 70-79 points	1-0
Scoring between 80-89 points	0-0
Scoring 90 or more points	0-0
Opponent scores less than 60 points	2-1
Opponent scores 60-69 points	0-2
Opponent scores 70-79 points	0-1
Opponent scores 80-89 points	0-0
Opponent scores 90 or more points	0-0
FG% .500 or better	0-0
FG% under .500	2-4
FG% over .400	2-1
FG% under .400	0-3
Opponent FG% .500 or better	0-0
Opponent FG% under .500	2-4
Opponent FG% .400 or better	0-2
Opponent FG% under .400	2-2
Better shooting %	2-1
Worse shooting %	0-3
More FG attempts	2-2
Fewer FG attempts	0-2
More FGs made	2-1
Fewer FGs made	1-2
More FT attempts	1-1
Fewer FT attempts	1-3
More FTs made	1-0
Fewer FTs made	1-3
More rebounds	1-1
Fewer rebounds	1-3
Equal rebounds	0-0
Fewer turnovers	2-1
More turnovers	0-3
Equal turnovers	0-0
More assists	2-1
Fewer assists	0-3

head coach at the helm this season. Colorado State's Chris Denker enters his first year in Fort Collins, while two others, Ardie McInelly (Air Force) and Jeff Judkins (BYU), both begin their second seasons.

► Of SDSU's 13 other non-conference opponents, four will feature first-year head coaches. At the Fresno tournament, three of the four teams had first-year head coaches, including Tomey, Butler's Beth Couture and Fresno State's Stacy Johnson-Klein. Creighton (Dec. 22) and CSU Northridge (Dec. 28) also both have first-year head coaches.

Mark It On Your Calendar

This season the Aztecs will stick close to home for almost all of their pre-conference schedule, taking just one trip outside of the Golden State on January 11, at Portland State. Overall, only four of the 12 non-MWC teams appeared on the team's schedule a year ago.

SDSU will play host to 13 home games at Cox Arena, which includes two doubleheader days with the men's team, scheduled for December 28 and January 18.

Aztecs Picked To Finish Seventh In The MWC

For the third consecutive season, San Diego State has been picked to finish seventh by the Mountain West Conference media in the league's pre-season poll.

BYU received eight of the 16 first-place votes, becoming the third different school to be picked to win the MWC title in as many years.

The media has correctly picked the regular-season conference winner in each of the previous three polls, with Colorado State earning the nod in 2001-02, and Utah claiming the title in 1999-2000 and 2000-01.

Sign On The Dotted Line

San Diego State women's basketball head coach Jim Tomey announced the signings Nov. 14, of two high school seniors to national letters of intent. Guards **Michelle Elliott (Pasco, Wash.)** and **Courtney Fritz (Newberg, Ore.)** will join the Aztecs in the fall of 2003.

"With the two players that we signed, we feel that we've really added to the basketball I.Q. of our program," Tomey said. "We signed two girls who have a great feel for how to play the game and their greatest attribute is their ability to strengthen and bond the group that is out on the floor - they're leaders.

"I feel terrific about them both as people and players. They are the kind of student-athletes that we want to bring into San Diego State to help us build this program."

The Cast

The 2002-03 SDSU roster includes five seniors, one junior, two sophomores and seven freshmen. The seven freshmen are the program's most since the 1983-84 team, which opened the season with nine freshmen.

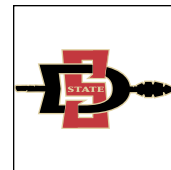
While this year's squad includes five seniors, only two, **Jamey Cox** and **Andrea Kiesling**, have played all three of their previous collegiate seasons at San Diego State.

Key Points For SDSU In 2002-03

► **Offense** - With the loss of two of the team's top three scorers from a year ago, the Aztecs will look for help to support senior **Jamey Cox**, who has led SDSU in scoring in two of the last three seasons. The team, however, returns its three-point threat from a year ago in Cox and **Ashonda Williams**, who both ranked in the MWC top 10 in three-point field goals.

► **Defense** - The Aztecs proved to have one of the top defenses in the MWC last season. SDSU ranked third overall and second in league games in steals, reaching double-figures in that category 13 times. Opponents, meanwhile, only shot 40 percent or better from the field 12 times in the 28 games. The Aztecs held 10 of their final 20 opponents under 60 points.

► **At the line** - The Aztecs have struggled at the line in recent years, shooting just 65 percent in 2001-02. Part of that figure, however, can be attributed to the fact that SDSU took almost 200 less foul shots than its opponents (438-623).



Mountain West Conference Conference Only Rankings

(Final - 2001-02 Season)

TEAM CATEGORY	SDSU	RANK
Scoring Offense	53.6	7th
Scoring Defense	64.4	7th
Scoring Margin	-10.7	7th
Field Goal Pct.	.343	7th
Field Goals Pct. Def.	.405	6th
3-Pt. FG Pct.	.308	5th
3-Pt. FG Pct. Def.	.300	2nd
Free Throw Pct.	.629	8th
Rebounding Offense	34.5	7th
Rebounding Defense	41.1	8th
Rebounding Margin	-6.6	8th
Blocked Shots	2.50	6th
Assists	11.14	7th
Steals	9.57	2nd
Turnover Margin	1.57	3rd
Assist/Turnover Ratio	0.65	7th
Offensive Rebounds	14.07	1st
Defensive Rebounds	20.43	7th
3-Pt. FG Made	4.29	5th

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY	AVG
Scoring	
8. Swinbank	12.8
18. Cox	9.1

Rebounding	
8. Otii	5.9
9. Swinbank	5.6

Assists Per Game	
7. Swinbank	3.21
14. Cox	2.57

Steals Per Game	
2. Swinbank	2.14
8. Otii	1.71
8. Cox	1.71

3-Point Field Goals Percentage	
10. Cox	.355 (27-76)

3-Point Field Goals Made Per Game	
4. Cox	1.93
13. Williams	1.07

Blocked Shots Per Game	
5. Otii	0.93
9. McCartney	0.79

Assist/Turnover Ratio	
10. Swinbank	0.88

Offensive Rebounds	
6. Otii	2.64
11. Williams	2.14
15. Nicolette McCartney	1.86

Defensive Rebounds	
5. Swinbank	4.29
11. Otii	3.29