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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN. 25 - FEB. 2

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--|---|
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Swimming at Loyola Marymount/ Cal Poly, 2 p.m. Los Angeles | 26 W-Tennis vs. St. Mary's, 8 a.m. vs. Cal Poly, 2 p.m. SDSU Courts |
| | | | | | M-Tennis at ITAIndoor Qualifying vs. New Mexico, 10 a.m. Boise, Idaho | Swimming at Pepperdine, Noon Malibu, Calif. M-Tennis at ITAIndoor Qualifying vs. TBA, 8 a.m. or 1 p.m. Boise, Idaho |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 W-Tennis at Washington, 2 p.m. Seattle, Wash. | 2 M-Tennis at Stanford, Noon Stanford. Calif. |
| | | | | | | at Bill Cosby Invite, 10 a.m. Reno, Nev. Rowing at S.D. Indoor Regatta All Day Mission Bay |

This Week At SDSU...

Swimming page 2

The Aztecs close out the regular season with two meets in as many days. The team competes in a double-dual with Loyola Marymount and Cal Poly on Saturday, before facing Pepperdine on Sunday.

Men's/Women's Tennis page 3

The Aztec women's team get its season underway at SDSU Courts on Saturday while the men's squad travels to Boise, Idaho for the ITAIndoor regional qualifying tournament.

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SWIMMING and DIVING

Aztecs Close Regular Season With Marathon Trip

Schedule and Results (7-3 dual)

| Date | Event | Time/Result | |
|------------|----------------------------|--------------|--|
| Oct. 19-20 | at UOPInvitational | 3rd/516 pts. | |
| Nov. 3 | AIR FORCE | W, 93-47 | |
| | NEW MEXICO | W, 94-46 | |
| Nov. 10 | at USD | W, 167-129 | |
| Nov. 16 | at Brigham Young | L, 150-91 | |
| Nov. 17 | at Utah | L, 166-120 | |
| N.29-D.1 | at UNLV Invite | 2nd/682 pts. | |
| Dec. 8 | NORTHERN ARIZON | NAW, 185-111 | |
| Jan. 5-6 | at UC Irvine Invitationals | | |
| | Distance Invite | 3rd/89 pts. | |
| | Individual Invite | 4th/185 pts. | |
| | Relay Invite | 6th/23 pts. | |
| Jan. 12 | at UC Irvine | W, 175-125 | |
| | Fresno State | W, 158-140 | |
| Jan. 18 | at Hawai'i | W, 152-138 | |
| | vs. UNLV | L, 176-117 | |
| Jan. 25 | at Loyola Marymount | 2 p.m. | |
| | Cal Poly | | |
| Jan. 26 | at Pepperdine | Noon | |
| F.27-M.2 | MWC Championship | s* All Day | |
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Home meets in CAPS Home meets will be held at Southwestern College in Chula Vista *Oklahoma City, Okla.

2001-02 Top Times and Scores

| 50 Free - Heather DeFelice | 23.90 (Nov. 29)* |
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| 100 Free - Heather DeFelice | 53.15 (Dec. 1) |
| 200 Free - Erin Kilpatrick | 1:54.62 (Jan. 12) |
| 500 Free - Megan Storey | 5:01.18 (Nov. 29) |
| 1,000 Free - Megan Storey | 10:17.31 (Jan. 18) |
| 1,650 Free - Megan Storey | 17:01.34 (Dec. 1) |
| 100 Fly - Jennifer Graham | 58.47 (Jan. 18) |
| 200 Fly - Megan Storey | 2:08.16 (Jan. 18) |
| 100 Back - Meghan Casillan | 58.03 (Nov. 30) |
| 200 Back - Meghan Casillan | 2:05.24 (Jan. 12) |
| 100 Breast - Heather DeFelice | 1:05.80 (Jan. 5) |
| 200 Breast - Heather DeFelice | 2:21. 40 (Jan. 18) |
| 200 IM - Heather DeFelice | 2:08.70 (Jan. 18) |
| 400 IM - Erin Kilpatrick | 4:35.59 (Nov. 30) |
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Relays

Diving

1-Meter Diving - Teri Hodgkinson 166.27 (Jan. 12) 3-Meter Diving - Teri Hodgkinson 180.74 (Jan. 12)

*Indicates school record.

This Week

The San Diego State swimming and diving team concludes its regular-season schedule this weekend in marathon style, as the team competes in two meets in as many days. The Aztecs travel to Los Angeles for a double-dual with Loyola Marymount and Cal Poly at 2 p.m. on Friday, and will be in Malibu for a dual meet with Pepperdine at noon on Saturday. SDSU has won four of its last five matchups and posts a 7-3 dual mark this season following the split of a double-dual with Hawai'i (W, 152-138) and UNLV (L, 176-117) on Friday in Honolulu.

Recapping Hawai'i/UNLV

Senior Heather DeFelice placed first and set season-best times in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:21.40) and in the 200 individual medlev (2:08.70) as the Aztecs defeated Hawai'i 152-138 and lost to UNLV, 176-117. The Aztecs set three more season bests in the outing. Sophomore Megan Storey was responsible for two, one was her second-place time of 10:17.31 in the 1,000 freestyle and the other a second-place time of 2:08.16 in the 200 butterfly. Sophomore Jennifer Graham set the team's other season best, clocking in with a first-place time of 58.47 in the 100 fly. Graham and DeFelice were the only Aztecs to win an event on the day. Storey also came in second in the 500 free (5:04.03) and DeFelice earned the third-place spot in the 50 free (24.58). Graham swam to a third-place finish in the 100 breast (1:07.27). Senior Meghan Casillan and sophomore Aletta Haff teamed up to take second and third place, respectively, in both the 100 and 200 backstroke. In the 100 back, Casillan clocked in at 1:00.18 and Haff at 1:00.91. In the 200 back, Casillan had a time of 2:08.68 and Haff swam to a time of 2:11.27. Casillan also finished third in the 200 individual medley (2:14.43). Junior Erin Kilpatrick swam to a time of 54.41 in the 100 free, good for third place.

For The Record

The victories over UC Irvine and Fresno State on Jan. 12 helped the team double its win total in dual competition from the 2000-01 season when it went 3-7. Last weekend's win gives the team seven this season, tying the program record for most in a season. The 1999-2000 squad posted a final dual mark of 7-7. That season SDSU posted four consecutive dual-meet wins, the most since the program was reinstated in 1994. Earlier this season the Aztecs posted a three-meet win streak.

Aztec Honors

Two SDSU swimmers have earned the league's swimmer of the week honor this season. Sophomore Megan Storey was named the Mountain West Conference's swimmer of the week on Dec. 13. The honor came following her two-win performance versus Northern Arizona.

This Week... at Loyola Marymount/Cal Poly Fri., Jan. 25 at Pepperdine Sat., Jan. 26

She placed first in the 500-yard freestyle (5:06.03) and set a season-best time of 10:21.43 in the 1,000 free. The honor was the second of her career and makes her the second Aztec to earn the weekly award this season. Senior Meghan Casillan was honored the week of Nov. 14 following a three-win performance at

Cleaning Up

The Aztecs have placed first in 59 events thus far this season, nine of those wins have come in relay competition. Thirty-seven of the 50 wins in individual events come by way of four athletes. Senior Meghan Casillan and sophomore Megan Storey have 11 each, senior Heather DeFelice has nine and junior Erin Kilpatrick has

Double Time

Senior Heather DeFelice is one of six Aztecs to win two events in a meet this season, having performed the feat four times. Sophomore Megan Storey has recorded a pair of wins three times, junior Erin Kilpatrick has done it twice and seniors Tara Johnson and Meghan Casillan and sophomore Jennifer Graham have done so once. Casillan is the only Aztec to earn three wins in a match, doing so at USD on Nov. 10.

The 1-2 Punch

The Aztecs have recorded 24 1-2 sweeps this season, with the most recent occuring in the 100 breaststroke and 100 and 200 butterfly at the UC Irvine/Fresno State double-dual on Jan. 12. SDSU has recorded two 1-2-3 sweeps and one 1-2-3-4 sweep this season.

On The List

As of meets through Jan. 17, four Aztecs are listed among the Mountain West Conference's top-five times in several events this season. Sophomore Megan Storey is listed in three events. She owns the league's third-fastest time in the 1,650 freestyle (17:01.34) along with the fourth and fifth fastest, respectively, in the 500 (5:01.18) and 1,000 free (10:22.35). Storey also owns the fourth-best time of 2:08.41 in the 200 butterfly. Senior Meghan Casillan is listed first in the 200 backstroke (2:05.24) and second in the 100 back (58.03). Senior Heather DeFelice's school-record time of 23.90 in the 50 free is the fifth best by any MWC swimmer this season, and her 1:05.80 time in the 100 breaststroke ranks her fourth. Sophomore Jennifer Graham holds the league's fourth-best clocking of 2:22.46 in the 200 breast.

Looking Ahead

After Saturday's meet the Aztecs begin preparing for the 2002 Mountain West Conference Championships to be held in Oklahoma City Feb. 27-Mar. 2. The Aztecs finished sixth with 357.50 points.

MEN'S/WOMEN'S TENNIS

Aztec Tennis Program Gears Up For Busy Weekend

2002 Men's Schedule and Results

| Date | Event | Time/Result |
|------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Jan. 25 | vs. New Mexico | 10 a.m. |
| Jan. 26 | vs. BYU/at Boise State | TBA |
| Feb. 2 | at Stanford | Noon |
| Feb. 7-9 | vs. ITA National Team | Indoor |
| | Louisville, Ky. | |
| Feb. 19 | at UCLA | 1:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 22 | at Pepperdine | 1:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 23 | UCIRVINE | Noon |
| Mar. 3 | UCSB | Noon |
| Mar. 16-19 | at Blue Gray Tourney | |
| | Mobile, Ala. | |
| Mar. 21 | YALE | 1:30 p.m. |
| Mar. 23 | PRINCETON | Noon |
| Mar. 29 | vs. New Mexico* | TBA |
| Mar. 30 | vs. Air Force* | TBA |
| Mar. 31 | at UNLV* | TBA |
| Apr. 5 | TULSA | 1:30 p.m. |
| Apr. 9 | at San Diego | 1:30 p.m. |
| Apr. 12 | at Utah* | 2 p.m. |
| Apr. 13 | BYU* | 10 a.m. |
| Apr. 14 | PACIFIC | Noon |
| Apr. 25-27 | MWC Tournament | TBA |
| | Las Vegas, Nev. | |
| May 11-12 | NCAARegionals | TBA |
| May 18-27 | NCAAFinals | TBA |
| | College Station, Texas | |

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2002 Women's Schedule and Results

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--|--|
| Date | Event | Time/Result | | |
| Jan. 26 | SAINTMARY'S | 8 a.m. | | |
| Jan. 26 | CALPOLY | 2 p.m. | | |
| Feb. 1 | at Washington | 2 p.m. | | |
| Feb. 3 | vs. Washinton State | 2 p.m. | | |
| Feb. 10 | OREGON | 10 a.m. | | |
| Feb. 16 | PACIFIC | Noon | | |
| Feb. 22 | UCIRVINE | 2 p.m. | | |
| Mar. 1 | at California | 2 p.m. | | |
| Mar. 2 | at Stanford | Noon | | |
| Mar. 4 | GEORGIATECH | 2 p.m. | | |
| Mar. 13 | USC | 2 p.m. | | |
| Mar. 15 | NOTREDAME | 2 p.m. | | |
| Mar. 19 | KANSASSTATE | 2 p.m. | | |
| Mar. 22 | vs. Utah* | 10 a.m. | | |
| Mar. 23 | vs. Brigham Young* | 10 a.m. | | |
| Mar. 28 | UNLV* | 2 p.m. | | |
| Mar. 29 | WYOMING* | 2 p.m. | | |
| Mar. 30 | COLORADO STATE* | 10 a.m. | | |
| Apr. 3 | at Pepperdine | 2 p.m. | | |
| Apr. 6 | vs. New Mexico* | 9 a.m. | | |
| Apr. 7 | at Air Force* | 9 a.m. | | |
| Apr. 13 | LOYOLAMARYMOU | NT Noon | | |
| Apr. 16 | SANDIEGO | 2 p.m. | | |
| Apr. 25-27 | MWC Tournament | TBA | | |
| | Provo, Utah | | | |
| Mar. 10-11 | NCAARegionals | TBA | | |
| Mar. 16-25 | NCAAFinals | TBA | | |
| | Stanford, Calif. | | | |

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Men's Notes

This Week

The 53rd-ranked San Diego State men's tennis team opens the 2002 spring campaign playing in the four-team ITA Indoor Regional VII Team Championship in Boise, Idado. San Diego State joins New Mexico, Brigham Young and tournament-host Boise State in the bracket event. The winner advances to the ITA National Team Indoor Championship in Louisville, Ky., Feb, 7-9. The Aztecs are the top-seed in the tournament, followed by Boise State, ranked 58th in the preseason poll. New Mexico earned a No. 63 ranking in the preseason poll and Brigham Young is 69th. The winners of Friday's matches will compete at 2 p.m. MSTon Saturday for the right to advance to next month's national championship. The consolation match will begin on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. The Aztecs have won eight straight regular-season matches, outscoring their opponents 42-12 during that stretch.

Battaan Death March

Following this weekend's play, the Aztec men are scheduled to play three consecutive road matches against teams currently ranked among the top eight nationally. The stretch begins next Saturday when the Aztecs travel to secondranked Stanford. After the match against the Cardinal, SDSUcould compete in the ITA National Team Indoor Championship before resuming dual play at third-ranked UCLA eighth-ranked Pepperdine. San Diego State does not play its first home match until Feb. 23, against UCIrvine.

Number 2, With A Bullet

San Diego State's Oliver Maiberger and Ryan Redondo, who claimed the ITA national indoor doubles title last fall, were rewarded with a number two preseason ranking in the ITA poll. The duo, which entered fall play ranked 46th, made the biggest jump in the rankings. Maiberger's solid singles play in the fall resulted in a boost in his individual rankings as well. The junior moved from 13th in the fall to 11th in the preseason spring rankings. As a team, the Aztecs are the top-ranked Mountain West squad at No. 53.

This Week...

Men: at ITA Indoor Qualifying Fri., Jan. 25-Sat., Jan. 26 Women: vs. St. Mary's/Cal Poly Sat., Jan. 26

Women's Notes

This Week

San Diego State, ranked 44th in the spring preseason ITA poll, opens the 2002 campaign at home with a Saturday doubleheader against Saint Mary's at 8 a.m. PSTand Cal Poly at 2 p.m. The women's tennis program opens its 26th season of play and ninth under head coach Peter Mattera. San Diego State returns five letterwinners off a squad that ended the 2000-01 season with a 17-8 record and a final ranking of 43rd. The Aztecs have advanced to the NCAA team tournament in three of the past four seasons. Juniors Lindsey Hedberg and Silvia Tornier, who split time at number one singles a year ago and formed the number one doubles pairing, lead a talented group of players returning this season. The Aztecs did not face either the Gales or the Mustangs last season. San Diego State does own a 1-0 series advantage over Saint Mary's but this will be the first meeting with Cal Poly. Following Saturday's doubleheader, San Diego State's next six matches will be against nationally-ranked teams, beginning with matches against 28th-ranked Washington State and top-ranked Stanford next Friday and Saturday.

All In The Family

Both the Saint Mary's and Cal Poly women's tennis programs are led by former Aztecs. Lisa Alipaz, a 1995 psychology graduate of San Diego State, coaches the Gales. Alipaz earned academic All-America honors and was named the Western Athletic Conference Player of the Year while a member of the Aztec tennis team. Although Cal Poly coach Hugh Bream is a graduate of Cal Poly, he is familiar with San Diego State. The second-year coach of the Mustangs was the head coach of the Aztec men's program from 1988-93.

Fun With Numbers

In addition to a national team ranking of 44, the ITA spring preseason poll also listed the doubles team of Hedberg and Tornier as the 60th-ranked team in the country. Last season, the duo compiled a 20-10 record, including a 14-9 record at number-one singles.