

2002 AZTEC VOLLEYBALL

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2002 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

RECORD: 6-5 (HOME: 2-2; AWAY 0-2; NEUTRAL: 4-1)

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	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 20	Winthrop &	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 21	Alabama-Birmingham &	11:00 a.m.
Sept. 21	at Wake Forest &	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 25	Loyola Marymount	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	Brigham Young *	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 29	Utah *	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 4	at Colorado State *	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	at Wyoming *	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	UNLV *	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 15	at San Diego	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 18	Air Force *	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 19	New Mexico *	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 25	at Utah *	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 26	at Brigham Young *	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	Wyoming *	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 2	Colorado State *	7:00 p.m.
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

Sept. 17	San Diego	Peterson Gym	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 20	Winthrop	Winston-Salem, N.C.	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 21	Alabama-Birmingham	Winston-Salem, N.C.	11:00 a.m.
Sept. 21	Wake Forest	Winston-Salem, N.C.	7:00 p.m.

AZTECS HOST SAN DIEGO, TRAVEL TO THE EAST COAST

- ★ Following a mid-week home match against University of San Diego on Tuesday, Sept. 17, the Aztecs will depart for Winston-Salem, N.C., to participate in the Black and Gold Challenge hosted by Wake Forest.
- ★ SDSU will open tourney play against Winthrop on Friday (Sept. 20) at 5:00 p.m. (EDT).
- ★ The following day, the Aztecs will play Alabama-Birmingham at 11:00 a.m. (EDT), then wrap up tournament action with a 7:00 p.m. contest against host Demon Deacons.
- ★ The Black and Gold Challenge is the third of three consecutive weekend tournaments that will see San Diego State travel from Hawai'i (where they competed two weeks ago) to the midwest (where they played at Missouri's Tiger Invitational last weekend) to the east coast.

SERIES RECORDS

- ★ San Diego state leads its series with University of San Diego, 24-13. However, since 1997, the Toreros have been victorious in nine of the 10 meetings between the teams. The Aztecs broke an eight-match losing streak at the hands of USD when they defeated their cross-town rival early in 2001. SDSU is 14-5 vs. the Toreros in Peterson Gym.
- ★ The Aztecs will be meeting all three of their opponents (Winthrop, Alabama-Birmingham and Wake Forest) at the Black and Gold Challenge for the first time ever on the volleyball court.

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 Bowker	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 Schaueremann	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)

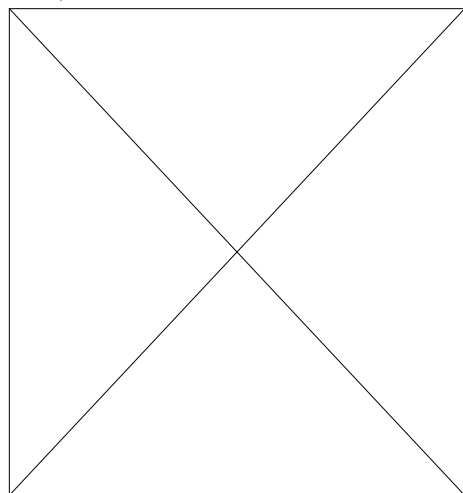
Assistant Coach: John Ross, Eighth Season (San Diego State '93)

Assistant Coach: John Shirk, Fifth Season (San Diego State '98)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: John Engstrom, First Season (San Diego State '00)

SCOUTING THE OPPOSITION

- ★ USD enters the week with a record of 7-2 after a four-game loss to fifth-ranked Long Beach State and a three-game win over South Carolina this past weekend. The Toreros are just outside the top 25 in this week's AVCApoll, recording the most votes among the other teams receiving votes. USD is led by outside hitter Noel Frohman (4.92 kpg) and middle blocker Lisa Gordon (.345 hitting percentage) along with setter Lindsey Sherburne (13.24 assist/game). Frohman has received all-West Coast Conference honors each of the last three seasons.
- ★ Winthrop comes into the Wake Forest tournament with an 8-3 mark on the season. The Eagles began the season with six straight wins and are 2-3 in their last five matches. The team's offensive leaders include middle blocker Jennifer Pritchard (3.07 kpg, 1.14 bpg, .300 hitting percentage) and outside hitter Logan Pierce (4.86 kpg, .266 pct.). Pritchard was an all-Big South Conference selection a year ago while Pierce is a transfer from Oklahoma.
- ★ Alabama-Birmingham has posted a 2-8 mark thus far and will host Samford on Tuesday (Sept. 17) before traveling to Winston-Salem. UAB's wins have come at home against Tennessee State and East Tennessee State. The Blazers top player is Martina Shields, who is averaging 4.00 kills per game. Right side hitter Kristi Lee, who was named to the all-tournament team at last weekend's Weber State tournament, is averaging 2.50 kpg.
- ★ Wake Forest is off to a 3-6 start this season and has dropped five of its last six matches. The Demon Deacons lost a five-game match at Brigham Young in early September. Wake Forest has five players averaging over two kills per game led by outside hitter Valerie Rydberg (2.95 kpg) and middle blocker Kim Stern (2.53 kpg). Senior setter Ashley Phillips became Wake's all-time assist leader this past weekend with 3,795 career assists.



LAST WEEK

- ★ San Diego State dropped a five-game match to UC Irvine last Tuesday. The Aztecs held a 2-0 lead, but the Anteaters rallied for the win. Rochelle Currier and Zlatina Anguelova had 20 kills apiece for SDSU.
- ★ This past weekend, the Aztecs went 3-1 at the Tiger Invitational hosted by the University of Missouri. They opened played with a 3-0 (30-27, 30-24, 30-18) win over Arkansas-Little Rock before falling to the host Tigers, 3-1 (23-30, 25-30, 30-27, 23-30). Day two saw SDSU record wins over Eastern Illinois (30-25, 30-17, 30-24) and North Carolina State (30-21, 30-17, 20-30, 30-20).
- ★ Seniors Rochelle Currier and Nicole Akporiaye were named to the all-tournament team.

HEAD COACH MARK WARNER

- ★ San Diego State 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 123-101 (.549).
- ★ Over the past seven years, Warner has led his teams to a pair of NCAA Tournament berths and a Western Athletic Conference championship. His tutelage has produced nine all-conference players.

THE WRIGHT STUFF

- ★ Setter Melissa Wright has moved up to third on the SDSU career assist list with 2,852 assists since arriving from the Washington State as a sophomore for the 2000 season.
- ★ She is 339 assists shy of moving into the number-two spot currently occupied by Pam Hope (1990-92).
- ★ Wright ranks fifth in the Mountain West Conference in assists this week with an average of 10.92 per game.
- ★ She is also averaging over a kill per game from her setter position and is hitting .429 with only eight attack errors.

AKPORIAYE CONTINUES SOLID PLAY

- ★ With her move to a middle blocker role this season, senior Nicole Akporiaye has emerged as a true threat at the net as a blocker.
- ★ Her average of 1.32 blocks per game leads the Aztecs and ranks seventh in the Mountain West Conference this week.
- ★ Akporiaye's nine service aces this year ranks second on the squad. She had a total of four aces in her previous three seasons when she was almost strictly a front row player.

- ★ She leads the team (among the hitters and blockers) in hitting percentage at .310 and is having her best offensive season as an Aztec thus far in 2002.
- ★ At last weekend's Tiger Invitational, Akporiaye was named to the all-tourney team after hitting .338 over the four matches with an average of 2.71 kpg, 2.00 dpg, and 1.14 bpg.

CURRIER HAS SOLID WEEK

- ★ Senior hitter Rochelle Currier began last week with a 20-kill performance in the match vs. UC Irvine. That kill total matches the most for an Aztec in a match this season.
- ★ She earned all-tourney honors at the Missouri Tiger Invitational after averaging 3.00 kills and 2.75 digs per game.

ANGUELOVA INJURED

- ★ After 20 kills vs. UC Irvine and a nine-kill, 12-dig outing against Arkansas-Little Rock, junior outside hitter Zlatina Anguelova suffered a twisted knee in the match against Missouri
- ★ She had already accumulated 10 kills and 10 digs in just over two games against the Tigers before the injury sidelined her for the rest of the tournament.
- ★ Anguelova practiced with the team on Monday and is expected to be available for all of SDSU's matches this week.

2002 Mountain West Conference Standings (as of Monday, September 16)

Team	-----Conference-----				-----Overall-----		
	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct
Colorado State	1	0	1.000	-	6	3	.667
Utah	0	0	.000	-	8	2	.800
San Diego State	0	0	.000	-	6	5	.545
Brigham Young	0	0	.000	-	5	6	.455
UNLV	0	0	.000	-	4	5	.444
Air Force	0	0	.000	-	3	8	.273
New Mexico	0	0	.000	-	1	8	.111
Wyoming	0	1	.000	-	8	2	.800

This Weekend in the MWC

September 17 (Tuesday)

San Diego at San Diego State
Nevada at UNLV
Utah at Weber State

September 18 (Wednesday)

Arkansas at Brigham Young

September 20-21

Air Force at Hofstra Invitational
(Hofstra, Stetson, San Francisco)
Colorado State at CSU Coors Classic
(Cincinnati, Nevada, Gonzaga)
New Mexico at UNM Tournament
(Auburn, Southern Methodist, Temple)
San Diego State at Wake Forest Black & Gold Challenge
(Winthrop, Alabama-Birmingham, Wake Forest)
UNLV at Fresno State Quadrangular
(Sacramento State, San Diego, Fresno State)
Wyoming at Islander Classic
(Texas Southern, Texas A&M CC, Texas-Pan American)
Arkansas at Utah (Sept. 20)
Illinois at Utah (Sept. 21)

The Aztecs Record When...

Record

At Home.....	2-2
Away.....	0-2
Neutral.....	4-1
Non-Conference.....	6-5
MWC.....	0-0
MWC Home.....	0-0
MWC Away.....	0-0

By Game

Three-Game.....	5-2
Four-Game.....	1-2
Five-Game.....	0-1
Leading After Two.....	5-1
Trailing After Two.....	0-3
Leading 2-1.....	1-0
Trailing 2-1.....	0-2

By Months

August.....	2-1
September.....	4-4
October.....	0-0
November.....	0-0

Against Ranked Teams

vs. Top 10.....	0-1
vs. Top 25.....	0-2
vs. Unranked Teams.....	3-1

By Kills

Leading in Kills.....	6-1
Trailing in Kills.....	0-4

By Digs

Leading in Digs.....	5-3
Trailing in Digs.....	1-2

By Blocks

Leading in Blocks.....	5-3
Trailing in Blocks.....	1-1

By Attack Percentage

Hitting .300 or better.....	2-0
Hitting .200 or better.....	6-3
Hitting Below .300.....	4-5
Hitting Below .200.....	0-2
Holding Opp. Below .200.....	5-0
Holding Opp. Below .100.....	0-0

Season Match Highs

Team

Kills.....	73 vs. UC Irvine, 9/10
Total Attacks.....	178 vs. UCSB, 8/31
Hitting Pct.....	379 vs. San Francisco, 9/7
Assists.....	68 vs. UC Irvine, 9/10
Aces.....	9 vs. Arkansas-Little Rock, 9/13
Digs.....	84 vs. UCSB, 8/31
BS.....	4 vs. Arkansas-Little Rock, 9/13
	4 vs. North Carolina State, 9/14
BA.....	25 vs. Tulane, 8/30
Team Blocks.....	14.5 vs. Tulane, 8/30

Individual

K.....	20, Currier vs. UC Irvine, 9/10
	20, Anguelova vs. UC Irvine, 9/10
TA.....	42, McPartland vs. UCSB, 8/31
	42, Anguelova vs. UC Irvine, 9/10
Pct.....	522, McPartland vs. Tulane, 8/30
Assists.....	60, Wright vs. UC Irvine, 9/10
Aces.....	3, by Wright vs. San Francisco, 9/7
	3, by Gregg vs. San Francisco, 9/7
	3, Akporiaye vs. North Carolina State, 9/13
	3, Currier vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/14
	3, Gregg vs. North Carolina State, 5/14
Digs.....	18, Currier vs. UCSB, 8/31
BS.....	2, McPartland vs. UALR, 9/13
	2, Akporiaye vs. North Carolina St., 9/14
BA.....	7, McPartland vs. Tulane, 8/31
	7, Akporiaye vs. Missouri, 9/13

CANSDALE COMES THROUGH

- ★ In the absence of Anguelova, Melissa Cansdale got her first starts of the season against Eastern Illinois and North Carolina State on Saturday.
- ★ The junior from Boulder City, Nev., responded by notching 22 kills in those two matches, averaging 4.40 digs and 2.60 digs per game while hitting .348.
- ★ Her 14 kills against Eastern Illinois was one shy of her career best of 15 set against Northern Arizona in 1999.
- ★ Cansdale is hitting .315 over the Aztecs' last four matches.

AMONG THE MWC LEADERS

- ★ San Diego State continues to rank among the top four in the MWC in five categories. Included in that number are digs (2nd - 15.63 dpg), kills (2nd - 15.11 kpg), hitting percentage (3rd - .243), blocks (4th - 2.68 bpg) and assists (4th - 13.24 apg).
- ★ Individually, Nicole Akporiaye's .310 attack percentage ranks seventh this week. She also ranks seventh in blocking with a average of 1.32 per game.
- ★ Senior Rochelle Currier is fourth n the league in digs at 3.13 dpg.

PRESEASON PROGNOSTICATIONS

- ★ For the third year in a row, the Mountain West Conference coaches' poll has predicted the Aztecs to finish fourth in the league. SDSU has finished fourth each of the last two seasons of play in the MWC.
- ★ Utah is picked to win the league title this year, followed by Colorado State and Brigham Young. The results of the preseason poll is as follows:

Team (1st-pl. votes)	Pts.
1. Utah (6).....	48
2. Colorado State (1).....	40
3. Brigham Young (1).....	39
4. San Diego State.....	32
5. UNLV.....	28
6. New Mexico.....	18
7. Wyoming.....	13
8. Air Force.....	9

TEAM NOTES

- ★ In each of their last three wins, the Aztecs have held their opponent to a hitting percentage of .164 or less.
- ★ SDSU has hit under .200 just once this year while opponents have done so on five occasions.
- ★ The Aztecs have enjoyed a good deal of success on their home floor, Peterson Gym. Since 1990, the Aztecs have compiled a 110-49 (.692) overall home record and a 57-25 (.695) conference record in the facility.

Weekly Polls

USA Today/AVCA

1. USC
2. Hawai'i
3. Florida
4. Stanford
5. Nebraska
6. Long Beach State
7. Northern Iowa
8. Minnesota
9. Penn State
10. Utah
11. UCLA
12. UC Santa Barbara
13. Ohio State
14. Pepperdine
15. Arizona
16. Wisconsin
17. Texas A&M
18. North Carolina
19. Santa Clara
20. Washington State
21. Michigan State
22. Pacific
23. Eastern Washington
24. Texas
25. Colorado State

Volleyball Magazine

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14. Arizona
15. Ohio State
16. Minnesota
17. Michigan State
18. North Carolina
19. Santa Clara
20. Texas A&M

PLAYER NOTES

- ★ Rochelle Currier and Zlatina Anguelova have each recorded four double doubles (kills/digs) this season. That total ranks fourth among the players in the Mountain West Conference.
- ★ Anguelova has reached double figures in kills in each of her last four matches and six of her last seven.
- ★ Currier is hitting .307 over SDSU's two most recent matches.
- ★ Megan Schauermaann and Nicole Akporiaye are the only two Aztecs to have recorded at least one block in every match this season.
- ★ Sophomore Kara Moriarty's 12 kills and five digs in the win over North Carolina State represent career bests.

UP NEXT

- ★ After hosting Loyola Marymount on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 6:00 p.m. in Peterson Gym, San Diego State will open Mountain West Conference play next week.
- ★ SDSU will host Brigham Young on Friday, Sept. 27, at 7:00 p.m., then take on nationally-ranked Utah on Sunday, Sept. 29, at 1:00 p.m.