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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB. 1 - FEB. 9

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 W-Tennis at Washington, 2 p.m. Seattle, Wash.	2 Track at Wolf Pack Invite, 10 am. Reno, Nev. M-Tennis at Stanford, Noon Stanford, Calif. Rowing at S.D. Indoor Classic All Day Mission Bay
3 W-Tennis vs Washington State 2 p.m. Seattle, Wash.	4	5	6	7 M-Tennis (thru Sat.) at ITA Team Indoor vs. Stanford Louisville, Ky., 7:30 p.m.	8	9 W-Tennis vs. Oregon, 2 p.m. SDSU Courts Track at NAU Invite, 10 a.m. Flagstaff, Ariz.

This Week At SDSU ...

Tennis page 2

Both squads hit the road with the men traveling to northern California and the women to the state of Washington.

Track page 3

Team travels to Reno, Nev., for the Wolf Pack Invitational. The event will be held on Saturday at the University of Nevada.

Rowing page 4

Aztecs get spring season underway at the San Diego Indoor Regatta hosted by the San Diego Rowing Club.

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MEN'S/WOMEN'S TENNIS

Aztec Programs Face PAC-10 Foes On The Road

2002 Men's Schedule and Results

Date	Event	Time/Result
Jan. 25	vs. New Mexico	W, 6-1
Jan. 26	vs. BYU/at Boise State	W, 4-3
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 Las Vegas, Nev.	TBA
May 11-12	NCAARregionals	TBA
May 18-27	NCAAFinals College Station, Texas	TBA

Home matches in CAPS

Home matches held at SDSU Courts

*Mountain West Conference match

2002 Women's Schedule and Results

Date	Event	Time/Result
Jan. 26	SAINTMARY'S	W, 7-0
Jan. 26	CALPOLY	W, 7-0
Feb. 1	at Washington	2 p.m.
Feb. 3	vs. Washington 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	LOYOLAMARYMOUNT	Noon
Apr. 16	SANDIEGO	2 p.m.
Apr. 25-27	MWC Tournament Provo, Utah	TBA
Mar. 10-11	NCAARregionals	TBA
Mar. 16-25	NCAAFinals Stanford, Calif.	TBA

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Men's Notes

This Week

The 52nd-ranked San Diego State men's tennis team (2-0) begins what is the likely the most challenging month in school history with a Saturday afternoon match at second-ranked Stanford. Match time is set for noon at the Taube Family Tennis Center.

Last Week

The Aztecs defeated two Mountain West Conference opponents en route to ITA Indoor Region VII Team Championship last weekend in Boise, Idaho. The Aztecs defeated 63rd-ranked New Mexico 6-1 on Friday and got past 69th-ranked Brigham Young 4-3 to claim the title. With the championship, the Aztecs will return to the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championship in Louisville, Ky.

And who is the opponent in the first round of the indoor national championship? Stanford. In an odd scheduling quirk, the Aztecs will face the Cardinal twice in a six-day span. The tournament draw consists of 16 teams, the top eight based on national team rankings while the other eight consists of regional champions.

Strength Of Schedule

As if playing Stanford twice in a week was not difficult enough, the Aztecs also have upcoming matches with third-ranked UCLA and seventh-ranked Pepperdine. That gives the Aztecs at least four matches against the top seven teams in the country in a three-week period to open the month. SDSU will likely face more of the nation's elite in subsequent rounds of the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championship.

On A Run

The Aztecs have now won 10 straight regular-season matches, outscoring their opponents by a 52-16 margin.

Aztec Honors

Junior Oliver Maiberger was named the MWC's men's tennis player of the week for the period ending Jan. 29. It is Maiberger's eighth career player of the week honor. Last Friday, Maiberger defeated New Mexico's Divan Coetzee in No. 1 singles and teamed with Ryan Redondo to defeat Bart Scott and David Kowalski at No. 1 doubles. SDSU won the match 6-1. On Saturday, with a berth to the ITA National Indoor Team Championship on the line, Maiberger rallied from one-set down to defeat Brigham Young's Gert Vilms, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4, to lift the Aztecs to a 4-3 victory.

In The Polls

Only team rankings were updated this week, with the Aztec men moving up one position

This Week...

Men:
at Stanford
Sat., Feb. 2

Women:
at Washington
Fri., Feb. 1
vs. Washington State
Sun., Feb. 3

from a preseason mark of 53rd to 52nd. That means singles and doubles rankings remained unchanged. 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.

Women's Notes

This Week

Fresh off a doubleheader sweep of Saint Mary's and Cal Poly, the 44th-ranked San Diego State women's tennis team ventures to the Apple State to do battle with 11th-ranked Washington on Friday and 29th-ranked Washington State on Sunday

Up To Speed

The women's tennis program is in its 26th season of play and ninth under head coach Peter Mattern. 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.

Who To Watch

Juniors Lindsey Hedberg and Silvia Tornier, who split time at number one singles a year ago and formed the number one doubles pairing, led a talented group of players returning this season.

Looking Ahead

Following the trip to Washington, the Aztecs will open a three-match homestand with a contest against Oregon on Feb. 10.

Fun With Numbers

Only team rankings were updated this week with individual and doubles rankings remaining from the preseason. San Diego State remained 44th in the national poll, the same position the Aztecs had in the preseason poll.

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.

Last Week

SDSU opened the 2002 spring season Saturday with 7-0 victories over Saint Mary's and Cal Poly at the SDSU Tennis Courts. The Aztecs won 25 of 26 singles sets and all six pro-set doubles sets in cruising to their sixth and seventh consecutive victories at home.

TRACK and FIELD

Aztecs Return To Reno For Wolf Pack Invite

This Week ...

at Bill Cosby Invitational

Sat., Feb. 2

Schedule and Results

Date	Event	Time/Result
<i>Indoor Schedule</i>		
Jan. 12	at Pole Vault Summit	NTS
Feb. 2	at Wolf Pack Invitational	10 a.m.
Feb. 9	at NAU Invitational	10 a.m.
Feb. 21-23	MWC Indoor Champs.*	All Day

Outdoor Schedule

Mar. 2	at USC Invitational	10 a.m.
Mar. 9	vs. UC IRVINE/UCSD	Noon
Mar. 16	USC/Tennessee	10 a.m.
Mar. 23	AZTEC INVITATIONAL	9 a.m.
Mar. 30-31	at Cal-Nev. State Meet	10 a.m.
Apr. 6	UNLV Invitational	11 a.m.
Apr. 13	ALL-WOMEN INVITE	10 a.m.
Apr. 18-19	at Mt. SAC Heptathlon	10 a.m.
Apr. 19-21	at Mt. SAC Relays	10 a.m.
Apr. 27	at Oregon Invitational	10 a.m.
	at Drake Relays	10 a.m.
	at UCSD Invitational	9 a.m.
May 4	at Texas Invitational	10 a.m.
May 5	at Steve Scott Invitational	10 a.m.
May 11	at Oxy Invitational	5 p.m.
May 15-18	MWC Outdoor Champs.*	All Day

Home meets in CAPS

Home meets held at SDSU Sports Deck

*Colorado Springs, Colo.

2002 Indoor Bests

<i>Pole Vault</i> - Tricia Gutierrez	12-09.50 (3.90m)*#
Shayla Balentine	12-09.50 (3.90m)*#

*Indicates school record

#Indicates NCAA provisional mark

This Week

The San Diego State track and field program opens the indoor season on Saturday by traveling to Reno, Nev., for the Wolf Pack Invitational. The event will be held at the Reno Livestock Events Center, with field events beginning at 8:30 a.m. and running events getting underway at 11:30 a.m.

The Field

Listed among Saturday's 14-team field are Mountain West Conference foes New Mexico and UNLV. Also scheduled to compete are California, Southern Utah and several club teams.

Need Tickets?

Tickets for the Wolf Pack Invitational are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children, seniors and groups. Tickets will be available at the door or by calling (775) 348-PACK (7225).

Reno, Again

On Jan. 12, five SDSU pole vaulters were in Reno for the National Pole Vault Summit held at the Reno Hilton. Two Aztecs, senior Tricia Gutierrez and freshman Shayla Balentine, set school record and NCAA provisional marks at the event. Balentine and Gutierrez both vaulted 3.90 meters (12-09.50).

Aztec Honors

Senior Tricia Gutierrez's school record and NCAA provisional vault at the National Pole Vault Summit earned her Mountain West Conference indoor track athlete of the week honors for the period ending Jan. 14. The occasion marked her first career athlete of the week award.

A Year Ago

Last February the Aztecs traveled to Reno to compete in the Bill Cosby Invitational. Tricia Gutierrez set a personal best in the pole vault and classmate Deveetta Shepard won the 55-meter hurdles to lead the SDSU to a fourth-place finish. Host school Nevada won the meet with 102 points, while Fresno State (97.50) and UNLV (74) finished second and third, respectively. Other notable performances by Aztec athletes included senior Promise Mose's fourth-place finish in the 55-meter dash, sophomore Melinda Smedley's second-place clocking in the 200 meters, and Alicia Stewart's fourth-place finish in the mile run.

The Indoor Season At A Glance

The Aztecs continue the indoor season next Saturday (Feb. 9) when the team will be in Flagstaff, Ariz., for the NAU Invitational. The Mountain West Conference Indoor Championships will be held Feb. 21-23 in Colorado Springs, Colo., on the Air Force Academy campus.

Coaching Staff

The Aztecs are led by head coach Rahn Sheffield, who is in his 11th season with the Aztec program. Sheffield is assisted by Jennifer Nanista, Richard Fox and Leslie Coons. Nanista oversees the team's distance corps and Fox works with the pole vaulters.



SDSU Indoor Records

Event	Name	Record	Year
55	Darla Vaughn	6.90	1992
60	Promise Mose	7.48	2000
200	Darla Vaughn	23.89	1992
400	Promise Mose	54.99	2000
800	Kylie Edwards	2:15.00	2000
Mile	Kylie Edwards	5:16.14	2000
3,000	Sophia Hawker	10:35.48	2000
5,000	Sophia Hawker	19:15.06	2000
55 Hurdles	Darla Vaughn	7.64	1992
60 Hurdles	Miesha McKelvy	8.24	1999
High Jump	Aja Frary	5-8	2000
	Marla Runyan	5-8	1991
Long Jump	Lisa Domico	19-10.25	1999
Triple Jump	Lisa Domico	38-8.25	1999
Pole Vault	Tricia Gutierrez	12-09.50	2002
	Shayla Balentine	12-09.50	2002
Shot Put	Julie Dejarlais	42-00.75	1992
Pentathlon	Aja Frary	3,902	2000
4X400	Stone, Smedley, Hogg, Robinson	3:53.66	2000
Mile Relay	Royal, Petersen, Wright, Ritchio	9:31.14	1991

SDSU 2001 Indoor Bests

Event	Name	Time/Mark	Date
50 Meters	Melinda Smedley	6.73	1/20
55 Meters	Promise Mose	7.06	2/10
200 Meters	Melinda Smedley	25.13	2/10
400 Meters	Promise Mose	58.00	2/10
500 Yards	Promise Mose	1:08.80	1/20
800 Meters	Kylie Edwards	2:19.05	1/20
Mile	Sophia Hawker	5:23.90	1/20
50 Hurdles	Chanel Day	8.33	1/20
55 Hurdles	Daveetta Shepherd	8.32	2/10
Long Jump	Aroline Neal	18-7	1/20
High Jump	Ameerah Omar	5-2 1/4	1/20
4X400 Relay	SDSU "A"	3:58.71	1/20
Pole Vault	Tricia Gutierrez	12-07.50	2/10
Triple Jump	Marisa Taylor	37-01.75	2/10

ROWING

Squad Opens Spring Season at S.D. Indoor Regatta

2001-02 Schedule

Date Event

Fall Schedule

Oct. 21 at Head of the Charles Regatta
 Nov. 4 at Newport Autumn Rowing Fest.
 Nov. 11 at San Diego Fall Classic

Spring Schedule

Feb. 2 at San Diego Indoor Classic
 Feb. 23 vs USD/Orange Coast College
 at WIRAChampionships
 Mar. 2 Alumni Race
 Mar. 9 Parker Cup Regatta
 Loyola Marymount and UC Irvine
 Mar. 16 at Virginia
 Mar. 23 at Southern California
 Apr. 6-7 at San Diego Crew Classic
 Apr. 13 at San Diego City Championships
 May 3-4 WIRAConference Championships
 May 17-18 Pacific Coast Rowing Champs.



This Week

The San Diego State rowing team get its 2002 spring season underway on Saturday by competing at the San Diego Indoor Classic. The event is hosted by the San Diego Rowing Club on Mission Bay. Racing is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m.

About The S.D. Indoor Classic

The San Diego Indoor Classic is an official qualifying regatta for the World Indoor Championships. Athletes who meet qualifying standards will be eligible to compete in the World Indoor Championships held in Boston on Feb. 24. The indoor classic will send the top 4 individuals, who meet or better the qualifying times, to Boston. Competitors will race on new Concept 2 ergometers. All races will be 2,000 meters.

Last Time We Were Out

The Aztecs defended its crown at the San Diego Fall Classic on Nov. 11, placing first in the regatta's varsity eight race for the third consecutive year. It was the Aztecs' "A" team that earned the top spot in the varsity eight, racing to a time of 22:26 – 11 seconds faster than its closest competitor. The squad's "B" team finished fifth with a time of 23:12. SDSU also posted wins in the open four and novice eight portion of competition. The Aztecs' "A" boat finished the open four in a time of 24:34. The SDSU Alumni team helped claim a 1-2 sweep in the event with a 25:05 second-place clocking. It was the team's "C" boat that took top honors in the novice eight, crossing the finish line in 24:12. The "A" and "B" teams finished third (24:37) and fifth (24:59), respectively. SDSU also competed in the novice four event where it placed second (24:59).

This Week...

at San Diego Indoor Classic

Sat., Feb. 2

SDSU This Season

Prior to the San Diego Fall Classic, SDSU was in Newport, Calif., for the Autumn Rowing Festival. The Aztecs came away from that event with four top-five finishes. The team's varsity eight "A" team finished in fifth place in a 22-team field with a time of 16:56. In the day's novice eight event, the SDSU "B" team's time of 18:02 helped it secure second place out of 25 teams. The Aztecs scored a 3-4 finish in the open-four event, with the "A" team finishing in 18:49 and the "B" team in 18:51. The SDSU alumni team, made up of last year's graduates, finished second in the competition with a time of 18:27. On Oct 21, SDSU's varsity eight squad competed in the prestigious Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston. The boat placed 44th in a field consisting on the nation's best crews with a time of 18:16.46.

Aztec Coaching Staff

SDSU is led by fifth-year head coach Scott Steckel. Steckel is assisted by Kevin Waldick, in his fourth year with the Aztec program and first-year assistant Meredith Johnson. Steckel is a 1994 graduate of San Diego State and has coached the program since 1993 when it was a club sport. Waldick is also an SDSU alum and rowed on the school's men's club team from 1992-96. Johnson is also a graduate of SDSU and was an All-American rower for the Aztecs in 2000.

Looking Ahead

SDSU will scrimmage with Orange Coast College and USD on Feb. 23 in Mission Bay. On Mar. 2 the team will hold its annual alumni race. On Mar. 9, the Aztecs will compete against Loyola Marymount and UC Irvine in the Parker Cup Regatta held at Mission Bay.

2001 Fall Results

Head of the Charles

Oct. 21, 2001

Boston, Mass.

Event	Time	Finish
Varsity Eight	18:16.46	44th

Newport Autumn Rowing Festival

Nov. 4, 2001

Newport Beach, Calif.

Event	Time	Finish
Varsity Eight "A"	16:56	5th
Varsity Eight "B"	17:41	15th
Novice Eight "B"	18:02	25th
Novice Eight "C"	19:27	16th
Novice Eight "B"	19:55	19th
Open Four "A"	18:49	3rd
Open Four "B"	18:51	4th

San Diego Fall Classic

Nov. 11, 2001

San Diego, Calif.

Event	Time	Finish
Varsity Eight "A"	22:26	1st
Varsity Eight "B"	23:12	5th
Open Four "A"	24:34	1st
Open Four (Alumni)	25:05	2nd
Novice Eight "C"	24:12	1st
Novice Eight "A"	24:37	3rd
Novice Eight "B"	24:59	5th
Novice Four	24:59	2nd

