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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB. 7 - FEB. 16

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7 M-Tennis (thru Sat.) at ITA Indoor Champs. vs. Stanford Louisville, Ky., 7:30 p.m.	8 Water Polo vs. Hartwick Coll., 2 p.m. vs. Indiana, 6 p.m. Bud Kearns Pool	9 Track at NAU Invite, 8 a.m. Flagstaff, Ariz. Water Polo at UCSD Invite vs. Cal Baptist, 10 a.m. vs. LMU, 5 p.m.
10 W-Tennis vs. Oregon, 2 p.m. SDSU Courts Water Polo at UCSD Invite vs. TBA, All Day	11	12	13	14	15	16 W-Tennis vs. Pacific, Noon SDSU Courts Water Polo at UCSB Invite vs. TBA, All Day Santa Barbara, Calif.

This Week At SDSU ...

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Women return home for third consecutive match with a PAC-10 opponent, while the men compete at the ITA Indoor Championships.

Track page 3

Team gets final tune up before Mountain West Conference Indoor Championships by competing in the Northern Arizona Invite.

Water Polo page 4

Aztecs get 2002 campaign underway with two matches on Friday and UC San Diego Invite on Saturday and Sunday.

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MEN'S/WOMEN'S TENNIS

Aztec Men Play For National Indoor Championship

2002 Men's Schedule and Results

Date	Event (Ranking)	Time/Result
Jan. 25	vs. New Mexico (63)	W, 6-1
Jan. 26	vs. BYU (69) (Boise, Idaho)	W, 4-3
Feb. 2	at Stanford (2)	L, 1-6
Feb. 7-9	at ITA Team Indoor (Louisville, Ky.) vs. Stanford (2)	7:30 p.m.
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	NCAAREgionals	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 (Ranking)	Time/Result
Jan. 26	SAINTMARY'S	W, 7-0
Jan. 26	CALPOLY	W, 7-0
Feb. 1	at Washington (11)	L, 0-7
Feb. 3	vs. Washington State (29)	L, 3-4
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	NCAAREgionals	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 (2-1) travels to Louisville, Ky., for the 16-team USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championship. The field is comprised of the top eight ranked teams nationally and eight region winners. This is the second consecutive season the Aztecs have made the indoor championship field.

The Match Up

In the first round, the Aztecs will face second-ranked Stanford at 4:30 p.m. PST on Thursday. It will be the second meeting in six days for the two Californian schools. Last Saturday, Stanford posted a 6-1 victory over San Diego State, with the lone Aztec victory coming from Felix Hardt at No. 3 singles. The loss to Stanford snapped a string of 10 consecutive victories in regular-season matches for the Aztecs. Nonetheless, SDSU has still outscored its last 11 foes by a 53-22 margin.

The Aztecs are guaranteed three matches in the tournament which features the top 12 teams in the most recent ITA poll. On Friday, the Aztecs will meet either fourth-ranked Tennessee or ninth-ranked Duke.

How They Got Here

The Aztecs advanced to nationals by defeating two Mountain West Conference opponents en route to ITA Indoor Region VII Team Championship last month 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.

Strength Of Schedule

As if playing Stanford twice in a week is 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. San Diego State will likely face more of the nation's elite in subsequent rounds of the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championship.

Felix Hardt Named MWC PoW

For the second time in as many weeks, a San Diego State player has been named the Mountain West Conference Men's Tennis Player of the Week, this time for the period ending Feb. 5. Sophomore Felix Hardt earned the award after recording a straight-sets upset victory over 31st-ranked Scott Lipsky of Stanford, 6-3, 6-2. It was the lone Aztec point in the match. Hardt now owns a 3-0 singles record this spring. Hardt, teaming with Travis Hasson and nearly pulled another upset in doubles vs. the Cardinal, pushing the third-ranked doubles

This Week...

Men:
at ITA Indoor
Championships
vs. Stanford
Thurs., Feb. 7-Sat., Feb. 9

Women:
vs. Oregon
Sun., Feb. 10

team of Lipsky and David Martin before falling, 8-6. Last week, San Diego State junior Oliver Maiberger was named player of the week.

National Rankings Put On Hold

Due to the national team indoor championship, the ITA elected not to release new national rankings this week. The Aztecs remain 52nd in the most recent national rankings, up one position from their preseason ranking of 53rd. 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

Following a pair of losses in the Apple State, San Diego State (2-2) opens a three-match homestand with its third-consecutive match against a Pac-10 school. The Aztecs play host to Oregon on Sunday at 10 a.m. PST.

The Match Up

Oregon enters a Friday match against Loyola Marymount with a perfect 4-0 mark. The Ducks own wins over Portland, Santa Clara, Northern Arizona and Idaho. Oregon has outscored its first four opponents by a 27-1 margin.

Last Week

Last week, SDSU dropped a match to 11th-ranked Washington, 7-0, before losing a heart-breaker to 29th-ranked Washington State, 4-3. The Cougars needed two three-set victories in singles play to defeat the Aztecs.

Things To Come

The Aztecs will be home the next two week-ends, playing host to Pacific on Feb. 16 and UC Irvine on Feb. 22.

Fun With Numbers

National rankings were not released this week due to the ITA National Team Indoor Championships. The next team rankings will be released next Wednesday, with the first singles and doubles rankings since the preseason released on Feb. 21. San Diego State is ranked 44th in the national poll, the same position the Aztecs had in the preseason ranking. 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.

TRACK and FIELD

Aztecs Conclude Indoor Season In Flagstaff

2002 Schedule and Results

Date	Event	Time/Result
<i>Indoor Schedule</i>		
Jan. 12	at Pole Vault Summit	NTS
Feb. 2	at Wolf Pack Invite	7th, 23 pts.
Feb. 9	at NAU Invitational	8 a.m.
Feb. 21-23	MWC Indoor Champs.*	All Day
<i>Outdoor Schedule</i>		
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 Heptathalon	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

55 Meters - Melinda Smedley	7.23
400 Meters - Jini Hogg	58.71
Mile - Jennifer Stakiw	5:25.49
55 Hurdles - Lynnae Samuels	8.43
Pole Vault - Tricia Gutierrez	12-09.50 (3.90m)*#
Shayla Balentine	12-09.50 (3.90m)*#
Shot Put - Candace Hill	42-05.25 (12.93m)
Weight Throw - Candace Hill	42-11 (13.08m)

*Indicates school record

#Indicates NCAA provisional mark

This Week

The San Diego State track and field program concludes its indoor season this weekend, traveling to Flagstaff, Ariz., to compete in the Mountain T Invitational. The event will be held at the J.L. Walkup Skydome on the Northern Arizona campus and starts at 9 a.m. MST.

The Format

Saturday will be broken into two sessions. Session one will run from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and consists primarily of provisional heats. Finals will be held in session two, running from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday's Field

Ten collegiate teams are expected to compete on the women's side of Saturday's event. For the second straight week SDSU will see Mountain West Conference foe New Mexico. Other programs scheduled to appear are UCLA and Arizona State.

Bet The Over

There's something about Reno, Nev., and Aztec pole vaulters. On Jan. 12, two Aztecs, senior Tricia Gutierrez and freshman Shayla Balentine, set school record and NCAA provisional marks at the National Pole Vault Summit held at the Reno Hilton. Balentine and Gutierrez both vaulted 3.90 meters (12-09.50). At last weekend's Wolf Pack Invitational, held at the Reno Livestock Events Center, Gutierrez set another NCAA provisional mark with a 3.82-meter (12-06.25) second-place vault. Balentine came in third in the competition (3.72m/12-02.25). Gutierrez's school-record mark bested the record of 12-07.50 she set at last season's Bill Cosby Invitational, held in Reno.

This Week ...

at NAU Invitational

Sat., Feb. 9

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.

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, Leslie Coons and Kristi McGihon. Nanista oversees the team's distance corps and Fox works with the pole vaulters.

League Leaders

Several Aztecs are listed among the top-10 best times and marks this season in the Mountain West Conference. Senior Tricia Gutierrez and freshman Shayla Balentine are tied for second in the pole vault with a 12-09.50 mark. Junior Jesika Englebretson mark of 11-05.75 ranks her ninth in the pole vault. Junior Melinda Smedley and sophomore Tonette Dyer are fifth and sixth respectively in the 60-meter dash with times of 7.75 and 7.77. Sophomore Lynnae Samuels is tenth in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.98.

MWC Indoor Championships

The Mountain West Conference Indoor Championships will be held Feb. 21-23 in Colorado Springs, Colo on the Air Force Academy campus.

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

WATER POLO

Aztecs Kick Off 2002 Season In San Diego

2002 Schedule and Results

Date	Event	Time/Result
Feb. 8	HARTWICK COLLEGE INDIANA	2 p.m. 6 p.m.
Feb. 9-10	at UCSD Invitational vs. Cal Baptist vs. Loyola Marymount vs. TBA(Feb. 10)	10 a.m. 5 p.m. TBA
Feb. 16	UC SANTA BARBARA*	10 a.m.
Feb. 23-24	at UCSB Invitational	TBA
Feb. 27	MICHIGAN	2 p.m.
Mar. 2	at UC Irvine vs. Redlands	Noon 1:30 p.m.
Mar. 3	at Long Beach State*	Noon
Mar. 9	at California*	Noon
Mar. 10	at Pacific*	Noon
Mar. 15	UCLA*	4 p.m.
Mar. 17	at UCSD Tournament	All Day
Mar. 21	CS NORTHRIDGE*	4 p.m.
Mar. 23	SOUTHERNCALIFORNIA*	Noon
Apr. 4	at San Jose State*	4 p.m.
Apr. 5	at Stanford*	7 p.m.
Apr. 11	HAWAII*	4 p.m.
Apr. 13-14	at Long Beach St. Invite	All Day
Apr. 19	at UC San Diego	6 p.m.
Apr. 26-28	MPSF Championship#	All Day

Home meets in CAPS

Home meets held at Bud Kearns Pool

*Mountain Pacific Sports Federation game

#Hosted by Southern California



Getting Started

The San Diego State women's water polo team will start the 2002 season at home with a doubleheader this Friday against Hartwick College at 2 p.m. and Indiana at 6 p.m. Both games will be played at Bud Kearns Pool in Balboa Park. The Aztecs will make the quick trip north to La Jolla for the UC San Diego Arena No Grip Invitational. State will face Cal Baptist at 10 a.m. and Loyola Marymount at 5 p.m. on the first day of the two-day tournament. The second day consists of championship pool play. Other teams in the tournament include Hawai'i, Indiana, Long Beach State, Hartwick College and UC Irvine.

Looking At The Competition

Hartwick College

- The Aztecs met Hartwick for the first time at the National Collegiate Select Championship last spring.
- State's 10-1 victory over the Hawks advanced them into the championship where they eventually fell to UC Santa Barbara in the championship game.

Indiana

- SDSU did not play Indiana last year, but holds a 2-0 lead in the series over the Hoosiers.

Cal Baptist

- State holds a 3-2 lead over Cal Baptist in the series, but split last year's four games.
- The Aztecs' last win over Cal Baptist was a 10-3 victory at the National Collegiate Select Championship.

Loyola Marymount

- San Diego State holds a 3-2 lead over Loyola Marymount, but the Lions swept the series in 2001 with 10-8 and 6-4 wins over the Aztecs.

This Week...

vs. Hartwick College/Indiana
Fri., Feb. 8
at UCSD Invitational
Sat., Feb. 9-Sun., Feb. 10

Hartzell Earns All-America Honors

San Diego State's freshman two-meter player, Holly Hartzell (Vista, Calif., Fallbrook High School), was named a second-team All-American for the 2001 season by the American Water Polo Coaches Association. A member of the USA Junior National Team, a gold medalist at the 2000 Junior Pan Am Games and the 2000 CIF Player of the Year, Hartzell led the Aztecs in scoring with 90 goals. Hartzell was also named to the all-MPSF second team and first-team all-tournament at the National Collegiate Select Tournament.

After only one season, Hartzell ranks second on the SDSU single-season goals list and is ninth in career goals. The freshman led the Aztecs in scoring in 14 games and scored a career-high six goals in a 10-2 victory over Hartwick College at last year's National Collegiate Select Championship.

Up Next

San Diego State will take on the Gauchos of UC Santa Barbara on Feb. 16 at Bud Kearns Pool, before traveling to Santa Barbara for the UCSB Tournament, Feb. 23-24.



2002 Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Heather Stiles	GK	5-10	Sr.	Sacramento, Calif. (Sierra CC)
1A	Ashley Zabel	GK	5-10	So.	San Diego, Calif. (Scripps Ranch HS)
1B	Cindy Ayala	GK	5-6	Fr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Santa Monica HS)
2	Whitney Winlow	UTL	5-10	Sr.	Las Vegas, Nev. (Chapparral HS)
3	Beth Merlo	UTL	5-9	Sr.	Clovis, Calif. (Merced CC)
4	Heidi Matsumoto	DR	5-6	Jr.	Grover Beach, Calif. (Arroyo Grande HS)
5	Casey Finnegan	UTL	5-6	Jr.	Fresno, Calif. (Clovis West HS)
6	Dominique Delgado	UTL	5-5	Fr.	Lompoc, Calif. (Cabrillo HS)
7	Katie Clark	UTL	5-4	Sr.	Fontana, Calif. (Riverside CC)
8	Ashleigh May	DR	5-5	Jr.	University Place, Wash. (Golden West CC)
9	Jackie Lopez	DR	5-0	Jr.	Commerce, Calif. (Bell Gardens HS)
10	Amber Prestegard	UTL	5-7	Jr.	Huntington Beach, Calif. (Edison HS)
11	Lisa Weise	DR	5-8	Sr.	Riverside, Calif. (Riverside CC)
12	Donna Stivers	UTL	5-5	So.	El Cajon, Calif. (El Cajon Valley HS)
13	Becky Sensney	UTL	5-5	Jr.	Modesto, Calif. (Johansen HS)
14	Holly Hartzell	2M	5-10	So.	Vista, Calif. (Fallbrook HS)
15	Brenna Wylie	UTL	5-5	Jr.	Merced, Calif. (Golden Valley HS)
16	Monica DeRosier	2M	5-11	Fr.	San Diego, Calif. (Patrick Henry HS)
19	Chelsy Smith	2M	5-8	Jr.	Roseville, Calif. (Sierra CC)