

# SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS

# **2017 Volleyball Weekly Notes**

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## 2017 AZTEC VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

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Date	Opponent Control O	Time/Result
	. Eastern Kentucky^	
	. Portland State^	
	. CSUN^	
	at No. 23 Michigan State+	
	vs.Texas A&M-CC+	
,, ,	vs. Marshall+	,
	. Loyola Marymount~	
	. Long Beach State~	
	. Pacific~	
	at No. 17 San Diego	
	vs. UC Riverside#	
• •	vs. Gonzaga#	
	at Denver#	,
	at Utah State*	
	at Boise State*	
Thursday, Sept. 28	. San José State*	L, 2-3
	. Nevada*	
	at Fresno State*	
Saturday, Oct. 7	. Air Force*	6 p.m. PT
Thursday, Oct. 12	at New Mexico*	7 p.m. MT
Saturday, Oct. 14	at UNLV*	3 p.m. PT
Thursday, Oct. 19	. Boise State*	6 p.m. PT
Saturday, Oct. 21	. Utah State*	1 p.m. PT
Thursday, Oct. 26	at Nevada*	6:30 p.m. PT
Saturday, Oct. 28	at San José State*	2 p.m. PT
	. Fresno State*	
	at Air Force*	
Thursday, Nov. 9	. UNLV*	6 p.m. MT
	. New Mexico*	
	at Wyoming*	
	. Colorado State*	

- ^ Aztec Invitational (San Diego, Calif.)
- + Spartan Invitational (East Lansing, Mich.)
- ~ JLABS Challenge (San Diego, Calif.)
- # Denver Invitational (Denver, Colo.)
- \* Mountain West match

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#### Match Week Preview

San Diego State (7-10, 1-3 MW) at Fresno State (6-10, 1-3 MW) Tuesday, Oct. 3 | 7 p.m. PT | Save Mart Center | Fresno, Calif. Series: SDSU 30-11



Air Force (7-11, 0-4 MW) at San Diego State (7-10, 1-3 MW) Saturday, Oct. 7 | 6 p.m. PT | Aztec Court | San Diego, Calif. Series: SDSU 36-5



#### AZTECS PREPARE FOR TWO MOUNTAIN WEST MATCHES THIS WEEK

- > San Diego State continues its Mountain West schedule this week when it takes on Fresno State and Air Force.
- > The Aztecs will make a quick trip to the Central Valley to face the Bulldogs on Tuesday, Oct. 3, before returning to Montezuma Mesa for a Saturday skirmish against the Falcons on Oct. 7.
- > In addition to live stats, both matches will be streamed on GoAztecs.com via the Mountain West Network.
- > SDSU split two encounters at home last week, falling to San José State in a five-set nail-biter before rebounding with a sweep of
- > The Aztecs' next victory will give head coach Deitre Collins-Parker 300 wins for her career.
- > San Diego State is 7-0 this year when maintaining a higher hitting percentage and 3-0 when outblocking its opponent.

#### **SERIES RECORDS**

- > San Diego State owns a 30-11 varsity record against Fresno State dating back to 1980.
- > The Aztecs and Bulldogs split their two matches a year ago, with each side emerging triumphant on its home floor.
- SDSU is 9-7 in 16 previous trips to Fresno since 1986, including a hotly contested 3-1 setback last year (25-23, 26-28, 20-25, 27-29), when three of the four sets were decided by two points.
- > After Fresno State joined the Mountain West in 2012, the Aztecs have posted an 8-2 record in 10 meetings versus the Bulldogs.
- In last season's four-set defeat at Save Mart Center, Deja Harris paced the Aztecs with a match-high 17 kills and added six total blocks, while Alexandra Psoma and Alexis Cage launched 14 put-aways each.
- > In addition, Devyn Pritchard led all players with 19 digs, while Cage added nine digs and four block assists.
- > As a team, SDSU maintained the upper-hand in kills (62-47) and digs (74-60), but was plagued by 36 hitting errors and 10 receiving errors while getting out-blocked 14.0-7.0.
- > After posting a .302 attack percentage with 20 kills in the first set, the Aztecs hit .124 the rest of the way, including a .000 clip in the fourth frame.
- > SDSU sports a 36-5 all-time ledger against Air Force dating back to 1996.
- > The Scarlet and Black is 19-1 in 20 meetings versus the Falcons at Aztec Court, including a 3-1 triumph last season.
- > San Diego State's lone blemish at home occurred in a five-set heartbreaker during the 2015 campaign.
- > In last year's 3-1 triumph over Air Force at home, the Aztecs dropped the first set after hitting minus-.083 on just eight kills, but posted a .256 attack percentage the rest of the way, including a .391 pace in the second frame.
- > Individually, SDSU was led by Psoma (.458), who finished with 14 kills, while Indigo Thompson notched a double-double with 34 assists and 10 dias.

#### HEAD COACH DEITRE COLLINS-PARKER

- > San Diego State head coach Deitre Collins-Parker is in her ninth season with the Aztecs after becoming the fourth head coach in
- program history prior to the 2009 campaign. Her record at San Diego State stands at 137-122 (.529).

  Collins-Parker previously served as head coach at UNLY for eight seasons (1996-2003) and at Cornell for five years (2004-2008). Her career record stands at 299-313 (.489).
- > A three-time All-American as a collegiate player at the University of Hawai'i, Collins-Parker quided the Rainbow Wahine to consecutive national titles (1983-84) and was twice named the national player of the year.
- > Collins-Parker was a member of the U.S. Olympic Team and competed at the Goodwill Games and Pan Am Games prior to playing professionally in Europe for four years.
- > Collins-Parker is one of six players named to the NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball 25th Anniversary Team in October 2005 and was inducted into the AVCA Hall of Fame in the fall of 2008.
- > This past summer, Collins-Parker was head coach of the Mountain West All-Star volleyball team that competed in the European Global Challenge. Current Aztecs Baylee Little and Indigo Thompson were also named to that squad.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Location	San Diego, Calif.
Founded	1897
Enrollment	33,726
Nickname	Aztecs
Colors	Scarlet and Black (Pantone 187)
Conference	Mountain West
Affiliation	Division I
President	Sally Roush
Director of Athletics	John David Wicker
Faculty Representative	Patrick Papin
Home Facility	Aztec Court at Peterson Gym (2,000)

#### **TEAM INFORMATION**

Head Coach	Deitre Collins-Parker
Alma Mater	Hawai'i '95
Record at SDSU	136-121 (9th year)
Career Record	298-312 (22nd year)
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2016 Record	17-15
2016 Conference Record	
2016 Home Record	11-6
2016 Road Record	3-8
2016 Neutral Record	3-1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	9/5
Starters Returning/Lost	4 + Libero/2

#### **PROGRAM HISTORY**

First Year of Volleyball	1976
Overall Record	846-570 (.597)
NCAA Appearances	14
Last Postseason Appearance	2012
NCAA Postseason Record	15-14

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# 2017 AZTEC VOLLEYBALL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Hitting Percentage	367	Deja Harris
Kills	183	Deja Harris
Kills per set	2.95	Deja Harris
Assists		
Assists per set		
Digs		
Digs per set		
Blocks		
Blocks per set		
Service Aces		
Service Aces per set		

### 2017 AZTEC VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Last School)
1	Alexandra Psoma	OH	5-10	Jr.	Athens, Greece
2	Tammy Byrne	OH	5-10	Fr.	Belmont, Calif. (Notre Dame HS)
3	Andrea Walker	MB	6-0	Fr.	Fairfield, Calif. (Vanden HS)
4	Alexis Harris	OH/DS	5-10	So.	Las Vegas, Nev. (Calvary Chapel HS)
5	Charlee Thomas	MB	6-1	RS-Fr.	Newport Beach, Calif. (Mater Dei HS)
6	Ashlynn Dunbar	OH	6-0	So.	Seabrook, Texas (Clear Falls HS)
7	Hannah Turnlund	OH	5-9	So.	Morgan Hill, Calif. (Presentation HS)
8	Loren Teter	DS	5-7	RS-Fr.	Redondo Beach, Calif. (Notre Dame HS)
9	Tamia Reeves	MB	6-1	So.	Carrollton, Texas (Hebron HS)
11	Gabi Peoples	S	5-10	Fr.	Beaverton, Ore. (Beaverton HS)
12	Erin Gillcrist	MB	6-1	Fr.	Lakewood, Colo. (Lakewood HS)
13	Devyn Pritchard	DS/L	5-8	Sr.	Temecula, Calif. (Temescal Canyon HS)
14	Indigo Thompson	S	5-6	Jr.	Plymouth, Minn. (Virginia Commonwealth Univ.)
15	Deja Harris	MB	6-2	Jr.	Las Vegas, Nev. (Calvary Chapel HS)
16	Baylee Little	MB	6-0	Sr.	Gilbert, Ariz. (Highland HS)
17	Sam McGrath	DS/L	5-4	RS-Fr.	Oakland, Calif. (Bishop O'Dowd HS)
18	Alexis Caae	OH	6-2	Sr.	Newport Beach, Calif. (Corona del Mar HS)

Head Coach: Deitre Collins-Parker (Hawai'i, 1995), Ninth season at SDSU

Assistant Coach: Melanie Greene (San Diego State, 2007), Seventh season at SDSU

Assistant Coach: Ken Murczek (San Diego State, 1998), First season at SDSU

Volleyball Operations Assistant: Makayla Westphal (Nebraska Wesleyan, 2015), First season at SDSU

#### **Pronunciations**

#1 Alexandra PSOMA p	ouh-SO-muh
#8 Loren TETER 1	TEE-ter
#9 TAMIA Reeves t	ah-MEE-ah
	gabby
#13 DEVYN Pritchard [	DEV-in
#15 DEJA Harris	DAY-zha



VOLLEYBALL

OPPONENT COMPARISON									
2017 Overall Stats	SDSU	MW Rank	OPP	FS	MW Rank	OPP	AFA	MW Rank	OPP
Hitting Percentage	.212	6	.226	.205	8	.222	.172	9	.183
Kills per set	13.1	5	12.2	11.9	10	13.4	12.0	9	11.1
Assists per set	12.1	5	11.2	11.4	9	12.5	11.3	10	9.9
Digs per set	12.7	8	11.8	13.0	6	13.4	11.7	11	10.7
Blocks per set	2.0	10	2.4	2.6	3	2.1	2.2	7	2.5
Service Aces per set	0.9	11	1.2	1.4	5	1.5	1.2	6	1.3

#### **SCOUTING THE OPPOSITION**

> Fresno State (6-10, 1-3 MW) split a pair of home matches last week, earning a four-set victory over Nevada (25-20,25-18, 19-25, 25-19) before suffering a reversal of fortune against San José State in a 3-1 loss (25-17, 18-25, 21-25, 22-25). Prior to those two contests, the Bulldags played just one match at home during their non-conference slate, defeating CSU Bakersfield 3-0 on Sept. 5. Offensively, Fresno State is led by junior Taylor Slover, who ranks ninth in the Mountain West with 3.32 kills per set, while fellow classmates Brielle Hefner (2.65/set) and Aubrey Folk (2.23/set) are averaging more than two put-aways per frame. In addition, sophomore Madelyn Halteman occupies the seventh position in the conference this week in assists (8.82/set) and ranks sixth in service aces (0.29/set), just behind senior Jacqueline Hutcheson (0.30/set), who also landed in the eighth spot with 3.98 digs per set. Not to be outdone, junior Haile Watson finds herself in the seventh slot among the league leaders with 1.15 blocks per frame. Collectively, the Bulldags are third in the MW this week with 2.60 blocks per set, while its 1.35 service aces per frame ranks fifth. On the flip side, Fresno State is eighth with a .205 hitting percentage, while its 11.88 kills per set ranks 10th. Head coach Lauren Netherby-Sewell is entering her 10th season in the Central Valley after spending two years directing the Hofstra program in New York, highlighted by a Colonial Athletic Association championship and an NCAA tournament appearance in 2006. Her career record stands at 170-179, including a 126-157 mark with the Bulldags.

> Air Force (7-11, 0-4 MW) has dropped five straight matches, including four straight to open Mountain West action. Last week, the Falcons came up empty in a pair of 3-0 losses at home to Wyoming (20-25, 21-25, 22-25) and No. 24 Colorado State (21-25, 19-25, 19-25). Prior to Saturday's showdown at SDSU, Air Force will travel to Fresno State for a Thursday night encounter. The Falcons are 5-5 this year in matches away from their home floor. Individually, sophomore Denise Ssozi is Air Force's primary threat, averaging 3.49 kills per set, which ranks fifth in conference to start the week. In addition, Air Force has received a solid contribution from junior Abigail Miksch (2.92 kills/set), while senior Piper Heineck (2.32 kills/set) finds herself among the league leaders in blocks (3rd, 1.30/set) and service aces (4th, 0.30/set). Heineck recorded the MW's highest individual attack percentage in a single match this year with an .846 clip (12-1-13) against The Citadel on Sept. 2. Junior Shanleigh Conlan has been the team's primary setter this season, averaging 7.73 assists per set to go with 2.17 digs and 0.26 service aces per frame. As a team, the Falcons occupy the ninth spot in the league at the start of the week with a .172 hitting percentage and an average of 11.96 kills per set. Marc Swindle is in his second season as head coach at the Academy after spending six years as an assistant with the program. His career record is 17-32.

#### 2017 MOUNTAIN WEST STANDINGS (As of Sept. 30)

	Conference						
Team	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	Strk
#23 Colorado State	4	0	1.000	14	2	.875	W4
Boise State	4	0	1.000	11	5	.688	W5
San José State	3	1	.750	11	4	.733	W3
Utah State	3	1	.750	11	5	.688	L1
New Mexico	2	2	.500	10	6	.625	W1
Wyoming	2	2	.500	7	9	.438	W1
Nevada	2	2	.500	4	12	.250	L2
San Diego State	1	3	.250	7	10	.412	W1
Fresno State	1	3	.250	6	10	.375	L1
Air Force	0	4	.000	7	11	.389	L5
UNLV	0	4	.000	4	13	.235	L9

#### This Week in the MW

#### Tuesday, Oct. 3 San Diego State at Fresno State, 7 p.m. PT

#### Thursday, Oct. 5

UNLV at San José State, 6 p.m. PT New Mexico at Nevada, 6:30 p.m. PT Air Force at Fresno State, 7 p.m. PT #23 Colorado State at Boise State, 7:30 p.m. MT

#### Saturday, Oct. 7

#### Air Force at San Diego State, 6 p.m. PT

New Mexico at San José State, Noon PT UNLV at Nevada, 1 p.m. PT Wyoming at Boise State, 2 p.m. MT #23 Colorado State at Utah State, 8 p.m. MT



#### **WEEKLY WRAP**

- > San Diego State snapped a three-match losing streak with a 3-0 sweep of Nevada (25-19, 25-20, 25-16) last Saturday.
- The Aztecs maintained the statistical advantage in most categories, including hitting percentage (.315-.100), kills (45-29), digs (34-29) and total blocks (9.5-3.0), capitalizing on 20 attack errors and 7 wayward serves by the Wolf Pack.
- > In addition, Nevada's .100 hitting percentage tied a season low for an SDSU opponent.
- > Individually, Alexis Cage led all players 12 kills and hit .375, while Deja Harris (.471, 5 block assists) and Hannah Turnlund launched nine put-aways each to fuel the SDSU offense. Not to be outdone, Devyn Pritchard registered another solid outing on the back row with a match-high
- > Earlier against San José State, the Aztecs were unable to put away the visiting Spartans, falling in five sets (25-18, 23-25, 29-27,16-25,
- 15-17). SDSU led 12-8 in the fifth frame, but SJSU uncorked a 9-3 run to escape with the victory and spoil the Aztecs' MW home opener.
- > Collectively, the two sides were evenly matched, with each team posting 13.0 team blocks, while SDSU held the slight edge in kills (66-61) and dias (58-56).
- > Ashlynn Dunbar blasted a career-high 16 kills, while Harris (.370) and Turnlund collected 15 non-returnables apiece to pace the SDSU attack. Pritchard also established a season standard with a match-high 24 digs, while Gabi Peoples equaled her career-best with 47 assists.

#### **AZTECS AMONG MOUNTAIN WEST LEADERS**

- > Entering the third week of conference play, Deja Harris, Devyn Pritchard and Gabi Peoples are among the MW leaders in various categories.
- > Harris ranks third in the league with a .367 hitting percentage and occupies the eighth spot with 1.13 blocks per set.
- > Pritchard also climbed into the fifth position this week with 4.15 dias per set, while Peoples enters the charts at No. 10 with 7.77 assists per
- > As a team. SDSU ranks among the top half of the conference in kills (4th. 13.10/set) and assists (5th. 12.08/set).

#### **NOTHIN' LIKE HOME COOKIN'**

- > In 38 seasons of Aztec volleyball, San Diego State has compiled a 374-188 record (.665) at home, which represents the second-best home winning percentage among current Mountain West members.
- > Last season, the Scarlet and Black posted an 11-6 mark on Aztec Court at Peterson Gym compared to a 3-8 ledger in true road matches. In addition, SDSU went 3-1 in neutral-site encounters during the 2016 campaign.
- > In head coach Deitre Collins-Parker's tenure, the Aztecs have amassed a 71-33 record (.683) at home, including a 14-0 mark during the 2012 season when SDSU captured the Mountain West championship.

#### **DENVER INVITATIONAL REWIND**

- > San Diego State claimed the Denver Invitational title earlier this month after recording a 2-1 record to wrap up its non-conference schedule.
- > The Aztecs opened the tournament with a heartbreaking 3-2 loss to UC Riverside on Sept. 15, before storming back the following day with victories over Gonzaga (3-2) and host Denver (3-1).
- > Against UCR, the Scarlet and Black rallied from a 2-0 deficit in sets, but came up short in the final frame by a 15-7 count, as the Highlanders closed with a 10-1 run.
- > In their clash vs. Gonzaga, the Aztecs maintained a statistical advantage in most categories, including attack percentage (.227-.153), kills (61-54), digs (62-52) and total blocks (11.0-7.0). After racing to a 2-0 in sets, however, SDSU hit a collective .019 over the third and fourth frames
- > In the closing match against Denver, the Aztecs outhit the Pioneers .257-.231 and held a 63-56 advantage in kills and a 57-51 margin in digs, overcoming a 1-0 deficit on the set scoreboard to capture the final three frames.
- > Denver trailed 17-9 in the fourth stanza, but roared back to reach set point on two occasions, including a 25-24 spread, before SDSU closed with a 4-1 match-securing run.

#### **DEJA VU FOR HARRIS**

- > Middle blocker Deja Harris was named Most Valuable Player of the Denver Invitational, marking the second time this season the Aztec junior received such distinction after earning the same honor following the Aztec Invitational last month.
- > In three matches, Harris hit a team-high .427, averaging 3.21 kills and 1.36 blocks per set. She was also part of an SDSU defense that limited the opposition to a collective .179 hitting percentage.

  > Against UCR, the Las Vegas, Nevada, native knocked down a match-high 16 kills and hit .464 to go with six blocks.
- Harris completed her seventh match of the year with a .400 attack percentage or higher after hitting .429 with 14 kills vs. Gonzaga.
- In the second stanza against the Zags, she hit .625 with six kills to help the Aztecs build a 2-0 lead in sets.
- In addition, Harris also led all players in the Gonzaga match with a season high-tying seven block assists.
- She completed the weekend against Denver with a team-high 15 kills and six blocks, including three solo stops. In fourth set vs. the Pioneers, she hit .750 with six kills, including two during SDSU's 4-1 match-clinching run.

#### **ALL-TOURNAMENT AZTECS-PART IV**

- > In addition to Harris, Alexis Cage and Ashlynn Dunbar were both named to the Denver Invitational all-tournament team.
- For the weekend, Cage averaged 2.14 kills and 2.86 digs per set to go with six block assists.
- The Newport Beach, Calif., product recorded two double-doubles in the tournament, finishing with 11 kills and 11 digs vs. Gonzaga, before before amassing kills and 19 digs against Denver, the latter of which marked a season high and fell one short of a personal best.
- > Dunbar, meanwhile, turned in a fine all-round performance as well with 2.36 kills, 2.14 digs and 0.79 blocks per set.
- The Seabrook, Texas, native logged her first career double-double with 10 kills and 14 digs vs. Gonzaga and just missed out on another one against Denver, finishing with a personal-best 14 kills and nine scoops.
- > She also tallied a season-high five block assists in the opener against UC Riverside.

#### **POWER TO THE PEOPLES**

- > Setter Gabi Peoples is off to a strong start in her freshman campaign, averaging 7.77 assists and 1.38 digs in 53 sets played.
- The Beaverton, Oregon, native has cracked the starting lineup 10 times this season, including the last nine matches.
- > Over the last 10 outings, Peoples has averaged 9.53 assists and 1.50 digs per set.
- Against San José State on Sept. 16, she tied her career-high 47 assists and shoveled up six digs while adding one solo block and two block assists. Two days later vs. Nevada, set a personal-best with four block assists and went 3-3 in attack attempts.

#### JLABS CHALLENGE CAPSULE

- > San Diego State played host to its second home tournament of the year, Sept. 8-9, posting a 2-1 record at the JLABS Challenge.
- > After opening with a three-defeat at the hands of Loyola Marymount, the Aztecs recorded two victories the following day, defeating Long Beach State in five sets, before sweeping Pacific for their first winning streak of the season.
- > Against the 49ers, SDSU overcame a 2-1 deficit in sets, capping the rally with a dominating 15-3 performance in the final frame.
- > In the clinching set, the Aztecs received four kills from Deja Harris and three from Alexandra Psoma, as the Scarlet and Black outhit its adversary .786-(-.056).
- > In addition, Devyn Pritchard notched a season-high 22 digs, while Ashlynn Dunbar's 11 scoops marked a
- > Against Pacific, Hannah Turnlund registered 13 kills and a .409 attack percentage, while Harris (11 kills) continued her hot hitting with a .562 clip.
- > Freshman setter Gabi Peoples contributed 37 assists to go with eight digs and a service ace in her second career start.
- > As a team, SDSU maintained a sizeable advantage in kills (42-28) and digs (45-27), employing timely runs to seize control of the match despite getting outblocked by the Tigers 8.0-4.0.

#### **ALL-TOURNAMENT AZTECS--PART III**

- > Following the JLABS Challenge, Alexis Cage was named to the four-player all-tournament team, joining LBSU's Megan Kruidhof, UOP's Emily Baptista and LMU's Savannah Slattery.
- > For the weekend, Cage knocked down 29 kills (2.64/set) and posted 26 digs (2.36/set).

- > Against Long Beach State, Cage logged San Diego State's first double-double of the year, recording season highs of 15 kills and 13 digs while hitting .324.
- > In the victory over Pacific, Cage turned in another solid all-round performance with nine kills, four digs and three block assists.

#### SPARTAN INVITATIONAL RECAP

- > San Diego State logged a 1-2 record at the Spartan Invitational, Sept. 1-2, in East Lansing, Michigan.
- > After falling to host and 23rd-ranked Michigan State by a 3-0 count in the opener, the Aztecs turned the tables with a sweep of Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.
- > Against the Islanders, SDSU hit .344 for the match and served up eight aces both season bests.
- > In addition, the Aztecs recorded three-set highs for the year in kills (48), assists (46) and digs (39).
- > SDSU concluded the tournament with a tough 3-0 loss to Marshall.
- > Despite the sweep, the finale against the Thundering Herd was a see-saw affair, with the two sides combining for 21 ties and 10 lead changes in the last two sets.

#### ALL-TOURNAMENT AZTECS--PART II

- > Following the Spartan Invitational, Deja Harris and Ashlynn Dunbar were named to the seven-player all-tournament team.
- > Harris hit .432 for the weekend and served up five aces to go with six blocks.
- > Against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, the Aztec junior recorded her second-highest attack percentage of the year at. 643, blasting 10 kills with just one error in 14 attempts.
- > Harris also posted a career-high three service aces against Michigan State and finished with a .562 hitting percentage (11-2-16) vs. Marshall.

#### 2017 AZTEC SUPERLATIVES Individual **Team** HITTING PERCENTAGE (min. 10 kills) HITTING PERCENTAGE .733 (11-0-15) ...... Deja Harris vs. Portland State (Aug. 26) .344 (48-15-96) ......vs. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi (Sept. 1) KILLS ......vs. San José State (Sept. 28) ......Alexandra Psoma vs. Eastern Kentucky (Aug. 25) TOTAL ATTEMPTS TOTAL ATTEMPTS 179......vs. UC Riverside (Sept. 15) 42......Ashlynn Dunbar, twice, last: vs. San José State (Sept. 28) 5 sets .....37 ......Three times, last: Ashlynn Dunbar vs. Gonzaga (Sept. 16) 5 sets ......179 ..............vs. UC Riverside (Sept. 15) 3 sets \_\_\_\_\_109 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_vs. Marshall (Sept. 2) ASSISTS **ASSISTS** DIGS DIGS ...... Devyn Pritchard vs. San José State (Sept. 28) 24..... SERVICE ACES 8......Texas A&M-Corpus Christi (Sept. 1) SERVICE ACES 3......Three times, last: Devyn Pritchard, vs. Long Beach State (Sept. 9) TOTAL BLOCKS 13.0.....vs. San José State (Sept. 28) BLOCK SOLOS BLOCK ASSISTS 7......Deja Harris vs. Gonzaga (Sept. 16) TOTAL BLOCKS 7.......Twice, last: Deia Harris vs. Gonzaga (Sept. 16)

- > Meanwhile, Dunbar compiled a .361 attack percentage in three matches while adding four assists and two blocks.
- > Against Marshall, the SDSU sophomore hit .474 on 12 kills both season highs.
- > In addition, Dunbar added tied her career best with two assists against TAMU-CC and came up with a pair of blocks.

#### **AZTEC INVITATIONAL REDUX**

- > San Diego State recorded its first victory of the season on Aug. 26, when it swept Portland State 3-0 (25-19, 25-22, 25-17).
- > The Aztec victory was sandwiched between setbacks to Eastern Kentucky (3-1) and CSUN (3-0).
- > Despite finishing with a 1-2 record, SDSU posted equal or higher statistical averages than its opponents during the tournament.
- > The Aztecs logged a .240 hitting percentage in three matches compared to their opponents .229 clip.
- > SDSU averaged more kills (13.9/11.1) and assists (12.7/10.4) per set than their adversaries.
- > The Aztecs matched their opposition in both digs (11.1) and blocks (2.1) per set.

#### HARRIS NAMED AZTEC INVITE MVP

- > Middle blocker Deia Harris earned Most Valuable Player honors at the season-opening Aztec Invitational.
- > In three matches, the SDSU junior led all regulars in the tournament field with a .434 hitting percentage, averaging 3.00 kills in 10 sets played.
- > In SDSU's sweep of Portland State, Harris hit a season-high .733 on a team-best 11 kills with no errors in 15 swings.
- > She also recorded double-digit kills vs. CSUN, launching 10 put-aways with just three errors on 16 attacks for a .433 hitting percentage.
- > Harris excelled on defense as well, averaging 1.30 blocks for the tourney.
- > In the Aztecs' aforementioned victory over PSU, she came up with match-high six block assists, including two during a decisive 13-0 run in the opening set.

#### **MEET THE NEWCOMERS**

- > San Diego State welcomes three true freshmen for the 2017 campaign.
- > Setter Gabi Peoples spent her first three years of high school in Santa Barbara, California (San Marcos HS) before moving to Beaverton, Oregon (Beaverton HS) for her senior season.
- > While at San Marcos High, Peoples garnered all-city accolades as a sophomore and was an all-Channel League selection in 2015 and 2016. She was named to the AVCA Phenom List the past three years and received PrepVolleyball.com "Soph 79" honorable mention in 2015.
- > Middle blocker Erin Gillcrist hails from a volleyball family as both of her sisters played Division I volleyball -- Marie is currently at Rhode Island while Rachel played at Saint Mary's (CA). In addition, her mother and aunts played collegiately at the University of Tennessee.
- > A native of Lakewood, Colorado (Lakewood HS), Gillcrist averaged 4.7 kills per set during her senior season to go with a .547 kills percentage and a .350 hitting mark. She also averaged 0.9 blocks, 0.5 aces and 1.9 dias per set over 25 matches.
- > Middle blocker Andrea Walker graduated from Vanden High School in Fairfield, California, where she collected all-Solano County Athletic Conference honors following the 2016 season. During her prep career, Walker spent time playing as a right-side hitter after entering the game as a setter.
- > As a senior, Walker averaged 1.6 kills per set to go with a .459 kill percentage and a .204 hitting mark.

#### **STAFF ADDITIONS**

- > The Aztecs have added a new assistant coach and volleyball operations assistant to their 2017 staff.
- > Ken Murczek, a 1998 San Diego State graduate, joins the SDSU program after spending the past season as head coach of the men's volleyball team at the University of Charleston in West Virginia.
- > Prior to his stint in the Mountain State, Murczek served as head coach of the women's teams at North Texas (2010-12) and Wake Forest (2013-15). He also had previous stops as an assistant coach at Virginia (2007) and Kansas (2008-09).
- > Murczek played two seasons for the SDSU men's volleyball team, helping the Scarlet and Black to a top-15 ranking as a senior in 1998.
- > In his current role with the Aztecs, Murczek will be responsible for offensive development and will train the setters and defensive specialists.
- > Last spring, Makayla Westphal was hired as volleyball operations assistant after serving as an intern for the director of operations at the University of Nebraska.
- > As a player, Westphal was a four-year starter as an outside hitter/defensive specialist at Nebraska Wesleyan, where she was a member of the AD31 All-Academic Team and was twice named a Pflieger-Olson Scholar-Athlete.
- > Westphal led the Prairie Wolves in service aces as a senior, helping the team to a 22-7 record.
- > Westphal also coached at the Volleyball Club Nebraska (VCN) girls' club in Lincoln, Nebraska, where she was an assistant for the 15 and 17 Black teams and head coach for the 14 Black squad. She also served as an evaluator for the girls' National Junior and High Performance Team tryouts conducted by USA Volleyball in Omaha.

#### PRESEASON PROGNOSTICATIONS

- > San Diego State was picked to finish third this year in the Mountain West preseason coaches poll released Aug. 16.
- > In the 18-year history of the Mountain West, SDSU has finished first (2012), second (2002, 2011), fourth (2000, 2001, 2003, 2013), fifth (2005, 2015), sixth (1999, 2004, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2014, 2016), seventh (2008) and eighth (2007) in the final league standings.
- > Last year, Colorado State had their streak of seven consecutive conference titles snapped by Boise State, which advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. However, the Rams still received an at-large berth for their 22nd straight postseason appearance.
- > Middle blocker Deja Harris was the only player on the seven-member all-Mountain West preseason team not to represent either Colorado State or Boise State. In 2016, the Las Vegas, Nevada, native garnered all-conference honors for the second year in a row.

2017	2017 Mountain West Preseason Poll					
Rk.	Team (1 st-place votes)	Pts.				
1.	Colorado State (8)	98				
2.	Boise State (3)	93				
3.	San Diego State	79				
4.	Wyoming	67				
5.	Nevada	57				
6.	Utah State	51				
7.	UNLV	42				
8.	San José State	38				
9.	New Mexico	37				
10.	Fresno State	29				
11.	Air Force	14				

# 2017 Preseason All-Mountain West Team Deja Harris, Jr., MB, San Diego State Sierra Nobley, Sr., OH, Boise State (Preseason Player of the Year) Maddi Osburn, Sr., L, Boise State Sanja Cizmic, Sr., OH, Colorado State Kirstie Hillyer, R-So., MB, Colorado State Katie Oleksak, So., S, Colorado State Alexandra Poletto, Sr., MB, Colorado State

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Leading 2-12-1
Trailing 2-11-3
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Leading in Kills7-4
Trailing in Kills0-6
Tied in Kills0-0
BY DIGS
Leading in Digs7-3
Trailing in Digs0-7
Tied in Digs0-0
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Trailing in Blocks4-9
Tied in Blocks0-1
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Greater Attack Percentage
Lower Attack Percentage0-10
Equal Attack Percentage0-0
Hitting above .300
Hitting between .200 and .3004-4
Hitting between .100 and .200
Hitting below .100
Opponent Hitting above .300
Opponent Hitting between .200 and .3003-6
Opponent Hitting between .100 and .2004-1
Opponent Hitting below .100
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BY INDIVIDUAL KILLS
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2 Double-Digit Individual Kill Totals
1 Double-Digit Individual Kill Totals1-1
O Double-Digit Individual Kill Totals0-4

# 2017 AZTEC PHOTO ROSTER



Alexandra PSOMA OH | 5-11 | Jr.



Tammy BYRNE OH | 5-10 | Fr.



**Andrea WALKER** MB | 6-0 | Fr.



**Alexis HARRIS** DS | 5-10 | Fr.

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**Charlee THOMAS** MB | 6-1 | RS-Fr.





**Ashlynn DUNBAR** OH | 6-0 | So.



Hannah TURNLUND 🦱 OH | 5-10 | So.



**Loren TETER** DS | 5-7 | RS-Fr.



Tamia REEVES MB | 6-1 | So.





**Gabi PEOPLES** S | 5-10 | Fr.



**Erin GILLCRIST** MB | 6-1 | Fr.



Devyn PRITCHARD DS | 5-7 | Sr.



Indigo THOMPSON S | 5-6 | Jr.



Deja HARRIS MB | 6-2 | Jr.



**Baylee LITTLE** MB | 6-0 | Sr.



Sam McGRATH DS | 5-4 | RS-Fr.



**Alexis CAGE** OH | 6-2 | Sr.





**Deitre COLLINS-PARKER Head Coach** 



Melanie GREENE Assistant Coach/ **Recruiting Coordinator** 



**Ken MURCZEK Assistant Coach** 



Makayla WESTPHAL **Volleyball Operations** Assistant

## 2017 San Diego State Volleyball San Diego State Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 30, 2017) All matches

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	7-10	4-4	1-4	2-2
CONFERENCE	1-3	1-1	0-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	6-7	3-3	1-2	2-2

				1	Attack			S	et ,		Serve			D	ig ,		В	Blocking				
##	Player	sp	k	k/s	е	ta	pct	a	a/s	sa	se	sa/s	re	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s	be	bhe	points
15	HARRIS, Deja	62	183	2.95	57	343	.367	2	0.03	11	18	0.18	0	31	0.50	10	60	70	1.13	19	2	234.0
7	TURNLUND, Hannah	53	145	2.74	68	356	.216	2	0.04	1	4	0.02	2	25	0.47	0	14	14	0.26	5	0	153.0
6	DUNBAR, Ashlynn	53	119	2.25	74	346	.130	16	0.30	6	16	0.11	9	87	1.64	3	30	33	0.62	3	1	143.0
1	PSOMA, Alexandra	56	124	2.21	78	383	.120	4	0.07	8	22	0.14	15	78	1.39	2	13	15	0.27	1	0	140.5
18	CAGE, Alexis	61	130	2.13	46	374	.225	4	0.07	5	8	0.08	17	139	2.28	2	22	24	0.39	4	1	148.0
16	LITTLE, Baylee	59	84	1.42	34	195	.256	1	0.02	0	0	0.00	0	12	0.20	1	39	40	0.68	8	0	104.5
9	REEVES, Tamia	5	5	1.00	3	16	.125	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	1	2	3	0.60	1	0	7.0
11	PEOPLES, Gabi	53	17	0.32	9	35	.229	412	7.77	4	15	0.08	0	73	1.38	2	14	16	0.30	2	15	30.0
14	THOMPSON, Indigo	35	3	0.09	4	16	062	255	7.29	5	4	0.14	0	38	1.09	0	7	7	0.20	1	4	11.5
13	PRITCHARD, Devyn	61	2	0.03	0	6	.333	50	0.82	12	21	0.20	14	253	4.15	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	14.0
17	MCGRATH, Sam	27	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.04	3	6	0.11	3	30	1.11	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	3.0
8	TETER, Loren	19	0	0.00	0	0	.000	2	0.11	2	5	0.11	2	18	0.95	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	2.0
	TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	SAN DIEGO STATE	62	812	13.10	373	2070	.212	749	12.08	57	119	0.92	76	784	12.65	21	201	121.5	1.96	44	23	990.5
	Opponents	62	757	12.21	305	1998	.226	697	11.24	76	113	1.23	57	734	11.84	21	259	150.5	2.43	31	19	983.5

Team Statistics	SDSU	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	812	757
Errors	373	305
Total Attacks	2070	1998
Attack Pct	.212	.226
Kills/Set	13.1	12.2
SET		
Assists	749	697
Attempts	1990	1868
Assist Pct	.376	.373
Assists/Set	12.1	11.2
SERVE		
Aces	57	76
Errors	119	113
Attempts	1330	1365
Serve Pct	.911	.917
Aces/Set	0.9	1.2
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	76	57
Errors/Set	1.2	0.9
Attempts	1252	1207
Reception Pct	.939	.953
DEFENSE		
Digs	784	734
Digs/Set	12.6	11.8
BLÖCKING		
Block Solo	21	21
Block Assist	201	259
Total Blocks	121.5	150.5
Blocks/Set	2.0	2.4
Block Errors	44	31
Ball handling errors	23	19
ATTENDANCE		
Total	2751	3748
Dates/Avg Per Date	8/344	5/750
Neutral site #/Avg	4/997	
Current win streak	1	-
Home win streak	1	-

Date	Opponent		Score	Score by set	Att.
#Aug 25	EASTERN KENTUCKY	L	1-3	20-25,21-25,25-15,17-25	562
#Aug 26	PORTLAND STATE	W	3-0	25-19,25-22,25-17	342
#Aug 26	CSUN	L	0-3	15-25,17-25,24-26	395
&Sep 01	at #23 Michigan State	L	0-3	17-25,14-25,17-25	389
&Sep 01	vs Corpus Christi	W	3-0	25-19,25-18,25-18	1708
&Sep 02	vs Marshall	L	0-3	18-25,23-25,28-30	1586
^Sep 08	LOYOLA MARYMOUNT	L	0-3	19-25,23-25,22-25	316
^Sep 09	LONG BEACH STATE	W	3-2	14-25,25-21,20-25,25-20,15-3	217
^Sep 09	PACIFIC	W	3-0	25-19,25-17,25-22	322
Sep 12	at #17 San Diego	L	0-3	23-25,18-25,16-25	1252
-Sep 15	vs UC Riverside	L	2-3	19-25,22-25,25-23,25-18,7-15	243
-Sep 16	vs Gonzaga	W	3-2	25-18,25-21,19-25,21-25,15-10	452
~Sep 16	at Denver	W	3-1	20-25,25-22,25-20,28-26	452
*Sep 21	at Utah State	L	1-3	25-21,23-25,14-25,19-25	815
*Sep 23	at Boise State	L	0-3	22-25,16-25,18-25	840
*Sep 28	SAN JOSE STATE	L	2-3	25-18,23-25,29-27,16-25,15-17	266
*Sep 30	NEVADA	W	3-0	25-19,25-20,25-16	331

- # Aztec Invitational (Aztec Court)
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Record in 3-set matches: 4-6 Record in 4-set matches: 1-2 Record in 5-set matches: 2-2

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RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	1-3	1-1	0-2	0-0
CONFERENCE	1-3	1-1	0-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

				Α	ttack			S	et		Serve			D	ig ,		В	locking				
##	Player	sp	k	k/s	е	ta	pct	a	a/s	sa	se	sa/s	re	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s	be	bhe	points
7	TURNLUND, Hannah	15	44	2.93	18	98	.265	1	0.07	0	0	0.00	0	6	0.40	0	4	4	0.27	1	0	46.0
6	DUNBAR, Ashlynn	15	40	2.67	31	124	.073	6	0.40	3	5	0.20	3	34	2.27	3	8	11	0.73	0	1	50.0
15	HARRIS, Deja	15	38	2.53	17	86	.244	1	0.07	2	4	0.13	0	10	0.67	2	13	15	1.00	4	0	48.5
18	CAGE, Alexis	14	29	2.07	16	94	.138	1	0.07	1	2	0.07	5	25	1.79	1	6	7	0.50	1	0	34.0
16	LITTLE, Baylee	15	21	1.40	6	48	.312	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	0.07	1	13	14	0.93	1	0	28.5
1	PSOMA, Alexandra	11	12	1.09	8	44	.091	1	0.09	0	4	0.00	3	11	1.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	12.0
11	PEOPLES, Gabi	13	6	0.46	3	14	.214	125	9.62	0	3	0.00	0	16	1.23	1	8	9	0.69	1	5	11.0
8	TETER, Loren	2	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	1	0.00	1	1	0.50	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
13	PRITCHARD, Devyn	15	0	0.00	0	2	.000	9	0.60	1	4	0.07	3	79	5.27	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
17	MCGRATH, Sam	9	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	2	0.00	0	7	0.78	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
14	THOMPSON, Indigo	4	0	0.00	0	2	.000	24	6.00	0	1	0.00	0	6	1.50	0	1	1	0.25	0	0	0.5
	TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	SAN DIEGO STATE	15	190	12.67	99	512	.178	168	11.20	7	26	0.47	20	196	13.07	8	53	34.5	2.30	8	6	231.5
	Opponents	15	186	12.40	79	499	.214	172	11.47	20	36	1.33	7	183	12.20	1	62	32.0	2.13	5	4	238.0

Team Statistics	SDSU	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	190	186
Errors	99	79
Total Attacks	512	499
Attack Pct	.178	.214
Kills/Set	12.7	12.4
SET		
Assists	168	172
Attempts	490	467
Assist Pct	.343	.368
Assists/Set	11.2	11.5
SERVE		
Aces	7	20
Errors	26	36
Attempts	321	337
Serve Pct	.919	.893
Aces/Set	0.5	1.3
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	20	7
Errors/Set	1.3	0.5
Attempts	301	294
Reception Pct	.934	.976
DEFENSE		
Digs	196	183
Digs/Set	13.1	12.2
BLÖCKING		
Block Solo	8	1
Block Assist	53	62
Total Blocks	34.5	32.0
Blocks/Set	2.3	2.1
Block Errors	8	5
Ball handling errors	6	4
ATTENDANCE		
Total	597	1655
Dates/Avg Per Date	2/298	2/828
Neutral site #/Avg	0/0	
Current win streak	1	-
Home win streak	1	-

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*Sep 21	at Utah State	L	1-3	25-21,23-25,14-25,19-25	815
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