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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT. 18 - SEPT. 29

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17	18 Women's Soccer at UC Riverside 5 p.m. Volleyball at Loyola Marymount 6 p.m.	19 Men's Soccer at Christian Heritage 4 p.m.	20 Volleyball at Air Force 7 p.m.	21 Men's Golf (thru Sat.) at Tucker Invite Men's Soccer <i>Diadora Classic</i> vs. Gonzaga 3 p.m.	22 Cross Country at UC Riverside Invite 9 a.m. at Pre-Champs. Meet 9 a.m. Volleyball at New Mexico 7 p.m.
23 Women's Soccer California 1 p.m. Sports Deck Men's Soccer <i>Diadora Classic</i> at Oregon State 2 p.m.	24 Women's Golf (thru Tues.) at Pioneer Intercollegiate	25	26	27 Volleyball Colorado State 7 p.m. Peterson Gym	28 Men's Soccer UC Riverside 4 p.m. Sports Deck Women's Soccer <i>adidas Classic</i> vs. Stanford 5 p.m.	29 Cross Country at Stanford Invitational 4 p.m.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Aztecs prepare for first road contests of the season

2001 Schedule and Results (0-2-1)

Date	(Rank) Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 31	(13) Santa Clara	L, 0-1 ot
Sept. 2	Notre Dame de Namur	T, 1-1 2ot
Sept. 6	UC Santa Barbara	L, 1-3
Sept. 14	Hofstra#	Canceled
Sept. 16	Albany#	Canceled
Sept. 19	at Christian Heritage	4 p.m.
Sept. 21	vs. Gonzaga	3 p.m.
Sept. 23	at Oregon State~	2 p.m.
Sept. 28	UC Riverside	4 p.m.
Sept. 30	Brown	1 p.m.
Oct. 4	Christian Heritage	4 p.m.
Oct. 7	UCLA	3 p.m.
Oct. 12	Denver*	4 p.m.
Oct. 14	Air Force*	2 p.m.
Oct. 19	at San Jose State*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	at Fresno State*	3 p.m.
Oct. 26	UNLV*	4 p.m.
Oct. 28	New Mexico*	2 p.m.
Oct. 31	at CSU Fullerton	7 p.m.
Nov. 4	at CSU Sacramento*	3 p.m.
Nov. 8-11	MPSF Championship^	TBA
Nov. 18	San Diego	2 p.m.

All Times local to site

#USD/SDSU Tournament at SDSU

~Diadora Classic at Oregon State

*Mountain Pacific Sports Federation

^Hosted by Fresno State

Statistical Leaders

Player	G	A	Pts	Sh
Enrique Tovar	1	0	2	9
Eric Wohl	1	0	2	4
Patrick Strait	0	1	1	1
Paul Szefer	0	1	1	1
Ryan Curtis	0	1	1	1
Kevin Sapanli	0	0	0	12
Mauricio Soler	0	0	0	3

Goalkeeping Statistics

Player	Min.	GA	GAA	Sv
Tim Edwards	210:00	4	1.71	8
Brian Barnes	101:38	1	0.89	3



New Schedule

The San Diego State men's soccer team continues its schedule this week with its first road contests of the year. The team starts the week traveling to nearby El Cajon for a 4 p.m. match Wednesday with Christian Heritage. Wednesday's match was added to the Aztecs' schedule late Monday to replace the team's canceled matches last week with Hofstra and Albany. Wednesday's match is the first of a home-and-home series with the Hawks, who travel to the Sports Deck for a 4 p.m. match on Oct. 4. Later in the week, SDSU embarks on its first true road trip of the campaign, heading to Oregon to compete against Gonzaga on Friday at 3 p.m. and Oregon State Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Diadora Classic. The event is hosted by Oregon State. SDSU is coming off a 3-1 loss to UC Santa Barbara on Sept. 6.

Barnes Watch

Returning for his junior season is Academic All-America candidate goalkeeper Brian Barnes. The 2000 first-team all-MPSF and all-academic team pick, who holds the single-season school record for saves (90) and is third in career saves (157), serves as team captain in 2001. He is the only player listed in the school's top three in career saves with only two seasons of experience. Barnes sat out the last two matches due to injury, but is expected to return this weekend.

Setting The Tone

Setting the tone of the Aztec offense this season has been a local product, sophomore midfielder Kevin Sapanli. While Sapanli has yet to find the net in 2001, he has applied considerable pressure on opposing defenses and leads the squad in shots with 12.

The New Class

Half of SDSU's goals this season have come by way of the freshman class, with the Aztecs' first score of the season coming courtesy of the frosh duo of Eric Wohl and Paul Szefer. Wohl recorded his first collegiate goal (off a pass from Szefer) versus Notre Dame de Namur on Sept. 2. This season's incoming class has also provided familiar faces to the starting lineup with Szefer, defender Aaron Frimkess, forward Mauricio Soler and forward/defender Patrick Strait receiving the starting nod at least once thus far.

Coaching Staff

San Diego State is led by second-year head coach Lev Kirshner. Kirshner is assisted by Matt Hall, in his second season, and Dave Siracusa, in his first year. Hall, who serves as goalkeeping coach, holds SDSU's record for saves in a career with 213 and is listed second on the program's saves in a season list (89). Former Aztec Rene Miramontes serves as volunteer coach and advises the team on technical aspects of the game. Miramontes played for the scarlet and black in 1976-77 and '79-80.

This Week...

Wed., Sept. 19 at Christian Heritage

Diadora Classic

Fri., Sept. 21 vs. Gonzaga

Sun., Sept. 23 at Oregon State

Home Field Advantage

To say SDSU has a home field in 2001 would be an understatement. The team plays 12 matches at the Sports Deck this season, including three straight to start the year. Five of the team's eight matches in September and six of nine in October come on its home turf.

Strength Of Schedule

Not only is the Aztecs' schedule full of home dates it also brings some of the nation's most competitive teams to San Diego. The non-conference slate sees them host 2000 NCAA tournament participants UCLA, Brown, CSU Fullerton and San Diego. Brown advanced to the round of eight in last year's national championship. USD is currently ranked 15th in the NSCAA/adidas rankings along with CSU Fullerton (21) and UCLA (22).

More Polling

Several Aztec opponents are also listed in this week's *College Soccer News* rankings. USD is the highest at No. 3, followed by UCLA (13) and conference opponent San Jose State (20). Santa Clara is 23rd and Brown is 26th.

Scouting Christian Heritage

SDSU has never lost a contest versus Christian Heritage, posting a 5-0-0 record all-time against the program. The Aztecs defeated the Hawks, 5-0, in last year's opener. Christian Heritage is 2-3 this year following a 4-0 victory over Occidental last Wednesday. The squad's leading scorer is Jason Aldous who is responsible for six of the team's 10 goals this year.

Scouting Gonzaga

Gonzaga owns a 1-2-0 mark after a 1-0 loss to UC Irvine on Sept. 8. The team's lone goal of the season came in its 1-0 victory over Denver. The Zags and Aztecs have met three times since 1995 with the last meeting resulting in a 2-0 loss for SDSU during the 1999 campaign. SDSU's only win in the series came in the form of a 4-1 score in 1995.

Scouting Oregon State

The Beavers are in search of their first win of the season owning an 0-4-0 mark. The team goes into the tournament after a 1-0 loss to San Francisco on Sept. 9. Much like SDSU, Oregon State has seen its share of overtime matches with two of its contests thus far going into the extra period. The team suffered losses to Santa Clara and Drake in double overtime.

Things To Come

Following this weekend's festivities the Aztecs return to San Diego for six-straight home contests starting with UC Riverside on Sept. 28. The team closes out the weekend on the 30th against Brown. The homestand continues with non-conference matches against Christian Heritage (Oct. 4) and UCLA (Oct. 7). The Aztecs get their conference slate underway with home matches against Denver (Oct. 12) and Air Force (Oct. 14).

W O M E N ' S S O C C E R

Aztecs prepare for end of three-match week

2001 Schedule and Results (3-2-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 31	at Montana +	W, 3-0
Sept. 2	vs. Eastern Washington +	W, 3-0
Sept. 7	South Carolina #	L, 1-2
Sept. 9	Kansas #	L, 0-1
Sept. 16	Duke	Canceled
Sept. 17	CSU Fullerton	W, 3-2 ot
Sept. 18	at UC Riverside	5 p.m.
Sept. 23	California	1 p.m.
Sept. 28	vs. Stanford ^	5 p.m.
Sept. 30	at Santa Clara ^	1 p.m.
Oct. 5	Pepperdine	3 p.m.
Oct. 7	USC	1 p.m.
Oct. 11	Utah *	3 p.m.
Oct. 13	Brigham Young *	1 p.m.
Oct. 19	at Wyoming *	4 p.m.
Oct. 21	at Air Force *	Noon
Oct. 28	at New Mexico *	1 p.m.
Nov. 3	at UNLV *	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7-10	MWC Tournament	TBA

+ Diadora Cup at Montana
 # SDSU Invitational
 ^ adidas Classic at Santa Clara
 * Mountain West Conference match

Statistical Leaders

Player	G	A	Pts	Sh
Kim Castellanos	4	1	9	21
Nicole Findlay	3	1	7	7
Fay deLeon	1	2	4	9
Arinda Alvarez	0	3	3	19
Hannah Garl	1	0	2	1
Danielle Small	0	1	1	7
Rebecca Prilaman	0	1	1	2

Goalkeeping Statistics

Player	Min.	GA	GAA	Sv
Erin Haentjens	155:14	0	0.00	4
Stephanie Pearson	24:46	0	0.00	3
Linnea Quinones	275:00	5	0.99	17



This Week

After a quick trip up the I-15 to take on UC Riverside Tuesday evening, the Aztecs return home on Sunday for a game against 13th-ranked California at 1:00 p.m. at the SDSU Sports Deck.

Series Records

San Diego State will meet UC Riverside for the first time as the Highlanders are in their first season as a Division I soccer program. UCR is a member of the Big West Conference this season. The Aztecs are 3-4 all-time against California. The teams last met in 1999 with the Bears claiming a 1-0 win in Berkeley.

Most Recently

Kim Castellanos' goal five minutes into overtime gave SDSU a 3-2 win over Cal State Fullerton Monday afternoon (Sept. 17) at the SDSU Sports Deck. The Aztecs took a 2-0 lead on goals by Fay deLeon and Jane Specht, only to have the Titans knot the score midway through the second half. The winning goal came after deLeon made a 60-yard run from her defensive position and sent a cross in from the right that Castellanos hit on the volley into the upper right corner of the net.

Clegg Seeks 100th Win

Chuck Clegg is his ninth season in charge of the SDSU women's soccer program with a record of 99-55-5 (.638). His next win will reward him with his 100th victory as head coach of the Aztec women. He would become the 48th coach in NCAA women's soccer history to achieve that milestone. Clegg coached the women in 1989, the first year of the program, then relinquished that position to concentrate on the Aztec men's program which he headed from 1982 to 1999. He was head coach of both the SDSU men and women from 1994 through 1999 before retiring from the men's program after the 1999 campaign. His final record as coach of the SDSU men was 194-134-9 (.592).

Scouting the Opponents

UC Riverside is undefeated as a Division I program, entering the week with a 2-0 mark. The Highlanders have claimed wins over Southern Utah (6-0) and Nevada (3-0). Jessica Arnel leads the UCR offense with three goals and an assist, followed by Courtney Burns and Jackie Shaffer, each with a pair of goals and an assist.

The California Golden Bears (4-1-0) are ranked 13th this week in the NSCAA and Soccer America polls. Cal defeated third-ranked Santa Clara, 2-1, on the Broncos' home field on Monday (Sept. 17). The Bears' top scorers include Kyla Sabo (5g, 1a) and Laura Schott (4, 1a), both of whom scored in the win over Santa Clara. Cal's roster contains a pair of players from the San Diego area: midfielder Jordan Iantorno (Torrey Pines HS)

This Week...

Tues., Sept. 18 at UC Riverside

Sun., Sept. 23 vs. California

and defender Alea Kerch (La Jolla HS).

She Shoots, She Scores

Kim Castellanos resumed her goal-scoring ways with her strike against Fullerton on Monday. The sophomore from Rancho Bernardo High School has scored a goal in four of San Diego State's five matches this season. With her goal this past Monday, Castellanos has moved into a tie for the No. 10 spot on the SDSU career goal list with 14. She is currently tied with former Aztec Reese Cicchinelli, who had 14 goals in four seasons (1991-92, 1994-95) at San Diego State. Three players are tied for seventh on the career goal chart with 16.

deLeon Gets Offensive

While being utilized primarily as a sweeper/marking back this season, senior Fay deLeon had not been greatly involved in the offense action until the Fullerton game. She scored her 13th career goal on a 45-yard shot from a free kick that sailed over the Fullerton goalie into the net. She then had an assist from almost the same spot on SDSU's second goal of the game (by Jane Specht). deLeon was also the catalyst on the game-winner, making a 60-yard run before whipping in a cross from the right that Kim Castellanos put into the net. With her goal and pair of assists in Monday's contest, deLeon has moved into the No. 6 spot on the Aztec career points list with 51 (13 goals, 25 assists). Her 25 career assists ranked third on the SDSU career chart.

Findlay Out

Senior forward Nicole Findlay, who scored three times in SDSU's first two games this season, suffered an ankle injury in the match against South Carolina on Sept. 7 and has not played since. She will not play this week, but could be available when the Aztecs travel to the Santa Clara adidas Classic the weekend of Sept. 28-30.

Working Overtime

The 3-2 win over Fullerton on Monday was the Aztecs' first overtime contest since a 1-0 loss to Harvard on Oct. 1, 2000. SDSU's overtime goal was its first since Nov. 15, 1998, when it defeated USC, 1-0, in the second round of the NCAA Tournament on a penalty kick by Lori LaCoursiere. Since the program started in 1989, San Diego State has played overtime in 25 matches. Its record in those games is 7-4-14.

On The Horizon

Following the California game on Sunday, the Aztecs will travel to Santa Clara for the adidas Classic where they will face a pair of ranked teams. SDSU will take on No. 7 Stanford on Sept. 28, followed by a match against third-ranked Santa Clara on Sept. 30.

MEN'S GOLF

Aztecs head to New Mexico after placing 2nd in North Carolina

William H. Tucker Invitational The Championship Course at UNM Albuquerque, N.M.

Dates: Sept. 21-22

Par: 72

Yardage: 7,248

The Field: San Diego State, Air Force, Arizona, Arizona State, BYU, Colorado, Colorado State, Hawai'i, New Mexico, New Mexico State, Oregon State, Pepperdine, SE Louisiana, USC, Texas A&M, UNLV, Utah, Wyoming, Texas-El Paso

2001-02 Schedule and Results

Fall

Date	Event	Result
S. 10-11	Mid Pines Intercollegiate	2nd (847)
S. 21-22	Tucker Invitational	
O. 5-6	Lexus Classic	
O. 8-9	Spaulding Intercollegiate	
N. 5-6	Aztec Invitational	

Spring

Date	Event	Result
F. 20-22	John Burns Intercollegiate	
M. 7-8	Pacific Coast Intercollegiate	
M. 18-19	USD Invitational	
M. 25-26	Oregon Duck Invitational	
A. 5-6	Texas A&M Invitational	
A. 20-21	Stanford Invitational	
A. 29-M. 1	MWC Championships	
M. 16-18	NCAA Regionals	
M. 29-J. 1	NCAA Championships	



Tucker Invitational On Tap For Aztecs

Fresh off its second-place finish at the Mid Pines Intercollegiate, the San Diego State men's golf team will face what could be a preview of next spring's NCAA West Regional at the 47th annual William H. Tucker Invitational Friday and Saturday in Albuquerque, N.M. The two-day, 54-hole tournament is being hosted by the University of New Mexico at UNM's Championship Course. The par 72, 7,248-yard venue will also host the 2002 NCAA West Regional, May 16-18. The tournament opens with two rounds on Friday, Sept. 21, followed by the third and final round on Saturday, Sept. 22.

Formidable Field

The field at this year's William H. Tucker Invitational should be one of the most challenging of the season for the Aztecs. In addition to 23rd-ranked San Diego State, the field features 10 teams that opened the season in *Golfweek's* college golf rankings, including six top-25 squads.

Tucker Rewind

San Diego State was in the hunt until the final day at last year's William H. Tucker Invitational before finishing seventh at 14-over 878. Brigham Young, one of only two teams to break par, finished atop the pack at 3-under 861. UNLV placed second at 1-under 863 as Mountain West Conference teams accounted for four of the top seven scores. Individually, John Lieber was the only Aztec to shoot a sub-par total, placing eighth at 1-under 215.

A Quick Look At The Aztecs

The San Diego State men's golf team picked up right where it left off in 2001, shooting a combined 17-under-par total of 847 to take second at last week's Mid Pines Intercollegiate in Southern Pines, N.C. The tournament was won by Texas Tech, which bested SDSU by three strokes, carding a combined 20-under 844. Junior John Lieber fired a third-round 3-under 69 to climb from sixth to third in the final individual standings with a two-day total of 9-under 207. Sophomore Mark Warman also finished in the top five, completing the 54-holes a stroke behind Lieber at 8-under 208. Junior Lars Johannson and freshman Gilberto Rodriguez both carded final rounds of 70 to tie for 21st, while senior Brandon Kearney placed 36th.

Statistically Speaking

Two Aztecs, John Lieber and Mark Warman, posted sub-70 stroke ratings at the Mid Pines Intercollegiate, averaging 69.0 and 69.3 over the three-round tournament. Lars Johannson and Gilberto Rodriguez weren't far behind at 72.3 strokes per round, as each golfer nearly averaged par for the 54-hole event.

This Week...

Sept. 21-22

William H. Tucker Invitational

Player	2001 Avg./Rds
Lars Johannson	72.4/36
John Lieber	72.8/33
Aaron Choi	72.8/6
Chris Galeski	73.0/6
John Lepak	73.1/33
Scott Henderson	74.0/3
Brian Miller	74.6/30
Mark Warman	76.2/9
Linus Nilsson	76.6/9

How Low Can You Go

Lars Johannson, the 2001 Mountain West Conference Player of the Year, led both SDSU and the league in stroke average at 72.4 over 36 rounds last season. John Lieber (72.8) and John Lepak (73.1) also finished up among the MWC's top 10 in stroke average, ranking fifth and seventh, respectively, among those players with at least 10 rounds of play.

Give That Man A Medal

San Diego State golfers brought home medalist honors in three tournaments last season. Lars Johannson led the way, winning back to back tournament's at the Western Intercollegiate (10-under, 206) and the BYU Cougar Classic (7-under, 209). John Lepak completed the Aztec trifecta, winning the Mountain West Conference individual championship (3-over, 219) in cold and windy conditions. John Lieber nearly opened the season with another medal for the Aztecs, finishing just one stroke off the pace at last week's Mid Pines Intercollegiate.

Fast Finishers

After posting 19 top-10 finishes last season, San Diego State golfers were at it again in Southern Pines, N.C., as both John Lieber and Mark Warman finish near the top of the leaderboard in third and fifth, respectively. Lars Johannson, who finished tied for 21st at Mid Pines, led the way a year ago, placing in the top 10 in an amazing 7-of-12 tournaments. Lieber and John Lepak weren't far behind with five and six top-10 finishes, respectively. Brian Miller posted the Aztecs' other top-10 finish during 2000-01 with his 10th at the Fresno Lexus Classic.

Head Coach Dale Walker

San Diego State enters its second season under the direction of head coach Dale Walker. He guided the Aztecs to a top-25 ranking and a 12th-place finish at the 2001 NCAA West Regional in his first year at the helm. A 1980 graduate of SDSU, Walker was a standout performer for the Aztecs from 1975-79, competing in every event.

WOMEN'S GOLF

This Week...

Sept. 24-25

Pioneer Intercollegiate

Aztecs take second shot at season opener

Pioneer Intercollegiate Highlands Ranch Golf Club Denver, Colo.

Dates: Sept. 24-25

Par: 72

Yardage: 6,252

The Field: San Diego State, Denver, Brigham Young, Colorado, Colorado State, Hawai'i, Iowa State, Nebraska, Nevada, Northern Arizona, Portland, Portland State, Weber State, Wyoming

2001-02 Schedule and Results

Fall

Date	Event	Result
S. 13-15	McGuire Invitational	DNP
S. 24-25	Pioneer Intercollegiate	
O. 8-10	NMSU Invitational	
O. 30-31	Hawaii Invitational	

Spring

Date	Event	Result
F. 18-19	Aztec Invitational	
F. 25-26	Bay Area Classic	
M. 11-12	Pioneer Electronic Classic	
M. 28-29	Nike/Duck Invitational	
A. 8-9	Utah Dixie Classic	
A. 13-14	Bernard Calif. Collegiate	
A. 22-24	MWC Championships	
M. 9-11	NCAA West Regionals	
M. 21-24	NCAAChampionships	



Lets Try This Again

After not traveling to last week's 23rd Annual Comcast/Dick McGuire Invitational at New Mexico, the San Diego State women's golf team will take a second crack at a season opener, traveling to Denver, Colo., for the Pioneer Intercollegiate, Sept. 24-25. The two-day tournament will be hosted by the University of Denver at the Highlands Ranch Golf Course (Par 72, 6,252).

Young And Younger

San Diego State will be sporting a youthful glow at this week's Pioneer Invitational as two sophomores and two freshmen will be in the five-player lineup. Senior Heather Rollo, who finished ninth in the Mountain West Conference a year ago with a 77.6 stroke average, will play in the No. 1 slot followed by sophomores Sandy Kim and Shayna Miyajima and freshmen Frieda Englund and Brittany Bailey, respectively.

A Quick Look At The Aztecs

San Diego State placed second at last year's Mountain West Conference championship before advancing to the NCAAEast Regional.

Overall, the Aztecs recorded six top-three finishes as a team last, including a victory at Colorado's Heather Farr Memorial. SDSU was especially hot during the fall, placing in the top-three in four straight tournaments to open the season.

San Diego State returns 10 players off its 2000-01 roster. To the list the Aztecs have added five freshmen. Joanne Clingan, who posted the conference's second-best stroke average last season at 76.0 and was SDSU's only medalist with a win at the Lady Aztec Invitational, completed her eligibility in May and is the lone Aztec who completed at least 10 rounds last season not returning.

Pin-Seekers

Two Aztec returnees, Heather Rollo and Asa Jankler, posted top-10 finishes last season. Rollo was the most productive, placing in the top 10 four times, including a second at the Bay Area Classic. The senior-to-be was especially hot during the spring, turning in San Diego State's best finish in 5-of-8 events. Jankler was the Aztecs' top finisher three times, carding a second at the Oregon State Shanico Invitational for her best placing.

Aztec Coaching Staff

San Diego State will be led by head coach Neale Stoner and assistant coach Felicia Brown in 2001-02 following the retirement of long-time head coach Diana Falar in May. Stoner coached the Aztec men from 1993-2000, leading the Aztecs to four NCAA regionals and a champi-

onship appearance. Brown, who played at the University of Arizona and later professionally on the Players West Golf Tour, is in her first season on the Mesa.

CROSS COUNTRY

Aztecs return to action at UC Riverside Invitational

Schedule and Results

Date	Event	Time/Result
Sept. 1	at CSU Fullerton Invite	8th/15
Sept. 15	Aztec Invitational	Canceled
Sept. 22	at UC Riverside Invite	9 a.m.
Sept. 29	at Stanford Invitational	4 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Long Beach Invite	8 a.m.
Oct. 13	at UCSD Invitational	9 a.m.
Oct. 27	at MWC Championships*	9 a.m.

*Albuquerque, N.M.



Back In Action

After two weeks away from competition, the San Diego State cross country team continues its 2001 schedule Saturday when it competes in the UC Riverside Invite. The event is scheduled to get underway at 9 a.m.

Looking Back

The Aztecs finished eighth in the 20-team field at last year's UC Riverside Invite. The team's top finisher was Allison Brown, who placed ninth overall with a time of 19:23. That same weekend, SDSU took first place at the 13-team Hawai'i Invite placing three runners, Kylie Edwards (18:20), Sophia Hawker (18:23) and Alicia Stewart (18:50), in the top 10. Those three finished third, fourth and ninth, respectively.

Aztec Invite Canceled

The 58th annual Aztec Invitational, scheduled for Sept. 16 in Balboa Park, was canceled due to the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington D.C. and will not be rescheduled. The event was the Aztecs' lone home contest of the season.

SDSU Lately

SDSU got its 2001 campaign started with an eighth-place finish at the CSU Fullerton Jammin' Invitational on Sept. 1. The Aztecs were led by junior Jennifer Stakiw, whose time of 19:43.30 was good for 42nd-place, and Allison Brown's time of 20:22.40, which earned her 69th-place. Amanda Vielbaum (82nd) and Laura Preston (93rd) set personal bests at the meet, finishing in 20:38.70 and 21:03.00, respectively. Rounding out SDSU's top five finishers was Nika Dunn (21:06.70).

This Week...

Sat., Sept. 22
at UC Riverside Invitational

2000 Season In Review

SDSU wrapped up its 2000 season with a fifth-place finish at the Mountain West Conference meet in Ft. Collins, Colo. Kylie Edwards had the highest finish of any Aztec, coming in 31st. Brigham Young took home first-place honors followed by Colorado State. The highlight of the Aztecs' regular season came in the form of a first-place finish at the Hawai'i Invite in September.

Coaching Staff

The Aztecs are led by the coaching staff of Rahn Sheffield and Jennifer Nanista. A 1990 graduate of SDSU, Nanista is one of the best middle distance runners to don the scarlet and black. She finished second in the 800 meters at both the 1989 and '90 Big West Conference Championships. She continues to compete as a member of the Sheffield Elite Track Club.

Looking Ahead

SDSU will be in Palo Alto next Saturday (Sept. 23) to compete in the Stanford Invitational. The event is scheduled to get underway at 4 p.m. The Aztecs get the October portion of its schedule underway on the 6th when they travel to the Long Beach Invitational. On Oct. 13 the team will be in action at the UNLV and UC San Diego Invites, before heading to Albuquerque, N.M. for the Mountain West Conference championships on Oct. 27.