

Aztec Basketball

GAME 14



**San Diego State (9-4)
at Texas A&M-CC (5-8)**

Tuesday, January 8, 2002

7:05 p.m. CST/5:05 p.m. PST

Circle K Court (3,500)

Corpus Christi, Texas

Tip Time: 7:05 p.m. CST

Television: None.

Radio: KPOP AM-1360 in San Diego. Jim Stone (play-by-play), Dave Marcus (producer).

The Records: San Diego State is 9-4 after claiming its fourth victory in five games with a 90-72 victory over IPFW (Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne) on Wednesday at Cox Arena. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi is 5-8 following a 65-63 loss at San Francisco on Saturday night.

SDSU Coach Steve Fisher: Fisher (Illinois State '67) is in his third season at San Diego State with a record of 28-41. Now in his 11th full season he has amassed a 212-123 mark. Fisher led Michigan to the 1989 national championship and made three trips to the national championship game in his eight full seasons in Ann Arbor. The 1991-92 national coach of the year led the Aztecs to a 14-14 mark last year.

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Coach Ronnie

Arrow: Arrow (Southwest Texas State '69) is in his third season with the Islanders and owns a 32-35 mark. In his 10th season overall, Arrow owns a 145-128 record. He guided South Alabama to two NCAA tournaments and was named the Sun Belt Coach of the Year on two occasions.

The Series: San Diego State leads the series 1-0 following an 84-70 victory over the Islanders last season (Jan. 4, 2001). Randy Holcomb (26), Al Faux (22) and Myron Epps (21) all scored in double figures for the Aztecs who led by double digits the final 22 minutes of the game.

SDSU Schedule/Results

Red Raider Classic (Lubbock, Texas)

N.16	vs. Northern Iowa	.....W, 71-57
N.17	at Texas Tech	.....L, 71-81
N.21	Norfolk State	.....W, 78-71
N.24	at New Mexico State	.....L, 79-94
N.27	UC San Diego	.....W, 98-53
D.1	Cal State Northridge	.....W, 80-70
D.5	at San Diego	.....L, 67-72
D.8	(21/16) Fresno State	.....W, 93-78
D.14	at Hawaii	.....W, 61-58
D.20	Eastern Washington	.....W, 86-58
D.29	at (1/1) Duke	.....L, 79-92
D.31	Columbia	.....W, 75-59
J.2	IPFW	.....W, 90-72
J.8	at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	5:00 p.m.
J.12	at Brigham Young*	3:00 p.m.
J.14	at Utah*	6:00 p.m.
J.19	Colorado State*	7:35 p.m.
J.21	Wyoming*	9:00 p.m.
J.26	UNLV*	7:35 p.m.
J.29	Houston	7:35 p.m.
F.2	at New Mexico*	6:05 p.m.
F.4	at Air Force*	6:05 p.m.
F.9	Utah*	3:00 p.m.
F.11	Brigham Young*	7:35 p.m.
F.16	at Colorado State*	6:00 p.m.
F.18	at Wyoming*	6:00 p.m.
F.23	at UNLV*	7:35 p.m.
F.28	New Mexico*	8:05 p.m.
M.2	Air Force*	6:35 p.m.

Mountain West Tournament (Las Vegas, Nev.)

M.7-9 at Thomas & Mack Center

A Look Ahead: Game 15

at Brigham Young (10-3)

Saturday, January 12, 2002

4:00 p.m. MST/3:00 p.m. PST

Marriott Center (22,700)

Provo, Utah

Television: SportsWest (including Channel 4 San Diego)

Radio: XTRA AM-690 in San Diego.

The Series: Brigham Young owns a 34-13 series advantage and has won the last seven encounters between the teams. The Aztecs are 2-20 lifetime in Provo, claiming victories on Jan. 31, 1985 and Dec. 31, 1996.

Final Test Before Mountain West Play Begins, Takes Streaking Aztecs Back to Texas

Having secured its ninth victory on the season on Jan. 2nd, the earliest date in school history, San Diego State (9-4) plays the first of three consecutive road games at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on Tuesday, Jan. 8. The game is scheduled to begin at 7:05 p.m. CST (5:05 p.m. PST), and will be broadcast on KPOP AM-1360 in San Diego (no television coverage).

The Aztecs, which have won five of six and seven of their last nine games, wrapped up a stretch of three games in five days with a 90-72 victory over IPFW (Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne). San Diego led by as many as 22 points in the contest and the Mastodons were not able to draw closer than eight points in the final 33:22 of the contest.

Senior forward Randy Holcomb recorded his 13th career double-double with a game-high 22 points and 13 rebounds while sophomore forward Chris Walton added 12 points and a career-best 10 rebounds for his first double-double.

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi is 5-8 overall after suffering a pair of losses in the Golden State. The Islanders fell at Sacramento State, 82-69, on Thursday night and dropped a 65-63 decision at San Francisco on Saturday night. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi is 5-2 at home this season and has won four straight games at Circle K Court.

Following Tuesday's game, the Aztecs return to San Diego for two days before traveling to the Beehive State on Friday for games against Brigham Young on Saturday and Utah on Monday.

On the Line

► For the seven seasons from 1993-94 to 1998-99, San Diego State had an average RPI of 190. Last season, the Aztecs jumped to 154 in the final RPI and this season, as of Sunday, San Diego State was 36 in the RPI.

► Since the beginning of the 2000-01 season, San Diego State has compiled a 23-18 record. That is the same number of victories the Aztecs had in the 95 games prior to the '00-01 campaign when the Aztecs were 23-72.

► San Diego State, had the eighth-largest turnaround nationally last season according to the Sagarin Ratings, going from a preseason ranking of 262 to 143 in the final ranking. This season the Aztecs are showing that last season was no fluke, making the second biggest improvement to date from a preseason position of 203 to a position of 49 (through Thursday). That is an improvement of 154 positions.

► Through games played Monday, San Diego State ranked 13th nationally in field goal percentage at 49.6 percent (Villanova leads the nation at 52.3 percent). The Aztecs have shot better than 50 percent from the floor in three of the last four games.

► The Aztecs are attempting to win their 10th non-conference game of the season matching the non-conference win total last season. It would mark just the second time in 16 seasons that SDSU has won 10 non-conference games in a campaign. What makes this season's record even more impressive is the fact that the Aztecs are 9-4 against the nation's 15th most difficult schedule according to the RPI.

► The Aztecs have two win streaks that are not in jeopardy against the Islanders. SDSU has won a Division I school-record 12 straight non-conference home games. Also, the Aztecs have won a facility record eight straight games at Cox Arena. The streak is the longest for the Aztecs at home since winning nine straight from Feb. 24, 1996 to Jan. 16, 1997 (broken Jan. 18, 1997).

Week-At-A-Glance

Sunday, January 6

8:30 a.m. SDSU Practice at Cox Arena

Monday, January 7

8:30 a.m. SDSU Practice at Cox Arena

12:55 p.m. Depart for Houston

8:12 p.m. Arrive Corpus Christi

Tuesday, January 8

11:00 a.m. SDSU Practice - CLOSED

7:05 p.m. SDSU at Texas A&M-CC

Wednesday, January 9

9:50 a.m. Depart for San Diego

1:10 p.m. Arrive in San Diego

Times local to site.

► **NOTE OF THE WEEK:** For the seven seasons from 1993-94 to 1998-99, San Diego State had an average RPI of 190. Last season, the Aztecs jumped to 154 in the final RPI and this season, as of Tuesday, San Diego State was 47 in the RPI.



SDSU Quick Facts

Location	San Diego, CA 92182
Founded	1897
Symbol	Aztecs
Colors	Scarlet (PMS 185) and Black
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Aztecs Celebrate New Year with 90-72 Victory over IPFW

The Aztecs extended their Division I school record home win streak to 11 games and their arena record win streak to eight games with a 90-72 victory over IPFW.

Senior forward Randy Holcomb and sophomore forward Chris Walton each recorded double-doubles for the Aztecs, which led by at least eight points the final 32:13 of the contest.

Playing for the third time in five days, San Diego State failed to shoot 50 percent from the field for the first time in four games, but used a 46-37 rebound advantage and a 27-13 edge from the free-throw line in the victory.

Holcomb recorded his seventh double-double of the season and the 13th of his career with 22 points and 13 rebounds.

Walton pulled down a career-best 10 rebounds and added 12 points for his first double-double.

IPFW Postgame Notes

► San Diego State claimed its ninth victory of the season on Jan. 2, the earliest date on which the Aztecs have won their ninth game in the Division I era (since 1969-70 season). The previous earliest ninth win came on Jan. 3 of the 1984-85 season when the Aztecs improved to 9-2 with a win over Wyoming. That season, the Aztecs finished the campaign with a 23-8 mark and advanced to their third and most recent NCAA Division I Tournament.

► The win is the 12th straight non-conference home victory extending the Division I school record. Prior to this season the record was 10 straight non-conference victories from Dec. 8, 1995 to Dec. 23, 1996 (broken Nov. 14, 1997).

► San Diego State extended its Cox Arena record-winning streak to eight games and the Aztecs are a perfect 7-0 at home this season. The streak is the longest for the Aztecs at home since winning nine straight from Feb. 24, 1996-Jan. 16, 1997 (broken Jan. 18, 1997).

► San Diego State is 7-0 at home this year, its best home record to open a season since winning the first eight home games in 1996-97. Of the seven home wins, only one has come by fewer than 10 points (Norfolk State, 78-71). The average margin of victory at home this season is 32.1.

► San Diego State is now 19-6 (76.0 percent) against non-Mountain West Conference competition since the beginning of the 2000-01 season.

► San Diego State is 23-18 since the beginning of the 2000-01 season. The 23 victories equal the total number

► San Diego State 90, IPFW 72

Game 13 • Jan. 2 • Cox Arena • San Diego, Calif.

IPFW	FG	3FG	FT	R	F	TP	A	T	B	S	MP
Wise	f 7-20	1-8	3-3	3	3	18	3	0	0	0	36
Kessenich	f 6-9	0-1	2-4	6	4	14	0	1	0	1	34
Njie	c 0-2	0-0	1-2	5	1	1	0	3	0	0	8
King	g 0-4	0-1	2-2	2	5	2	1	2	0	2	15
Woodall	g 3-5	0-1	2-4	2	4	8	5	4	0	4	28
Collins	g 3-9	0-3	0-0	3	6	2	3	0	0	0	16
Batts	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	4
Henderson	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	8
Noll	2-6	0-3	0-0	2	1	4	2	2	0	1	16
Shepherd	4-7	0-1	3-4	5	4	11	2	2	0	2	23
Reutter	2-4	0-0	0-0	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	12
TOTALS	29-71	1-18	13-19	37	29	72	15	18	0	11	200
Percentages	.408	.056	.684								

San Diego State	FG	3FG	FT	R	F	TP	A	T	B	S	MP
Smith	f 2-3	0-1	3-4	5	2	7	4	3	1	1	24
Holcomb	f 7-12	0-0	8-9	13	2	22	4	2	1	0	28
Mackell	c 1-3	0-0	4-4	1	2	6	1	2	0	0	14
Bland	g 4-13	1-4	5-6	5	1	14	2	4	0	1	31
Faux	g 5-11	3-8	4-8	0	2	17	0	4	1	2	24
Johnson	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	7
Moore	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	5	0	0	2	0	2	15
Walton	6-10	0-1	0-4	10	0	12	0	1	1	0	23
Kovacic	1-4	1-3	2-2	0	0	5	3	0	0	1	10
Wardrop	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Epps	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	7
Sanders	1-2	0-0	1-2	6	3	3	1	0	0	0	15
TOTALS	29-61	5-18	27-39	46	19	90	15	18	4	7	200
Percentages	.475	.278	.692								

OFFICIALS: Mark Reischling, Ronnie Hernandez, Duane Allen
ATTENDANCE: 4,284

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	TOTAL
IPFW	30	42	-72
San Diego State	42	48	-90

Aztecs At-A-Glance

No.	Name (Career G/GS)	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	PPG	RPG	Misc.	Note	^ - Indicates walk-on; Probable Starters Shaded
0	Tommy Johnson (12/0)	G	6-4	184	Fr.	2.6	1.2	37.5 3FG Pct.	Made 11 of last 19 FGs after connecting on just one of his first 10	
1	Deandre Moore (67/40)	G	5-10	195	Jr.	2.1	2.5	2.8 apg	3rd on team in assists; Has not scored in last three games	
2	Brandon Smith (91/45)	G/F	6-7	215	Sr.	5.5	1.7	3.5 apg	Last 3 games: 10 ppg, 4.7 apg, 3.0 rpg, 11-of-15 FGs, 8-of-10 FTs	
3	Chris Walton (41/2)	F	6-9	228	So.	3.8	3.6	0.9 apg	Coming off best collegiate game: 12 pts., 10 rebs., 23 mins. vs. IPFW	
4	Tony Bland (77/46)	G	6-5	192	Jr.	17.8	3.1	4.2 apg	Named MWC PoW on Dec. 3; Seven 20-point scoring games this season	
5	Al Faux ^ (37/21)	G	6-2	178	Sr.	18.2	4.0	2.0 apg	MWC Player of the Week on Dec. 10; 11 straight 10+ scoring gms.	
10	Karlo Kovacic (37/11)	G	6-5	196	Sr.	3.7	0.6	0.8 apg	vs. IPFW: five points, season-high 3 assists in 10 minutes	
20	Trimaine Davis (0/0)	F	6-7	212	Fr.	--	--	--	REDSHIRT CANDIDATE. Talented freshman who has yet to play	
21	Steve Sir (0/0)	G	6-6	192	Fr.	--	--	--	REDSHIRT CANDIDATE. Walk-on sharpshooter from Minnesota	
23	Randy Holcomb (72/41)	F	6-9	222	Sr.	17.2	9.5	1.8 apg	Has 10+ points in 38-of-41 games at SDSU; 13 career double-doubles	
30	Mike Mackell (13/11)	C	6-9	241	Jr.	9.0	3.5	54.8 FG Pct.	'01 California junior college player of the year; 4-4 FTs vs. IPFW	
31	Andre Torres ^ (12/0)	G	5-9	170	Jr.	--	--	--	REDSHIRT CANDIDATE. Walk-on guard who may redshirt	
32	Ben Wardrop ^ (12/0)	G	6-2	185	So.	0.8	0.8	0.2 apg	Walk-on with tremendous work ethic; Hit a trey at the buzzer vs. EWU	
33	Myron Epps (93/81)	F	6-6	221	Sr.	3.6	3.1	16-19 FTs	Has 1,061 career points for 13th place in SDSU history	
34	Aerick Sanders (29/0)	F	6-8	198	So.	3.6	4.1	0.6 bpg	Has 53 rebounds in 171 minutes this season; Per 40 minute avg.: 12.4 reb.	
40	Markee White (0/0)	F	6-7	184	Fr.	--	--	--	REDSHIRT CANDIDATE. Gaining valuable experience for future	

Head Coach: Steve Fisher (Illinois State, 1967) • 212-123 (11th full season overall) • 28-41 (third season at SDSU)

Assistant Head Coach: Brian Dutcher (Minnesota, 1982)

Assistant Coaches: Marvin Menzies (UCLA, 1986), Jim Tomey (Michigan, 1981)

Director of Operations: Gregg Gottlieb (UCLA, 1995)

Athletic Trainer: Mark Haines (Metropolitan State College, 1987)

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Roster (5-8)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	PPG	RPG	Hometown	Probable Starters ◀
3	Brian Evans ◀	G	6-0	165	So.	10.8	3.3	Dallas, Texas	
4	Chuck Archambault	G	6-2	165	Jr.	2.7	0.7	Bismarck, N.D.	
10	Thomas Bailey	F	6-8	170	So.	2.8	2.6	San Antonio, Texas	
11	Travis Bailey ◀	G	6-2	175	So.	9.5	2.0	San Antonio, Texas	
12	Kemar Burrowes	G	6-2	185	Jr.	1.8	0.5	Dallas, Texas	
15	Nick Jackson	C	6-9	225	Fr.	0.0	1.0	Houston, Texas	
20	Sennai Atsbeha	G/F	6-4	185	Sr.	7.2	1.5	Seattle, Wash.	
21	Brian Hamilton ◀	G/F	6-5	175	So.	11.8	5.8	Missouri City, Texas	
23	Armond Wainwright ◀	G	6-2	175	Sr.	10.4	2.8	Oakland, Calif.	
24	Derrick Murphy ◀	F	6-7	190	So.	10.7	6.8	Country Club Hills, Ill.	
33	Corey Lamkin	F	6-6	220	Fr.	8.1	6.0	San Antonio, Texas	
34	Jeremy Hardaway	G	6-2	185	Fr.	1.0	0.0	Corpus Christi, Texas	
40	Shaun Hemsley	F	6-9	220	Jr.	3.8	3.2	Los Angeles, Calif.	
50	Sean Cole	C	6-7	220	Fr.	0.4	1.3	Marina Del Rey, Calif.	

Head Coach: Ronnie Arrow

Assistant Coaches: Andrew Helton, Bobby Taylor, Greg Wright

of wins the Aztecs had in the 95 games prior to the 2000-01 season when SDSU went 23-72.

▶ San Diego State is 7-0 at home this season and 19-5 at Cox Arena since the beginning of the 2000-01 season. That mark comes after SDSU posted just a 16-28 mark during the first three seasons in their current home. The Aztecs now have a career mark of 35-33 in the building.

▶ San Diego State started the same lineup for the sixth consecutive game. Since switching to the group of Brandon Smith, Randy Holcomb, Mike Mackell, Tony Bland and Al Faux, the Aztecs are 5-1 with the lone loss coming at top-ranked Duke. The 13-point loss to the Blue Devils marked the smallest margin of victory by the Devils at Cameron Indoor Stadium this season.

▶ Of the 12 Aztec players to see time, 10 scored at least two points.

▶ Randy Holcomb had his 12th 10+ scoring game this season and 44th of his career. The senior scored 22 points and added 13 rebounds in the contest. It was the seventh double-double of the season for Holcomb and the 13th of his career. Five times this season Holcomb has scored 20 or more points including three of his last four games.

▶ Al Faux scored 10 or more points for the 11th straight game, that includes all nine contests he has played in this season.

▶ Chris Walton scored a season-high 12 points and added a career-high 10 rebounds in the contest. It was the second double-digit scoring game of his career and his first double-double.

▶ Despite not scoring in the first half, Tony Bland scored in double figures for the 12th time in 13 games this season. The junior has 28 career 10+ scoring games.

SDSU vs. TA&M-CC Series

Series SDSU, 1-0
Streak SDSU, 1

In San Diego SDSU, 1-0
Home Streak SDSU, 1

In Corpus Christi 0-0
Away Streak 0

The Big Note: Coaches Fisher and Arrow met in the 1989 NCAA Tournament when Fisher guided Michigan to a 91-82 victory over Arrow's South Alabama squad in the second round of the tournament.

Coach Breakdown

Fisher v. TA&M-CC 1-0
 Arrow v. SDSU 0-1

Know Thy Enemy: About Texas A&M-Corpus Christi

Location: Corpus Christi, Texas

Founded: 1947

Enrollment: 6,896

President: Dr. Robert Furgason

Athletic Director: Dan Viola

Nickname: Islanders

Colors: Blue, Green and Silver

Arena: Circle K Court (3,500)

Conference: Independent

About the Islanders

Now in the programs third season, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi is 5-8 this season after going 0-2 on a two-game California swing. The Islanders suffered losses at Sacramento State (69-82) and at San Francisco (63-65).

Prior to the road losses, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi had won four straight games. The Islanders are 5-2 at home this season and have won four consecutive games at Circle K Court.

Four Islander players average in double figures led by sophomore forward Brian Hamilton (11.8 ppg, 5.8 rpg). Sophomore guard Brian Evans (10.8 ppg, 3.3 rpg), sophomore forward Derrick Murphy (10.7 ppg, 6.8 rpg) and senior guard Armond Wainwright (10.1 ppg, 2.8 rpg) also average in double figures.

Last season, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi finished with a 14-14 record, the same mark the Aztecs posted in 2000-01. The Islanders went 10-2 at home last season and are 15-4 at Circle K since the beginning of the 2000-01 season.

The Islanders are one of eight Division I independents nationally. San Diego State is playing an independent for the second consecutive game, after posting a 90-72 victory over Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne on Wednesday.



Stat Comparison

Category	SDSU	TAM-CC
Record	9-4	5-8
Points Per Game	79.1	75.2
Opponent PPG	70.4	80.5
Field Goal Pct.	49.4	40.7
Opp. Field Goal Pct.	41.5	49.7
3-Pt. FG Per game	4.7	5.8
3-Pt. FG Pct.	35.9	32.6
Opp. 3-Pt. FG Pct.	30.6	40.5
FT Percentage	65.3	67.6
Rebound Margin	+4.5	+0.2
Turnover Margin	-0.2	+1.6

Mountain West Conf.

Standings through Mon., Jan. 7

Team	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Wyoming	1	0	10	4
New Mexico	0	0	10	3
BYU	0	0	10	3
Utah	0	0	9	3
San Diego State ◀	0	0	9	4
Colorado State	0	0	7	6
Air Force	0	0	6	6
UNLV	0	0	7	5

Results/Upcoming Games

Saturday, Jan. 5

New Mexico 70, Northern Arizona 57

Pepperdine 82, BYU 79 (ot)

Colorado State 83, Morris Brown 46

Wyoming 69, UNLV 59

Monday, Jan. 7

UNLV at Air Force, 6:05 p.m.

Utah at Saint Mary's, 7 p.m.

Gonzaga at New Mexico, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 8

SDSU at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 10

Air Force at Texas Pan-American, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 12

UNLV at Utah, noon

SDSU at Brigham Young, 3 p.m.

Colorado State at Wyoming, 3 p.m.

All games are PST.



Inside the Ratings

Previous Year-End Ratings

Season	Sagarin	RPI
1993-1994		183
1994-1995		218
1995-1996		170
1996-1997		198
1997-1998		160
1998-1999	278	284
1999-2000	273	264
2000-2001	143	154

2000-01 Season

Date	Sagarin	RPI
Preseason	262	-
Nov. 20	258	-
Nov. 27	130	142-T
Dec. 4	133	100
Dec. 11	150	216
Dec. 18	111	140
Dec. 20	112	134
Dec. 27	114	152
Jan. 1	93	109
Jan. 8	92	119
Jan. 15	119	119
Jan. 22	143	131
Jan. 29	133	161
Feb. 5	135	155
Feb. 12	153	172
Feb. 19	149	172
Feb. 26	138	156
Feb. 28	136	153
Mar. 4	137	143
Mar. 6	137	143
Final	143	154

2001-02 Season

Date	Sagarin	RPI
Preseason	203	-
Nov. 19	150	-
Nov. 26	188	102
Dec. 3	158	119
Dec. 10	106	116
Dec. 17	78	72
Dec. 24	59	65
Dec. 31	51	53
Jan. 6	47	36

SDSU-Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Series History

There has been only one previous meeting between the Islanders and Aztecs, with San Diego State claiming an 84-70 victory at Cox Arena on Jan. 4, 2001.

Forwards Randy Holcomb and Myron Epps each recorded double-doubles as San Diego State claimed its fifth consecutive game and improved to 9-3 overall.

Epps recorded the fifth double-double of his career with 21 points and a career-high 12 rebounds. Holcomb scored 26 points and added a then-career-best 13 rebounds in recording a double-double.

San Diego State led by as many as 21 points and enjoyed a double-digit lead the final 22 minutes of the contest.

The Aztecs connected on 59.2 percent from the floor and enjoyed a 22-13 advantage from the free-throw line.

The Aztecs entered the contest having lost 22 consecutive games when their opponents scored 70 or more points. Prior to the game, the last time San Diego State won a game when the opposition scored at least 70 points was Feb. 27, 1999, when the Aztecs defeated San Jose State 75-72.

Fisher v. Arrow

Although their current teams have met just once before, the two head coaches met with their previous clubs in the NCAA tournament.

On March 19, 1989, Steve Fisher's Michigan team defeated Ronnie Arrow's South Alabama, 91-82, in the second round of the NCAA Tournament in Atlanta.

It was just the second game as a head coach for Steve Fisher, who would go on to claim the 1989 national championship with an 80-79 overtime victory over Seton Hall in Seattle.

The Wolverines were led by Glen Rice, Rumeal Robinson, Loy Vaught, Terry Mills and Sean Higgins. All five players averaged double figures for that Wolverine squad.

Fisher ran his record to 2-0 against Arrow coached squads with last season's 84-70 victory.

Below is a look at Fisher-Arrow previous meetings.

Date	Site	UM Rk.	USA Rk.	Outcome	Michigan Final Record	USA Final Record
3.19.89	Atlanta, Ga.	10	--	Michigan, 91-82	30-7/NCAA Champions	23-9/NCAA Second Round

Date	Site	SDSU Rk.	CC Rk.	Outcome	SDSU Final Record	TA&M-CC Final Record
1.4.01	San Diego	--	--	SDSU, 84-70	14-14	14-14

The Enemy Camp

AP	Coaches	RPI	Sagarin	Team	Overall	Conference	Conference Affiliation	SDSU Won game
--	--	61	74	Northern Iowa	8-4	3-0	Missouri Valley	◀
arv	--	8	16	Texas Tech	12-1	1-0	Big 12	
--	--	253	258	Norfolk State	3-10	2-1	Mid-Eastern Athletic	◀
--	--	82	92	New Mexico State	9-6	3-1	Sun Belt	
--	--	--	--	UC San Diego	4-7	1-3	Division II/CCAA	◀
--	--	210	235	Cal State Northridge	3-9	2-1	Big West	◀
--	--	90	79	San Diego	8-5	0-0	West Coast	
arv	arv	31	44	Fresno State	11-5	3-1	Western Athletic	◀
--	--	54	71	Hawai'i	13-2	4-0	Western Athletic	◀
--	--	176	171	Eastern Washington	6-8	0-0	Big Sky	◀
1	1	3	1	Duke	12-0	1-0	Atlantic Coast	
--	--	134	157	Columbia	7-6	0-0	Ivy	◀
--	--	--	290	IPFW	0-13	--	Independent	◀
--	--	289	283	Texas A&M-CC	5-8	--	Independent	
--	--	122	138	Houston	6-6	0-1	Conference USA	

Totals (does not include 4-9 vs. SDSU) 103-81 (.560)

All records and rankings through games of Saturday, January 5.

San Diego State 84, Texas A&M CC 70

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Texas A&M-CC	FG	3FG	FT	R	F	TP	A	T	B	S	M	P
Hicks	f	7-12	0-0	2-2	4	5	16	2	4	0	0	21
Hamilton	f	1-2	0-1	2-4	1	3	4	2	2	0	2	19
Diene	c	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	5
Evans	g	3-8	0-1	0-0	3	0	6	2	3	0	3	33
Drasutis	g	1-7	1-5	2-2	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	18
McBride		1-2	1-2	2-4	3	1	5	2	0	0	0	12
Denmon		6-18	4-12	0-0	3	3	16	1	0	0	2	23
Atsbeha		1-3	1-3	0-0	3	1	3	3	0	0	1	11
W airwright		1-7	0-3	0-0	1	3	2	0	0	0	1	9
Shultz		1-2	0-0	2-3	3	1	4	2	0	0	0	18
Kirkclady		2-9	0-0	3-4	5	2	7	0	1	0	0	26
Hemsley		0-2	0-0	0-2	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
TOTALS		25-73	7-27	13-22	36	25	70	14	10	1	9	200
Percentages		34.2	25.9	59.1								

San Diego State	FG	3FG	FT	R	F	TP	A	T	B	S	M	P
Holcomb	f	9-15	0-2	8-11	13	3	26	4	3	0	0	31
Epps	f	8-10	0-0	5-8	12	3	21	0	2	1	0	32
Correa	c	2-2	0-0	0-0	2	4	4	3	0	1	1	22
Moore	g	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	8
Faux	g	7-13	2-5	6-8	4	3	22	6	7	2	2	38
Walton		0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	10
Kovacic		1-3	1-3	0-0	0	1	3	1	3	0	0	13
Abramowitz		1-2	1-2	0-0	6	1	3	5	3	0	1	33
Torres		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
W ardrop		0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Marion		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sanders		1-2	0-0	2-2	3	5	4	0	1	0	0	12
TOTALS		29-49	4-14	22-31	44	22	84	20	21	4	4	200
Percentages		59.2	28.6	71.0								

OFFICIALS: Tim Gabutero, Shawn Lehigh, Kenneth Wilson

TECHNICAL FOULS: Texas A&M-CC: bench

ATTENDANCE: 3,126

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	TOTAL
Texas A&M-CC	29	41	70
San Diego State	42	42	84

The Great Turnaround: Fisher and Company Place Aztec Program on the Map



San Diego State's MWC Player of the Week Nominee

Release Date	Player
Nov. 19	Tony Bland
Nov. 26	Tony Bland
Dec. 3	Tony Bland
Dec. 10	Al Faux
Dec. 17	Al Faux
Dec. 24	Randy Holcomb
Dec. 31	Randy Holcomb
Jan. 7	Randy Holcomb

Bold indicates player was named MWC Player of the Week.

San Diego State 2001-02 Player Honors

- ▶ **Tony Bland**
MWC Newcomer of the Year, Media (Preseason)
Red Raider Classic
All-Tournament Team (Nov. 17)
MWC Player of the Week (Dec. 3)
- ▶ **Al Faux**
MWC Player of the Week (Dec. 10)
- ▶ **Randy Holcomb**
First Team All-MWC, Media (Preseason)
Red Raider Classic
All-Tournament Team (Nov. 17)
NBC Sports.com 10 best college players who have escaped attention of fans and media (Dec. 10)
- ▶ **Mike Mackell**
Lindy s Second Best Junior College Power Forwards (Preseason)
The Sporting News Top 10 Junior College Power Forwards (Preseason)
Street & Smith JC All-West Team (Preseason)
- ▶ **Deandre Moore**
The Sporting News MWC Best Player Under 6-0 (Preseason)

2001-02 Most Improved Teams

(Based on the Sagarin Ratings)

Team	+/-
1. Cal Poly	+165
2. San Diego State	+154
3. Texas-Pan American	+153
4. Fla. Atlantic	+138
5. Columbia	+135
UNC Greensboro	+135
7. North Texas	+133
8. Ark.-Little Rock	+129
9. Texas Tech	+127
UC Samta Barbara	+127

Rating compares the '01-02 Sagarin preseason ratings with those of January 4th.

2000-01 Most Improved Teams

(Based on the Sagarin Ratings)

Team	+/-
1. Holy Cross	+174
2. McNeese State	+150
3. Georgia State	+143
4. UC Irvine	+127
Southern Utah	+127
6. Boston College	+126
7. CS Northridge	+124
8. San Diego State	+119
9. W. Kentucky	+113
10. Hampton	+112

Rating compares the '00-01 Sagarin preseason ratings with the final rankings.

Under third-year coach Steve Fisher, the Aztecs continue to take great strides. Last season the Aztecs posted a 14-14 record, just the second .500 or better campaign in the past 16 seasons. As if going from 5-23 in 1999-00 to 14-14 in 2000-01 wasn't enough, this season the turnaround continues. Below is a look inside the nation's top turnaround.

▶ San Diego State, had the eighth-largest turnaround nationally last season according to the Sagarin Ratings, going from a preseason ranking of 262 to 143 in the final ranking. This season the Aztecs are showing that last season was no fluke, making the second biggest improvement to date from a preseason position of 203 to a position of 49 (through Thursday). That is an improvement of 154 positions.

▶ Sagarin is not the only computer formula that believes in the Aztecs. The RPI shows the improvement of the Aztec program. For the seven seasons from 1993-94 to 1998-99, San Diego State had an average RPI of 190. Last season, the Aztecs jumped to 154 in the final RPI and this season, as of Sunday, San Diego State was 36 in the RPI ahead of traditional programs such as Utah (40), Missouri (48), Tulsa (57), Notre Dame (64), Georgetown (92), UNLV (110), Michigan (119) and North Carolina (124).

▶ After going 1-28 in its previous 29 games against nationally-ranked competition, the Aztecs defeated 21st-ranked Fresno State, 93-78, handing the Bulldogs their worst loss of the season at that point. The Aztecs also snapped a 10-game losing streak to the Bulldogs.

▶ For the first time in 30 years and 31 seasons, San Diego State defeated both Fresno State and Hawai'i in the same season. Both the Bulldogs and the Rainbow Warriors are members of the Western Athletic Conference, the league the Aztecs called home from 1978-79 season to 1998-99.

▶ After finishing no better than sixth place in a conference (Western Athletic or Mountain West) since the 1984-85 campaign and having an average finish of 7.7 in the last 16 seasons, the Mountain West Conference media picked the Aztecs to finish fourth in the league this season.

▶ The Aztecs are attempting to post consecutive .500 seasons or better for the first time since the 1983-84 and 1984-85 seasons. The Aztecs, which went 14-14 last season, are 9-4 this season.

▶ One sign of the Aztecs' improvement can be found in the victory count. San Diego State won 137 games in the 14 seasons from 1986-87 to 1999-00 (an average of just 9.79 wins per season). Last season the Aztecs passed that average win

total in the first week of January, prior to posting a 14-win campaign. This season, San Diego State recorded its ninth victory of the season on Jan. 2nd, the earliest date in school history.

▶ San Diego State tied a school record this season with three victories in November. The Aztecs tied the record they set last season, marking the only two times in the 81 years of the program that SDSU has won three games in the Thanksgiving month.

▶ San Diego State has won eight consecutive games at Cox Arena, breaking the arena-record win streak in the five-year old facility. The Aztecs were 16-28 in their first three seasons in the building, but have posted an impressive 19-5 mark since. San Diego State has won 12 consecutive non-conference home games, breaking the Division I era school-record of 10 straight from Dec. 8, 1995 to Dec. 23, 1996. San Diego State is now 35-33 all-time in Cox Arena after entering last season 12 games below the .500 mark.

▶ Below is a look at the Aztecs records since the start of the 2000-01 campaign. The record on the right shows how many games it took San Diego State to win the same number of games prior to the 2000-01 season.

Start of the 2000-01 Season

Record	Since	Before	Comparing the Timetable
Record	23-18	21-72	Reached 23 wins 54 games sooner
Conference	4-10	4-31	Reached four conference wins 21 games sooner
Home Record	19-5	19-33	Reached 19 home wins 28 games sooner
Road/Neutral Record	4-13	3-38	Reached three road wins 25 games sooner

Charting the Difference

As you would expect, the Aztecs have shown improvement in nearly every statistical category the last couple of seasons, in improving from 5-23 in 1999-2000 to 14-14 last season, to this season's 9-4 mark.

One area where the Aztecs have shown the most improvement is in field goal shooting. Two seasons ago, San Diego State connected on just 40.9 percent of its field goal attempts. This season, the Aztecs are ranked 13th nationally in the category and are currently connecting on 49.4 percent of their attempts.

A quick glance shows that San Diego State has made strides despite playing a schedule that is more difficult to date than both of the previous two seasons.

A look at how this season's numbers stack up against the previous two years is listed below.



Mountain West Conf. Overall Rankings

(as of Tue., Jan. 7)

Team Category	Number	Rank
Scoring Offense	79.1	2nd
Scoring Defense	70.4	7th
Scoring Margin	+8.7	4th
Free Throw Pct.	65.3	8th
Field Goal Pct.	49.4	2nd
Field Goal Pct. Def.	41.5	4th
3-Pt. FG Pct.	35.9	7th
3-Pt. FG Pct. Def.	30.6	2nd
Rebound Offense	38.2	3rd
Rebound Defense	33.7	7th
Rebound Margin	+4.5	5th
Blocked Shots	3.54	5th
Assists	17.00	1st
Steals	8.08	3rd
Turnover Margin	-0.23	4th
Assist/Turnover Ratio	1.00	5th
Offensive Rebounds	12.38	4th
Defensive Rebounds	25.77	4th
3-Pt. FG Made	4.69	7th

INDIVIDUAL

Scoring	PPG
1t. Tony Bland	17.8
4. Randy Holcomb	17.2

Rebounding	RPG
1. Randy Holcomb	9.5
20. Aerick Sanders	4.1

Assists	APG
4. Tony Bland	4.15
8. Brandon Smith	3.55
12. Deandre Moore	2.77

Field Goal Pct.	Pct.
10. Randy Holcomb	55.1
11. Mike Mackell	54.8

Field Throw Pct.	Pct.
13. Tony Bland	78.6

Steals	SPG
7. Brandon Smith	1.64

Blocked Shots	BPG
7. Randy Holcomb	1.15
12. Aerick Sanders	0.62

Assist-Turnover Ratio	A-TO
5. Brandon Smith	1.95
9. Tony Bland	1.26

	W-L	PPG	Opp. PPG	FG Pct.	Opp. FG Pct.	Margin Rebs.	Margin TOs	RPI Schedule Strength
1999-00	5-23	62.3	74.9	40.9	45.6	-6.3	-1.6	98
2000-01	14-14	68.8	67.5	44.5	42.1	-1.4	-0.2	129
2001-02	9-4	79.1	70.4	49.4	41.5	+4.5	-0.2	15

The Difference Between Winning and Losing

Through 13 games trends have developed in Aztecs victories and losses. Statistically, the biggest key to this point in the season has occurred at the free throw line, in both percentage and attempts.

Another factor appears to rebounding. The Aztecs are +7.7 in rebounds in victories and are -2.8 in losses. A difference of 10.5 in rebound margin.

In San Diego State's nine wins, SDSU is connecting on 66.9 percent of its free-throw attempts while getting to the line an average of 26.9 times per contest. The Aztecs are shooting seven percent better and averaging nearly nine attempts more in wins compared to losses.

The difference is even more dramatic for the opponent. In San Diego State's defeats, Aztec' opponents are averaging 32.8 free-throw attempts per contest, 10 more than in Aztec wins. The opponent success percentage in those games also increases by nearly five percent.

San Diego State forces nearly four more opponent turnovers in wins and makes 5.3 three-point field goals, two treys more than in the defeats.

The biggest individual scoring difference in the wins and losses belongs to senior forward Randy Holcomb, although both numbers are impressive. A native of Chicago, Ill, Holcomb averages 14.2 points, 11.0 rebounds while connecting on 56.8 percent from the field - in losses. In victories the preseason all-Mountain West Conference selection is averaging 18.6 points, 8.9 rebounds and is connecting on 54.4 percent of his attempts.

Comparing the Wins and Losses

Statistic	Wins	Losses
SDSU PPG	81.3	74.0
SDSU FG Pct.	49.3	49.6
SDSU 3FG Pct.	37.5	31.0
SDSU 3FG/Gm.	5.3	3.3
SDSU FT Pct.	66.9	59.7
SDSU FTA/Gm.	26.9	18.0
SDSU Turnovers	16.3	18.8
Opp. PPG	64.0	84.8
Opp. FG Pct.	39.9	44.9
Opp. 3FG Pct.	25.3	43.7
Opp. 3FG/Gm.	4.9	7.8
Opp. FT Pct.	62.4	67.2
Opp. FTA/Gm.	22.4	32.8
Opp. Turnovers	18.0	14.3
Rebound Margin	+7.7	-2.8

Fifth Time Zone of the Year

After playing every non-conference game in the state of California last season, the Aztecs have had an opportunity to see much of the country this season. The Duke game marked the fifth different time zone the Aztecs have played in this season. San Diego State plays its home games in the Pacific Time Zone and has also had contests in the Mountain (New Mexico State), Central (Texas Tech) and Alaska/Hawaii (Hawai'i) time zones.

Aztecs Streaking - Like A Faux

San Diego State is 7-2 in its last nine games and has recorded three victories over 2001 NCAA Tournament teams during that span (Cal State Northridge, Fresno State and Hawai'i).

That nine game stretch corresponds with Al Faux's return from a team suspension (he missed both exhibition games and the first four regular season games due to a suspension for a violation of team rules) and also the recovery of Brandon Smith from his knee surgery on November 6 to repair torn cartilage.

In addition to posting a 7-2 record against quality opponents, the Aztecs have improved in nearly every statistical category from the first four games of the season.

During the last nine games, San Diego State is shooting 52.3 percent from the field and are +6.4 rebound margin. That is up considerably from the first four games when the Aztecs were shooting 43.8 percent and had a rebound margin -0.8.

San Diego State senior guard Al Faux has made quite a splash in those nine games. Faux is averaging 18.2 points per contest.

Equally impressive, the senior has been a model of efficiency connecting on 53.0 percent of his field-goal attempts, including 40.0 percent from three-point range.

Faux, who has earned a reputation as one of the nation's premiere walk-ons, has scored in double figures in 11 straight games dating back to last season. He has also scored 20+ points in six of his last eight games and has led the Aztecs in point production in four of the last seven contests.

Faux earned Mountain West Conference player of the week honors on Dec. 10th following the Aztecs upset of 21st-ranked Fresno State. In the two games that week, Faux averaged 25.0 points, 6.5 rebounds, 3.5 assists and two steals in the two appearances. He shot 53.8 percent (21-of-39) from the field, including 53.3 percent (8-of-15) from three-point range.

He followed that up with 20 points, three rebounds and three steals at Hawai'i. Faux scored 16 of his 20

San Diego State's Last Nine Games vs. First Four Games

Statistic	Last 9	First 4
Record	7-2	2-2
SDSU PPG	81.0	74.8
SDSU FG Pct.	52.3	43.8
SDSU 3FG Pct.	36.8	34.4
SDSU 3FG/Gm.	4.3	5.5
SDSU FT Pct.	64.7	67.1
SDSU FTA/Gm.	26.8	18.3
SDSU Turnovers	18.4	14.0
Opp. PPG	68.0	75.8
Opp. FG Pct.	40.6	43.4
Opp. 3FG Pct.	27.7	39.3
Opp. 3FG/Gm.	5.7	6.0
Opp. FT Pct.	62.0	69.7
Opp. FTA/Gm.	26.0	24.8
Opp. Turnovers	17.8	14.8
Rebound Margin	+6.4	-0.8

points after intermission and scored seven points and had two steals in the final 5:35 in the contest. His efforts helped San Diego State erase a 13-point deficit en route to a 61-58 win.

San Diego State is 7-2 since his return to the active roster and is 5-1 this season when the Los Angeles native has been in the starting lineup.

Record Winning Streaks=Record Crowds

Along with more talented student-athletes, more victories and better competition, another sign of the growth of the Aztecs' program has been at the turnstile.

In Steve Fisher's first season, the 1999-2000 campaign, San Diego State averaged 2,618 fans per 15 home games. Last season, the Aztecs had the second-largest Division I percentage increase and seventh-biggest average increase over the previous season when SDSU averaged 4,528 fans for 17 home games. That was third highest average in school history and the biggest since the 1981-82 campaign.

This season the trend continues. Through seven home games, of which only one has been played on the weekend, San Diego State is averaging 5,295 fans. That mark, which represents a 16.9 percent increase over last season and a 102.3 percent jump over two years ago (Fisher's first season) would eclipse the school record of 4,824 set during the 1981-82 campaign.

A crowd of 8,438, the second largest crowd ever to see a San Diego State basketball game at Cox Arena, saw the Aztecs tie the facility record with their fifth straight win on Dec. 8. That night, the Aztecs defeated 21st-ranked Fresno State 93-78, making it the biggest crowd ever to see an Aztec victory in Cox Arena.

Largest Crowds in Cox Arena History

Largest San Diego State Basketball Crowds in Cox Arena (Inagural Season: 1997-98)

Opponent (Date)	Attendance
1. Fresno State (1/31/98)	11,334
2. Fresno State (12/8/01)	8,438
3. San Diego (12/9/00)	8,186
4. Utah (2/10/01)	7,164
5. New Mexico (1/8/01)	6,739
6. Utah (1/16/99)	6,164
7. UNLV (2/24/01)	6,089
8. Brigham Young (11/14/97)	5,932
9. Rice (2/21/98)	5,683
10. Oklahoma State (12/30/00)	5,582



Mountain West Conf. Overall Rankings

(as of Fri., Dec. 21)

Team Category	Number	Rank
Scoring Offense	78.4	1st
Scoring Defense	69.2	6th
Scoring Margin	+9.2	3rd
Free Throw Pct.	65.4	6th
Field Goal Pct.	48.9	4th
Field Goal Pct. Def.	40.8	4th
3-Pt. FG Pct.	37.2	5th
3-Pt. FG Pct. Def.	31.1	2nd
Rebound Offense	38.2	5th
Rebound Defense	33.7	6th
Rebound Margin	+4.5	6th
Blocked Shots	3.30	5th
Assists	17.80	1st
Steals	7.70	3rd
Turnover Margin	-0.60	5th
Assist/Turnover Ratio	1.06	4th
Offensive Rebounds	12.60	4th
Defensive Rebounds	25.60	4th
3-Pt. FG Made	5.10	6th

INDIVIDUAL

Scoring	PPG
1. Tony Bland	18.3
4. Randy Holcomb	16.4

Rebounding	RPG
1. Randy Holcomb	8.7
19. Aerick Sanders	4.3
20. Mike Mackell	4.2

Assists	APG
4. Tony Bland	4.50
9. Brandon Smith	3.12

Field Goal Pct.	Pct.
6. Mike Mackell	59.4
13. Randy Holcomb	52.9

Field Throw Pct.	Pct.
12. Tony Bland	76.5

Blocked Shots	BPG
6. Randy Holcomb	1.20
12. Aerick Sanders	0.60

Assist-Turnover Ratio	A-TO
4. Brandon Smith	2.08
5. Deandre Moore	2.00
10. Tony Bland	1.41

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Record: 9-4 (Home: 7-0, Away: 1-4, Neutral: 1-0)
Mountain West Conference: 0-0 (Home: 0-0; Away: 0-0)

Date	Opp NR	Opponent	San Diego State High							
			SDSU Result	W-L	Record	MWC	Scorer	Rebounder	Assists	Attendance
Nov. 16		~vs.Northern Iowa	W 71-57	W1	1-0		Bland-24	Moore/Sanders-6	Bland-8	10,444
Nov. 17		~at Texas Tech	L 71-81	L1	1-1		Bland-24	Holcomb-13	Moore-6	9,638
Nov. 21		NORFOLK STATE	W 78-71	W1	2-1		Bland-24	Holcomb-13	Bland-9	4,877
Nov. 24		at New Mexico State	L 79-94	L1	2-2		Bland-22	Sanders-10	Bland/Moore-4	7,546
Nov. 27		UC SAN DIEGO	W 98-53	W1	3-2		Bland-20	Sanders-6	Bland-8	4,764
Dec. 1		CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	W 80-70	W2	4-2		Bland-22	Holcomb-10	Johnson-3	5,435
Dec. 5		at San Diego	L 67-72	L1	4-3		Faux-25	Holcomb-10	Smith-4	(c) 5,100
Dec. 8	21/16	FRESNO STATE	W 93-78	W1	5-3		Faux-25	Holcomb-9	Faux-6	8,438
Dec. 14		at Hawai'i	W 61-58	W2	6-3		Faux-20	Holcomb-11	Moore/Smith-4	6,443
Dec. 20		EASTERN WASHINGTON	W 86-58	W3	7-3		Holcomb-23	Sanders-8	Faux/Moore/Smith-5	4,694
Dec. 29	1/1	at Duke (D)	L 79-92	L1	7-4		Holcomb-22	Holcomb-15	Smith-6	(c) 9,314
Dec. 31		COLUMBIA (D)	W 75-59	W1	8-4		Faux/Holcomb-16	Holcomb-9	Bland-5	4,576
Jan. 2		IPFW	W 90-72	W2	9-4		Holcomb-22	Holcomb-13	Holcomb/Smith-4	4,284
Jan. 8		at Texas A&M-CC								
Jan. 12		*at Brigham Young								
Jan. 14		*at Utah								
Jan. 19		*COLORADO STATE								
Jan. 21		*WYOMING								
Jan. 26		*UNLV								
Jan. 29		HOUSTON								
Feb. 2		*at New Mexico								
Feb. 4		*at Air Force								
Feb. 9		*UTAH								
Feb. 11		*BRIGHAM YOUNG								
Feb. 16		*at Colorado State								
Feb. 18		*at Wyoming								
Feb. 23		*at UNLV								
Feb. 28		*NEW MEXICO								
Mar. 2		*AIR FORCE								
Mar. 7-9		^Mountain West Tournament								

Caps denotes home game. ~ – 2001 Ford Red Raider Classic (Lubbock, Texas). * – Indicates Mountain West Conference Game. ^ – Mountain West Conference Championship (Las Vegas, Nev.). Two-letter abbreviation indicates round, number to left of team indicates seed. Opp. NR – Indicates San Diego State's opponent national rankings in the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today coaches polls at gametime. :00 – Time remaining in the final ten seconds when winning team scored final points to break a tie or win the game. D – Indicates day game. c – Indicates capacity.

Record/Attendance Summary

	G	W-L	Total	Average	High
Home	7	7-0	37,068	5,295	8,438 vs. Fresno State (Dec. 8)
Mountain West					
Away	5	1-4	38,041	7,608	9,368 at Texas Tech (Nov. 17)
Mountain West					
Neutral	1	1-0	10,444	10,444	10,444 vs. Northern Iowa (Nov. 16)
Total	13	9-4	85,553	6,581	10,444 vs. Northern Iowa (Nov. 16)
Mountain West	-				

Win/Loss Margin

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	28	45
Win		1					1			1				1	1	1		1								1	1
Loss					1					1			1		1												

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**Record: 9-4 (Home: 7-0, Away: 1-4, Neutral: 1-0)
Mountain West Conference: 0-0 (Home: 0-0; Away: 0-0)**

No.	Player	GP	GS	Min	Avg	TOTAL		3-PTS		FT-FTA	Pct	REBOUNDS				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg			
						FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct			Off	Def	Tot	Avg											
04	BLAND, Tony	13	13	445	34.2	81-182	.445	14-39	.359	55-70	.786	11	29	40	3.1	20	0	54	43	3	15	231	17.8			
23	HOLCOMB, Randy	13	13	387	29.8	87-158	.551	6-15	.400	44-69	.638	34	90	124	9.5	35	0	23	52	15	12	224	17.2			
05	FAUX, Al	9	6	239	26.6	62-117	.530	20-50	.400	20-36	.556	12	24	36	4.0	16	0	18	17	2	19	164	18.2			
30	MACKELL, Mike	13	11	256	19.7	46-84	.548	0-0	.000	25-39	.641	19	26	45	3.5	39	3	6	22	2	6	117	9.0			
02	SMITH, Brandon	11	6	197	17.9	21-33	.636	0-6	.000	19-30	.633	6	13	19	1.7	27	2	39	20	5	18	61	5.5			
03	WALTON, Chris	13	2	216	16.6	20-42	.476	0-3	.000	10-16	.625	14	33	47	3.6	31	1	12	12	5	9	50	3.8			
34	SANDERS, Aerick	13	0	171	13.2	21-34	.618	0-0	.000	5-9	.556	19	34	53	4.1	33	2	3	5	8	6	47	3.6			
33	EPPS, Myron	11	7	179	16.3	12-31	.387	0-0	.000	16-19	.842	13	21	34	3.1	16	0	15	18	1	1	40	3.6			
10	KOVACIC, Karlo	9	0	97	10.8	10-31	.323	8-24	.333	5-7	.714	1	4	5	0.6	10	0	7	5	1	4	33	3.7			
00	JOHNSON, Tommy	12	0	112	9.3	12-29	.414	6-16	.375	1-4	.250	4	11	15	1.2	19	0	7	2	4	4	31	2.6			
01	MOORE, Deandre	13	7	292	22.5	8-24	.333	6-16	.375	5-15	.333	6	26	32	2.5	35	1	36	23	0	11	27	2.1			
32	WARDROP, Ben	4	0	9	2.2	1-6	.167	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	0.8	1	0	1	2	0	0	3	0.8			
Team												21	22	43	3.3											1
SDSU TOTALS		13				381-771	.494	61-170	.359	205-314	.653	161	335	496	38.2	282	9	221	222	46	105	1028	79.1			
OPPONENTS		13				313-754	.415	75-245	.306	214-333	.643	154	284	438	33.7	264	-	186	219	39	110	915	70.4			

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total
SAN DIEGO STATE	475	553	- 1,028
Opponents	452	463	- 915

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2001-02 Game-By-Game Results

Opponent	Site/Date	FG-FGA	Pct	3P-3PA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def	Tot	PF	AT	TO	BS	ST	1st-2nd	Pts
vs. SDSU	N	25-62	.403	4-16	.250	17-23	.739	15-30	45	19	19	14	4	8	27-44	71
Northern Iowa	11/16	18-52	.346	4-19	.211	17-25	.680	8-24	32	20	8	13	1	4	28-29	57
SDSU	A	27-57	.474	5-12	.417	12-17	.706	8-26	34	24	15	16	2	2	33-38	71
at Texas Tech	11/17	27-66	.409	5-9	.556	22-32	.688	20-24	44	17	18	8	3	9	50-31	81
at SDSU	H	30-70	.429	11-27	.407	7-13	.538	14-19	33	17	23	13	2	10	36-42	78
Norfolk State	11/21	29-56	.518	5-12	.417	8-14	.571	9-28	37	16	18	24	5	11	32-39	71
SDSU	A	32-71	.451	2-9	.222	13-20	.650	16-25	41	25	13	13	3	7	30-49	79
at New Mexico St.	11/24	31-68	.456	10-21	.476	22-28	.786	16-27	43	16	18	14	6	4	45-49	94
at SDSU	H	40-59	.678	4-9	.444	14-18	.778	8-28	36	11	26	15	3	9	57-41	98
UC San Diego	11/27	19-53	.358	10-33	.303	5-14	.357	9-13	22	17	11	20	1	9	30-23	53
at SDSU	H	21-43	.488	5-14	.357	33-44	.750	15-30	45	24	13	26	1	5	44-36	80
CS Northridge	12/1	26-61	.426	6-20	.300	12-27	.444	12-12	24	34	15	14	1	11	36-34	70
SDSU	A	28-52	.538	4-13	.308	7-18	.389	11-20	31	26	10	22	4	8	37-30	67
San Diego	12/5	24-51	.471	5-12	.417	19-32	.594	13-22	35	15	17	18	1	10	29-43	72
at SDSU	H	33-67	.493	7-15	.467	20-33	.606	13-29	42	21	24	14	5	5	41-52	93
Fresno State	12/8	28-69	.406	9-31	.290	13-21	.619	12-26	38	23	17	15	2	8	40-38	78
SDSU	A	20-50	.400	5-11	.455	16-23	.696	12-22	34	26	13	20	6	10	19-42	61
at Hawai'i	12/14	17-54	.315	1-12	.083	23-30	.767	15-20	35	20	11	18	5	7	26-32	58
at SDSU	H	34-62	.548	4-11	.364	14-25	.560	14-27	41	23	22	15	3	13	39-47	86
Eastern Washington	12/20	18-51	.353	2-14	.143	20-28	.714	7-20	27	20	8	18	3	8	31-27	58
SDSU	A	33-62	.532	2-8	.250	11-17	.647	6-32	38	27	16	24	4	10	35-44	79
at Duke	12/29	28-60	.467	11-29	.379	25-39	.641	6-27	33	17	18	17	4	10	46-46	92
at SDSU	H	29-55	.527	3-7	.429	14-24	.583	10-20	30	20	12	12	5	11	35-40	75
Columbia	12/31	19-42	.452	6-15	.400	15-24	.625	9-22	31	20	10	22	7	8	29-30	59
at SDSU	H	29-61	.475	5-18	.278	27-39	.692	19-27	46	19	15	18	4	7	42-48	90
IPFW	1/2	29-71	.408	1-18	.056	13-19	.684	18-19	37	29	15	18	0	11	30-42	72

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2001-02 Player Points/Rebounds/Assists Game-By-Game

Opponent	0 Tommy Johnson	1 Deandre Moore	2 Brandon Smith	3 Chris Walton	4 Tony Bland	5 Al Faux	10 Karlo Kovacic	12 Jim Roban	23 Randy Holcomb	30 Mike Mackell	32 Ben Wardrop	33 Myron Epps	34 Aerick Sanders
vs. Northern Iowa	0/3/0	9/6/4*	INJ	0/5/0	24/5/8*	TS	NS	INJ	16/5/2*	15/3/1*	CD	7/5/3*	0/6/1
at Texas Tech	3/1/0	0/1/6*	INJ	2/3/2	24/1/2*	TS	8/2/1	INJ	15/13/2*	10/8/0*	CD	9/2/1*	0/0/1
NORFOLK STATE	0/1/1	8/1/4*	0/0/2	2/3/1*	24/2/9*	TS	10/2/1	OUT	23/13/3*	7/4/1	CD	0/2/1*	4/3/0
at New Mexico State	6/1/1	2/3/4*	8/1/1	2/2/0*	22/2/4*	TS	2/0/1	OUT	6/6/1*	18/7/0	CD	7/6/1*	6/10/0
UC SAN DIEGO	10/0/0	3/1/1*	6/3/5	7/5/5	20/3/8*	10/2/2	3/0/1	OUT	15/5/1*	6/3/1*	0/2/1	6/4/1*	12/6/0
CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	0/1/3	2/4/1*	2/1/1	5/2/1	22/4/2*	21/4/2	CD	OUT	20/10/1*	3/7/0*	CD	2/5/2*	3/5/0
at San Diego	0/0/0	0/0/2*	4/2/4	3/2/1	10/0/2*	25/6/1	0/0/0	OUT	14/10/0*	9/3/0*	CD	0/2/0*	2/2/0
FRESNO STATE	CD	1/5/3	8/1/3*	0/2/0	15/5/5*	25/7/6*	CD	OUT	19/9/3*	17/5/2*	CD	4/2/2	4/2/0
at Hawai'i	6/3/1	0/2/4	3/1/4*	6/3/1	9/5/2*	20/3/1*	0/0/0	OUT	13/11/0*	2/0/0*	DNT	0/0/0	2/1/0
EASTERN WASHINGTON	2/2/0	2/3/5	0/1/5*	5/3/0	13/3/3*	15/5/5*	2/0/0	OUT	23/5/0*	16/2/0*	3/0/0	3/5/4	2/8/0
at Duke	0/2/1	0/2/2	13/2/6*	4/4/1	21/4/2*	15/5/1*	CD	OUT	22/15/3*	2/1/0	CD	CD	2/1/0
COLUMBIA	2/0/0	0/3/0	10/2/4*	2/3/0	13/1/5*	16/4/0*	3/1/0	OUT	16/9/3*	6/1/0	0/0/0	TS	7/3/0
Indiana-Purdur Fort Wayne	2/1/0	0/1/0	7/5/4*	12/10/0	14/5/2*	17/0/0*	5/0/3	OUT	22/13/4*	6/1/1*	0/1/0	2/1/0	3/6/1

*at Brigham Young

*at Utah

*COLORADO STATE

*WYOMING

*UNLV

HOUSTON

*at New Mexico

*at Air Force

*UTAH

*BRIGHAM YOUNG

*at Colorado State

*at Wyoming

*at UNLV

*NEW MEXICO

*AIR FORCE

^at Mountain West Conference Tournament

* – Indicates starter. CD – Did Not Play-Coach's Decision. INJ – Did Not Play-Injured. TS – Did Not Play-Team Suspension. NS – Did Not Play-NCAA Suspension. ~ – 2001 Ford Red Raider Classic (Lubbock, Texas). * – Indicates Mountain West Conference Game. ^ – Mountain West Conference Championship (Las Vegas, Nev.).

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2001-02 Superlatives

Individual

Category	San Diego State	Opponent
Points Scored	25 by Al Faux at San Diego (12-5)/vs. Fresno St. (12-8)	28 by Eric Channing, New Mexico State (11-24)
Field Goals	11 by Bland at Texas Tech/Faux at San Diego/Holcomb at Duke	9 by Channing, New Mexico State/Carr, CSUN
Field Goals Attempted	20 by Al Faux at San Diego (12-5)	21 by Markus Carr, Cal State Northridge (12-1)
Highest FG Percentage (min. 5 made)	.786 (11-14) Randy Holcomb at Duke (12-29)	.857 (6-7) Carlos Boozer, Duke (12-29)
Highest FG Percentage (min. 10 made)	.786 (11-14) Randy Holcomb at Duke (12-29)	-
3-Point Field Goals Made	5 by Al Faux vs. Fresno State (12-8)	5 by Chavis, Texas Tech/Channing, NMSU/Jackson, FSU
3-Point Field Goals Attempted	10 by Karlo Kovacic vs. Norfolk State (11-21)	16 by Damon Jackson, Fresno State (12-8)
3-Point Field Goal Percentage (min. 4 made)	71.4 (5-7) by Al Faux vs. Fresno State (12-8)	1.000 (5-5) by Will Chavis at Texas Tech (11-17)
Free Throws	9 by Al Faux vs. Cal State Northridge (12-1)	10 by Sieverding, UNI/Ellis, Texas Tech
Free Throws Attempted	10 by Holcomb and Faux vs. CSUN/Smith vs. FSU	16 by Will Chavis, Texas Tech (11-17)
Free Throw Percentage (min. 5 made)	100.0 (6-6) by Tony Bland vs. Northern Iowa (11-27)	100.0 (10-10) Robbie Sieverding, Northern Iowa (11-16)
Free Throw Percentage (min. 10 made)	90.0 (9-10) by Al Faux vs. Cal State Northridge (12-1)	100.0 (10-10) Robbie Sieverding, Northern Iowa (11-16)
Offensive Rebounds	7 by Sanders at New Mexico State/Walton vs. IPFW	9 by Andy Ellis, Texas Tech (11-17)
Defensive Rebounds	12 by Randy Holcomb at Duke (12-29)	10 by Seward, Norfolk State/Wiedemann, Columbia
Total Rebounds	15 by Randy Holcomb at Duke (12-29)	15 by Andy Ellis, Texas Tech (11-17)
Assists	9 by Tony Bland vs. Norfolk State (11-21)	8 by Matt Mitchell, Fresno State (12-8)
Blocked Shots	3 by Randy Holcomb at San Diego/Brandon Smith at Duke	3 by Burneika, Hawai'i/Mayo, Columbia
Steals	4 by Randy Holcomb vs. Norfolk State (11-21)	5 by Ryan Sims, Cal State Northridge (12-1)
Minutes Played	40 by Tony Bland vs. Norfolk State (11-21)	40 by Gruber, Northern Iowa/Duhon, Duke

Team

SDSU High	SDSU Low	Category	Opponent High	Opponent Low
98 vs. UC San Diego (11-27)	61 at Hawai'i (12-14)	Points Scored	94 by New Mexico State (11-24)	53 by UC San Diego (11-27)
40 vs. UC San Diego (11-27)	20 at Hawai'i (12-14)	Field Goals	31 by New Mexico State (11-24)	17 by Hawai'i (12-14)
71 at New Mexico State (11-24)	43 vs. Cal State Northridge (12-1)	Field Goals Attempted	71 vs. IPFW (1-2)	42 by Columbia (12-31)
.678 vs. UC San Diego (11-27)	.400 at Hawai'i (12-14)	FG Percentage	.518 by Norfolk State (11-21)	.315 by Hawai'i (12-14)
11 vs. Norfolk State (11-21)	2 at New Mexico State/at Duke	3-Point Field Goals Made	11 by Duke (12-29)	1 by Hawai'i /IPFW
27 vs. Norfolk State (11-21)	7 vs. Columbia (12-31)	3-Point Field Goals Attempted	33 by UC San Diego (11-27)	9 by Texas Tech (11-17)
.467 vs. Fresno State (12-8)	.222 at New Mexico State (11-24)	3-Point Field Goal Percentage	.556 by Texas Tech (11-17)	.056 by IPFW (1-2)
33 vs. Cal State Northridge (12-1)	7 vs. Norfolk State/at USD	Free Throws	25 by Duke (12-29)	5 by UC San Diego (11-27)
44 vs. Cal State Northridge (12-1)	13 vs. Norfolk State (11-21)	Free Throws Attempted	39 by Duke (12-29)	14 by Norfolk St/UCSD
.778 vs. UC San Diego (11-27)	.389 at San Diego (12-5)	Free Throw Percentage	.786 by New Mexico State (11-24)	.357 by UC San Diego (11-27)
19 vs. IPFW (1-2)	6 at Duke (12-29)	Offensive Rebounds	20 by Texas Tech (11-17)	6 by Duke (12-29)
32 at Duke (12-29)	19 vs. Norfolk State (11-21)	Defensive Rebounds	28 by Norfolk State (11-21)	12 by Cal State Northridge (12-1)
46 vs. IPFW (1-2)	30 vs. Columbia (12-31)	Total Rebounds	44 by Texas Tech (11-17)	22 by UC San Diego (11-27)
27 at Duke (12-29)	11 vs. UC San Diego (11-27)	Fouls	34 by Cal State Northridge (12-1)	15 by San Diego (12-5)
2 at New Mexico State/at Duke	0	Fouled Out	1 - several	0
26 vs. UC San Diego (11-27)	10 at San Diego (12-5)	Assists	18 by Texas Tech/NSU/NMSU/Duke	8 by No. Iowa/Eastern Wash.
26 vs. Cal State Northridge (12-1)	12 vs. Columbia (12-31)	Turnovers	24 by Norfolk State (11-21)	8 by Texas Tech (11-17)
6 at Hawai'i (12-14)	1 vs. Cal State Northridge (12-1)	Blocked Shots	7 by Columbia (12-31)	0 by IPFW
13 vs. Eastern Washington (12-20)	2 at Texas Tech (11-17)	Steals	11 by Norfolk State/CSUN/IPFW	4 by UNI/New Mexico State
57 vs. UC San Diego, 1st (11-27)	19 at Hawai'i, 1st (12-14)	Points/Half	50 by Texas Tech, 1st (11-17)	23 by UC San Diego, 2nd (11-27)
.750 vs. UC San Diego, 1st (11-27)	.308 at Hawai'i, 1st (12-14)	FG Percentage/Half	.625 by Norfolk State, 2nd (11-21)	.286 by Texas Tech, 2nd (11-17)

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Aztec Record When...

Category	This Season	Fisher Era	SDSU Streak
Home	7-0	24-15	Won 8
Away	1-4	3-25	Lost 1
Neutral	1-0	1-1	Won 1
Scoring First	2-1		Won 1
Opponent Scores First	7-3		Won 2
Leading at Half	7-1	22-7	Won 4
Trailing at Half	2-3	5-34	Lost 1
Tied at Half	0-0	1-0	
Leading with 5:00 Left	8-0		Won 11
Trailing with 5:00 Left	1-4		Lost 3
Tied with 5:00 Left	0-0		
In Overtime	0-2	0-3	Lost 4
SDSU Outrebounds Opp.	6-1	18-8	Won 1
SDSU is Outrebounded	3-3	10-33	Won 2
SDSU Commits More TOs	3-3	10-29	Lost 1
Opp. Commits More TOs	5-1	16-11	Won 4
SDSU More FT Attempts	4-0	18-16	Won 7
Opp. More FT Attempts	4-4	9-25	Lost 1
SDSU Shoots Better than Opp.	8-3	26-11	Won 2
Opp. Shoots Better than SDSU	1-1	2-30	Lost 1
SDSU Shoots 50% or Better	3-2	12-4	Won 1
SDSU Shoots 40-50%	5-2	14-15	Won 3
SDSU Shoots 40% or Less	1-0	2-22	Won 1
Opp. Shoots 50% or Better	1-0	2-13	Won 2
Opp. Shoots 40-50%	4-4	11-23	Won 2
Opp. Shoots 40% or Less	4-0	15-5	Won 9
SDSU Bench Outscores Opp.	3-3	16-20	Won 2
Opp. Bench Outscores SDSU	5-1	11-19	Won 1
SDSU Scores Less Than 60	0-0	0-18	Lost 33
SDSU Scores Between 60-69	1-1	6-14	Won 1
SDSU Scores Between 70-79	3-3	11-7	Won 1
SDSU Scores Between 80-89	2-0	6-2	Won 6
SDSU Scores Between 90-99	3-0	5-0	Won 5
SDSU Scores 100+	0-0	0-0	Won 23
Opp. Scores Less Than 60	5-0	13-2	Won 7
Opp. Scores Between 60-69	0-0	9-5	Lost 1
Opp. Scores Between 70-79	4-1	6-19	Won 2
Opp. Scores Between 80-89	0-1	0-9	Lost 18
Opp. Scores Between 90-99	0-2	0-5	Lost 15
Opp. Scores 100+	0-0	0-1	Lost 7

Miscellaneous Stats

STARTING LINEUPS	RECORD
Epps, Holcomb, Mackell, Bland, Moore	3-2
Epps, Holcomb, Walton, Bland, Moore	1-1
Smith, Holcomb, Mackell, Bland, Faux	5-1

GAMES LED SAN DIEGO STATE IN SCORING	SEASON	CAREER
Tony Bland	6	6
Al Faux	4	9
Randy Holcomb	4	22

GAMES LED SAN DIEGO STATE IN REBOUNDING	SEASON	CAREER
Randy Holcomb	9	25
Aerick Sanders	4	5
Deandre Moore	1	2

GAMES LED SAN DIEGO STATE IN ASSISTS	SEASON	CAREER
Tony Bland	5	5
Brandon Smith	5	5
Deandre Moore	4	21
Al Faux	2	12
Tommy Johnson	1	1
Randy Holcomb	1	4

DOUBLE FIGURE SCORING GAMES	SEASON	CAREER
Tony Bland	12	28
Randy Holcomb	12	44
Al Faux	9	24
Mike Mackell	5	5
Brandon Smith	2	27
Tommy Johnson	1	1
Karlo Kovacic	1	9
Aerick Sanders	1	1
Chris Walton	1	2

DOUBLE-DOUBLES	SEASON	CAREER
Randy Holcomb	7	13
Chris Walton	1	1

LEADS AND DEFICITS

SDSU Biggest Halftime Lead	27 vs. UC San Diego (11-27)
SDSU Biggest Halftime Lead Blown	8 at San Diego (12-5)
SDSU Biggest Halftime Deficit	17 at Texas Tech (11-17)
SDSU Biggest Halftime Deficit Overcome for Victory	7 at Hawai'i (12-14)
SDSU Biggest Lead	46 vs. UC San Diego (11-27)
SDSU Biggest Lead Blown	8 at San Diego (12-5)
SDSU Biggest Deficit	25 at Duke (12-29)
SDSU Biggest Deficit Overcome for Victory	13 at Hawai'i (12-14)

SDSU BY MONTH

November	3-2	December	5-2	January	1-0
February		March			

SDSU BY DAY

Sunday	0-0	Monday	1-0	Tuesday	1-0
Wednesday	2-1	Thursday	1-0	Friday	2-0
Saturday	2-3				