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Three straight .500 or better seasons, two straight postseason appearances, record crowds and a contract extension through the 2007-08 season, are a clear sign to all that both San Diego State and Steve Fisher are...

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## Aztec Head Coach Steve Fisher

**Overall: 240-145 (12 Full Seasons) • San Diego State: 56-63 (Four Seasons)**

Sometimes there are no adjectives. Sometimes the phrases don't do justice. Sometimes you just stick with the basic facts and let them tell the story.

A five-win season followed by a 14-win season. A 14-win season followed by 21 wins, a conference championship and a trip to the NCAA Tournament. A 21-win campaign followed by a third consecutive .500 or better season, a trip to the postseason NIT and the school's first Division I postseason victory.

In four short seasons, Steve Fisher has changed the outlook, fortunes and expectations of San Diego State basketball. The Aztecs have been transformed from the ugly duckling that muddled through the first-ever Mountain West Conference campaign with an 0-14 record into a program that has advanced to consecutive postseason tournaments. It is a school that now regularly goes toe-to-toe with the west's best basketball programs on the court and in the recruiting wars. It may be the new program on the block but seniority rarely matters in the changing world of college athletics.

It is now Steve Fisher's program.

When Fisher arrived on the scene, he found a basketball program that wasn't good enough to be called average. The

Aztecs had suffered through 13 losing seasons in 14 years. Members of the school's last NCAA team were in the early stages of middle age. The expectations were in place all right. The Aztecs were expecting to lose. The year before his arrival San Diego State won just four games.

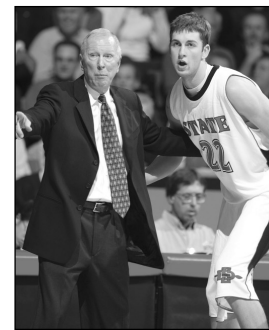
The hiring only dates back to March of 1999, so referring to the "Steve Fisher Era" at San Diego State might be considered a bit premature. There is little doubt that San Diego State basketball has reached a new level.

The ingredients for a successful basketball program seemed to have arrived at San Diego State at approximately the same time.

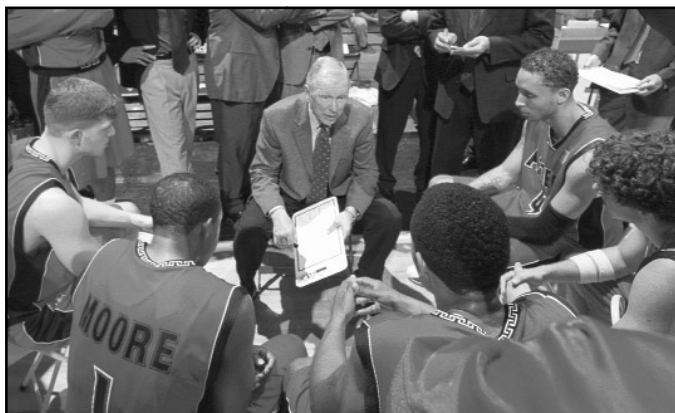
Cox Arena is one of the glaring athletic upgrades on the west side of campus, and its opening signified the new-placed emphasis on basketball in the Aztec athletic department. The program moved from the aging San Diego Sports Arena on the west side of the city to an on-campus home located just a few minutes' from student housing.

After the arrival of Cox Arena, one important ingredient was lacking.

On March 26, 1999, San Diego State announced its arrival on the basketball scene in the form of a news conference to introduce its new coach, Steve Fisher. Fresh from a stint with the Sacramento



*In 2002, Steve Fisher led San Diego State to its first postseason tournament since 1985. In 2003, the coach guided the Aztecs to their first postseason victory in the school's 33-year Division I history.*



## The Great Turnaround

San Diego State record and final RPI the last 11 seasons.

Season	Record	RPI
1991-92	2-26	na
1992-93	8-21	na
1993-94	12-16	183
1994-95	11-17	218
1995-96	15-14	170
1996-97	12-15	198
1997-98	13-15	160
1998-99	4-22	284
1999-00 ◀	5-23	264
2000-01 ◀	14-14	154
2001-02 ◀	<b>21-12</b>	<b>39</b>
2002-03 ◀	<b>16-14</b>	<b>103</b>

◀ - Indicates Fisher era. Bold indicates postseason

Kings and with three appearances in the Final Four and a national championship in his pocket, he rolled up his sleeves and went to work. And work was needed. It looked to be a daunting challenge and yet the man with one of the highest winning percentages in NCAA Tournament history had no reservations.

"We have everything here that we need to be successful at the highest level," Fisher said. "We have a great campus in a great city. Cox Arena is as good of a facility as you can find. Our league is very good and getting better. Who wouldn't want to play here?"

Coming off a 4-22 season, not much was expected of the Aztecs in the new

coach's first year. The Aztecs finished 5-23 but never stopped working. The last game of the season was a near upset of UNLV in the first round of the Mountain West Tournament. The eventual champions bested the Aztecs in the final minutes.

"We worked hard - we just weren't good enough," Fisher said of his first group of Aztecs. "They tried to do everything we wanted but we spent the year dodging bullets."

It was year two, the 2000-01 campaign, when Fisher and State served notice that better days were ahead and some, in fact, had arrived. The Aztecs were one of the nation's most improved teams, finishing the year at 14-14 and in the process, ending several less-than-flattering streaks, including a long road losing streak, a long conference losing streak and an overall losing streak. Attendance jumped by an astounding 73 percent and by spring, the stars of tomorrow became more receptive when Fisher and his staff came calling to talk about Aztec basketball.

And then came year three. An indifferent start gave way to a downright slow beginning in conference play. But the Aztecs then unveiled a trait that has become synonymous with Steve Fisher teams. They played their best when it mattered most.

The Aztecs roared down the stretch,

winning eight of their final 10 games and climbing to .500 in Mountain West play, a major step for San Diego State basketball.

Then came March, a month that has always been magical for Steve Fisher.

The Aztecs headed to Las Vegas and picked up three straight wins to claim their first Mountain West title, including victories over top-seeded Wyoming and home-standing UNLV.

The season ended with a 21-12 record and continued the upward surge of the program. And SDSU was close to so much more. The Aztecs dropped three overtime games, lost a hard-fought battle at Utah and went on the road to push Duke. San Diego State reached 21 wins for the first time since the 1984-85 season and returned to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since that same '84-85 team.

Along the way there were more glaring landmarks. San Diego State picked up its first win at New Mexico since 1984 and swept the Colorado State-Wyoming swing, considered one of the toughest in college basketball, for the first time ever.

However, it is what lies ahead and not the past that continues to drive the energetic Fisher.

"I have never said I wanted the program in a certain place by a certain time," he said last year. "You just work hard,

## ► Steve Fisher Year-By-Year

Year	School	W	L	Pct.	Conference			Postseason/Honors
					W	L	Pct.	
1989	Michigan	6	0	1.000	-	-	-	NCAA Champions
1989-90	Michigan	23	8	.742	12	6	.667	NCAA Second Round
1990-91	Michigan	14	15	.483	7	11	.389	NIT First Round
1991-92	Michigan	25	9	.735	11	7	.611	NCAA Runner-Up, <i>Basketball Times</i> Coach of the Year
1992-93	Michigan	31	5	.861	15	3	.833	NCAA Runner-Up
1993-94	Michigan	24	8	.750	13	5	.722	NCAA Regional Finalist
1994-95	Michigan	17	14	.548	11	7	.611	NCAA First Round
1995-96	Michigan	20	12	.625	10	8	.556	NCAA First Round
1996-97	Michigan	24	11	.686	9	9	.500	NIT Champions
<b>Eight Full Seasons at UM</b>		<b>184</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>.691</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>.611</b>	<b>7 NCAA Tournaments, 9 Postseason Appearances</b>
Year	School	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	Postseason/Honors
1999-00	San Diego State	5	23	.179	0	14	.000	
2000-01	San Diego State	14	14	.500	4	10	.286	8th-most improved team in the country (Sagarin Ratings)
2001-02	San Diego State	21	12	.636	7	7	.500	NCAA First Round; Aztecs' first NCAA trip since 1985
2002-03	San Diego State	16	14	.533	6	8	.429	NIT Second Round; First SDSU win in Div. I postseason tourney
<b>Four Seasons at SDSU</b>		<b>56</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>.471</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>.304</b>	<b>Consecutive postseason appearances for first time since 1976 and '77</b>
		W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	Postseason/Honors
<b>12-Season Career Totals</b>		<b>240</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>.623</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>.522</b>	<b>8 NCAA Tournaments, 11 Postseason Appearances</b>

In November of 2002, the University of Michigan choose to vacate a number of games from the 1992-1999 time period. Because of this, the NCAA no longer recognizes those contests and thus lists Steve Fisher's career coaching record differently. The chart above and all references in this publication include all games.

prepare well and try to get lucky. We have probably done a little bit of each."

The Aztecs proved that they were more than a one-hit wonder in 2002-03 by returning to the postseason and claiming the first postseason victory in 33 seasons at the Division I level. San Diego State concluded its third straight season with a .500 record by going 16-14 and advancing to the second round of the NIT. Along the way, the Aztecs played before two sellout crowds in Cox Arena en route to shattering the home attendance average (7,172).

Steve Fisher arrived in San Diego after spending one season as an assistant coach with the Sacramento Kings. However, he is best known for his efforts at the collegiate level. He became a household name at Michigan, where he transformed a prominent program into a perennial national-championship contender and winner. Returning to the college game was returning home.

"I enjoyed the NBA," Fisher said. "It was all basketball all the time. But I always felt I belonged in the college game. If I have a calling, it is as a teacher. I enjoy teaching basketball. I think it is what I do best."

That point would be hard to argue.

No head-coaching career, at any level, started quicker than that of Steve Fisher. Six games into his head-coaching career he was undefeated and sporting a national championship ring. And the success didn't stop with the national title.

Fisher's eight-plus seasons at the University of Michigan produced a 184-82 (.692) record, nine postseason tournament berths and three trips to the NCAA championship game, including the magical run to the 1989 national title.

Under Fisher, the Wolverines also claimed an NIT championship, won at least 20 games four times and finished among the top three in the powerful Big Ten Conference five times. In 1995, Michigan set a league record by holding opponents to just 39.4 percent shooting from the floor.

Fisher and Company raised the bar even higher in the postseason. His seven NCAA Tournament teams combined for a 20-6 record, ranking him fourth among active coaches and ninth in NCAA history with a winning percentage of .769 in the national bracket. Only 13 coaches have taken more teams to the Final Four, including just five that are still active. He is one of three coaches to take three squads to the Final Four in the first five years of a head-coaching career, and one of just six coaches to lead a team to the championship of the

NIT as well as the NCAA. The others to accomplish that feat are Bobby Knight, Adolph Rupp, Joe B. Hall, Al McGuire and Dean Smith.

Add to the accolades the fact that Fisher coached perhaps the most famous group of players in modern NCAA history. In 1991, Fisher and Aztec assistant head coach Brian Dutcher inked a recruiting class that would later be known as the "Fab Five". The group included Ray Jackson, Jimmy King and NBA stars Juwan Howard, Jalen Rose and Chris Webber. They were the heart, and indeed the starting five, of two consecutive NCAA runner-up teams in Ann Arbor. For his efforts with that group, Fisher was named the 1992 national coach of the year by *Basketball Times*.

During his stay in Michigan, Fisher coached seven players that would be taken in the first round of the NBA draft, including the three members of the Fab Five.

His accomplishments may be even greater at San Diego State. In 2001-02 he led the Aztecs to the postseason for the first time since 1985 and for just the fourth time ever. The 21 wins were second most for the school as a Division I program and the most since 1985.

That was followed by an appearance in the NIT in 2002-03 and the Aztecs first Division I postseason victory.

The fact that those numbers came in his four years at San Diego State signifies what is one of the great recent turnarounds in college basketball.

Steve Fisher was born March 24, 1945. He grew up in Herrin, Ill., and played his college basketball at Illinois State University, where he earned two varsity letters. He was a member of the university's Division II Final Four team as a senior. In 1967, he completed work on his bachelor's degree at ISU in physical education and math. The following year he earned a master's degree in physical education.

Fisher began his climb up the coaching ladder in Park Forest, Ill., where he served

as an assistant coach and later became head coach at Rich East High School. In eight years at the helm of the program, he built Rich East to one of the top programs in the Chicago area.

"I probably could have stayed in the high school ranks my entire career and been happy," Fisher said. "I coached basketball and taught math and that was fine with me."

In 1979, Fisher moved into the collegiate ranks at Western Michigan. He spent three years as an assistant under

## ► Steve Fisher Notebook



### Personal

**Birthdate:** March 24, 1945.

**Hometown:** Herrin, Ill.

**Family:** wife Angie, sons: Mark (25), Jay (17).

### Educational

Illinois State Univ. (B.S. in 1967 and M.S. in 1968)

## Collegiate Coaching

### 1979-82 Assistant Coach, Western Michigan University

Coached under Les Wothke, the same coach that hired him for his first coaching position at Rich East (Ill.) High... Team won the 1981 conference championship.

### 1982-89 Assistant Coach, University of Michigan

In six full seasons as an assistant, Michigan made four trips to the NCAA tournament and claimed the 1984 NIT championship... Michigan won Big Ten titles in both 1985 and 1986.

### 1989-97 Head Coach, University of Michigan

Claimed Michigan's only national championship to date in men's basketball (1989)... Guided the Wolverines to three of the school's five national championship game appearances... In eight full seasons, he compiled a 184-82 record (69.1 percent)... His teams made seven NCAA appearances and two postseason NIT trips... One of six coaches to win both an NCAA and NIT championship... Recorded five 20-win seasons, including a 31-5 record during the 1992-93 campaign... *Basketball Times* National Coach of the Year in 1992.

### 1999-Present Head Coach, San Diego State University

Authored one the greatest turnarounds in college basketball history by taking a San Diego State program that won four games the year before his arrival to the Mountain West Conference Tournament championship and the NCAA tournament in his third year with the program and to the second round of the NIT in his fourth year... Team went from 5-23 his first season (1999-00) to post three straight .500 or better seasons: 14-14 (2000-01), 21-12 (2001-02), 16-14 (2002-03)... Attendance has jumped by more than 1,000 fans per home game in each of the last three seasons... Averaged school-record 7,172 fans per home game last season.



## Highest Tournament Winning Percentage, Active Coaches

Rk.	Coach, Current School	W	L	Pct.
1.	Tom Izzo, Michigan State	19	5	79.2
2.	Mike Krzyzewski, Duke	60	16	78.9
3.	Rick Pitino, Louisville	27	8	77.1
4.	► Steve Fisher, San Diego State	20	7	74.1
5.	Tubby Smith, Kentucky	23	9	71.9
6.	Roy Williams, North Carolina	34	14	70.8
7.	Gary Williams, Maryland	25	12	67.6
8.	Bill Self, Kansas	10	5	66.7
9.	Jim Boeheim, Syracuse	38	21	64.4
10.	Billy Donovan, Florida	9	5	64.3



With the help of players like Trimaine Davis, Steve Fisher continues to build the Aztec basketball program.

Les Wothke, who had hired him at Rich East. He helped build the Bronco program into a conference champion in 1981. If not for the personal connection, though, Fisher's trips to the Final Four might have been regulated to balcony seating on a high school field trip.

In 1982, he moved across the state to Michigan where he helped Bill Frieder lead the Wolverines to a pair of conference titles. As he was in high school, Fisher was happy sitting in the middle of the bench, removed from the spotlight. A career as an assistant would have worked just fine.

Seven years after his hiring and on

the verge of the NCAA Tournament, Frieder accepted the head-coaching job at Arizona State and Michigan athletic director Bo Schembechler quickly moved Fisher to the end of the bench. Fisher then moved himself into the national spotlight.

He assumed the role of interim head coach with no promise of a future. However, he made a strong case for the job when he promptly led a team that finished third in the Big Ten race to the national title. Included in that run was a win over Illinois in the national semifinals. The Illini were considered by many to be the best team in the country. The title was the first and remains the only championship in Michigan history.

The 1991-92 and 1992-93 seasons were the fanatical years of the Fab Five. Not only did the Wolverines achieve cult-like status, but they were the most successful group of underclassmen in the history of college sports.

In the years before the early entries into the NBA and before high school stars spent their lunch hours with agents, Michigan's successes were even more impressive. Two straight trips to the NCAA title game with five freshmen and then five sophomores in the starting

lineup marked an incredible accomplishment. Michigan set a school record in 1992-93 by going 31-5.

In all, Steve Fisher carved out the most successful period in Michigan basketball history. His final club in Ann Arbor won the NIT. However, he is now clearly planted in southern California.

"My family and I are elated to be at San Diego State," he said. "This program has unlimited potential. I have a responsibility to make sure the potential is realized."

Fisher's first full recruiting class was ranked among the nation's top 40. His second group was a consensus top-25 crop and the Aztecs keep moving up the chart. Potential no longer seems like a bad word.

The season-ticket base is rapidly swelling. The community has an interest even in the off-season. Steve Fisher has led the Aztecs from the wasteland to the throne room.

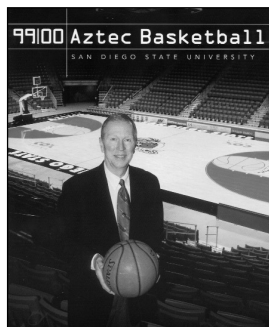
Fisher, the 14th head coach in Aztec history, is married to the former Angie Wilson, another former teacher at Rich East High School. They have two sons. Mark, 25, is a Michigan graduate who is in his second year as San Diego State's director of basketball operations. Jay is 17.

## ► Steve Fisher vs. All Foes

Air Force . . . . .5-3	East Tennessee St. . . . .1-0	Memphis . . . . .0-1	San Diego . . . . .1-3
Arizona . . . . .1-5	Eastern Michigan . . . . .4-0	Miami-Fla. . . . .1-0	Seton Hall . . . . .2-0
Arizona St. . . . .1-2	Eastern Washington . . . . .1-1	Michigan State . . . . .10-6	South Alabama . . . . .1-0
Arkansas . . . . .1-1	Florida Atlantic . . . . .2-0	Minnesota . . . . .9-5	South Carolina State . . . . .1-0
Auburn . . . . .1-0	Florida State . . . . .1-0	Morgan State . . . . .1-0	Southern California . . . . .0-1
Ball State . . . . .2-1	Fresno State . . . . .1-1	Nebraska . . . . .1-0	Temple . . . . .2-0
Boston . . . . .3-0	George Washington . . . . .1-0	New Mexico . . . . .3-5	Texas A&M-Corpus Christi . . . . .2-0
Bowling Green . . . . .1-0	Georgia Tech . . . . .1-1	New Mexico State . . . . .1-2	Texas Tech . . . . .0-3
Bradley . . . . .1-0	Grambling State . . . . .1-0	Norfolk State . . . . .2-0	Texas . . . . .1-2
Brigham Young . . . . .3-7	Hawai'i . . . . .2-0	North Carolina . . . . .2-1	Tulane . . . . .2-0
Cal Poly . . . . .1-0	High Point . . . . .1-0	Northern Iowa . . . . .1-0	UC Riverside . . . . .1-0
Cal St. Fullerton . . . . .0-1	Houston . . . . .2-0	Northern Michigan . . . . .1-0	UC San Diego . . . . .3-0
Cal St. Northridge . . . . .1-0	Illinois . . . . .13-5	Northwestern . . . . .13-1	UC Santa Barbara . . . . .2-1
Cal St. Sacramento . . . . .1-0	Illinois State . . . . .1-0	Notre Dame . . . . .3-0	UCLA . . . . .1-0
Central Mich. . . . .5-0	Indiana . . . . .6-10	Ohio State . . . . .9-6	UNLV . . . . .2-10
Chicago State . . . . .3-0	Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne . . . . .2-0	Oklahoma State . . . . .3-1	UT-Chattanooga . . . . .2-0
Cincinnati . . . . .1-0	Iowa . . . . .9-7	Pacific . . . . .0-1	Utah . . . . .3-7
Cleveland State . . . . .5-0	Iowa State . . . . .2-1	Penn . . . . .1-1	Virginia . . . . .1-0
Coastal Carolina . . . . .1-0	Jackson State . . . . .1-0	Penn State . . . . .6-2	Virginia Tech . . . . .1-0
Colorado . . . . .0-1	Kansas . . . . .1-0	Pepperdine . . . . .1-0	Washington . . . . .1-1
Colorado State . . . . .3-5	Kentucky . . . . .1-0	Pittsburgh . . . . .0-1	Washington State . . . . .1-0
Columbia . . . . .1-0	Long Beach State . . . . .1-0	Portland . . . . .1-1	Weber State . . . . .1-0
Davidson . . . . .1-0	LSU . . . . .2-0	Purdue . . . . .6-10	Western Kentucky . . . . .0-1
DePaul . . . . .1-0	Loyola Marymount . . . . .3-1	Rice . . . . .2-0	Wisconsin . . . . .10-5
Detroit . . . . .6-0	Marquette . . . . .2-0	St. Francis . . . . .1-0	Wyoming . . . . .4-6
Duke . . . . .3-7	Maryland . . . . .1-0	St. John's . . . . .1-1	Xavier . . . . .1-0



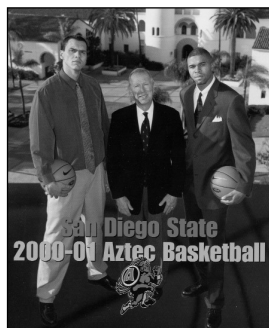
## 1999-2000 • 5-23 Overall/0-14 Mountain West



► First-year coach Steve Fisher instills a winning attitude and a belief that great things can happen at San Diego State.

► Fisher instantly gives the San Diego State program credibility and national attention. National media outlets such as ESPN, *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune* and the *Philadelphia News* all do lengthy features on the first-year Aztec coach.

## 2000-2001 • 14-14 Overall/4-10 Mountain West



► San Diego State posts its second .500 or better season in the last 16 years.

► The 14 victories in the 2000-01 season equal the total number of wins the Aztecs posted in the 66 games prior to the season.

► The Sagarin Ratings show San Diego State is the eighth most improved team in the country, jumping from a preseason ranking of 262 to 143 in the final ratings.

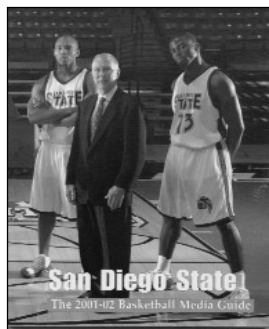
► San Diego State enjoyed a 73-percent increase in home attendance over the previous season, the second largest jump nationally.

► The Aztecs break notable losing streaks like a 17-game

overall losing streak, 17-game conference losing streak, 24-game conference road losing streak and a 30-game overall road losing streak.

► Recruiting class is ranked among the top 40, and produces the *Sporting News* Mountain West Conference Newcomer of the Year in Randy Holcomb.

## 2001-02 • 21-12 Overall/7-7 MWC/NCAA Tournament/MWC Champs



► San Diego State advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the fourth time in the school's 32-year Division I history and earned its first NCAA berth since 1985.

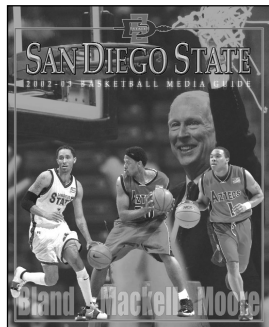
► The 21 victories were the second most in the school's Division I era and marked the third consecutive season the Aztecs improved their win total from the previous campaign.

► The Aztecs ended the season with a final RPI of 39, marking the second consecutive season under Fisher that SDSU jumped 100 positions from the previous season's final RPI.

► San Diego State made a school-record 25 live television appearances, including the first two network

appearances in the program's history.

## 2002-03 • 16-14 Overall/6-8 MWC/NIT Second Round



► San Diego State returns to the postseason for the second consecutive season, marking the first time since 1975 and 1976 that the Aztecs have appeared in two straight national post-season tournaments.

► San Diego State claims the first victory in the national post-season tournament of the 33-year Division I era with a win in the first round of the NIT. The Aztecs' last postseason victory came in 1968.

► The Aztecs have a school-record four players earn all-conference recognition as Tony Bland is named to the second team and Evan Burns, Mike Mackell and Deandre Moore earn honorable mention.

► For the third straight season San Diego State's average home attendance jumps by more than 1,000, as SDSU averages a school-record 7,172 for home games. The three-year jump in average home attendance of 173.9 percent is tops in the nation.

## Michigan Era

### ► 1989 • 6-0

NCAA Champions

Home: 0-0, Away: 0-0, Neutral: 6-0

NCAA FIRST and SECOND ROUNDS -

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL (Atlanta, Ga.)

M.17 ~vs. Xavier .....W 92-87

M.19 ~vs. South Alabama .....W 91-82

NCAA REGIONAL ROUNDS

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL (Lexington, Ky.)

M.23 ~vs. (5) North Carolina ...W 92-87

M.25 ~vs. Virginia .....W 102-65

NCAA FINAL FOUR (Seattle, Wash.)

A.1 ~vs. (3) Illinois .....W 83-81

A.3 ~vs. (11) Seton Hall .....ot-W 81-80

-- NCAA Tournament.

### ► 1989-90 • 23-8; 12-6 Big Ten

NCAA Second Round

Home: 15-1, Away: 6-5, Neutral: 2-2

TIP-OFF CLASSIC (Springfield, Mass.)

N.25 vs. (6) Arizona .....L 75-82

N.27 at Boston University .....W 73-65

N.29 Grambling State .....W 85-70

D.2 Iowa State .....W 101-78

D.6 Central Michigan .....W 100-51

D.9 (6) Duke .....ot-W 113-108

D.11 Chicago State .....W 84-57

D.16 at Marquette .....W 82-73

DUEL IN THE DESERT (Las Vegas, Nev.)

D.23 vs. Seton Hall .....W 91-86

D.28 Northern Michigan .....W 102-74

D.30 Eastern Michigan .....W 107-83

J.8 \*at (9) Indiana .....L 67-69

J.13 \*(16) Minnesota .....W 87-83

J.15 \*at (8) Illinois .....W 74-70

J.18 \*Ohio State .....W 90-88

J.20 \*at Iowa .....ot-L 76-78

J.25 \*at Northwestern .....W 86-79

J.27 \*Michigan State .....W 65-63

J.31 \*(8) Purdue .....L 73-91

F.3 \*at Wisconsin .....W 77-63

F.8 \*(25) Indiana .....W 79-71

F.11 \*(12) Illinois .....W 93-79

F.15 \*at (17) Minnesota .....W 77-73

F.18 \*at Ohio State .....L 61-64

F.24 \*Northwestern .....W 94-69

M.1 \*at (14) Michigan State ...L 70-78

M.4 \*at (9) Purdue .....L 77-79

M.8 \*Wisconsin .....W 94-64

M.10 \*Iowa .....W 127-96

NCAA FIRST and SECOND ROUNDS -

WEST REGIONAL (Los Angeles, Calif.)

M.16 ~vs. Illinois State .....W 76-70

M.17 ~vs. (21) Loyola Marymnt. L 115-149

\* - Big Ten Conference Game. ~ - NCAA Tournament

### ► 1990-91 • 14-15; 7-11 Big Ten

Postseason NIT First Round

Home: 10-5, Away: 3-9, Neutral: 1-1

N.28 Central Michigan .....W 72-63

D.1 Utah .....W 81-65

D.4 Eastern Michigan .....W 78-76

D.8 at (5) Duke .....L 68-75

D.10 Boston Univ. ....W 90-68

D.12 Chicago State .....W 102-78

D.15 at Iowa State .....L 72-81

D.22 Marquette .....W 89-81

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(Tempe, Ariz.)

D.28 vs. Texas .....L 74-76

D.29 vs. Pennsylvania .....W 84-62

J.3 \*at (25) Michigan State ...L 70-85

J.5 \*(6) Ohio State .....L 57-67

J.10 \*at (22) Iowa .....L 78-79

J.12 \*at Purdue .....L 69-86

J.17 \*Northwestern .....W 79-68

J.19 \*at Wisconsin .....ot-W 69-68

J.24 \*(3) Indiana .....L 60-70

J.26 \*Illinois .....L 67-72

J.31 \*at Minnesota .....W 66-62

## The Breakdown

Steve Fisher's situational record.

### Record By Location

Home	133-45
Away	59-82
Neutral	48-18

### Record By Month

November	21-11
December	73-23
January	52-44
February	46-39
March	45-26
April	4-2

### Record When Team Scores

100 or more	13-1
90-99	27-4
80-89	79-9
70-79	76-40
60-69	42-54
>60	3-37

### Record When Opp. Scores

100 or more	1-5
90-99	3-15
80-89	22-30
70-79	79-63
60-69	80-27
>60	55-5

### Games Decided By/In

1 point	13-7
2 points	14-10
5 points or less	66-45
Overtime	19-11



## Milestone Wins

### Victory Number

1 - vs. Xavier (March 17, 1989) in Atlanta, Ga. - W, 92-87; First Round of the 1989 NCAA Tournament.

3 - vs. fifth-ranked North Carolina (March 23, 1989) in Lexington, Ky. - W, 92-87; NCAA Southeast Regional Semifinal. First win over nationally-ranked opponent.

6 - vs. 11th-ranked Seton Hall (April 3, 1989) in Seattle, Wash. - W-ot, 81-80; NCAA National Championship Game.

10 - vs. Central Michigan (Dec. 6, 1989) in Ann Arbor, Mich. - W, 100-51.

25 - at 17th-ranked Minnesota (Feb. 15, 1990) - W, 77-73.

50 - vs. Brigham Young in the Red Lobster Tournament in Orlando, Fla. (Dec. 28, 1991) - W, 86-83

68 - vs. 12th-ranked Cincinnati (April 4, 1992) in Minneapolis, Minn. - W, 76-72; in the NCAA National Semifinal Game.

75 - vs. 20th-ranked Nebraska in the Rainbow Classic in Honolulu, Hawaii (Dec. 28, 1992) - W, 88-73

99 - vs. second-ranked Kentucky (April 3, 1993) in New Orleans - W, 81-78; NCAA National Semifinal Game.

100 - vs. 13th-ranked Georgia Tech (Nov. 26, 1993) in Springfield, Mass. - W, 80-70; Tip-Off Classic.

125 - vs. Utah (Nov. 23, 1994) in the Maui Classic in Lahaina, Hawaii - W, 73-69; Tournament Championship Game

150 - vs. Davidson (Dec. 30, 1995) in Ann Arbor, Mich. - W, 82-70.

175 - at Penn State (Jan. 28, 1997) - W, 67-59.

184 - vs. Florida State (March 27, 1997) in New York City - W, 82-73; NIT Championship Game.

185 - vs. UC Riverside (Nov. 24, 1999) in San Diego - W, 73-57; First Victory at SDSU.

F.9	*Iowa	.....W	84-70
F.11	*at (3) Ohio State	.....L	65-81
F.16	*at Northwestern	.....W	64-58
F.18	*Purdue	.....2ot-L	77-83
F.21	*Wisconsin	.....W	65-62
F.24	*at (4) Indiana	.....L	70-112
F.28	*at Illinois	.....L	65-68
M.3	*Minnesota	.....W	68-60
M.9	*Michigan State	.....L	59-66

**POSTSEASON NIT (Boulder, Colo.)**  
M.13 \*at Colorado .....L 64-71  
\* - Big Ten Conference Game. ~ - Postseason NIT.

### ► 1991-92 • 25-9; 11-7 Big Ten

**NCAA Runner-Up**  
Home: 10-4, Away: 8-4, Neutral: 7-1

D.2	at Detroit	.....W	100-74
D.7	at Cleveland State	.....W	80-61
D.9	Chicago State	.....W	112-62
D.12	Eastern Michigan	.....W	91-77
D.14	(1) Duke	.....ot-L	77-85
D.16	Central Michigan	.....W	86-70
D.21	Rice	.....W	87-70

### RED LOBSTER CLASSIC (Orlando, Fla.)

D.28	vs. Brigham Young	.....W	86-83
D.30	vs. Virginia Tech	.....W	63-51
J.9	*at Iowa	.....ot-W	80-77
J.11	*at Minnesota	.....L	64-73
J.15	*Purdue	.....L	60-65
J.18	*at Illinois	.....W	68-61
J.21	*at (4) Indiana	.....L	74-89
J.25	*Wisconsin	.....W	98-83
J.29	*at (13) Michigan State	.....ot-W	89-79

F.2	*(10) Ohio State	.....L	58-68
F.5	*Northwestern	.....W	81-58
F.9	at Notre Dame	.....W	74-65
F.12	*Iowa	.....W	79-74
F.15	*(12) Michigan State	.....L	59-70
F.19	*Minnesota	.....W	95-70
F.22	*at Northwestern	.....W	76-63
F.26	*at Wisconsin	.....L	78-96
M.3	*at (5) Ohio State	.....L	66-77
M.8	*(2) Indiana	.....W	68-60
M.11	*at Purdue	.....W	70-61
M.14	*Illinois	.....W	68-59

**NCAA FIRST and SECOND ROUNDS - SOUTHEAST REGIONAL (Atlanta, Ga.)**  
M.20 ~vs. Temple .....W 73-66  
M.22 ~vs. E. Tennessee St. ....W 102-90

### NCAA SOUTHEAST REGIONAL (Lexington, Ky.)

M.27	~vs. (11) Oklahoma State	.....W	75-72
M.29	~vs. (3) Ohio State	.....ot-W	76-72

**NCAA FINAL FOUR (Minneapolis, Minn.)**  
A.4 ~vs. (12) Cincinnati .....W 76-72  
A.6 ~vs. (1) Duke .....L 51-71  
\* - Big Ten Conference Game. ~ - NCAA Tournament.

### ► 1992-93 • 31-5; 15-3 Big Ten

**NCAA Runner-Up**  
Home: 14-1, Away: 8-3, Neutral: 9-1

D.1	at Rice	.....W	75-71
D.5	at (4) Duke	.....L	68-79
D.7	Detroit	.....W	92-77
D.9	Bowling Green	.....W	79-68
D.14	Cleveland State	.....W	88-56
D.19	*Iowa State	.....W	94-72
D.21	Central Michigan	.....W	94-69

### RAINBOW CLASSIC (Honolulu, Hawaii)

D.28	vs. (20) Nebraska	.....W	88-73
D.29	vs. (5) North Carolina	.....W	79-78
D.30	vs. (2) Kansas	.....W	86-74
J.2	Eastern Michigan	.....W	88-58
J.7	*at (9) Purdue	.....W	80-70
J.9	*at Wisconsin	.....W	98-73
J.12	*(6) Indiana	.....L	75-76
J.16	Notre Dame	.....W	70-55
J.20	*at Minnesota	.....W	80-73
J.23	*Illinois	.....W	76-68
J.28	*Ohio State	.....W	66-64
J.31	*at (11) Iowa	.....L	80-88
F.2	*at (25) Michigan State	.....W	73-69

F.7	*(19) Purdue	.....W	84-76
F.10	*Wisconsin	.....W	85-66
F.14	*at (1) Indiana	.....L	92-93
F.17	*at Penn State	.....W	80-70
F.20	*Minnesota	.....W	84-69
F.28	*at Ohio State	.....W	66-64
M.2	*(15) Iowa	.....W	82-73
M.7	*Michigan State	.....ot-W	87-81
M.10	*at Illinois	.....ot-W	98-97
M.13	*Northwestern	.....W	86-60

**NCAA FIRST and SECOND ROUNDS - WEST REGIONAL (Tucson, Ariz.)**  
M.19 ~vs. Coastal Carolina .....W 84-53  
M.21 ~vs. UCLA .....ot-W 86-84

**NCAA WEST REGIONAL (Tucson, Ariz.)**  
M.26 ~vs. George Washington .....W 72-64  
M.28 ~vs. Temple .....W 77-72

**NCAA FINAL FOUR (New Orleans, La.)**  
A.3 ~vs. (2) Kentucky .....ot-W 81-78  
A.5 ~vs. (4) North Carolina .....L 71-77  
\* - Big Ten Conference Game. ~ - NCAA Tournament Game. ^ - at Palace of Auburn Hills (Auburn Hills, Mich.).

**► 1993-94 • 24-8; 13-5 Big Ten**  
**NCAA Regional Finalist**  
Home: 14-2, Away: 5-5, Neutral: 5-1

**TIP-OFF CLASSIC (Springfield, Mass.)**  
N.26 vs. (13) Georgia Tech .....W 80-70  
N.29 Cleveland State .....W 84-71

D.1	Tulane	.....W	84-69
D.4	Tenn.-Chattanooga	.....W	97-86
D.6	Detroit	.....W	78-60
D.11	(4) Duke	.....L	63-73
D.20	Central Michigan	.....W	86-44

**FIESTA BOWL CLASSIC (Tucson, Ariz.)**  
D.28 vs. Auburn .....W 102-81  
D.30 at (12) Arizona .....L 95-119

J.3	Boston Univ.	.....W	111-84
J.5	*Michigan State	.....W	75-64
J.8	*at Iowa	.....W	71-70
J.13	*Ohio State	.....ot-W	86-75
J.16	*at (11) Indiana	.....L	62-72
J.20	*at (20) Minnesota	.....L	58-63
J.23	*at Illinois	.....W	74-70
J.29	*(16) Wisconsin	.....W	79-75
F.1	*at (8) Purdue	.....W	63-62
F.5	*at Michigan State	.....W	59-51
F.8	*(12) Indiana	.....W	91-67
F.13	*at Ohio State	.....W	72-70
F.16	*Iowa	.....W	89-76
F.19	*(20) Minnesota	.....W	72-65
F.22	*Illinois	.....W	79-70
M.2	*at Wisconsin	.....L	58-71
M.6	*(9) Purdue	.....L	94-95
M.9	*Penn State	.....W	81-72
M.12	*at Northwestern	.....ot-L	93-97

**NCAA FIRST and SECOND ROUNDS - MIDEAST REGIONAL (Wichita, Kan.)**  
M.17 ~vs. Pepperdine .....ot-W 78-74  
M.19 ~vs. (20) Texas .....W 84-79

**NCAA MIDEAST REGIONAL (Dallas, Texas)**  
M.24 ~vs. Maryland .....W 78-71  
M.27 ~vs. (2) Arkansas .....L 68-76  
\* - Big Ten Conference Game. ~ - NCAA Tournament Game.

**► 1994-95 • 17-14; 11-7 Big Ten**  
**NCAA First Round**  
Home: 10-3, Away: 4-7, Neutral: 3-4

**MAUI CLASSIC (Lahaina, Hawaii)**  
N.21 vs. Tulane .....W 75-73  
N.22 vs. Arizona State .....L 62-79  
N.23 vs. Utah .....W 73-69

**GREAT EIGHT BASKETBALL CLASSIC (Auburn Hills, Mich.)**  
N.30 vs. (9) Arizona .....L 57-78  
D.3 at Tenn.-Chattanooga .....W 83-71  
D.5 Detroit .....W 87-76

D.10	at (9) Duke	.....L	59-69
D.13	Pennsylvania	.....L	60-62
D.22	Jackson State	.....W	87-81

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### TOURNAMENT (Seattle, Wash.)

D.29	vs. Portland	.....ot-W	88-84
D.30	vs. Washington	.....L	61-65
J.3	*Purdue	.....W	71-61
J.8	*at Penn State	.....L	63-73
J.11	*(19) Iowa	.....2ot-W	83-82
J.14	*at Northwestern	.....W	92-70
J.17	*at (20) Illinois	.....W	69-59
J.22	*(12) Michigan State	.....L	71-73
J.24	*at Indiana	.....W	65-52
J.29	St. John's	.....L	77-82

F.1	*Wisconsin	.....W	62-58
F.4	*at Minnesota	.....L	58-80
F.8	*Ohio State	.....W	72-58
F.11	*at Wisconsin	.....L	65-70
F.19	*Indiana	.....W	61-50
F.21	*at (12) Michigan State	.....L	64-67
F.26	*Illinois	.....W	63-51
M.1	*Northwestern	.....W	81-64
M.5	*at Iowa	.....L	69-89
M.8	*Penn State	.....W	67-60
M.12	*at (14) Purdue	.....L	67-73

**NCAA FIRST and SECOND ROUNDS - MIDWEST REGIONAL (Dayton, Ohio)**  
M.16 ~vs. (21) W. Kentucky .....ot-L 76-82  
\* - Big Ten Conference Game. ~ - NCAA Tournament Game.

**► 1995-96 • 20-12; 10-8 Big Ten**  
**NCAA First Round**  
Home: 11-2, Away: 6-6, Neutral: 3-4

N.15	vs. DePaul	.....W	73-65
N.17	vs. Weber State	.....W	80-62
N.22	vs. (4) Arizona	.....L	79-86
N.24	vs. (25) Georgia Tech	.....L	61-77
N.27	St. Francis	.....W	84-52
N.29	at Ball State	.....W	80-52
D.2	at Detroit	.....W	68-48
D.5	at Louisiana State	.....W	69-68
D.9	(18) Duke	.....W	88-84
D.16	Washington	.....W	60-59
D.18	Cleveland State	.....W	84-55
D.28	vs. UNLV	.....L	64-66
D.30	vs. Davidson	.....W	82-70

J.3	*at Wisconsin	.....L	46-51
J.6	*Northwestern	.....W	83-51
J.9	*(21) Illinois	.....W	83-68
J.13	*at Michigan State	.....W	76-54
J.21	*(14) Penn State	.....W	67-66
J.23	*at Indiana	.....L	83-99
J.28	*at (22) Iowa	.....L	61-70
J.31	*(17) Purdue	.....L	64-69
F.3	*at Ohio State	.....W	77-58
F.10	*at (14) Purdue	.....L	64-69
F.13	*(19) Iowa	.....L	55-62
F.18	*Indiana	.....W	80-75
F.22	*at (14) Penn State	.....L	57-67
F.24	*Minnesota	.....W	65-62
F.27	*Michigan State	.....W	75-46
M.3	*at Illinois	.....L	62-73
M.6	*at Northwestern	.....W	77-50
M.9	*Wisconsin	.....W	65-51

**NCAA FIRST ROUND - MIDWEST REGIONAL (Milwaukee, Wis.)**  
M.15 ~vs. Texas .....L 76-80  
\* - Big Ten Conference Game. ~ - NCAA Tournament Game.

**► 1996-97 • 24-11; 9-9 Big Ten**  
**Postseason NIT Champions**  
Home: 9-3, Away: 6-6, Neutral: 9-2

N.26	Ball State	.....W	87-63
N.30	at Cleveland State	.....W	80-74
D.2	Bradley	.....ot-W	66-64
D.5	Detroit	.....W	75-59
D.8	at (10) Duke	.....W	62-61
D.11	vs. St. John's	.....W	76-61
D.15	vs. Louisiana State	.....W	70-59
D.21	vs. (6) Arizona	.....ot-W	73-71
D.28	vs. Memphis	.....L	72-73
D.29	vs. Washington State	.....W	85-79
D.30	vs. Pittsburgh	.....L	78-85





J.2	*Ohio State	L	71-73
J.4	*at Northwestern	W	75-57
J.9	*(25) Illinois	W	88-74
J.11	*at (11) Minnesota	L	64-70
J.16	*Purdue	W	89-65
J.19	*Iowa	W	79-71
J.21	*at (21) Indiana	L	70-72
J.25	at Michigan State	W	74-61
J.28	*at Penn State	W	67-59
F.1	*Michigan State	W	85-65
F.6	*at Wisconsin	L	53-58
F.8	*Penn State	W	81-64
F.16	*Indiana	ot-L	81-84
F.20	*at Iowa	L	75-80
F.23	*at Purdue	L	58-67
F.26	*(2) Minnesota	L	54-55
M.2	*at (21) Illinois	L	51-70
M.5	*Northwestern	W	93-76
M.9	*Ohio State	ot-W	86-81

**POSTSEASON NIT (Ann Arbor, Mich.)**  
M.13 vs. Miami (Fla.) W 76-63  
M.18 vs. Oklahoma State W 75-65

**POSTSEASON NIT (Notre Dame, Ind.)**  
M.20 vs. Notre Dame W 67-66

**POSTSEASON NIT (New York, N.Y.)**  
M.25 vs. Arkansas W 77-62  
M.27 vs. Florida State W 82-73

\* - Big Ten Conference Game. ^ - Postseason NIT Game

## San Diego State Era

### ► 1999-00 • 5-23; 0-14 Mountain West

Home: 5-10, Away: 0-13, Neutral: 0-0

N.24	UC Riverside	W	73-57
N.30	at New Mexico State	L	49-66
D.4	at San Diego	L	45-73
D.12	at (17/17) Oklahoma State	L	63-97
D.16	South Carolina State	W	72-57
D.18	at Arizona State	L	85-99
D.20	Southern California	L	54-87
D.22	UC Santa Barbara	W	60-57
D.27	Ball State	L	65-82
D.30	Loyola Marymount	W	70-63
J.2	High Point	W	74-63
J.5	Cal St.-Fullerton	L	66-72
J.8	at Pacific	L	63-74
J.10	*(-/24) Utah	L	55-70
J.20	*Air Force	3ot-L	77-81
J.22	*at UNLV	L	55-83
J.27	*at Colorado State	L	67-75
J.29	*at Wyoming	L	87-93
F.3	*Brigham Young	L	50-72
F.5	*New Mexico	L	57-78
F.10	*at (21/20) Utah	L	65-83
F.12	*Colorado State	L	46-74
F.19	*Wyoming	L	57-71
F.24	*at Air Force	L	55-63
F.26	*at New Mexico	L	49-78
M.2	*UNLV	L	64-85
M.4	*at Brigham Young	L	50-67

**MWC CHAMPIONSHIP (Las Vegas, Nev.)**  
M.9 at (#1) UNLV (QF) L 72-77  
\* - Mountain West Conference game.

### ► 2000-01 • 14-14; 4-10 Mountain West

Home: 12-5, Away: 2-8, Neutral: 0-1

N.18	UC San Diego	W	80-48
N.21	New Mexico State	W	77-62
N.27	at Fresno State	L	62-70
N.30	Florida Atlantic	W	90-57
D.2	Cal St.-Sacramento	W	92-69
D.6	at UC Santa Barbara	3ot-L	77-80
D.9	San Diego	L	52-55
D.16	Arizona State	W	64-62
D.18	Morgan State	W	78-64
D.21	Norfolk State	W	79-69
D.30	Oklahoma State	W	87-66
J.4	Texas A&M-CC	W	84-70
J.6	at Loyola Marymount	W	61-58

J.8	*New Mexico	L	67-75
J.13	*at Brigham Young	L	50-79
J.15	*at Utah	L	39-58
J.20	*^Air Force	W	67-43
J.27	*at UNLV	ot-L	72-82
F.3	*at Wyoming	L	66-101
F.5	*at Colorado State	L	56-77
F.10	*Utah	L	63-76
F.12	*Brigham Young	L	66-69
F.17	*at New Mexico	L	54-72
F.19	*at Air Force	W	62-48
F.24	*UNLV	W	83-66
M.1	*Wyoming	L	62-69
M.3	*Colorado State	W	78-73

**MWC CHAMPIONSHIP (Las Vegas, Nev.)**  
M.8 vs. (#3) Wyoming (QF) L 58-73  
\* - Mountain West Conference game. ^ - Steve Fisher's 200th career coaching victory.

### ► 2001-02 • 21-12; 7-7 Mountain West

**NCAA First Round**  
Home: 12-3, Away: 6-8, Neutral: 3-1  
**2001 FORD RED RAIDER CLASSIC (Lubbock, Texas)**

N.16	vs. Northern Iowa (SF)	W	71-57
N.17	at Texas Tech (CH)	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 Hawai'i	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-CC	W	82-79
J.12	*at Brigham Young	L	64-75
J.14	*at Utah	L	70-76
J.19	*Colorado State	W	81-69
J.21	*Wyoming	ot-L	85-88
J.26	*UNLV	ot-L	79-80
J.29	Houston	W	78-66
F.2	*at New Mexico	W	78-65
F.4	*at Air Force	L	54-67
F.9	*Utah	L	53-70
F.11	*Brigham Young	W	77-73
F.16	*at Colorado State	W	75-63
F.18	*at Wyoming	W	68-64
F.23	*at UNLV	ot-L	76-83
F.28	*New Mexico	W	84-71
M.2	*Air Force	W	49-47

**MWC CHAMPIONSHIP (Las Vegas, Nev.)**  
M.7 vs. (#4) BYU (QF) W 62-51  
M.8 vs. (#1) Wyoming (SF) W 70-69  
M.9 at (#3) UNLV (CH) W 78-75

**NCAA FIRST and SECOND ROUNDS - MIDWEST REGIONAL (Chicago, Ill.)**  
M.15 vs. (13/16) (#4) Illinois L 64-93  
\* - Mountain West Conference game.

### ► 2002-03 • 16-14; 6-8 Mountain West

**NIT Second Round**  
Home: 11-6, Away: 5-8, Neutral: 0-0

N.23	Eastern Washington	L	70-75
N.27	at Portland	L	86-91
N.30	at Cal Poly	W	65-62
D.2	UC San Diego	W	87-57
D.7	(1/1) Arizona	L	81-89
D.10	at Long Beach State	W	64-55
D.14	Hawai'i	W	60-49
D.21	at Houston	W	71-61
D.28	Florida Atlantic	W	91-75
D.30	IPFW	W	74-58
J.3	Loyola Marymount	W	76-69
J.6	(23/21) Texas Tech	L	63-75
J.8	San Diego	W	78-72
J.11	*at Air Force	W	63-48
J.18	*Utah	W	58-56
J.20	*Brigham Young	L	69-80
J.25	*at New Mexico	L	62-66

F.1	*Colorado State	L	69-72
F.3	*Wyoming	W	80-70
F.11	*UNLV	L	64-79
F.15	*at Utah	L	62-76
F.17	*at Brigham Young	L	64-66
F.22	*Air Force	W	67-53
F.24	*New Mexico	W	89-73
M.1	*at Wyoming	W	86-73
M.3	*at Colorado State	L	89-102
M.8	*at UNLV	L	72-83

**MWC CHAMPIONSHIP (Las Vegas, Nev.)**  
M.13 at (4) UNLV (QF) L 67-83

**POSTSEASON NIT (San Diego, Calif.)**  
M.19 UC Santa Barbara (FR) ot-W 67-62

**POSTSEASON NIT (Lubbock, Texas)**  
M.21 at Texas Tech (SR) L 48-57  
\* - Mountain West Conference game. ^ - Postseason NIT Game

AP/USA Today Polls - The number in front of the opponent name indicates its national ranking at the time of the game. Prior to the 1999-2000 season, ranking refers to only the Associated Press poll.

#0 - Indicates seed of opponent in a tournament

FR - First round of tournament; SR - Second round of tournament

QF - Quarterfinal round of tournament

SF - Semifinal round of tournament

CH - Championship game of tournament

## Milestone Wins

### Victory Number

200 - at Air Force (Jan. 20, 2001) - W, 67-43

224 - at UNLV (March 9, 2002) - W, 78-75; MWC Championship Game.

225 - at Cal Poly (Nov. 30, 2002) - W, 65-62

240 - vs. UC Santa Barbara (March 19, 2003) - W-ot, 67-62; First Round NIT; First Division I postseason victory in SDSU history.

## Most Final Four Appearances, Active Coaches

Rk.	Coach	App.
1.	Mike Krzyzewski, Duke	9
2.	Bob Knight, Texas Tech	5
	Lute Olson, Arizona	5
4.	Rick Pitino, Louisville	4
	Roy Williams, Kansas	4
6.	► Steve Fisher, San Diego State	3
7.	Jim Boeheim, Syracuse	3
	Tom Izzo, Michigan State	3
	Hugh Durham, Jacksonville	2
	Lou Henson, New Mexico St.	2
	Eddie Sutton, Oklahoma St.	2
	Gary Williams, Maryland	2

## Active National Championship Coaches

Coach	Current School
Jim Boeheim	Syracuse
Jim Calhoun	Connecticut
► Steve Fisher	San Diego State
Tom Izzo	Michigan State
Bob Knight	Texas Tech
Mike Krzyzewski	Duke
Lute Olson	Arizona
Rick Pitino	Louisville
Tubby Smith	Kentucky
Gary Williams	Maryland



**Brian Dutcher**

**Assistant Head Coach**

**Birthdate**

October 30, 1959

**Hometown**

Alpena, Mich.

**Education**

1982 – B.S. degree from Minnesota. 1984 – M. S. degree from Illinois.

**Marital Status**

Married to Jan Dutcher

**Children**

Erin (15) and Liza (13)

## Brian Dutcher

### Assistant Head Coach - 5th Season at San Diego State Minnesota '82

One of Steve Fisher's first moves as head coach at San Diego State was to hire Brian Dutcher as his top assistant. Dutcher, 44, was a regional scout for the Sacramento Kings before assuming the role of assistant head coach at San Diego State.

Dutcher served as assistant coach and later associate head coach at Michigan under Fisher. He spent 10 seasons on the Wolverine staff, establishing himself as one of the nation's top assistant coaches. His first year in Ann Arbor was 1989 and resulted in a national title for Michigan as he assisted then-interim head coach Steve Fisher on the bench.

The Bloomington, Minn., native headed up UM's recruiting efforts in 1990-91 when the Wolverines inked Juwan Howard, Ray Jackson, Jimmy King, Jalen Rose and Chris Webber. The "Fab Five" is considered perhaps the best recruiting class in NCAA history. Dutcher helped lead that group to nearly 100 wins, two berths in the NCAA championship game and a regional final over a four-year period. He was also on the Michigan staff for an NIT championship and a Big Ten tournament title (1998).

Dutcher's recruiting prowess, however, was demonstrated by more than just the "Fab Five" haul. Michigan had the nation's top-ranked recruiting class in 1993-94 and in 1994-95, with a group that included Maurice Taylor and Jerod Ward. The accomplishment marked the first time that a university had the nation's top class in consecutive years, according to recruiting analyst Bob Gibbons.

His efforts at San Diego State have quickly gained accolades as well. The first full-year recruiting effort by Steve Fisher, Brian Dutcher and Company resulted in a class that was a consensus top-40 group. Their second effort resulted in a top-25 recruiting class without counting a pair of high-profile transfers. Last season, Dutcher helped the Aztecs attract San Diego State's first McDonald's All-American and this season San Diego State added two high-profile freshmen to the list.

Dutcher was born Oct. 30, 1959, in Alpena, Mich. He attended Bloomington (Minn.) Jefferson High School and went

on to earn a bachelor's degree in physical education from Minnesota in 1982. While an undergraduate, he worked for his father, then-Minnesota head coach Jim Dutcher. He then spent one season in the prep ranks at Apple Valley (Minn.) High School before becoming a graduate assistant at Illinois, where he earned his master's degree.

While in Champaign, Dutcher helped Lou Henson lead the Illini to a Big Ten championship, two appearances in the Sweet 16 and one regional final. Along the way he completed a master's degree in physical education and athletic administration.

Dutcher's first full-time coaching job came at South Dakota State, where he spent three seasons helping turn around the Division II program before departing in 1988 for Michigan.

His final season in Ann Arbor ended with the Wolverines claiming the first-ever Big Ten Tournament championship.

Dutcher is now firmly entrenched as one of the nation's top recruiters after showing his rapport with potential student-athletes is as strong on the West Coast as it was in the vaunted Big Ten Conference.

Dutcher and his wife, Jan, have two daughters, Erin (15) and Liza (13).



## Gary Grant

### Assistant Coach - 1st Season at San Diego State Michigan '88

One of the premier collegiate players in Big Ten Conference history and a 13-year veteran of the NBA, Gary Grant joined the Aztec coaching staff as an assistant coach on October 22, 2003.

Grant, who enjoyed a stellar collegiate career at the University of Michigan from the 1984-85 season through the 1987-88 season, is reunited with Steve Fisher, who served as an assistant coach while Grant played in Ann Arbor.

In addition to bringing a wealth of on-court knowledge, Grant will be heavily involved in all facets of coaching, including recruiting, practice planning, as well as game preparation.

Grant was a four-year starter at Michigan where he was a consensus All-American (1988), a two-time all-Big Ten Conference first-team selection (1987, 88), and a two-time Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year (1987, 88).

He played in 129 games and made 128 starts in his four-year career, guiding the Wolverines to a 100-29 record and four NCAA Tournament appearances including the 1988 NCAA Sweet 16. Michigan enjoyed 20-win seasons in each of his four years as a member of the Wolverines.

Grant etched his name into the school's career record book, ranking second in scoring (2,222) and first in assists (731) when he departed in 1988.

He became the first Big Ten player to score 1,000 points, dish out 600 assists and record 200 steals in a career.

The Seattle SuperSonics selected Grant with the 15th pick of the first round in the 1988 NBA Draft. His rights were traded to the Los Angeles Clippers where Grant played for his first seven NBA seasons.

Grant still ranks among the top of several of the Clippers' all-time franchise records entering the 2003-04 season, including second in assists (2,810), second in steals (747) and fourth in games played (446).

He also owns the franchise record for most assists in a half with 15 against Cleveland on March 10, 1989.

In addition to the Clippers, he played for New York, Miami and Portland.

Grant played in 552 games and made 231 career starts compiling 4,368 points, 3,013

assists and 1,283 rebounds in the NBA.

Perhaps most impressive is how Grant's teams won not only at the college level, but also at the professional level.

Grant helped the Los Angeles Clippers to consecutive playoff appearances in 1991-92 and 1992-93. In both seasons, Grant and the Clippers pushed their opponent to a decisive fifth game in the opening round. The Clippers have failed to win a playoff game since.

In 1995-96, Grant helped the New York Knicks advance to the Eastern

Conference semifinals, losing to the Miami Heat in a seventh game.

In 1996-97, Grant helped Miami make the playoffs, before bowing out to New York in the decisive fifth game of the first round.

Following the end of his playing career in 2000-01, Grant served as an assistant coach for the Portland Trailblazers.

Grant and his wife Tammie have three children - Taryn, Mahogany and Piper.



### Gary Grant

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#### Assistant Coach

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#### Birthdate

April 21, 1965

#### Hometown

Malibu, Calif.

#### Education

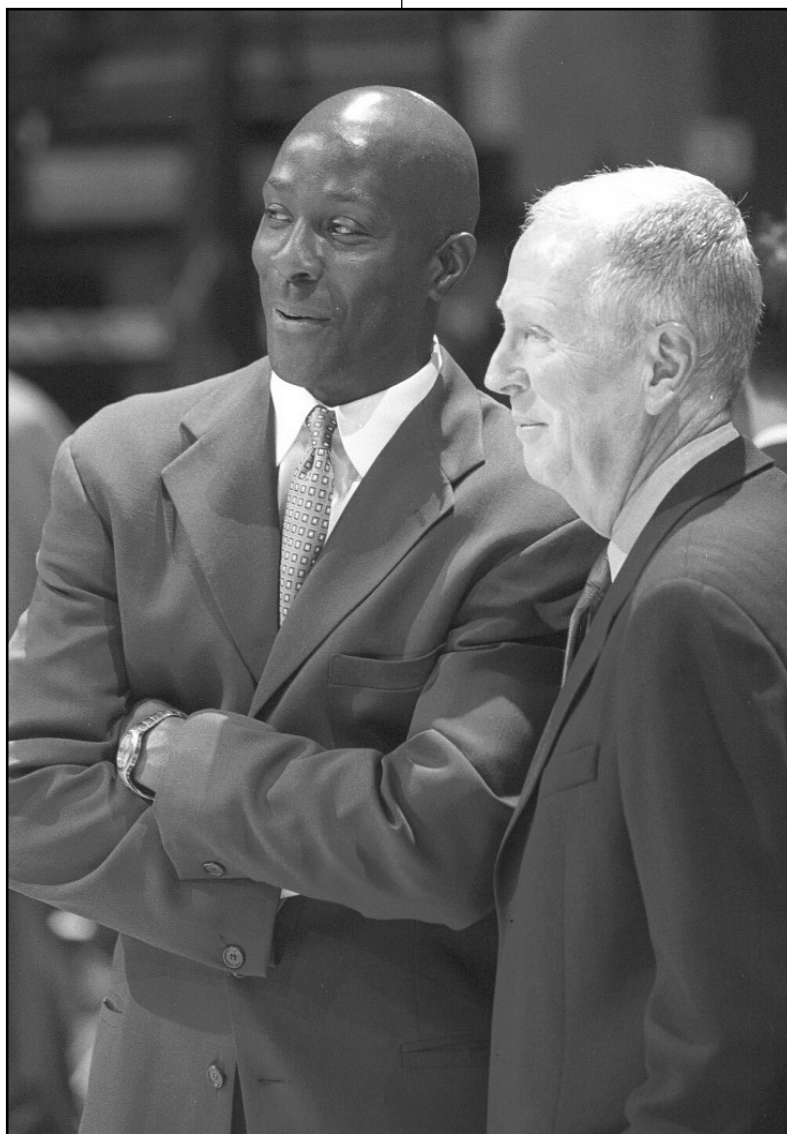
1988 - B.A. degree from Michigan.

#### Marital Status

Married to Tammie Grant

#### Children

Taryn (12), Mahogany (8) and Piper (2)





**Gregg Gottlieb**

**Assistant Coach**

**Birthdate**

March 3, 1972

**Education**

1995 – B.A. degree from UCLA. 1997 – M. B. A. from Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo

**Marital Status**

Engaged to Mandy Visnic

## Gregg Gottlieb

**Assistant Coach - 5th Season at San Diego State  
UCLA '95**

**G**regg Gottlieb begins his fifth season at San Diego State and his second as an assistant coach. Gottlieb is instrumental in player instruction and skill development and also assists in all areas of the program.

His numerous responsibilities also include on-court coaching, opponent scouting and scheduling.

Gottlieb has added recruiting to his many responsibilities.

In the summer of 2002, Gottlieb was named an assistant coach following the departure of Jim Tomey to take the head coaching reigns of San Diego State's women's program. Gottlieb had served as the program's director of operations since October of 1999.

His responsibilities as the director of basketball operations included assisting with the day-to-day operations and overseeing the negotiating of scheduling. He also coordinated film exchange, served as the basketball liaison and committee board member for the Big 64 booster club and organized and negotiated all aspects of team travel.

The UCLA graduate helped San Diego State put together one of the most challenging schedules in school history in 2002-03, highlighted by home games with Arizona, Texas Tech and Hawai'i.

That trend continues in 2003-04 as the Aztecs will play in the EA Sports Maui Invitational. In all, San Diego State will play at least 10 games against teams that advanced to the NCAA Tournament last season and 18 contests against opponents that played in one of the two national postseason tournaments.

In his tenure, the Aztecs have also had high-profile games with Duke and Oklahoma State.

Gottlieb also sat on the board of Hoopla, the largest annual fundraising event for the Aztec basketball program in his tenure at San Diego State.

Gottlieb was a standout performer at El Modena High School in Orange County and followed that up as a two-year letterman at Drake. After his playing career, he returned to California and earned his degree in history and picked up a minor in business at UCLA in 1995.

Gottlieb moved into the collegiate coaching ranks at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo. He was part of the staff that was

responsible for one of college basketball's biggest turnarounds. The Mustangs' win total jumped from one in 1994-95 to 16 in 1995-96.

While at San Luis Obispo, Gottlieb completed work on his master's of business administration.

In July of 1997, Gottlieb became assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Cal State Sacramento. His first recruiting class in the Big Sky Conference ranked 43rd nationally.

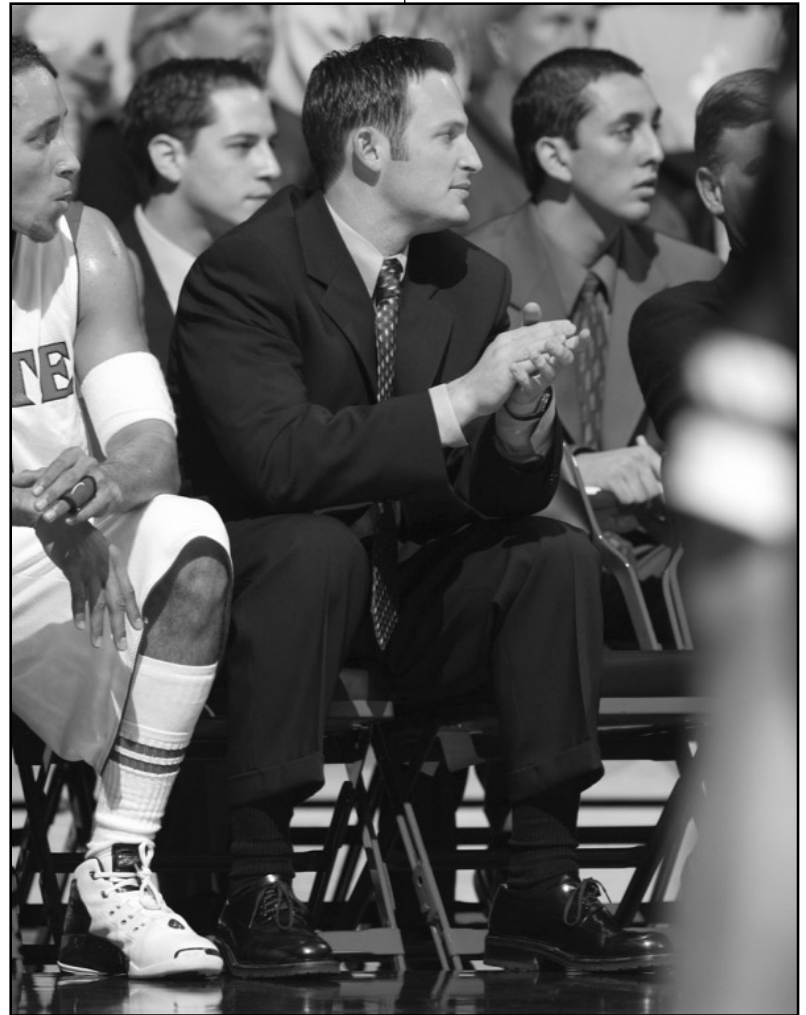
After two years as an assistant coach at Cal State Sacramento, Gottlieb joined the San Diego State staff in 1999.

Gottlieb comes from a basketball family. His father, Bob, is a former college coach who worked under Hall of Famer

Jack Hartman at Kansas State and under Eddie Sutton at Creighton. His father was also head coach at Jacksonville and Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

His brother, Doug, led the nation in assists while at Oklahoma State and currently is co-host of ESPN Radio's GameNight. His sister currently works in business affairs for the Oakland Raiders.

Gottlieb is engaged to Mandy Visnic.





## Mark Fisher

Director of Basketball Operations - 2nd Season at San Diego State  
Michigan '01

**M**ark Fisher, the son of San Diego State head coach Steve Fisher, enters his second season as the director of basketball operations at the school. He replaced Gregg Gottlieb, who was named an Aztec assistant coach in June, 2002.

Fisher handles many of the day-to-day operations, including scheduling, camps and organizing all aspects of team travel. He represents the basketball program with the athletic administration.

This past summer, when San Diego State had two assistant coaches, Fisher officially took on coaching responsibilities, including conducting individual workouts and off-campus recruiting. He remained in that capacity until Gary Grant was hired in late October.

Mark Fisher, the oldest of Steve Fisher's two sons, graduated from the University of Michigan in December of 2001. A member of Psi Chi, a psychology

honors fraternity, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology with a 3.73 grade-point average.

Around basketball a majority of his life, Mark Fisher has amassed a variety of experience in a short period of time.

From 1998-2001, Fisher worked in a variety of capacities for Lincoln High School in Ann Arbor, Mich. He served as the varsity assistant head coach, head junior varsity coach and the head freshman coach during his tenure, assisting in all areas of the program.

He served as associate head coach for an Ann Arbor AAU team in the summer of 2001. Many of the players on that squad went on to play college basketball. He has also assisted in numerous camps, including the Steve Fisher Basketball Camps - both in Ann Arbor and in San Diego.

Fisher is single and lives in Carmel Valley



**Mark Fisher**

Director of Basketball  
Operations

## Mark Haines

Assistant Athletic Trainer - 14th Season at San Diego State  
Metropolitan State College '87



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**M**ark Haines is in his 14th year on the athletic training staff and his ninth as head athletic trainer for men's basketball.

Haines handles all of the medical needs for the men's basketball team throughout the year. He supervises all rehabilitative efforts in case of injury. In addition, he coordinates all team meals on the road and pre-game meals prior to home games.

In addition, he also assists the athletic training staff in football.

Haines arrived at San Diego State after two years at Michigan State. He also served as the head athletic trainer at high schools in Michigan and Colorado. He is a graduate of Metro State and earned his master's degree at Michigan State.

Haines and his wife, Lynn, have two children - Nicholas (12) and Johnathan (10).



**Mark Haines**

Assistant Athletic  
Trainer



**Matt Soria**

## Matt Soria

Director of Player Development  
4th Season at SDSU (San Diego State '02)

**M**att Soria begins his fourth year with the San Diego State basketball program and his first in the newly created position of director of player development.

Soria will assist the basketball coaching staff with video breakdown, travel, community service and will handle many of the day-to-day office duties.

A three-year manager for the Aztecs, Soria graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science in December, 2001. He served as the team's head manager for the 2001-02 and 2002-03 seasons.

Soria has worked numerous basketball camps, including the Steve Fisher Basketball Camp. In the summer of 2002, he launched his own camp, Top Preps, in Stockton, Calif.

Soria played collegiate basketball for two seasons at Cabrillo College in Aptos, Calif., before transferring to San Diego State.

Soria, 24, is single and resides in San Diego.



**Dave Ohton**

## Dave Ohton

Director of Strength and Conditioning  
18th Season at SDSU (Arizona State '84)

**D**ave Ohton is in his 18th season as San Diego State's strength and conditioning coach, working with the Aztec men's basketball team as well as 16 other varsity sports.

Ohton came to SDSU after serving as a graduate assistant in strength and conditioning at Arizona State in 1984 and '85.

As a collegiate player, he was a center and outside linebacker for the Sun Devils during the 1981 and '82 seasons, and played for ASU in the 1983 Fiesta Bowl vs. Oklahoma.

Ohton earned his bachelor's degree in physical education and psychology from Arizona State in 1984. Following graduation, he played for the USFL's Arizona Wranglers for one season before returning to ASU.

A member of the American Drug Free Powerlifting Association, he has published articles on weight training and sprint techniques for football players in the *National Strength and Conditioning Association Journal* and *Bigger and Faster Magazine*.

Ohton also published an article entitled "Kinesiological Look at the Long Snap" for that organization.

Ohton and his wife, Amy, reside in San Diego.



**Kristen Evans**

## Kristen Evans

Academic Counselor  
1st Season at SDSU (Oklahoma '98)

**K**risten Evans enters her first season as an academic counselor at San Diego State. Evans works with the men's basketball program and is responsible for monitoring each student-athlete's academic progress.

In addition to advising players, Evans works one-on-one with members of the team on a daily basis to assist the student-athletes with tutors, professors, monitoring deadlines and upcoming exams.

She also oversees the study hall and tutorial services for the team - both in San Diego and on the road.

Evans came to San Diego State from the University of Oklahoma, where she served in a similar capacity for the previous four years.

A 1998 graduate of Oklahoma with a degree in sociology, Evans earned a master's degree in adults in higher education from the university in 2000.

As an undergraduate student, Evans competed in gymnastics for the Sooners and earned all-Big 8 Conference academic honors as well as being named to the Dean's List.

Evans is single and lives in San Diego.

## Marty Malano

Administrative Assistant  
4th Season at SDSU

**M**arty Malano enters her fourth season as the administrative assistant for the San Diego State basketball program and her seventh year at San Diego State.

Malano has administrative duties in the day-to-day operations of the San Diego State basketball office. She works closely with Steve Fisher to organize the schedule of the fifth-year head coach.

In addition to assisting Fisher, Malano assists the coaching staff with schedules, travel and recruiting responsibilities.

She also serves as the basketball staff liaison to the Big 64, the booster support group for men's basketball.

The Malano name is a familiar one to all Aztec Fans. Marty's son Mike, was an All-America football player at San Diego State in 1999. He started 46 games in his four-year career, earning first-team all-conference honors in both his junior and senior seasons as a center. He was selected in the seventh round of the 2000 National Football League Draft by the Minnesota Vikings.

Malano is married to Gary Moss, and lives in San Diego.



**Marty Malano**

# Aztec Staff



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Athletics Director



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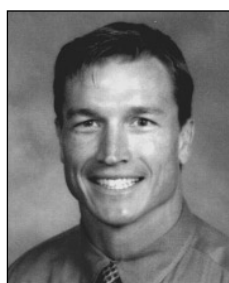
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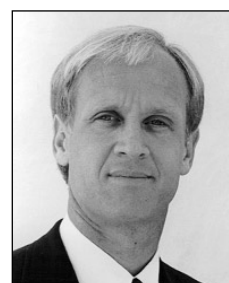
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Team Physician



**Allen Richburg**

Team Physician



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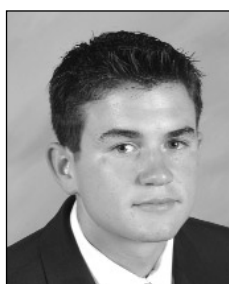
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