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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 11 - MAY 18

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 W-Tennis (thru Sun.) NCAARegionals vs. Arizona Tempe, Ariz. - 8 a.m. M-Tennis (thru Sun.) NCAARegionals vs. Hampton Los Angeles - 9 a.m. Track at Oxy Invitational Los Angeles 2 p.m.
12	13	14	15	16 M-Golf (thru Sun.) NCAARegionals Albuquerque, N.M. All Day	17	18

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TRACK and FIELD

Aztecs Close Regular Season At Oxy Invitational

2002 Schedule and Results

Date Event Time/Result Indoor Schedule

Jan. 12	at Pole Vault Summit	NTS
Feb. 2	at Wolf Pack Invite	7th, 23 pts.
Feb. 9	at NAU Invitational	NTS
Feb. 21-23	MWC Indoor Chps.*	6th, 58.5 pts.

Outdoor Schedule

Date	Event	Time/Result
Mar. 2	at USC Invitational	NTS
Mar. 9	at Ben Brown Invitational	NTS
Mar. 15-16	at Willie Williams Classic	NTS
Mar. 17	at Trojan Classic	NTS
Mar. 23	AZTECCCLASSIC	NTS
Mar. 29-30	at Cal-Nev Chps.	3rd, 121 pts.
Apr. 6	UNLV Desert Classic	NTS
Apr. 13	ALL-WOMEN INVITE	4th, 95 pts.
Apr. 13	at Sun Angel Classic	NTS
Apr. 18-19	at Mt. SAC Heptathalon	NTS
Apr. 19-21	at Mt. SAC Relays	NTS
Apr. 27	at Oregon Invitational	NTS
	at UCSD Invitational	NTS
May 5	at Steve Scott Invitational	NTS
May 11	at Oxy Invitational	2 p.m.
May 15-18	MWC Outdoor Champs.*	All Day

Home meets in CAPS

Home meets held at SDSU Sports Deck

*Colorado Springs, Colo.

2002 Outdoor Bests

100 Meters - Tonette Dyer	11.77
200 Meters - Tonette Dyer	23.41#
400 Meters - Tonette Dyer	52.48#
800 Meters - Jennifer Stakiw	2:13.21
100 Hurdles - Leslie Miller	14.00
400 Hurdles - Leslie Miller	1:00.04
1,500 Meters - Alicia Stewart	4:44.03
3,000 Meters - Alicia Stewart	10:23.07
3,000 Steeple - Hillery Gemmill	11:36.27
5,000 Meters - Alicia Stewart	18:13.97
10,000 Meters - A. Fitzpatrick	43:51.93
4x100-Meter Relay - SDSU "A"	44.77#^
4x400-Meter Relay - SDSU "B"	3:36.82#
Long Jump - M. Schauer mann	19-04.25 (5.90m)
High Jump - Alisha Lasswell	5-07.00 (1.70m)
Triple Jump - Alisha Lasswell	35-8.50 (10.88m)
Pole Vault - Shayla Balentine	13-00.25 (3.97m)#
Javelin - Leslie Miller	132-10.00 (40.49m)
Shot Put - Candace Hill	43-10.00 (13.36m)
Discus - Candace Hill	149-02.00 (45.46m)
Hammer - Candace Hill	145-03.00 (44.29m)
Heptathlon - Leslie Miller	5,472 points

#Indicates NCAA provisional mark

^Indicates school record



This Week

The San Diego State track and field team will send its distance runners to Saturday's Oxy Invitational in Los Angeles. The event will be held on the Occidental campus and gets underway at 2 p.m. with the hammer throw. The last event of the day is the 5,000 meters, scheduled to start at 8:30 p.m. Saturday's meet will be the last of the season for the Aztec distance corp as those athletes will not be traveling to next week's Mountain West Conference Championships. SDSU comes off an impressive performance at last Sunday's Steve Scott Invitational in Irvine, earning 12 top-three finishes.

SDSU Lately

Noting the Steve Scott Invitational

• Paced by hurdler Leslie Miller and sprinter Tonette Dyer, SDSU recorded 12 top-three finishes on Sunday at the Steve Scott Invitational held on the UC Irvine campus.

• Miller took first place in both the 100-meter hurdles (14.46) and 400-meter hurdles (1:01.00). Dyer raced to a first-place time of 24.03 in the 200 meters and placed third in the 100 meters (11.83). Miller also placed fourth in the high jump (5-2.25).

• Melinda Smedley completed a 1-2 sweep of the 200 meters, clocking in behind Dyer at 24.31. Hollann Givens and Jillita Griffin placed 2-3, respectively, in section two of the 100 meters. Givens stopped the clock at 12.12 and Griffin at 12.16. Jini Hogg took the top spot in the 400 meters (53.76).

• Ryan Peters took second place behind Miller in both hurdling events. She ran the 100 in 14.65 and the 400 in 1:02.35.

• The Aztecs' 4x400 relay squad took the gold in their event, coming in at 3:40.55.

• The remaining top-three mark came courtesy of Candace Hill in the discus (146-11.0).

• Three Aztec pole vaulters set NCAA provisional marks. Shayla Balentine led the trio with a fifth-place mark of 12-9.50, followed by Jesika Englebretson, who finished seventh (12-8.25). Patricia Gutierrez placed eighth with a clearance of 12-5.50. All three had set at least one NCAA provisional mark prior to Sunday's competition and Englebretson's height was a career best.

• Other highlights include, Jennifer Stakiw's season-best time of 2:13.21 in the 800 meters and Alicia Stewart's season best of 4:44.03 in the 1,500 meters. Alisha Lasswell also set a season best in the triple jump (35-8.50).

This Week...

at Oxy Invitational

Sat., May 11

Looking Ahead

The MWC Outdoor Championships will be held May 15-18 in Colorado Springs. The NCAA Outdoor Championships will be held May 29-June 1 in Baton Rouge, La., several SDSU athletes have qualified provisionally for the event.

Leader Board

With the Mountain West Conference Outdoor Championships a week away, several SDSU athletes are listed among the league's top times and marks this season. Five of the conference's 10-best marks in the 100 meters are held by Aztecs, with Tonette Dyer holding the second best (11.77). Dyer also has the league's second-best time in the 200 meters (23.41), Melinda Smedley the third best (23.99) and Jini Hogg the fourth fastest (24.09). Dyer also has the fastest clocking in the 400 meters (52.48). Leslie Miller holds the No. 3 spot in both the 100 and 400 hurdles, with times of 14.00 and 1:00.04 respectively. Miller also holds the league's highest-point total in the heptathlon (5,472). SDSU's 4x100 relay squad has the fastest time in the league (44.77), with the 4x400 quartet being listed second (3:36.82). Pole vaulters Shayla Balentine and Jesika Englebretson are 1-2, respectively. Alicia Stewart and Allison Brown are 2-3 in the 3,000 meters.

Under Consideration

SDSU athletes have set 15 NCAA provisional qualifying marks thus far this season, with the most recent being in the pole vault this past weekend. The Aztecs have set provisional qualifiers in the 4x100 and 4x400. Tonette Dyer, a member of both those relay squads, ran an NCAA provisional mark in the 200 meters at the UNLV Desert Classic. Dyer also raced to a provisional time of 53.37 in the 400 meters at the Cal-Nevada Championships and set another in the 400 (52.48) at Mt. SAC. Three SDSU pole vaulters, Shayla Balentine, Patricia Gutierrez and Jesika Englebretson, have cleared a provisional mark at least twice this season. Leslie Miller's 5,472 points in the heptathlon at Mt. SAC was also a provisional mark.

Among The National Leaders

Several Aztecs are listed among the top times and marks in the nation this season. Tonette Dyer's time in the 200 meters (23.41) and 400 meters (52.48) are the 14th and ninth best this year. The team's time in the 4x100 (44.77) is the 20th fastest, to go along with the 24th best in the 4x400 (3:36.82). Shayla Balentine's 13-0.25 mark in the pole vault is 17th best. Leslie Miller's 5,472 points in the heptathlon ranks her seventh.

MEN'S TENNIS

Aztecs Make Short Trip to L.A. For NCAA Regional

2002 Schedule/Results (17-8, 4-1 MWC)

Date	Event (Ranking)	Time/Result
Jan. 25	vs. New Mexico (63)	W, 6-1
Jan. 26	vs. BYU (69) (Boise, Idaho)	W, 4-3
Feb. 2	at Stanford (2)	L, 1-6
Feb. 7-9	at ITA Team Indoor (Louisville, Ky.)	
	vs. Stanford (2)	L, 0-4
	vs. Tennessee (4)	L, 2-4
	vs. Southern Methodist (8)	W, 4-3
Feb. 19	at UCLA (5)	L, 2-5
Feb. 22	at Pepperdine (9)	L, 1-6
Feb. 23	UCIRVINE	W, 6-1
Mar. 3	UCSB (t75)	W, 6-1
Mar. 16-19	at Blue Gray Tournament (Mobile, Ala.)	
	vs. Va. Commonwealth (25)	W, 4-3
	vs. South Alabama (31)	W, 4-0
	vs. Illinois (8)	L, 2-4
Mar. 21	YALE (t71)	L, 3-4
Mar. 23	PRINCETON (61)	W, 6-1
Mar. 29	vs. New Mexico* (Las Vegas, Nev.)	W, 5-2
Mar. 30	vs. Air Force (74)* (Las Vegas, Nev.)	W, 6-1
Mar. 31	at UNLV (58)*	L, 1-6
Apr. 5	TULSA (35)	W, 4-3
Apr. 9	at San Diego	W, 5-2
Apr. 12	at Utah*	W, 7-0
Apr. 13	Brigham Young* (Salt Lake City, Utah)	W, 6-1
Apr. 14	PACIFIC	W, 7-0
Apr. 25-27	MWC Tournament (Las Vegas, Nev.)	
	vs. Utah	W, 4-0
	vs. Brigham Young	W, 4-1
May 11-12	NCAAREgionals (Los Angeles)	
	vs. Hampton	9 a.m.
May 18-27	NCAAFinals (College Station, Texas)	TBA

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*Mountain West Conference match



The Big Dance

The 29th-ranked Aztec men's tennis team will make its fourth NCAA appearance in the last five team championships when San Diego State travels north to Los Angeles for the opening two rounds of the tournament on May 11-12 at the Los Angeles Tennis Center.

San Diego State will face Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champion Hampton (15-6) in the first round of the championship on Saturday. Fourth-seeded and regional host UCLA will face UC Santa Barbara on Saturday with the two first-round winners meeting on Sunday. Match times for the first and second rounds are listed to the left. All four of the teams in the region received automatic berths into the championship by virtue of winning their conference title.

Hampton is 15-6 on the season and ended the regular-season by winning five-straight matches and 10 of 11 to end the season. The Pirates posted a perfect 6-0 regular-season record in the MEAC and then swept through the league post-season tournament, defeating Florida A&M, 4-3, in the championship match. This is Hampton's third trip to the Division I NCAA Tournament, also qualifying for the championship in 1999 and 2001. The Pirates will mark just the seventh unranked opponent San Diego State has faced this season. The Aztecs are 6-0 against teams outside the top 75 this spring, and has won 12 of their last 13 matches against unranked foes, dating back to last season.

The winners of the 16 second-round matches will advance to the team championships in College Station, Texas beginning on May 18.

Aztecs In The NCAA's

San Diego State is making its fourth trip to the NCAA team tournament, with all four of the appearances coming in the last five seasons. In each one of the Aztecs' three previous tournament appearances, San Diego State has advanced farther into the tournament - losing in the first round in 1998, the second round in 1999 and the round of 16 in 2000.

The Aztecs started playing tennis in the spring of 1936 and took 62 years to advance to its first NCAA tournament before become a staple in the event. In two of the three seasons San Diego State has made the tournament, the team that eliminated the Aztecs went on to play for the national championship (UCLA in 1999 and Virginia Commonwealth in 2000).

Last season, marked the first time since 1997 that San Diego State did not qualify for the national championship. Although the Aztecs did not advance as a team, Oliver Maiberger did earn All-America status by advancing to the third round of the NCAA Singles Championship.

This Week...

NCAAREgional vs. Hampton
Sat., May 11 - Sun., May 12
Los Angeles (at UCLA)

SDSU Tournament Appearances

1998 Region VII - New Mexico 4, SDSU 2
1999 1st Round - SDSU 4, Tulsa 1
2nd Round - UCLA 4, SDSU 1
2000 1st Round - SDSU 4, Wash. 3
(Malibu, Calif.)
2nd Round - SDSU 4, Pepperdine 2
(Malibu, Calif.)
Rd. of 16 - VCU 4, SDSU 3
(Athens, Ga.)
2001 First Round - vs. Hampton
(Los Angeles, Calif.)

The Aztec-Pirate Series

San Diego State and Hampton have not met according to school results dating back to 1980. The two have a pair of common opponents from the 2002 seasons. The Aztecs posted victories over 25th-ranked Virginia Commonwealth and 35th-ranked Tulsa, two teams that defeated the Pirates earlier this season. San Diego State defeated the Rams 4-3 at the USTA/ITA Men's National Indoor Team Championship in Louisville, Ky. on March 14. Three weeks earlier, on Feb. 24, VCU disposed of Hampton 7-0 in Richmond. San Diego State posted a 4-3 victory over the Golden Hurricane on April 5. Back on Jan. 26, Hampton suffered a 6-1 loss at Tulsa.

The Aztec-Bruin Series

A pessimist may say that the San Diego State-UCLA series has been slightly one-sided, with the Bruins owning a 25-0 series advantage. The two teams tangled in Los Angeles, back on Feb. 19, with the Bruins claiming a 5-2 victory. San Diego State won the doubles point, but UCLA claimed one through five singles to win the match. The teams have met once in NCAA play, with UCLA posting a 4-1 victory in the second round of the 1999 tournament.

The Year Of The Aztec

The 2001-02 season has been an historic year for the San Diego State men's tennis team. From playing co-host to the World Team Tennis Championships to winning the school's first grand slam title to claiming the Mountain West Conference championship, the season will go down as one of the most memorable in Aztec history.

Below are some of the season's highlights:

- In September, San Diego State played host to the third annual World Team Tennis National Collegiate Tennis Championships.
- In October, Oliver Maiberger advanced to the quarterfinal round of the ITA All-American Championship, the first leg of the grand slam.
- That same month, Maiberger became the first Aztec player to claim the singles and doubles region championship in the same season.
- In November, the Aztec duo of Oliver Maiberger and Ryan Redondo claimed the school's first grand slam title with a victory in the 2001 Omni Hotels National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships in Farmers Branch, Texas.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Aztecs Head To NCAA Regional, Face Arizona

2002 Schedule/Results (18-8, 7-0 MWC)

Date	Event (Ranking)	Time/Result
Jan. 26	SAINTMARY'S	W, 7-0
Jan. 26	CALPOLY	W, 7-0
Feb. 1	at Washington (11)	L, 0-7
Feb. 3	vs. Washington State (29) (Seattle, Wash.)	L, 3-4
Feb. 10	OREGON	W, 5-2
Feb. 16	PACIFIC	W, 6-1
Feb. 22	UCIRVINE	W, 4-3
Mar. 1	at California (15)	L, 1-6
Mar. 2	at Stanford (3)	L, 0-7
Mar. 4	GEORGIATECH (23)	L, 3-4
Mar. 13	USC (t12)	L, 0-7
Mar. 15	NOTREDAME (18)	W, 5-2
Mar. 19	KANSASSTATE (41)	W, 5-2
Mar. 22	vs. Utah* (Las Vegas, Nev.)	W, 7-0
Mar. 23	vs. Brigham Young* (31) (Las Vegas, Nev.)	W, 5-2
Mar. 28	UNLV* (15)	W, 4-3
Mar. 29	WYOMING*	W, 6-1
Mar. 30	COLORADO STATE*	W, 6-1
Apr. 3	at Pepperdine (42)	L, 2-5
Apr. 6	vs. New Mexico* (Colorado Springs)	W, 7-0
Apr. 7	at Air Force*	W, 5-2
Apr. 13	LOYOLAMARYMOUNT (72)	W, 6-1
Apr. 16	SANDIEGO	W, 6-1
Apr. 25-27	MWC Tournament (Provo, Utah)	
	vs. Wyoming	W, 5-0
	at Brigham Young	W, 4-1
	vs. UNLV	L, 4-2
May. 11-12	NCAARregionals (Tempe, Ariz.)	
	vs. Arizona	8 a.m.
May. 16-25	NCAAFinals (Stanford, Calif.)	TBA

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Going Dancing

The 26th-ranked Aztec women's tennis team, which makes its 16th NCAA Tournament appearance and its fifth in the last six seasons, travels to Tempe, Ariz., for a Saturday first-round match against Arizona. San Diego State will face the 19th-ranked Wildcats of the Pac-10 Conference at 8 a.m. followed by Southwest Missouri State against region-host, 10th-ranked and 11th-seeded Arizona State. The winners will meet on Sunday at 10 a.m. Arizona finished the regular season with an 11-10 record and are in the NCAA draw for the first time since 1997. The Wildcats feature three players ranked nationally in singles, led by 19th-ranked Maja Mlakar. Arizona's top doubles team is also ranked in the top 10. San Diego State enter postseason having won six of its last seven and 13 of its final 15 matches of the season. The Aztecs, which have lost just twice since March 13, have seven victories over ranked opponents including a 5-2 decision over 18th-ranked Notre Dame on March 15. The Sun Devils posted a 13-7 record en route to a fourth-place finish in the Pac-10 while Southwest Missouri State claimed the Missouri Valley Championship and is making its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament. The Bears finished the season with a 16-6 mark. The winners of the 16 second-round matches will advance to the team championships in Stanford, Calif. beginning on May 16.

Aztecs In The NCAAs

The 2002 championship marks the 21st year the NCAA has crowned a champion in women's tennis and the Aztecs have appeared in all but five of the tournaments. Only nine schools have made more NCAA Tournament appearances than the Aztecs, which are participating in their 16th championship. After the Aztecs failed to qualify for the 64-team field last season, despite a 17-8 record, a regular-season Mountain West Conference title and a national ranking in the 30s, San Diego State left little doubt concerning the postseason this year. The Aztecs posted an 18-8 record, with seven of the eight losses coming to NCAA Tournament teams. In addition the Aztecs have been ranked among the top 30 teams in the country since late March. The only years the Aztecs failed to make the tournament were 1987, 1988, 1994, 1995 and 2001. Three of the top 13 teams in number of NCAA Tournament appearances are participating in this regional in Arizona State (17), Arizona (16) and SDSU (16).

All-Time NCAA Appearances

1. California 21
Stanford 21
UCLA 21
4. Florida 20
Southern Calif. 20
Texas 20
7. Pepperdine 19
8. Arizona State 17
Miami (Fla.) 17
10. SDSU 16
Arizona 16
Georgia 16
Indiana 16

This Week ...

NCAA Regional vs. Arizona
Sat., May 11 - Sun., May 12
Tempe, Ariz. (at Arizona State)

The Rankings

San Diego State enters the NCAA Tournament with a national ranking of 26. The Aztecs have been ranked in all 14 polls this season, climbing to a peak position of 22 in early April. Silvia Tornier, winner of seven straight singles matches, is ranked 69th in singles play.

Quick Volleys

With 18 dual victories, San Diego State has posted its highest victory count since claiming 18 wins during the 1996 season... The last time the Aztecs won more dual matches was 26 in the 1984-85 season... All seven of the Aztecs that have played single dual matches this season have posted winning records.... Silvia Tornier has posted an 18-6 dual record in singles and a 25-6 record overall... Tornier has played 22 of her 24 dual matches at number one... The three doubles teams that Peter Mattera has implemented since mid-season are a collective 37-9 (Katja Karrento/Katalina Romero 17-7, Indra Erichsen/Silvia Tornier 10-0 and Julie Anna Chidley/Katey Clark-Becker 10-2)... San Diego State has won the point at number five singles in seven consecutive matches.

SDSU NCAA Team Appearances

- 1982 - Salt Lake City, Utah
First Round: SDSU 8, Northwestern 1
Second Round: Trinity 6, SDSU 3
- 1983 - Albuquerque, N.M.
First Round: SDSU 5, Miami 4
Second Round: Stanford 5, SDSU 4
- 1984 - Los Angeles, Calif.
First Round: SDSU 7, California 2
Second Round: SDSU 6, Texas 3
Semifinals: Stanford 7, SDSU 2
Consolation (3rd/4th Place): Trinity 5, SDSU 4
- 1985 - Austin, Texas
First Round: SDSU 6, Northwestern 3
Second Round: USC 9, SDSU 0
- 1986 - Austin, Texas
First Round: Oklahoma State 6, SDSU 3
• 1989 - Gainesville, Fla.
First Round: SDSU 6, William & Mary 3
Second Round: Stanford 9, SDSU 0
- 1990 - Gainesville, Fla.
First Round: Indiana 5, SDSU 3
- 1991 - Palo Alto, Calif.
First Round: SDSU 5, Tennessee 1
Second Round: Stanford 5, SDSU 1
- 1992 - Palo Alto, Calif.
First Round: SDSU 5, Kansas 4
Second Round: Duke 5, SDSU 1
- 1993 - Gainesville, Fla.
First Round: Mississippi 5, SDSU 3
- 1996 - Malibu, Calif.
First Round: Arizona State 5, SDSU 4
- 1997 - San Diego, Calif.
First Round: SDSU 5, Oregon 2
Second Round: Pepperdine 5, SDSU 3
- 1998 - Las Vegas, Nev.
First Round: SDSU 5, USD 2
Second Round: USC 5, SDSU 1
- 1999 - Berkeley, Calif.
First Round: Marquette 5, SDSU 1
- 2000 - Winston Salem, N.C.
First Round: SDSU 5, South Florida 4
Second Round: Wake Forest 5, SDSU 0