



The San Diego State Aztecs celebrate their 14-inning victory over New Mexico at the Mountain West Conference Tournament. The game tied as the longest in Aztec history and set an MWC record for longest tournament game. Catcher Danielle Touhey drove in first baseman Jacque Vaca to win the game, 4-3. The game actually took two days to finish as it was suspended due to darkness the day before.

AZTECS KEEP GETTING BETTER AND BETTER

The 2003 season was historic in many ways for the San Diego State softball team. The squad finished with the highest winning percentage in school history (39-21, .650 winning percentage) and advanced to its second NCAA Tournament in three years and its second in Aztec history. The team was the fourth consecutive to finish with a winning record after only two had in the program's first 23 seasons.

The Aztecs won their first nine Mountain West Conference games before cruising to a first-place finish at 12-3 for their second consecutive MWC regular season championship.

The MWC Tournament, hosted by SDSU, proved to be a mighty challenge as the Aztecs' first game against New Mexico took two days and 14 innings before SDSU prevailed, 4-3. A loss to Brigham Young the next day, 2-1, put the Aztecs in the loser's bracket, but a bounce-back win against the same Cougars, 3-1, placed San Diego State in the championship game for the third consecutive season. Unfortunately for the Aztecs, their first-inning run in their third game of the day did not hold up as Colorado State scored three in the third to prevail, 3-1.

The season would not end there as the team earned an at-large berth in their second NCAA Tournament in three seasons. The Aztecs were placed in the Fullerton, Calif., regional and were no-hit by the eventual regional winner, Louisiana-Lafayette. SDSU rebounded to defeat Rider, 2-1, behind sophomore pitcher Bre DeSanta's 12 strikeouts and a home run from third baseman Kelcy Murphy.

Against Oregon freshman short-stop Bianca Cruz's RBI single driving in freshman Jamie Burton was not enough as the Ducks ended SDSU's season, 4-1.

There were numerous highlights during the regular season. One of which was head coach Kathy Van Wyk's 200th win which SDSU did in dramatic fashion. At the Campbell/Cartier Classic in Poway, Calif., senior catcher Amber Grahman drove in first baseman Jacque Vaca in the bottom of the ninth inning for a 2-1 victory over then-No.4 Michigan. Pitcher Deanna Richards threw a three-hitter

for the win over the Wolverines.

The squad entered the MWC season with a strong 22-14 record following a doubleheader sweep of then-No. 22 Oregon State.

A run in the bottom of the ninth inning of SDSU's MWC opener against New Mexico combined with a one-hitter from freshman pitcher Celena Velasquez gave the Aztecs a tense 1-0 victory. Three last-at-bat wins (including two more by a 1-0 score) combined with 10 less-stressful victories to give San Diego State a 13-game winning streak, the longest in school history. Velasquez's two-hit shutout over Utah on April 19 (3-0) broke the previous record of 11 consecutive wins.

The Aztecs raked in the MWC awards with Velasquez earning the pitcher and freshman of the year trophies with a MWC-record 0.81 ERA in conference games, while DeSanta, Velasquez, second baseman Joann Figueroa, left fielder Erin Mahoney, first baseman Jacque Vaca were all-MWC honorees. Figueroa, Vaca and Velasquez also earned all-MWC Tournament honors and DeSanta, Figueroa and Velasquez were all-West Region honorees.



Jamie Burton scored the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning of SDSU's 3-2 victory over UNLV on April 12. The win was the eighth of a school-record 13 in a row.



"The Otonotin, 'fierce ones,' was an elite warrior unit in the Aztec Military Society. During combat, the Otonotin Warriors were characterized as a cohesive fighting unit known for their extreme order and discipline. Individually, these honored soldiers were often described as valiant, seasoned warriors who were the bravest of the brave." The 2003 season saw the first awarding of the Otonotin Award. It is a team award given weekly to the player who most characterizes a member of the Otonotin. At the end of each season, the player receiving the most points receives the yearly Otonotin Award. The 2003 winner was right fielder Jennifer Funk.

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2003 MWC FINAL STANDINGS

Team	Conference				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
San Diego State	12	3	0	.800	39	21	0	.650
Colorado State	13	7	0	.650	37	15	0	.712
Brigham Young	10	7	0	.588	36	17	0	.679
Utah	7	9	0	.438	20	27	0	.426
New Mexico	7	13	0	.250	25	37	1	.405
UNLV	4	14	0	.222	21	39	0	.350



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Thursday, May 8

Brigham Young 6, UNLV 0
New Mexico 5, Utah 0

Colorado State 4, Brigham Young 3

San Diego State 4, New Mexico 3 (14 innings)

Friday, May 9

UNLV 3, New Mexico 1 (New Mexico eliminated)

Brigham Young 7, Utah 4 (Utah eliminated)

Colorado State 7, UNLV 1 (UNLV eliminated)

Saturday, May 10

Brigham Young 2, San Diego State 1

San Diego State 3, Brigham Young 1 (Brigham Young eliminated)

Colorado State 3, San Diego State 1 (San Diego State eliminated)

2003 MWC STATISTICAL LEADERS

Batting

Batting Average

Oli Keohohou, Brigham Young	.426
Lauren Watson, Brigham Young	.379
Ricki Walker, Colorado State	.377
Niki Hayhurst, Utah	.371
Steph Roberts, Colorado State	.356

Slugging Percentage

Oli Keohohou, Brigham Young	.1016
Ricki Walker, Colorado State	.667
Niki Hayhurst, Utah	.652
Lauren Watson, Brigham Young	.632
Ashley Vanboxmeer, New Mexico	.629

On-Base Percentage

Oli Keohohou, Brigham Young	.609
Niki Hayhurst, Utah	.494
Lauren Watson, Brigham Young	.449
Steph Roberts, Colorado State	.449
Brooke Cadiente, Brigham Young	.440

Runs

Oli Keohohou, Brigham Young	.58
Steph Roberts, Colorado State	.47
Lauren Watson, Brigham Young	.42
Brooke Cadiente, Brigham Young	.39
Ashley Vanboxmeer, New Mexico	.35

Hits

Kelly Glass, New Mexico	.68
Lauren Watson, Brigham Young	.66
Joann Figueroa, San Diego State	.61
Ashley Vanboxmeer, New Mexico	.60
Ricki Walker, Colorado State	.60

Runs Batted In

Oli Keohohou, Brigham Young	.47
Ricki Walker, Colorado State	.46
Brooke Cadiente, Brigham Young	.42
Ianeta Lei, Brigham Young	.40
Jacque Vaca, San Diego State	.34

Doubles

Ashley Vanboxmeer, New Mexico	.16
Steph Roberts, Colorado State	.15
Ricki Walker, Colorado State	.15
Ora Hensley, New Mexico	.11
Niki Hayhurst, Utah	.11

Triples

Sabrina Sandberg, New Mexico	.3
Brooke Cadiente, Brigham Young	.3
Lauren Watson, Brigham Young	.3
Oli Keohohou, Brigham Young	.3
7 tied at	.2

Home Runs

Oli Keohohou, Brigham Young	.20
Ashley Vanboxmeer, New Mexico	.10
Lauren Watson, Brigham Young	.10
Ricki Walker, Colorado State	.9
Brooke Cadiente, Brigham Young	.9

Total Bases

Oli Keohohou, Brigham Young	.131
Lauren Watson, Brigham Young	.110
Ashley Vanboxmeer, New Mexico	.110
Ricki Walker, Colorado State	.106
Steph Roberts, Colorado State	.98

Walks

Oli Keohohou, Brigham Young	.60
Brooke Cadiente, Brigham Young	.27
Kim Korsak, New Mexico	.27
Niki Hayhurst, Utah	.27
Pauline Glenn, UNLV	.24

Hit By Pitch

Ashley Vanboxmeer, New Mexico	.8
Ashley Shartzter, New Mexico	.8
Niki Hayhurst, Utah	.6
Steph Roberts, Colorado State	.6
3 tied at	.5

Sacrifice Bunts

Kate Walker, Brigham Young	.18
Kerry Farrell, Colorado State	.18
Ora Hensley, New Mexico	.13
Ashley Shartzter, New Mexico	.13
2 tied at	.12

Sacrifice Flies

Elena Cranmer, New Mexico	.3
8 tied at	.2

Stolen Bases

Steph Roberts, Colorado State	.17
Kelly Glass, New Mexico	.15
Jackie Wong, Utah	.13
Janna Kovensky, San Diego State	.12
Sabrina Sandberg, New Mexico	.10

Pitching

Earned Run Average

Bre DeSanta, San Diego State	.115
Celena Velasquez, San Diego State	.171
Megan Masser, Colorado State	.188
Deanna Richards, San Diego State	.196
Jackie Kerrigan, UNLV	.212

Opposing Batting Average

Bre DeSanta, San Diego State	.174
Megan Masser, Colorado State	.215
Celena Velasquez, San Diego State	.217
Mandy Flint, Brigham Young	.217
Jennifer Pursell, Utah	.223

Innings Pitched

Amy Dumas, New Mexico	.215.2
Jackie Kerrigan, UNLV	.214.2
Megan Masser, Colorado State	.182.2
Bre DeSanta, San Diego State	.176.1
Jennifer Pursell, Utah	.166.2

Strikeouts

Bre DeSanta, San Diego State	.199
Amy Dumas, New Mexico	.195
Megan Masser, Colorado State	.154
Jackie Kerrigan, UNLV	.141
Celena Velasquez, San Diego State	.124

Wins

Megan Masser, Colorado State	.20
Bre DeSanta, San Diego State	.18
Jackie Kerrigan, UNLV	.16
Celena Velasquez, San Diego State	.15
Amy Dumas, New Mexico	.14

Saves

Megan Masser, Colorado State	.7
Deanna Richards, San Diego State	.2
Brooke Boyce, Brigham Young	.2
Iraina Ogas, New Mexico	.2
3 tied at	.1

Appearances

Amy Dumas, New Mexico	.47
Jackie Kerrigan, UNLV	.42
Megan Masser, Colorado State	.42
Iraina Ogas, New Mexico	.39
Brooke Boyce, Brigham Young	.34

2003 RESULTS

Record: 39-21 (Home 20-2, Away 6-11, Neutral 13-8, MWC 12-3)

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	R	H	E	/	R	H	E	Inn.	Overall	Conf.	SDSU Pitcher	Att.	Time
Feb. 6	Point Loma Nazarene	W	6-1	6	8	0	/	1	8	2	7	1-0		Richards (W, 1-0)	148	2:15
	Point Loma Nazarene	L	2-3	2	7	0	/	3	9	3	7	1-1		Richards (L, 1-1)	264	2:15
Feb. 8	at Cal State Northridge	L	2-4	2	5	1	/	4	6	0	8	1-2		Richards (L, 1-2)	267	2:01
	at Cal State Northridge	W	5-2	5	10	1	/	2	8	1	7	2-2		Velasquez (W, 1-0)	267	2:10
Feb. 9	at Cal State Northridge	L	3-4	3	11	1	/	4	9	0	11	2-3		Velasquez (L, 1-1)	285	3:21
Feb. 14	#Loyola Marymount	W	5-0	5	7	0	/	0	4	4	7	3-3		DeSant (W, 1-0)	243	1:30
Feb. 15	#Kansas	L	3-6	3	7	0	/	6	7	1	7	3-4		Green, J. (L, 0-1)	326	2:12
	#UCF	W	3-0	3	6	0	/	0	3	0	7	4-4		DeSant (W, 2-0)	234	1:45
	#Michigan	W	2-1	2	7	2	/	1	3	1	9	5-4		Richards (W, 2-2)	375	2:10
Feb. 16	#Oregon	W	1-0	1	3	0	/	0	4	1	7	6-4		DeSant (W, 3-0)	350	1:50
Feb. 21	\$Iowa State	W	5-1	5	10	0	/	1	7	1	7	7-4		Velasquez (W, 2-1)	60	2:05
	\$Michigan State	W	2-1	2	2	2	/	1	6	1	8	8-4		Richards (W, 3-2)	150	2:15
Feb. 22	\$Cal State Northridge	L	0-7	0	5	1	/	7	9	0	7	8-5		DeSant (L, 3-1)	170	2:30
	\$UC Santa Barbara	L	0-1	0	2	0	/	1	5	2	9	8-6		Richards (L, 3-3)	134	2:05
Feb. 23	\$Kansas	W	2-1	2	7	0	/	1	2	2	10	9-6		Richards (W, 4-3)	103	2:20
Feb. 28	&Northern Iowa	W	7-0	7	9	0	/	0	4	2	7	10-6		Velasquez (W, 3-1)	165	1:50
	&New Mexico State	W	8-0	8	7	2	/	0	1	3	6	11-6		Richards (W, 5-3)	225	1:45
Mar. 1	&Arizona	L	0-11	0	4	3	/	11	8	0	5	11-7		Richards (L, 5-4)	986	1:20
Mar. 2	&Arizona	L	0-6	0	2	1	/	6	9	1	7	11-8		Velasquez (L, 3-2)	923	2:30
Mar. 4	St. John's	W	8-0	8	9	0	/	0	0	1	6	12-8		DeSant (W, 5-1)	95	1:30
Mar. 7	^Northern Iowa	L	1-2	1	6	2	/	2	4	1	7	12-9		DeSant (L, 5-2)	85	1:34
	^Long Beach State	W	3-2	3	6	0	/	2	4	2	9	13-9		DeSant (W, 6-2)	205	2:08
Mar. 9	^Harvard	W	8-1	8	12	1	/	1	4	1	7	14-9		Velasquez (W, 4-2)	310	1:58
	^Long Beach State	W	2-0	2	6	1	/	0	2	1	7	15-9		DeSant (W, 7-2)	236	1:45
Mar. 14	%Iowa	L	1-2	1	2	2	/	2	6	3	7	15-10		DeSant (L, 7-3)	158	2:10
	%Nevada	W	3-1	3	9	0	/	1	4	0	7	16-10		Velasquez (W, 5-2)	176	2:08
Mar. 15	%Eastern Kentucky	W	9-3	9	9	3	/	3	8	3	7	17-10		DeSant (W, 8-3)	168	2:20
	%Iowa	L	2-4	2	5	0	/	4	6	2	6	17-11		Velasquez (L, 5-3)	107	1:43
Mar. 18	Nevada	W	2-0	2	5	0	/	0	0	0	7	18-11		DeSant (W, 9-3)	147	1:47
	Nevada	W	3-0	3	10	3	/	0	3	3	7	19-11		Richards (W, 6-4)	134	1:51
Mar. 22	at Stanford	W	2-0	2	5	2	/	0	7	1	7	20-11		DeSant (W, 10-3)	133	1:55
	at Stanford	L	0-3	0	3	0	/	3	9	1	7	20-12		Richards (L, 6-5)	133	1:30
Mar. 23	at Fresno State	L	0-8	0	3	1	/	8	12	2	5	20-13		DeSant (L, 10-4)	1964	1:25
	at Fresno State	L	0-3	0	8	0	/	3	9	1	7	20-14		Velasquez (L, 5-4)	1964	1:29
Mar. 26	Oregon State	W	3-0	3	6	1	/	0	6	2	7	21-14		Velasquez (W, 6-4)	127	1:45
	Oregon State	W	2-1	2	7	1	/	1	2	0	7	22-14		DeSant (W, 10-4)	70	1:55
Mar. 28	*New Mexico	W	1-0	1	4	1	/	0	1	4	9	23-14	1-0	Velasquez (W, 7-4)	147	2:20
	*New Mexico	W	5-3	5	8	1	/	3	9	1	7	24-14	2-0	DeSant (W, 11-4)	141	2:15
Mar. 30	*Colorado State	W	5-3	5	6	3	/	3	8	1	7	25-14	3-0	Velasquez (W, 8-4)	163	2:00
	*Colorado State	W	2-1	2	8	1	/	1	3	1	7	26-14	4-0	DeSant (W, 12-4)	172	1:58
Apr. 12	*UNLV	W	1-0	1	8	1	/	0	4	1	10	27-14	5-0	Velasquez (W, 9-4)	302	2:30
	*UNLV	W	3-2	3	10	0	/	2	5	2	8	28-14	6-0	DeSant (W, 13-4)	189	2:00
Apr. 13	Centenary	W	5-3	5	11	2	/	3	7	1	7	29-14		Velasquez (W, 10-4)	244	2:07
	Centenary	W	2-0	2	5	0	/	0	5	0	7	30-14		DeSant (W, 14-4)	244	1:48
Apr. 17	*Brigham Young	W	5-2	5	10	0	/	2	4	1	7	31-14	7-0	Velasquez (W, 11-4)	287	2:00
Apr. 19	*Utah	W	3-0	3	11	0	/	0	2	0	7	32-14	8-0	Velasquez (W, 12-4)	397	1:58
	*Utah	W	1-0	1	6	0	/	0	4	3	8	33-14	9-0	DeSant (W, 15-4)	342	2:15
Apr. 26	*at UNLV	L	0-3	0	4	2	/	3	6	0	7	33-15	9-1	Richards (L, 6-6)	212	1:39
	*at UNLV	W	5-0	5	10	0	/	0	1	4	7	34-15	10-1	Velasquez (W, 13-4)	212	1:49
May 2	*at Colorado State	L	0-1	0	3	1	/	1	3	1	7	34-16	10-2	Velasquez (L, 13-5)	104	1:35
	*at Colorado State	W	2-1	2	8	1	/	1	5	1	7	35-16	11-2	DeSant (W, 16-4)	128	2:24
May 4	*at New Mexico	L	1-2	1	5	1	/	2	5	1	7	35-17	11-3	Velasquez (L, 13-6)	327	2:40
	*at New Mexico	W	4-2	4	10	3	/	2	6	2	7	36-17	12-3	DeSant (W, 17-4)	327	2:15
May 8	@New Mexico	W	4-3	4	10	0	/	3	7	0	14	37-17		Velasquez (W, 14-6)		3:41
May 10	@Brigham Young	L	1-2	1	4	2	/	2	5	2	7	37-18		DeSant (L, 17-5)		2:22
	@Brigham Young	W	3-1	3	7	2	/	1	5	2	7	38-18		Velasquez (W, 15-6)		2:10
	@Colorado State	L	1-3	1	5	0	/	3	8	0	7	38-19		Velasquez (L, 15-7)		2:24
May 15	!Louisiana-Lafayette	L	0-6	0	0	0	/	6	7	1	7	38-20		Velasquez (L, 15-8)	500	1:43
	!Rider	W	2-1	2	5	0	/	1	4	1	7	39-20		DeSant (W, 18-5)	315	1:52
May 16	!Oregon	L	1-4	1	5	2	/	4	6	1	7	39-21		DeSant (L, 18-6)	416	2:04

* Mountain West Conference Game
 @ MWC Tournament Game (SDSU Field)
 ! NCAA Tournament Game (Fullerton, Calif.)
 # Campbell/Cartier Classic (Sportsplex USA-Poway)
 \$ Softball By The Beach Invitational (Santa Barbara, Calif.)
 & Hillenbrand Invitational (Tucson, Ariz.)
 ^ SDSU Tournament (SDSU Field)
 % Aztec Invitational (SDSU Field)



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