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2002-03 San Diego State University WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2002-03 Schedule/Times

N. 8	Basketball Travelers (Exh.)	W, 72-65
N. 18	West Coast All-Stars (Exh.)	L, 70-74
N. 22	Centenary	W, 75-58
N. 25	at St. Mary's	L, 47-60
N. 29-30	at Fresno State Classic (Fresno, Calif.)	
29	vs. Murray State#	W, 59-54
30	at Fresno State	L, 49-59
D. 4	UC Irvine	L, 58-61 OT
D. 11	at Univ. of San Diego	7:00 p.m.
D. 19	American University	7:05 p.m.
D. 22	Creighton	2:05 p.m.
D. 28	Cal State Northridge	2:05 p.m.
J. 5	Univ. of Missouri-K.C.	2:05 p.m.
J. 9	at Portland State	7:05 p.m.
J. 11	at Sacramento State	2:00 p.m.
J. 18	UNLV*	5:05 p.m.
J. 23	Brigham Young*	7:05 p.m.
J. 25	Utah*	5:05 p.m.
J. 30	at New Mexico*	7:00 p.m.
F. 1	at Air Force*	2:00 p.m.
F. 6	Colorado State*	7:05 p.m.
F. 8	Wyoming*	5:05 p.m.
F. 15	at UNLV*	7:35 p.m.
F. 20	at Utah*	7:00 p.m.
F. 22	at Brigham Young*	1:00 p.m.
F. 27	Air Force*	7:05 p.m.
M. 1	New Mexico*	5:05 p.m.
M. 5	at Wyoming*	7:00 p.m.
M. 7	at Colorado State*	7:00 p.m.
M. 12-15	MWC Championship	TBA

All times local to site Home Games in **BOLD**
 Home games at Cox Arena except where noted
 # at Fresno State, Fresno, Calif.

Aztecs' Agenda

December 9 • Monday
 Practice 12:30-3:00 p.m. Cox Arena
December 10 • Tuesday
 Practice 12:45-3:15 p.m. Cox Arena
December 11 • Wednesday
 Shoot around 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Jenny Craig Pav.
December 12 • Thursday
 Off
December 13 • Friday
 Practice 12:30-3:00 p.m. Peterson Gym
December 14 • Saturday
 Practice 9-11:30 a.m. Peterson Gym

Up Next: Game No. 7

vs. American University
 Thursday, Dec. 19 - 7:00 p.m.
 Cox Arena (12,414) - San Diego, CA
 Series: First Meeting

Game No. **6**

SAN DIEGO STATE Aztecs (2-3) at UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO Toreros (4-2)

- ▶ **When & Where:** Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002, Jenny Craig Pavilion (5,000), San Diego, Calif., 7:00 p.m. (PST)
- ▶ **Webcast/TV:** Live audio broadcast on www.goaztecs.com, with Dan Lawton and Tammy Blackburn
- ▶ **The Records:** The Aztecs (2-3) are looking to get back on track after dropping their second straight game with a heartbreaking overtime loss to UC Irvine last Wednesday. USD, which also fell to UC Irvine earlier this season, swept its games at Sacramento State (W, 71-45) and Pacific (W, 53-50) last weekend.
- ▶ **In The RPI:** In the second RPI rankings released by the WBCA through games of December 8, SDSU is currently 222nd, while USD is No. 188.
- ▶ **SDSU Head Coach Jim Tomey:** Tomey (Michigan '81) is in his first season at San Diego State, taking over the Aztec helm on April 9, 2002. His career and Aztec head coaching record is 2-3.
- ▶ **USD Head Coach Kathy Marpe:** Marpe (Minnesota, '71) is in her 23rd season as the head coach at USD, compiling a 269-342 record. Overall Marpe is 356-405 in 29 years.
- ▶ **Series History:** SDSU leads the series 24-1 (Last: SDSU def. USD, 55-34, at SDSU, 11-26-96)

San Diego State Renews Its Cross Town Rivalry With USD

San Diego State will not have to travel far for its only road game in the month of December, driving across town to the University of San Diego and Jenny Craig Pavilion for the 26th meeting between the two schools and the first since 1996.

The Aztecs will look to break a two-game losing skid in 2002-03, after dropping an overtime game against UC Irvine (58-61) last Wednesday. USD, meanwhile, also dropped a game to UC Irvine earlier this season and swept its two games over the weekend at Sacramento State and the University of the Pacific.

Home For The Holidays

San Diego State is in the midst of playing a six-game stretch all in the city of San Diego. The stay includes five home games and one away game at the University of San Diego (Dec. 11). In all, the Aztecs will remain in San Diego for 35 straight days before heading on its final non-conference road trip to Portland State and Sacramento State, Jan. 9-11.

The team's first three Mountain West Conference games are also at Cox Arena, leaving SDSU with eight of its next 10 games in San Diego.

Last Time Out - Aztecs Fall In Overtime To UC Irvine:

The San Diego State women's basketball team fell to UC Irvine, 58-61, in overtime Wednesday night at Cox Arena.

2002-03 San Diego State Aztecs Roster (2-3/0-0 MWC)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)	PPG	RPG	Individual Player Note
00	Tynisha King	F	5-10	Sr.	Moreno Valley (UNC Asheville)	0.0	0.0	▶ Third season overall at SDSU
4	Ashley White	F	6-1	Fr.	Chino Hills (Ayala HS)	-	-	▶ HS avg. 11 pts., 8 rebs.
5	Michelle Strawberry	G	5-10	Fr.	Corona (Centennial HS)	-	-	▶ Will not play in vs. USD
10	Ashonda Williams	F	6-0	Sr.	Crockett (Contra Costa CC)	3.6	1.6	▶ 22 starts, 4th in ppg in 01-02
14	Heather Wolf	G	5-6	So.	Stayton, Ore. (Regis HS)	2.2	1.0	▶ Starter at guard in 4 games
20	Jamey Cox	G	5-7	Sr.	Waterloo, Iowa (West HS)	16.0	2.6	▶ Three games w/20+ pts.
21	Veronica Shaw	G	5-7	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Mt. Pointe HS)	4.4	1.8	▶ Scored 10 in first career gm.
23	Amber Fouse	G	5-7	Fr.	Compton (Narbonne HS)	4.6	4.4a	▶ 7 assists in opener
24	Nicolette McCartney	C/F	6-2	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. (Hersey HS)	8.8	5.6	▶ 3rd in ppg. in 2002-03
33	Maggie Sauls	G	5-9	So.	Borger, Texas (Borger HS)	-	-	▶ Recovering from knee surgery
34	Valencia Howard	F	6-1	Sr.	Richmond (Contra Costa CC)	6.4	5.8	▶ Fresno all-tourney selection
35	Ashlee Dunlap	F	6-1	Fr.	Los Angeles (Fairfax HS)	11.2	8.8	▶ 3 double-doubles in 5 games
42	Tami Garnett	C	6-3	Fr.	Arlington, Texas (Sam Houston HS)	0.0	1.0	▶ First action vs. Fresno State
50	Megan Bryant	C	6-3	Fr.	Austin, Texas (Westlake HS)	-	-	▶ One of three players at 6-3
52	Andrea Kiesling	C	6-3	Sr.	Helena, Mont. (Helena HS)	0.4	1.6	▶ One of 2 w/3 years at SDSU

Head Coach: Jim Tomey (Michigan, 1981), first season

Projected Starting Line-up Highlighted

Assistant Coaches: Matt Hart (Long Beach St., 1992), Nicole Anderson (UCLA, 1993), Jennifer Gross (UC Davis, 1997)



San Diego State
Head Coach Jim Tomey
First Season (Michigan, 1981)

- Univ. of San Diego High School Boys' Head Coach
San Diego State Men's Assistant Coach
San Diego State Women's Head Coach
SDSU Head Coach
Overall Total

SDSU at USD

Series: SDSU leads 24-1

Series Numbers

Table with 2 columns: Record at SDSU, Record at USD, Record at Neutral, Most Points SDSU, Most Points USD, Largest Margin SDSU, Largest Margin USD, Longest SDSU Win Streak, Longest USD Win Streak, Current Streak.

2002-03 Comparative Stats

As of Dec. 9, 2002

Table comparing Aztecs and Toreros stats: Overall Record, League Record, Field Goal Pct., 3-PT FG Pct., Free Throw Pct., Opp. FG Pct., Opp. 3-PT FG Pct., Opp. FT Pct., Rebound Avg., Rebound Margin, Points/Game, Pts. Allowed/Game.

Last Five Meetings

Table with 3 columns: Date, Site, Result. Shows results for meetings on 12-2-92, 12-4-93, 11-30-94, 11-28-95, 11-26-96.



With the loss, SDSU snapped a seven-game winning streak against the Anteaters, dating back to January 9, 1988, and dropped to 2-3 on the young season. UC Irvine, meanwhile, improved to 4-1, as the Aztecs have now lost four consecutive overtime games.

Aztec freshman Ashlee Dunlap (Los Angeles, Calif.) led SDSU with her third double-double of the season, tallying 17 points and 12 rebounds. Dunlap's 17 points were a career-best, while seniors Jamey Cox (Waterloo, Iowa) and Valencia Howard (Richmond, Calif.) each added eight.

SDSU was held to just two points in the first five minutes of action, before Aztec Ashonda Williams (Crockett, Calif.) buried a three-pointer to get San Diego State back into the game, 5-6. Veronica Shaw (Phoenix, Ariz.) hit a jumper to give SDSU its first lead of the game at 15-14. SDSU then went on an 8-0 run, before Anteater Lauren Yadon tied the game at 19.

Aztec Heather Wolf's (Stayton, Ore.) three-pointer with just over six minutes remaining in the first half put San Diego State up 22-19. SDSU would hold on to that advantage for the remainder of the period, leading by as many as 12 points, before going into the half with a 27-34 lead.

San Diego State carried its momentum early in the second half, adding four points to its lead before UC Irvine scored nine unanswered points. UCI's Lisa Faulkner's three-pointer cut the SDSU lead to three, 40-37.

The Anteaters and Aztecs swapped leads until the final minutes of the second half, when Faulkner again made a shot from beyond the arc with 40 seconds left in regulation to send the game into overtime at 54-54.

SDSU's Nicolette McCartney (Chicago, Ill.) gave the Aztecs the early lead in overtime at 57-54, but it was not enough as Yadon scored twice for her squad, to go along with Ashley Biggins' three free throws for the Anteaters' 61-58 victory.

Yadon finished the game with a team-high 15 points, while teammates Christina Callaway (12) and Faulkner (13) both finished in double-figures.

Double-Double Times Four

Double-doubles have become common place for the Aztecs so far this season, as one SDSU player has recorded a double-double in four of the team's five games. Freshman Ashlee Dunlap has three of the double-doubles, while senior Valencia Howard (Richmond, Calif.) has the fourth.

Dunlap began the season with two double-doubles in the first two games, coming up with 14 points and 10 rebounds against Centenary College and a 15-point, 13-rebound game at St. Mary's. In the team's second home game versus UC Irvine last week, the freshman scored a career-best 17 points and also tagged on 12 boards for her third double-double.

Dunlap's double-double against Centenary was the first time an Aztec had turned the trick since Atim Otii finished with 12 rebounds and 12 points against Creighton on December 22, 2001. Dunlap's 13 boards are also the most by an Aztec since Mary Apiafi had 14 in a game at Air Force on Jan. 22, 2000.

Howard, meanwhile, recorded her first career double-double with 10 rebounds and a career-best 13 points at Fresno State.

A Bevy Of Blocks

The Aztec front court did its fair share of rejecting against UC Irvine, blocking nine shots to the Anteaters' one. The nine blocked shots ties as the most in a game by a MWC team this season, while it is the most by SDSU since the Aztecs put up nine versus both Portland (Nov. 20, 1999) and Texas A&M-CC (Jan. 17, 2000).

Aztec junior Nicolette McCartney (4) and freshman Ashlee Dunlap (3) both tallied or tied career-bests for blocks versus UC Irvine. As a team, SDSU is second in the MWC in the blocks category with 21 overall (4.20/g).

Down With A.D.

With only five career games under her belt, Aztec freshman Ashlee Dunlap has already made her case as one of the top newcomers in the Mountain West Conference this season. The forward ranks first in the conference in double-doubles with three, while she is first in rebounding (8.8) and second in scoring (11.2) among freshmen.

The Aztec-Torero Rivalry: Act I

Two hours before tip-off this Wednesday, the SDSU-USD rivalry will be tested in a game pitting the Aztec and Torero alumnae. The two sides will play beginning at 5 p.m., in the first of what could be many alumnae games between the two schools.

The Aztec alumnae team features 12 former standouts, including all-time leading scorer Judy Porter (Wonders), who played from 1980-83, and former WAC Tournament MVP Jodi Nowlin-Tres (1994-97). To the right is a full listing of the alumnae expected to play in Wednesday's game.

Scouting the USD Toreros

The USD Toreros enter Wednesday's game with a 4-2 record, including a perfect 2-0 road

UC Irvine 61, San Diego State 58

Game 5 ■ Dec. 4 ■ Cox Arena ■ San Diego, Calif.

UCI Player Stats Table: Columns include UCI, FG, 3FG, FT, REB, F, TP, A, I, B, S, MP. Rows include Gabbe, Thawley, Callaway, Faulkner, Green, Biggins, Sturgeon, Yadon, Usher, Team, TOTALS, Pct.

SDSU Player Stats Table: Columns include SDSU, FG, 3FG, FT, REB, F, TP, A, I, B, S, MP. Rows include Fouse, Dunlap, McCartney, Wolf, Cox, Williams, Shaw, Howard, Kiesling, Team, TOTALS, Pct.

Officials: Rick Morris, Mike Price, Michelle Russi
Technical fouls: N/A
Attendance: 516

Score by Periods Table: Columns include Score by Periods, 1st, 2nd, OT, Total. Rows include UC Irvine, San Diego State.

SDSU Alumnae Team

Table with 2 columns: Name, Years. Lists alumnae including Tammy Blackburn, Liza Carrillo, Anje Cazier, Laura Hart, Jodi Nowlin-Tres, Marsha Overton, Carolyn Peters, Judy Porter, Missy Schomaker, Sophia Sledge, Lakeysha Wright, Sandy Wright.

University of San Diego Toreros (4-2)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.-Exp.	Hometown/Last School
3	Kerri Nakamoto*	G	5-6	SR-3V	San Jose, CA/Archbishop Mitty HS
5	Tiara Harris	G	5-10	FR-HS	Colorado Springs, CO/Pine Creek HS
12	Polly Dong*	G	5-6	FR-RS	Auburn, CA/Placer HS
13	Brandi Collato	G	5-7	SO-1V	Del Mar, CA/Santa Fe Christian HS
21	Marie Plocher*	G	5-9	JR-2V	Galt, CA/Galt HS
22	Lindsay Helvey	G	5-10	FR-HS	Anaheim, CA/Esperanza HS
24	Jamie Corwin	F	5-11	FR-HS	Renton, WA/Liberty HS
33	Melissa Padgett*	F	6-1	JR-2V	Reno, NV/Reno HS
34	Marta Menez	C	6-1	JR-2V	Bodega, CA/EI Molino HS
35	Jen Wedo	G	5-7	SR-3V	Downington, PA/Downington HS
41	Andrea Krug	F	6-1	FR-HS	Leipzig, Germany/Carl-Goerdeler HS
42	Erin Malich*	F/C	6-2	SR-3V	Cincinnati, OH/Mt. Notre Dame HS

Head Coach: Kathy Marpe (23rd season; Minnesota, 1971) * = Probable Starter
Associate Head Coach: Erik Johnson (5th season; UC San Diego, 1994).
Assistants: Shelley Sheetz (2nd season; Colorado, 1995), Dana McGraw (1st season, Loyola, NO, 1997)

trip to Sacramento State and the University of the Pacific last weekend.

Under head coach Kathy Marpe, the Toreros have been led by senior forward Erin Malich's 13 points per game. Junior Marta Menez also averages in double-figures (11.5 ppg) and is first on the team in rebounding (7.3 rpg). Kerri Nakamoto (9.3 ppg), Marie Plocher (8.2 ppg), Melissa Padgett (5.5 ppg) and Polly Dong (3.0 ppg) have also seen time in the USD starting line-up.

The Toreros have won only once in the 25-game all-time series between the two schools, claiming their only victory, 76-68, December 6, 1989. SDSU has won the last seven meetings.

Friend Or Foe?

The Aztecs will see a familiar face on the opposite side of the scorer's table Wednesday, as former assistant coach Dana McGraw holds the same position at USD. McGraw coached at SDSU for two seasons from 2000-2002, her third stint as an assistant after playing college basketball at Loyola University in New Orleans.

Going With The Guards - Line-Up Notes

The Aztecs are expected to start three guards for the sixth straight time, including senior **Jamey Cox**, sophomore **Heather Wolf (Stayton, Ore.)** and freshman **Amber Fouse (Compton, Calif.)** freshman forward **Ashlee Dunlap** and junior forward/center **Nicolette McCartney** should round out the starting line-up on the posts ... the projected starting line-up includes all four class levels, while four of the five players hail from different states (Arizona, California, Iowa and Illinois) ... sophomore **Maggie Sauls** (left knee) and freshman **Michelle Strawberry** (right knee) are not expected to suit-up for the game with USD.

40-Minute Girl

As the team's top returnee this season, senior **Jamey Cox** has played 197 of 205 minutes in the team's five games.

Aztec Career Record Book

3-Point Field Goals		
1.	Falisha Wright (1992-95)	206
2.	Jamey Cox (2000-Pres.)	190
3.	Sophia Sledge (1997-2001)	82
4.	Carmelia Bloodsaw (1991)	65
	Charley Murray (1998-99)	65
6.	Jodi Nowlin-Tres (1994-97)	57
7.	Jurate Zukauskaitė (1996-97)	46
8.	Ashonda Williams (2002-Pres.)	39
9.	Claire Swinbank (1999-2002)	38
10.	Elisha Johns (1991-92)	35
	Angela Walker (1995-96)	35

Assists

1.	Falisha Wright (1992-95)	448
2.	Crystal Lee (1989-90)	413
3.	Michelle Miles (1991-92)	367
4.	Lakeysha Wright (1992-95)	358
5.	Marsha Overton (1980-83)	356
6.	Shannon Lee (1998-2001)	302
7.	Jamey Cox (2000-Pres.)	300
8.	Shelda Arceneaux (1984-87)	299
9.	Sandy Wright (1995-97)	292
10.	Laura Dion (1978-80)	278

has 190 three-point field goals to Wright's 206, which she recorded from 1992-95.

This season, the Iowa native has 18 three-pointers, accounting for 54 of her 80 points. Of her 71 field-goal attempts, Cox has taken 51 from beyond the arc.

Putting Up Some Points

Three times this season, Aztec senior **Jamey Cox** has broken the 20-point barrier, putting up 23 most recently in the



Mountain West Conference

2002-03 Standings	MWC	Overall
New Mexico (rv/rv)	0-0	6-1
BYU (19 AP/22)	0-0	5-1
Colorado State (rv/rv)	0-0	5-1
UNLV	0-0	5-1
Utah	0-0	5-1
Wyoming (rv)	0-0	4-1
Air Force	0-0	4-2
San Diego State	0-0	2-3

As of Dec. 9, 2002 () = rankings

Mountain West Conference Upcoming Schedule

December 11 (Wednesday)

San Diego State at San Diego, 7 p.m.
BYU at George Washington, 7 p.m.

December 12 (Thursday)

Colorado State at Colorado, 7 p.m.

December 14 (Saturday)

BYU at North Carolina State, 2 p.m.
Dartmouth at New Mexico, 3 p.m.
UNLV vs. Long Island, 3 p.m.
Idaho State at Utah, 4 p.m.
Texas Tech vs. Wyoming, 5:30 p.m.

2002-03 MWC Preseason Media Poll

School (First Place Votes)	Pts
1. BYU (8)	110
2. Colorado State (7)	103
3. New Mexico (1)	91
4. Utah	70
5. UNLV	69
6. Wyoming	49
7. San Diego State	31
8. Air Force	17

SDSU In The MWC Poll

Yr.	Pre.	Final
1999-2000	6th	6th
2000-01	7th	6th
2001-02	7th	7th

2002-03 MWC Preseason All-Conference Team

Jennifer Leitner, Sr., F	BYU
Erin Thorn, Sr., G	BYU
Ashley Augspurger, Sr., F	CSU
Jordan Adams, Sr., C	NMU
Constance Jinks, Sr., G	UNLV
Carrie Bacon, Sr., F	WYO

Top Returning Player: Erin Thorn (BYU)

Top Newcomer: Infini Robinson (UNLV)



Mountain West Conference Overall Rankings

(As of Dec. 9, 2002)

TEAM CATEGORY	SDSU	RANK
Scoring Offense	57.6	8th
Scoring Defense	58.4	3rd
Scoring Margin	-0.8	7th
Field Goal Pct.	.394	8th
Field Goals Pct. Def.	.374	4th
3-Pt. FG Pct.	.338	6th
3-Pt. FG Pct. Def.	.339	8th
3-Pt. FG Made	5.00	7th
Free Throw Pct.	.536	8th
Rebounding Offense	36.8	4th
Rebounding Defense	38.6	7th
Rebounding Margin	-1.8	7th
Offensive Rebounds	12.60	3rd
Defensive Rebounds	24.20	4th
Blocked Shots	4.20	2nd
Assists	12.80	8th
Assist/Turnover Ratio	0.60	8th
Turnover Margin	-0.80	6th
Steals	9.80	5th

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY (TOP 12) AVG.

Scoring	
6. Cox	16.0

Rebounding	
3. Dunlap	8.8
11. Howard	5.8

FT Percentage	
1. Shaw	1.000

Assists Per Game	
7. Fouse	4.40

Steals Per Game	
2. Dunlap	3.00
7. Shaw	2.00

3-Point Field Goals Made Per Game	
1. Cox	3.60

Blocked Shots Per Game	
3. McCartney	1.80
5. Dunlap	1.60

Offensive Rebounds	
2. Dunlap	3.40
3. McCartney	3.00

Defensive Rebounds	
3. Dunlap	5.40
10. Howard	4.00

tournament championship game at Fresno State. Cox also had 23 a day earlier versus Murray State, while she opened the season with 26 at home against Centenary. The 26 points versus the Ladies were the most by an Aztec since Cox scored 27 in a Mountain West Conference game against Colorado State on March 4, 2000.

For her career, Cox has recorded 11 career games with 20 points or more, including her career-best effort of 30 points coming as a freshman on December 30, 1999, against Cal State Fullerton. A year ago, the Aztecs only had one player - Cox - reach the 20-point barrier. Cox scored 20 in the team's 73-69 win over Navy.

In The Rankings

In the third set of stats released by the Mountain West Conference, four different Aztecs appear among the top five in seven different categories. Senior **Jamey Cox** is first in the MWC in three-point field goals made with 3.60 per game, while freshman **Ashlee Dunlap** appears in five different categories, including offensive boards (2nd - 3.40/g) and steals (2nd - 3.00/g).

Junior **Nicolette McCartney** (blocks, offensive rebounds) and freshmen **Veronica Shaw** (steals) complete the list of Aztecs in the top five.

Other Season Notes

In the team's opener with Centenary, four Aztec players reached double-figures in scoring. A year ago, SDSU had four players or more reach double-figures in a game five times, highlighted by the team's win over Radford, in which five players recorded double-figures ... Proving that team work and victories go hand-in-hand, San Diego State had 20 assists in the team's win over Centenary. Four Aztecs had three assists, while freshman **Amber Fouse** contributed a team-best six in her first game at SDSU. On the flip side, Centenary had just eight assists for the game, including only three in the first half ... SDSU seniors **Jamey Cox** and **Valencia Howard** both earned all-tournament honors for their performances at the Fresno State Classic.

Aztec Debut

History repeated itself in the team's opener with Centenary, as the Aztecs ushered in the **Jim Tomey** era with a victory. Six of the seven all-time SDSU head coaches have now won in their Aztec debuts with the only exception being Beth Burns, who fell to Alcorn State, 48-67, in 1989.

Ash Is Back

After suffering a dislocated right shoulder in pre-season workouts October 7, Aztec **Ashonda Williams** returned to the floor against the West Coast All-Stars in the team's final exhibition on Nov. 18. Williams played nine minutes and scored seven points, including one three-pointer. Since then, the senior has appeared in every regular-season game, averaging 18.2 minutes a game.

Williams is a valuable part of the SDSU front court as one of the team's three returning starters, averaging 7.5 points and 4.2 rebounds a year ago in her first season on the Mesa.

A New Crew

On April 9, 2002, **Jim Tomey** was hired as the seventh head coach in program history. A former SDSU men's assistant (1999-2002), Tomey made a name for himself in San Diego as the head coach of boys' prep powerhouse University of San Diego High School from 1989-99. Tomey, who enters his first year as a head coach on the collegiate level, spent the summer putting together a balanced coaching staff, which now includes assistants **Matt Hart**, **Nicole Anderson** and **Jennifer Gross**.

Other Newbie Coaching Notes

► **Jim Tomey** will look to buck the trend for first-year women's basketball head coaches at San Diego State. Only one of the program's previous six coaches have had winning records in their rookie campaigns. Earnest Riggins (1984-89) led the Aztecs to a 24-6 record in 1983-84.

► SDSU is not the only Mountain West Conference school to have a new head coach at the helm this season. Colorado State's Chris Denker enters his first year in Fort Collins, while two others, Ardie McInelly (Air Force) and Jeff Judkins (BYU), both begin their second seasons.

► Of SDSU's 13 other non-conference opponents, four will feature first-year head coaches. At the Fresno tournament, three of the four teams had first-year head coaches, including Tomey, Butler's Beth Couture and Fresno State's Stacy Johnson-Klein. Creighton (Dec. 22) and CSU Northridge (Dec. 28) also both have first-year head coaches.

2002-03 San Diego State Roster Breakdown

Returning Letterwinners (8)

Jamey Cox, G, 9.8 p, 1.9 r, 4.0 a
Valencia Howard, F 3.8 p, 3.9 r
Andrea Kiesling, C, 1.1 p, 0.7 r
Tynisha King, F, 1.0 p, 0.4 r
Nicolette McCartney, F/C, 3.5 p, 3.1 r
Maggie Sauls, G, 0.7 p, 0.3 r
Ashonda Williams, F, 7.5 p, 4.2 r
Heather Wolf, G, 1.8, 0.7 r

Letterwinners Lost (5)

Atim Otii, F 9.3 p, 5.8 r
Tanisha Knight, F 5.6 p, 3.4 r
Claire Swinbank, G 12.1 p, 4.3 r
Morgan Vargas, C 4.0 p, 2.6 r
Missy Shoemaker, F 3.2 p, 2.2 r

Returning Starters (3)

Jamey Cox, G, 9.8 p, 1.9 r, 4.0 a
Nicolette McCartney, F/C, 3.5 p, 3.1 r
Ashonda Williams, F, 7.5 p, 4.2 r

Starters Lost (2)

Atim Otii, F, 9.3 p, 5.8 r
Claire Swinbank, G, 12.1 p, 4.3 r

Newcomers (7)

Megan Bryant, 6-3, Fr., C
Ashlee Dunlap, 5-11, Fr., F
Amber Fouse, 5-6, Fr., G
Tami Garnett, 6-3, Fr., C
Veronica Shaw, 5-8, Fr., G
Michelle Strawberry, 5-10, Fr., G
Ashley White, 6-1, Fr., F

Class Breakdown

Seniors (5): Cox, Howard, Kiesling, King, Williams
Junior (1): McCartney
Sophomores (2): Sauls, Wolf
Freshmen (7): Bryant, Dunlap, Fouse, Garnett, Shaw, Strawberry, White

Position Breakdown

Forwards (6): Dunlap, Howard, King, McCartney, White, Williams
Centers (4): Bryant, Garnett, Kiesling, McCartney
Guards (6): Cox, Fouse, Sauls, Shaw, Strawberry, Wolfe

Aztecs By Height

6-3 Megan Bryant
Tami Garnett
Andrea Kiesling
6-2 Nicolette McCartney
Ashlee Dunlap
6-1 Valencia Howard
Ashley White
Ashonda Williams
6-0 Tynisha King
5-10 Michelle Strawberry
Maggie Sauls
5-9 Jamey Cox
Amber Fouse
Veronica Shaw
5-6 Heather Wolf

SDSU Miscellaneous Stats

Largest halftime lead	7, two times
Largest halftime deficit	25 at St. Mary's
Most 2nd half points	41 vs. Centenary
Fewest 2nd half points	20 vs. UCI
Largest lead	17, twice vs. Centenary
Largest deficit	28, at St. Mary's
Largest lead in a loss	13, vs. UCI
Largest deficit in a win	3, many times
FT % in last 2 min. & OT	.364 (4-11)

SDSU Streaks

Last 5/10 games (incl. 2001-02)	2-3/3-7
Longest winning streak	1
Longest losing streak	2
Current streak	Lost 2

SDSU's Record When...

Playing at home	1-1
Playing on the road	0-2
Playing at a neutral site	1-0
Leading at halftime	2-1
Trailing at halftime	0-2
Tied at halftime	0-0
Leading with 5:00 left in regulation	1-0
Trailing with 5:00 left in regulation	1-3
Tied with 5:00 left	0-0
In overtime	0-1
Scoring less than 60 points	1-3
Scoring between 60-69 points	0-0
Scoring between 70-79 points	1-0
Scoring between 80-89 points	0-0
Scoring 90 or more points	0-0
Opponent scores less than 60 points	2-1
Opponent scores 60-69 points	0-2
Opponent scores 70-79 points	0-0
Opponent scores 80-89 points	0-0
Opponent scores 90 or more points	0-0
FG% .500 or better	0-0
FG% under .500	2-3
FG% over .400	2-1
FG% under .400	0-2
Opponent FG% .500 or better	0-0
Opponent FG% under .500	2-3
Opponent FG% .400 or better	0-1
Opponent FG% under .400	2-2
Better shooting %	2-1
Worse shooting %	0-2
More FG attempts	2-1
Fewer FG attempts	0-2
More FGs made	2-1
Fewer FGs made	1-1
More FT attempts	1-1
Fewer FT attempts	1-2
More FTs made	1-0
Fewer FTs made	1-3
More rebounds	1-1
Fewer rebounds	1-2
Equal rebounds	0-0
Fewer turnovers	2-0
More turnovers	0-3
Equal turnovers	0-0
More assists	2-1
Fewer assists	0-2

Mark It On Your Calendar

This season the Aztecs will stick close to home for almost all of their pre-conference schedule, taking just one trip outside of the Golden State on January 11, at Portland State. Overall, only four of the 12 non-MWC teams appeared on the team's schedule a year ago.

SDSU will play host to 13 home games at Cox Arena, which includes two doubleheader days with the men's team, scheduled for December 28 and January 18.

Back To Cox ... Arena That Is

Two SDSU women's basketball games, originally scheduled for Peterson Gym, have been moved back across the street to Cox Arena. The venue change will affect the Aztecs' games for the 2002-03 season versus Brigham Young (Jan. 23) and the University of Utah (Jan. 25). Game times will remain the same.

The two Mountain West Conference games had been moved to Peterson Gym to help accommodate festivities for the upcoming Super Bowl, slated for Sunday, Jan. 26, 2003, in San Diego, Calif.

Aztecs Picked To Finish Seventh In The MWC

For the third consecutive season, San Diego State has been picked to finish seventh by the Mountain West Conference media in the league's pre-season poll.

BYU received eight of the 16 first-place votes, becoming the third different school to be picked to win the MWC title in as many years.

The media has correctly picked the regular-season conference winner in each of the previous three polls, with Colorado State earning the nod in 2001-02, and Utah claiming the title in 1999-2000 and 2000-01.

Sign On The Dotted Line

San Diego State women's basketball head coach Jim Tomey announced the signings Nov. 14, of two high school seniors to national letters of intent. Guards **Michelle Elliott (Pasco, Wash.)** and **Courtney Fritz (Newberg, Ore.)** will join the Aztecs in the fall of 2003.

"With the two players that we signed, we feel that we've really added to the basketball I.Q. of our program," Tomey said. "We signed two girls who have a great feel for how to play the game and their greatest attribute is their ability to strengthen and bond the group that is out on the floor - they're leaders.

"I feel terrific about them both as people and players. They are the kind of student-athletes that we want to bring into San Diego State to help us build this program."

The Cast

The 2002-03 SDSU roster includes five seniors, one junior, two sophomores and seven freshmen. The seven freshmen are the program's most since the 1983-84 team, which opened the season with nine freshmen.

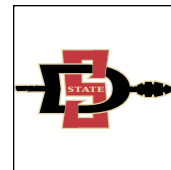
While this year's squad includes five seniors, only two, **Jamey Cox** and **Andrea Kiesling (Helena, Mont.)**, have played all three of their previous collegiate seasons at San Diego State.

Key Points For SDSU In 2002-03

► **Offense** - With the loss of two of the team's top three scorers from a year ago, the Aztecs will look for help to support senior **Jamey Cox**, who has led SDSU in scoring in two of the last three seasons. The team, however, returns its three-point threat from a year ago in Cox and **Ashonda Williams**, who both ranked in the MWC top 10 in three-point field goals.

► **Defense** - The Aztecs proved to have one of the top defenses in the MWC last season. SDSU ranked third overall and second in league games in steals, reaching double-figures in that category 13 times. Opponents, meanwhile, only shot 40 percent or better from the field 12 times in the 28 games. The Aztecs held 10 of their final 20 opponents under 60 points.

► **At the line** - The Aztecs have struggled at the line in recent years, shooting just 65 percent in 2001-02. Part of that figure, however, can be attributed to the fact that SDSU took almost 200 less foul shots than its opponents (438-623).



Mountain West Conference Conference Only Rankings

(Final - 2001-02 Season)

TEAM CATEGORY	SDSU	RANK
Scoring Offense	53.6	7th
Scoring Defense	64.4	7th
Scoring Margin	-10.7	7th
Field Goal Pct.	.343	7th
Field Goals Pct. Def.	.405	6th
3-Pt. FG Pct.	.308	5th
3-Pt. FG Pct. Def.	.300	2nd
Free Throw Pct.	.629	8th
Rebounding Offense	34.5	7th
Rebounding Defense	41.1	8th
Rebounding Margin	-6.6	8th
Blocked Shots	2.50	6th
Assists	11.14	7th
Steals	9.57	2nd
Turnover Margin	1.57	3rd
Assist/Turnover Ratio	0.65	7th
Offensive Rebounds	14.07	1st
Defensive Rebounds	20.43	7th
3-Pt. FG Made	4.29	5th

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY	AVG
Scoring	
8. Swinbank	12.8
18. Cox	9.1

Rebounding	
8. Otii	5.9
9. Swinbank	5.6

Assists Per Game	
7. Swinbank	3.21
14. Cox	2.57

Steals Per Game	
2. Swinbank	2.14
8. Otii	1.71
8. Cox	1.71

3-Point Field Goals Percentage	
10. Cox	.355 (27-76)

3-Point Field Goals Made Per Game	
4. Cox	1.93
13. Williams	1.07

Blocked Shots Per Game	
5. Otii	0.93
9. McCartney	0.79

Assist/Turnover Ratio	
10. Swinbank	0.88

Offensive Rebounds	
6. Otii	2.64
11. Williams	2.14
15. Nicolette McCartney	1.86

Defensive Rebounds	
5. Swinbank	4.29
11. Otii	3.29