

# SDSU Men's Tennis



This Week: Jan. 22, at Southern California, Los Angeles - 2:30 p.m.

## 2005 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 22	at USC	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	UC Riverside	9:30 p.m.
	Northern Arizona	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	at UCLA	1:30 p.m.
Feb. 13	Pacific	12 p.m.
Feb. 17-20	Natl Indoor Champs.#	All Day
Feb. 21	Fresno State	1 p.m.
Mar. 4-6	Pacific Coast Doubles!	All Day
Mar. 6	Washington	TBA
Mar. 7	Yale@	1:30 p.m.
Mar. 10-13	Blue Gray Invite%	All Day
Mar. 19	Va. Commonwealth	12 p.m.
Mar. 29	Harvard&	1:30 p.m.
Mar. 30	at UC Santa Barbara	1:30 p.m.
Apr. 1	*Utah	2 p.m.
Apr. 2	*BYU	1 p.m.
Apr. 3	*UNLV	12 p.m.
Apr. 6	San Diego	1:30 p.m.
Apr. 14	at Denver	2 p.m.
Apr. 16	*vs. New Mexico\$	2 p.m.
Apr. 17	*at Air Force	10 a.m.
Apr. 28-30	MWC Champs.^	All Day
Mar. 14-15	NCAA Regionals	All Day
Mar. 21-30	NCAA Champs.-	All Day

Home matches in bold, played at and SDSU Tennis Stadium  
 All times local to site  
 # at Champaign, Ill.  
 † at La Jolla, Calif.  
 % at Montgomery, Ala.  
 & at Santa Barbara, Calif.  
 \$ at Colorado Springs, Colo.  
 ^ at Barnes Tennis Center, San Diego, Calif.  
 - at College Station, Tex.  
 \* Mountain West Conference Match

## 2005 Roster

Name (Yr.)	Hometown
Matt Bittner (Fr.)	Sioux Falls, S.D.
Armando Carrascosa (Sr.)	Mexicali, Baja Calif. Mexico
Markus Dickhardt (So.)	Marburg, Germany
Chris Groh (So.)	Crailsheim, Germany
Dontia Haynes (Sr.)	Bellflower, Calif.
Daniel Jung (Sr.)	Villmar, Germany
Nima Ossareh (Fr.)	Bethesda, Md.
Eugenio Romero (Jr.)	Ensenada, Baja Calif. Mexico
Benedikt Stronk (Jr.)	Berlin, Germany

**Head Coach:** Gene Carswell (New Mexico '93), Second Season

**Assistant Coach:** Oliver Maiberger (San Diego State '03), Second Season

**Volunteer Assistant:** Devin Bowen (Texas Christian '94), First Season

## Aztecs Open 2005 Season On The Road Against Pac-10 Foe Southern California

• The No. 71 San Diego State men's tennis opens the 2005 season on the road with a date against eighth-ranked Southern California at Marks Stadium at 2:30 p.m.

The Aztecs are looking to win their season opener for the second time in the last three seasons. In 2003, SDSU beat Brigham Young, 4-0, and fell to No. 47 William & Mary, 7-0, last year. In the last 10 seasons, the Aztecs have compiled a record of 3-7 in season openers (0-3 on the road).

## Carswell's New Addition

• Head coach Gene Carswell enters his second season at the helm of the men's tennis program. After a stellar collegiate career and five years as an SDSU assistant coach, Carswell brings a ton of knowledge and experience to the program. Add in the fact that assistant coach Oliver Maiberger was a five-time All-American and now you have one of the most knowledgeable staffs in the Mountain West Conference.

But if you could add a coach with an outstanding collegiate career and professional tennis experience, certainly anyone would jump on the opportunity. That is exactly what Carswell did with the addition of volunteer assistant Devin Bowen.

Bowen, a four-year letterwinner at Texas Christian, earned all-Southwest Conference team singles and doubles honors from 1992-94. His doubles team was ranked as high as No. 2 nationally and individually, was ranked 31st in singles.

After his collegiate career ended, Bowen enjoyed success as a professional. In 2003, he reached a career high doubles ranking of No. 39. He played in 27 consecutive grand slam events reaching the quarterfinal round of the U.S. Open in 2001 and 2002.

Bowen, who has maintained a world ranking from 1990-present, has collected wins over Gustavo Kuerten, Carlos Moya, Marat Safin and Marty Fish as well as world No. 1 doubles team of Jared Palmer and Don Johnson.

In 2003, Bowen won the doubles ATP Tour event in Amersfoort, The Netherlands.

## The Future is Now

• The Aztecs return four letterwinners from last year's 11-9 (2-2 MWC) team. Among the returners are seniors Armando Carrascosa, Dontia Haynes and Daniel Jung. Also returning is the 2004 Mountain West Conference freshman of the year Markus Dickhardt. In addition to the four letterwinners, junior Benedikt Stronk and sophomore Chris Groh will see their first action after fulfilling their residency requirements.

New to the program are junior college transfer Eugenio Romero and freshmen Matt Bittner and Nima Ossareh. Romero is expected to play immediately with the two freshmen utilizing their redshirt year.

## Fall Wrap Up

• The fall season showed just what the Aztecs are

capable of doing this season.

At the USD Surf and Volley Tournament, the Aztecs took two of three doubles matches and five of six singles matches against this Saturday's opponent Southern California.

Against Arizona, SDSU swept all six (two doubles, four singles) matches played.

In October at the ITA Western Regionals, San Diego State opened the eyes of many around the west coast.

Senior Dontia Haynes advanced to the quarterfinals before losing to UCLA's Ben Kohlloeffel, 6-2, 6-4. Fellow senior Armando Carrascosa fell just short of earning a spot in the ITA Individual National Indoor Championships when he lost to Kohlloeffel, 6-1, 6-1.

In doubles action, the team of Chris Groh-Benedikt Stronk lost in the third round to Pepperdine's Pedro Rico and Doerner, 8-0.

Here is a look at SDSU's individual and doubles fall records:

Player	Singles	Doubles
Matt Bittner	0-0	0-0
Armando Carrascosa	10-4	5-3
Markus Dickhardt	3-3	6-3
Chris Groh	4-2	5-2
Dontia Haynes	3-3	4-3
Daniel Jung	4-1	4-2
Nima Ossareh	0-0	0-0
Eugenio Romero	4-2	2-1
Benedikt Stronk	5-3	6-2

## Scouting the Trojans

• Southern California is currently ranked No. 8 nationally in the Jan. 11 ITA Rankings.

The Trojans are coming off a 23-4 season and a semifinal appearance in the NCAA Tournament. This year the Pac-10 school returns seven letterwinners, including seniors Drew Hoskins and Johan Berg. USC is led by third-year head coach Peter Smith.

## This Fall vs. Southern California

• San Diego State goes into the Southern California match having faced them many times during the course of the fall season.

SDSU fared well at the USD Surf and Volley Tournament against the Trojans and played them this past weekend at the Sherwood Collegiate Cup in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Dickhardt and his partner from Baylor, Greg Shearer, beat the No. 2-seeded Jamil Al-Agba-Drew Hoskins, 9-8. In singles play, Jung was defeated, 6-1, 6-2, by Southern California's Andrew Hoskins. Dickhardt suffered the same fate when he was downed by Johan Berg, 6-7, 3-6.

