

Aztec Water Polo

**This Week's Game: 2nd annual Harper Cup
Apr. 19.....No. 14 UC San Diego5 p.m.**



2003 SCHEDULE (17-11, 4-6 MPSF)

Date	Opponent/Tournament	Result/Time
Feb. 8	vs. CSU Bakersfield*	W, 16-5
Feb. 8	vs. No. 17 Hartwick^	W, 17-8
Feb. 9	vs. No. 6 Loyola Marymount^	L, 4-5
Feb. 9	vs. No. 4 Long Beach State^	W, 6-5 (ot)
Feb. 14	at No. 4 Long Beach State*	L, 4-10
Feb. 15	at No. 3 USC*	L, 7-11
Feb. 21	No. 8 SAN JOSE STATE*	W, 9-4
Mar. 1	vs. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps#	W, 13-5
Mar. 1	at No. 9 UC San Diego#	W, 8-4
Mar. 6	No. 17 UC IRVINE*	W, 12-4
Mar. 8	at No. 11 UC Santa Barbara~	W, 8-5
Mar. 8	vs. No. 2 USC~	L, 4-10
Mar. 9	vs. No. 6 Loyola Marymount~	W, 7-6 (ot)
Mar. 9	vs. No. 5 California~	L, 8-9
Mar. 15	No. 5 CALIFORNIA*	L, 8-10
Mar. 16	PACIFIC*	W, 10-4
Mar. 16	No. 17 PRINCETON	W, 10-4
Mar. 17	No. 13 INDIANA	W, 11-4
Mar. 23	No. 2 STANFORD*	L, 4-11
Mar. 23	No. 18 BROWN	W, 11-6
Mar. 28	at No. 1 UCLA*	L, 2-10
Mar. 29	at No. 11 UC Santa Barbara	W, 6-3
Apr. 5	at No. 8 Hawai'i*	L, 3-4
Apr. 12	vs. No. 20 Cal Baptist~	W, 12-8
Apr. 12	vs. CSU Bakersfield~	W, 15-5
Apr. 12	vs. No. 14 UC San Diego~	W, 9-6
Apr. 13	vs. No. 3 USC~	L, 5-10
Apr. 13	at No. 4 Long Beach State~	L, 11-12 (ot)
Apr. 19	UC SAN DIEGO (Harper Cup)	5 p.m.
Apr. 25-27	at MPSF Championship	All Day
May 10-11	NCAA Championship%	All Day

Home matches in bold, played at the Ray & Joan Kroc Community Center (6737 University Ave., San Diego, Calif.)
* - Mountain Pacific Sports Federation match, ^ - UCSD Arena Invitational, # - UC San Diego Mini-Tournament, ~ - UC Santa Barbara Invitational, % - Held at UCSD's Canyonview Pool

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Player	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.
1	Ashley Zabel	Jr.	G	5-11
1A	Sara Daseler	Jr.	G	6-0
2	Kristin Moore	Jr.	2MD	5-7
3	Savanah Kelley	Fr.	2MD	5-8
4	Heidi Matsumoto	Sr.	DR	5-6
5	Casey Finnegan	Sr.	U	5-6
6	Dominique Delgado	So.	DR	5-5
7	Rachel Serna	Fr.	DR	5-6
8	Ashleigh May	Sr.	DR	5-5
9	Sandy Onweller	Jr.	DR	5-4
10	Amber Prestegard	Sr.	U	5-7
11	Chelsy Smith	Jr.	U	5-7
12	Donna Stivers	Jr.	DR	5-5
13	Becky Sensney	Sr.	U	5-5
14	Holly Hartzell	Jr.	2M	5-10
15	Brenna Wylie	Sr.	U	5-5
16	Monica DeRosier	So.	2M	5-11
17	Susan Stivers	Fr.	DR	5-4
18	Katelyn Schlactus	Fr.	2MD	5-8
19	Jackie Lopez	Sr.	DR	5-0
20	Taylor Cranney	Fr.	U	5-10
21	Alyssa Banks	Fr.	U	5-7
22	Veronica Ortega	Fr.	DR	5-8

Head Coach: Carin Crawford (5th year, 101-77 overall)
Assistant Coach: Kenny Delp (1st year)
Student Assistant: Heather Stiles

MPSF Standings (as of Apr. 14)

School	MPSF	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
1. USC	9-1	.900	21-3	.875
2. Stanford	8-1	.889	16-2	.889
3. UCLA	7-2	.778	18-3	.842
4. Long Beach State	6-2	.750	21-6	.778
5. California	5-4	.556	12-7	.632
6. San Diego State	4-6	.400	14-9	.609
Hawai'i	4-6	.400	10-12	.454
8. San Jose State	3-6	.333	15-13	.536
9. UC Santa Barbara	3-5	.375	15-11	.577
10. UC Irvine	1-8	.111	18-19	.486
11. Pacific	0-9	.000	7-19	.269

AWPCA Top 20 (Apr. 16)

Rank	School	Last	Rank	School	Last
1.	UCLA	1	11.	UC Santa Barbara	9
2.	USC	2	12.	UC Davis	12
3.	Stanford	3	13.	Indiana	15
4.	Long Beach State	4	14.	Princeton	13
5.	California	5		UC San Diego	14
6.	Loyola Marymount	6	16.	Hartwick	16
7.	Hawai'i	7	17.	Brown	17
8.	San Diego State	8	18.	UC Irvine	19
9.	Michigan	10	19.	Arizona State	18
10.	San Jose State	11	20.	CSU Northridge	nr

Aztecs Close Out Regular Season With Harper Cup Match vs. UCSD

The seventh-ranked San Diego State women's water polo team closes out regular-season play and celebrates senior day by hosting No. 14 UC San Diego in the second annual Harper Cup match on Saturday at the Ray and Joan Kroc Center.

The 5 p.m. game marks the home finale for seven Aztec seniors - co-captain **Casey Finnegan**, **Jackie Lopez**, co-captain **Heidi Matsumoto**, **Ashleigh May**, **Amber Prestegard**, **Becky Sensney**, and **Brenna Wylie**. The group includes members of fifth-year head coach Carin Crawford's first recruiting class at SDSU and will be honored prior to the start of the game.

SDSU won the inaugural Harper Cup match, 8-7, over UC San Diego in 2002. May scored the game-winner with just three seconds remaining in regulation. The cup is named in honor of current UCSD men's water polo coach Denny Harper, who previously coached the UCSD women's team to five national titles. Harper, a 1978 graduate of San Diego State, coached both Aztec coach Carin Crawford and Triton coach Larry Sanders at UCSD.

Not only cross-town foes, the Aztecs (17-11 overall) and Tritons are familiar opponents this season, having played twice already with SDSU capturing both decisions including an 8-4 win at UCSD's Canyonview Pool on March 1. The teams will be playing for the second time in a week after SDSU claimed a 9-6 triumph in first-day competition at the Long Beach State Tournament on April 12.

The Update

SDSU played its final tournament tune-up before the MPSF Championship at the Long Beach State Tournament and claimed third place, in the 12-team event. The Aztecs swept through their first-day competition by a combined score of 36-19 in winning the Group C bracket. But SDSU ran into a pair of top-four opponents in Sunday's winners pairing and dropped a 10-5 decision to No. 3 USC and a 12-11 overtime result to No. 4 Long Beach State.

Senior utility **Casey Finnegan** (Fresno, Calif./Clovis West HS) was rewarded for her stellar play with selection to the all-tournament team.

Finnegan scored 10 goals in the five games, including game-highs of four scores in the 12-8 win over No. 20 Cal Baptist, three tallies in the 9-6 defeat of No. 14 UC San Diego and two goals in the overtime loss to No. 4 Long Beach State.

Also turning in impressive offensive performances were senior utility **Amber Prestegard** and junior 2-meter **Holly Hartzell**, both of whom also scored 10 goals in the five games. Junior driver **Sandy Onweller**, who came into the weekend with 11 goals on the season, scored six times over the five games and now ranks fourth on the with 17 scores.

Junior goalie **Ashley Zabel** turned in an effort baseball ironman Cal Ripken would be proud of, starting all five games and playing a total of 16 quarters in two days. She made a total of 28 saves for the weekend.

Saturday's middle-game 15-5 win over CSU Bakersfield was the 100th victory of head coach **Carin Crawford's** career at SDSU. The UCSD victory in Saturday's tripleheader finale made Crawford a perfect 5-for-5 in reaching 17 wins in a season at SDSU.

Aztec 2-Meter Shots

SDSU heads toward the April 25-27 MPSF Championship at Stanford's Avery Aquatic Complex as the likely seventh seed. SDSU finished the conference regular season with a record of 4-6 and tied with No. 7 Hawai'i (10-12/4-6), but the Rainbow Wahine would earn the sixth seed in the tournament by virtue of their head-to-head 4-3 win over the Aztecs. No. 11 UC Santa Barbara (15-11/3-5) is still alive to claim sixth place outright but has to play No. 4 Long Beach State and No. 1 UCLA, and No. 10 San Jose (15-13/3-6) could still figure into forcing a tiebreaker issue for sixth place and the sixth seed.

With 10 goals in five games in Long Beach, senior utility **Amber Prestegard** has moved closer to the program's all-time goals record. With 49 goals this season, Prestegard now has 225 for her career and is within 10 scores of Larisa Baltgalvis' record total (235). With the UCSD game still remaining and the MPSF tourney on the horizon, a similar effort could prove to be a recordbreaker.



Amber Prestegard

The Aztecs moved up one spot and into a seventh-place tie with Hawai'i in the latest USWPA Coaches' Poll on April 16. SDSU has been ranked no lower than eighth while reaching a season-high of sixth from March 12-April 9.

Scouting UC San Diego

The Tritons won four of five games at the Long Beach State Tournament, with the only loss coming to the Aztecs. That performance came on the heels of dropping 6-of-9 previous contests.

Against the Aztecs this season, goalkeeper Kaitlin Foe made six saves and allowed eight goals in the first meeting before yielding nine goals against just three saves in last Saturday's game. Senior 2-meter Elizabeth Keesey scored three goals in the loss to SDSU at the Long Beach tournament.

Head Coach Carin Crawford

In her fifth season leading the Aztec program, Crawford has guided the Aztecs to four straight top-eight national finishes and seasons of 18 or more wins while compiling an overall record of 101-77. She has coached six All-Americans, seven all-MPSF performers, 10 all-MPSF academic selections and 13 AWPCA all-academic honorees.

2003 Aztec Women's Water Polo Stat Leaders

No	Player	Goals Goals					
		GP-GS	Att	Scored	Ast	Stl Saves	
1	Ashley Zabel	23-20	2	0	12	16	157
1A	Sara Daseler	14-8	1	0	6	12	80
5	Casey Finnegan	26-26	119	39	17	62	1
6	Dominique Delgado	27-17	52	16	18	25	2
9	Sandy Onweller	27-12	62	17	13	9	4
10	Amber Prestegard	27-27	122	49	33	15	0
14	Holly Hartzell	27-27	121	57	17	44	1