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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	L, 53-72
D. 19	American University	W, 62-45
D. 22	Creighton (rv)	L, 72-79 (OT)
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  
 (Thomas & Mack - Las Vegas, Nev.)  
 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 27 • Friday

Practice 4-6 p.m. Cox Arena

### December 28 • Saturday

Shoot around 9 a.m.-10 a.m. Cox Arena

### December 29 • Sunday

Practice TBA Cox Arena

### December 30 • Monday

Practice TBA Cox Arena

### December 31 • Tuesday

Off

### January 1 • Wednesday

Off

## Up Next: Game No. 10

vs. UM - Kansas City  
 Sunday, Jan. 5 - 2:05 p.m.  
 Cox Arena (12,414) - San Diego, CA  
 Series: SDSU leads 1-0

Game No. **9**

## Cal State Northridge *Matadors* (0-9) at SAN DIEGO STATE *Aztecs* (3-5)

► **When & Where:** Saturday, Dec. 28, 2002, Cox Arena (12,414), San Diego, Calif., 2:05 p.m. (PST).

► **Webcast/TV:** Live audio broadcast on www.goaztecs.com, with Bill Earley, Tammy Blackburn and Dan Lawton.

► **The Records:** The Aztecs (3-5) finish out 2002 with another afternoon game, this time versus non-conference opponent Cal State Northridge (0-9). SDSU is coming off a tough overtime loss to Creighton, while the Matadors are still looking for their first win of the season and the first victory under new head coach Tammy Holder.

► **In The RPI:** In the fifth RPI rankings released by the WBCA through games of December 22, SDSU moved up 57 spots to 201st, while Cal State Northridge is No. 309.

► **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 3-5.

► **Cal State Northridge Head Coach Tammy Holder:** Holder (William & Mary, 1980) is also in her first season with the Matadors. Holder's career head coaching record is 121-109 in nine seasons.

► **Series History:** SDSU leads 7-1 (Last: SDSU def. CSU Northridge, 97-41, on Jan. 11, 1992, in San Diego)

## San Diego State Closes Out 2002 With Another Non-Conference Game Saturday

The San Diego State women's basketball team looks to close out 2002, with a win over Cal State Northridge Saturday, as the two California schools renew their rivalry for the first time since 1992.

The Aztecs are coming off their second overtime loss this month, falling to Creighton, 79-72, back on Dec. 22. The Matadors, meanwhile, have yet to win a game this season, bringing an 0-9 record to Cox Arena, which includes losses to future and past SDSU opponents, Portland State (60-71), St. Mary's (59-67) and Wyoming (75-97).

SDSU owns a 7-1 lead in the all-time series, which includes a current seven-game win streak. CSU Northridge won the first meeting in overtime, 76-70, on Feb. 14, 1978.

## 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 five of its next seven games in San Diego.

## Last Time Out - Aztecs Nearly Upset Creighton In Overtime, 79-72:

In a game that, on paper, was not supposed to be close, the San Diego State women's basketball team fell in over-

## 2002-03 San Diego State Aztecs Roster (3-5/0-0 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)	3.3	2.0	► Career best 6 pts. vs. Creighton
4	Ashley White	F	6-1	Fr.	Chino Hills (Ayala HS)	0.0	0.0	► 1st career game vs. USD
5	Michelle Strawberry	G	5-10	Fr.	Corona (Centennial HS)	-	-	► Will not play vs. Northridge
10	Ashonda Williams	F	6-0	Sr.	Crockett (Contra Costa CC)	5.0	2.3	► 15 pts., 1st start vs. AU
14	Heather Wolf	G	5-6	So.	Stayton, Ore. (Regis HS)	2.3	2.6a	► 8 assists versus American
20	Jamey Cox	G	5-7	Sr.	Waterloo, Iowa (West HS)	14.9	2.3	► Three games w/20+ pts.
21	Veronica Shaw	G	5-7	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Mt. Pointe HS)	5.5	2.0	► 12 pts. vs. Creighton
23	Amber Fouse	G	5-7	Fr.	Compton (Narbonne HS)	5.3	3.4a	► Career best 14 pts. vs. Creighton
24	Nicolette McCartney	C/F	6-2	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. (Hersey HS)	8.5	6.8	► 1st double-double vs. AU
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	► Missed last three games
35	Ashlee Dunlap	F	6-1	Fr.	Los Angeles (Fairfax HS)	11.8	10.0	► 5 double-doubles in 8 gms.
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)	0.0	1.0	► 1st career game vs. USD
52	Andrea Kiesling	C	6-3	Sr.	Helena, Mont. (Helena HS)	1.0	1.9	► career-best 23 min. vs. USD

**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

CSU Northridge at SDSU
Series: SDSU leads, 7-1

Series Numbers

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

2002-03 Comparative Stats

As of Dec. 22, 2002

Table comparing Aztecs and Matadors 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.

All-Time Series

Table with 3 columns: Date, Site, Result. Lists game dates and locations from 1978 to 1992.



time to the Creighton Bluejays Sunday afternoon at Cox Arena, 72-79. With the loss, the Aztecs drop to 3-5 overall, while Creighton (7-2) extends its winning streak to five games and now owns a perfect 8-0 record against SDSU.

Aztec forward Ashlee Dunlap (Los Angeles, Calif.) paced the SDSU offense with 15 points to go along with 13 rebounds for her fifth double-double of the season. Freshman guard Amber Fouse (Compton, Calif.) poured in an additional 14 points for the Aztecs, while senior Jamey Cox (Waterloo, Iowa) and freshman guard Veronica Shaw (Phoenix, Ariz.) each contributed 12 points to the losing effort.

Creighton entered Sunday's contest with an RPI ranking of 16, while SDSU was 258th, but the Aztecs held their own throughout the game. The two schools swapped leads for the first 20 minutes before heading into the locker room with SDSU trailing by just seven points, 23-30.

The Bluejays' largest lead came at the 5:46 mark of the second half when they had a 60-46 advantage. The Aztecs came back from that 14-point deficit, thanks to Shaw's six points during the final stretch of the second half to bring SDSU to within four. Dunlap then capitalized on a missed free three throw by Shaw, as she grabbed the offensive rebound and buried a jumper to bring the score to 64-66. Aztec junior Nicolette McCarty (Chicago, Ill.) then completed the come back with a lay-up to tie the score at 66-66 and send the game into overtime.

In overtime, SDSU had a pair of two-point leads early, but a three-pointer from Creighton's Dayna Finch broke a 70-70 tie and put her team up for good, as the Bluejays outscored the Aztecs 13-6 for the 79-72 victory.

Other Creighton Game Notes:

The Aztecs overcame a 14-point deficit at 46-60 with only 5:46 left to play in the second half, outscoring the Bluejays 20-6 to send the game to OT ... SDSU shot a season-best 78.3 percent from the line, tallying a season-high 18 free throws ... for the second time this season, the Aztecs committed less turnovers than their opponent (17-22) but still ended up on the losing side (also at USD - 17-25) ... SDSU has had four players reach double-figures in each of the team's last two games (three times overall this season, also vs. Centenary) ... senior Tynisha King (Moreno Valley, Calif.) and freshmen Veronica Shaw and Amber Fouse all recorded career-high point totals in the loss ... the Aztecs outscored Creighton 42-28 in the paint.

0-for-Overtime:

After not playing an overtime game in nearly four years, the Aztecs have now done so twice in 2002-03, with both coming in the month of December. Prior to this season, the last time an SDSU game went to overtime was on Jan. 16, 1999, versus BYU.

The Aztecs have not found much success recently in the extra period, dropping their last five, with the last overtime victory coming on Feb. 2, 1991, versus Wyoming (79-75). That same season, San Diego State was involved in four overtime games, including a double-overtime loss to Texas-El Paso (71-77).

Dunlap Earns MWC Player-of-the-Week Honors:

San Diego State freshman Ashlee Dunlap, who had a double-double in each of the team's games last week, has been named the Mountain West Women's Basketball Player of the Week, the conference office announced Monday.

Dunlap helped the Aztecs break a three-game losing skid last Thursday with a 62-45 win over American, recording 17 points and an MWC freshman record 18 rebounds. The 18 boards are the most by a conference player this season, tied for second in MWC single-game history and are the most by an Aztec since Kieishasha Garnes also had 18 in 1990.

The freshman forward continued her double-double trend in the team's overtime loss to Creighton Sunday, a team which was ranked No. 16 in the RPI last week. Dunlap finished with her fifth double-double of the season, tallying 15 points and 13 rebounds against the Bluejays, both team game-highs.

For the season, Dunlap is the only player in the MWC averaging a double-double with 11.8 points and a league-high 10.0 rebounds per game. She is also third in the conference in blocks and steals, while tallying double-doubles in all four of SDSU's home games this season.

Dunlap's award is the first of her career, while it is the first such honor for an SDSU women's basketball player since February 2001. The Aztecs have earned the conference player of the week honor four times since MWC play began in 1999-2000.

Scouting the Cal State Northridge Matadors

Cal State Northridge travels to Cox Arena Saturday in search of its first win this season. The Matadors, under first-year head coach Tammy Holder, are 0-9 overall, including a 75-97 loss to Mountain West Conference member Wyoming in the team's most recent game on Dec. 22.

CSU Northridge has been led by freshman Ofa Tulikihifo and junior transfer Brezya Rhodes, who are both averaging 11.8 points per game. Tulikihifo is also her team's top rebounder (5.9 rpg), while Kim Gildersleeve (8.7 ppg), Heather Cushing (5.8 ppg) and Kristin Anderson (6.7 ppg) have rounded out the CSUN's starting five.

The Matadors do not return any letterwinners or starters from last year's 2-24 squad, which placed eighth in the Big West with a 2-14 mark. CSUN sophomore Katie Bartsch, the team's lone returnee from a year ago, is a former high school teammate of SDSU's Veronica Shaw at Mountain Pointe High School in Phoenix, Ariz.

Creighton 79, San Diego State 72 (OT)
Game 8 ■ Dec. 22 ■ Cox Arena ■ San Diego, Calif.

Creighton team statistics table with columns: Player, FG, 3FG, FT, REB, F, TP, A, T, B, S, MP.

SDSU team statistics table with columns: Player, FG, 3FG, FT, REB, F, TP, A, T, B, S, MP.

Officials: Kim Guzman, Marianne Karp, Robert Strong
Technical fouls: 1 (SDSU Bench)
Attendance: 497

Score by Periods table with columns: Period (1st, 2nd, OT), Total.

## Cal State Northridge (0-9)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.-Exp.	Hometown/Last School
3	Katie Bartsch	F	6-1	So.-1V	Phoenix, Ariz. (Mountain Pointe)
10	Ciara Papac	G	5-6	Jr.-JC	Everett, Wash. (Cascade/Everett CC)
12	Kim Gildersleeve*	G	5-5	Jr.-JC	Long Beach (Wilson/West Los Angeles CC)
20	Laurie Hodges	G	5-7	Fr.-HS	Lancaster (Antelope Valley)
22	Cassandra Markovich	G	5-9	Fr.-HS	Crestline (Rim of the World)
23	Myette Anderson	F	5-9	Fr.-HS	Berkeley (Berkeley)
24	Alexis Johnson	G	5-10	Fr.-HS	Gardena (Gardena)
25	Catrina Garcia	G	5-8	Jr.-JC	San Jose (Oak Grove/San Jose CC)
32	Brezya Rhodes*	F	5-9	Jr.-JC	Concord (Clayton Valley/San Jose CC)
33	Kristin Anderson*	F	6-0	Jr.-JC	Vancouver, Wash. (Central Arizona CC)
44	Ofa Tulikihifo*	F	5-11	Fr.-HS	Hawthorne (Redondo Union)
52	Heather Cushing*	F	6-0	Fr.-HS	Brush Prairie, Wash. (Prairie)

**Head Coach:** Tammy Holder (William & Mary, 1980, first season) \* = Probable starters  
**Assistant Coaches:** Staci Schulz (Mt. Marty, 1996, first season); Niesha Johnson (Alabama, 1995, first season); Carla Houser (UCLA, 2000, first season)  
**Director of Operations:** Gooch Cardenas (Cal State Northridge, 2001, first season)

### Probable Line-Up Notes

The Aztecs showed off its fourth different starting line-up of the season against American and Creighton with guards **Jamey Cox** and **Heather Wolf**, along with forwards **Ashonda Williams**, **Ashlee Dunlap** and **Nicolette McCartney** ... the line-up, which is also probable versus Cal State Northridge, includes all four class levels, while four of the five players hail from different states (California, Oregon, Iowa and Illinois) ... senior **Valencia Howard** (right knee strain), sophomore **Maggie Sauls** (left knee) and freshmen **Michelle Strawberry** (right knee) and **Tami Garnett** (exercised-induced migraines) are not expected to suit-up for the game with the Matadors.

### A Basketball Doubleheader

The Aztec men's and women's basketball teams will play the first of two doubleheaders this season on Saturday, when the women play host to Cal State Northridge (2:05 p.m.) and the men take on Florida Atlantic (7:05 p.m.). Both SDSU teams will also be in action at home on the same day on January 18, when the women face UNLV at 5:05 p.m., five hours after the men tip-off in an ESPN-televized game against MWC foe Utah at 12:05 p.m.

### AD Does The Double

Aztec forward **Ashlee Dunlap** continues to be a double-double machine, posting her fifth this season with a 15-point, 15-rebound performance against Creighton. The freshman leads the Mountain West Conference in the double-double

category, three more than her nearest competitor, while she has turned the trick in each of the team's four home games this season. The Los Angeles native's five double-doubles are the most in a season by an Aztec since Mary Apiafi had nine in 1999-2000.

Dunlap began the year with two double-doubles in the first two games, coming up with 14 points and 10 rebounds against Centenary and a 15-point, 13-rebound game at St. Mary's. She then scored 17 points and tagged on 12 boards for her third double-double of the season versus UC Irvine (Dec. 4), followed by a career-best 17-point, 18-rebound performance against American (Dec. 19).

Dunlap currently leads the MWC in rebounding (10.0 rpg) and 10-rebound games (5), while she is second among conference freshman in scoring average with 11.8 points per game.

### In The Nick Of Time

Not to be outdone by her front court counterpart, SDSU junior **Nicolette McCartney** has continued to step up her game this season. McCartney reached double-figures in rebounding for the second consecutive game with 11 boards in the overtime loss to Creighton, after tallying her first career double-double versus American (11 points, 13 rebounds) on Dec. 19. Overall, the Chicago native is sixth

### Aztec Career Record Book

#### 3-Point Field Goals

1. Falisha Wright (1992-95)	206
2. <b>Jamey Cox (2000-Pres.)</b>	<b>196</b>
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 Zukauskaite (1996-97)	46
8. <b>Ashonda Williams (2002-Pres.)</b>	<b>44</b>
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. <b>Jamey Cox (2000-Pres.)</b>	<b>307</b>
7. Shannon Lee (1998-2001)	302
8. Shelda Arceneaux (1984-87)	299
9. Sandy Wright (1995-97)	292
10. Laura Dion (1978-80)	278

in the MWC in rebounding (6.8/g) and ranks third behind teammate **Ashlee Dunlap** in offensive rebounds (3.50/g)

McCartney's skills have not only been limited to rebounding, as the forward ranks second in the conference in block shots with a 2.25 per game mark. All 18 of the junior's block shots have come in the team's last six games, including two, four-block efforts versus UC Irvine and Creighton.

### Other Double-Double Info

Aztec senior **Valencia Howard (Richmond, Calif.)** is the other SDSU player to log a double-double this season, putting up 13 points and 10 rebounds against Fresno State on Nov. 30, en route to all-tournament honors ... SDSU leads the MWC in double-doubles (7) with runner-up BYU tallying four ... **Ashlee Dunlap** and **Nicolette McCartney's** double-doubles versus American marked the first time a pair of Aztecs accomplished the feat in the same game since Tanisha Knight (12 pts., 10 reb.) and Anita Bundage (13 pts., 11 reb.) did so against Northern Arizona, Dec. 30, 2000.



## Mountain West Conference

2002-03 Standings	MWC	Overall
Utah	0-0	7-1
Wyoming	0-0	6-2
New Mexico (rv)	0-0	8-3
BYU (rv)	0-0	6-3
UNLV	0-0	6-3
Colorado State (rv)	0-0	5-4
Air Force	0-0	4-3
<b>San Diego State</b>	0-0	3-5

As of Dec. 24, 2002 ( ) = rankings

### Mountain West Conference Upcoming Schedule

#### December 28 (Saturday)

**CSU Northridge at SDSU, 2:05 p.m.**  
 Sacramento St. at Air Force, 7 p.m.  
 Stonybrook at Colorado St., 7 p.m.  
 Utah vs. Miss. State, 6 p.m.  
 Weber State at Wyoming, 2 p.m.

#### December 29 (Sunday)

Colo. St. vs. Richmond/UCSB, 5/7 p.m.  
 Nevada at UNLV, 2 p.m.  
 Utah vs. Texas-PA/Montana, 6/8 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. <b>San Diego State</b>	<b>31</b>
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. 22, 2002)

TEAM CATEGORY	SDSU	RANK
Scoring Offense	59.4	8th
Scoring Defense	61.0	3rd
Scoring Margin	-1.6	7th
Field Goal Pct.	.376	8th
Field Goals Pct. Def.	.379	4th
3-Pt. FG Pct.	.319	7th
3-Pt. FG Pct. Def.	.327	8th
3-Pt. FG Made	4.50	7th
Free Throw Pct.	.571	8th
Rebounding Offense	38.1	3rd
Rebounding Defense	41.9	8th
Rebounding Margin	-3.8	8th
Offensive Rebounds	14.25	2nd
Defensive Rebounds	23.88	4th
Blocked Shots	<b>5.38</b>	<b>1st</b>
Assists	12.25	8th
Assist/Turnover Ratio	0.60	8th
Turnover Margin	2.00	5th
Steals	10.12	3rd

#### INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY (TOP 12) AVG. Scoring

8. Cox	4.9
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#### Rebounding

1. Dunlap	10.0
6. McCartney	6.8

#### Assists Per Game

10. Fouse	3.38
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#### Steals Per Game

3. Dunlap	2.75
7. Shaw	1.88
12. McCartney	1.50

#### 3-Point Field Goals Made Per Game

2. Cox	3.00
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#### Blocked Shots Per Game

2. McCartney	2.25
3. Dunlap	1.75

#### Offensive Rebounds

2. Dunlap	4.00
3. McCartney	3.50

#### Defensive Rebounds

2. Dunlap	6.00
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### NCAA Division I Stats

(Thru Games Dec. 16, 2002)

#### Three-Point Field Goals Per Game

18th. Cox	3.3
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### Blocking Machines

Although they were outblocked in the Creighton game, the Aztecs still set a conference season-high for most blocks in a game with 10. The 10 blocks are the most by SDSU since Jan. 5, 1995, when the Aztecs had 11 in a 67-52 win at Arizona State.

SDSU had six block shots versus both USD and American after recording nine against UC Irvine on Dec. 4. SDSU leads the Mountain West Conference in the blocks category with 5.38 per game. Individually, junior **Nicolette McCartney** is first on the team with 18 blocks, two more than her previous career season-high of 16, which she recorded as a freshman.

### On The Boards

SDSU has begun to improve in the rebounding category, which has plagued the team in recent years. Currently, the Aztecs are second in the MWC in offensive rebounds per game (14.25) and fourth on the defensive side (23.88).

Freshman **Ashlee Dunlap** has led the team in rebounds five times, including a career-best 18 versus American. The 18 boards are most by a Mountain West Conference player this season, most ever by a MWC freshman and tied for second in conference history behind UNLV's Linda Frohlich, who grabbed a record 22 versus SDSU on Jan. 29, 2000. Dunlap's 18 rebounds are also the most by an Aztec player since Kieishsha Games also tallied 18 in 1990 in a losing effort against the University of San Francisco on Jan. 5.

Overall, an SDSU player has reached double-figures in rebounding eight times, two more than the team's season total from a year ago. Incidentally, seven of the eight times an Aztec player has reached double-figures in rebounding, they have also done so in scoring.

### 11 More

After hitting two more three-point field goals in the overtime loss to Creighton, San Diego State senior **Jamey Cox** continues to edge her way toward the school record for career three pointers made. The senior enters Saturday's game with Cal State Northridge needing just 11 more to surpass current record-holder Falisha Wright, who had 206 three's from 1992-95.

This season, Cox has 24 three-pointers, accounting for 72 of her 119 points. Of her 108 field-goal attempts, Cox has taken 70 from beyond the arc.

### 40-Minute Girls

Senior **Jamey Cox** isn't the only Aztec to have played all 40 minutes in a game this season, as **Nicolette McCartney** did so for the first time in her career in the team's win over American University.

McCartney's 40 minutes of playing time is seven minutes more than her previous career best of 33, which she logged in her final game as a freshman at the 2001 MWC tournament versus New Mexico. In fact, McCartney had only reached the 30-minute mark in a game four times in her career.

Cox, meanwhile, is no stranger to 40 minutes of playing time, logging two such efforts earlier this season in back-to-back games at the Fresno State Classic, the 11th and 12th times she has done so in her career, with the previous 10 times coming during her freshman campaign in 1999-2000. Cox is the one of only two Aztecs to average over 30 minutes a game this season.

### Cox Reaches A Scoring Milestone

Entering the season needing 69 points to reach the 1,000 career point milestone, Aztec senior **Jamey Cox** accomplished the feat in just four games, doing so with a 23-point performance at Fresno State Nov. 30.

Cox became the 16th Aztec player to reach the 1,000-point mark and the first since Jodi Nowlin-Tres (1994-97). Cox is 15th in career scoring, 39 points behind Jodi Nowlin-Tres, who put up 1,089 from 1994-97.

### In The NCAA Rankings

Ranking second in the MWC in three-point field goals made entering this week, SDSU's **Jamey Cox** also appears highly in the NCAA statistics through games of Dec. 16.

Cox was tied for eighth with Rider's Becky Hower and Utah's Kim Smith with 3.3 three-pointers per game, but has since seen her average dip a little to 3.0/g after the loss to Creighton.

### 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 tournament championship

### 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  
6-1 Ashlee Dunlap  
Valencia Howard  
Ashley White  
6-0 Ashonda Williams  
5-10 Tynisha King  
Michelle Strawberry  
5-9 Maggie Sauls  
5-7 Jamey Cox  
Amber Fouse  
Veronica Shaw  
5-6 Heather Wolf

SDSU Miscellaneous Stats	
Largest halftime lead	14, vs. American
Largest halftime deficit	25 at St. Mary's
Most 2nd half points	43 vs. Creighton
Fewest 2nd half points	20 vs. UCI
Largest lead	17, four times
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	.581 (18-31)

SDSU Streaks	
Last 5/10 games (incl. 2001-02)	1-4/3-7
Longest winning streak	1
Longest losing streak	3
Current streak	Lost 1

SDSU's Record When...	
Playing at home	2-2
Playing on the road	0-3
Playing at a neutral site	1-0
Leading at halftime	3-1
Trailing at halftime	0-4
Tied at halftime	0-0
Leading with 5:00 left in regulation	2-0
Trailing with 5:00 left in regulation	1-5
Tied with 5:00 left	0-0
In overtime	0-2
Scoring less than 60 points	1-4
Scoring between 60-69 points	1-0
Scoring between 70-79 points	1-1
Scoring between 80-89 points	0-0
Scoring 90 or more points	0-0
Opponent scores less than 60 points	3-1
Opponent scores 60-69 points	0-2
Opponent scores 70-79 points	0-2
Opponent scores 80-89 points	0-0
Opponent scores 90 or more points	0-0
FG% .500 or better	0-0
FG% under .500	3-5
FG% over .400	2-1
FG% under .400	1-4
Opponent FG% .500 or better	0-0
Opponent FG% under .500	3-5
Opponent FG% .400 or better	0-2
Opponent FG% under .400	3-3
Better shooting %	3-2
Worse shooting %	0-3
More FG attempts	3-2
Fewer FG attempts	0-3
More FGs made	3-1
Fewer FGs made	1-3
More FT attempts	2-1
Fewer FT attempts	1-3
Same FT attempts	0-1
More FTs made	2-0
Fewer FTs made	1-4
More rebounds	2-1
Fewer rebounds	1-4
Equal rebounds	0-0
Fewer turnovers	3-2
More turnovers	0-3
Equal turnovers	0-0
More assists	3-1
Fewer assists	0-4

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 are the most by an Aztec since Cox scored 27 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.

#### Other Season Notes

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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

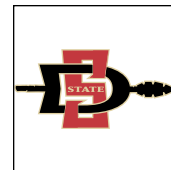
BYU received eight of the 16 first-place votes, becoming the third different school to be picked to win the MWC title in as many years.

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.

#### 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**, have played all three of their previous collegiate seasons at San Diego State.



## 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
<b>Scoring</b>	
8. Swinbank	12.8
18. Cox	9.1

<b>Rebounding</b>	
8. O'tii	5.9
9. Swinbank	5.6

<b>Assists Per Game</b>	
7. Swinbank	3.21
14. Cox	2.57

<b>Steals Per Game</b>	
2. Swinbank	2.14
8. O'tii	1.71
8. Cox	1.71

<b>3-Point Field Goals Percentage</b>	
10. Cox	.355 (27-76)

<b>3-Point Field Goals Made Per Game</b>	
4. Cox	1.93
13. Williams	1.07

<b>Blocked Shots Per Game</b>	
5. O'tii	0.93
9. McCartney	0.79

<b>Assist/Turnover Ratio</b>	
10. Swinbank	0.88

<b>Offensive Rebounds</b>	
6. O'tii	2.64
11. Williams	2.14
15. Nicolette McCartney	1.86

<b>Defensive Rebounds</b>	
5. Swinbank	4.29
11. O'tii	3.29