

# SDSU Men's Golf



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## 2011-12 Schedule

Date	Event
Sept. 26-27	at Husky Invitational (Canceled - rain)
Sept 30 -	at William H. Tucker Invitational
Oct. 1	(3rd - 883 (+19))
Oct. 9-11	at The Prestige at PGA West (4th - 843 (-21))
Oct. 17-18	at Alister MacKenzie Invitational (Fairfax, Calif.)
<b>Feb. 13-14</b>	<b>at San Diego Intercollegiate Classic (Chula Vista, Calif.)</b>
Feb. 27-28	at North Ranch Intercollegiate (Westlake Village, Calif.)
March 12-13	at Callaway Farms Invitational (Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.)
<b>March 22-23</b>	<b>Barona Collegiate Cup (Lakeside, Calif.)</b>
March 30 -	at U.S. Intercollegiate
April 1	(Stanford, Calif.)
April 6-7	at Thunderbird Invitational (Tempe, Ariz.)
April 14-15	at 65th Annual Western Intercollegiate (Santa Cruz, Calif.)
May 4-6	2012 MW Championships (Tucson, Ariz.)
May 17-19	NCAA Regionals (TBA)
May 29 -	NCAA Championships
June 3	(Pacific Palisades, Calif.)

Home tournaments in **Bold**

## 2011-12 ROSTER

Name	Yr	Hometown
Todd Baek	So.	Auckland, New Zealand
Wilson Bateman	Fr.	Edmonton, Alberta
Tom Berry	Jr.	New Haw, England
Tad Darland	Fr.	Lubbock, Texas
Evan Emerick	RS-Jr.	Oceanside, Calif.
Colin Featherstone	RS-Sr.	Fallbrook, Calif.
Matt Hoffenberg	RS-Sr.	Simi Valley, Calif.
Alex Kang	Sr.	Oak Park, Calif.
Tyler Morris	RS-Sr.	Encinitas, Calif.
J.J. Spaun	Sr.	San Dimas, Calif.

**Head Coach:** Ryan Donovan  
(San Diego State '01), 9th Season

## THIS WEEK

### Alister MacKenzie Invitational

**Hosted by:** California

**Site:** The Meadow Club/Fairfax, Calif.

**Par:** 71 **Yardage:** 6,717

**Holes:** 54 **Dates:** Oct. 17-18

**2010 Team Champion:** California, 804 (-48)

**2010 Individual Champion:** Alex Kang, San Diego State, 197 (-16)

**The Field (16 teams):** #23 San Diego State, #56 Brigham Young, #19 California, #36 Colorado, #70 Colorado State, #141 Fresno State, #64 New Mexico State, #2 Oregon, #67 Oregon State, #194 Pacific, #76 San Francisco, #27 San Jose State, #81 UC Davis, #145 UC Irvine, #179 Utah, #109 Washington State

Rankings = *Golfstat.com* (October 12, 2011)

### Aztec Men's Golf Concludes Fall Schedule In Bay Area

The San Diego State men's golf team concludes its short, three-tournament 2011 fall campaign this coming week at the Alister MacKenzie Invitational, Oct. 17-18. The Aztecs will play 36 holes on Monday, followed by the final 18 on Tuesday at the par-71, 6,717-yard Meadow Club in Fairfax, Calif.

SDSU, which has finished in the top four of each of its two previous fall events, will be among a highly competitive field of 16 schools, including four foes ranked in the top 50 nationally. The Aztecs remain 14th in the coaches' poll and are sitting at No. 23 and No. 26 nationally by *golfstat.com* and *Golfweek/Sagarin*, respectively.

Only one other Mountain West member, Colorado State, will be in the mix, as will Pac-12 members No. 2 Oregon, No. 67 Oregon State, No. 26 Colorado, No. 179 Utah, No. 109 Washington State and tournament host and No. 19 California.

San Diego State has played at the Alister MacKenzie three times previously, taking second in 2010, placing sixth in a rain-shortened event in 2009 and winning in 2007. The tournament started back in 2002, but skipped the 2008 campaign.

In addition, current Aztec senior **Alex Kang (Oak Park, Calif.)** returns to defend his individual title as he edged teammate **Todd Baek (Auckland, New Zealand)** as well as Cal's Ben An by one stroke.

First day action gets underway at 8:15 a.m. PT with a shotgun start, while the second day begins with tee times as early as 7:45 a.m. Live results will be available for all three rounds on *golfstat.com*.

### Aztec Line-Up For This Week

Starting Lineup	2011-12 Avg.	Rds.
Todd Baek	71.50	6
Alex Kang	72.00	6
Wilson Bateman	72.50	6
J.J. Spaun	73.16	6
Tom Berry	75.67	3

Ninth-year head coach Ryan Donovan will make one change in his starting five this week, bringing back junior **Tom Berry (New Haw, England)**, who played in the opening tournament in New Mexico. Berry will be joined by seniors Alex Kang and **J.J. Spaun (San Dimas, Calif.)**, sophomore Todd Baek and freshman **Wilson Bateman (Edmonton, Alberta)**.

Spaun and Berry have both competed for the Aztecs in each of the last two Alister MacKenzie Invites. Kang and Baek, as previously mentioned, both played the course in 2010, posting school-record scores and becoming the first two SDSU golfers to break the 200-mark at a 54-hole tournament.

### Flashback: SDSU & The Alister MacKenzie

San Diego State participates in the Alister MacKenzie for the third year in a row and the fourth time in the tournament's previous eight years.

In 2010, Alex Kang won his second career individual tournament title by posting a school-record 16-under par 197, edging both teammate Todd Baek and Cal's Ben An by a single stroke at the par-71, 6,708-yard course at The Meadow Club.

The Aztecs had three of their five golfers finish in the top five and made a huge run at the team title over the final 18 holes, shaving eight strokes off their 10-stroke deficit heading into the day. The team, however, came up just short as the

host Golden Bears won by two strokes with a 48-under 804.

SDSU's 54-hole total of 46-under 806 was a school record, beating the previous mark of 822, when the team won the 2006 District 7 Fall Shootout in Las Vegas, which was also a par-71 event.

Kang and Baek became the first SDSU men's golfers to ever break the 200 barrier at a 54-hole tournament, easily eclipsing the previous school record of 201 by former All-American Aaron Goldberg at the same 2006 District 7 Fall Shootout.

In 54 holes, Kang totaled 16 birdies, an eagle and only two bogeys on a pair of par-4 holes. Baek, playing in his third collegiate event, challenged for the title with a final-round 66, which moved him from fourth into a tie for second place at 15-under 198.

**Colin Featherstone (Fallbrook, Calif.)** made it three Aztecs in the top five, when he also carded a 13-under 200 to take fifth. J.J. Spaun moved up 15 slots in the final 18 holes to tie for 35th with a 211, while Tom Berry rounded out the group by tying for 50th with a 215.

### Rewind: SDSU Finished Fourth At PGA West

Sophomore Todd Baek tied for third and senior Alex Kang tied for fifth to lead the Aztecs to a fourth-place finish at The Prestige at PGA West in La Quinta, Calif., Oct. 9-11. SDSU jumped from sixth to third following the second round before dropping just one slot into fourth in the final standings with a 54-hole total of 21-under 843 at the par-72, 7,156-yard Greg Norman Course at PGA West.

Baek opened the events with consecutive rounds of 68, before logging a 70 over the final 18 holes. Kang, meanwhile, finished strong with two-straight sub-70 rounds, including a team-low 67, to end up at 9-under 207.

SDSU freshman Wilson Bateman was the third San Diego State player in the top 30, tying for 30th place at 1-under 215. Senior **Matt Hoffenberg (Simi Valley, Calif.)** tied for 49th with a 219 and J.J. Spaun carded a 221 to tie for 58th to round out the Aztec contingent.

### Preseason Accolades

The San Diego State men's golf team has already received a pair of top-15 national rankings, snagging a No. 6 spot in *Golfweek's* preseason top 10 and claiming a No. 14 position in the *Golf World/Nike* Golf Division I College Preseason Coaches' Poll.

The Aztecs are the only Mountain West squad in either the *Golfweek* top 30 or the coaches' poll top 25. Last year, the team finished the season ranked ninth by *Golfweek/Sagarin* and was 12th by *golfstat.com*.

In addition, three San Diego State golfers, seniors J.J. Spaun and Alex Kang and sophomore Todd Baek, were among the *Golf World* 50 Men's College Players to Watch. SDSU tied with Alabama for having the most players represented on the list with three apiece.

### Head Coach Ryan Donovan

Ryan Donovan is in his ninth season at the helm of the SDSU golf program after serving as an assistant in 2003. Since taking, he has directed the Aztecs to 19 tournament titles and four NCAA national championship appearances.

In 2010-11, he was named a finalist for the Dave Williams Award, which is handed out annually to the national coach of the year in Division I men's golf. Donovan also became the first Aztec named Mountain West Coach of the Year and was tabbed the Eaton Golf Pride West Region Division I Men's Coach of the Year by the GCAA.



# SDSU MEN'S GOLF 2011 · 12 STATS

## SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

### Fall

#### September 30 - October 1

William H. Tucker Intercollegiate  
(New Mexico)  
UNM Championship Golf Course/Albuquerque, N.M.  
Course: Par 72, 7,562 yards  
Result: 3rd/883 (+19)

#### October 9-11

The Prestige at PGA West  
(Stanford/UC Davis)  
Greg Norman Course at PGA West/  
La Quinta, Calif.  
Course: Par 72, 7,156 yards  
Result: 4th/843 (-21)

#### October 17-18

Alister Mackenzie Invitational  
(California)  
The Meadow Club/Fairfax, Calif.

### Spring

#### February 13-14

San Diego Intercollegiate Classic  
(SDSU/USD)  
San Diego Country Club/Chula Vista  
Calif.

#### February 27-28

North Ranch Intercollegiate (USC)  
North Ranch Country Club/  
Westlake Village, Calif.

#### March 12-13

Callaway Farms Invitational (USD)  
The Farms Golf Course/  
Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

#### March 22-23

Barona Collegiate Cup (SDSU)  
Barona Creek Golf Course/  
Lakeside, Calif.

#### March 30 - April 1

U.S. Intercollegiate (Stanford)  
Stanford Golf Course/  
Stanford, Calif.

#### April 6-7

Thunderbird Invitational (ASU)  
Karsten Golf Course/Tempe, Ariz.

#### April 14-15

65th annual Western Intercollegiate  
(San Jose State)  
Pasatiempo Golf Course/Santa Cruz,  
Calif.

#### May 4-6

Mountain West Championship (MW)  
Omni Tucson National/Tucson, Ariz.

## FALL 2011 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Player	Events	Rounds	Strokes	Avg.	Count Pct.	Low 18	Low 36	Low 54	Won	Top 5	Top 10	Top 20	Best Finish
Todd Baek	2	6	429	71.50	6/6 (1.000)	68	136	206	-	1	1	1	T-3rd
Alex Kang	2	6	432	72.00	4/6 (.667)	67	136	207	-	1	1	1	T-5th
Wilson Bateman	2	6	435	72.50	6/6 (1.000)	68	141	215	-	-	-	1	T-14th
J.J. Spaun	2	6	439	73.16	4/6 (.667)	71	144	218	-	-	1	1	T-9th
Matt Hoffenberg*	2	6	442	73.67	2/3 (.667)	71	143	219	-	-	-	-	T-24th
Tom Berry	1	3	227	75.67	2/3 (.667)	74	150	227	-	-	-	-	T-41st
<b>SDSU Team</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1726</b>	<b>287.67</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3rd</b>
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Tad Darland	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Evan Emerick	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colin Featherstone	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tyler Morris	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

\* - Includes rounds played as an individual ^ - Includes a Jv/B' team event

Rounds in the 60s (5): - Baek 2, Bateman 1, Kang 1

Rounds below par (9): - Baek 3, Kang 3, Bateman 1, Spaun 1, Hoffenberg 1

Even-par rounds (5): - Hoffenberg 2, Bateman 1, Kang 1, Spaun 1

## FALL 2011 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### William H. Tucker Intercollegiate

SEPT. 30 - OCT. 1 • UNM CHAMPIONSHIP COURSE • ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.  
3rd of 16 teams (96 individuals) • Par 72 • 7,526 yards

J.J. Spaun	73-71-74 — 218 (+2)	T-9th
Wilson Bateman	74-74-72 — 220 (+4)	T-14th
Todd Baek	76-73-74 — 223 (+7)	T-24th
Alex Kang	72-76-77 — 225 (+9)	T-34th
Tom Berry	77-74-76 — 227 (+11)	T-41st
<b>SDSU TEAM</b>	<b>295-292-296--883 (+19)</b>	<b>3rd</b>

Tournament Champion: UNLV, 867 (+3)

Individual Champion: Zachary Blair, Brigham Young, 209 (-5)

### The Prestige at PGA West

OCT. 9 - 11 • GREG NORMAN COURSE AT PGA WEST • LA QUINTA, CALIF.  
4th of 16 teams (84 individuals) • Par 72 • 7,156 yards

Todd Baek	68-68-70 — 206 (-10)	T-3rd
Alex Kang	71-67-69 — 207 (-9)	T-5th
Wilson Bateman	73-68-74 — 215 (-1)	T-30th
Matt Hoffenberg	72-71-76 — 219 (+3)	T-49th
J.J. Spaun	74-75-72 — 221 (+5)	T-58th
<b>SDSU TEAM</b>	<b>284-274-285--843 (-21)</b>	<b>4th</b>

Tournament Champion: Oregon, 832 (-32)

Individual Champion: Cheng-Tsung Pan, Washington, 201 (-15)

## 2011 · 12 SDSU HEAD · TO · HEAD TEAM RESULTS: 25 · 5 / .833

Air Force.....1-0	Southern California ....1-0
Arizona .....1-0	Stanford .....0-1
Arizona State .....2-0	UC Davis .....1-0
BYU .....1-0	UCF .....1-0
Colorado.....1-0	UNLV .....0-1
Duke .....1-0	Utah .....1-0
Long Beach State.....1-0	UTEP.....1-0
Louisiana-Monroe .....1-0	UTSA .....1-0
New Mexico .....0-1	Vanderbilt .....1-0
New Mexico State.....1-0	Wyoming .....1-0
Northern Colorado .....1-0	Washington .....0-1
North Texas .....1-0	
Northwestern .....1-0	
Oregon .....0-1	
Oregon State .....1-0	
Pepperdine.....1-0	
San Diego .....1-0	
San Francisco.....1-0	

# ▶▶▶ 2011 - 12 INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

## TODD BAEK

<u>Event</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Finish</u>
William H. Tucker Intercollegiate	76-73-74 — 223 (+7)	74.33	T-24th of 96
The Prestige at PGA West	68-68-70 — 206 (-10)	68.67	T-3rd of 84
<i>Avg./Best Finish</i>	<i>429 Strokes</i>	<i>71.50</i>	<i>T-3rd</i>

## WILSON BATEMAN

<u>Event</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Finish</u>
William H. Tucker Intercollegiate	74-74-72 — 220 (+4)	73.33	T-14th of 96
The Prestige at PGA West	73-68-74 — 215 (-1)	71.67	T-30th of 84
<i>Avg./Best Finish</i>	<i>435 Strokes</i>	<i>72.50</i>	<i>T-14th</i>

## TOM BERRY

<u>Event</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Finish</u>
William H. Tucker Intercollegiate	77-74-76 — 227 (+11)	75.76	T-41st of 96
<i>Avg./Best Finish</i>	<i>227 Strokes</i>	<i>75.76</i>	<i>T-41st</i>

## MATT HOFFENBERG

<u>Event</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Finish</u>
William H. Tucker Intercollegiate*	78-73-72 — 223 (+7)	74.33	T-24th of 96
The Prestige at PGA West	72-71-76 — 219 (+5)	73.00	T-49th of 84
<i>Avg./Best Finish</i>	<i>442 Strokes</i>	<i>73.67</i>	<i>T-24th</i>

## ALEX KANG

<u>Event</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Finish</u>
William H. Tucker Intercollegiate	72-76-77 — 225 (+9)	75.00	T-34th of 96
The Prestige at PGA West	71-67-69 — 207 (-9)	69.00	T-5th of 84
<i>Avg./Best Finish</i>	<i>432 Strokes</i>	<i>72.00</i>	<i>T-5th</i>

## J.J. SPAUN

<u>Event</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Finish</u>
William H. Tucker Intercollegiate	73-71-74 — 218 (+2)	72.67	T-9th of 96
The Prestige at PGA West	74-75-72 — 221 (+5)	73.67	T-58th of 84
<i>Avg./Best Finish</i>	<i>439 Strokes</i>	<i>73.62</i>	<i>T-9th</i>

\* Indicates player participated as an individual

^ Indicates player participated in a 'j'/'b' team event