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2002-03 San Diego State University WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UC Irvine Anteaters (2-1) vs. **SAN DIEGO STATE Aztecs (2-2)**

▶When & Where: Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2002, Cox Arena (12,414), San Diego, Calif., 7:05 p.m. (PST)

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

▶The Records: The Aztecs (2-2) are looking to get back on track after splitting their two games in Fresno last weekend. UC Irvine (2-1), meanwhile, played at the Holiday Inn Mountain View Classic in Albuquerque, N.M., finishing with a 1-1 record. Both schools boast a win over Centenary College this season.

▶In The RPI: In the first RPI rankings released by the WBCA through games of December 1, SDSU is currently 245th, while UC Irvine is No. 255.

▶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 2-2.

▶UC Irvine Head Coach Mark Adams: Adams (Western Michigan, 1987) is in his sixth season at UC Irvine, compiling a 65-77 record. Overall, Adams' is 111-106 in eight years as a head coach.

▶ Series History: SDSU leads the series 15-4 (Last: SDSU def. UC Irvine, 70-49 on 12-17-91 in San Diego)

San Diego State Returns Home For UC Irvine

San Diego State and UC Irvine, both coming off 1-1 weekends, renew their rivalry for the 20th time and the first time since 1991 in a non-conference game Wednesday at Cox Arena. The Aztecs beat Murray State before losing to tournament host Fresno State at the Fresno State Classic over the Thanksgiving break, while the Anteaters defeated William & Mary after losing to Kent State in Albuquerque, N.M., last weekend.

UC Irvine will travel to the University of San Diego Tuesday before coming across town to Cox Arena Wednesday.

Home For The Holidays

San Diego State's meeting with UC Irvine Wednesday is the first of six straight games for the Aztecs in San Diego. The streak includes five home games and one away game at cross-town rival 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 nine of its next 11 games in San Diego.

Last Time Out - Cox Races Past 1,000 In Loss To Fresno State:

Fresno State's Omelogo Udeze had a game-high 18 points to lead the Bulldogs past the San Diego State women's basketball team, 59-49, Saturday in the Fresno State Classic championship game at the North Gymnasium. With the

	2002 00 bonedate/ fill	100
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. 29-3	30 at Fresno State Classic (Fres	sno, Calif.)
29	vs. Murray State#	W, 59-54
30	at Fresno State	L, 49-59
D. 4	UC Irvine	7:05 p.m.
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

(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 3 • Tuesday Practice 12:45-3:15 p.m. Cox Arena December 4 • Wednesday Shoot around 2-3 p.m. Cox Arena December 5 • Thursday Practice 12:45-3:15 p.m. Cox Arena December 6 • Friday Practice 12:30-3:00 p.m. Peterson Gym December 7 • Saturday

Practice 9-11:30 a.m. TBA December 8 • Sunday

Up Next: Game No. 6

at Univ. of San Diego Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002 - 7:00 p.m. Jenny Craig Pav. (5,000) - San Diego, CA Series: SDSU leads 24-1

	2002-03 San Diego State Aztecs Roster (2-2/0-0 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. UCI
10	Ashonda Williams	F	6-0	Sr.	Crockett (Contra Costa CC)	3.8	1.5	▶ 22 starts, 4th in ppg in 01-02
14	Heather Wolf	G	5-6	So.	Stayton, Ore. (Regis HS)	2.0	1.3	Starter at guard in 3 games
20	Jamey Cox	G	5-7	Sr.	Waterloo, Iowa (West HS)	18.0	2.3	► Three games w/20+ pts.
21	Veronica Shaw	G	5-7	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Mt. Pointe HS)	4.0	2.0a	► Scored 10 in first career gm.
23	Amber Fouse	G	5-7	Fr.	Compton (Narbonne HS)	4.3	4.5a	▶ 7 assists in opener
24	Nicolette McCartny	C/F	6-2	Jr.	Chicago, III. (Hersey HS)	9.8	5.8	► Second 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)	6.0	6.0	► Fresno all-tourney selection
35	Ashlee Dunlap	F	6-1	Fr.	Los Angeles (Fairfax HS)	9.8	8.0	▶ 2 double-doubles in 4 games
42	Tami Garnett	С	6-3	Fr.	Arlington, Texas (Sam Houston HS)	0.0	1.0	► First action vs. Fresno State
_50	Megan Bryant	С	6-3	Fr.	Austin, Texas (Westlake HS)	-	-	► One of three players at 6-3
52	Andrea Kiesling	С	6-3	Sr.	Helena, Mont. (Helena HS)	0.0	2.0	► 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)



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San Diego State Head Coach Jim Tomey

First Season (Michigan, 1981)

 Univ. of San Diego High School Boys' Head Coach

1989-99 210-69 (.753)

• San Diego State
Men's Assistant Coach
1999-2002 40-49 (.449)

San Diego State
 Women's Head Coach

2002-03 2-2 SDSU Head Coach 2-2 (.500) Overall Total 252-120 (.677)

UC Irvine vs. SDSU

Series: SDSU leads 15-4

Series Numbers

Record at SDSU	9-2
Record at UC Irvine	5-2
Record at Neutral	1-0
Most Points SDSU	93, 1977
Most Points UC Irvine	82, 1986
Largest Margin SDSU	46, 1988
Largest Margin UC Irvine	13, 1986
Longest SDSU Win Streak	7
Longest UC Irvine Win Streak	2
Current Streak	SDSU 7

2002-03 Comparative Stats As of Dec. 1, 2002

AS OF DCG. 1, 2002				
<u>Aztecs</u>	<u>An</u>	teaters		
2-2	Overall Record	2-1		
0-0	League Record	0-0		
.391	Field Goal Pct.	.414		
.354	3-PT FG Pct.	.327		
.515	Free Throw Pct.	.579		
.387	Opp. FG Pct.	.434		
.341	Opp. 3-PT FG Pct.	.326		
.674	Opp. FT Pct.	.743		
36.0	Rebound Avg.	38.0		
-1.5	Rebound Margin	-0.7		
57.5	Points/Game	69.0		
57.8	Pts. Allowed/Game	63.3		

Last Five Meetings

Date	Site	Result
1-5-89	Irvine, CA	W, 78-47
2-13-89	San Diego, CA	W, 85-62
1-27-90	San Diego, CA	W, 67-39
2-22-90	Irvine, CA	W, 67-54
12-17-91	San Diego, CA	W, 70-49





loss, SDSU fell to 2-2 on the season, while the Bulldogs improved to 2-2.

Aztec senior **Jamey Cox (Waterloo, lowa)** finished with a team-best 23 points, becoming the 16th player in SDSU history to reach the 1,000-career point mark and the first since Jodi Nowlin-Tres, who put up 1,089 from 1994-97. Cox's 23-point outburst was the third time this season that the guard has reached the 20-point barrier, tallying 23 in the tournament opener against Murray State after pouring in 26 in the season-opener versus Centenary.

Cox's classmate **Valencia Howard (Richmond, Calif.)**, meanwhile, posted her first career double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds before fouling out.

The Aztecs began the game by keeping the Bulldogs off the scoreboard through the first three minutes, taking a 3-0 lead, which could have been bigger had SDSU taken advantage of its eight free throw shot opportunities by the 15:45 mark.

Fresno State then went on an 8-1 run to go ahead 8-4 with the help of a three-point play by Veronica Mack and a three-point field goal from Lindsay Logan. The Aztecs responded to get to within one on a Cox three-pointer off an in-bound pass, but the Bulldogs once again moved their lead out to four at 11-7.

SDSU came all the way back to tie the score at 11, but a pair of Fresno State seven-point runs, including one to end the half, gave the Bulldogs the 28-19 edge into the locker room.

The Bulldogs kept their momentum into the second half, widening their advantage early to as many as 12 points twice, SDSU cut the lead to as little as eight at 38-30 on back-to-back buckets by junior **Nicolette McCartny (Chicago, III.)**.

The Aztecs would get to within eight points again at 34-42 and later nine points at 40-49 at the 3:48 mark, but Fresno State stayed with its consistent game, going up by 11 at 51-40 with 3:24 Fresno State Fresno State

Behind Cox's nine straight points, including two, three-pointers, SDSU made a late run to close the gap to seven with just over two minutes, Fresno State's slimmest margin since the first play of the second half.

The Aztecs ended up running out of time, however, at the end as Udeze finished out the game with a pair of foul shots for the 59-49 win.

Cox Joins The 1,000-Point Club

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, scoring 72 points overall.

Cox opened the season with 26 points in a win over Centenary, but was then shutout in the team's loss to St. Mary's. The team captain made amends for her performance against the Gaels, putting up 23 in back-to-back games last weekend

Cox became the 16th Aztec player to reach the 1,000-point mark and the first since Jodi Nowlin-Tres (1994-97). Cox is currently 16th in career scoring, 21 points behind Heidi Bauer, who put up 1,024 from 1981-85.

Cox, Howard All-Tourney

SDSU seniors **Jamey Cox** and **Valencia Howard** both earned all-tournament honors for their performances at the Fresno State Classic.

Cox led the field with 23 points per game, while Howard posted her first career double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds in the championship loss to Fresno State. It was the third such honor of Cox's career, while it is the first for Howard, who joined the Aztecs a year ago after two seasons at Contra Costa Community College.

The Aztec duo was part of the six-member all-tournament team, which also included Murray State's Lori Trumblee, Butler's Angel Mason and Fresno State's Omelogo Udeze and Lindsay Logan. Logan was named the tournament MVP.

Fresno State 59, San Diego State 49 Game 4 Nov. 30 North Gym Fresno, Calif.

	SDSU	FG	3FG	FT	REB	E	TP	Α	Ι	В	<u>s</u>	MP
ı	Dunlap	2-6	0-0	0-2	4	3	4	0	<u>T</u> 3	2	2	23
	McCartny	3-7	0-0	1-6	6	4	7	0	0	2	0	16
.	Wolf	0-1	0-0	0-2	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	21
1	Cox	7-20	5-14	4-5	4	3	23	1	1	0	0	40
i	Fouse	1-5	0-1	0-0	4	2	2	4	8	0	0	36
	Williams	0-4	0-01	0-0	1	4	0	2	0	0	1	22
	Shaw	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	2
	Howard	5-7	0-0	3-4	10	5	13	0	0	0	0	33
	Garnett	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
;	Kiesling	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Team				4				3			
	TOTALS	18-52	5-16	8-19	36	23	49	10	18	4	4	200
!	Pct.	34.6	31.3	42.1								
.												
	Fresno St.	FG	3FG	FT	<u>REB</u>	F	TP	Α	T	В	S	MP
'	Lane	2-8	0-0	1-1	8	1	5	1	3	0	1	25
	High	3-4	0-0	0-0	2	5	6	0	1	0	1	13
	Sutherland	2-5	1-2	1-2	2	0	6	0	2	0	0	19
	Logan	5-10	1-4	2-3	5	1	13	2	3	0	0	35
•	Simon	2-5	0-0	1-1	5	2	5	2	1	0	1	25
'	Garcia	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Mack	1-4	0-1	2-3	1	0	4	1	1	0	1	23
	Moore	1-1	0-0	0-1	3	1	2	0	2	0	0	12
	Fleming	0-4	0-1	0-0	7	3	0	2	1	0	1	19
	Udeze	5-12	1-1	7-7	6	3	18	0	2	1	3	23
	Team				1							
	TOTALS	21-53	3-9	14-18	40	17	59	8	17	1	8	200
	Pct.	39.6	33.3	77.8								
	Officials: T			Baptista	i, Cind	y Le	ong					
	Technical f		/A									
•	Attendance	e: 791										

Score by Periods1st2ndTotalSan Diego State193049Fresno State283159

San Diego State's

Name (Years)	otal Points
Judy Porter (1980-83)	2,318
Falisha Wright (1992-95)	1,733
Chana Perry (1988-89)	1,445
Jessica Haynes (1986-88)	1,395
Michelle Suman (1992-95)	1,341
Brooke Meadows (1986-89)	1,310
Marsha Overton (1980-83)	1,273
Tina Hutchinson (1984-85)	1,256
Christina Murguia (1992-95)	1,237
Kieishsha Garnes (1991-92)	1,235
Shelda Arceneaux (1984-87) 1,232
Dee Dee Duncan (1983-86)	1,108
Julie Evans (1989-90)	1,106
Jodi Nowlin-Tres (1994-97)	1,089
Heidi Bauer (1981-83, 85)	1,024
Jamey Cox (1999-current)	1,003

Putting Up Some Points

For the third time in four games, Aztec senior **Jamey Cox** broke the 20-point barrier, putting up 23 in the tournament championship game at Fresno State. Cox also had 23 the day before 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 now 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.

Cox For Three

Jamey Cox is also on her way to reaching another SDSU career milestone, as she trails record-holder Falisha Wright

UC Irvine Aneaters (2-1) No. Name Pos Yr. Hometown/Last Scool Lisa Faulkner* Oregon City, OR/Oregon City HS So. Ashley Biggins 6-4 So. Oxnard/Santa Clara High School 4 Katie Sturgeon 6-2 Mountain Top, PA/Crestwood HS G 5-10 Laguna Hills/Laguna Hills HS Megan Aaker Jackie Lord G 5-8 RS Brea/California/Brea Olinda HS 12 Wendy Gabbe³ G 5-11 Sr. Eugene, OR/South Eugene HS Courtney Ferguson G 5-6 Spokane, WA/St. Mary's/Mead HS 13 So 14 Kristen Green * G 5-8 Lafayette/Acalanes HS Jr. 22 Kristen Thawley* Irvine/Irvine HS 6-1 24 Lauren Yadon F 6-3 Fr. Orange/Villa Park HS 42 Joanna Usher 6-5 Fr. Chandler, AZ/Seton Catholic HS Christina Callaway 44 6-0 Shingle Springs/Ponderosa HS Head Coach: Mark Adams (Western Michigan, 1987/6th year) * = Probable Starters Assistant Coaches: Molly Tuter-Koral (Arizona State, 1998/3rd year), Kim Lummus-Crabtree (Texas, 2000/3rd year), Selena Ho (Pacific, 2002/1st year)

for career three-point field goals by just 16. Cox now has 190 three-point field goals to Wright's 206, which she recorded from 1992-95.

This season, the lowa native has 18 three-pointers, accounting for 54 of her 72 points. Of her 58 field-goal attempts, Cox has taken 45 from beyond the arc.

Scouting the UC Irvine Anteaters

UC Irvine, which finished with an 8-20 record a year ago, enters this week with a 2-1 record, not including a game against the University of San Diego on Tuesday.

Under sixth-year head coach Mark Adams, the Anteaters have been led by last week's Big West Player of the Week, forward Christina Callaway, who is averaging 17.3 ppg and 11.7 rpg. Callaway is helped offensively by Lisa Faulkner (12.7 ppg), Wendy Gabbe (12.3 ppg) and Kristen Green (10.0 ppg), while freshman forward Kristen Thawley has rounding out the Anteaters' starting five.

Going With The Guards - Line-Up Notes

The Aztecs are expected to start three guards for the fifth straight time, including senior Jamey Cox and sophomore Heather Wolf (Stayton, Ore.) and freshman Amber Fouse (Compton, Calif.) freshman forward Ashlee Dunlap (Los Angeles, Calif.) and junior forward/center Nicolette McCartny 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 UC Irvine.

Line-Up Change

After playing the first two games with the same starting five, Aztec head coach Jim Tomey mixed up the line-up a bit at

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3-Po	oint Field Goals	
1.	Falisha Wright (1992-95)	206
2.		
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.	Claire Swinbank (1999-2002)	
	Ashonda Williams (2002-Pres.)	38
10.	Elisha Johns (1991-92)	35
	Angela Walker (1995-96)	35
Ass	ists	
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.	Shelda Arceneaux (1984-87)	299
8.	Jamey Cox (2000-Pres.)	
9.	Sandy Wright (1995-97)	
10.	Laura Dion (1978-80)	

the Fresno tournament, putting freshman point guard Amber Fouse in for sophomore Heather Wolf against Murray State and for freshman Veronica Shaw (Phoenix, Ariz.) versus Fresno State.

A year ago, SDSU used 11 different line-ups for the team's 28 games.

Double Their Pleasure

In three of the team's four games this season, an Aztec player has finished with a double-double.

Against Fresno State, senior **Valencia Howard** recorded her first career double-double with 10 rebounds and a career-best 13 points.

Aztec freshman **Ashlee Dunlap** joins Howard in the double-double club, posting two versus Centenary and St. Mary's.

Dunlap had 15 points and 13 rebounds, both team gamehighs, at St. Mary's. The freshman forward's 13 boards were the most by an Aztec since Mary Apiafi had 14 in a game at Air Force on Jan. 22, 2000.

Dunlap began her SDSU career versus Centenary College with 14 points and 10 rebounds, the first time an Aztec recorded a double-double since Atim Otii turned the trick with 12 rebounds and 12 points in a loss to Creighton on December 22, 2001.

40-Minute Girl

As the team's top returnee this season, senior **Jamey Cox** has played 154 of 160 minutes in the team's four games. Cox logged back-to-back 40-minute efforts 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.

Freshman guard Amber Fouse (31.0) is the only other Aztec to be averaging over 30 minutes a game.

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Mountain West Conference

2002-03 Standings	MWC	Overal1
Wyoming	0-0	4-0
BYU (19)	0-0	3-0
Colorado State (rv)	0-0	3-1
New Mexico (rv)	0-0	3-1
UNLV	0-0	3-1
Utah	0-0	3-1
San Diego State	0-0	2-2
Air Force	0-0	2-2

As of Dec. 1, 2002 () = rankings

Mountain West Conference Upcoming Schedule

December 3 (Tuesday)

BYU at Southern Utah, 7 p.m. New Mexico at New Mexico St., 7 p.m.

December 4 (Wednesday)

UC Irvine at San Diego State, 7:05 p.m. Air Force at CSU Fullerton, 5 p.m. Metro State at Colorado State, 7 p.m. Colorado at Wyoming, 7 p.m.

December 5 (Thursday)

BYU at San Francisco, 7 p.m.

December 6 (Friday)

Air Force at Cal Poly, 7 p.m.

2002-03 MWC Preseason Media Poll

School (First Place Votes)	<u>Pts</u>
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 Pol

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 Jlnks, 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. 1, 2002)

(AS OF DCC. 1, 2002)		
TEAM CATEGORY	SDSU	RANK
Scoring Offense	57.5	8th
Scoring Defense	57.8	5th
Scoring Margin	-0.2	7th
Field Goal Pct.	.391	8th
Field Goals Pct. Def.	.387	5th
3-Pt. FG Pct.	.354	5th
3-Pt. FG Pct. Def.	.341	7th
3-Pt. FG Made	5.75	t4th
Free Throw Pct.	.515	8th
Rebounding Offense	36.0	7th
Rebounding Defense	37.5	7th
Rebounding Margin	-1.5	7th
Offensive Rebounds	13.00	3rd
Defensive Rebounds	23.00	6th
Blocked Shots	3.00	4th
Assists	13.50	6th
Assist/Turnover Ratio	0.64	7th
Turnover Margin	+0.50	5th
Steals	10.00	4th

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY (TOP 12) AVG. Scoring

Scoring	
3. Cox	18.0
Rebounding	
4. Dunlap	8.0
9. Howard	6.0
11. McCartny	5.8

FG Percentage	(Win. 3.0 FG per game)
11. Dunlap	.500
FT Percentage	

1. Sliaw/Fouse	1.000
Assists Per Game	
7. Fouse	4.50
Steals Per Game	

Steals Per Game		
2. Dunlap	3.00	
3. Shaw	2.25	
3-Point Field Goals Made Per Game		

5. Dunlap	1.25
5. McCartny	1.25

1. Cox

Offensive Repounds	
2. McCartny	3.75
4. Dunlap	2.75
11. Howard	1.75

Defensive Rebounds

6. Dunlap

11. Howard

In The Rankings

In the second set of stats released by the Mountain West Conference, five 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 4.50 per game, while she is third in points per game (18.0). Freshman Ashlee Dunlap is fourth in rebounding (8.0), second in steals (3.00) and fifth in block shots (1.25).

Junior Nicolette McCartny (blocks, offensive rebounds) and freshmen Veronica Shaw (steals, free-throw percentage) and Amber Fouse (free-throw percentage) complete the list of Aztecs in the top five.

Other Season Notes

In the team's opener with Centenary, four Aztec players reached doublefigures 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.

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 In Their Aztec Debuts		
	Coach	Year	Result
	Kathleen Wallace	1976	def. NAU, 64-44
	Richie Spears	1978	def. UCSD, 72-33
	Steve Salvo	1983	def. Arizona, 82-60
	Earnest Riggins	1983	def. Biola, 99-59
	Beth Burns	1989	lost Alcorn St., 48-67
	Barb Smith	1997	def. Ore. St., 63-56
	Jim Tomey	2002	def. Centenary, 75-58

SDSU head coaches have now won in their Aztec debuts with the only exception being Beth Burns, who fell to Alcorn | Returning Starters (3) State, 48-67, in 1989. To the left is a listing of how each head coach has done in their first game at the Aztec helm.

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 20 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

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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 firstyear head coaches. At last week's 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-

2002-03 San Diego State Roster Breakdown

Returning Letterwinners (8)

Jamey Čox, 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 McCartny, 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

Jamey Cox, G, 9.8 p, 1.9 r, 4.0 a Nicolette McCartny, 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): McCartny Sophomores (2): Sauls, Wolf Freshmen (7): Bryant, Dunlap, Fouse, Garnett, Shaw, Strawberry, White

Position Breakdown

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

Aztecs By Height Megan Bryant

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	Tami Garnett
	Andrea Kiesling
6-2	Nicolette McCartny
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

Heather Wolf

SDSU Miscellaneous Stats

Largest halftime lead	7 vs. Murray St.
Largest halftime deficit	25 at St. Mary's
Most 2nd half points	41 vs. Centenary
Fewest 2nd half points	29 vs. Murray St.
Largest lead 17, tw	rice vs. Centenary
Largest deficit	28, at St. Mary's
Largest lead in a loss	3, at Fresno St.
Largest deficit in a win	3, many times
FT % in last 2 min. & O	T .333 (2-6)

SDSU Streaks

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

SDSU's Record When...

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

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 preseason 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

SDSU 2002 Letters Of Intent Signees				
Name	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown/HS	
Michelle Elliott	5-11	G	Pasco, Wash./Pasco	
Courtney Fritz	5-8	PG	Newberg, Ore./Jesuit	

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).

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Mountain West Conference Conference Only Rankings

(Final - 2001-02 Season)

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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

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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

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INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY

8. Otii 1.71 8. Cox 1.71 3-Point Field Goals Percentage

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

10. Cox

13. Williams	1.07
Blocked Shots Per Game	
5. Otii	0.93
9. McCartny	0.79
Assist/Turnover Ratio	

10. Swinbank	0.88
Offensive Rebounds	
6. Otii	2.64
11. Williams	2.14
15. Nicolette McCartny	1.86
Defensive Rehounds	

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5. Swinbank	4.29
11. Otii	3.29
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