

# 2014 Aztec Baseball

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## 2014 SCHEDULE

RECORD: 0-0 (0-0 HOME; 0-0 AWAY)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Feb. 14	...at San Jose State*	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 15	...at San Jose State*	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	...at San Jose State*	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 18	...Loyola Marymount	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 21	...West Virginia	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 22	...West Virginia	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	...West Virginia	12:00 p.m.
Feb. 25	...at UC Riverside	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 28	...at St. Mary's	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 1	...at St. Mary's (DH)	10:00 a.m.
Mar. 2	...at St. Mary's	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 4	...San Diego	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 7	...Nevada*	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 8	...Nevada*	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 9	...Nevada*	12:00 p.m.
Mar. 11	...at Cal State Northridge	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 14	...Purdue	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 15	...Purdue	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 16	...Purdue	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 17	...Purdue	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 21	...at UNLV*	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 22	...at UNLV*	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 23	...at UNLV*	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 25	...Santa Clara	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 26	...Santa Clara	3:00 p.m.
Mar. 28	...Fresno State*	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 29	...Fresno State*	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 30	...Fresno State*	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 1	...at San Diego	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 4	...Air Force*	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 5	...Air Force*	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 6	...Air Force*	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 8	...UC Riverside	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 11	...at Nevada*	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 12	...at Nevada*	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 13	...at Nevada*	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 15	...UC Riverside	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 17	...at UC Irvine	6:30 p.m.
Apr. 18	...at UC Irvine	6:30 p.m.
Apr. 19	...at UC Irvine	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 22	...Cal State Northridge	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 25	...San Jose State*	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 26	...San Jose State*	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 27	...San Jose State*	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 29	...at Loyola Marymount	6:00 p.m.
May 2	...at New Mexico*	6:00 p.m.
May 3	...at New Mexico*	2:00 p.m.
May 4	...at New Mexico*	1:00 p.m.
May 6	...at Long beach State	6:00 p.m.
May 9	...UNLV*	6:00 p.m.
May 10	...UNLV*	6:00 p.m.
May 11	...UNLV*	1:00 p.m.
May 15	...at Fresno State*	6:30 p.m.
May 16	...at Fresno State*	6:30 p.m.
May 17	...at Fresno State*	6:30 p.m.
May 21-25	Mtn. West Tourn.#	TBA

\* Mountain West Conference Game  
 # Mountain west tournament at UNLV  
 All times are site times

February 13, 2014

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## THIS WEEKEND IN AZTEC BASEBALL



### SAN DIEGO STATE AT SAN JOSE STATE

Friday, February 14, Municipal Stadium, 6:00 p.m. (PT)

San Diego State - Michael Cederoth, RHP (2013 Stats: 3-9, 4.25)

San Jose State - Johnny Melero, LHP (2013 Stats: 0-7, 7.82)

### SAN DIEGO STATE AT SAN JOSE STATE

Saturday, February 15, Municipal Stadium, 1:00 p.m. (PT)

San Diego State - TBA

San Jose State - Logan Handzlik, RHP (2013 HS Stats: 2-2, 1.36)

### SAN DIEGO STATE AT SAN JOSE STATE

Sunday, February 16, Municipal Stadium, 1:00 p.m. (PT)

San Diego State - TBA

San Jose State - Jace Puckett, LHP (2013 JC Stats: 10-3, 1.35)

**Radio:** Live video streaming of all three games at San Jose State will be available free of charge on The Mountain Digital Network (Accessible at GoAztecs.com)

### WHAT'S ON TAP THIS WEEK IN AZTEC BASEBALL

- ◆ San Diego State opens its 2014 season with three contests at San Jose State this week.
- ◆ The opener of that series scheduled for Friday, Feb. 14, when the Aztecs visit Municipal Stadium in San Jose for a 6:00 p.m. contest.
- ◆ The teams will also meet in single games on Saturday (Feb. 15) and Sunday (Feb. 16) at 1:00 p.m. each day.
- ◆ The Spartans join the Mountain West this season and this series will mark the first time that San Diego State has ever started a season with conference games.

### AZTECS ON THE AIR

- ◆ The Friday and Sunday contests at San Jose State will have live video streaming on the Mountain Digital Network.
- ◆ To access the game on your computer or other Internet-enabled device, go to the SDSU home page at GoAztecs.com and click on the camera icon on the left side under the appropriate event.
- ◆ Eight of SDSU's 29 home games this season will be streamed live on the Mountain Digital Network.
- ◆ A total of 14 will be broadcast live on ESPN 1700 in San Diego with the remaining eight carried live on KCR, the SDSU campus radio station.

### SERIES RECORDS

- ◆ San Diego State leads the series with San Jose State 52-26 since the teams first met during the 1938 season.
- ◆ The teams have not met since the 1999 season when the Spartans swept a three-game series in San Jose while both teams were members of the Western Athletic Conference.
- ◆ This will mark the fourth time that SDSU and San Jose State have been members of the same conference. They were also together in the California Collegiate Athletic Association (1940-49), the Pacific Coast Athletic Association (1970-76) and the WAC (1997-99).
- ◆ The Aztecs are 30-11 at home and 20-15 away against the Spartans with two more SDSU wins coming at neutral sites.

### SCOUTING THE SPARTANS

- ◆ San Jose State returns five position starters and a total of six pitchers (one starter) from a team that finished 17-41 overall and 11-17 (8th) in the Western Athletic Conference a year ago.
- ◆ Top offensive returnees (with 2013 stats) include first baseman Matt Carroll (.341, 15 doubles, 40 RBI), center fielder Andre Mercurio (.315, 5 doubles, 22 RBI) and second baseman Jacob Valdez (.317, 12 doubles, 28 RBI).
- ◆ On the mound, the top returners include starter Johnny Melero (0-7, 7.82) and closer Kalei Contrades (2-3, 4.50) along with reliever John Oberholtzer (0-1, 4.86)

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Location .....San Diego, Calif.  
Founded .....1897  
Enrollment .....32,817  
Nickname .....Aztecs  
Mascot .....The Aztec Warrior  
Affiliation .....NCAA Division I  
Conference .....Mountain West  
Colors.....Scarlet and Black  
President.....Dr. Elliot Hirshman  
Athletic Director.....Jim Sterk  
Sr. Assoc. A.D./COO .....John David Wicker  
Assoc. A.D./SWA.....Jenny Bramer  
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Assoc. A.D. Development.....Bob Moosbrugger  
Asst. A.D. Business.....Chuck Lang  
Asst. A.D. Media Relations.....Mike May  
Asst. A.D. AAF .....Mandy McKinley  
Head Athletic Trainer .....Tom Abdenour

## BASEBALL COACHING STAFF

Head Coach .....Tony Gwynn (SDSU)  
Overall Record .....321-342 (12th season)  
Record at SDSU .....321-342 (12th season)  
Asst. Coaches ..Mark Martinez (Mesa State '84)  
John Pawlowski (Clemson '96)  
Joe Oliveira (Pacific '09)

## BASEBALL SUPPORT STAFF

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Athletic Trainer .....Jeff Kahn, M.A., ATC  
Student Assistant Trainers .....Ricky Braun  
Katie Stone  
Jake Waldron  
Equipment Manager .....Ben Herman

## BASEBALL FACTS

2013 Record .....31-31  
2013 MWC Record .....15-15 (3rd)  
Lettermen Returning/Lost .....23/9  
Starters Returning/Lost .....7/2  
Pitchers Returning/Lost .....12/5  
Total Players Returning.....23  
Incoming Freshmen .....11  
JC Transfers .....1

## FACILITY

Home Field .....Tony Gwynn Stadium  
Capacity.....3,000  
Surface .....Natural Grass  
Outfield Distances .....340-365-410-365-340

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## FOR OPENERS

- ◆ San Diego State has a record of 48-26-1 in season openers since 1936. Since attaining Division I status in 1969, the Aztecs are 27-15 in their annual debuts.
- ◆ SDSU has won only five of its last 16 season debuts. The Aztecs, however, have won four of their last seven season openers including victories over Cal Poly (2007), University of San Diego (2008 and 2013) and Bethune-Cookman (2009).
- ◆ When opening the season away from home, SDSU has an all-time record of 20-15 and the Aztecs are 14-7 as a Division I school when beginning the year away.

## WEEKEND ROTATION

- ◆ SDSU's pitching rotation for the opening weekend will have right-hander Michael Cederroth starting the season opener on Friday
- ◆ Cederroth is coming off a sophomore season in which he went 3-9 with a 4.25 earned run average and 109 strikeouts in 95.1 innings en route to second-team all-league honors.
- ◆ The other two weekend starters have yet to be determined, but will likely from the group of Mike RoBards, Bubba Derby, TJ Kendzora and Brett Seeburger.

## HEAD COACH TONY GWYNN

- ◆ Tony Gwynn enters his 12th season as San Diego State's head coach after being named to the position in Sept. 2001. He became just the fourth head coach in SDSU history since baseball was elevated to major sport status in 1936.
- ◆ In 2002, he served as a volunteer coach for the Aztecs under Jim Dietz, who retired at the end of that season.
- ◆ In 2004, Gwynn led his squad to the Mountain West Conference regular-season championship and was named the MWC coach of the year.
- ◆ A former Aztec who played baseball at San Diego State from 1979 to 1981, Gwynn concluded a 20-year major league career with the San Diego Padres in 2001.

With a career batting average of .338, he won eight National League batting titles, five Gold Gloves, and made 15 appearances in the annual All-Star Game.

- ◆ Tony Gwynn was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame on July 29, 2007.
- ◆ His overall record entering the 2014 campaign stands at 321-342 (.484). His mark in conference contests is 162-122 (.570).

## STAFF ADDITIONS

- ◆ The Aztec baseball program has added a pair of new coaches and a new Director of Baseball Operations for the 2014 season.
- ◆ Taking over as the pitching coach is John Pawlowski, most recently the head coach at Auburn. A former Major League pitcher with the Chicago White Sox, he was also head coach at College of Charleston as well as an assistant at both Clemson and Arizona State.
- ◆ Joe Oliveira takes over as the team's volunteer assistant coach. A three-time all-conference selection as a catcher at University of the Pacific, he played in the Baltimore Orioles organization for three seasons before beginning his coaching career during the summer of 2013 at Battle creek in the Northwoods League.
- ◆ Former Aztec outfielder Landon Burt steps into the role of Director of Baseball Operations for the 2014 season. Burt was an all-Mountain West Conference honoree in 2004 when he batted .321 with six home runs and 30 stolen bases and was drafted by the Minnesota Twins that year.



## PROBABLE AZTEC STARTERS (WITH 2013 STATS)

Position	Players	Avg	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-ATT
C	Brad Haynal	.241	187	15	45	13	1	3	30	13	56	1-5
1B	Ryan Muno	.312	170	33	53	17	0	4	45	27	39	0-1
2B	Tim Zier	.341	252	43	86	14	2	1	41	17	34	18-20
SS	Evan Potter	.195	195	32	38	4	1	0	18	24	41	16-21
3B	Tyler France	.317	218	28	69	14	0	5	36	25	37	1-6
LF	Seby Zavala*	.276	123	16	34	9	1	0	14	18	31	4-5
CF	Greg Allen	.299	254	51	76	11	1	0	28	36	40	25-34
RF	Spencer Thornton*	.297	155	26	46	4	3	0	27	23	28	4-6
DH	Cody Sos											JC Transfer

Pitching	Rotation	ERA	W-L	G-GS	CG	Sv	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	B/Avg
Fri	Mike Robards, LHP	3.58	4-1	19	7-0	0	55.1	56	24	22	22	37	281
Sat	TBA												
Sun	TBA												

\* Redshirted in 2013. Stats from 2012 season.

### RETURNING POSITION STARTERS

- ◆ Among the returning starters are four members of the Aztec infield, a catcher and two outfielders.
- ◆ The infielders include first baseman Ryan Muno (.308, 11 double), second baseman Tim Zier (.341, 14 doubles), shortstop Evan Potter (.195, four doubles) and third baseman Ty France (.317, 14 doubles, 5 HR).
- ◆ The returning catcher is junior Brad Haynal (.241, 13 doubles, 30 RBI) while the outfielders include Greg Allen (.299, 11 doubles, 25 SB) in center.
- ◆ Also back are a pair of outfielders who redshirted last season but could be in for starting assignments in 2014: Spencer Thornton .297, 27 RBI) and Seby Zavala (.276, 14 RBI).

### RETURNING ON THE MOUND

- ◆ The Aztecs return 11 pitchers from last season's staff with five hurlers departed.
- ◆ Among the returnees are projected starters Michael Cederroth (3-9, 4.25) and Mike RoBards (4.1, 3.58).
- ◆ Sophomore Bubba Derby (4-3, 3.79, 10 sv) will begin the season as the team's closer, but will most likely move into a weekend starting role.
- ◆ Veteran relievers include Justin Hepner (1-1, 3.73, 1 sv) Collin Orellana (1-0, 4.15) and TJ Kendzora (0-1, 7.15).



## DIVISION I PRESEASON BASEBALL POLLS

### Baseball America

1. Virginia
2. Oregon State
3. Indiana
4. Cal State Fullerton
5. North Carolina State
6. Florida State
7. South Carolina
8. Mississippi State
9. Louisiana State
10. Vanderbilt
11. Oregon
12. UCLA
13. Clemson
14. Louisiana-Lafayette
15. Rice
16. Miami
17. North Carolina
18. Texas
19. TCU
20. Louisville
21. Alabama
22. Kansas State
23. Florida
24. Texas A&M
25. Arkansas

### Collegiate Baseball

1. Cal State Fullerton
2. Mississippi State
3. Louisiana State
4. Oregon State
5. Florida State
6. Oregon
7. Indiana
8. Louisville
9. Vanderbilt
10. North Carolina State
11. North Carolina
12. Virginia
13. Miami
14. South Carolina
15. UCLA
16. Florida
17. Rice
18. Oklahoma
19. TCU
20. Texas
21. Clemson
22. Arizona State
23. Louisiana-Lafayette
24. Arizona
25. Texas A&M

### NCBWA

1. Cal State Fullerton
2. Virginia
3. Oregon State
4. Mississippi State
5. Florida State
6. Louisiana State
7. Indiana
8. North Carolina State
9. UCLA
10. Vanderbilt
11. Oregon
12. South Carolina
13. North Carolina
14. Louisville
15. Rice
16. Clemson
17. Miami
18. Kansas State
19. Oklahoma State
20. Arizona State
21. Florida
22. TCU
23. Texas A&M
24. Louisiana-Lafayette
25. Texas

### USA Today/ESPN (Preseason)

1. Cal State Fullerton
2. Louisiana State
3. Oregon State
4. Mississippi State
5. Florida State
6. Virginia
7. Oregon
8. Vanderbilt
9. North Carolina State
10. UCLA
11. Indiana
12. North Carolina
13. Louisville
14. South Carolina
15. Rice
16. Clemson
17. Miami
18. Oklahoma State
19. Arizona State
20. Florida
21. Kansas State
22. Texas
23. TCU
24. Louisiana-Lafayette
25. Stanford

### STREAKING

- ◆ Sophomore third baseman Ty France finished the 2013 campaign with a six-game hitting streak.
- ◆ Tim Zier had the team's longest hitting streak at 11 games last season.
- ◆ Greg Allen ended the year by reaching base safely (via hit, walk of hit by pitch) in 25 consecutive contests. Zier accomplished the same feat in each of SDSU's final 15 games.

### PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA HONORS

- ◆ Juniors Greg Allen (OF) and Michael Cederroth (RHP) have been named preseason All-Americans by *Baseball America*.
- ◆ Allen, a second-team selection, hit .299 last season and was named to the all-

tournament team at the NCAA Regional at UCLA and at the Mountain West Tournament in Fresno.

- ◆ Cederroth was a second-team all-Mountain West performer a year ago, leading the league in strikeouts with 109 over 95.2 innings.
- ◆ In addition, Cederroth was listed as the No. 11 junior for the 2014 Major League draft while Allen was No. 38.

### PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE

- ◆ Junior second baseman Tim Zier and center fielder Greg Allen have been tabbed to the Preseason all-Mountain West team in a vote of the league's coaches.
- ◆ Zier is the team's leading returning hitter (.341, 14 2B, 41 RBI, 18 SB).
- ◆ Allen led the Aztecs in runs scored (51), walks (36) and stolen bases (25) while hitting .299 as a sophomore last season.

### DRAFTED AZTECS

- ◆ Two current member of the SDSU squad have been drafted by Major League clubs.
- ◆ That duo includes pitcher Michael Cederroth of Steele Canyon HS in San Diego and (42nd rd. in 2011, Arizona Diamondbacks) and catcher CJ Saylor (33rd rd. in 2012, Los Angeles Dodgers)

### AZTECS LEAGUE CO-FAVORITES

- ◆ San Diego State is the co-favorite along with New Mexico to finish first in the regular-season Mountain West Conference baseball standings.
- ◆ In a vote of the seven MWC head coaches, the Aztecs received three first-place votes and 43 as did the Lobos. The remaining first-place vote went to UNLV, which was picked third.
- ◆ 2014 MWC Preseason Poll:

#### Rk. Team (1st place votes) Pts

1. San Diego State (3) .....43
- New Mexico (3).....43
3. UNLV (1) .....40
4. Fresno State .....25
5. Nevada.....19
6. Air Force .....14
7. San Jose State .....12

## MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Team	-----Conference-----					-----Overall-----				
	W	L	T	Pct	GB	W	L	T	Pct	
Air Force	0	0	0	.000	--	0	0	0	.000	
Fresno State	0	0	0	.000	--	0	0	0	.000	
Nevada	0	0	0	.000	--	0	0	0	.000	
New Mexico	0	0	0	.000	--	0	0	0	.000	
San Diego State	0	0	0	.000	--	0	0	0	.000	
San Jose State	0	0	0	.000	--	0	0	0	.000	
UNLV	0	0	0	.000	--	0	0	0	.000	

## THIS WEEK IN THE MOUNTAIN WEST

### February 14 (Friday)

San Diego State at San Jose State\*  
Nevada vs. Boston College+  
Nevada at Santa Clara  
Air Force vs. Washington#  
New Mexico at San Diego  
Central Michigan at UNLV  
Fresno State at UC Irvine

### February 15 (Saturday)

San Diego State at San Jose State\*  
Fresno State at UC Irvine  
Central Michigan at UNLV (DH)  
New Mexico at San Diego  
Nevada vs. Boston College+  
Air Force vs. Michigan#

### February 16 (Sunday)

San Diego State at San Jose State\*  
New Mexico at San Diego  
Fresno State at UC Irvine  
Central Michigan at UNLV  
Air Force at Texas State#  
Nevada at Santa Clara

\* Mountain West Conference game  
+ at Santa Clara, Calif.

# Texas State Tourn. (San Marcos, TX)

## 2013 STARTING LINEUP BY POSITION

### Pitcher

Ryan Doran .....	16
Philip Walby .....	15
Michael Cederoth .....	15
Mike RoBards .....	7
Travis Pitcher .....	2
Tyler Sapp .....	2
TJ Kendzora .....	2
Ethan Miller .....	1
Cody Thompson .....	1
Bubba Derby .....	1

### Catcher

Jake Romanski .....	51
Brad Haynal .....	11

### First Base

Ryan Muno .....	42
John Spirk .....	15
Mitch Bluman .....	5

### Second Base

Tim Zier .....	62
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### Shortstop

Evan Potter .....	61
Danny Sheehan .....	1

### Third Base

Tyler France .....	62
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### Left Field

Matt Munoz .....	43
Danny Sheehan .....	6
Steven Pallares .....	6
Justin Gheorghe .....	6
John Spirk .....	1

### Center Field

Greg Allen .....	62
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### Right Field

Steven Pallares .....	23
Avondre Bollar .....	20
Danny Sheehan .....	15
Justin Gheorghe .....	3
Jake Romanski .....	1

### Designated Hitter

Brad Haynal .....	38
Jake Romanski .....	8
Danny Sheehan .....	5
Mitch Bluman .....	5
Avondre Bollar .....	2
John Spirk .....	2
Ryan Muno .....	1
Matt Munoz .....	1

## AZTECS ON RADIO

A total of 16 of San Diego State's baseball contests will be broadcast live on XTRA 1360 AM in San Diego. Chris Ello and Ben Higgins will call the action . The schedule of the contests to be aired is as follows:

Date	Opponent	Time (Pacific)
Feb. 15 .....	at San Diego .....	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16 .....	at San Diego .....	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 17 .....	at San Diego .....	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 21 .....	Oregon State .....	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 24 .....	Oregon State .....	12:00 p.m.
Mar. 1 .....	Seton Hall .....	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 3 .....	Seton Hall .....	1:00 p.m.
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Mar. 23 .....	UNLV .....	2:00 p.m.
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April 28 .....	Fresno State .....	1:00 p.m.
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May 17 .....	New Mexico .....	6:00 p.m.

Those games will also be simulcast on the Internet at [www.GoAztecs.com](http://www.GoAztecs.com).