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2003 SDSU Schedule/Results

Current ITA National Ranking: 23
Overall Record: 19-5
MWC Record: 6-1 (T-1st)
Home: 12-2; Away: 4-3; Neutral: 3-0

SDOpp.

Date	NR	NR	Opponent	Result
J.25	28	72	LONG BEACH STATE	W, 6-1
F.1	28	10	CALIFORNIA	L, 1-6
F.11	25	67	LOYOLA MARYMOUNT .	
F.15	25	72	at UC Irvine	W, 6-1
F.16	25		CAL POLY	W, 6-1
F.21	27		at Hawai'i	W, 6-1
F.22	27		vs. Santa Clara (N1)	
F.28	29	2	at Southern California	L, 0-7
M.7	29	21	WASHINGTON	L, 1-6
M.8	29	41	WASHINGTON STATE .	W, 4-3
M.11	29		RICE	W, 5-2
M.14	29	36	TEXAS CHRISTIAN	W, 4-3
<u>M.17</u>	29		PRINCETON	W, 5-2
M.19	30	54	PURDUE	W, 4-3
M.20	30	52	*NEW MEXICO	W, 5-2
M.21	30		*AIR FORCE	W, 7-0
M.24	30		LOYOLA MARYMOUNT	W, 6-1
M.28	32	24	*at UNLV	L, 3-4
M.29	32		*vs. Colorado State (N2)	W, 7-0
M.30	32		*vs. Wyoming (N2)	W, 7-0
A.4	28	t56	*at Brigham Young	W, 4-3
A.5	28		*at Utah	W, 6-1
A.8	28	54	PEPPERDINE (forfei	t) W, 7-0
A.16	25	63	at San Diego	L, 2-5
A.18	25	38	OREGON	

Second-Seeded Aztecs Play Host to 2003 Mountain West Championship

Second-seeded San Diego State (19-5/6-1 Mountain West Conference), the 23rd-ranked team nationally, will battle seventh-seeded Utah in the quarterfinal round of the 2003 Mountain West Conference Women's Tennis Championship on Thursday, April 24. Match time is set for 2 p.m.

Having won the 2002 regular season league championship, San Diego State is hosting the fourth annual event which will be held at the SDSU Courts on campus and at the Barnes Tennis Center from April 24-26. As long as San Diego State wins its quarterfinal round match against the Utes, all of the Aztecs' matches will be played on campus at the SDSU Courts.

The Aztecs enter the championship having won 14 of their last 16 matches and with an overall record of 19-5. The 19 victories by this San Diego State team are the most wins by an Aztec team during the Peter Mattera era and the most since the 1985 unit finished with a 26-8 record. Several of the Aztec losses this season have come to some of the nation's elite programs including fourth-ranked California, fifth-ranked USC and sixth-ranked Washington.

Since opening the campaign 5-3, San Diego State has posted a 14-2 record, dropping just two matches since March 7. In addition, SDSU carries a 10-match home winning streak entering the conference tournament.

The Aztecs earned the second seed in the tournament after posting a 6-1 league mark. San Diego State finished in a first-place tie with UNLV, lost the tiebreaker due to a 4-3 loss to the Rebels in Las Vegas on March 28. In the six victories, San Diego State outscored its league competition 34-8.

This marks the second time SDSU has entered the MWC championship as the second seed and the Aztecs are the only school to claim either a first or second seed in all four conference tournaments. San Diego State is 6-3 lifetime in the Mountain West Conference postseason and has never finished below third in the championship. San Diego State has been championship runner-up each of the past two seasons, losing to top-seeded Brigham Young, 4-3, in

2003 Mountain West Conference Women's Tennis Championships

Thurs.-Sat., April 24-26, 2003

SDSU Courts/Barnes Tennis Center San Diego, Calif.

► Thursday, April 24 Schedule

SDSU Courts

UNLV vs. (8) Wyoming, 10 a.m.
San Diego State vs. (7) Utah, 2 p.m.

Barnes Tennis Center

(4) Brigham Young vs. (5) Colorado State, 10 a.m.(3) New Mexico vs. (6) Air Force, 2 p.m.

► Friday, April 25 Schedule

SDSU Courts (Winner's Bracket)

Semifinal Match 1 (match 6), 10 a.m. Semifinal Match 2 (match 8), 2 p.m.

Barnes Tennis Center (Consolation Bracket) Semifinal Match 1 (match 5), 10 a.m. Semifinal Match 2 (match 7), 2 p.m.

► Saturday, April 26 Schedule

SDSU Courts

Fifth-Place Match (match 9), 9 a.m. Championship Match, 2 p.m.

Credentials

Media wishing to obtain credentials to the 2003 Mountain West Conference Women's Tennis Championships may do so by either contacting MWC assistant director of communications Marlon Edge at (719) 488-4052 or through San Diego State assistant sports information director Mike May at (619) 594-5547.

Name	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.	Birthdate	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
Colby Comstock	5-7	Fr.	HS	2-7-85	Rolling Hills, Calif. (Peninsula High)
Indra Erichsen	5-7	So.	1L	11-24-81	Husum, Germany (Stadt Husum)
Patricia Graf	5-8	So.	TR	9-15-81	Munich, Germany (Lycee-Jean Renoir/Baylor Univ.)
Lindsey Hedberg	5-7	Sr.	3L	5-30-81	Austin, Texas (Westwood High)
Katja Karrento	5-7	Sr.	3L	6-12-79	Mariehamn, Finland (Alands Lyceum)
Julie Littrich	5-3	Fr.	HS	11-1-83	Santa Anna, Calif. (Mater Dei High)
Katalina Romero	5-9	Jr.	1L	4-13-81	Tijuana, Mexico (Instituto Mexico/Southwestern JC)
Sarah Sansom	5-6	Fr.	TR	6-3-84	Temecula, Calif. (Temecula High/Univ. San Francisco)
Silvia Tornier	5-7	Sr.	2L	7-19-78	Hamburg, Germany (University of Hamburg)
Head Coach: Peter Mattera, 10th season (San Diego State, 1980)					
Assistant Coach: Susheel Gulati, 7th season (San Diego State, 1993)					
Volunteer Assistant: Larry Willens, 5th season (San Jose State, 1967)					

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Aztecs By The Numbers

Indra Erichsen	14-8
Straight Sets	11-5
In Three Sets (no tiebreakers)	2-1
In Tiebreakers/Super Tiebreakers	1-2
Retired	0-0
vs. Current Ranked Oppoents	0-1
vs. Current Unranked Opponents	14-7

Patricia Graf

Straight Sets
In Three Sets (no tiebreakers)4-3
In Tiebreakers/Super Tiebreakers
Retired
vs. Current Ranked Oppoents0-0
vs. Current Unranked Opponents13-12

13-12

17-8

11-16

17-9

1-4

21-8

Lindsey Hedberg

Straight Sets	
In Three Sets (no tiebreakers)	2-1
In Tiebreakers/Super Tiebreakers	0-1
Retired	1-(
vs. Current Ranked Oppoents	4-4
vs. Current Unranked Opponents	13-4

Katja Karrento

Straight Sets	10-12
In Three Sets (no tiebreakers)	
In Tiebreakers/Super Tiebreakers	0-1
Retired	0-1
vs. Current Ranked Oppoents	0-1
vs. Current Unranked Opponents	

Katalina Romero

Straight Sets	14-
In Three Sets (no tiebreakers)	3-
In Tiebreakers/Super Tiebreakers	0-
Retired	0-
vs. Current Ranked Oppoents	0-
vs. Current Unranked Opponents	17-

Sarah	Sansom

Straight Sets	.1-4
In Three Sets (no tiebreakers)	
In Tiebreakers/Super Tiebreakers	.0-0
Retired	.0-0
vs. Current Ranked Oppoents	.0-0
vs. Current Unranked Opponents	.1-4

Silvia Tornier

Straight Sets	.18-4
In Three Sets (no tiebreakers)	1-4
In Tiebreakers/Super Tiebreakers	1-0
Retired	1-0
vs. Current Ranked Oppoents	3-5
vs. Current Unranked Opponents	.18-3

SDSU MWC Tournament History

Year	Seed	Location	Record	Finish
2000	1	Las Vegas, Nev.	2-1	3rd
2001	2	Fort Collins, Colo.	2-1	2nd
2002	1	Provo, Utah	2-1	2nd

2001 and to second-seeded UNLV, 4-2, in 2002.

The Aztecs and Utes are meeting for the second time this season. San Diego State disposed of Utah, 6-1, on April 5 in Salt Lake City. The Aztecs won all three doubles matches and the top five singles positions in securing the victory. Since joining the MWC, San Diego State has won all three previous meetings with Utah by a combined score of 20-1.

Storylines and Sidebars

▶ For the fourth time in four years, San Diego State enters the Mountain West Conference championship as either the number one or two seed. Twice (2000 and 2002) the Aztecs have entered the championship as the top seed and the other two times (2001 and 2003) SDSU has been seeded second.

▶ Despite the impressive numbers the Aztec women's tennis program has posted, SDSU has not won a conference tournament championship since 1997. During the five-year drought, the Aztecs have finished second three times and third once.

► San Diego State appears to be well positioned to receive its 17th NCAA tournament bid in the 22-year history of the tournament. Only nine schools entering this season have made more trips to the NCAA championships (California 21, Stanford 21, UCLA 21, Florida 20, USC, 20, Texas 20, Pepperdine 19, Arizona State 17, and Miami (Fla.) 17).

Individual Breakdown

Silvia Tornier

No. 1 singles/No 1 doubles (w/Erichsen)

Named the Mountain West Conference Player of the Year and also named to the all-MWC singles and doubles teams... This is the second consecutive season she has earned the league's player of the year honor and the third straight season she has been named to the conference's singles and doubles teams... SINGLES: Currently ranked 85th nationally... Owns a 21-8 overall record, including an 18-5 dual record, all at the number one position ... won 11 consecutive singles matches, longest active streak on the team... Last defeat came on March 17th, to Princeton's Kavitha Krishnamurthy, 4-6, 7-6, (10-8)... Aztecs are 16-2 when she wins her singles match-up, 2-3 when she is defeated... Defeated three opponents currently ranked in singles, including 17th-ranked Daria Panova of Oregon, 6-2, 6-1, on April 18... Only lost singles and doubles matches against the same opponent twice this season - vs. California (Feb. 1) and at Southern California (Feb. 28)... DOUBLES: Currently ranked 34th nationally in doubles with a 20-3 dual record and 23-4 mark overall ... The duo has won nine consecutive matches, with the last loss coming on March 20th to New Mexico... Owns victories over three teams currently in the national rankings, including an an 8-5 win over 28th-ranked Courtney Nagle and Daria Panova of Oregon on April 18th... The Aztecs pair won one match at number two, the other 22 matches were played at number one.

Lindsey Hedberg

No. 2 singles/No 2 doubles (w/Karrento)

Named to the Mountain West Conference all singles team for the third time and the double team for the second time... SINGLES: Currently ranked 95th nationally... Owns a 16-6 mark during the dual campaign and a 17-8 record overall... Is 4-4 against opponents currently ranked in the ITA singles poll... The four wins over ranked competition are the most by an SDSU player this season... All 22 of her matches played at number two singles... Won seven consecutive matches from March 8 through March 24... 11-3 in her last 14 matches overall... San Diego State is 16-0 when she wins her singles match and 3-5 when she is defeated... DOUBLES: Owns a 15-10 record in doubles this season having played with three different partners (Patricia Graf, Katja Karrento and Sarah Sansom)... With her current partner, Karrento, she is 7-1 with all eight matches played at number two doubles... They started their partnership with seven consecutive victories before falling in the regular-season finale against Monika Gieczys and Jamie Marshall of Oregon on April 16... In their seven victories, they have outscord the opponents in games 56-26.

Katalina Romero

No. 3 singles/No 3 doubles (w/Graf)

Named to the Mountain West Conference all singles team and the doubles team ... It is the second consecutive season she has earned all-league recognition in doubles... SINGLES: Recorded a 17-9 record overall and a 16-7 mark during the dual season... Has .500 or better records at all three positions she has played this season - 9-2 at number three, 4-2 at number four and 3-3 at number five... Played great of late, winning nine of her last 10 matches, with the only loss during that span coming in a third-set super tiebreaker... DOUBLES: Is 17-11 in doubles play this season, going 11-9 with Katja Karrento and 6-2 with Patricia Graf... 13 of her dual matches have been play at number two and 10 have been played at number three... All eight of the matches with Graf have been played at thee.

Katja Karrento

No. 4 singles/No 2 doubles (w/Hedberg)

Named to the Mountain West Conference all doubles team for the second consecutive season... SIN-GLES: Has an 11-16 record overall, including a 8-13 dual record... Played 10 matches at number three and 12 matches at number fur... Posted an impressive 7-5 mark at number four... DOUBLES: Has an 18-10 record in doubles, going 7-1 with her current partner Hedberg... They started their partnership with seven consecutive victories before falling in the regular-season finale against Monika Gieczys and Jamie Marshall of Oregon on April 16... In their seven victories, they have outscord the opponents in games 56-26.

Patricia Graf

No. 5 singles/No 3 doubles (w/Romero)

SINGLES: Is 13-12 overall and 12-9 in dual play this season... Played at five different spots in the lineup, more than any other Aztec player... Is 7-4 at her current home, number five singles... One of five players on the SDSU roster that owns a victory over a player currently ranked in the ITA singles chart... **DOUBLES:** 12-9 overall in doubles play, including a 6-2 mark with her current partner, Katalina Romero.