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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB. 15 - FEB. 23

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 W-Tennis vs. Pacific, 2 p.m. SDSU Courts Water Polo vs. UCSB, 10 a.m. Bud Kearns Pool
17 W-Golf (thru Mon.) Aztec Invitational Lake San Marcos Country Club	18	19 M-Tennis at UCLA, 1:30 p.m. Los Angeles	20 M-Golf (thru Fri.) at John A. Burns Invite Oahu, Hawaii	21 Track (thru Sat.) at MWC Indoor Championships, 10 a.m. Colorado Springs	22 W-Tennis vs. UC Irvine, 2 p.m. SDSU Courts M-Tennis at Pepperdine, 1:30 p.m. Malibu, Calif.	23 Water Polo (thru Sun.) at UCSB Invite, All Day vs. UC Davis Santa Barbara, Calif. Rowing vs. USD/Orange Coast College (scrimmage) Mission Bay M-Tennis vs. UC Irvine, Noon SDSU Courts

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MEN'S/WOMEN'S TENNIS

Aztec Women Continue Homestand Against Pacific

2002 Men's Schedule/Results (3-3)

Date	Event (Ranking)	Time/Result
Jan. 25	vs. New Mexico (63)	W, 6-1
Jan. 26	vs. BYU (69) (Boise, Idaho)	W, 4-3
Feb. 2	at Stanford (2)	L, 1-6
Feb. 7-9	at ITA Team Indoor (Louisville, Ky.)	
	vs. Stanford (2)	L, 0-4
	vs. Tennessee (4)	L, 4-2
	vs. Southern Methodist (8)	W, 4-3
Feb. 19	at UCLA(5)	1:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	at Pepperdine	1:30 p.m.
Feb. 23	UCIRVINE	Noon
Mar. 3	UCSB	Noon
Mar. 16-19	at Blue Gray Tourney (Mobile, Ala.)	
Mar. 21	YALE	1:30 p.m.
Mar. 23	PRINCETON	Noon
Mar. 29	vs. New Mexico*	TBA
Mar. 30	vs. Air Force*	TBA
Mar. 31	at UNLV*	TBA
Apr. 5	TULSA	1:30 p.m.
Apr. 9	at San Diego	1:30 p.m.
Apr. 12	at Utah*	2 p.m.
Apr. 13	BYU*	10 a.m.
Apr. 14	PACIFIC	Noon
Apr. 25-27	MWC Tournament Las Vegas, Nev.	TBA
May 11-12	NCAAREgionals	TBA
May 18-27	NCAAFinals College Station, Texas	TBA

Home matches in CAPS

Home matches held at SDSU Courts

*Mountain West Conference match

2002 Women's Schedule/Results (3-2)

Date	Event (Ranking)	Time/Result
Jan. 26	SAINTMARY'S	W, 7-0
Jan. 26	CALPOLY	W, 7-0
Feb. 1	at Washington (11)	L, 0-7
Feb. 3	vs. Washington State (29)	L, 3-4
Feb. 10	OREGON	W, 5-2
Feb. 16	PACIFIC	2 p.m.
Feb. 22	UCIRVINE	2 p.m.
Mar. 1	at California	2 p.m.
Mar. 2	at Stanford	Noon
Mar. 4	GEORGIATECH	2 p.m.
Mar. 13	USC	2 p.m.
Mar. 15	NOTREDAME	2 p.m.
Mar. 19	KANSASSTATE	2 p.m.
Mar. 22	vs. Utah*	10 a.m.
Mar. 23	vs. Brigham Young*	10 a.m.
Mar. 28	UNLV*	2 p.m.
Mar. 29	WYOMING*	2 p.m.
Mar. 30	COLORADO STATE*	10 a.m.
Apr. 3	at Pepperdine	2 p.m.
Apr. 6	vs. New Mexico*	9 a.m.
Apr. 7	at Air Force*	9 a.m.
Apr. 13	LOYOLAMARYMOUNT	Noon
Apr. 16	SANDIEGO	2 p.m.
Apr. 25-27	MWC Tournament Provo, Utah	TBA
Mar. 10-11	NCAAREgionals	TBA
Mar. 16-25	NCAAFinals Stanford, Calif.	TBA

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Men's Notes

Tour de Top 10 Continues

The 40th-ranked San Diego State men's tennis team, fresh off a 4-3 victory over eighth-ranked SMU in the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championship, continues its tour of the nation's premiere tennis programs with a match at fifth-ranked UCLA(7-1) on Tuesday. The Aztecs, 3-3 on the season, play their seventh consecutive match against a ranked opponent and the fifth straight against a top-10 ranked team. The string will likely continue when the Aztecs play at Pepperdine on Feb. 22. The Waves are currently ranked ninth in the country.

Week In Review

The Aztecs recorded the school's first victory in six tries at the national team indoor championship with the upset win over SMU last Saturday. The Aztecs received a pair of critical three-set singles victories from Oliver Maiberger at No. 1 singles and Felix Hardt at No. 2 singles to rally for the win. The victory catapulted San Diego State in the ITA national rankings released on Wednesday. The Aztecs soared from 52nd to 40th in the poll. The 12-position jump was the third biggest move in the poll this week behind Florida State (56-to-37)and Kentucky (23-to-10).

Another Week, Another PoW

For the third consecutive week a San Diego State player received Mountain West Conference Men's Tennis Player of the Week. Junior Oliver Maiberger earned his second player of the week honor of the season and the ninth accolade of his career for the period ending Feb. 12. Maiberger recorded a pair of victories in singles and a doubles win - all against opponents on teams ranked in the top 10. In addition, the junior helped lead the Aztecs to a 4-3 victory over eighth-ranked SMU with a three-set victory over Krystain Pfeiffer, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. Maiberger also recorded a singles win over fourth-ranked Tennessee's Adam Carey in straight sets and teamed with Ryan Redondo to beat the Volunteers' Mark Detrich and Jake Olsen, 8-4, at number one doubles. With nine league player of the week honors, Maiberger is now tied for the most Mountain West Conference weekly awards by any player in any sports.

Aztecs By The Numbers

San Diego State's Oliver Maiberger and Ryan Redondo, who claimed the ITA national indoor doubles title last fall, were rewarded with a number two preseason ranking in the ITA poll. The duo, which entered fall play ranked 46th, made the biggest jump in the rankings. Maiberger's solid singles play in the fall resulted in a boost in his individual rankings as well. The junior moved from 13th in the fall to 11th in the preseason spring rankings.

This Week...

Men:
at UCLA
Tues., Feb. 19

Women:
vs. Pacific
Sat., Feb. 16

Women's Notes

Homestand Continuation

San Diego State, winners of eight straight home matches, continue a three-match homestand with a contest against Pacific on Saturday. Match time, originally scheduled for noon PST, has been changes to 2 p.m. PST to better accommodate the Tigers travel schedule. The Tigers enter the match with a 2-2 record. Pacific owns wins over UC Davis (5-2)and San Jose State (7-0)and lost to Stanford (0-7) and Sacramento State (1-6). San Diego State concludes the three-match homestand with a contest against UC Irvine on Feb. 22.

Up To Speed

The Aztecs snapped a two-match losing streak by defeating previously unbeaten Oregon, 5-2, last Sunday at the SDSUCourts. It was the third consecutive match against a Pac 10 school for SDSU, which lost to 11th-ranked Washington (7-0) and 29th-ranked Washington State (4-3) the previous week.

Up One Notch

The first team national rankings released in two weeks had San Diego State up one position from No. 44 to No. 43. There were no new national rankings last week due to the team indoor national championships. The Aztecs were ranked 44th both in the preseason poll and in the first team rankings of the season. The ITA spring preseason poll also listed the doubles team of Hedberg and Tornier as the 60th-ranked team in the country. Last season, the duo compiled a 20-10 record, including a 14-9 record at No. 1 singles. Updated singles and doubles rankings are scheduled for released next week.

Aztecs Defeat Ducks

SDSU ran its home winning streak to eight with a 5-2 victory over Oregon on Sunday afternoon at the SDSUCourts. The Aztecs improved to 3-2 on the season and handed the Ducks their first loss in six matches this season. San Diego State won the doubles point, getting victories from Katja Karrento and Katalina Romero at No. 2 doubles and Julie Chidley and Indra Erichsen at No. 3 doubles. The Aztecs' 60th-ranked doubles team of Lindsey Hedberg and Silvia Tornier were defeated at No. 1 doubles. The Aztecs claimed victories in four of the six singles matches. Tornier, Hedberg and Karrento claimed victories at the top three singles positions and Romero added a victory at No. 6 singles.



TRACK and FIELD

Aztecs Prepare For MWC Indoor Championships

2002 Schedule and Results

Date	Event	Time/Result
<i>Indoor Schedule</i>		
Jan. 12	at Pole Vault Summit	NTS
Feb. 2	at Wolf Pack Invite	7th, 23 pts.
Feb. 9	at NAU Invitational	NTS
Feb. 21-23	MWC Indoor Champs.*	All Day

Outdoor Schedule

Date	Event	Time/Result
Mar. 2	at USC Invitational	10 a.m.
Mar. 9	vs. UC IRVINE/UCSD	Noon
Mar. 16	USC/Tennessee	10 a.m.
Mar. 23	AZTEC INVITATIONAL	9 a.m.
Mar. 30-31	at Cal-Nev. State Meet	10 a.m.
Apr. 6	UNLV Invitational	11 a.m.
Apr. 13	ALL-WOMEN INVITE	10 a.m.
Apr. 18-19	at Mt. SAC Heptathalon	10 a.m.
Apr. 19-21	at Mt. SAC Relays	10 a.m.
Apr. 27	at Oregon Invitational	10 a.m.
	at Drake Relays	10 a.m.
	at UCSD Invitational	9 a.m.
May 4	at Texas Invitational	10 a.m.
May 5	at Steve Scott Invitational	10 a.m.
May 11	at Oxy Invitational	5 p.m.
May 15-18	MWC Outdoor Champs.*	All Day

Home meets in CAPS

Home meets held at SDSU Sports Deck

*Colorado Springs, Colo.

2002 Indoor Bests

55 Meters - Melinda Smedley	7.23
200 Meters - Melinda Smedley	24.34
400 Meters - Hollann Givens	58.13
800 Meters - Jennifer Stakiw	2:17.54
3,000 Meters - Alicia Stewart	12:01.00
Mile - Jennifer Stakiw	5:25.49
55 Hurdles - Lynnae Samuels	8.43
60 Hurdles - Lynnae Samuels	8.93
4x400 Relay - SDSU "A"	4:00.94
High Jump - Alisha Lasswell	5-02.25 (1.58m)
Long Jump - Leslie Miller	16-03.25 (4.96m)
Pole Vault - Tricia Gutierrez	12-09.50 (3.90m)*#
	Shayla Balentine
Shot Put - Candace Hill	43-04.25 (13.21m)
Weight Throw - Candace Hill	42-11 (13.08m)

*Indicates school record

#Indicates NCAA provisional mark



Championship Time

The San Diego State track and field program continues its preparations for next week's McLeodUSAMountain West Conference Indoor Championships to be held at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. The event is scheduled to get underway at 11 a.m. MST on Feb. 21 with competition in the pentathlon. Competition in the other track and field events will be held on Friday (Feb. 22) and Saturday (Feb. 23). Tickets for Friday and Saturday are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. Tickets can be purchased at the gate or by calling 1-800-666-USAF.

Recapping The NAU Invitational

The Aztecs got a final tune up for the MWC championships by setting high marks at last weekend's Northern Arizona Mountain T's Invitational. Competition in the track events saw the Aztecs score seven top-five finishes. Junior Jennifer Stakiw scored the team's highest finish of the day, taking the top spot in the 800-meter invitational with a time of 2:17.54. Junior Melinda Smedley and Tonette Dyer finished second (24.34) and third (24.42), respectively, in the 200-meter dash invitational. The highlight of the day in the field events came courtesy of senior Tricia Gutierrez, who hit her third NCAA provisional mark of the season in the pole vault with a vault of 3.85 meters (12-07.50).

Vaulting To Success

Two SDSU pole vaulters enter the MWC championships looking to improve on NCAA provisional marks. On Jan. 12, two Aztecs, senior Tricia Gutierrez and freshman Shayla Balentine, set school record and NCAA provisional marks at the National Pole Vault Summit, in Reno. Balentine and Gutierrez both vaulted 3.90 meters (12-09.50). At the Wolf Pack Invitational, on Feb. 2, Gutierrez set another NCAA provisional mark with a 3.82-meter (12-06.25) second-place vault. Balentine came in third in the competition (3.72m/12-02.25). Gutierrez's school-record mark bested the record of 12-07.50 she set last season.

Aztec Honors

Senior Tricia Gutierrez's school record and NCAA provisional vault at the National Pole Vault Summit earned her Mountain West Conference indoor track athlete of the week honors for the period ending Jan. 14. The occasion marked her first career athlete of the week award.

This Week ...

Mountain West Conference
Championships
Thurs., Feb. 21-Sat. Feb. 23

Coaching Staff

The Aztecs are led by head coach Rahn Sheffield, who is in his 11th season with the Aztec program. Sheffield is assisted by Jennifer Nanista, Richard Fox, Leslie Coons and Kristi McGihon. Nanista oversees the team's distance corps, Fox works with the pole vaulters and McGihon handles the jumps.

League Leaders

Several Aztecs are listed among the top-10 best times and marks this season in the Mountain West Conference. Senior Tricia Gutierrez and freshman Shayla Balentine are tied for second in the pole vault with a 12-09.50 mark. Junior Melinda Smedley and sophomore Tonette Dyer are fifth and sixth, respectively, in the 60-meter dash with altitude-adjusted times of 7.72 and 7.77. Smedley and Dyer are also 2-3 in the 200-meter dash with times 24.34 and 24.42, respectively. Jillita Griffin owns the conference's tenth fastest time of 7.88 (adjusted) in the 60 meters. Junior Hollann Givens holds the league's tenth spot in the 400-meter dash with a time of 58.13. Junior Jennifer Stakiw's time of 2:17.54 in the 800-meters this past weekend ranks her tenth on the MWC list.

A Year Ago

With many of its top performers having completed their indoor eligibility, SDSU sent just one athlete, Tricia Gutierrez, to the 2001 MWC Indoor Championships. The junior, who just two weeks earlier set SDSU's indoor record in the pole vault, cleared 12-00.50 to take second place in the event. Air Force's Ana Maria Ortega vaulted the identical height but was awarded the event's top spot based on fewer misses.

The Outdoor Season At A Glance

The Aztecs start the outdoor season on Mar. 2 when they compete at the USC Invitational. The following weekend (Mar. 9) the team will square off against UC Irvine and UC San Diego in a double-dual held at the SDSU Sports Deck. SDSU will host two other home meets. On Mar. 23, the team will host the Aztec Invitational and on Apr. 13 the All-Women Invitational. While not a home meet, the Aztec are also scheduled to compete at the UC San Diego Invitational on Apr. 27.

WATER POLO

Aztecs To Host UCSB In Lone Match This Week

2002 Schedule and Results (4-2)

Date	Event	Time/Result
Feb. 8	HARTWICK COLLEGE	W, 7-6
	INDIANA	W, 10-4
Feb. 9-10	at UCSD Invitational	
	vs. Cal Baptist	W, 12-11
	vs. Loyola Marymount	L, 3-5
	at UCSD	L, 4-5
	vs. Hartwick College	W, 11-9
Feb. 16	UC SANTA BARBARA*	10 a.m.
Feb. 23-24	at UCSB Invitational	TBA
Feb. 27	MICHIGAN	2 p.m.
Mar. 2	at UC Irvine	Noon
	vs. Redlands	1:30 p.m.
Mar. 3	at Long Beach State*	Noon
Mar. 9	at California*	Noon
Mar. 10	at Pacific*	Noon
Mar. 15	UCLA*	4 p.m.
Mar. 17	at UCSD Tournament	All Day
Mar. 21	CS NORTHRIDGE*	4 p.m.
Mar. 23	SOUTHERNCALIFORNIA*	Noon
Apr. 4	at San Jose State*	4 p.m.
Apr. 5	at Stanford*	7 p.m.
Apr. 11	HAWAII*	4 p.m.
Apr. 13-14	at Long Beach St. Invite	All Day
Apr. 19	at UC San Diego	6 p.m.
Apr. 26-28	MPSF Championship#	All Day

Home meets in CAPS

Home meets held at Bud Kearns Pool

*Mountain Pacific Sports Federation game

#Hosted by Southern California



This Week

The San Diego State women's water polo team will host the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos on Saturday at Bud Kearns Pool. Gametime is set for 10 a.m. The Aztecs lead the series, 21-7, despite a 8-6 loss to UCSB in the final round of the National Collegiate Select Tournament last year.

Last Week

The Aztecs beat Indiana and Hartwick at home, before making the short trip across town on Saturday to the UCSD No Grip Invitational. There State split the tourney, 2-2, with losses to Loyola Marymount and UCSD and victories over Hartwick and Cal Baptist.

Hartzell Honored

San Diego State's water polo phenom, Holly Hartzell, was awarded the first MPSF Mikasa Player of the Week of the season for her outstanding offensive play during the Aztecs' 4-2 run last week. Hartzell's name is one that most opponents have come to know. Her presence in front of the net shakes even the toughest goalie and her fast back-handed throw has made her one of the best scorers in the nation. Hartzell has already scored 18 of the Aztecs' 37 goals this season and leads the team with 13 steals.

Out Of The Blocks

San Diego State's 4-2 start is slightly better than last year's 3-3 beginning, but will be challenged at the UCSB Invitational on Feb. 23-24.

This Week...

vs. UC Santa Barbara

Sat., Feb. 16

Coaching Staff

The Aztecs are led by fourth-year head coach Carin Crawford. Crawford is assisted by Rachel Scott and Kelly Falcone. Scott and Falcone are in their first season.

Things To Come

State will make the short trip to Santa Barbara for the UCSB Invitational, Feb. 23-24. The Aztecs will take on UC Davis in the first game and then proceed into championship tournament pool play. On Feb. 27 (Wed.), the Aztecs will host Michigan at Bud Kearns Pool before traveling up I-5 for games at UC Irvine and versus Redlands on Mar. 2 (Sat.) in Irvine. A day later the team will play at Long Beach State.

2002 Statistical Leaders

Scoring Leaders

Athlete	Gm.	G	A	S	G/Gm.
Holly Hartzell	6	18	4	13	2.2
Amber Prestegard	5	6	3	8	1.2
Heidi Matsumoto	6	5	1	6	0.8
Casey Finnegan	6	5	4	6	0.8
Dominique Delgado	6	5	8	4	0.8

Goalkeeping Leaders

Athlete	Gm.	Sv	Sv/G
Heather Stiles	4	32	8.0
Ashley Zabel	2	11	5.5

WOMEN'S GOLF

Team Opens Season By Hosting Aztec Invitational

2002 Spring Schedule

Date	Event
Feb. 17-18	AZTEC INVITATIONAL^
Feb. 25-26	at Bay Area Classic
Mar. 11-12	at Pioneer Electronic Classic
Mar. 28-29	at Nike/Duck Invitational
Apr. 8-9	at Utah Dixie Invitational
Apr. 13-14	at Peg Barnard Calif. Collegiate
Apr. 22-24	at MWC Championships*

Home tournaments in CAPS

^Held at Lake San Marcos Country Club

*Held in Sunriver, Ore.

Back At It

The San Diego State women's golf team gets the spring portion of its 2002 schedule underway on Sunday when it plays host to the Aztec Invitational. The 21-team tournament will be held at Lake San Marcos Country Club and runs through Monday. A practice round will be held on Saturday.

The Format

The 36-hole event will open with 18 holes of play on Sunday, beginning with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. The remaining 18 holes will be played on Monday, with play starting at 8 a.m. Standard play-five, count -four team scoring will be in effect.

This Week...

Aztec Invitational

Sun., Feb. 17-Mon., Feb. 18

The Field

Twenty-one teams will be competing in the two-day event. SDSU will see competition from MWC foes UNLV and Colorado State. Several California teams will also be competing, with CSU Northridge, Long Beach State, CSU Sacramento, UC Irvine and UC Riverside making the trip to San Diego.

Getting Results

Complete results will be posted on the SDSU website at www.goaztecs.com at the end of each day's competition. The latest results will also be available on info connection. Dial (770) 558-6000 from the handset on your fax. The passcode is 692. Results will be under document number 2043.