



# AZTEC

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SAN DIEGO STATE MEDIA RELATIONS

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### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MAR. 28 - APR. 6

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26	27	28 <b>W-Tennis</b> vs. UNLV SDSU Courts, 2 p.m.  <b>W-Golf</b> (thru Fri.) at Nike/Duke Invite Eugene, Ore.	29 <b>W-Tennis</b> vs. Wyoming SDSU Courts, 2 p.m.  <b>M-Tennis</b> vs. New Mexico Las Vegas, Nev., 10 a.m.  <b>Track</b> (thru Sat.) at Cal-Nev State Meet Fresno, Calif., All Day	30  <b>W-Tennis</b> vs. Colorado State SDSU Courts, 10 a.m.  <b>M-Tennis</b> vs. Air Force Las Vegas, Nev., 10 a.m.
31 <b>M-Tennis</b> at UNLV Las Vegas, Nev., Noon	1	2	3 <b>W-Tennis</b> at Pepperdine, 2 p.m.	4 <b>Water Polo</b> at San Jose State, 4 p.m.	5 <b>Water Polo</b> at Stanford, 7 p.m.  <b>M-Golf</b> (thru Sun.) at Texas A&M Invite Laredo, Texas  <b>M-Tennis</b> vs. Tulsa SDSU Courts, 1:30 p.m.	6  <b>Track</b> at UNLV Invitational, All Day  <b>Crew</b> (thru Sun.) at San Diego Crew Classic, All Day  <b>W-Tennis</b> vs. New Mexico Colorado Springs, Colo., 9 a.m.

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# TRACK and FIELD

## Aztecs Look To Defend Crown At Cal-Nevada Championships

This Week ...  
at Cal-Nevada Championships  
Fri.-Sat., Mar. 29-30

### 2002 Schedule and Results

#### Indoor Schedule

Date	Event	Time/Result
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 Chps.*	6th, 58.5 pts.

#### Outdoor Schedule

Date	Event	Time/Result
Mar. 2	at USC Invitational	NTS
Mar. 9	at Ben Brown Invitational	NTS
Mar. 15-16	at Willie Williams Classic	NTS
Mar. 17	at Trojan Classic	NTS
Mar. 23	AZTEC CLASSIC	NTS
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 Heptathlon	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 Outdoor Bests

<b>100 Meters</b>	- Melinda Smedley	11.89
<b>200 Meters</b>	- Melinda Smedley	23.60
<b>400 Meters</b>	- Tonette Dyer	54.42
<b>800 Meters</b>	- Jennifer Stakiw	2:13.30
<b>100 Hurdles</b>	- Leslie Miller	14.57
<b>400 Hurdles</b>	- Leslie Miller	1:00.55
<b>1,500 Meters</b>	- Jennifer Stakiw	4:45.74
<b>3,000 Meters</b>	- Alicia Stewart	10:28.25
<b>5,000 Meters</b>	- Alicia Stewart	18:13.97
<b>4x100-Meter Relay</b>	- SDSU "A"	45.52
<b>4x400-Meter Relay</b>	- SDSU "A"	3:47.31
<b>Long Jump</b>	- M. Schauerermann	19-04.25 (5.90m)
<b>High Jump</b>	- Alisha Lasswell	5-07.00 (1.70m)
<b>Pole Vault</b>	- Shayla Balentine	113-00.25 (3.97m)#
<b>Javelin</b>	- Leslie Miller	105-10.00 (32.27m)
<b>Shot Put</b>	- Candace Hill	43-06.00 (13.26m)
<b>Discus</b>	- Candace Hill	149-02.00 (45.46m)
<b>Hammer</b>	- Candace Hill	144-02.00 (43.95m)

#Indicates NCAA provisional mark



### This Week

Following a strong performance at the Aztec Track and Field Classic last weekend, the San Diego State track and field program heads to Fresno for the Cal-Nevada Championships. The 32-team event will be held at Warmerdam Field on the Fresno State campus. The event gets underway with preliminary competition on Friday and finals action on Saturday. Women's competition begins at 8 a.m. on Friday with the hammer throw. Track events begin at 10:30 a.m. with the 4x100 relay. Included among the 32-team field are UCLA, Long Beach State, CSU Northridge, Sacramento State, Nevada and UC San Diego.

### A Year Ago

SDSU won last year's Cal-Nevada meet, scoring 110 points and outdistancing the likes of California (83.66), Nevada (59) and UCLA (58.67). The Aztecs, who had 10 athletes advance out of preliminary competition, came away with three individual wins on finals day, including a season-best 54.40 in the 400 meters by Women's Athlete of the Meet Promise Mose. Mose also placed second in the 200 meters (24.15) and led the Aztecs to victory in the 4x100-meter relay (45.57) and second place in the 4x400 relay (3:40.38). Daveetta Shepherd, also a member of the 4x100 relay squad, produced SDSU's other victory by capturing the 100 hurdles with an NCAA qualifying time of 13.54. The team victory marked the first time the Aztecs won the event.

### SDSU Lately

#### Recapping the Aztec Classic

Saturday's cold and blustery conditions in San Diego had little affect on the Aztecs, who recorded first-place finishes in the 4x400 relay, long jump and high jump events and had three of its pole vaulters set NCAA provisional qualifying marks. Freshman Shayla Balentine, junior Jesika Englebretson and senior Tricia Gutierrez placed 2-3-4, respectively, in the pole vault. Freshman Alisha Lasswell recorded her second victory in the high jump in as many weeks with a season- and personal-best mark of 5-7.00. The Aztecs' other win came from freshman Megan Schauerermann in the long jump. Schauerermann, who was competing for her first time in a collegiate meet, set a season-best 19-4.25. SDSU had 11 other top three finishes on the day in an event that featured close to 750 athletes.

### On Pace

Junior Melinda Smedley has placed no lower than second in the 200-meter dash this season. Her second-place finish of 24.24 last weekend broke a streak of three straight first-place finishes including a season-best 23.60 at the Trojan Invitational on March 2. She also has a pair of second-place clockings in the 100 meters, one of which was a season-best 11.89. That time is the

second best in the Mountain West Conference and her 23.60 time in the 200 meters is the best by a league athlete. She also ran the team's fastest times in the 55 meters (7.23), 60 meters (7.66) and 200 meters (24.34) during the indoor season.

### Vaulting To Success

One athlete to watch for in this weekend's meet is freshman Shayla Balentine, who recorded her fifth NCAA provisional qualifying mark of the season in the pole vault on Saturday at the Aztec Classic. Her first-place mark of 3.97 meters (13-00.25) was her fourth NCAA provisional vault in as many meets and ties her best this season. The 13-00.25 mark places her second all-time in SDSU's record book. The mark also puts her atop the Mountain West Conference's list of bests in the event this season. Included in her four-meet NCAA mark streak is winning the MWC's indoor title at the league championships in February with a 3.84 meters (12-07.50) MWC record vault. Earlier in the indoor season she set the SDSU indoor record in the vault with a 3.90 meter (12-09.50) mark at the National Pole Vault Summit in Reno.

### In Good Company

Saturday's third-place finish in the 400 hurdles never looked so good to junior Leslie Miller. Miller's time of 1:00.57 in the event came against an impressive field in which the No. 1 and 2 finishers were Tanisha Mills and Melinda Sallins - both are being groomed by USA Track and Field for the Olympics. Mills clocked in at 58.01 and Sallins at 58.47. Miller also set a personal-record and season-best time in the 100 hurdles with a 14.59 sixth-place mark and completed a 1-2 Aztec sweep in the long jump, placing second behind freshman Megan Schauerermann (19-2.00)

### First Time's A Charm

Saturday marked Megan Schauerermann's debut in a collegiate track and field meet and one could say it was a pleasant experience. The freshman won the long jump with a season-best leap of 19-4.25. The mark is the third best by a league athlete this season.

### Looking Ahead

On April 6, SDSU will participate in the UNLV Invitational and on April 13 the program will host the All-Women Invitational at the SDSU Sports Deck. The next weekend April 18-21 (Thurs.-Sun.) the program will be in northern California for the Mt. SAC Heptathlon and Relays.

# WATER POLO

## Aztecs Take Break Before Traveling North For Pair

This Week . . .  
at San Jose State - Thurs., Apr. 4  
at Stanford - Fri., Apr. 5

### 2002 Results (13-9, 4-4 MPSF)

Date	Event (Rank)	Time/Result
Feb. 8	HARTWICK COLLEGE(14)	W, 7-6
	INDIANA (16)	W, 10-4
Feb 9-10	at UCSD Invitational	
	vs. Cal Baptist	W, 12-11
	vs. Loyola Marymount (5)	L, 3-5
	at UCSD (9)	L, 4-5
	vs. Hartwick College (14)	W, 11-9
Feb. 16	UCSB (7)*	L, 6-7 2ot
Feb. 23-24	at UCSB Invitational	
	vs. UC Davis (t6)	W, 11-9
	vs. UCLA (2)	L, 2-8
	vs. Loyola Marymount (t6)	L, 5-7
	vs. Long Beach State (7)	L, 3-6
Feb. 27	MICHIGAN (13)	W, 8-5
Mar. 2	at UC Irvine (17)*	W, 7-6
	vs. Redlands	W, 5-0
Mar. 3	at Long Beach State (7)*	W, 7-5
Mar. 9	at California (4)*	L, 3-14
Mar. 10	at Pacific (15)*	W, 11-7
Mar. 15	UCLA*	L, 5-12
Mar. 17	at UCSD Tournament	
	vs. Princeton	W, 9-6
	at UC San Diego	W, 5-4
Mar. 21	CS NORTHRIDGE*	W, 9-2
Mar. 23	USC*	L, 8-13
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 games in CAPS  
Home games held at Bud Kearns Pool  
\*Mountain Pacific Sports Federation game  
#Hosted by Southern California

### Coming Up...

The Aztecs will get a well-deserved break as they take a week off from action before heading north to face San Jose State and Stanford. SDSU will meet the fifth-ranked Spartans on Thursday, April 4, at the SJSU Aquatics Center. The Aztecs will then face the top-ranked Cardinal of Stanford on Friday night at the Avery Aquatics Center in Palo Alto.

### For the Record

The eighth-ranked Aztecs are currently 13-9, 4-4 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation and fifth in the conference.

### The Competition

#### San Jose State Spartans

- The Aztecs hold a 5-3 all-time advantage against the Spartans.
- SJSU is currently ranked fifth in the nation and is 11-6.

#### Stanford Cardinal

- The Aztecs are 9-13 all-time against the Cardinal.
- Top-ranked Stanford went 26-1 last year and finished second in the nation.

### All About Amber

Amber Prestegard has scored a goal in 15 of the 20 games she has played in this season, tallying 26 points for the Aztecs. The junior utility player scored a season-high four goals in the Aztecs 9-2 win over Northridge last week. Prestegard is second on the team in goals scored this season and ranks fourth overall on the career list with 152.

### Team Hartzell

Sophomore Holly Hartzell leads the team in goals attempted, goals scored, steals and assists so far this season. The two-meter player from Vista has already made her way into the record books, ranking fifth all-time for goals scored with 134, and sixth all-time for assists, with 41.

### Last Week

SDSU stayed at home last week to host MPSF newcomer Cal State Northridge on Thursday afternoon and third-ranked USC on Saturday at Bud Kerns pool in Balboa Park.

Amber Prestegard led the Aztecs with four goals as they sunk the Matadors 9-2. Freshman Cindy Ayala made her first appearance as an Aztec, recording four saves and allowed no goals during her time spent in the cage.

The Aztecs went on a 3-0 run in the final minutes of the game against the USC Trojans, but it wasn't enough as the Aztecs fell 13-8. The Trojans led 10-4 at the half, but Aztec keeper Ashley Zabel was able to keep them out of the net in the fourth quarter. Holly Hartzell led the Aztecs with three goals.



## 2002 Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Heather Stiles	GK	5-10	Sr.	Sacramento, Calif. (Sierra CC)
1A	Ashley Zabel	GK	5-10	So.	San Diego, Calif. (Scripps Ranch HS)
1B	Cindy Ayala	GK	5-6	Fr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Santa Monica HS)
2	Whitney Winlow	UTL	5-10	Sr.	Las Vegas, Nev. (Chapparral HS)
3	Beth Merlo	UTL	5-9	Sr.	Clovis, Calif. (Merced CC)
4	Heidi Matsumoto	DR	5-6	Jr.	Grover Beach, Calif. (Arroyo Grande HS)
5	Casey Finnegan	UTL	5-6	Jr.	Fresno, Calif. (Clovis West HS)
6	Dominique Delgado	UTL	5-5	Fr.	Lompoc, Calif. (Cabrillo HS)
7	Katie Clark	UTL	5-4	Sr.	Fontana, Calif. (Riverside CC)
8	Ashleigh May	DR	5-5	Jr.	University Place, Wash. (Golden West CC)
9	Jackie Lopez	DR	5-0	Jr.	Commerce, Calif. (Bell Gardens HS)
10	Amber Prestegard	UTL	5-7	Jr.	Huntington Beach, Calif. (Edison HS)
11	Lisa Weise	DR	5-8	Sr.	Riverside, Calif. (Riverside CC)
12	Donna Stivers	UTL	5-5	So.	El Cajon, Calif. (El Cajon Valley HS)
13	Becky Sensney	UTL	5-5	Jr.	Modesto, Calif. (Johansen HS)
14	Holly Hartzell	2M	5-10	So.	Vista, Calif. (Fallbrook HS)
15	Brenna Wylie	UTL	5-5	Jr.	Merced, Calif. (Golden Valley HS)
16	Monica DeRosier	2M	5-11	Fr.	San Diego, Calif. (Patrick Henry HS)
19	Chelsy Smith	2M	5-8	Jr.	Roseville, Calif. (Sierra CC)

**Head Coach:** Carin Crawford (UC San Diego) fourth season  
**Assistant:** Rachel Scott, first season

## 2002 Statistical Leaders

### Scoring Leaders

Athlete	Gm.	G	A	St.	G/Gm.
Holly Hartzell	20	44	12	32	2.2
Amber Prestegard	19	26	10	24	1.4
Casey Finnegan	21	21	6	33	1.0
Dominique Delgado	20	22	11	22	1.1
Donna Stivers	20	7	2	19	.35
Heidi Matsumoto	19	6	7	12	.32
Jackie Lopez	12	6	0	1	.50
Whitney Winlow	22	5	3	4	.23
Beth Merlo	21	5	5	15	.24

### Goalkeeping Leaders

Athlete	Gm.	Sv	Sv/G
Heather Stiles	18	152	8.4
Ashley Zabel	7	41	5.9

# MEN'S GOLF

## 17th-Ranked Aztecs Head To Texas For Border Olympics

51st Annual Border Olympics  
Laredo Country Club  
Laredo, Texas

**Dates:** April 5-6

**Par:** 72

**Yardage:** 7,125

**The Field (17):** San Diego State, Arkansas, Baylor, Central Florida, Central Oklahoma, Colorado State, Lamar, Louisiana-Lafayette, New Mexico, Pepperdine, Rice, Sam Houston State, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Texas-Arlington, Texas-Pan American, Texas-San Antonio

### 2001-02 Schedule and Results

#### Fall

Date	Event	Result
S. 10-11	Mid Pines Intercollegiate	2nd (847)
S. 21-22	Tucker Intercollegiate	6th (876)
O. 5-6	Lexus Classic	5th (876)
O. 8-9	Club Glove Intercollegiate	4th (902)
N. 5-6	Aztec Invitational	2nd (837)

#### Spring

Date	Event	Result
F. 20-22	John Burns Intercollegiate	1st (853)
M. 7-8	Pacific Coast Intercollegiate	1st (866)
M. 18-19	USD Invitational	1st (882)
M. 25-26	Oregon Duck Invitational	7th (870)
A. 5-6	Border Olympics	
A. 20-21	Stanford Invitational	
A. 29-M. 1	MWC Championships	
M. 16-18	NCAA Regionals	
M. 29-J. 1	NCAA Championships	

### The National Polls

#### GCAA Coaches Poll

- Georgia Tech
- Wake Forest
- Clemson
- Florida
- Oklahoma State
- Tennessee
- Fresno State
- USC
- Texas
- TCU
- Georgia
- Washington
- Auburn
- Oklahoma
- Virginia Tech
- Arizona
- New Mexico
- Augusta State
- NC State
- Pepperdine
- Toledo
- Purdue
- San Diego State**
- Ohio State
- Alabama - Birm.

#### Golfweek/Sagarin Poll

- Georgia Tech
- Clemson
- Wake Forest
- Florida
- Oklahoma State
- USC
- TCU
- Fresno State
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Toledo
- Washington
- Auburn
- Georgia
- Virginia Tech
- Augusta State
- San Diego State**
- Oklahoma
- N.C. State
- Minnesota
- Baylor
- New Mexico
- Arizona
- Purdue
- Washington State



#### Aztecs Make Run For The Border

Coming off a seventh-place finish at the Oregon Duck Invitation - San Diego State's lowest of the season - the 17th-ranked Aztec men's golf team takes aim at a return to the winner's circle next week when it travels to Laredo, Texas, for the 51st Annual Border Olympics. The two-day, 54-hole tournament is being hosted by Texas A&M at the Laredo Country Club (par 72, 7,125 yards). The opening 36 holes are scheduled for Friday, April 5th, with the final 18 holes teeing off on Saturday, April 6th. Both days will begin with 8 a.m. shotgun starts.

#### The Field: Aztecs Head Six Top-50 Teams

At No. 17 in this week's *Golfweek* poll, San Diego State is the highest ranked squad in the 17-team field. However, the Aztecs will face some stiff competition as five other top-50 teams will be heading to Laredo, including No. 21 Baylor, No. 22 New Mexico, No. 26 Pepperdine, No. 29 Lamar and No. 45 Texas Tech. Arkansas, Central Florida, Central Oklahoma, Colorado State, Louisiana-Lafayette, Rice, Sam Houston State, Texas A&M, Texas-Arlington, Texas-Pan American and Texas-San Antonio will also be vying for the 51st Annual Border Olympics title.

#### For The Record: Aztecs Versus The Field

San Diego State has finished in the top five in 7-of-9 tournaments during the 2001-02 season and enters the week with a sparkling 118-20 (.855) overall record. SDSU has faced seven of the other 16 teams entered in the Border Olympics, posting a 9-5 record. The Aztecs are winless this season versus Pepperdine (0-2) and Texas Tech (0-1), but has not squared off with either team since the fall. San Diego State is a combined 9-2 against the rest of the field, including a 5-1 record against Colorado State and a 1-1 mark versus New Mexico, the two other Mountain West teams competing.

#### New Mexico Defending Olympics Champ

Unlike the traditional Olympics, which are contested every four years, the Border Olympics is an annual event. And both 2001 team champion, New Mexico, and the individual medalist, Kyle Willmann, of Texas Tech will be back to defend their titles. New Mexico shot a red-hot 9-under par 855 to capture last year's event, tying for the lowest team score since the tournament was moved to the Laredo Country Club in 1984. Willmann, who was the medalist at SDSU's season-opening tournament in Southern Pines, N.C., finished up at 8-under 208 claim the individual championship. San Diego State did not compete in last year's Border Olympics.

**Poll Watch:** Two Steps Forward, One Back San Diego State move up two slots in last week's GCAA/Precept Coaches poll, checking at No. 23. However, after their seventh-place finish in Oregon the Aztecs slipped one notch to No. 17 in the *Golfweek* poll released March 26th.

This Week . . .

at 51st Annual Border Olympics

Fri. - Sat., Apr. 5-6

2001-02 Stroke Averages	Avg.	Rds.
<b>John Lieber*</b>	<b>72.3</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Mark Warman*</b>	<b>72.6</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Lars Johansson*</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Scott Henderson*</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Brandon Kearney*</b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>27</b>
Gilberto Rodriguez	71.2	6
Chris Galeski	73.6	12
Charlie Smith	73.9	9
Linus Nilsson	75.5	6
Jarrod Jenkins	76.3	3

\*Probable SDSU starter at the Border Olympics

#### Aztec Looking For Lone Star Bounce-Back

After three straight wins to open the spring, San Diego State found itself in unfamiliar territory at the conclusion of the Oregon Duck Invitational as the Aztecs shot a combined 6-over 870 to finish seventh. It is the lowest placing of the season for SDSU, which hadn't finished outside the top five since taking sixth at New Mexico in late September. However, according to head coach Dale Walker, it just may be the wake-up call the Aztecs need as they are now forced to re-focus their collective efforts heading into the home stretch of the regular season.

#### Whole Greater Than Sum Of Its Parts

The success San Diego State has enjoyed this season has been a result of a solid team effort by the Aztecs. Despite being ranked in the top 25 of both major polls, SDSU does not have a single player ranked among *Golfweek's* top-50 individuals. John Lieber is the highest ranked Aztec at No. 58 despite top-5 finishes in 5-of-9 tournaments this season. Mark Warman is also ranked in the top 100 at No. 71.

#### Aztec Chip Shots

- Eight of the nine players who have appeared in at least two tournament's this season own stroke averages under 74.0.
- Senior Brandon Kearney, playing his first tournament as an individual this season, carded career-bests in both final finish and score at Oregon, taking third with a three-round total of 6-under 210. Unfortunately for SDSU, his score did not count in the team total, costing the Aztecs 12 strokes and three spots in the final standings.
- John Lieber, SDSU's stroke average leader among players with at least nine competitive rounds this season at 72.3, has registered 11 rounds of par or better in last six tournaments. Mark Warman has been the Aztecs' top finisher in each of the last two tournaments, taking second at both the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate and USD Invitational.
- Lars Johansson's second-place finish at USD was a season-best for the junior.

#### Head Coach Dale Walker

Head coach Dale Walker is in his second season at the helm of the SDSU golf program. A stand-out performer for the Aztecs from 1975-79, he has guided the Aztecs to six tournament titles since taking over as head coach.

# MEN'S TENNIS

## SDSU Swings Into Conference Action With Lobos

This Week . . .  
 vs. New Mexico - Fri., Mar. 29  
 vs. Air Force - Sat., Mar. 30  
 at UNLV - Sun., Mar. 31

### 2002 Schedule/Results (8-7)

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, 2-4
	vs. Southern Methodist (8)	W, 4-3
Feb. 19	at UCLA (5)	L, 2-5
Feb. 22	at Pepperdine (9)	L, 1-6
Feb. 23	UC IRVINE	W, 6-1
Mar. 3	UCSB (t75)	W, 6-1
Mar. 16-19	at Blue Gray Tourney (Mobile, Ala.)	
	vs. Va. Commonwealth (25)	W, 4-3
	vs. South Alabama (31)	W, 4-0
	vs. Illinois (8)	L, 2-4
Mar. 21	YALE (t71)	L, 3-4
Mar. 23	PRINCETON (61)	W, 6-1
Mar. 29	vs. New Mexico* (Las Vegas, Nev.)	10 a.m.
Mar. 30	vs. Air Force* (Las Vegas, Nev.)	10 a.m.
Mar. 31	at UNLV*	10 a.m.
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	BRIGHAM YOUNG* (Salt Lake City, Utah)	10 a.m.
Apr. 14	PACIFIC	Noon
Apr. 25-27	MWC Tournament (Las Vegas, Nev.)	TBA
May 11-12	NCAA Regionals	TBA
May 18-27	NCAA Finals (College Station, Texas)	TBA

Home matches in CAPS  
 Home matches held at SDSU Courts  
 \*Mountain West Conference match



### 30th-Ranked Aztecs Open Conference in Sin City

The San Diego State men's tennis team travels to Las Vegas to open up Mountain West Conference play with three matches in three days. The 30th-ranked Aztecs play New Mexico on Friday, 74th-ranked Air Force on Saturday and 58th-ranked UNLV on Sunday. All three matches will be contested on the UNLV campus. San Diego State has won six of its last eight matches and enters league action with an 8-7 record. Six of the Aztecs' seven defeats this season have come to teams currently ranked among the nation's top 13 teams.

### Weekly Rewind: Aztecs Go 1-1 Without Top Player

Playing without All-America candidate Oliver Maiberger, the Aztecs posted a 1-1 record last week. San Diego State was an upset by then 71st-ranked Yale, 4-3. The Bulldogs won the final three singles matches to claim the victory and were rewarded this week by moving up to 47th in the national rankings.

San Diego State responded with an impressive 6-1 win over 61st-ranked Princeton on Saturday. The Aztecs swept all three doubles matches and were victorious in one through five singles to snap a two-match losing streak.

### SDSU Enjoys Second Week in the Top 30

Despite the loss last week, the San Diego State men's tennis team remained ranked among the nation's top 30. The Aztecs slipped from their season-best position of 25 last week to No. 30 this week. SDSU remains the highest ranked team in the Mountain West Conference.

Updated individual rankings will not be released until next week, leaving sophomore Oliver Maiberger as the nation's No. 21 ranked singles player and Maiberger teams with Ryan Redondo to form the nation's third-ranked doubles team.

### Where in the World is Oliver Maiberger?

Oliver Maiberger continues to be out ill with what is believed to be a viral infection. The sophomore, who is the top-ranked singles player and one-half of the top-ranked doubles team in the Mountain West Conference, is questionable for the three conference matches in Las Vegas this weekend. Maiberger missed both matches last week. In his absence, the two-through six positions in the singles lineup each moved up one position. That gave the top singles position to Felix Hardt, who posted a 1-1 mark at number one singles. The Aztecs shuffled the doubles lineup, moving Hardt and Valentino Pest from number two to number one and moving Travis Hasson and Gabe Coren to number two doubles. Maiberger's normal playing partner, Ryan Redondo was teamed with Khalid Naffa at number three doubles.

### We Have More, We Have Four

Although shutout of the weekly award this week, San Diego State continues to set the pace with four Mountain West Conference Men's Tennis Players of the Week this season. The Aztecs have claimed four of the 10 awards since the honor debuted in late January. Junior Oliver Maiberger was the recipient on Jan. 30 and Feb. 13, while Felix Hardt claimed the honor on Feb. 6. Ryan Redondo earned the honor on March 19th and was the Aztec nominee this week.

### Quality Losses

San Diego State sports an 8-7 record, but as the No. 30 national ranking would indicate, records can be misleading. Six of the Aztecs' seven losses have come to teams currently ranked in the top 13 nationally. SDSU has losses to second-ranked UCLA, third-ranked Illinois, fifth-ranked Stanford (twice), 11th-ranked Pepperdine and 13th-ranked Tennessee. The Aztecs are 4-1 against teams ranked, outside the top 13, and 4-0 against unranked competition.

Of the 15 matches to date, 13 of San Diego State's opponents have been ranked at the time of the match. That trend will continue this week as two of the three league opponents SDSU will face this week are currently in the national rankings.

### Quick Volleys

- The Aztecs are 8-7 after 15 matches this season, last year SDSU was 6-9 at this point during the season.
- Last year at this time the Aztecs were not ranked in the national polls, this season they are 30th in the final poll of March.
- Ryan Redondo has won six straight singles matches and owns a 10-2 record during the dual season. His 10 victories during the dual campaign are the most on the team, one ahead of Felix Hardt.
- The three primary doubles teams that coach John Nelson has used during the past month all sport winning records.
- Oliver Maiberger and Redondo, the nation's third-ranked doubles team, is 7-4 in the dual campaign while Felix Hardt and Valentino Pest (number two doubles) and Travis Hasson and Gabe Coren (number three doubles) are 5-2 and 6-3, respectively.
- Oliver Maiberger is 20-8 this season (includes the fall campaign), including an impressive 9-7 record against ranked opponents ranked at match time. He is 11-1 against unranked opposition.
- The Aztecs, who play their next two matches on neutral courts, are 5-3 in neutral site matches this season.
- San Diego State plays just two of its final eight matches at home this season.

# WOMEN'S TENNIS

## State Looks To Continue Winning Streak At Home

### 2002 Schedule/Results (8-7)

Date	Event (Ranking)	Time/Result
Jan. 26	SAINT MARY'S	W, 7-0
Jan. 26	CAL POLY	W, 7-0
Feb. 1	at Washington (11)	L, 0-7
Feb. 3	vs. Washington State (29) (Seattle, Wash.)	L, 3-4
Feb. 10	OREGON	W, 5-2
Feb. 16	PACIFIC	W, 6-1
Feb. 22	UC IRVINE	W, 4-3
Mar. 1	at California (15)	L, 1-6
Mar. 2	at Stanford (3)	L, 0-7
Mar. 4	GEORGIA TECH (23)	L, 3-4
Mar. 13	USC (t12)	L, 0-7
Mar. 15	NOTRE DAME (18)	W, 5-2
Mar. 19	KANSAS STATE (41)	W, 5-2
Mar. 22	vs. Utah* (Las Vegas, Nev.)	W, 7-0
Mar. 23	vs. Brigham Young* (Las Vegas, Nev.)	W, 5-2
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* (Colorado Springs)	9 a.m.
Apr. 7	at Air Force*	9 a.m.
Apr. 13	LOYOLA MARYMOUNT	Noon
Apr. 16	SAN DIEGO	2 p.m.
Apr. 25-27	MWC Tournament (Provo, Utah)	TBA
Mar. 10-11	NCAA Regionals	TBA
Mar. 16-25	NCAA Finals (Stanford, Calif.)	TBA

Home matches in CAPS

Home matches held at SDSU Courts

\*Mountain West Conference match



### Aztecs Look to Control MWC Race with Three-Match Homestand

The San Diego State women's tennis team, 9-6 overall and 2-0 in the Mountain West Conference, will try and take sole possession of the top spot in the league when the Aztecs battle 15th-ranked UNLV on Thursday. The Aztecs and Rebels are tied for the conference lead with 2-0 marks. San Diego State will continue the three-game homestand with contests against Wyoming on Friday and Colorado State on Saturday. Match time on Thursday and Friday is set for 2 p.m. PST while Saturday's contest will begin at 10 a.m. PST. All three contests will be played on the SDSU Courts.

### The Week In Review

San Diego State ran its regular-season conference-winning streak to eight matches by posting victories last week over Utah, 7-0, and 31st-ranked Brigham Young, 5-2, in Las Vegas. The Aztecs cruised to the victory over Utah, winning the three doubles matches by a cumulative score of 24-8 and claiming all six singles matches in straight sets. San Diego State avenged a 4-3 loss to the Cougars in the championship match of the 2001 Mountain West Conference Tournament, with a 5-2 victory over the Cougars. San Diego State swept the double matches and won four of six singles matches en route to the victory.

### Aztecs Enjoy Highest National Ranking in 13 Months

San Diego State entered the Omni Hotels Collegiate Tennis Rankings top 30 for the first time this season. It was the second large increase for the Aztecs, which went from 53rd to 39th last week, and then improved 10 spots this week. The current ranking is the highest for the Aztecs since SDSU was ranked 29th on Feb 14, 2001. San Diego State was 44th in the 2002 preseason poll. One reason for the rapid rise in the polls is that San Diego State has won its last three matches against nationally-ranked teams. The Aztecs disposed of 18th-ranked Notre Dame, 5-2, 41st-ranked Kansas State, 5-2, and 31st-ranked Brigham Young, 5-2. Prior to the recent 3-0 record against teams in the ITA poll, the Aztecs opened the season by losing six straight match-ups with ranked opponents.

### Tornier Continues to Tear Up Competition

San Diego State junior Silvia Tornier, who earned Mountain West Conference Women's Tennis Player of the Week for the period ending March 19, continued her strong play this past week. A native of Hamburg, Germany, Tornier has helped lead the Aztecs to four straight victories, defeating three ranked teams during that span.

The junior posted a pair of victories over ranked opponents, defeating 63rd-ranked

### This Week . . .

vs. UNLV- Thurs., Mar. 28

vs. Wyoming - Fri., Mar. 29

vs. Colorado St. - Sat., Mar. 30

Becky Varnum of Notre Dame, 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 (6), and 111th-ranked Alena Jecminkova of Kansas State, 6-3, 6-1. Tornier has won four straight matches and owns a 10-5 dual record this season. She has defeated three ranked opponents during the spring campaign.

### Snapping The Ranked Jinx

As previously mentioned, San Diego State defeated three nationally-ranked teams during the teams current four-match winning streak, breaking a streak of seven consecutive losses to nationally ranked opponents dating back to last season. SDSU was 0-6 against ranked teams this season prior to knocking off 18th-ranked Notre Dame 5-2 on March 15. The victory over the Irish represented the highest ranked team the Aztec women have defeated in more than two seasons. Proving that it was no fluke, the Aztecs followed the Irish victory up with a 5-2 decision over 41st-ranked Kansas State on March 19 and knocked off 31st-ranked Brigham Young 5-2 last Saturday. In those three matches, the Aztecs posted a 13-5 record in singles play. It should be noted that although the Aztecs have six losses against nationally-ranked opponents, all six came to foes ranked 29th or better at match time. In addition two of those losses were by scores of 4-3.

### Quick Volleys

The Aztecs' 9-6 record this season is one game ahead of their 8-7 mark after 15 matches last season.

- Silvia Tornier, who has played 13 of her 15 dual matches at number one singles, is 10-5 in the dual campaign with three victories over ranked opponents.
- Katja Karrento and Katalina Romero have combined to post an 11-4 record in dual doubles competition this season.
- The 11 victories are the most by any Aztec pair this season, five more than any other tandem.
- The two knocked off the 53rd-ranked doubles team from Kansas State in their first match playing number one doubles.
- San Diego State outscored its last three ranked foes 15-6 after being outscored by nationally-ranked competition 35-7 in the previous six matches against ranked teams.