



SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS

2017 Women's Lacrosse Weekly Notes

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2017 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 4	Denver	1 p.m. PT
Feb. 11	at Oregon	Noon PT
Feb. 18	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (Exhibition)	2 p.m. PT
Feb. 24	at Michigan	5 p.m. ET
Feb. 26	at Detroit Mercy+	Noon ET
March 5	Boston University	Noon PT
March 10	Saint Joseph's	7 p.m. PT
March 15	New Hampshire	3 p.m. PT
March 18	Columbia	3 p.m. PT
March 24	Saint Mary's*	7 p.m. PT
March 26	California*	Noon PT
March 31	Brown	5 p.m. PT
April 3	at Fresno State*	4 p.m. PT
April 8	USC*	6 p.m. PT
April 16	Colorado*	Noon PT
April 21	at UC Davis*	7 p.m. PT
April 23	at Stanford	1 p.m. PT
April 28-3	MPSF Tournament^	TBA

* - MPSF game
 + - at Pontiac, Mich.
 ^ - Los Angeles, Calif.

General Information

Location	San Diego, Calif.
Founded	1897
Enrollment	33,527
Nickname	Aztecs
Colors	Scarlet and Black
Conference	Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF)
Affiliation	Division I
President	Dr. Elliot Hirshman
Director of Athletics	John David Wicker
Faculty Representative	Patrick Papin
Executive Associate Athletic Director/SWA	Jenny Bramer

Team Information

Head Coach	Kylee White (Ohio State, 2002)
Record at SDSU (Seasons)	33-47 (5)
Career Record	Same
Assistant Coach	Brandi Padilla
Volunteer Assistant Coach	Lyle Tomlinson
Home Facility	Aztec Lacrosse Field
2016 Overall Record	4-11
2016 Home/Road Record	2-5/2-6
2016 MPSF Record/Finish	3-6/7th
First Year of Competition	2012
All-Time Record	33-47 (.413)
NCAA Appearances	None
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	21/9
Starters Returning/Lost	4/8

Game Week Preview

--/rv Denver (0-0, 0-0 Big East) at San Diego State (0-0, 0-0 MPSF)
 Saturday, Feb. 4 | 1 p.m. PT | Aztec Lacrosse Field | San Diego, Calif.
 Live Stats on GoAztecs.com

Aztec Storylines

- The San Diego State women's lacrosse team opens its sixth season of competition on Saturday when it plays host to the University of Denver, starting at 1 p.m. PT. Live stats will be available on GoAztecs.com, while the first 200 fans in attendance will receive a free Rise Up T-shirt.

- For the first time in program history, SDSU will be playing its regular-season opener at home and Saturday's contest against the Pioneers will be its earliest on the calendar as well. In their inaugural game as a program, the Aztecs squared off against Ohio State at Stanford University on Feb. 11, 2012.

- SDSU will be led this season by a nucleus of 10 seniors, including the trio of Kristen Hickey, Vickie Porter and Alex Watson, who combined for 47 goals last season, accounting for 37 percent of the team's offensive production. Hickey enjoyed her finest collegiate season in 2016, finishing second on the squad with 19 goals, 26 ground balls and 17 caused turnovers. The Dedham, Mass., native tallied five games with multiple goals last year, including a five-goal performance in the regular-season finale against No. 12/8 Stanford. A local product from Poway High, Porter was third on the team last year with 16 goals, while her 19 draw controls ranked second. She registered six multi-point games and scored at least two goals in five outings. Watson, meanwhile, ranked fifth on the squad with 15 points in 2016 after notching 12 goals and three assists. The Davidsonville, Md., native finished with two goals in four different contests, including a pair in the second half of a thrilling 10-9 victory over conference rival Oregon.

- The Aztecs also return the experienced goaltending tandem of seniors Katrina Reeves (Granite Bay, Calif.) and Katie Merritt (Danville, Calif.), who will once again protect the cage in 2017. The duo allowed the second-fewest goals in program history (190) last season and combined for a 12.55 goals against average and a .397 save percentage.

- In addition, Reeves was selected as a tri-captain for the 2017 campaign, joining Hickey and fellow classmate Kayla Deitz (Simsbury, Conn.), who will see an expanded role this season after appearing in a career-high 10 games a year ago.

- Other players expected to aid in the Aztecs efforts this season include senior Casey Taggart (Bay Shore, N.Y.) and sophomore Natalie Peel (Mount Laurel, N.J.). Taggart collected 17 ground balls and caused nine turnovers last year, while Peel led all SDSU freshmen in 2016 with five goals, 12 ground balls and seven draw controls.

- San Diego State was picked to finish sixth in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation in 2017, as the league released its annual preseason coaches' poll on Jan. 24. The Aztecs received 28 points in the balloting, which was completed by the conference's nine head coaches. SDSU landed in the sixth position, eight points behind fifth-place UC Davis (36 pts.) and five points ahead of seventh-place California (23 pts.). Reigning MPSF champion and NCAA quarterfinalist USC was predicted to defend its MPSF title from a year ago, garnering 64 points and eight first-place votes, while league finalist and NCAA Tournament participant Stanford was pegged for the runner-up slot after netting 56 points and one first-place vote. Colorado, which took third in the conference race last season, was projected for the same finish in 2017 after earning 51 points, while Oregon wound up fourth in the poll with 38 points.

- The Aztecs will have to offset the loss of their top two point-producers from last year in Alexa Comfort (20 goals, 5 assists) and second-team all-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation honoree Felice Arturoso (10 goals, 13 assists), who finished fourth in the league with 1.53 caused turnovers per game and ninth with 0.87 assists per contest.

- However, SDSU has once again inked a talented recruiting class for the 2017 season. Highlighting the newcomers are two high school All-Americans and a pair of all-state performers, nine all-conference selections, three all-section/district honorees, one all-county pick and one player of the year award recipient.

- SDSU will play a program-record 10 home games this year, plus an exhibition contest against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps on Saturday, Feb. 18. The action-packed schedule includes seven dates at Aztec Lacrosse Field in March alone. During that stretch, the Scarlet and Black will tangle with four consecutive eastern foes on The Mesa, including Boston University (March 5), Saint Joseph's (March 10),

SDSU's Record When...

Category	2017	Streak
Overall	0-0	--
Mountain Pacific Sports Federation	0-0	--
Non-Conference	0-0	--
Against Ranked Opponents	0-0	--
Last Five	0-0	--
Last 10	0-0	--
Home	0-0	--
Away	0-0	--
Day	0-0	--
Night (5 p.m. or later)	0-0	--
February	0-0	--
March	0-0	--
April	0-0	--
Sunday	0-0	--
Tuesday	0-0	--
Wednesday	0-0	--
Thursday	0-0	--
Friday	0-0	--
Saturday	0-0	--
Following a Victory	0-0	--
Following a Loss	0-0	--
Following a Tie	0-0	--
Scoring First	0-0	--
Opponent Scores First	0-0	--
Leading at Halftime	0-0	--
Trailing at Halftime	0-0	--
Tied at Halftime	0-0	--
When Leading in Game	0-0	--
When Trailing in Game	0-0	--
In Overtime	0-0	--
SDSU Outshoots Opponent	0-0	--
Opponent Outshoots SDSU	0-0	--
SDSU-Opponent Tie in Shots	0-0	--
SDSU Wins More Draw Controls	0-0	--
Opponent Wins More Draw Controls	0-0	--
SDSU-Opponent Tie in Draw Controls	0-0	--
SDSU Has More Ground Balls	0-0	--
Opponent Has More Ground Balls	0-0	--
SDSU-Opponent Tie in Ground Balls	0-0	--
In One-Goal Games	0-0	--
In Two-or-More Goal Games	0-0	--
SDSU Scores 10-or-More Goals	0-0	--
Opponent Scores 10-or-More Goals	0-0	--
SDSU Scores Nine-or-Fewer Goals	0-0	--
Opponent Nine-or-Fewer Goals	0-0	--

New Hampshire (March 15) and Columbia (March 18), followed by a pair of contests against MPSF opponents Saint Mary's (March 24) and California (March 26), while a visit by Brown (March 31) rounds out the busy month.

- The program's only coach after lacrosse became the 19th intercollegiate sport at San Diego State in 2012, Kylee White begins her sixth season at the helm of the Aztecs. She has transformed SDSU's fledgling program to a strong competitor in the MPSF, highlighted by consecutive conference tournament appearances in 2014 and 2015. In November 2016, White was inducted into the London (Ontario) Sports Hall of Fame after becoming the only women's lacrosse player to represent Canada in each of the last three decades. In 1995, she played on the inaugural U-19 Canadian National Team and later served as an assistant for the squad in 2007. White also played for Team Canada at four IFWLA World Cups (2001, 2005, 2009, 2013), helping the 2013 team to a silver medal. A four-year letterwinner at Ohio State, White was a four-time Buckeye scholar-athlete pick and an Academic All-Big Ten performer on three occasions. She co-captained the 2002 squad to an 11-5 record and a runner-up finish in the American Lacrosse Conference, helping Ohio State claim its first NCAA berth. White caused 28 turnovers in 2001 and still ranks among the OSU all-time leaders in caused turnovers and ground balls.

Up Next

- Following Saturday's game, the Aztecs will travel to the Pacific Northwest to battle Oregon in their MPSF opener on Saturday, Feb. 11. Game time is set for noon PT. SDSU has won two straight against the Ducks, including a 10-9 thriller on The Mesa last season.

Opponent NotebookDenver

The Pioneers are entering their first season as members of the Big East Conference after a 13-year affiliation with the MPSE. Denver, which is receiving votes in the Inside Lacrosse preseason poll released Jan. 30, returns four of its top five scorers from a year ago, including Nicole Martindale, who ranked second on the squad with 32 points, 21 goals and 11 assists, while Elizabeth Behrins (30 pts., 21g/9a), Kendra Lanuza (27 pts., 18g/9a) and Caitlin Derry (20 pts., 7g/13a) are also back in the mix. Anchoring the Pioneers on defense is Layne Voorhees, a three-time all-MPSF performer who topped the squad with 45 ground balls and ranked second with 20 caused turnovers and 18 draw controls. Goalkeeper Maddy Stevenson will be back in front of the cage once again after recording a 7.77 goals against average and a .472 save percentage last year. Head coach Liza Kelly is in her 11th season in the Mile High City, guiding Denver to a 9-9 overall record and a spot in the MPSF semifinals. The Pioneers have captured all five meetings with the Aztecs, including a 15-6 decision in Denver last season. Alex Watson had three points on two goals and one assist to lead SDSU in that contest.

2017 ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown (Last School)
1	Natalie Peel	M	So.	Mount Laurel, N.J. (Lenape HS)
2	Alex Watson	M	Sr.	Davidson, Md. (La Salle Univ.)
3	Paige Hudak	M	So.	Baltimore, Md. (Notre Dame Prep)
4	Ryli Quinn	M	Fr.	Carlsbad, Calif. (San Marcos HS)
5	Mackenzie Lech	M	Jr.	Milton, Ga. (Milton HS)
6	Grace McGinty	M	So.	Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)
7	Shannon Gallagher	D	So.	Mount Laurel, N.J. (Lenape HS)
8	Katherine Smith	A	Jr.	Allen, Texas (Allen HS)
9	Morgan Taylor	M	Fr.	San Ramon, Calif. (California HS)
10	Marissa MacRae	M	Fr.	San Diego, Calif. (Mt. Carmel HS)
11	Jenny Buckland	M	So.	Irvine, Calif. (Woodbridge HS)
13	Meg Morgan	M	Fr.	Upper Arlington, Ohio (Upper Arlington HS)
14	Jill Haight	M	So.	Milton, Ga. (Cambridge HS)
15	Taylor Sullivan	M	Fr.	Annapolis, Md. (Broadneck HS)
16	Kay Kay Greskovich	A	Fr.	Reisterstown, Md. (St. Paul's School for Girls)
17	Harlowe Steele	M	So.	Coquitlam, B.C. (Dr. Charles Best Secondary)
19	Kayla Deitz	A	Sr.	Simsbury, Conn (Simsbury HS)
20	Kirstie Greenlaw	A	So.	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Rock Canyon HS)
21	Katrina Reeves	GK	Sr.	Granite Bay, Calif. (Granite Bay HS)
22	Taylor Jervis	A	Fr.	Poway, Calif. (Poway HS)
23	Elizabeth Adams	D	So.	Annapolis, Md. (St. Mary's HS)
24	Gabbie Garrison	D	Fr.	Westlake Village, Calif. (Agoura HS)
25	Sarah McDonagh	D	Fr.	Glenview, Ill. (Glenbrook South HS)
26	Katie Merritt	GK	Sr.	Danville, Calif. (Carondelet HS)
27	Julia Masias	D	Fr.	San Diego, Calif. (Eastlake HS)
28	Amanda Stapp	GK	Fr.	Pleasanton, Calif. (Amador Valley HS)
31	Vickie Porter	M	Sr.	Poway, Calif. (Poway HS)
32	Casey Taggart	D	Sr.	Bay Shore, N.Y. (Bay Shore HS)
33	Elizabeth Rourke	M	Jr.	Long Beach, N.Y. (Long Beach HS)
34	Sarah Darl	M	Sr.	Baltimore, Md. (Dulaney HS)
36	Katy Sharretts	GK	So.	Bel Air, Md. (John Carroll HS)
38	Kristen Hickey	M	Sr.	Dedham, Mass (Ursuline Academy)
39	Ijeoma Ikpe	M	Sr.	West Caldwell, N.J. (Old Dominion)
40	Erin Jeffery	A	Sr.	Danville, Calif. (Hofstra)

Head Coach: Kylee White (Ohio State, 2002), Sixth season

Assistant Coach: Brandi Padilla (Maryland, 2011), Fifth season

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Lyle Tomlinson (San Diego State), Fourth season