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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV. 29 - DEC. 8

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29 Swimming (thru Sat.) at UNLV Invitational All Day Las Vegas, Nev.	30 Volleyball at NCAA Tournament at Long Beach State 7:30 p.m.	1
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Scarlet and black conclude fall season at Long Beach Regatta.

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After week off Aztecs resume competition in Las Vegas.

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ROWING

Squad Completes Fall Season at L.B. Christmas Regatta

2001-02 Schedule

Date	Event
Fall Schedule	
Oct. 21	at Head of the Charles Regatta
Nov. 4	at Newport Autumn Rowing Fest.
Nov. 11	at San Diego Fall Classic
Dec. 2	at Long Beach Christmas Regatta
Spring Schedule	
Feb. 2	at San Diego Indoor Regatta
Feb. 23	vs USD/Orange Coast College at WIRAChampionships
Mar. 2	Alumni Race
Mar. 9	Parker Cup Regatta Loyola Marymount and UC Irvine at Virginia
Mar. 23	at Southern California
Apr. 6-7	at San Diego Crew Classic
Apr. 13	at San Diego City Championships
May 3-4	WIRAConference Championships
May 17-18	Pacific Coast Rowing Champs.



This Week

The San Diego State rowing team concludes its 2001 fall season on Sunday when it competes in the 34th annual Bill Lockyear Christmas Regatta. The event will be held at Marine Stadium in Long Beach. The event is hosted by the Long Beach Rowing Association. SDSU last competed on Nov. 11 at the San Diego Fall Classic in Mission Bay.

Last Year In Long Beach

SDSU won four of the five events it entered at last season's Long Beach Christmas Regatta. The Aztecs won gold medals in the novice eight, novice four, open pair and open eight events and placed second and fourth in the open four. The highlight of competition came in the open pair race. The pair, stroked by Sarah Snider and Stina Karlsson, started the race off by steering a snake of a course and trailed the lead crew by three boat lengths once they were able to straighten out. The team flew into the last 10 strokes only one length behind and made the final push to take the race. The outing was also key for the freshman novice team which wrapped up an undefeated fall season.

Recapping the San Diego Fall Classic

The Aztecs defended its crown at the San Diego Fall Classic, placing first in the regatta's varsity eight race for the third consecutive year. It was the Aztecs' "A" team that earned the top spot in the varsity eight, racing to a time of 22:26 - 11 seconds faster than its closest competitor. The squad's "B" team finished fifth with a time of 23:12. SDSU also posted wins in the open four and novice eight portion of competition. The Aztecs' "A" boat finished the open four in a time of 24:34. The SDSU Alumni team helped claim a 1-2 sweep in the event with a 25:05 sec-

This Week...

at Long Beach Christmas Regatta

Sun., Dec. 2

ond-place clocking. It was the team's "C" boat that took top honors in the novice eight, crossing the finish line in 24:12. The "A" and "B" teams finished third (24:37) and fifth (24:59), respectively. SDSU also competed in the novice four event where it placed second (24:59).

SDSU This Season

Prior to the San Diego Fall Classic, SDSU was in Newport, Calif., for the Autumn Rowing Festival. The Aztecs came away from that event with four top-five finishes. The team's varsity eight "A" team finished in fifth place in a 22-team field with a time of 16:56. In the day's novice eight event, the SDSU "B" team's time of 18:02 helped it secure second place out of 25 teams. The Aztecs scored a 3-4 finish in the open-four event, with the "A" team finishing in 18:49 and the "B" team in 18:51. The SDSU alumni team, made up of last year's graduates, finished second in the competition with a time of 18:27.

Aztec Coaching Staff

SDSU is led by fifth-year head coach Scott Steckel. Steckel is assisted by Kevin Waldick, in his fourth year with the Aztec program. Steckel is a 1994 graduate of San Diego State and has coached the program since 1993 when it was a club sport. Waldick is also an SDSU alum and rowed on the school's men's club team from 1992-96.

Looking Ahead

SDSU will be in Lake Tahoe, Nev. from Jan. 14-20 for its winter rowing camp. The team is scheduled to scrimmage with Orange Coast College and USD on Feb. 23 in Mission Bay.

2001 Fall Results

Head of the Charles Oct. 21, 2001 Boston, Mass.

Event	Time	Finish
Varsity Eight	18:16.46	44th

Newport Autumn Rowing Festival Nov. 4, 2001 Newport Beach, Calif.

Event	Time	Finish
Varsity Eight "A"	16:56	5th
Varsity Eight "B"	17:41	15th
Novice Eight "B"	18:02	25th
Novice Eight "C"	19:27	16th
Novice Eight "B"	19:55	19th
Open Four "A"	18:49	3rd
Open Four "B"	18:51	4th

San Diego Fall Classic Nov. 11, 2001 San Diego, Calif.

Event	Time	Finish
Varsity Eight "A"	22:26	1st
Varsity Eight "B"	23:12	5th
Open Four "A"	24:34	1st
Open Four (Alumni)	25:05	2nd
Novice Eight "C"	24:12	1st
Novice Eight "A"	24:37	3rd
Novice Eight "B"	24:59	5th
Novice Four	24:59	2nd



SWIMMING and DIVING

Aztecs Resume Competition In Las Vegas

This Week ...

at UNLV Invitational
Thurs., Nov. 29-Sat., Dec. 1

Schedule and Results (3-2 dual)

Date	Event	Time/Result
Oct. 19-20	at UOP Invitational	3rd/516 pts.
Nov. 3	AIR FORCE NEW MEXICO	W, 93-47 W, 94-46
Nov. 10	at USD	W, 167-129
Nov. 16	at Brigham Young	L, 150-91
Nov. 17	at Utah	L, 166-120
N.29-D.1	at UNLV Invitational	All Day
Dec. 8	NORTHERN ARIZONA	10 a.m.
Jan. 4-5	at UC Irvine Invitational	All Day
Jan. 12	at UC Irvine Fresno State	Noon
Jan. 18	at Hawai'i vs. UNLV	4 p.m.
Jan. 25	at Loyola Marymount Cal Poly	2 p.m.
Jan. 26	at Pepperdine	Noon
F.27-M.2	MWC Championships*	All Day

Home meets in CAPS
Home meets will be held at Southwestern College in Chula Vista
*Oklahoma City, Okla.

2001-02 Top Times and Scores

50 Free - Heather DeFelice	24.54 (Nov. 16)
100 Free - Erin Kilpatrick	54.21 (Nov. 17)
200 Free - Erin Kilpatrick	1:55.78 (Nov. 10)
500 Free - Megan Storey	5:05.72 (Nov. 3)
1,000 Free - Megan Storey	10:22.35 (Nov. 10)
1,650 Free - Megan Storey	17:20.35 (Oct. 19)
100 Fly - Tara Johnson	58.83 (Nov. 10)
200 Fly - Tara Johnson	2:09.19 (Nov. 3)
100 Back - Meghan Casillan	58.69 (Nov. 10)
200 Back - Meghan Casillan	2:06.92 (Nov. 16)
100 Breast - Heather DeFelice	1:06.08 (Nov. 10)
200 Breast - Heather DeFelice	2:24.73 (Nov. 16)
200 IM - Jennifer Graham	2:10.65 (Nov. 10)
400 IM - Erin Kilpatrick	4:39.59 (Nov. 3)

Relays

200 Free Relay - SDSU "A"	1:40.88 (Oct. 19)
400 Free Relay - Ryan, DeFelice, Graham, Johnson	3:37.76 (Nov. 10)
800 Freestyle Relay - Ryan, Storey, Feder, Kilpatrick	7:59.41 (Oct. 20)
200 Medley Relay - Casillan, Karacozoff, Johnson, DeFelice	1:48.68 (Nov. 10)
400 Medley Relay - Casillan, DeFelice, Johnson, DeFelice	3:58.51 (Nov. 16)

Diving

1-Meter Diving - Ashley Noyer	164.18 (Nov. 3)
3-Meter Diving - Teri Hodgkinson	165.60 (Nov. 10)

This Week

After a week away from competition, the San Diego State swimming and diving team (3-2 dual) travels to Las Vegas for the three-day UNLV Invitational. Competition gets underway Thursday and runs through Saturday. SDSU comes off a pair of dual-meet losses to Brigham Young on Nov. 16 and Utah on Nov. 17.

Recapping the Utah Road Swing

SDSU came away from its Utah road trip with five season-best times. Senior Heather DeFelice swam the team's fastest times this season in the 50 freestyle (24.54) and 200 breaststroke (2:24.73) versus Brigham Young. Senior Meghan Casillan also set a season best versus the Cougars, doing so with a 2:06.92 first-place time in the 200 backstroke. Casillan teamed with DeFelice, senior Tara Johnson and junior Erin Kilpatrick to swim the fastest time this season in the 400 medley relay at BYU. The team's other season best came against Utah in the form of a second-place finish (54.21) in the 100 free by Kilpatrick. The Aztecs took top honors in six swimming events versus Utah and five at BYU.

Aztec Honors

Aztec senior Meghan Casillan was named the Mountain West Conference's swimmer of the week on Nov. 14. The honor came following her three-win performance at USD. This is her second career swimmer of the week award.

SDSU This Season

Prior to its Utah road trip, SDSU recorded its third-straight win in dual-meet competition with a 167-129 victory over USD. Senior Meghan Casillan placed first in three events and senior Heather DeFelice first in two events. All three of Casillan's top finishes were season best times. Her finishes were part of a string of seven other Aztec season bests. On Nov. 3, SDSU swept a double dual with Mountain West Conference foes Air Force and New Mexico. The Aztecs won 12-of-14 swimming events on their way to wins over AirForce, 93-47, and New Mexico, 94-46. The meet was the first of two home events for the Aztecs this season. The Aztecs opened their 2001-02 season on Oct. 19-20 (Fri.-Sat.) at the Pacific Invitational, placing third in the two-day event. Sophomore Jennifer Graham had three top-five finishes on Saturday to lead the team. The Santa Rosa native finished fourth in the 100 butterfly and 200 breaststroke and fifth in the 100 breast. Aztec senior Heather DeFelice had two top-10 finishes on Friday and turned in her best performance of the meet with a third-place swim in the 200 breast on Saturday. Sophomore Megan Storey was the Aztecs' only individual medalist on Friday, winning the 1,650 freestyle with a time of 17:20.35, 27 seconds faster than her nearest competitor.

On The List

Five Aztecs are listed among the Mountain West Conference's top-five times in several events this season. Sophomore Megan Storey is listed in three events. She owns the league's fastest time in the 1,650 freestyle (17:20.35), fourth-best in the 1,000 free (10:22.35) and fifth in the 500 free (5:05.72). Senior Meghan Casillan is listed twice, fifth in the 100 backstroke and second in the 200 back with times of 58.69 and 2:06.92, respectively. Senior Tara Johnson is also featured twice, ranking fifth in the 100 butterfly (58.83) and third in the 200 fly (2:09.19). Senior Heather DeFelice is fifth in the 50 free (24.54) and 200 breaststroke (2:24.73). Freshman Jennifer Arrow is fifth in the 100 breast (1:06.08).

Cleaning Up

The Aztecs have placed first in 32 events thus far this season. Eighteen of those wins have come by way of three athletes - seniors Meghan Casillan (7) and Heather DeFelice (4) and sophomore Megan Storey (7). SDSU has 14 1-2 sweeps and one 1-2-3-4 sweep this season. The Aztecs have placed first in all but two relay events thus far in dual competition this season.

On The Chart

Sophomore Jennifer Graham, a transfer from Santa Rosa JC, moved into the Aztecs' top-five all-time bests in the 100 and 200 breaststroke after her performance at the Pacific Invite. Graham swam the school's fourth-best time of 1:07.42 in the 100 and fourth-best in the 200 (2:26.16). On Nov. 16 senior Heather DeFelice recorded the school's fifth-fastest time in the 50 free (24.54). DeFelice teamed with Meghan Casillan, Tara Johnson and Erin Kilpatrick to record the program's second-fastest time of 1:48.68 in the 200 medley relay also on Nov. 16.

Welcome To Sea Level

SDSU hosts two meets this year. The first, in which the Aztecs swept Air Force and New Mexico, was on Nov. 3 and the second comes against Northern Arizona on Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. All home meets are held at Southwestern College in Chula Vista.

Practice Times

The Aztecs will conduct their training this season at City Heights Pool. For future practice times or directions to the pool, contact the Aztec Media Relations office (619) 594-5547.

Aztec Coaching Staff

SDSU head coach Deena Deardurff Schmidt is in her eighth season as head coach of the Aztec swimming and diving program. Schmidt is assisted by Greg Hutt, also in his eighth season.

Looking Ahead

SDSU's last match this semester comes on Dec. 8 when it hosts Northern Arizona. The Aztecs next compete Jan. 4-5 at the UC Irvine Invite.