

2008 Aztec Baseball

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2008 Schedule

Record: 6-4 (4-3 Home; 2-1 Away; 0-0 MWC)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Feb. 22	...San DiegoW11-2
Feb. 23	...at San Diego	.....L .....11-17
Feb. 23	...San Diego	.....W .....15-2
Feb. 24	...at San Diego	.....W .....7-1
Feb. 28	...USC	.....W .....2-1
Feb. 28	...Cal Poly +	.....W .....9-8
Feb. 29	...Missouri +	.....L .....1-3
Mar. 1	...California +	.....L .....3-5
Mar. 2	...Fresno State +	.....L .....2-9
Mar. 4	...at UC Riverside	.....W .....6-5
Mar. 7	...Santa Clara #	.....6:00 p.m.
Mar. 8	...Loyola Marymount #	.....7:00 p.m.
Mar. 9	...Oklahoma State #	.....10:00 a.m.
Mar. 10	...Oregon State #	.....1:00 p.m.
Mar. 13	...Brigham Young *	.....6:00 p.m.
Mar. 14	...Brigham Young *	.....6:00 p.m.
Mar. 15	...Brigham Young *	.....1:00 p.m.
Mar. 17	...Southern Utah	.....6:00 p.m.
Mar. 18	...at Long Beach State	.....6:00 p.m.
Mar. 20	...at Utah *	.....6:00 p.m.
Mar. 21	...at Utah *	.....6:00 p.m.
Mar. 22	...at Utah *	.....1:00 p.m.
Mar. 25	...UCLA	.....6:00 p.m.
Mar. 26	...Harvard	.....6:00 p.m.
Mar. 28	...Houston	.....6:00 p.m.
Mar. 29	...Houston	.....1:00 p.m.
Mar. 30	...Houston	.....1:00 p.m.
Apr. 1	...at UCLA	.....6:00 p.m.
Apr. 4	...New Mexico *	.....6:00 p.m.
Apr. 5	...New Mexico *	.....1:00 p.m.
Apr. 6	...New Mexico *	.....1:00 p.m.
Apr. 8	...Arizona	.....6:00 p.m.
Apr. 9	...Arizona	.....1:00 p.m.
Apr. 11	...Utah *	.....6:00 p.m.
Apr. 12	...Utah *	.....1:00 p.m.
Apr. 13	...Utah *	.....1:00 p.m.
Apr. 15	...UC Riverside	.....6:00 p.m.
Apr. 18	...at UNLV *	.....6:30 p.m.
Apr. 19	...at UNLV *	.....2:00 p.m.
Apr. 20	...at UNLV *	.....1:00 p.m.
Apr. 22	...at USC	.....6:00 p.m.
Apr. 25	...TCU *	.....6:00 p.m.
Apr. 26	...TCU *	.....1:00 p.m.
Apr. 27	...TCU *	.....1:00 p.m.
Apr. 29	...at Arizona	.....7:00 p.m.
Apr. 30	...at Arizona	.....1:00 p.m.
May 2	...at Air Force *	.....2:00 p.m.
May 3	...at Air Force *	.....1:00 p.m.
May 4	...at Air Force *	.....12:00 p.m.
May 8	...at Brigham Young *	.....7:00 p.m.
May 9	...at Brigham Young *	.....7:00 p.m.
May 10	...at Brigham Young *	.....1:00 p.m.
May 13	...Long Beach State	.....6:00 p.m.
May 15	...at Cal State Fullerton	.....7:00 p.m.
May 16	...at Cal State Fullerton	.....7:00 p.m.
May 17	...at Cal State Fullerton	.....1:00 p.m.
May 20-24	...at MWC Tournament ^	.....TBA

+ USD Tourn. (games at Tony Gwynn Stad.)
 # 2008 Aztec Invitational
 * Mountain West Conference Game
 ^ MWC Tourn. at TCU (Fort Worth, Texas)

March 5, 2008

For Immediate Release

THIS WEEKEND IN AZTEC BASEBALL



2008 AZTEC INVITATIONAL

San Diego State vs. Santa Clara

Friday, March 7, Tony Gwynn Stadium, 6:00 p.m. (PST)

Santa Clara - Nate Garcia, RHP (2-0, 2.63)

San Diego State - Stephen Strasburg, RHP (1-0, 3.86)



San Diego State vs. Loyola Marymount

Saturday, March 8, Tony Gwynn Stadium, 7:00 p.m. (PST)

Loyola Marymount - Martin Viramontes, RHP (0-1, 2.84)

San Diego State - Nate Solow, LHP (1-0, 0.73)



San Diego State vs. Oklahoma State

Sunday, March 9, Tony Gwynn Stadium, 10:00 a.m. (PDT)

Oklahoma State - Tyler Blandford, RHP (1-0, 3.38)

San Diego State - J.R. Murphy, RHP (0-1, 4.91)



San Diego State vs. Oregon State

Monday, March 10, Tony Gwynn Stadium, 1:00 p.m. (PDT)

Oregon State - TBA

San Diego State - Jon Berger, RHP (1-1, 3.97)



Radio: Internet broadcast and live streaming video at www.goaztecs.com
 (Pre-game show 10 minutes before game time)

WHAT'S ON TAP THIS WEEKEND IN AZTEC BASEBALL

- ▶ San Diego State will participate in the six-team Aztec Invitational this week, which gets underway on Thursday, March 6. Other teams competing in the tournament include Loyola Marymount, Oklahoma State, Oregon State, San Diego and Santa Clara.
- ▶ Games will be played at both USD's Cunningham Stadium and SDSU's Tony Gwynn Stadium.
- ▶ The event opens with a contest between Oklahoma State and Loyola Marymount on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at Tony Gwynn Stadium. The Aztecs begin tourney play on their home field with a contest against Santa Clara on Friday at 6:00 p.m.
- ▶ San Diego State will not face the University of San Diego this weekend since the teams opened their season with a four-game series against in late February.
- ▶ Two of the four teams that SDSU will play this weekend appear in one or more of the national polls: Oklahoma State and Oregon State.
- ▶ For complete tournament schedule, see next page.

SERIES RECORDS

- ▶ SDSU and Santa Clara first met in 1956 and the Broncos lead the series by an 11-9 count. The teams have faced each other in three-game series each of the last five seasons (since 2003) with the Aztecs holding a 9-6 advantage. Last season, SDSU swept its series with Santa Clara at Tony Gwynn Stadium. Over the years, SDSU is 7-3 against the Broncos at home, 2-6 in Santa Clara and 0-2 at neutral sites.
- ▶ San Diego State's record against Loyola Marymount stands at 63-28 since the 1940 season when they first met on the diamond. The only time the Aztecs and Lions were in the same conference was during the 1977-78 seasons when both were members of the short-lived Southern California Baseball Association. SDSU has won five of the last seven meetings (since 1997) and is 40-12 vs. LMU in San Diego. The Lions' last win in San Diego came in 1996.
- ▶ The Aztecs are 2-6 against Oklahoma State with their lone wins over the Cowboys coming in Yuma, Ariz., when they played a three-game series there early in the 2000 season. OSU has defeated SDSU both times the teams squared off in San Diego (1999 and 2000). The latter came during a tourney hosted by SDSU after their series in Yuma.
- ▶ San Diego State has played Oregon State on 12 previous occasions with the Beavers holding a 6-5-1 advantage. Their last meeting came in 2003 at a tournament in Lancaster, Calif., which OSU won, 10-6. The Aztecs have a mark of 4-1-1 vs. Oregon State in San Diego and 1-5 at neutral sites. The most recent contest on SDSU's field came in 2001, an 8-7 Beaver win in 10 innings.

AZTEC INVITATIONAL SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 6

Teams	Site	Time
Santa Clara vs. USD.....	USD	2:00 p.m.
Oklahoma State vs. Loyola Marymount.....	SDSU	6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 7

Oklahoma State vs. USD	USD	2:00 p.m.
Loyola Marymount vs. Oregon State	SDSU	2:00 p.m.
Santa Clara vs. San Diego State.....	SDSU	6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 8

Oregon State vs. USD	USD	11:00 a.m.
Santa Clara vs. Oklahoma State	SDSU	3:00 p.m.
Loyola Marymount vs. San Diego State	SDSU	7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 9

Loyola Marymount vs. USD.....	PLNC.....	1:00 p.m.
Oklahoma State vs. San Diego State.....	SDSU	10:00 a.m.
Oregon State vs. Santa Clara	SDSU	2:00 p.m.

Monday, March 10

Oregon State vs. San Diego State.....	SDSU	1:00 p.m.
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(Sunday's LMU-USD game will be played at Point Loma Nazarene University.)

SCOUTING THE OPPONENTS

- ▶ Santa Clara enters the Aztec Invitational with a mark of 7-1 after defeating Fresno State at home on Tuesday (Mar. 4). The Broncos lone loss came at San Jose State in one of their two away games. Top hitters include outfielder Evan LeBlanc (.500, 5 doubles, 2 HR, 11 RBI) and catcher Tommy Medica (.400, 4 2B, 7 RBI). Likely starter on Friday vs. SDSU is right-hander Nate Garcia (2-0, 2.63). The Broncos are batting .332 as a team with a 3.34 earned run average.
- ▶ Loyola Marymount's record stands at 3-6 as the Lions dropped their most recent contest on Tuesday at Long Beach State. Shortstop Kyle Spraker (.333, 3 2B, 2 RBI) and first baseman A.J. Lamonda (.294, 4 2B, 2 RBI) are among the team's top hitters. The Lions' No. 2 starter who could see action against the Aztecs is right-hander Martin Viramontes (0-1, 2.84), who attend La Costa Canyon HS in Encinitas. LMU has a team batting average of .248 with a 4.20 ERA.
- ▶ Oklahoma State will enter this weekend's Aztec Invitational with a record of 7-1, its only loss coming to Northwestern in a game played in Tampa, Fla. The Cowboys are ranked as high as 20th in the nation (*Collegiate Baseball*) and also appear in the top 25's of *Baseball America* (21st) and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (22nd). OSU is led at the plate by the duo of Donnie Webb (.584, 4 2B, 10 RBI) and Rebel Ridling (.438, 3 HR, 12 RBI). SDSU will likely face right-hander Tyler Blandford (1-0, 3.38). The Cowboys are hitting .326 as a team with a 2.96 earned run average.
- ▶ Two-time defending national champion Oregon State defeated Portland on Tuesday and comes into the weekend with a mark of 4-3. The Beavers are 12th in this week's *Baseball America* poll and are ranked from 15th to 22nd in the other three polls. Top hitters include Jason Ogata (.429, 2 HR, 10 RBI) and John Wallace (.467, 2 HR, 6 RBI). OSU's starting pitcher against SDSU is undecided at this time. The Beavers team average stands at .289 and they have an earned run average of 5.23.

HEAD COACH TONY GWYNN

- ▶ Tony Gwynn enters his sixth season as San Diego State's head coach after being named to the position in Sept. 2001. He became just the fourth head coach in SDSU history since baseball was elevated to major sport status in 1936.
- ▶ In 2002, he served as a volunteer coach for the Aztecs under Jim Dietz, who retired at the end of that season.
- ▶ In 2004, Gwynn led his squad to the Mountain West Conference regular-season championship and was named the MWC coach of the year.
- ▶ A former Aztec who played baseball at San Diego State from 1979 to 1981, Gwynn concluded a 20-year major league career with the San Diego Padres in 2001. With a career batting average of .338, he won eight National League batting titles, five Gold Gloves, and made 15 appearances in the annual All-Star Game.
- ▶ Tony Gwynn was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame on July 29, 2007.

AZTECS ON THE INTERNET

All of San Diego State's baseball games, both home and away can be heard live on the internet by going to www.goaztecs.com and clicking on the appropriate link under Aztecs Today or on the schedule calendar on the home page, or by going to the "Audio-Video" tab at the top of the home page.

Each of SDSU's home contests will have live streaming video on the Internet so fans can watch as well as listen to the Aztecs' contests at Tony Gwynn Stadium free of charge.

For the fourth consecutive year, Jack Cronin, former sports director at KALX, the campus radio station at the University of California at Berkeley will handle a majority of the broadcast duties. He will be assisted by Ted Mendenhall. Both Cronin and Mendenhall currently work at XX Radio in San Diego (the Mighty 1090).

This season, 12 home games will also be carried locally on Xtra Sports 1360 AM with Chris Ello and Craig Elsten calling the action.

LAST TIME OUT

- ▶ In its most recent outing, San Diego State defeated UC Riverside, 6-5, on Brandon Glover's two-run double in the top of the ninth that erased a 5-4 deficit.
- ▶ Freshman Michael Dixon (1-0) picked up the win in relief while Addison Reed recorded his second save of the season.
- ▶ Troy Hanzawa and Garrett Green had two hits apiece for the Aztecs while Cory Vaughn contributed a two-run double.

NATIONAL RANKINGS

- ▶ After going 3-3 last week, San Diego State fell out of both national polls (*Baseball America* and *Collegiate Baseball*) in which it appeared after its opening weekend.
- ▶ The Aztecs are still receiving votes in three of the five national polls (USA Today/ESPN, Rivals.com and National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association).

PROBABLE AZTEC STARTERS

Position Players

1BErik Castro - has caught and played first base...has doubled in each of last two games
 2BGarrett Green - leads team with 4 doubles, 12 runs scored and 10 runs batted in
 SSTroy Hanzawa - top batting among the regulars at .421 with team-leading 16 hits
 3BNick Romero - moved into top 20 on SDSU HR list with homer in opener on Feb. 22
 LFBrandon Decker - has started half of SDSU's games, four in left and one in right
 CF.....Brandon Glover - shares team's longest hitting streak of the year at five games
 RF.....Cory Vaughn - tied for team lead with four doubles after eight starts in right field
 CBrett Tanos - three starts at catcher and six starts as designated hitter
 DHPat Colwell - solid defender who has played all three spots in his two seasons

Pitching Rotation

Thur...Stephen Strasburg (RHP) - two walks and 12 strikeouts over 14 innings of work
 Fri.....Nate Solow (LHP) - leads MWC with 15 strikeouts and a 0.73 earned run average
 SatShane Kaufman (RHP) - allowed one run with four strikeouts in six innings vs. USC
 Sun....Jon Berger (RHP) - seven innings of shutout ball at fifth-ranked USD on Feb. 25

HANZAWA HOT

- ▶ Shortstop Troy Hanzawa has the team's longest current hitting streak at five games.
- ▶ He began the season with a four-game streak as well and has hit safely in nine of SDSU's nine contests.
- ▶ His .429 batting average leads the club as does his 18 hits.
- ▶ His six multiple-hit games is the most on the team and his three multiple-RBI efforts tie him with Brandon Glover for the team lead.

CLEMENS AWARD WATCH LIST

- ▶ Sophomore Stephen Strasburg is one of 78 pitchers who appear on the watch list for the fifth annual Roger Clemens Award, given to the college pitcher of the year.
- ▶ The winner of the award, to be announced during the summer, will be determined by a vote of national media, Division I head coaches and previous winners.

PITCHING DEBUTS

- ▶ A pair of pitchers who redshirted in their first season at SDSU in 2007 made their debuts in last Sunday's contest against Fresno State.
- ▶ Junior right-hander George Snyder tossed one inning, walking one and allowing no hits.
- ▶ Redshirt freshman Trevor Clausen also threw one inning in that game. Clausen was victimized for a pair of unearned runs on two hits and a walk. However, he recorded three strikeouts in his lone inning.

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Team	-----Conference-----				-----Overall-----		
	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct
New Mexico	0	0	.000	--	7	3	.700
San Diego State	0	0	.000	--	6	4	.600
TCU	0	0	.000	--	5	4	.556
UNLV	0	0	.000	--	5	5	.500
Brigham Young	0	0	.000	--	4	5	.444
Air Force	0	0	.000	--	2	5	.286
Utah	0	0	.000	--	-0	7	.000

THIS WEEK IN THE MWC

March 4 (Tuesday)

San Diego St. 6, UC Riverside 5
Brigham Young 7, Pacific 5
TCU 3, Texas-Arlington 2
Arizona State 18, New Mexico 1
Arizona 6, UNLV 5

March 5 (Wednesday)

Arizona 16, UNLV 6
Brigham Young 11, Pacific 6
TCU 4, Texas State 3
Arizona State 10, New Mexico 1

March 6 (Thursday)

Brigham Young vs. San Jose St.
Utah at Southern Utah
BYU at Sacramento St.
Air Force vs. Maine

March 7 (Friday)

Santa Clara at San Diego State
Brigham Young vs. Utah Valley
Utah at Southern Utah
Mississippi at TCU
San Francisco at UNLV
New Mexico at Minnesota
Air Force vs. Lehigh
Air Force vs. Ohio State

March 8 (Saturday)

Loyola Marymount at SDSU
Utah vs. Southern Utah
Brigham Young at UC Davis
New Mexico vs. Northern Iowa
Mississippi at TCU
San Francisco at UNLV
Air Force vs. Connecticut

March 9 (Sunday)

Oklahoma State at San Diego St.
New Mexico vs. California
Mississippi at TCU
San Francisco at UNLV
Air Force vs. Penn

March 10 (Monday)

Oregon State at San Diego State
Utah vs. Portland

DIVISION I BASEBALL POLLS

(March 3)

Baseball America

1. Arizona
2. Mississippi
3. UCLA
4. Arizona State
5. North Carolina
6. Missouri
7. Vanderbilt
8. Miami
9. South Carolina
10. Long Beach State
11. Baylor
12. Oregon State
13. Rice
14. Virginia
15. Michigan
16. Texas
17. San Diego
18. California
19. UC Irvine
20. Florida State
21. Oklahoma State
22. Tulane
23. Clemson
24. Kentucky
25. Wichita State

Collegiate Baseball

1. Arizona State
2. Arizona
3. South Carolina
4. Mississippi
5. North Carolina
6. Rice
7. Texas
8. Florida
9. Kentucky
10. Vanderbilt
11. Long Beach State
12. Virginia
13. UC Irvine
14. Baylor
15. UCLA
16. Miami
17. Clemson
18. Missouri
19. Georgia Tech
20. Oklahoma State
21. Texas A&M
22. Oregon State
23. Wichita State
24. Oral Roberts
25. Central Florida

NCBWA

1. Arizona State
2. Mississippi
3. North Carolina
4. South Carolina
5. Arizona
6. Rice
7. Texas
8. Miami
9. Florida State
10. Vanderbilt
11. Long Beach State
12. Virginia
13. UC Irvine
14. Clemson
15. UCLA
16. Baylor
17. Wichita State
18. Missouri
19. Oregon State
20. Kentucky
21. San Diego
22. Oklahoma State
23. Michigan
24. Coastal Carolina
25. Texas A&M

USA Today/ESPN

1. Arizona State
2. North Carolina
3. Arizona
4. Mississippi
5. South Carolina
6. Miami
7. Rice
8. Florida State
9. Long Beach State
10. Texas
11. Vanderbilt
12. UCLA
13. Missouri
14. Virginia
15. Baylor
16. UC Irvine
17. Clemson
18. Kentucky
19. Wichita State
20. Oregon State
21. San Diego
22. Oklahoma State
23. Texas A&M
24. Michigan
25. Stanford

Rivals.com

1. Arizona State
2. Miami
3. UCLA
4. Rice
5. Vanderbilt
6. Arizona
7. North Carolina
8. South Carolina
9. Texas
10. Mississippi
11. San Diego
12. Long Beach State
13. Missouri
14. Virginia
15. Oregon State
16. Florida State
17. Baylor
18. UC Irvine
19. Michigan
20. Cal State Fullerton
21. Louisville
22. Wichita State
23. Clemson
24. Pepperdine
25. Stanford

MCLAUGHLIN SOLID IN FIRST START

- ▶ In his first start after three relief stints, junior James McLaughlin (Palomar JC) had a good outing at UC Riverside on Tuesday.
- ▶ He went 5.2 innings, allowing one run on six hits with one walk and four strikeouts.
- ▶ In his previous relief appearances, he had given up five runs over four innings with three strikeouts.
- ▶ Although not involved in the decision at Riverside, McLaughlin does have one win under his belt as he got the victory in SDSU's win over USC on Feb. 26.

VAUGHN GETS ON

- ▶ Freshman outfielder Cory Vaughn began the season with a five-game hitting streak which is tied with Brandon Glover for longest by an Aztec in 2008. Both Vaughn's and Glover's streaks ended last weekend.
- ▶ Vaughn is third on the squad with a .382 batting average and leads the team with five doubles.
- ▶ He had a pair of doubles against USC on Feb. 26 to account for two of SDSU's three hits on the night.
- ▶ He recorded a hit in his first collegiate at bat, doubling in the season opener against San Diego on Feb. 22.

SOLOW DEALING

- ▶ Sophomore Nate Solow has adapted quickly to the role of starter after seeing duty primarily out of the bullpen as a freshman.
- ▶ He has allowed only one earned run over 12.1 innings in his two starts for a team-leading 0.79 ERA among the starters.
- ▶ He has allowed 10 hits, but only one for extra bases (a double) and opponents are batting .222 against him.
- ▶ His 15 strikeouts and his 0.73 earned run average both lead the conference this week.

CLOSING IT OUT

- ▶ Freshman Addison Reed has moved into the role of closer that was vacated by sophomore Stephen Strasburg, who is now SDSU's No. 1 starter.

LIVE WEBCASTS

Video of all of San Diego State's home games will be available on the SDSU web site (www.goaztecs.com) again this season.

Fans can go to the schedule under the Media Center on the Aztec home page and click "Watch Live" to view all the action.

The video broadcast of these games is free of charge.

- ▶ He gave up his first two hits and first walk of the season last Thursday against Cal Poly. Those came in his fourth appearance as an Aztec, but he was credited with the win in that contest.
- ▶ He recorded a save on Tuesday, tossing the ninth inning in SDSU's 6-5 victory at UC Riverside.
- ▶ Opponents are hitting .167 against him and he has not allowed a run over his 5.2 innings of work in five appearances.
- ▶ Reed picked up his first collegiate save with a perfect ninth inning in the win over USC on Feb. 26.

CASTRO DOUBLES UP

- ▶ Catcher-first baseman Erik Castro has gone 1-for-3 in each of SDSU's last two games with both hits being doubles. Three of his six hits this season have been two-baggers.
- ▶ He connected for the first home run of his collegiate career in the game at USD on Feb. 25. It was a two-run shot in the eighth inning that stretched SDSU's lead to 6-0 in that contest.
- ▶ Castro is a sophomore from nearby Fallbrook who spent his freshman season at the University of Arizona, where he played third base. He recorded no home runs in his 40 games for the Wildcats.
- ▶ He has played in eight games this season and has been behind the plate in three contests including two starts at catcher. Castro last caught during his prep days at Fallbrook High School.

CURRENT DRAFTEES

- ▶ Five of San Diego State's new players have been drafted by Major League teams at least once during their playing careers.
- ▶ That list includes:
 - Zach Babitt.....White Sox (2007)
 - Eric Martinez.....Royals (2005-06)
 - Brett Miller.....Devil Rays (2007)
 - T.J. Thomas.....Braves (2007)
 - Cory VaughnPhillies (2007)
- ▶ In addition, a total of eight returning players have been previously drafted by pro clubs: Brandon Glover, Cameron Johnson, J.R. Murphy, Brandon Pullen, Nick Romero, George Snyder, Nate Solow and Brandon Villalobos.

ATTENDANCE MARKS

- ▶ The attendance figures for this season's opening two contests at Tony Gwynn Stadium were among the all-time top ten for the facility.

2008 STARTING LINEUP BY POSITION

Pitcher

Shane Kaufman	2
Stephen Strasburg	2
Jon Berger	2
Nate Solow	2
James McLaughlin	1
J.R. Murphy	1

Catcher

Brett Tanos.....	4
BubbaRuddy	3
Erik Castro	2
Kevin Silvett.....	1

First Base

Erik Castro	6
T.J. Thomas.....	3
Marco Martelli	1

Second Base

Garett Green.....	10
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Shortstop

Troy Hanzawa	10
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Third Base

Nick Romero	10
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Left Field

Pat Colwell	4
Brandon Decker.....	4
Cameron Johnson.....	2

Center Field

Brandon Glover	9
Pat Colwell	1

Right Field

Cory Vaughn.....	9
Brandon Decker.....	1

Designated Hitter

Brett Tanos.....	6
Cameron Johnson.....	2
Josh Chasse	1
Pat Colwell	1

- ▶ On Feb. 22, the crowd of 1,427 was the ninth-biggest crowd for a game at SDSU's home stadium.
- ▶ The next night (Feb. 23), the gathering of 1,417 fans was the 10th-largest crowd for an Aztec home game.
- ▶ Only two of SDSU's crowds through the first seven games hve been under the 1,000 mark and the Aztecs are averaging 1,096 per game over that span.

PRESEASON ALL-MWC

- ▶ SDSU placed three players on the 2008 preseason all-Mountain West Conference team in a poll of the league's head coaches and selected media.
- ▶ Junior third baseman Nick Romero was picked as the Utility/DH player. Center fielder Brandon Glover and pitcher Stephen Strasburg were the other two Aztecs selected.
- ▶ Romero was a first-team all-MWC selection at the conclusion of the 2007 season and a second-team pick his freshman year. Strasburg was a second-team choice in 2007, the only freshman named to the all-conference squad. Glover was also a second-team pick in 2007.

AZTECS PICKED THIRD

- ▶ San Diego State has been picked to finish third the regular-season Mountain West Conference baseball standings.
- ▶ In a vote of the six MWC head coaches and a select media panel, the Aztecs received 42 points to finish behind favorite TCU and Brigham Young.
- ▶ MWC Preseason Poll:

Rk.	Team (1st place votes)	Pts
1.	TCU (6)	60
2.	Brigham Young (3).....	52
3.	San Diego State.....	42
4.	New Mexico.....	40
5.	UNLV	26
6.	Utah.....	23
7.	Air Force	9

WALLACE AWARD WATCH

- ▶ Two players have been named to the Brooks Wallace Award watch list, an award presented to the top collegiate player in the nation at the end of the season. Those two athletes are pitcher Stephen Strasburg and second baseman Garett Green.
- ▶ The initial list contains a total of 224 nominees with the Aztec twosome among the five players representing the Mountain West Conference.
- ▶ Green is SDSU's top returning hitter after batting .324 a year ago with 12 doubles and 35 RBI. In league play, he hit .384. He led the Aztecs with 14 multiple-hit games and finished the season with an eight-game hitting streak.
- ▶ Strasburg was a Freshman All-American in 2007 who was the top reliever in the New England Collegiate League last summer. He was also invited to pitch for Team USA in its series vs. Chinese Taipei in July 2007.

AZTECS ON RADIO

Thirteen of San Diego State's home baseball contests will be broadcast live on the local radio by XTRA Sports 1360 AM. Chris Ello and Craig Elsten will call the action, with a pregame show starting 15 minutes prior to game time. The complete schedule of the contests to be aired is as follows:

Date	Opponent	Time (Pacific)
Feb. 22	San Diego	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	San Diego	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 26	USC	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 29	Missouri	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 14	Brigham Young	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 15	Brigham Young	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 25	UCLA	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 6	New Mexico	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 8	Arizona.....	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 12	Utah	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 15	UC Riverside	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 25	TCU.....	6:00 p.m.
May 13	Long Beach State.....	6:00 p.m.

Games may be heard live on 1360 AM on the radio dial or at the XTRA Sports web site (xtrasports1360.com).

NATIONAL TEAM OF THE WEEK

- ▶ SDSU was named the national Co-Team of the Week by *CollegeBaseballInsider.com* after it season-opening series against the nationally-ranked USD Toreros.
- ▶ Over the four games, the Aztecs batted .357 against what one publication called the top weekend pitching rotation in the nation.
- ▶ SDSU's team ERA over the four games was a respectable 4.63. In the three games they won, the Aztecs gave up only five runs (three earned).

MWC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- ▶ Senior second baseman Garett Green was named the Mountain West Conference Player of the Week on Feb. 25 after the first three games of the USD series.
- ▶ Over those contests, Green went 8-for-13 (.615) with two doubles, a triple, two homers, eight runs scored and seven RBI.
- ▶ He had a slugging percentage of 1.385 for the weekend and was flawless on 14 chances in the field.
- ▶ Garett Green was also named the National Player of the Week by *College Baseball Insider.com* on Feb. 26 for his performance in the series against USD.

MWC PITCHER OF THE WEEK

- ▶ SDSU made a sweep of the MWC awards that week as Stephen Strasburg was named the conference Pitcher of the Week.
- ▶ In the season opener against San Diego, the sophomore right-hander went eight innings, allowing a pair of runs on five hits with one walk and seven strikeouts.
- ▶ USD hit just .185 for the game as Strasburg out-dueled USD's Brian Patusz, who is projected as a first-round pick in next June's draft.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location.....	San Diego, Calif.
Founded.....	1897
Enrollment.....	35,887
Nickname.....	Aztecs
Mascot.....	The Aztec Warrior
Affiliation.....	NCAA Division I
Conference.....	Mountain West
Colors.....	Scarlet and Black
President.....	Dr. Stephen L. Weber
Athletic Director.....	Jeff Schemmel
Sr. Assoc. A.D./COO.....	Don Oberhelman
Assoc. A.D./SWA.....	Jenny Bramer
Assoc. A.D. Operations.....	Steve Schnall
Assoc. A.D. Development.....	Bob Moosbrugger
Assoc. A.D. Marketing.....	Sean Briner
Asst. A.D. Business.....	Chuck Lang
Asst. A.D. Ticket Operations.....	Jim Cordova
Asst. A.D. Media Relations.....	Mike May
Asst. A.D. AAF.....	Michelle McBride
Head Athletic Trainer.....	Don Kessler

BASEBALL COACHING STAFF

Head Coach.....	Tony Gwynn (SDSU)
Overall Record.....	142-162 (5 yrs.)
Record at SDSU.....	142-162 (5 yrs.)
Asst. Coaches.....	Rusty Filter (SDSU '90)
.....	Mark Martinez (New Mexico '84)
.....	Jody Stevens (SDSU '98)
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BASEBALL SUPPORT STAFF

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Asst. Dir. of Operations.....	Anthony Johnson
Athletic Trainers.....	Jeff Kahn, ATC
.....	Adrian Dunn, Daniel Turner
Equipment Manager.....	Pat Murray, E.M.,C.
Strength & Conditioning.....	Dave Ohnton

BASEBALL FACTS

2007 Record.....	29-30
2007 MWC Record.....	12-12 (tie 3rd)
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....	15/12
Starters Returning/Lost.....	6/3
Pitchers Returning/Lost.....	5/8
Total Players Returning.....	19
Incoming Freshmen.....	13
JC Transfers.....	7
Four-Year Transfer.....	1

FACILITY

Home Field.....	Tony Gwynn Stadium
Capacity.....	3,000
Surface.....	Natural Grass
Outfield Distances.....	340-365-410-365-340

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MLB CONNECTIONS

- ▶ Two freshmen on the 2008 roster are the sons of former Major League players.
- ▶ Outfielder Cory Vaughn is the son of Greg Vaughn, who had a 15-year career with the Padres, Braves, Reds Devil Rays and Rockies and was a four-time all-star.
- ▶ Second baseman Zach Babitt is the son of Shooty Babitt, a second baseman who played for the Oakland A's and is currently an MLB player evaluator.

BASEBALL AMERICA HONORS

- ▶ Three Aztecs appear on *Baseball America's* preseason all-Mountain West Conference team led by pitcher Stephen Strasburg, who the publication also projects as the MWC pitcher of the year.
- ▶ The other preseason all-MWC picks are Nick Romero and Troy Hanzawa.
- ▶ Strasburg is named as the conference's top prospect for the 2008-09 drafts. He is the only one of the five players mentioned who is not eligible for the 2008 draft.
- ▶ Romero is listed as the MWC's No. 3 draft prospect.

AZTECS ON TV

- ▶ The Aztecs are scheduled to appear on national television twice late in the season during their series at Brigham Young. The contests at Brigham Young on Friday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. (MDT) will be broadcast by The Mtn. The telecast will be shown on tape-delayed basis the next day (May 10) at 5:00 p.m. (MDT) the same day.
- ▶ That game on May 9 will also be shown live on BYU TV, both on cable and over the Internet.
- ▶ The SDSU-BYU game on Saturday, May 10, at 1:00 p.m. will be shown live on The Mtn.

AZTEC NOTES

- ▶ The infield trio of second baseman Garrett Green, shortstop Troy Hanzawa and third baseman Nick Romero are the only Aztecs to have started all 10 game this far in 2008.
- ▶ Six different pitchers have accounted for one win apiece after SDSU's first 10 games.
- ▶ In its five wins, San Diego State is batting .325 with a 2.83 earned run average. In its four losses, the average drops to .208 with the ERA at 7.20.
- ▶ Nick Romero's homer in the season opener on Feb. 22 was the 16th of his SDSU career, moving him into a tie for 20th on the all-time Aztec list.

ON DECK

- ▶ After this weekend's Aztec Invitational, San Diego State will begin its 2008 Mountain West Conference season with a series against Brigham Young at home.
- ▶ SDSU and BYU will begin their three-game set on Thursday, March 13, at 6:00 p.m. (PDT) at Tony Gwynn Stadium.
- ▶ The Aztecs and Cougars will face off again the next evening (Friday, March 14) at the same time, then conclude the series on Saturday (March 15) at 1:00 p.m.

SDSU's 2008 Record When...

Overall.....	6-4
Mountain West Conference.....	0-0
Non-Conference Games.....	6-4
vs. Ranked Teams.....	3-3
vs. Unranked Teams.....	2-1
Home.....	4-3
Away.....	2-1
Neutral.....	0-0

Day.....	1-2
Night.....	5-2
February.....	5-2
March.....	1-2
April.....	0-0
May.....	0-0
Monday.....	1-0
Tuesday.....	2-0
Wednesday.....	0-0
Thursday.....	1-0
Friday.....	1-1
Saturday.....	1-2
Sunday.....	0-1

vs. Left-handed starters.....	3-2
vs. Right-handed starters.....	3-2
1-Run Games.....	3-0
2-Run Games.....	0-2
Extra Innings.....	0-0

SDSU Scores First.....	1-2
Opponent Scores First.....	5-2
SDSU Scores in 1st Inning.....	2-3
Opponent Scores in 1st Inning.....	1-2
SDSU Scores 6+ Runs.....	5-1
Opponent Scores 6+ Runs.....	1-2
SDSU Scores Double Digits.....	2-1
Leading After 7 Innings.....	5-0
Trailing After 7 Innings.....	0-4
Tied After 7 Innings.....	1-0
Leading After 8 Innings.....	5-0
Trailing After 8 Innings.....	1-4
Tied After 8 Innings.....	0-0

Out-Hit Opponents.....	3-0
Out-Hit By Opponents.....	3-4
Hits Are Tied.....	0-0
SDSU Commits More Errors.....	3-3
Opponent Commits More Errors.....	3-0
Errors Tied.....	0-1
SDSU Commits 0 Errors.....	2-1

Current Streak.....	Won 3
Longest Winning Streak.....	4
Longest Losing Streak.....	3
Last 10 games.....	6-4

Largest Home Crowd.....	1,427
vs. San Diego, February 22	
Largest Road Crowd.....	1,200
at San Diego, February 24	
Shortest Game.....	2:34
vs. USC, February 26	
Longest Game.....	3:51
at San Diego, February 23	

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Overall Statistics for San Diego State (as of Mar 06, 2008)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 6-4 Home: 4-3 Away: 2-1 Conference: 0-0

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
40 RUDDY, Bubba.....	.500	4-3	8	2	4	1	0	0	1	5	.625	1	0	1	0	.556	0	0	0-0	20	3	1	.958
1 HANZAWA, Troy....	.429	10-10	42	13	18	2	2	1	9	27	.643	6	1	6	1	.510	0	0	3-4	19	22	4	.911
6 GREEN, Garrett....	.389	10-10	36	14	14	4	1	2	11	26	.722	6	1	5	0	.467	2	1	2-3	19	29	1	.980
21 VAUGHN, Cory.....	.382	9-9	34	6	13	5	1	1	9	23	.676	2	3	10	2	.462	0	0	1-1	15	0	2	.882
5 ROMERO, Nick.....	.289	10-10	38	6	11	1	0	1	6	15	.395	8	1	10	0	.426	0	0	2-3	3	16	3	.864
12 TANOS, Brett.....	.237	10-10	38	7	9	2	0	0	2	11	.289	7	1	8	1	.370	0	0	1-1	28	5	0	1.000
2 DECKER, Brandon..	.235	5-5	17	2	4	0	0	0	3	4	.235	1	1	6	0	.316	0	0	0-0	14	1	0	1.000
24 GLOVER, Brandon..	.216	10-9	37	4	8	2	1	0	7	12	.324	2	1	10	0	.275	0	1	0-2	25	1	1	.963
15 CASTRO, Erik.....	.200	9-8	30	4	6	3	0	1	4	12	.400	6	0	9	0	.324	1	0	1-1	64	6	2	.972
17 MARTELLI, Marco..	.200	3-1	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.200	0	0	2	0	.200	0	0	0-0	7	2	0	1.000
23 CHASSE, Josh.....	.200	2-1	5	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	.200	1	0	0	0	.333	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
11 JOHNSON, Cameron.	.154	4-4	13	3	2	0	0	0	2	2	.154	1	0	3	0	.214	0	0	1-1	5	0	0	1.000
16 THOMAS, T.J.....	.154	6-3	13	3	2	0	0	0	1	2	.154	2	2	5	1	.353	0	0	0-0	27	0	0	1.000
10 COLWELL, Pat.....	.143	7-6	21	2	3	1	0	0	2	4	.190	2	1	8	0	.250	0	0	0-1	15	0	0	1.000
25 SILVETT, Kevin...	.000	2-1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0	.000	0	0	0-0	3	0	1	.750
9 WILLEFORD, Mike..	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	1.000
Totals.....	.281	10-10	342	67	96	21	5	6	59	145	.424	45	12	86	5	.381	3	2	11-17	267	95	17	.955
Opponents.....	.287	10-10	352	53	101	14	3	7	48	142	.403	31	7	76	6	.353	4	5	20-26	258	87	11	.969

LOB - Team (80), Opp (79). DPs turned - Team (8), Opp (6). CI - Team (0), Opp (1). IBB - Team (4), GREEN 2, ROMERO 1, VAUGHN 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
30 REED, Addison....	0.00	1-0	5	0	0	0/0	2	5.2	3	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	18	.167	0	0	0	0	0
26 CLAUSEN, Trevor..	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	2	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	5	.400	0	0	0	0	0
22 SNYDER, George...	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	.333	0	0	0	0	0
32 MCCracken, Travis	0.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	3	.333	0	0	0	0	0
13 THOMAS, Chase....	0.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	0.2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	.500	0	1	0	0	0
29 SOLOW, Nate.....	0.73	1-1	2	2	0	0/0	0	12.1	10	4	1	4	15	1	0	0	45	.222	1	0	0	1	0
37 STRASBURG, Stephe	3.86	1-0	2	2	0	0/0	0	14.0	13	6	6	2	12	2	1	0	51	.255	2	1	0	1	2
34 MILLER, Brett....	3.86	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	2.1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	7	.143	0	0	0	0	0
39 BERGER, Jon.....	3.97	1-1	2	2	0	0/0	0	11.1	13	5	5	2	4	0	0	1	45	.289	0	1	0	0	1
49 DIXON, Michael...	4.26	1-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	6.1	7	6	3	3	4	2	0	2	24	.292	0	0	0	2	1
27 MURPHY, J.R.....	4.91	0-1	3	1	0	0/0	1	11.0	13	6	6	4	12	2	0	1	46	.283	2	1	0	0	0
31 MCLAUGHLIN, James	5.59	1-0	4	1	0	0/0	0	9.2	12	6	6	3	7	2	0	2	41	.293	4	3	1	0	0
36 RASMUSSEN, Craig.	9.00	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	3	2	2	1	3	0	1	0	9	.333	0	0	0	0	0
28 KAUFMAN, Shane...	10.12	0-1	3	2	0	0/0	0	8.0	15	9	9	3	6	3	1	1	36	.417	1	0	0	0	1
33 PULLEN, Brandon..	16.88	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	2.2	5	6	5	1	3	1	0	0	15	.333	1	0	1	0	0
Totals.....	4.45	6-4	10	10	0	0/0	3	89.0	101	53	44	31	76	14	3	7	352	.287	11	7	2	4	5
Opponents.....	6.17	4-6	10	10	0	0/0	3	86.0	96	67	59	45	86	21	5	6	342	.281	8	12	3	3	2

PB - Team (5), TANOS 4, CASTRO 1, Opp (6). SBA/ATT - TANOS (7-10), CASTRO (6-7), RUDDY (4-6), SOLOW (2-4), BERGER (4-4), MCLAUGHLIN (3-3), KAUFMAN (2-3), SILVETT (3-3), STRASBURG (3-3), PULLEN (2-2), MURPHY (2-2), DIXON (2-2), MILLER (0-1), REED (0-1), SNYDER (0-1).

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Overall Statistics for San Diego State (as of Mar 06, 2008)
(All games Sorted by Fielding pct)

Player	C	PO	A	E	FLD%	DPs	SBA	CSB	SBA%	PB	CI
12 TANOS, Brett.....	33	28	5	0	1.000	0	7	3	.700	4	0
16 THOMAS, T.J.....	27	27	0	0	1.000	3	0	0	---	0	0
10 COLWELL, Pat.....	15	15	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
2 DECKER, Brandon..	15	14	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
17 MARTELLI, Marco..	9	7	2	0	1.000	1	0	0	---	0	0
11 JOHNSON, Cameron.	5	5	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
39 BERGER, Jon.....	3	1	2	0	1.000	1	4	0	1.000	0	0
37 STRASBURG, Stephe	2	0	2	0	1.000	0	3	0	1.000	0	0
49 DIXON, Michael...	2	0	2	0	1.000	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
28 KAUFMAN, Shane...	2	1	1	0	1.000	0	2	1	.667	0	0
9 WILLEFORD, Mike..	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
6 GREEN, Garrett....	49	19	29	1	.980	4	0	0	---	0	0
15 CASTRO, Erik.....	72	64	6	2	.972	4	6	1	.857	1	0
24 GLOVER, Brandon..	27	25	1	1	.963	0	0	0	---	0	0
40 RUDDY, Bubba.....	24	20	3	1	.958	0	4	2	.667	0	0
1 HANZAWA, Troy....	45	19	22	4	.911	7	0	0	---	0	0
21 VAUGHN, Cory.....	17	15	0	2	.882	0	0	0	---	0	0
5 ROMERO, Nick.....	22	3	16	3	.864	1	0	0	---	0	0
25 SILVETT, Kevin...	4	3	0	1	.750	0	3	0	1.000	0	0
31 MCLAUGHLIN, James	3	1	1	1	.667	0	3	0	1.000	0	0
29 SOLOW, Nate.....	2	0	1	1	.500	0	2	2	.500	0	0
13 THOMAS, Chase....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
30 REED, Addison....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	.000	0	0
34 MILLER, Brett....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	.000	0	0
23 CHASSE, Josh.....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
27 MURPHY, J.R.....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
33 PULLEN, Brandon..	0	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
32 MCCRACKEN, Travis	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
22 SNYDER, George...	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	.000	0	0
26 CLAUSEN, Trevor..	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
36 RASMUSSEN, Craig.	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Totals.....	379	267	95	17	.955	8	20	6	.769	5	0
Opponents.....	356	258	87	11	.969	6	11	6	.647	6	1

2007 San Diego State Baseball
 Game Results for San Diego State (as of Mar 06, 2008)
 (All games)

Game date	Opposing team	Score	r	h	e/	r	h	e	Inns	Overall	Conference	Pitcher of record	Attend	Time	
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Feb 22, 2008	#5 SAN DIEGO	W 11-2	11	16	0/	2	5	1	9	1-	0- 0	STRASBURG (W 1-0)	1427	2:49	
Feb 23, 2008 at	#5 San Diego	11-17 L	11	11	3/	17	14	1	9	1-	1- 0	KAUFMAN (L 0-1)	1200	3:51	
Feb 23, 2008	#5 SAN DIEGO	W 15-2	15	18	3/	2	3	2	9	2-	1- 0	SOLOW (W 1-0)	1417	3:08	
Feb 25, 2008 at	#12 San Diego	W 7-1	7	10	1/	1	9	2	9	3-	1- 0	BERGER (W 1-0)	407	3:02	
Feb 26, 2008	USC	W 2-1	2	3	0/	1	7	1	9	4-	1- 0	MCLAUGHLIN (W 1-0)	1106	2:34	
Feb 28, 2008	CAL POLY	W 9-8	9	12	1/	8	14	0	9	5-	1- 0	REED (W 1-0)	712	3:38	
Feb 29, 2008	#5 MISSOURI	1-3 L	1	6	4/	3	9	1	9	5-	2- 0	SOLOW (L 1-1)	1046	2:27	
Mar 01, 2008	CALIFORNIA	3-5 L	3	5	0/	5	10	0	9	5-	3- 0	MURPHY (L 0-1)	1116	2:56	
Mar 02, 2008	FRESNO STATE	2-9 L	2	5	2/	9	17	1	9	5-	4- 0	BERGER (L 1-1)	854	2:59	
Mar 04, 2008 at	UC Riverside	W 6-5	6	10	3/	5	13	2	9	6-	4- 0	DIXON (W 1-0)	349	3:30	

() extra inning game