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2002-03 San Diego State University WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2002-03 Schedule/Times

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|----------|--|------------|
| N. 8 | Basketball Travelers (Exh.) | W, 72-65 |
| N. 18 | West Coast All-Stars (Exh.) | L, 70-74 |
| N. 22 | Centenary | W, 75-58 |
| N. 25 | at St. Mary's | L, 47-60 |
| N. 29-30 | at Fresno State Classic (Fresno, Calif.) | |
| 29 | vs. Murray State# | 1:00 p.m. |
| 30 | Cons./Champ. Game | 12:20 p.m. |
| D. 4 | UC Irvine | 7:05 p.m. |
| D. 11 | at Univ. of San Diego | 7:00 p.m. |
| D. 19 | American University | 7:05 p.m. |
| D. 22 | Creighton | 2:05 p.m. |
| D. 28 | Cal State Northridge | 2:05 p.m. |
| J. 5 | Univ. of Missouri-K.C. | 2:05 p.m. |
| J. 9 | at Portland State | 7:05 p.m. |
| J. 11 | at Sacramento State | 2:00 p.m. |
| J. 18 | UNLV* | 5:05 p.m. |
| J. 23 | Brigham Young* | 7:05 p.m. |
| J. 25 | Utah* | 5:05 p.m. |
| J. 30 | at New Mexico* | 7:00 p.m. |
| F. 1 | at Air Force* | 2:00 p.m. |
| F. 6 | Colorado State* | 7:05 p.m. |
| F. 8 | Wyoming* | 5:05 p.m. |
| F. 15 | at UNLV* | 7:35 p.m. |
| F. 20 | at Utah* | 7:00 p.m. |
| F. 22 | at Brigham Young* | 1:00 p.m. |
| F. 27 | Air Force* | 7:05 p.m. |
| M. 1 | New Mexico* | 5:05 p.m. |
| M. 5 | at Wyoming* | 7:00 p.m. |
| M. 7 | at Colorado State* | 7:00 p.m. |
| M. 12-15 | MWC Championship | TBA |

All times local to site Home Games in **BOLD**
 Home games at Cox Arena except where noted
 # at Fresno State, Fresno, Calif.

Aztecs' Agenda

November 27 • Wednesday
 Practice 12:15-3:00 p.m. Peterson Gym
November 28 • Thursday
 Practice 8-9:45 a.m. Cox; Bus to Fresno
November 29 • Friday
 Shoot around 8-8:40; game 1 p.m.
November 30 • Saturday
 Shoot around 9-9:30; game 12/2 p.m. (Tentative)
November 1 • Sunday
 Off
November 2 • Monday
 Practice TBA

Up Next: Game No. 4

vs. Fresno St. or Butler
 Saturday, Nov. 30, 2002 - 12/2:00 p.m.
 North Gym (1,551) - Fresno, Calif.
 Series: TBA

Game No. **3**

SAN DIEGO STATE Aztecs (1-1) vs. Murray State Racers (1-1)

- ▶ **When & Where:** Friday, Nov. 29, North Gym (1,551), Fresno, Calif., 1:00 p.m. (PST)
- ▶ **Webcast/TV:** Live audio broadcast on www.goaztecs.com, featuring Alan Horton.
- ▶ **The Records:** San Diego State has opened its 2002 season with an even 1-1 record, defeating Centenary (75-58) before falling to St. Mary's (60-47). The Racers, meanwhile, are also 1-1 with a loss to North Carolina-Charlotte and a win in overtime against IUPUI at the KCRG Hawkeye Challenge in Iowa City, Iowa.
- ▶ **In The RPI:** SDSU finished the 2001-02 season ranked No. 199, while Murray State was No. 271 in the final RPI released by the NCAA.
- ▶ **SDSU Head Coach Jim Tomey:** Tomey (Michigan '81) is in his first season at San Diego State, taking over the Aztec helm on April 9, 2002. His career and Aztec head coaching record is 2-0.
- ▶ **Murray State Head Coach Eddie Fields:** Fields (Oklahoma 1985) is in his 10th season at Murray State, compiling a 81-166 record.
- ▶ **Series History:** SDSU leads the series 2-0 (Last Meeting: SDSU def. Murray St., 97-81, 3/24/89 in the NIT)

San Diego State Stays On The Road For Thanksgiving Tournament At Fresno

The San Diego State women's basketball team takes its 1-1 record on the road again for a four-team tournament at Fresno State, November 29-30. The Aztecs will face Murray State in their first game on Friday at 1 p.m.

Depending on the outcome of SDSU's meeting with the Racers, the Aztecs will play in either the tournament championship or consolation game against Fresno State or Butler University. Tip-off for the championship game in 2 p.m., while the consolation game starts two hours earlier at 12:00 p.m.

Last Time Out - Aztecs Drop First Road Game:

The San Diego State women's basketball team shot just 25 percent from the field from the field in the first half, scoring only 17 points, as the Aztecs went on to fall to St. Mary's College Monday, 60-47, at McKeon Pavilion. With the loss, the Aztecs moved to 1-1, while the St. Mary's Gaels improved to 1-1, following the non-conference game.

Despite the loss, SDSU got a second double-double of the season in as many tries from freshman forward **Ashlee Dunlap (Los Angeles, Calif.)**, who posted a team-high 15 points and 13 rebounds. Junior **Nicolette McCartney (Chicago, Ill.)** added nine points before fouling out, while senior **Jamey Cox (Waterloo, Iowa)** was kept scoreless on 0-for-7 shooting for just the fifth time in her career.

In the first half, the Aztecs found themselves in a hole early, 0-5, unable to score until the 16:20 mark on a lay-up from McCartney off a pass from freshman **Veronica Shaw (Phoenix, Ariz.)**. SDSU closed the gap to two points at 4-6 and 5-7, but then the Gaels capitalized on the Aztecs' foul troubles, running their lead to as much as 19 points,

2002-03 San Diego State Aztecs Roster (1-1/0-0 MWC)

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Yr. | Hometown (Previous School) | PPG | RPG | Individual Player Note |
|-----|---------------------|------|------|-----|-----------------------------------|------|------|------------------------------------|
| 00 | Tynisha King | F | 5-10 | Sr. | Moreno Valley (UNC Asheville) | 0.0 | 0.0 | ▶ Third season overall at SDSU |
| 4 | Ashley White | F | 6-1 | Fr. | Chino Hills (Ayala HS) | - | - | ▶ HS avg. 11 pts., 8 rebs. |
| 5 | Michelle Strawberry | G | 5-10 | Fr. | Corona (Centennial HS) | - | - | ▶ Will not play in Fresno |
| 10 | Ashonda Williams | F | 6-0 | Sr. | Crockett (Contra Costa CC) | 4.5 | 1.5 | ▶ 22 starts, 4th in ppg in 01-02 |
| 14 | Heather Wolf | G | 5-6 | So. | Stayton, Ore. (Regis HS) | 3.0 | 2.0 | ▶ Starter at guard in last 2 games |
| 20 | Jamey Cox | G | 5-7 | Sr. | Waterloo, Iowa (West HS) | 13.0 | 2.0a | ▶ 26 points vs. Centenary |
| 21 | Veronica Shaw | G | 5-7 | Fr. | Phoenix, Ariz. (Mt. Pointe HS) | 8.0 | 3.0a | ▶ Scored 10 in first career gm. |
| 23 | Amber Fouse | G | 5-7 | Fr. | Compton (Narbonne HS) | 5.0 | 3.5a | ▶ 6 assists in opener |
| 24 | Nicolette McCartney | C/F | 6-2 | Jr. | Chicago, Ill. (Hersey HS) | 9.5 | 3.0 | ▶ Third in ppg. in 2002-03 |
| 33 | Maggie Sauls | G | 5-9 | So. | Borger, Texas (Borger HS) | - | - | ▶ Recovering from knee surgery |
| 34 | Valencia Howard | F | 6-1 | Sr. | Richmond (Contra Costa CC) | 3.5 | 4.5 | ▶ 2nd in rpg. in 2002-03 |
| 35 | Ashlee Dunlap | F | 6-1 | Fr. | Los Angeles (Fairfax HS) | 14.0 | 10.0 | ▶ 2 double-doubles in 2 games |
| 42 | Tami Garnett | C | 6-3 | Fr. | Arlington, Texas (Sam Houston HS) | - | - | ▶ McDonald's AA nominee |
| 50 | Megan Bryant | C | 6-3 | Fr. | Austin, Texas (Westlake HS) | - | - | ▶ One of three players at 6-3 |
| 52 | Andrea Kiesling | C | 6-3 | Sr. | Helena, Mont. (Helena HS) | 0.0 | 0.0 | ▶ One of 2 w/3 years at SDSU |

Head Coach: Jim Tomey (Michigan, 1981), first season

Projected Starting Line-up Highlighted

Assistant Coaches: Matt Hart (Long Beach St., 1992), Nicole Anderson (UCLA, 1993), Jennifer Gross (UC Davis, 1997)



San Diego State
Head Coach Jim Tomey
First Season (Michigan, 1981)

- Univ. of San Diego High School Boys' Head Coach
San Diego State Men's Assistant Coach
San Diego State Women's Head Coach
SDSU Head Coach
Overall Total

SDSU vs. Murray St.
Series: SDSU leads 2-0

Series Numbers

Table with 2 columns: Record at SDSU, Record at Murray State, Record at Neutral, Most Points SDSU, Most Points Murray State, Largest Margin SDSU, Largest Margin Murray State, Longest SDSU Win Streak, Longest Murray State Win Streak, Current Streak.

2002-03 Comparative Stats

Table comparing Aztecs and Racers stats: Overall Record, League Record, Field Goal Pct., 3-PT FG Pct., Free Throw Pct., Opp. FG Pct., Opp. 3-PT FG Pct., Opp. FT Pct., Rebound Avg., Points/Game, Pts. Allowed/Game.

Previous Meetings

Table with 3 columns: Date, Site, Result. Meetings from 1-2-89 to 11-29-02.



while keeping SDSU off the scoreboard for over six and a half minutes.

With St. Mary's increasing its lead to 24 points with 5:15 remaining in the half, a pair of foul shots by Shaw finally put the Aztecs into double-figures at 11-33.

Out of the break, SDSU cut the lead down to 22 on a pair of baskets by McCartney and a foul shot at 22-44.

In the final three minutes, San Diego State showed its resiliency by going on a 10-0 scoring run, including two, three pointers from senior Ashonda Williams (Crockett, Calif.)

Double Her Pleasure

For the second consecutive game, Aztec freshman Ashlee Dunlap recorded a double-double, posting 15 points and 13 rebounds, both team game-highs, at St. Mary's.

The freshman forward began her SDSU career versus Centenary College with 14 points and 10 rebounds, the first time an Aztec recorded a double-double since Atim Otii turned the trick with 12 rebounds and 12 points in a loss to Creighton on December 22, 2001.

Dunlap currently leads Mountain West Conference in defensive rebounds with 16 (8.00/g) and is one of only two players averaging a double-double this season.

Perfect For Now

While San Diego State has struggled at the line so far this season, two of the team's freshmen, Veronica Shaw and Amber Fouse (Compton, Calif.), remain perfect through the first two games.

Other Notes Versus St. Mary's

SDSU senior Jamey Cox was kept off the scoreboard for just the fifth time in her career ... senior Tynisha King (Moreno Valley, Calif.) saw action in her first game of the season versus the Gaels ... 10 of Ashlee Dunlap's team-best 13 boards came on the defensive side ... while the Aztecs were outscored 42-17 in the first half, the team rebounded for a 30-18 edge in the second ... SDSU's 44-36 advantage in rebounds for the game was the first time the Aztecs have out-rebounded their opponent since Jan. 19, 2002, versus Wyoming (38-36), a streak of 13 games.

In The Books

The team's top returnee in 2002-03, senior Jamey Cox is close to making her way into elite company in Aztec basketball history. The 5-7 guard needs just 43 points to reach the 1,000-point plateau for her career.

Cox is second all-time in career three-point field goals with 178, trailing only Falisha Wright (1992-95), who tallied 206 during her career.

Cox's classmate, Ashonda Williams, meanwhile moved into an eighth place tie with Claire Swinbank on the school's career three-point field goals list with 38.

Scouting The Murray State Racers

For the third time in the two schools' history, San Diego State will face Murray State. The two sides had their first and last meetings in 1989, when the Aztecs beat the Racers in San Diego, 81-58, before the two sides met in the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) later that same year, also a SDSU win (97-81).

So far this season, Murray State, under head coach Eddie Fields, the Racers are 1-1 with a loss to North Carolina-Charlotte and a win over IUPUI.

St. Mary's 60, San Diego State 47

Game 2 ■ Nov. 25 ■ McKeon Pavilion ■ Moraga, Calif.

Box score for St. Mary's vs SDSU. Columns: Player, FG, 3FG, FT, REB, F, TP, A, I, B, S, MP. Totals: 19-47, 4-11, 18-32, 36, 18, 60, 12, 21, 3, 17, 200.

Box score for SDSU. Columns: Player, FG, 3FG, FT, REB, F, TP, A, I, B, S, MP. Totals: 17-50, 3-15, 10-21, 44, 23, 47, 8, 30, 2, 11, 200.

Officials: Michael Price, Lisa Baptista, Dianna Wheaton
Technical fouls: 1, SDSU Bench
Attendance: 1,015

Score by Periods table with columns: Periods, 1st, 2nd, Total. St. Mary's: 42, 18, 60. San Diego State: 17, 30, 47.

Aztec Career Record Book

3-Point Field Goals

- 1. Falisha Wright (1992-95) 206
2. Jamey Cox (2000-Pres.) 178
3. Sophia Sledge (1997-2001) 82
4. Carmelia Bloodsaw (1991) 65
Charley Murray (1998-99) 65
6. Jodi Nowlin-Tres (1994-97) 57
7. Jurate Zukauskaitė (1996-97) 46
8. Claire Swinbank (1999-2002) 38
Ashonda Williams (2002-Pres.) 38
10. Elisha Johns (1991-92) 35
Angela Walker (1995-96) 35

Assists

- 1. Falisha Wright (1992-95) 448
2. Crystal Lee (1989-90) 413
3. Michelle Miles (1991-92) 367
4. Lakeysha Wright (1992-95) 358
5. Marsha Overton (1980-83) 356
6. Shannon Lee (1998-2001) 302
7. Shelda Arceneaux (1984-87) 299
8. Jamey Cox (2000-Pres.) 295
9. Sandy Wright (1995-97) 292
10. Laura Dion (1978-80) 278

Murray State Racers (1-1)

| No. | Name | Pos. | Yr.-Exp. | Ht. | Hometown/Last School |
|--|-------------------|------|----------|------|---|
| 3 | Jill Fulkerson | G | FR-HS | 5-6 | Hartford, Ky. (Ohio County HS) |
| 5 | Jenny Bowden | G | JR-JC | 5-6 | Lampasas, Texas (McLennan CC/Lampasas HS) |
| 10 | Megan Fuqua | G | JR-2L | 5-7 | Beggs, Okla. (Beggs HS) |
| 12 | Lindsay Cornn | F | FR-HS | 5-9 | Sedalia, Ky. (Graves County HS) |
| 14 | Khadija Head | G | SR-3L | 5-7 | Atlanta, Ga. (Woodward Academy) |
| 20 | Brittany Park | G | SO-1L | 5-8 | Indianapolis, Ind. (Decatur Central HS) |
| 21 | Rebecca Remington | G | SO-1L | 5-9 | Scandinavia, Wis. (Iola-Scandinavia HS) |
| 30 | Kaleena Miller | F/G | SO-Tr | 6-1 | Hadley, Mich. (Mott CC/Faith Baptist School) |
| 31 | Lindsey Berry | G/F | FR-HS | 5-10 | Tompkinsville, Ky. (Monroe County HS) |
| 33 | Beth Schnakenberg | F | SR-1L | 5-11 | Springfield, Mo. (Three Rivers Coll./Republic HS) |
| 44 | Sheree' Lauer | F/P | FR-HS | 6-3 | Huntington, Ind. (Huntington North HS) |
| 50 | RiQuita Thomas | P/F | SO-1L | 6-2 | Tulsa, Okla. (Booker T. Washington HS) |
| 55 | Lori Trumblee | P | FR-HS | 6-3 | Strawberry Point, Iowa (Starmont HS) |
| Head Coach: Eddie Fields (Oklahoma, 1985/10th Year) | | | | | * = Probable Starters |
| Assistant Coaches: Rob Cross (Murray State, 1991/8th Year); Sabrina Dial (Idaho, 1990/2nd Year) | | | | | |
| Brett Childers (Bridgewater College, 2002/First Year) | | | | | |

Forward Beth Schnakenberg (16.0 ppg) and post player Lori Trumblee (12.0) have led the Racer offense, while guard Brittany Park has four of the team's eight three pointers this season.

A year ago, Murray State finished the season with a 11-17 record and a 5-11 mark in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Other Contenders

After the team's game with Murray State on Friday, San Diego State will face either Butler University or host Fresno State. Butler is currently 1-1 with a win over Illinois State (59-57), while the Bulldogs are 0-2, having lost to Michigan State (68-82) and Valparaiso (51-57) last weekend.

Neither Butler (3-26) or Fresno State (9-20) had a winning record a year ago and conversely, both have first-year head coaches at the helm in 2002-03.

Going With The Guards - Line-Up Notes

The Aztecs are expected to start three guards for the third straight time, including senior **Jamey Cox**, sophomore **Heather Wolf** and freshman **Veronica Shaw** freshman forward **Ashlee Dunlap** and junior forward/center **Nicolette McCarty** should round out the starting line-up on the posts ... the projected starting line-up includes all four class levels, while all five players hail from different states (Arizona, California, Iowa, Illinois and Oregon) ... sophomore **Maggie Sauls** (left knee) and freshman **Michelle Strawberry** (right knee) are not expected to see action in the Fresno State tournament.

Putting Up Some Points

Senior **Jamey Cox's** 26 points against Centenary were the most by an Aztec since Cox put up 27 in a Mountain West Conference game against Colorado State on March 4, 2000. Cox has now recorded eight career games with 20 or more points, including her career-best effort of 30 points coming as a freshman on December 30, 1999, against Cal State Fullerton.

A year ago, the Aztecs only had one player - Cox - reached the 20-point barrier. Cox scored 20 in the team's 73-69 win over Navy.

Double-Figures Times Four

While **Jamey Cox** and **Ashlee Dunlap** led the team in scoring in the opener with Centenary, two other Aztecs, **Veronica Shaw** and **Nicolette McCarty**, also reached double-figures with 10 points each. A year ago, SDSU had four players or more reach double-figures in a game five times, highlighted by the team's win over Radford, in which five players recorded double-figures.

State With The Assist

Proving that team work and victories go hand-in-hand, San Diego State had 20 assists in the team's win over Centenary. Four Aztecs, **Veronica Shaw**, **Heather Wolf (Stayton, Ore.)**, **Jamey Cox** and **Ashonda Williams**, all had three assists, while freshman **Amber Fouse** contributed a team-best six in her first game at SDSU.

On the flip side, Centenary had just eight assists for the game, including only three in the first half.

Aztec Debut

History repeated itself in the team's opener with Centenary, as the Aztecs ushered in the **Jim Tomey** era with a victory. Six of the seven all-time SDSU head coaches have now won in their Aztec debuts with the only exception being Beth Burns, who fell to Alcorn State, 48-67, in 1989. To the right is a listing of how each head coach has done in their first game at the Aztec helm.

| SDSU Head Coaches In Their Aztec Debuts | | |
|--|-------------|------------------------------|
| Coach | Year | Result |
| Kathleen Wallace | 1976 | def. NAU, 64-44 |
| Richie Spears | 1978 | def. UCSD, 72-33 |
| Steve Salvo | 1983 | def. Arizona, 82-60 |
| Earnest Riggins | 1983 | def. Biola, 99-59 |
| Beth Burns | 1989 | lost Alcorn St., 48-67 |
| Barb Smith | 1997 | def. Ore. St., 63-56 |
| Jim Tomey | 2002 | def. Centenary, 75-58 |

Ash Is Back

After suffering a dislocated right shoulder in pre-season workouts October 7, Aztec **Ashonda Williams** returned to the floor against the West Coast All-Stars in the team's final exhibition on Nov. 18. Williams played nine minutes and scored seven points, including one three-pointer. The senior forward then saw 13 minutes in the first game with Centenary and 14 at St. Mary's.



Mountain West Conference

| 2002-03 Standings | MWC | Overall |
|------------------------|-----|---------|
| Wyoming | 0-0 | 2-0 |
| BYU (rv/22) | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| UNLV (rv) | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| San Diego State | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| Colorado State (rv/rv) | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| Air Force | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| New Mexico (rv/rv) | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| Utah | 0-0 | 1-1 |

As of Nov. 26, 2002 () = rankings

Mountain West Conference Upcoming Schedule

November 27 (Wednesday)

Boise State at BYU, 7 p.m.
UNLV at Cal Poly, 4 p.m.

November 29 (Friday)

San Diego State vs. Murray State, 1 p.m.
Winthrop at Air Force, 7 p.m.
Davidson at Colorado State, 7 p.m.
William & Mary at New Mexico, 8 p.m.
Idaho vs. Utah, 6 p.m.
Wyoming at Alaska-Fairbanks, 4 p.m.

2002-03 MWC Preseason Media Poll

| School (First Place Votes) | Pts |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| 1. BYU (8) | 110 |
| 2. Colorado State (7) | 103 |
| 3. New Mexico (1) | 91 |
| 4. Utah | 70 |
| 5. UNLV | 69 |
| 6. Wyoming | 49 |
| 7. San Diego State | 31 |
| 8. Air Force | 17 |

SDSU In The MWC Poll

| Yr. | Pre. | Final |
|-----------|------|-------|
| 1999-2000 | 6th | 6th |
| 2000-01 | 7th | 6th |
| 2001-02 | 7th | 7th |

2002-03 MWC Preseason All-Conference Team

| | |
|---------------------------|------|
| Jennifer Leitner, Sr., F | BYU |
| Erin Thorn, Sr., G | BYU |
| Ashley Augspurger, Sr., F | CSU |
| Jordan Adams, Sr., C | NMU |
| Constance Jlnks, Sr., G | UNLV |
| Carrie Bacon, Sr., F | WYO |

Top Returning Player: Erin Thorn (BYU)

Top Newcomer: Infini Robinson (UNLV)



Mountain West Conference Overall Rankings

(As of Nov. 26, 2002)

| TEAM CATEGORY | SDSU | RANK |
|-----------------------|-------|------|
| Scoring Offense | 61.0 | 6th |
| Scoring Defense | 59.0 | 6th |
| Scoring Margin | +2.0 | 6th |
| Field Goal Pct. | .406 | 5th |
| Field Goals Pct. Def. | .396 | 7th |
| 3-Pt. FG Pct. | .370 | 3rd |
| 3-Pt. FG Pct. Def. | .318 | t6th |
| 3-Pt. FG Made | 5.00 | 2nd |
| Free Throw Pct. | .605 | 7th |
| Rebounding Offense | 34.5 | 8th |
| Rebounding Defense | 39.0 | 4th |
| Rebounding Margin | -4.5 | 7th |
| Offensive Rebounds | 11.00 | 5th |
| Defensive Rebounds | 23.50 | 8th |
| Blocked Shots | 2.00 | 5th |
| Assists | 14.00 | 4th |
| Assist/Turnover Ratio | 0.58 | 7th |
| Turnover Margin | +1.00 | 3rd |
| Steals | 14.00 | 2nd |

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY (TOP 12) AVG.

| Scoring | |
|------------|------|
| 10. Dunlap | 14.5 |
| 12. Cox | 13.0 |

| Rebounding | |
|------------|------|
| 2. Dunlap | 11.5 |

| FG Percentage (Min. 3.0 FG per game) | |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| 12. Dunlap | .524 |

| FT Percentage | |
|---------------|-------|
| 1. Shaw/Fouse | 1.000 |

| Assists Per Game | |
|------------------|------|
| 9. Fouse | 3.50 |
| 12. Shaw, Wolf | 3.00 |

| Steals Per Game | |
|-------------------|------|
| 2. Dunlap | 4.00 |
| 3. Shaw | 3.50 |
| 9. McCartney/Wolf | 2.00 |

| 3-Point Field Goals Percentage | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| 10. Williams | .429 (3-7) |

| 3-Point Field Goals Made Per Game | |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| 3. Cox | 3.00 |
| 8. Williams | 1.50 |

| Blocked Shots Per Game | |
|------------------------|------|
| 7. Dunlap | 1.00 |

| Assist/Turnover Ratio | |
|-----------------------|------|
| 7. Wolf | 1.50 |

| Offensive Rebounds | |
|--------------------|------|
| 3. Dunlap/McCartny | 3.50 |

| Defensive Rebounds | |
|--------------------|------|
| 1. Dunlap | 8.00 |

Williams is a valuable part of the SDSU front court as one of the team's three returning starters, averaging 7.5 points and 4.2 rebounds a year ago in her first season on the Mesa.

A New Crew

On April 9, 2002, **Jim Tomey** was hired as the seventh head coach in program history. A former SDSU men's assistant (1999-2002), Tomey made a name for himself in San Diego as the head coach of boys' prep powerhouse University of San Diego High School from 1989-99. Tomey, who enters his first year as a head coach on the collegiate level, spent the summer putting together a balanced coaching staff, which now includes assistants **Matt Hart, Nicole Anderson** and **Jennifer Gross**.

Other Newbie Coaching Notes

► **Jim Tomey** will look to buck the trend for first-year women's basketball head coaches at San Diego State. Only one of the program's previous six coaches have had winning records in their rookie campaigns. Earnest Riggins (1984-89) led the Aztecs to a 24-6 record in 1983-84.

► SDSU is not the only Mountain West Conference school to have a new head coach at the helm this season. Colorado State's Chris Denker enters his first season in Fort Collins, while two other conference coaches, Ardie McInelly (Air Force) and Jeff Judkins (BYU), both begin their sophomore campaigns.

► Of San Diego State's 13 other non-conference opponents, four will feature first-year head coaches. At the Fresno tournament in late November, three of the four teams have first-year head coaches, including Tomey, Butler's Beth Couture and Fresno State's Stacy Johnson-Klein. Creighton (Dec. 22) and CSU Northridge (Dec. 28) also both have first-year head coaches.

Mark It On Your Calendar

This season the Aztecs will stick close to home for almost all of their pre-conference schedule, taking just one trip outside of the Golden State on January 11, at Portland State. Overall, only four of the 12 non-MWC teams appeared on the team's schedule a year ago.

SDSU will play host to 13 home games at Cox Arena, which includes two doubleheader days with the men's team, scheduled for December 28 and January 18.

Back To Cox ... Arena That Is

Two SDSU women's basketball games, originally scheduled for Peterson Gym, have been moved back across the street to Cox Arena. The venue change will affect the Aztecs' games for the 2002-03 season versus Brigham Young (Jan. 23) and the University of Utah (Jan. 25). Game times will remain the same.

The two Mountain West Conference games had been moved to Peterson Gym to help accommodate festivities for the upcoming Super Bowl, slated for Sunday, Jan. 26, 2003, in San Diego, Calif.

Aztecs Picked To Finish Seventh In The MWC

For the third consecutive season, San Diego State has been picked to finish seventh by the Mountain West Conference media in the league's pre-season poll.

BYU received eight of the 16 first-place votes, becoming the third different school to be picked to win the MWC title in as many years.

The media has correctly picked the regular season conference winner in each of the previous three polls, with Colorado State earning the nod in 2001-02, and Utah claiming the title in 1999-2000 and 2000-01.

Sign On The Dotted Line

San Diego State women's basketball head coach Jim Tomey announced the signings Nov. 14, of two high school seniors to national letters of

| SDSU 2002 Letters Of Intent Signees | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|----------------------|
| Name | Ht. | Pos. | Hometown/HS |
| Michelle Elliott | 5-11 | G | Pasco, Wash./Pasco |
| Courtney Fritz | 5-8 | PG | Newberg, Ore./Jesuit |

Wash.) and **Courtney Fritz (Newberg, Ore.)** will join the Aztecs in the fall of 2003.

"With the two players that we signed, we feel that we've really added to the basketball I.Q. of our program," Tomey said. "We signed two girls who have a great feel for how to play the game and their greatest attribute is their ability to strengthen and bond the group that is out on the

2002-03 San Diego State Roster Breakdown

Returning Letterwinners (8)

Jamey Cox, G, 9.8 p, 1.9 r, 4.0 a
Valencia Howard, F 3.8 p, 3.9 r
Andrea Kiesling, C, 1.1 p, 0.7 r
Tynisha King, F, 1.0 p, 0.4 r
Nicolette McCartney, F/C, 3.5 p, 3.1 r
Maggie Sauls, G, 0.7 p, 0.3 r
Ashonda Williams, F, 7.5 p, 4.2 r
Heather Wolf, G, 1.8, 0.7 r

Letterwinners Lost (5)

Atim Otii, F 9.3 p, 5.8 r
Tanisha Knight, F 5.6 p, 3.4 r
Claire Swinbank, G 12.1 p, 4.3 r
Morgan Vargas, C 4.0 p, 2.6 r
Missy Shoemaker, F 3.2 p, 2.2 r

Returning Starters (3)

Jamey Cox, G, 9.8 p, 1.9 r, 4.0 a
Nicolette McCartney, F/C, 3.5 p, 3.1 r
Ashonda Williams, F, 7.5 p, 4.2 r

Starters Lost (2)

Atim Otii, F, 9.3 p, 5.8 r
Claire Swinbank, G, 12.1 p, 4.3 r

Newcomers (7)

Megan Bryant, 6-3, Fr., C
Ashlee Dunlap, 5-11, Fr., F
Amber Fouse, 5-6, Fr., G
Tami Garnett, 6-3, Fr., C
Veronica Shaw, 5-8, Fr., G
Michelle Strawberry, 5-10, Fr., G
Ashley White, 6-1, Fr., F

Class Breakdown

Seniors (5): Cox, Howard, Kiesling, King, Williams
Junior (1): McCartney
Sophomores (2): Sauls, Wolf
Freshmen (7): Bryant, Dunlap, Fouse, Garnett, Shaw, Strawberry, White

Position Breakdown

Forwards (6): Dunlap, Howard, King, McCartney, White, Williams
Centers (4): Bryant, Garnett, Kiesling, McCartney
Guards (6): Cox, Fouse, Sauls, Shaw, Strawberry, Wolfe

Aztecs By Height

| | |
|------|--|
| 6-3 | Megan Bryant Tami Garnett Andrea Kiesling |
| 6-2 | Nicolette McCartney |
| 6-1 | Ashlee Dunlap Valencia Howard Ashley White |
| 6-0 | Ashonda Williams |
| 5-10 | Tynisha King Michelle Strawberry |
| 5-9 | Maggie Sauls |
| 5-7 | Jamey Cox Amber Fouse Veronica Shaw |
| 5-6 | Heather Wolf |

SDSU Miscellaneous Stats

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Largest halftime lead | 1 vs. Centenary |
| Largest halftime deficit | 25 at St. Mary's |
| Most 2nd half points | 41 vs. Centenary |
| Fewest 2nd half points | 30 at St. Mary's |
| Largest lead | 17, twice vs. Centenary |
| Largest deficit | 28, at St. Mary's |
| Largest lead in a loss | N/A |
| Largest deficit in a win | 3, twice vs. Cent. |
| FT % in last 2 min. & OT | .333 (2-6) |

SDSU Streaks

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Last 5/10 games (incl. 2001-02) | 1-4/2-8 |
| Longest winning streak | 1 |
| Longest losing streak | 1 |
| Current streak | Lost 1 |

SDSU's Record When...

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Playing at home | 1-0 |
| Playing on the road | 0-1 |
| Playing at a neutral site | 0-0 |
| Leading at halftime | 1-0 |
| Trailing at halftime | 0-1 |
| Tied at halftime | 0-0 |
| Leading with 5:00 left | 1-0 |
| Trailing with 5:00 left | 0-1 |
| Tied with 5:00 left | 0-0 |
| In overtime | 0-0 |
| Scoring less than 60 points | 0-1 |
| Scoring between 60-69 points | 0-0 |
| Scoring between 70-79 points | 1-0 |
| Scoring between 80-89 points | 0-0 |
| Scoring 90 or more points | 0-0 |
| Opponent scores less than 60 points | 1-0 |
| Opponent scores 60-69 points | 0-1 |
| Opponent scores 70-79 points | 0-0 |
| Opponent scores 80-89 points | 0-0 |
| Opponent scores 90 or more points | 0-0 |
| FG% .500 or better | 0-0 |
| FG% under .500 | 1-1 |
| FG% over .400 | 1-0 |
| FG% under .400 | 0-1 |
| Opponent FG% .500 or better | 0-0 |
| Opponent FG% under .500 | 1-1 |
| Opponent FG% .400 or better | 0-1 |
| Opponent FG% under .400 | 1-0 |
| Better shooting % | 1-0 |
| Worse shooting % | 0-1 |
| More FG attempts | 1-1 |
| Fewer FG attempts | 0-0 |
| More FGs made | 1-0 |
| Fewer FGs made | 0-1 |
| More FT attempts | 1-0 |
| Fewer FT attempts | 0-1 |
| More FTs made | 1-0 |
| Fewer FTs made | 0-1 |
| More rebounds | 0-1 |
| Fewer rebounds | 1-0 |
| Equal rebounds | 0-0 |
| Fewer turnovers | 1-0 |
| More turnovers | 0-1 |
| Equal turnovers | 0-0 |
| More assists | 1-0 |
| Fewer assists | 0-1 |

floor - they're leaders.

"I feel terrific about them both as people and players. They are the kind of student-athletes that we want to bring into San Diego State to help us build this program."

Local Connections

Aztec assistant coaches **Nicole Anderson** and **Jennifer Gross** are both San Diego natives. Anderson played at La Jolla High School before starring at UCLA from 1989-93, while Gross earned all-state honors at University City High School, before moving on to UC Davis (1993-97). Anderson (Francis Parker, USD) and Gross (University City) later returned to San Diego to coach on the prep level, prior to taking their current jobs at SDSU. San Diego State's other assistant coach **Matt Hart**, meanwhile, has spent his entire coaching career in the Southern California area, serving as a Division I men's assistant coach at Long Beach State and USC, in addition to a pair of head coaching jobs at Bishop Amat and St. John Bosco High Schools.

The Cast

The 2002-03 SDSU roster includes five seniors, one junior, two sophomores and seven freshmen. The seven freshmen are the program's most since the 1983-84 team, which opened the season with nine freshmen.

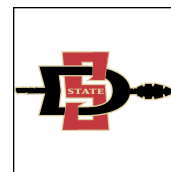
While this year's squad includes five seniors, only two, **Jamey Cox** and **Andrea Kiesling (Helena, Mont.)**, have played all three of their previous collegiate seasons at San Diego State.

Key Points For SDSU In 2002-03

► **Offense** - With the loss of two of the team's top three scorers from a year ago, the Aztecs will look for help to support senior **Jamey Cox**, who has led SDSU in scoring in two of the last three seasons. The team, however, returns its three-point threat from a year ago in Cox and **Ashonda Williams**, who both ranked in the MWC top 10 in three-point field goals.

► **Defense** - The Aztecs proved to have one of the top defenses in the MWC last season. SDSU ranked third overall and second in league games in steals, reaching double-figures in that category 13 times ... opponents only shot 40 percent or better from the field 12 times in 28 games ... the Aztecs held 10 of their final 20 opponents under 60 points.

► **At the line** - The Aztecs have struggled at the line in recent years, shooting just 65 percent in 2001-02. Part of that figure, however, can be attributed to the fact that SDSU took almost 200 less foul shots than its opponents (438-623).



Mountain West Conference Conference Only Rankings

(Final - 2001-02 Season)

| TEAM CATEGORY | SDSU | RANK |
|-----------------------|-------|------|
| Scoring Offense | 53.6 | 7th |
| Scoring Defense | 64.4 | 7th |
| Scoring Margin | -10.7 | 7th |
| Field Goal Pct. | .343 | 7th |
| Field Goals Pct. Def. | .405 | 6th |
| 3-Pt. FG Pct. | .308 | 5th |
| 3-Pt. FG Pct. Def. | .300 | 2nd |
| Free Throw Pct. | .629 | 8th |
| Rebounding Offense | 34.5 | 7th |
| Rebounding Defense | 41.1 | 8th |
| Rebounding Margin | -6.6 | 8th |
| Blocked Shots | 2.50 | 6th |
| Assists | 11.14 | 7th |
| Steals | 9.57 | 2nd |
| Turnover Margin | 1.57 | 3rd |
| Assist/Turnover Ratio | 0.65 | 7th |
| Offensive Rebounds | 14.07 | 1st |
| Defensive Rebounds | 20.43 | 7th |
| 3-Pt. FG Made | 4.29 | 5th |

| INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY | AVG |
|---------------------|------|
| Scoring | |
| 8. Swinbank | 12.8 |
| 18. Cox | 9.1 |

| Rebounding | |
|-------------------|-----|
| 8. Otii | 5.9 |
| 9. Swinbank | 5.6 |

| Assists Per Game | |
|-------------------------|------|
| 7. Swinbank | 3.21 |
| 14. Cox | 2.57 |

| Steals Per Game | |
|------------------------|------|
| 2. Swinbank | 2.14 |
| 8. Otii | 1.71 |
| 8. Cox | 1.71 |

| 3-Point Field Goals Percentage | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| 10. Cox | .355 (27-76) |

| 3-Point Field Goals Made Per Game | |
|--|------|
| 4. Cox | 1.93 |
| 13. Williams | 1.07 |

| Blocked Shots Per Game | |
|-------------------------------|------|
| 5. Otii | 0.93 |
| 9. McCartney | 0.79 |

| Assist/Turnover Ratio | |
|------------------------------|------|
| 10. Swinbank | 0.88 |

| Offensive Rebounds | |
|---------------------------|------|
| 6. Otii | 2.64 |
| 11. Williams | 2.14 |
| 15. Nicolette McCartney | 1.86 |

| Defensive Rebounds | |
|---------------------------|------|
| 5. Swinbank | 4.29 |
| 11. Otii | 3.29 |