



AZTEC MEN'S GOLF

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This week: April 30-May 2, Mountain West Conference Championships, Tucson, Ariz.

2008-09 SCHEDULE

FALL

Dates	Tournament (Results)
Sept. 29-30	WashingtonHusky Invitational 3rd of 11/ 879 (+15)
Oct. 20-21	Sycuan Collegiate Invitational 6th of 20 / 852 (-12)
Nov. 3-4	Rees Jones Collegiate Invitational 2nd of 19/ 901 (+37)
Nov. 10-12	Turtle Bay Resort Invitational 2nd of 19/ 846 (-18)

SPRING

Dates	Tournament (Site)
Feb. 2-3	Arizona Invitational 2nd of 17/858 (+6)
Feb.23-24	USC Invitational t-7th of 13/878 9(+26)
March 9-10	Fresno State Lexus Classic 5th of 20/877 (+13)
March 16-17	Barona Collegiate Cup 2nd of 10/1,057 (-23)
March 22-24	Callaway Collegiate Match Play 2nd of 16/588 (+12)
April 10-11	ASU Thunderbird Invitational t-2nd of 16 teams/856 (+4)
April 18-19	Texas A&M Aggie Invitational t-4th of 12 teams/744 (+24)
April 30-May 2	MWC Championships (Tucson, Ariz.)
May 14-16	NCAA West Regionals (San Francisco, Calif.)
May 27-30	NCAA Championships (Toledo, Ohio)

Home tournaments in **bold**

2008-09 ROSTER

Athlete	Class	Hometown
Johan Carlsson	So.	Gothenburg, Sweden
Ryan Citarella	Sr.	Santa Ana, Calif.
Andrew Cooley	Fr.	New Haw, England
Evan Emerick	Fr.	Oceanside, Calif.
Colin Featherstone	Fr.-RS	Fallbrook, Calif.
Matt Hoffenberg	So.	Simi Valley, Calif.
Alex Kang	Fr.	Oak Park, Calif.
Bryan Martin	Sr.	Thousand Oaks, Calif.
Tyler Morris	Fr.-RS	Encinitas, Calif.
David Palm	Sr.	Landvetter, Sweden
Jerry Porras	So.	Tijuana, Mexico
J.J. Spaun	Fr.	San Dimas, Calif.
Michael Wynn	Jr.	Las Vegas, Nev.

Head Coach: Ryan Donovan (San Diego State '01), Sixth Season

Director of Golf Operations: Dale Walker (San Diego State '80), Ninth Season

Aztec Men's Golf Gears Up for Mountain West Conference Championships

The San Diego State men's golf team begins its pursuit of a berth in the NCAA championship series this week when it returns to Tucson, Ariz., for the Mountain West Conference Championships, April 30-May 2, at the famed Omni Tucson National Golf Resort. The 54-hole tournament will contested with one round on each of the three days at the 7,136-yard, par-71 Catalina Course.

The Aztecs are scheduled to tee off with UNLV and TCU on Thursday beginning at 7 a.m. PT, while the pairings for the final two rounds will be based on team standings.

A live scoring link will be available on the home page of GoAztecs.com.

The Competition

The 22nd-ranked Aztecs are one of five Mountain West Conference teams to appear in the top 100 of the latest Golfstat rankings released April 22. No. 17 TCU is the league's highest-ranked squad in the poll, followed by SDSU (22), Colorado State (33), UNLV (34), New Mexico (37) and Brigham Young (72). The nine-team field also includes Air Force, Utah and Wyoming.

The MWC in the National Rankings

	Golfstat	Golfweek/Sagarin
Air Force	156	162
Brigham Young	72	65
Colorado State	32	26
New Mexico	37	37
San Diego State	22	23
TCU	17	20
UNLV	34	22
Utah	171	188
Wyoming	193	197

For the Record: Aztecs vs. The Field

SDSU will be looking for its first tournament title of the season and its first MWC championship when it hits the fairways in the Grand Canyon State. The Scarlet and Black enter the week with a dazzling 125-27-4 record (.814) in head-to-head competition. SDSU has faced the other eight conference teams at least once this season, posting an impressive 18-2-1 mark. Brigham Young has been SDSU's most frequent MWC opponent during the 2008-09 regular season, squaring off against the Scarlet and Black five times, while the Aztecs have faced Air Force and Utah just once. Below is a capsule look at how San Diego State has fared against its league rivals this season.

SDSU vs. the MWC in 2008-09

Air Force	(1-0)
Brigham Young	(4-1)
Colorado State	(2-1)
New Mexico	(4-0)
TCU	(1-0-1)
UNLV	(3-0)
Utah	(1-0)
Wyoming	(2-0)
Total	(18-2-1)

Back Spin: SDSU In The MWC Championships

The Aztecs have never come away with the team crown in the nine-year history of the MWC Championships, finishing second on three occasions in 2001, 2003 (tie) and 2006. SDSU managed fourth-place showing in 2004 and 2005, while ending up in the fifth spot in 2000 and 2007.

Despite having two golfers finish in the top 15 on the individual leaderboard, the Aztecs finished a disappointing seventh last season at 19-over 871, a distant 21 shots behind winner Colorado State (-2).

Then-senior Aaron Goldberg vaulted five places on the final day into the runner-up position for his sixth top five effort of the season.

Then-freshman Johan Carlsson recorded 11 birdies for the tournament and finished in a tie for 14th at 3-over 216. Carlsson's classmate Matt Hoffenberg also showed dramatic improvement over the final 18-holes, climbing six spots into a tie for 26th at 7-over 220.

This Week's Lineup

Head coach Ryan Donovan will utilize another new lineup at the MWC Championships. Leading the way for SDSU will be the sophomore duo of Johan Carlsson and Matt Hoffenberg, who are tied for the team's lowest stroke average. Senior Bryan Martin will make the trip for the Scarlet and Black, his fifth consecutive outing of the spring. Freshmen Alex Kang and J.J. Spaun return to the lineup for their fifth and third respective trips of the championships season.

Carlsson and Hoffenberg lead the squad with a 72.71 stroke average each, followed closely by Spaun (72.77), Kang (73.32) and Martin (73.83).

Of the group, only Carlsson and Hoffenberg have playing experience on the Catalina Course or at the MWC Championships. As mentioned earlier, Carlsson carded a 3-over 216 to finish tied for 14th in last year's MWC Championships, while Hoffenberg tied for 26th in the 45-golfer field at 7-over 220. Martin, meanwhile, does have conference tournament experience. Last spring at Loyola Marymount, Martin received honorable mention honors after he tied for 14th at the West Coast Conference Championship.

A Look At The Course

For the third straight year, the Mountain West Conference Championships will be held on the Catalina Course at the Omni Tucson National Golf Resort & Spa. Designed by Robert Van Hagge and Bruce Devlin, the Catalina Course is known for its magnificent views, traditional parkland-style layout and tree-lined fairways. Nestled in the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains, the course also includes eight sparkling lakes and 80 bunkers, while the 18th hole is considered to be one of the finest and most challenging finishing holes on the PGA Tour. Home to numerous NCAA events and the PGA's prestigious Chrysler Classic of Tucson, the Tucson National has been selected as one of Golf Digest magazine's "75 Best Golf Resorts in North America."

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Air Force Academy	1-0
Alabama	1-0
Arizona	2-0
Arizona State	2-1
Arkansas State	1-0
Army	1-0
Ball State	1-0
Baylor	1-0
Boise State	1-0
Brigham Young	4-1
California	2-2
Cal Poly	1-0
Charleston	1-0
Charlotte	1-0
Coastal Carolina	1-0
Colorado State	2-1
CSU Bakersfield	1-0
CSU Northridge	2-0
Denver	0-1-1
Duke	1-0
Eastern Michigan	1-0
East Tennessee State	1-0
Fresno City College	1-0
Fresno State	2-1-1
George Mason	1-0
Georgia State	0-1
Hawa ii	3-0
Idaho	3-0
Indiana	0-1
Jackson State	1-0
Kansas	1-0
Kent State	1-0
Lamar	1-0
Long Beach State	2-0
Louisville	1-0
Loyola Marymount	2-0
Methodist	1-0
Michigan State	1-0
Middle Tennessee St.	2-0
Mississippi State	1-0
Nevada	2-0
New Mexico	4-0
New Mexico State	2-0
Ohio State	1-1
Oklahoma	2-0
Oklahoma State	0-1
Oregon	2-0
Oregon State	3-0
Pacific	3-0
Pepperdine	1-2
Point Loma Nazarene	1-0
Portland	1-0
Rice University	1-0
Sacramento State	1-0
Saint Mary's	2-0
San Diego	3-1
San Jose State	3-0
Santa Clara	1-0
South Carolina	0-1
South Carolina Beaufort ..	1-0
Stanford	1-1
Tennessee	1-0
Tennessee-Chattanooga ..	1-0
Tennessee State	1-0
Texas	0-1
Texas A&M	1-1
Texas Christian	1-0-1
Texas Tech	2-0
Troy	1-0
Tulsa	2-0
UC Davis	1-1
UC Irvine	5-1
UCLA	1-1
UC Riverside	1-0
UC Santa Barbara	1-1
ULM	1-0
UNLV	3-0
Utah	1-0
UT-Arlington	1-0
UTEP	3-0
Washington	1-2
Washington State	1-1
Wichita State	1-0
Wyoming	2-0
Yale	1-0

Total 125- 27-4 (.814)

Carlsson Named Mountain West Conference Golfer of the Month

Sophomore Johan Carlsson was named the Mountain West Conference men's golfer of the month as announced by the league office on Nov. 19. The award is the first of his career.

Carlsson, a product of Gothenburg, Sweden, helped the Aztecs to a third-place finish at the Rees Jones Intercollegiate on Daufuski Island, S.C. in early November, followed by a second-place team finish at the Turtle Bay Resort Intercollegiate in Kuhuku, Hawaii.

Carlsson recorded five rounds below 70 during the fall campaign, including two during the month of November.

Freshmen Fantastic

San Diego State's freshman class is among America's best. The class currently ranks second on the Golfstat Top 25 Freshman Class Impact Ranking, released April 23. As a class, the SDSU freshmen hold a 73.01 stroke average, according to Golfstat. Only Oregon ranks ahead of the Aztecs.

Two Former Aztecs Named to MWC 10th Anniversary Team

Former San Diego State men's golf standouts Aaron Goldberg and Mark Warman were named to the Mountain West Conference 10th Anniversary Men's Golf Team, as selected by a combined panel of media, institutional and conference personnel and online fan poll. In order to be eligible for consideration, candidates must have been a first-team all-MWC selection at least once in their careers.

A native of Encinitas, Calif., Goldberg earned first-team all-MWC accolades three times (2006-08) and was named the league's player of the year in 2008. Goldberg was named the MWC golfer of the month five times in his Aztec career, joining Ryan Moore of UNLV as the only two players to be recognized on a least five occasions since the league's formation in 1999-2000. A two-time All-American, Goldberg became the first SDSU golfer to gain All-America status in consecutive seasons since Kris Moe accomplished the feat in 1983-84. Goldberg ended his Aztec career with two individual tournament titles and currently owns the top 54-hole individual score in the SDSU record books (68-66-67--201 at the 2006 District 7 Shootout).

Warman, meanwhile, earned first-team all-MWC honors each of the three years he played for the Aztecs (2002-04). The San Clemente, Calif., product claimed medalist honors at the 2003 U.S. Intercollegiate, a tournament in which he shot a 62 which stands as the lowest individual 18-hole score in the SDSU record books. The MWC player of the month in March 2002, Warman was also an All-American candidate his senior season and was named one of Golf World's top 50 "Players to Watch" in 2004.

Head Coach Ryan Donovan

Coming off San Diego State's best season since 1982 and the Aztecs' best showing during his tenure, San Diego State alumnus Ryan Donovan is now in his sixth season as the leader of the Aztec men's golf program. With Donovan at the helm, SDSU placed in the top 14 in all 15 outings with the 15th tournament being a 14th-place finish at the NCAA Championships. Overall, the Aztecs compiled a 266-21 head-to-head record and finished 20th in Golfstat's final collegiate poll.

Individually, Donovan helped a pair of athletes in senior Aaron Goldberg and junior David Palm earn All-America accolades. Additionally, both were all-Mountain West Conference and all-Southwest Region selections. Other players to earn season-end-

ing honors under Donovan were matt Hoffenberg (MWC freshman of the year, all-MWC, all-Southwest Region) and Johan Carlsson (all-Southwest Region). Donovan himself was named the Eaton Golf Pride Division I Coach of the Year for the southwest region given out annually by the Golf Coaches Association of America.

In 2006-07, SDSU secured three team tournament titles and reached the NCAA Regionals for the team's ninth straight appearance. Aaron Goldberg had one the program's finest campaigns, finishing with a scoring average of 70.71, while recording seven top-five finishes and capturing medalist honors at the District 7 Fall Shootout on his way to being named an honorable mention PING All-America honors, the program's first such honor since 2001.

The 2005-06 season was equally impressive as Donovan guided SDSU to three team tournament victories and its eighth consecutive NCAA regional appearance. Three Aztec golfers - seniors Andrew Scott and Josh Warthen and sophomore David Palm - all claimed individual titles during the season, while Scott and Goldberg garnered all-Mountain West Conference accolades.

Donovan was a four-year competitor for the SDSU golf squad from 1997-2001. His most successful season came as a junior when he posted five top-30 finishes.

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Golfstat (April 29)

San Diego State - 22
Freshman Class - 2
Johan Carlsson - 149

Golfweek/Sagarin (April 27)

San Diego State - 23
Johan Carlsson - 94
Matt Hoffenberg - 111

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MWC Golfer of the Month

Nov. - Johan Carlsson

MWC 10th Anniversary Team

Oscar Alvarez, BYU
Jake Ellison, BYU
Daniel Summerhays, BYU
Martin Laird, Colorado State
Charlie Beljan, New Mexico
Michael Letzig, New Mexico
Aaron Goldberg, San Diego State
Mark Warman, San Diego State
Seung-su Han, UNLV
Ryan Moore, UNLV

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►► 2008 · 09 OVERALL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Player	Events	Rounds	Strokes	Avg.	Count Pct.	Low 18	Low 36	Low 54	Won	Top 5	Top 10	Top 20	Best Finish
Johan Carlsson	11	31	2,254	72.71	26/31 (.839)	67	137	209	-	2	2	7	2nd
Matt Hoffenberg	10	28	2,036	72.71	22.3/28 (.796)	67	137	204	-	3	3	6	2nd
J.J. Spaun*	9	26	1,892	72.77	18/20 (.900)	68	139	208	-	-	3	5	t-7th
Andrew Cooley*	11	30	2,190	73.00	13/19 (.684)	66	139	212	-	2	2	6	t-3rd
Colin Featherstone*	7	19	1,390	73.16	6.5/9 (.722)	68	140	214	-	1	3	4	t-2nd
Alex Kang*	10	28	2,053	73.32	15.5/20 (.775)	66	138	211	-	-	2	3	t-6th
Ryan Citarella*	8	21	1,544	73.52	5/5 (1.000)	65	141	212	1	2	3	4	1st
Bryan Martin*	9	24	1,772	73.83	12.8/16 (.800)	68	140	211	-	1	3	4	4th
David Palm*	6	17	1,284	75.52	8.3/12 (.692)	70	142	213	-	-	1	1	t-7th
Jerry Porras*	4	12	911	75.92		72	147	222	-	-	-	-	t-50th
Michael Wynn*	6	17	1,302	76.59		68	144	219	-	-	-	-	t-27th
Tyler Morris*	7	19	1,479	77.84		70	150	220	-	-	-	-	t-23rd
SDSU Team	11	31	9,341	301.32	-	275	565	846	1	11	22	40	2nd

* - Includes rounds played as an individual

Rounds in the 60s: (31) - Carlsson 7, Hoffenberg 7, Kang 4, Spaun 4, Featherstone 3, Palm 2, Citarella, Cooley, Martin, Wynn.

Rounds below par: (61) - Carlsson 11, Hoffenberg 10, Spaun 8, Cooley 7, Kang 7, Martin 6, Featherstone 5, Citarella 3, Palm 3, Morris, Wynn.

Even-par rounds: (24) - Spaun 4, Cooley 3, Kang 3, Martin 3, Carlsson 2, Featherstone 2, Hoffenberg 2, Palm 2, Citarella, Porras, Morris.

►► SPRING 2009 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Player	Events	Rounds	Strokes	Avg.	Count Pct.	Low 18	Low 36	Low 54	Won	Top 5	Top 10	Top 20	Best Finish
J.J. Spaun*	5	14	1,012	72.29	7/8 (.875)	68	139	208	-	-	2	3	t-7th
Matt Hoffenberg	7	19	1,380	72.63	14/19 (.737)	67	137	204	-	3	3	4	2nd
Johan Carlsson	7	19	1,392	73.26	15.5/19 (.816)	67	144	216	-	-	-	2	t-18th
Colin Featherstone*	6	16	1,174	73.38	6.5/9 (.722)	68	140	214	-	1	3	4	t-2nd
Ryan Citarella*	6	15	1,104	73.60	5/5 (1.000)	65	141	212	1	2	3	3	1st
Andrew Cooley*	7	18	1,325	73.61	8.5/13 (.654)	69	141	215	-	1	1	3	t-4th
Alex Kang*	7	19	1,401	73.74	12/14 (.857)	68	138	211	-	-	2	2	t-6th
Bryan Martin*	6	15	1,115	74.33	9.5/10 (.950)	68	140	211	-	-	2	2	t-6th
David Palm*	3	8	610	76.25	2/3 (.667)	70	151	226	-	-	1	1	t-7th
Jerry Porras*	3	9	689	76.56		72	151	227	-	-	-	-	t-50th
Tyler Morris*	5	13	1,005	77.31		70	150	220	-	-	-	-	t-23rd
Michael Wynn*	4	11	852	77.45		74	150	224	-	-	-	-	t-39th
SDSU Team	7	19	5,858	308.32	-	275	568	856	1	7	17	24	2nd

* - Includes rounds played as an individual

Rounds in the 60s: (18) - Hoffenberg 6, Featherstone 3, Spaun 3, Carlsson 2, Kang 2, Citarella, Cooley.

Rounds below par: (33) - Carlsson 6, Hoffenberg 6, Kang 5, Spaun 5, Featherstone 4, Cooley 3, Citarella 2, Martin, Morris, Palm.

Even-par rounds: (14) - Martin 3, Spaun 3, Citarella 2, Hoffenberg 2, Carlsson, Cooley, Hoffenberg, Porras.

►► FALL 2008 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Player	Events	Rounds	Strokes	Count Avg.	Low Pct.	Low 18	Low 36	Low 54	Top Won	Top 5	Top 10	Top 20	Best Finish
Johan Carlsson	4	12	862	71.83	11.5/12 (.958)	68	137	209	-	2	2	4	2nd
Colin Featherstone*	1	3	216	72.00		70	146	216	-	-	-	-	t-35th
Andrew Cooley	4	12	865	72.08	7/9 (.778)	66	139	212	-	1	1	3	t-3rd
Alex Kang	3	9	652	72.44	3.5/6 (.583)	66	139	211	-	-	-	1	t-11th
Matt Hoffenberg	3	9	656	72.89	7.3/9 (.811)	69	144	213	-	-	-	2	t-18th
Bryan Martin*	3	9	657	73.00	3.3/6 (.550)	69	144	213	-	1	1	2	4th
Ryan Citarella*	2	6	440	73.33		71	144	217	-	-	-	1	t-14th
J.J. Spaun	4	12	880	73.33	8/9 (.888)	68	139	213	-	-	1	2	t-7th
Jerry Porras*	1	3	222	74.00		73	147	222	-	-	-	-	t-75th
David Palm	3	9	674	74.88	6.3/9 (.700)	70	142	213	-	-	-	-	t-24th
Michael Wynn*	2	6	450	75.00		68	144	219	-	-	-	-	27th
Tyler Morris*	2	6	474	79.00		72	150	232	-	-	-	-	37th
SDSU Team	4	12	3,483	290.25	-	275	565	846	0	4	5	15	2nd

* - Includes rounds played as an individual

Rounds in the 60s: (13) - Carlsson 5, Kang 2, Palm 2, Hoffenberg, Martin, Spaun, Wynn.

Rounds below par: (26) - Carlsson 5, Cooley 4, Hoffenberg 4, Martin 3, Spaun 3, Kang 2, Palm 2, Citarella, Featherstone, Wynn.

Even-par rounds: (10) - Cooley 2, Kang 2, Palm 2, Carlsson, Featherstone, Morris, Spaun.

