THIS WEEK ON THE COURTS: Mountain West Championships - April 26-28, 10 am MT - USAF Academy, Colo.

# **2012-13 SCHEDULE**

Overall: 20-4, MW: 8-0			
Date	Opponent 7	Time/Result	
Sept. 28	SDSU Fall Classic I	NTS	
Sept. 29	SDSU Fall Classic I	NTS	
Sept. 30	SDSU Fall Classic I	NTS	
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Oct. 18	ITA Regional	NTS	
Oct. 19	ITA Regional	NTS	
Oct. 20	ITA Regional	NTS	
Nov. 9	SDSU Fall Classic II	NTS	
Nov. 10	SDSU Fall Classic II	NTS	
Nov. 11	SDSU Fall Classic II	NTS	
Jan. 19	UC Riverside	W, 7-0	
ourn ro	Cal State Fullerton	W, 6-1	
Feb. 1	No. 44 Washington	L, 5-2	
Feb. 3	No. 40 Saint Mary's	W, 4-3	
Feb. 8	No. 28 Arizona	DNP	
Feb. 15	No. 43 Long Beach Sta		
Feb. 20	at USC	L, 7-0	
Feb. 22	Loyola Marymount	W, 6-1	
Feb. 28	~ vs. Xavier	W, 6-1	
March 2	at Hawai'i	W, 6-1	
March 8	Pepperdine	PPD	
March 15	Marquette	W, 5-2	
March 17	No. 15 California	L, 6-1	
March 20	Pepperdine	W, 5-2	
March 22	Dartmouth	W, 5-2	
March 28	Sacramento State	W, 4-3	
April 1	at San Diego	W, 4-3	
April 5	* UNLV	W, 4-3	
April 6	* New Mexico	W, 7-0	
April 7	* Boise State	W, 6-1	
April 13	* vs. Fresno State #	W, 4-3	
April 13 April 14	* vs. Nevada #	W, 4-3	
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April 16	UC San Diego	W, 7-0	
April 18	* at Colorado State ^	W, 6-0	
April 19	* vs. Wyoming ^	W, 5-1	
April 20	* vs. Air Force ^	W, 6-1	
April 26	at MW Championships	10 am	
April 27	at MW Championships	10 am	
April 28	at MW Championships	10 am	
May 10-12	NCAA 1st & 2nd Roun	ds TBA	

All times local to site

Home matches in **bold**, played at Aztec Tennis Center \* - MW Conference match

Ma 16-27 NCAA Championships

at Honolulu, Hawaii

# - at Las Vegas, Nevada ^ - at Fort Collins. Colo.

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#### AZTECS LOOK TO CONTINUE WINNING AT CHAMPS

• Coming off its most successful regular season in 10 years, the San Diego State women's tennis team looks to continue its winning ways in the Mountain West Championships this weekend. The No. 1 seeded Aztecs will open play against No. 9 Colorado State on Friday, April 26 at 10 am MT.

SDSU clinched its first outright Mountain West title against conference championship host Air Force on April 20 when the Aztecs downed the Falcons, 6-1. The match also marked the 13th-straight win for San Diego State and brought SDSU to a perfect 8-0 in league play.

#### **SCOUTING THE MOUNTAIN WEST**

• UNLV - The 55th-ranked San Diego State Aztecs defeated No. 71 UNLV, 4-3, in their Mountain West season opener on April 5. SDSU took the early lead by earning the doubles point. The Aztecs came out on top after tough competition in singles play, earning three points to clinch the win. The Rebels finished tied for second place in conference standings after posting a 6-2 league record. UNLV will open the MW Championships by facing No. 7 Air Force at 2 pm MT on Friday, April 26.

New Mexico - San Diego State swept the New Mexico Lobos, 7-0, on April 6 at the Aztec Tennis Center. The Aztecs swept doubles action to notch the first point. SDSU also won in all six singles matches without having to advance to a third set. The No. 8 seed Lobos will open the conference championships by facing Colorado State in the first round match on Thursday at 10 am MT.

Boise State - The Aztecs defeated Boise State. 6-1, to earn their third consecutive conference win on April 7. San Diego State claimed the doubles point and dropped only one match in second singles. The Broncos will take on fourth-seeded Nevada at 10 am MT on Friday.

Fresno State - SDSU downed the No. 55 Fresno State Bulldogs, 4-3, on April 13 to stay atop the Mountain West standings. At the time, the Bulldogs had been the only other team to post a perfect league record. The 48th-ranked Aztecs fell behind early after dropping the doubles point. San Diego State battled back in singles to win four of the matches and emerge with the win. Fresno State finished up MW play in a tie for second in the conference standings. The thirdseeded Bulldogs will No. 6 Wyoming at 2 pm MT on Friday, April 26 to open their play in the championships.

Nevada - The San Diego State women's tennis team edged Nevada, 4-3, on April 14 to remain undefeated in conference play. The Aztecs lost the doubles point and earned just enough in singles play to clinch the victory. The fourth-seeded Wolf Pack will face No. 5 Boise State at 10 am MT on Friday.

Colorado State - The Aztecs traveled to Colorado to conclude the regular season, April 18-20. In their first of three matches, San Diego State defeated Colorado State, 6-0 on Thursday. Due to the weather, the match had to be moved indoors to Greeley, Colo. The Rams and Aztecs were forced to play on four courts and would forgo doubles play. SDSU swept Colorado State in singles play to hold on to the Mountain West top spot. The Rams will play in the league championships' first match, facing No. 8 New Mexico on Thursday at 10 am MT.

Wyoming - SDSU stretched its winning streak to 12-straight matches and guaranteed the top seed in the upcoming conference tournament with their 5-1 win over Wyoming on April 19. Doubles was not played due to teams moving indoors caused by inclement weather. The Aztecs won five of the singles matches, dropping one point in fourth singles. The Cowgirls will face off against third-seeded Fresno State at 2pm MT on Friday.

Air Force - The San Diego State women's tennis team clinched the Mountain West title in its season finale against Air Force on April 20 in a 6-1 victory. The 41st-ranked Aztecs claimed their 13th-straight dual match, closing out their regular season schedule 20-4 overall and a perfect 8-0 in league play. SDSU earned the doubles point and won five of the singles matches, dropping one point in fourth singles. The championship host Falcons will face No. 2 UNLV at 2pm MT on Friday.

#### 2012-13 Roster

Name	Year	Hometown (Last School)
Alicia Aguilar	Senior	Coatzacoalcos, Mexico (Tec Millennium University
Laura Antonana-Iriarte	Junior	San Sebastian, Spain (Colegio Eskibel Ikastetzea)
Kristin Buth	Sophomore	Kaiserslautern, Germany (Heinrich-Heine-Gymnasium)
Michela Casanova	Freshman	Arisdorf, Switzerland (Freies Gymnasium)
Isabelle Hoorn	Freshman	Soest, Netherlands (Het Baarnsch Lyceum)
Tami Nguyen	Freshman	Muntinlupa City, Philippines (Olivarez College)
Dora Somoracz	RS - Freshman	Budapest, Hungary (Szent-gyorgyi Albert Altalanos es Gimnazium)
Julia Wais	Senior	Goeppingen, Germany (Freihofgymnasium)

Head Coach: Peter Mattera Assistant Coach: Lindsey Gamp



San Diego State Women's Tennis 2012-13 - Mountain West Conference Championship Notes

# 2012-13 MW Women's Tennis Standings

Team (Rk.)	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Overall</u>
SDSU	8-0	20-4
UNLV	6-2	16-7
Fresno State	6-2	14-7
Nevada	5-3	11-6
Boise State	4-4	13-9
Wyoming	4-4	10-11
Air Force	2-6	13-10
New Mexico	1-7	7-14
Colorado State	0-8	4-15

## **Current ITA Standings**

(As of April 23, 2013)

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Conference</u>
1	Univ. of Florida	SEC
2	North Carolina	ACC
3	Univ. of Georgia	SEC
4	Texas A&M	SEC
5	USC	PAC 12
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39	San Diego State	MW
-	-	-
53	Fresno State	MW
-	-	-
65	UNLV	MW

# **Current ITA Singles Player Standings**

(As of April 23, 2013)

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>leam</u>
1	Lauren Embree	Univ. of Florida
2	Sabrina Santamar	ia USC
3	Robin Anderson	UCLA
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35	Aleksandra Josifos	ska UNLV
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83	Lucia Batta	UNLV

#### PREVIOUSLY AT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

◆ Last season, San Diego State reached the Mountain West championship finals, only to fall short to TCU, 4-3. SDSU, which hosted the event, played in its fifth conference title match and finished the season with a 12-14 record and a 5-2 mark in the league, which was the second-best showing in the Mountain West.

#### IN THE POLLS

• SDSU currently sits at No. 39 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Division I National Team Rankings. The Aztecs are up two spots from last week's 41st ranking and is the highest ranking San Diego State has seen this season. This week marks the ninth consecutive week that SDSU has made an appearance in the poll since making its debut the week of February 26.

The Aztecs have seen only one player ranked in any ITA poll this season. Senior Julia Wais made an appearance in the preseason poll, coming in at No. 90.

#### **20-WIN SEASON**

• In 2012-13, the Aztecs posted their first 20 win season in 10 years. The last time SDSU notched as many victories was in 2002-03, when it finished the year at 22-5 and claimed its first-ever Mountain West Conference championship. San Diego State defeated Brigham Young 4-1 to claim the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. That season, the Aztecs hosted the league championships. San Diego State has the chance to match, if not exceed, the 2002-03 campaign's results with play in the Mountain West championship and NCAA tournament still to be determined.

#### **INDIVIDUAL SUCCESS**

◆ Aztec junior Laura Antonana Iriarte has had an impressive spring showing as she is currently riding a 13 match win streak. Antonana Iriarte has competed in the third slot all season. The San Sebastian, Spain, native has not dropped an individual match since March 17. The 13-match consecutive wins is a team and season high.

Freshman Michela Casanova had matched Antonana Iriarte, dating back to March 17 as well, until the final outing of the regular season. Casanova would sit out of the match, ending her streak at 12 straight.

### **PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

• SDSU senior Julia Wais was named the Mountain West Women's Tennis Player of the Week twice in 2013. The first honor came on March 6 after Wais went a perfect 4-0 while in Hawaii. Wais posted two wins against both Xavier and host Hawai'i. The award was the first of the season for the senior and the Aztecs.

The Goeppingen, Germany, native garnered her second weekly award of the season just a few weeks later on March 20. Wais notched a singles victory over Ana Pimienta of Marquette, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3. The second match of the week proved to be an impressive effort by the Aztec senior as she faced ninth-ranked Anett Schutting of No. 15 California. Despite taking one of the top 10 players in the nation to three sets, Wais would ultimately drop the decision. Wais and doubles partner Kristin Buth would be the only pair from SDSU to post a win in doubles, topping Klara Fabikova and Kelly Chui, 8-5.

#### **COACHING STAFF**

• Reigning Mountain West women's tennis coach of the year, Peter Mattera, is in his 20th season as head coach on The Mesa. Mattera was named conference coach of the year for the 2011-12 season. The award marked his second such honor and first since 2003.

Mattera has guided San Diego State to 15 winning seasons and 11 berths in the last 17 NCAA tournaments

Assistant coach Lindsey Gamp enters her eight season with the Aztec women's tennis team. During her time on Montezuma Mesa, Gamp has helped SDSU average nearly 15 wins a season and three NCAA Tournament appearances.

### **LAST TIME OUT**

• San Diego State closed out the regular season on a high note when it finished off its perfect conference play with three matches in Colorado. The Aztecs opened the weekend by facing host Colorado State on April 18. SDSU and the Rams would only compete in singles play due to inclement weather forcing the match indoors. The change in venue would not deter the Aztecs as they swept their host, 6-0.

The second match in as many days came against Wyoming, also indoors due to weather in the surrounding area. Once again, singles action would decide the outcome. SDSU would not be stopped and dropped only one match on the day, coming out with a 5-1 win to maintain the spotless league mark.

San Diego State concluded the 2012-13 regular season with a decisive 6-1 win over Air Force. Once again weather was an issue and the match was moved to the Air Force Academy. For the first time over the weekend, the Aztecs competed in doubles. SDSU not only took the doubles point but would also take five singles matches to down the Falcons, 6-1.

The three victories in Colorado were added to the win column to bring the Aztecs to 20-4 overall and an impressive 8-0 in conference play. In addition to clinching its first outright league title in 10 years, SDSU guaranteed the top seed in the Mountain West championships and extended its win streak to 13-straight matches.