



SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS

2022 Volleyball Weekly Notes

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2022 AZTEC VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Day/Date	Opponent	Time
Friday, Aug. 26	California [^] (MWN)	L, 0-3
Saturday, Aug. 27	Army West Point [^]	W, 3-1
Saturday, Aug. 27	UC San Diego [^] (MWN)	W, 3-1
Friday, Sept. 2	vs. No. 9 Baylor [#]	4 p.m. PT
Saturday, Sept. 3	at Pepperdine [#]	Noon PT
Saturday, Sept. 3	vs. UC Santa Barbara [#]	7 p.m. PT
Friday, Sept. 9	Maryland [~]	10 a.m. PT
Friday, Sept. 9	Arizona [~]	7 p.m. PT
Saturday, Sept. 10	Sacramento State [~]	2:30 p.m. PT
Thursday, Sept. 15	UCLA ⁺ (MWN)	7 p.m. PT
Saturday, Sept. 17	at San Diego ⁺	7 p.m. PT
Thursday, Sept. 22	San José State* (MWN)	7 p.m. PT
Saturday, Sept. 24	Nevada*	1 p.m. PT
Tuesday, Sept. 27	at Fresno State*	6 p.m. PT
Saturday, Oct. 1	at UNLV* (MWN)	1 p.m. PT
Thursday, Oct. 6	at Utah State* (MWN)	7 p.m. MT
Saturday, Oct. 8	at Boise State* (MWN)	Noon MT
Thursday, Oct. 13	Wyoming*	7 p.m. PT
Saturday, Oct. 15	Colorado State* (MWN)	1 p.m. PT
Thursday, Oct. 20	at New Mexico* (MWN)	5:30 p.m. MT
Saturday, Oct. 22	Air Force* (MWN)	1 p.m. PT
Thursday, Oct. 27	at Colorado State* (MWN)	7 p.m. MT
Saturday, Oct. 29	at Wyoming* (MWN)	1 p.m. MT
Thursday, Nov. 3	Boise State* (MWN)	7 p.m. PT
Saturday, Nov. 5	Utah State* (MWN)	1 p.m. PT
Monday, Nov. 7	Fresno State*	5 p.m. PT
Thursday, Nov. 10	UNLV* (MWN)	7 p.m. PT
Thursday, Nov. 17	at Nevada* (MWN)	7 p.m. PT
Saturday, Nov. 19	at San José State* (MWN)	1 p.m. PT

[^] - San Diego State Invitational (San Diego, Calif.)
[#] - Pepperdine ASICS Classic (Malibu, Calif.)
[~] - Aztec Classic (San Diego, Calif.)
⁺ - SDSU/USD Invitational (San Diego, Calif.)

* - Mountain West match
 (MWN) - Mountain West Network match

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Pepperdine ASICS Classic

Firestone Fieldhouse | Malibu, Calif.

San Diego State (2-1) vs. No. 9 Baylor (2-0)
 Friday, Sept. 2 | 4 p.m. PT | Live Video | Live Stats

San Diego State (2-1) at Pepperdine (2-1)
 Saturday, Sept. 3 | Noon PT | Live Video | Live Stats

San Diego State (2-1) vs. UC Santa Barbara (2-1)
 Saturday, Sept. 3 | 7 p.m. PT | Live Video | Live Stats



PEPPERDINE ASICS CLASSIC ON TAP FOR AZTEC VOLLEYBALL

- > San Diego State embarks on its first road trip of the new season this weekend when it travels up the coast for the 24th annual Pepperdine ASICS Classic in Malibu, California. The Aztecs open tournament play on Friday, Sept. 2, they lock horns with No. 9 Baylor in a late afternoon clash, starting at 4 p.m. PT.
- > On Saturday, Sept. 3, SDSU will square off against two additional opponents, battling host Pepperdine at noon, PT, followed by a showdown with UC Santa Barbara at 7 p.m. The complete event schedule is listed below.
- > Live stats and live video streaming will be available throughout the weekend. Links to both platforms can be accessed on GoAztecs.com.

Day	Matchup	Time
Thursday, Sept. 1	No. 9 Baylor at Pepperdine	6 p.m. PT
Friday, Sept. 2	San Diego State vs. No. 9 Baylor	4 p.m. PT
	UC Santa Barbara at Pepperdine	6 p.m. PT
Saturday, Sept. 3	No. 9 Baylor vs. UC Santa Barbara	10 a.m. PT
	San Diego State at Pepperdine	Noon PT
	San Diego State vs. UC Santa Barbara	7 p.m. PT

SERIES RECORD VS. BAYLOR

- > The Aztecs have faced the Bears three times in program history, maintaining a 2-1 edge in a series dating back to 1992.
- > The teams last met at the Baylor Classic on Sept. 6, 2008, when the Bears claimed a 3-0 sweep in Waco, Texas.
- > San Diego State earned two victories over Baylor prior to the rally scoring era, posting a 3-0 triumph (15-4, 15-8, 15-6) at the Aztecs' own ASICS Grand Prix in 1992, followed by a 3-2 thriller (15-5, 15-4, 13-15, 13-15, 15-11) at the Michigan State Goff Volleyball Classic in 1995.
- > The Aztecs are 26-20 against the nine current members of the Big 12 Conference that sponsor women's volleyball after dropping a four-set decision to Kansas State at the UCSB Gaucho Invitational last season.
- > Baylor, which climbed into the No. 9 position in the first AVCA Coaches Poll of the regular season, represents the first ranked team SDSU will face this year. The Aztecs played three ranked teams during the 2021 campaign, falling to No. 17 Pepperdine, No. 16 UCLA and No. 25 San Diego.

SERIES RECORD VS. PEPPERDINE

- > After a 20-year hiatus in the all-time series, the Aztecs and Waves will square off for the second straight season, with the Scarlet and Black holding a slim 21-20 advantage in 41 previous encounters
- > SDSU came up on the short end against Pepperdine last year at the UCSB Gaucho Invitational, falling in four sets to the then-No. 21 Waves (19-25, 15-25, 25-21, 18-25).
- > In that match, Mikela Labno hit .522 for the day, blasting a season-high 15 kills on 22 attempts with just one error, while Julia Haynie and Sara Mukaj both finished with four block assists.
- > The Aztecs have not faced Pepperdine in a true road match since 2001 and are 5-10 in Malibu all-time, picking up their last victory there in 1992.
- > Pepperdine is just one of three current teams in the West Coast Conference that the Aztecs have a winning record against, joining San Francisco (6-2) and Gonzaga (2-1).

SERIES RECORD VS. UC SANTA BARBARA

- > San Diego State has won three straight vs. the Gauchos to build a 24-20 advantage in 44 all-time meetings dating back to 1978.
- > The Aztecs rolled to a 3-0 triumph (25-20, 25-19, 25-15) at UCSB last year in their opening match of the Gaucho Invitational.
- > In that contest, SDSU maintained the upper hand in most statistical categories, including hitting percentage (.384 to .189), kills (49-39), assists (46-36) and digs (45-33) to help key its victory. Among Aztec returners, Heipua Tautua'a hit .409 after collecting 11 kills, while Labno finished with seven put-aways of her own.
- > SDSU is 8-2 vs. UC Santa Barbara on a neutral court in program history, including a three-set victory in the 1981 NCAA West Regionals in Provo, Utah, which clinched a spot for the Scarlet and Black in the Final Four.
- > The Aztecs are 167-111 against current Big West schools in program history after posting a 3-1 decision over UC San Diego at home on Aug. 27.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location San Diego, Calif.
 Founded 1897
 Enrollment 35,782
 Nickname Aztecs
 Colors Scarlet and Black (Pantone 187)
 Conference Mountain West
 Affiliation Division I
 President Dr. Adela de la Torre
 Director of Athletics John David Wicker
 Faculty Representative Dr. Frank Harris III
 Home Facility Aztec Court at Peterson Gym (2,000)

TEAM INFORMATION

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 Career Record 70-43 (Fifth year)
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 Fall 2021 Record 8-22
 Fall 2021 Conference Record 5-13 (Ninth)
 Fall 2021 Home Record 5-4
 Spring 2021 Road Record 1-5
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 9/8
 Starters Returning/Lost 3/3+Libero

PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year of Volleyball 1976
 Overall Record 894-641 (.583)
 NCAA Appearances 14
 Last Postseason Appearance 2012
 NCAA Postseason Record 15-14

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2022 AZTEC VOLLEYBALL FALL ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Last School)
2	Heipua Tautua'a	OH	6-2	Jr.	Wai'anae, Hawaii (Wai'anae HS)
3	McKenna Douglas	DS/L	5-7	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Notre Dame Prep)
4	Kennedy Feuerborn	S	6-3	Jr.	Overland Park, Kan. (Johnson County CC)
6	Jordyn Goldsmith	OPP	6-1	So.	Valleyford, Wash. (Freeman HS)
7	Madison Corf	OH	5-11	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo. (Liberty HS)
8	Ellie Geoghegan	DS/L	5-8	Fr.	Manhattan Beach, Calif. (Mira Costa HS)
9	Sara Mukaj	MB	6-3	So.	Madena, Italy (Istituto Scaruffi-Levi Tricolore)
10	Cara Braun	OH	6-1	Fr.	Tempe, Ariz. (Valley Christian HS)
11	Kayla Rivera	DS/L	5-8	Sr.	Ventura, Calif. (Univ. of Georgia)
13	Julia Haynie	MB	6-2	Sr.	Temecula, Calif. (Portland State)
14	Reagan Merk	OH	5-11	So.	Huntington Beach, Calif. (Mater Dei HS)
15	Mikela Labno	OH	6-2	So.	Hilmar, Calif. (Hilmar HS)
16	Sarena Gonzalez	S	5-8	Fr.	Temecula, Calif. (Temecula Valley HS)
19	Noa Miller	S	5-10	Sr.	Douglasville, Ga. (Arizona State)
20	Elly Schraeder	MB	6-2	So.	Athol, Idaho (Univ. of San Diego)
21	Kat Cooper	MB	6-1	Fr.	Springdale, Ark. (Har-Ber HS HS)

Head Coach: Brent Hilliard (Long Beach State, 1993), Third season at SDSU
Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator: Melanie Greene (San Diego State, 2007), 12th season at SDSU
Assistant Coach: Steve Timmons (USC), Third season at SDSU
Volleyball Operations Assistant: Kara Barkdoll (Cal State San Marcos, 2015), Fifth season at SDSU

Pronunciations

#2 HEIPIUA TAUTUA'A HEY-poo-ah taw-TOO-ah-ah
 #4 Kennedy FEUERBORN FEWER-born
 #8 Ellie GEOGHEGAN GAY-gun
 #9 Sara MUKAJ MOO-kye
 #15 MIKELA Labno ma-KAY-la
 #19 NOA Miller Noah
 #21 Elly SCHRAEDER SCHRAY-der



OPPONENT COMPARISON

2022 Overall Stats	SDSU	OPP	BAY	OPP	PEPP	OPP	UCSB	OPP
Hitting Percentage	.198	.172	.184	.267	.156	.151	.211	.270
Kills per set	13.55	10.82	11.78	12.78	12.70	12.60	11.73	13.55
Assists per set	12.55	10.64	10.78	12.33	12.30	11.50	11.27	12.36
Service Aces per set	1.91	1.36	0.56	1.11	0.80	0.30	1.45	1.18
Digs per set	12.36	11.18	10.56	10.00	17.10	16.40	10.18	10.64
Blocks per set	2.55	3.27	2.00	3.00	3.60	2.85	2.91	1.73

SCOUTING THE OPPOSITION

> Despite splitting two matches last weekend in the season-opening Big Ten/Big 12 Challenge at Fort Worth, Texas, Baylor (1-1) moved up seven places from the 16th spot to the No. 9 position in the latest AVCA Coaches Poll released on Aug. 29. The Bears dropped a 3-1 decision to fifth-ranked Minnesota before outlasting defending national champion and No. 3 Wisconsin in a five-set thriller. Freshman setter Averi Carlson garnered Big 12 Rookie of the Week accolades after combining for 78 assists against the Gophers and Badgers, joining senior outside hitter Lauren Harrison on the Challenge's all-tournament team. Harrison averaged 4.00 kills (36 overall) last weekend, which ranks third in the conference, while Carlson (8.67 assists/set) and senior middle blocker Kara McGhee (1.22 blocks/set) occupy the eighth spot in their respective statistical categories. Along the back row, sophomore Lauren Briseño leads Baylor with 2.44 digs per set (22 overall), while senior middle blocker Mallory Talbert tops the squad with a .324 hitting percentage (15-3-37). With just two matches in hand and a lack of gaudy statistics, the Bears find themselves in the bottom half of the Big 12 in several categories entering the week, including digs (7th, 10.56/set), blocks (7th, 2.00/set), hitting percentage (7th, .184), kills (8th, 11.78/set), opponent blocks (8th, 3.00/set) and opponent hitting percentage (8th, .267). Before Friday's clash with the Aztecs, however, Baylor will battle Pepperdine in its tournament opener on Thursday. Last season, the Bears finished with a No. 10 final AVCA ranking after posting a 22-6 overall record, capped by a loss to Minnesota in the NCAA Sweet 16. Baylor was pegged for a second-place finish in the Big 12 preseason coaches poll, while Harrison and McGhee received preseason all-conference recognition. Not to be outdone, Carlson was tabbed the preseason Big 12 Freshman of the Year, marking the first time a Bears player merited such distinction. Now in his eighth year, head coach Ryan McGuyre has led Baylor to six consecutive postseason appearances, amassing a 154-56 record, including a Big 12 Championship in 2019. For his efforts, McGuyre was named the AVCA National Coach of the Year that season.

> Pepperdine (2-1) is receiving votes in the AVCA Top 25 Coaches Poll after posting a 2-1 record last weekend at the Ameritas Players Challenge in Lincoln, Nebraska. The Waves defeated Tulsa (3-1) and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi (3-0) but was unable to replicate the feat against top-ranked Nebraska, which rolled to a three-set sweep. Offensively, Pepperdine has been paced by outside hitters Grace Chillingworth and Emily Hellmuth, who share the team lead in kills (2.70/set, 27 overall), along with middle blocker Meg Brown who tops the squad with a .355 hitting percentage. At the net, the Waves boast one of the country's best in middle blocker Vanessa Polk, who enters the weekend in a tie for third nationally with 23 total blocks (2.30/set), including five solo stops. Along the back row, senior Riley Patterson occupies the second spot in the West Coast Conference with 4.00 digs per set, while at the setter position, Isabel Zelaya ranks fourth with an average of 9.60 assists per set. Collectively, the Waves top the WCC in several categories as of Sept. 1, including blocks (3.60/set) and digs (17.10/set), which rank fifth and 24th in the country,

2022 AZTEC VOLLEYBALL STATISTICAL LEADERS
 (min. 50 percent of team sets played)

Hitting Percentage*	.342	Elly Schraeder
Kills	34	Heipua Tautua'a
Kills per set	3.09	Heipua Tautua'a
Assists	63	Noa Miller
Assists per set	5.73	Noa Miller
Service Aces	10	Noa Miller
Service Aces per set	0.91	Noa Miller
Digs	38	McKenna Douglas
Digs per set	3.45	McKenna Douglas
Blocks	15.0	Elly Schraeder
Blocks per set	1.36	Elly Schraeder

*. min 3.0 attempts per set

2022 MOUNTAIN WEST STANDINGS (AS OF SEPT. 1)

Team	---Conference---			-----Overall-----			
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	Strk
Air Force	0	0	.000	3	0	1.000	W3
UNLV	0	0	.000	3	0	1.000	W3
Boise State	0	0	.000	2	0	.000	W2
New Mexico	0	0	.000	2	0	.000	W2
Utah State	0	0	.000	2	0	.000	W2
San Diego State	0	0	.000	2	1	.667	W2
Colorado State	0	0	.000	2	1	.667	L1
San José State	0	0	.000	2	1	.667	L1
Fresno State	0	0	.000	1	2	.333	W1
Nevada	0	0	.000	0	3	.000	L3
Wyoming	0	0	.000	0	3	.000	L3

Upcoming Matches in the MW

Sept. 1-3 (Thursday-Friday-Saturday)

San Diego State at Pepperdine ASICS Classic (Malibu, Calif.)
(No. 9 Baylor, Pepperdine, UC Santa Barbara)

Nevada at Gonzaga Tournament (Spokane, Wash.)

(CSUN, Idaho State, Gonzaga)

UNLV hosts Rebel Challenge (Las Vegas, Nev.)

(Miami (FL), St. John's, Weber State)

Sept. 2-3 (Friday-Saturday)

Colorado State hosts Colorado State Invitational (Fort Collins, Colo.)
(Alabama State, Arkansas, Florida Gulf Coast)

New Mexico at Borderland Invitational (El Paso, Texas)

(Portland State, South Dakota, New Mexico)

Utah State at BYU Invitational II (Provo, Utah)

(Brigham Young, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh)

Wyoming at GCU Invitational (Phoenix, Ariz.)

(Grand Canyon, Idaho, Santa Clara)

This Weekend's Non-Tournament Matches

Friday, Sept. 2

Air Force vs. Siena^, 4 p.m. ET

Saint Mary's at San José State, 5 p.m. PT

^ - at Providence, R.I.

Saturday, Sept. 3

Air Force at Brown, 10:30 a.m. ET

Air Force at Rhode Island, 7 p.m. ET

San José State at Sacramento State, 2 p.m. PT



respectively. In addition, the squad remains perched atop the conference in attacks (39.00/set) and assists (12.0/set). However, the Waves find themselves in the WCC's fifth slot in kills (12.70/set) while ranking ninth in hitting percentage (.156). Pepperdine alumnus Scott Wong is entering his seventh season in charge of the Waves, compiling a 127-77 overall record on the Malibu campus. During his tenure, Wong has guided Pepperdine to a pair of NCAA Tournament berths in 2018 and 2020, advancing to the second round in both appearances. Prior to his current position, Wong served as associate head coach at Hawai'i from 2010-14, doubling as the Rainbow Wahine's sand volleyball head coach. He also spent time as an assistant for the Pepperdine men's program (2005-09), contributing to the Waves' national championship run in 2005. As a player at Pepperdine, Wong garnered All-America accolades on three occasions between 1998 and 2001.

> Picked to finish second in the Big West preseason coaches poll, UC Santa Barbara (0-3) came up empty in its inaugural tournament of the season in the Rockies last weekend, falling to co-hosts Northern Colorado and Colorado State by identical 3-1 scores, sandwiched around a 3-0 sweep at the hands of North Carolina. Middle blocker Deni Wilson, a preseason all-Big West selection returns for her senior season after garnering first-team all-conference accolades in 2021 to go with AVCA all-region honors. In addition, reigning Big West Freshman of the Year Michelle Ohwobete is back in the mix at the libero position. Entering the Pepperdine ASICS Classic, the Gauchos have been led on offense by junior Tasia Farmer, who is hitting .295 and averaging 2.70 kills per set, followed closely by Wilson (2.18/set) and fellow right-side hitter, senior Tallulah Froye (2.18/set). At the net, sophomore middle blocker Niable Correal (1.30/set) and Wilson (1.18/set) top the squad in blocks, which rank fourth and sixth in the Big West, respectively, while Ohwobete is averaging a team-high 2.82 digs per set. Meanwhile, senior Megan Shimoda (5.64 assists/set) and sophomore Grace McIntosh (4.40 assists/set) have split the setting duties after three matches. Collectively, UCSB ranks third in the conference in blocks (2.91/set), fourth in service aces (1.45/set) and fifth in hitting percentage (.211). However, the Gauchos occupy the seventh spot in kills (11.73/set) and rank ninth in opponent hitting percentage (.270). UCSB is under the guidance of head coach Nicole Lantagne Welch, who is entering her ninth season with the Gauchos, highlighted by a trio of postseason appearances in 2013, 2018 (NIVC) and 2019. A native of Encinitas, Lantagne Welch earned Big West Coach of the Year honors in her first season on the Isla Vista campus in 2013 after spending the previous 12 years at Miami (Fla.). Her career record stands at 367-229, including a 124-109 mark at UCSB. As a collegiate player, Lantagne Welch was a standout setter at Maryland from 1990-93, earning all-ACC recognition on three occasions.

TOURNAMENT CONNECTIONS

- > UCSB defensive specialist Camryn Jones and SDSU libero Ellie Geoghegan both attended Mira Costa High School in Manhattan Beach, California. Jones graduated two years ahead of Geoghegan in 2020.
- > Pepperdine assistant coach Blossom Sato is the daughter of Aztec Hall-of-Famer Liane Sato, who earned AVCA all-region honors at SDSU in 1986 before competing for the USA National Team at the Summer Olympics in 1988 and 1992.
- > Baylor freshman setter Brianna Denney hails from San Marcos, California, and attended Santa Fe Christian School.
- > UCSB libero Macall Peed and defensive specialist Jazmin Nason both prepped at San Diego area high schools. Peed graduated from Torrey Pines High, while Nason is a San Marcos High alumna.

SDSU INVITATIONAL REWIND

- > After dropping a hard-fought three-set decision to California (20-25, 23-25, 23-25) in their season opener on Aug. 26, the Aztecs rebounded with a pair of 3-1 victories the following day vs. Army West Point (25-22, 22-25, 25-16, 19-25) and UC San Diego (25-22, 25-20, 26-28, 25-20).
- > Against Army West Point, the SDSU attack was powered by the combo of Heipua Tautua' a (13 kills) and Mikela Labno (12 kills), while setter Noa Miller recorded her first double-double of the season with 21 assists and 12 digs.
- > However, it was the Aztec defense that proved to be the difference against the Black Knights, finishing with a 14.0 to 10.0 advantage in team blocks, to go with a 54-49 spread in digs.
- > In addition to a career-high nine blocks, Elly Schraeder (.375) displayed her dual-threat capabilities with eight kills against only two errors, while Kayla Rivera finished with seven block assists to set her own personal best.
- > The teams combined for 13 ties and three lead changes in the opening set. However, the match witnessed just two more deadlocks in the second stanza, as the Scarlet and Black led throughout the third and fourth frames.
- > In the nightcap vs. UC San Diego, the Aztecs (2-1) owned a decisive 67-42 advantage in kills and served up seven aces to help fuel their win, overcoming a 14.0 to 9.0 deficiency in team blocks.
- > In addition, SDSU outfit the Tritons .270 to .183 and maintained a sizeable 51-42 in digs while benefiting from 20 opponent attack errors.
- > Individually, four players posted double-digit kills for the Aztecs, including freshman Madison Corf (.303), who blasted a match-high 14 put-aways, while Tautua' a logged her first double-double of the year with 14 non-returnables to go with 10 digs.
- > Elsewhere, SDSU also received a career-high tying 13 kills from Labno, while Rivera sparked the offense as well with 10 put-aways, followed by Kat Cooper, who hit .600 for the night (7-1-10) and contributed five total blocks, including a solo stop.
- > Not to be outdone, Miller (28 assists) posted a career-high six service aces, sharing the setting duties with Sarena Gonzalez, who dished out 30 helpers of her own. Meanwhile, McKenna Douglas led all players with 19 digs to anchor the Aztec back row.
- > In the opener against Cal, the teams combined for 36 ties and 20 lead changes, as seven of eight SDSU newcomers saw action in the see-saw affair.
- > Despite maintaining a narrow 38-37 edge in kills and a 7-4 spread in service aces, however, the Aztecs were plagued by 25 attack errors, posting a .121 hitting percentage on the night.
- > Conversely, the Golden Bears owned a decisive advantage in team blocks (12.0 to 5.0) and totaled just eight errant attacks, finishing with a .358 efficiency to help key their victory.
- > Offensively, SDSU was led by the trio of Tautua' a, Labno and Madison Corf, who blasted seven kills each, while Kat Cooper (.357) and Kayla Rivera (3 block assists) launched six non-returnables apiece.

SDSU IN MW RANKINGS

> Entering the weekend, Noa Miller leads the conference in service aces (0.91/set), while Elly Schraeder ranks fourth in blocks (1.36/set).

- > Miller's six service aces were the most by an Aztec player since Ashlynn Dunbar served up six of her own vs. Colorado State on Sept. 27, 2018. Dunbar also finished with seven service aces against CSU Bakersfield in the 2018 season opener.
- > Meanwhile, Schraeder's nine total blocks were the most by an SDSU competitor since Lexie Hamrick's 11 rejections vs. UTEP on Sept. 15, 2018.
- > As a team, the Aztecs rank second in the conference in service aces (1.91/set) while occupying the fifth spot in kills (13.55/set), assists (12.55/set), blocks (2.55/set) and opponent hitting percentage (.172).
- > In addition, SDSU has landed in the eighth spot this week in hitting percentage (.198) and digs (12.36/set).

NEWCOMERS SHINE

- > Seven of eight Aztec newcomers saw action for the Scarlet and Black last weekend, with several providing key contributions at the SDSU Invitational.
- > Freshman outside hitter Madison Corf blasted a team season-high 15 kills in the Aztecs' triumph over UC San Diego, finishing with a .303 efficiency to go with a pair of blocks, including a solo stuff. A former AVCA Prep All-American from Kansas City, Missouri, Corf ranks third on the squad with 2.40 kills per set after earning starts vs. Cal and UCSD.
- > Freshman McKenna Douglas cracked the starting lineup in all three matches at libero and currently tops the squad with 3.45 digs per set. The Phoenix, Arizona, native finished with a match-high 19 digs against UC San Diego after posting 14 scoops earlier in the day vs. Army West Point. She has also contributed 10 setting assists and a pair of aces so far this year.
- > Sophomore middle blocker Elly Schraeder impressed in her Aztec debut, averaging a team-best 1.36

blocks per set while posting the highest efficiency on the squad with a .342 attack percentage. The USD transfer flashed her versatility against Army West Point, logging nine blocks, including a solo stuff, while hitting .375 on eight kills in 16 swings with just two errors.

- > Senior transfer Kayla Rivera started all three matches at the SDSU Invite and the ranks second on the Aztecs with 1.18 blocks per set. The former Georgia opposite hitter set a personal best with seven block assists against Army West Point and followed that effort with a season-high 10 kills vs. UCSD.
- > Freshman middle blocker Kat Cooper enjoyed a breakout performance against UC San Diego, when she hit .600 on seven kills in 10 attempts against just one error while adding five blocks (1 solo) and five digs. A former AVCA Prep All-American from Arkansas, Cooper cracked the starting lineup in all three matches and recorded five additional blocks (1 solo) vs. Army West Point.
- > Freshman setter Sarena Gonzalez averaged 5.89 assists across nine sets in three matches to go with nine digs and a pair of service aces. The Temecula product dished out a season-high 30 helpers vs. UCSD in her second start of the year after earning the same nod against Cal.
- > Freshman defensive specialist Elie Geoghegan made her first collegiate start a memorable one, posting seven digs, two service aces and a pair of setting assists in the Aztecs' 3-1 triumph over Army West Point. The Manhattan Beach product played in all 11 sets last weekend, finishing with an average of 1.45 digs.

WELCOME BACK

- > Outside hitter Heipua Tautua'a leads the group of eight Aztec letterwinners who return for the 2022 campaign.
- > Tautua'a continued to display her tremendous versatility last season, finishing second on the team in kills (208), digs (239) and digs per set (2.28) while occupying the third spot in kills per set (1.96) and

2022 AZTEC SUPERLATIVES

Individual

HITTING PERCENTAGE (min. 12 kills)

.379 (13-2-29) Heipua Tautua'a vs. Army West Point (Aug. 27)

KILLS

15 Madison Corf vs. UC San Diego (Aug. 27)
 5 sets N/A N/A
 4 sets 15 Madison Corf vs. UC San Diego (Aug. 27)
 3 sets 7 Mikela Labno, Kat Cooper, Madison Corf vs. California (Aug. 26)

TOTAL ATTEMPTS

33 Madison Corf and Heipua Tautua'a vs. UC San Diego (Aug. 27)
 5 sets N/A N/A
 4 sets 33 Madison Corf and Heipua Tautua'a vs. UC San Diego (Aug. 27)
 3 sets 23 Heipua Tautua'a vs. California (Aug. 26)

ASSISTS

30 Sarena Gonzalez vs. UC San Diego (Aug. 27)
 5 sets N/A N/A
 4 sets 30 Sarena Gonzalez vs. UC San Diego (Aug. 27)
 3 sets 16 Sarena Gonzalez vs. UC San Diego (Aug. 27)

DIGS

19 McKenna Douglas vs. UC San Diego (Aug. 27)
 5 sets N/A N/A
 4 sets 19 McKenna Douglas vs. UC San Diego (Aug. 27)
 3 sets 8 Heipua Tautua'a vs. California (Aug. 26)

SERVICE ACES

6 Noa Miller vs. UC San Diego (Aug. 27)

BLOCK SOLOS

1 Elly Schraeder and Kat Cooper vs. Army West Point (Aug. 27),
 Kat Cooper and Madison Corf vs. UC San Diego (Aug. 27)

BLOCK ASSISTS

8 Elly Schrader vs. Army West Point (Aug. 27)

TOTAL BLOCKS

9 Elly Schrader vs. Army West Point (Aug. 27)

Team

HITTING PERCENTAGE

.270 (67-27-148) vs. UC San Diego (Aug. 27)

KILLS

67 vs. UC San Diego (Aug. 27)
 5 sets N/A N/A
 4 sets 67 vs. UC San Diego (Aug. 27)
 3 sets 38 vs. California (Aug. 26)

TOTAL ATTEMPTS

148 vs. UC San Diego (Aug. 27)
 5 sets N/A N/A
 4 sets 148 vs. UC San Diego (Aug. 27)
 3 sets 107 vs. California (Aug. 26)

ASSISTS

61 vs. UC San Diego (Aug. 27)
 5 sets N/A N/A
 4 sets 61 vs. UC San Diego (Aug. 27)
 3 sets 34 vs. California (Aug. 26)

DIGS

54 vs. Army West Point (Aug. 27)
 5 sets N/A N/A
 4 sets 54 vs. Army West Point (Aug. 27)
 3 sets 31 vs. California (Aug. 26)

SERVICE ACES

7 vs. California (Aug. 26), vs. Army West Point and California (Aug. 27)

TOTAL BLOCKS

14.0 vs. Army West Point (Aug. 27)

double-doubles (3).

- > The SDSU junior also compiled double-digit digs in 11 matches and surpassed double figures in kills on six occasions last year.
- > Since her arrival on The Mesa, Tautua'a has started 43 of 44 matches she has appeared in.
- > The Aztecs will also look for senior leadership from Noa Miller and Julia Haynie.
- > A 5-10 setter, Miller led the Scarlet and Black in assists in all but one of her 20 matches played last season. The Arizona State transfer also tied for the top spot on the squad with four double-doubles in her first season at SDSU.
- > Despite missing the final seven matches of the 2021 campaign, Miller averaged a team-leading 6.01 assists per set, which ranked seventh in the Mountain West.
- > Haynie also brought previous Division I experience with her to "America's Finest City" after spending her first two seasons at Portland State. The 6-1 middle blocker led the Aztecs with 61 total blocks, including a team-high eight solo stops across 88 sets. She also ranked fifth on the team with 103 kills (1.17/set), finishing with a .222 hitting percentage.
- > In addition, Haynie topped the squad or tied for the team lead in blocks eight times. She also posted at least one kill in all 25 matches she played while recording at least one block assist in all but four contests, including eight straight to end the year.
- > San Diego State is also expecting continued improvement from a pair of sophomores - Mikela Labno and Jordyn Goldsmith.
- > Last season, Labno ranked fourth on the Aztecs with 132 kills and 1.81 kills per set while contributing 65 digs and 25 total blocks in 73 sets played. She also tied for second on the team with seven block solos and recorded at least one kill in all but two appearances.
- > A native of Hilmar, California, Labno surpassed the double-digit kill plateau on four occasions, logging a breakout performance vs. No. 17 Pepperdine at the Gaucho Invitational, where she launched a season-high 13 kills on 23 attempts with just one error for a stellar .522 hitting percentage, which ranked as the team's second-best clip of the year (min. 12 kills).
- > A 6-1 opposite hitter, Goldsmith also enjoyed a solid debut for the Scarlet and Black in 2021, ranking fifth on the team in kills (119) and kills per set (1.58). She also finished with 35 total blocks and 30 digs across 76 sets, making nine starts in 25 appearances.
- > Goldsmith posted her best hitting percentage of the 2021 season with a .636 clip in a three-set sweep of Air Force, blasting seven kills without an error in 11 attempts.
- > Also back in the mix are a trio of underclassmen in Kennedy Feuerborn, Reagan Merk and Sara Mukaj.
- > A 6-3 setter, Feuerborn appeared in 27 of 30 matches last year, starting six of the Aztecs' final eight contests. As a sophomore, she averaged 3.11 assists (230 overall) while registering 38 kills and 24 block assists. In addition, Feuerborn eclipsed the 20-assist plateau on three occasions, including a season-high 23 helpers at home vs. Boise State.
- > Merk saw action in 18 matches during her freshman campaign on The Mesa, earning two starts. The 5-11 outside hitter posted 29 kills, 40 digs, five service aces and three blocks in 42 sets last year. Against Texas Southern at the Arizona Wildcat Invitational, she came off the bench and played all three sets, recording season-highs of seven kills and six digs to help the Scarlet and Black complete the sweep.
- > A 6-3 middle blocker, Mukaj was off to a tremendous start in 2021 before suffering a season-ending ACL injury vs. San Diego. A standout international player from Italy, Mukaj hit .333 with 16 kills on 36 attempts against four errors across 27 sets while finishing with 22 total blocks, 16 dig and seven aces. She posted a .636 hitting percentage on seven kills in 11 attempts without an error against Sam Houston in the finale of the Bearkat Invitational, adding five digs and four block assists.

NEW KIDS IN TOWN

- > The prospects for the San Diego State volleyball program continue to brighten after head coach Brent Hilliard reshaped the Aztec roster with a solid newcomer class for the 2022 campaign.
- > SDSU's early signing class last November featured three prep stars in outside hitters Madison Corf (Kansas City, Mo.) and Cara Braun (Tempe, Ariz.), along with middle blocker Kat Cooper (Springdale, Ark.).
- > Over the winter, the Aztecs added a pair of Division I transfers in middle blocker Elly Schraeder (San Diego) and opposite hitter Kayla Rivera (Georgia) before inking three more high school standouts during the spring in defensive specialists McKenna Douglas (Phoenix, Ariz.) and Ellie Geoghegan (Manhattan Beach, Calif.), along with setter Sarena Gonzalez (Temecula, Calif.).
- > As a senior at Liberty High School in suburban Kansas City, Missouri, Corf garnered second-team All-America accolades from the American Volleyball Coaches Association after earning a spot on the AVCA All-Region VI team. Last season, she established single-season career highs in kills (390, 4.1/set), digs (353, 3.7/set), blocks (50) and aces (33), helping the Blue Jays to a 26-5 overall record and a second-place district finish.
- > Cooper also received national acclaim last year, earning AVCA All-America honorable mention to go with AVCA All-Region IV distinction after leading Har-Ber High School to a 33-2 record and a runner-up finish in the 6A bracket at the 2021 Arkansas state championships. A four-time all-conference selection, Cooper merited all-state recognition and landed on the all-state tournament team in each of her final three seasons.
- > Braun brings a winning pedigree with her to SDSU as well after leading her Valley Christian High team to the 2021 Arizona 3A state championship, garnering Conference 3A Player of the Year and 3A Metro Region Offensive Player of the Year accolades. According to MaxPreps, Braun totaled 1,290 kills and hit .344 during her prep career, helping Valley Christian to an additional pair of runner-up state finishes in 2019 and 2020.
- > Not to be outdone, Douglas also starred on the Arizona prep volleyball scene, capping a brilliant senior campaign in 2021 with all-state honors from the Arizona Republic after leading Notre Dame Prep to a 37-5 record, highlighted by a Conference 4A state championship. Last season, Douglas was named both the Conference 4A Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year while receiving identical acclaim in the 4A West Valley Region after averaging a career-high 4.8 digs per set (307 overall) to go with 61 assists and 47 service aces, according to MaxPreps.
- > Geoghegan is also eager to display her defensive prowess this season after she was named the Bay League Division I Libero of the Year and received all-conference recognition for Mira Costa High in 2021. The Manhattan Beach native led her Mustang squad to a 28-9 overall record and a regional semifinal appearance in the 2021 CIF Open Division state tournament. For her efforts, Geoghegan also collected first-team all-area honors by the Daily Breeze, as Mira Costa finished the year at No. 17 in the AVCA/USA Today Super 25 National High School Rankings.
- > Gonzalez, meanwhile, is a local product who attended Temecula Valley High and received all-Southwestern Conference recognition as a senior after helping her Golden Bears squad advance to the second round of the 2021 CIF Southern Section Division II playoffs.
- > The first of two transfers to last year's signing class, Schraeder was a part of two teams at USD that advanced to the NCAA Tournament, including a second-round appearance in the fall of 2021. During her freshman campaign that was shortened and delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Schraeder ranked second in the West Coast Conference with a team-high 1.30 blocks per set, establishing a personal best with seven block assists in a road sweep at Gonzaga. A prep star at Coeur d'Alene High in Idaho, Schraeder merited the state's Girls Volleyball 5A/4A Athlete of the Year honors in 2019 and 2020.
- > A native of Ventura, Rivera returns to the West Coast after playing three seasons at Georgia, where she started 34 matches in 76 appearances. In

2022 SITUATIONAL RECORDS

GENERAL

Overall.....	2-1
Mountain West.....	0-0
Home.....	2-1
Away.....	0-0
Neutral.....	0-0
vs. Ranked Teams.....	0-0
vs. Unranked Teams.....	2-1
Matches Following a Win.....	1-0
Matches Following a Loss.....	1-0
Longest Winning Streak.....	2
Longest Losing Streak.....	1
Current Streak.....	Won 2

BY SETS

3 Sets.....	0-1
4 Sets.....	2-0
5 Sets.....	0-0
Leading After Two.....	1-0
Trailing After Two.....	0-1
Tied After Two.....	1-0
Leading 2-1.....	2-0
Trailing 2-1.....	0-1

BY MONTH

August.....	2-1
September.....	0-0
October.....	0-0
November.....	0-0

BY DAY

Thursday.....	0-0
Friday.....	0-1
Saturday.....	2-0

BY KILLS

Leading in Kills.....	2-1
Trailing in Kills.....	0-0
Tied in Kills.....	0-0

BY DIGS

Leading in Digs.....	2-0
Trailing in Digs.....	0-1
Tied in Digs.....	0-0

BY BLOCKS

Leading in Blocks.....	1-0
Trailing in Blocks.....	1-1
Tied in Blocks.....	0-0

BY ATTACK PERCENTAGE

Greater Attack Percentage.....	2-0
Lower Attack Percentage.....	0-1
Equal Attack Percentage.....	0-0
Hitting above .300.....	0-0
Hitting between .200 and .300.....	1-0
Hitting between .100 and .200.....	1-1
Hitting below .100.....	0-0
Opponent Hitting above .300.....	0-1
Opponent Hitting between .200 and .300.....	0-0
Opponent Hitting between .100 and .200.....	1-0
Opponent Hitting below .100.....	1-0

BY INDIVIDUAL KILLS

3+ Double-Digit Individual Kill Totals.....	1-0
2 Double-Digit Individual Kill Totals.....	1-0
1 Double-Digit Individual Kill Totals.....	0-0
0 Double-Digit Individual Kill Totals.....	0-1

2022 MATCH-BY-MATCH LEADERS

Date	Opponent	Kills	Hitting Pct.*	Assists	Aces	Digs	Blocks
A.26	California	Three players - 7	Labno (.118)	Gonzalez - 16	Geoghegan - 2	Tautua'a - 8	Schraeder - 4
A.27	Army West Point	Tautua'a - 13	Tautua'a (.379)	Miller - 21	Miller - 3	Douglas - 14	Schraeder - 9
A.28	UC San Diego	Corf - 15	Cooper (.600)	Gonzalez - 30	Miller - 6	Douglas - 19	Cooper - 5
S.2	vs. Baylor						
S.3	at Pepperdine						
S.3	vs. UC Santa Barbara						
S.9	Maryland						
S.9	Arizona						
S.10	Sacramento State						
S.15	UCLA						
S.17	at San Diego						
S.22	San José State						
S.24	Nevada						
S.27	at Fresno State						
O.1	at UNLV						
O.6	at Utah State						
O.8	at Boise State						
O.13	Wyoming						
O.15	Colorado State						
O.20	at New Mexico						
O.22	Air Force						
O.27	at Colorado State						
O.29	at Wyoming						
N.3	Boise State						
N.5	Utah State						
N.7	Fresno State						
N.10	UNLV						
N.17	at Nevada						
N.19	at San José State						

* - min. 7 kills

2021, she enjoyed her most productive season as collegian, finishing with 201 kills (2.05/set), 77 total blocks (0.79/set) and 73 digs (0.75/set) in 98 sets played. In addition, Rivera surpassed the double-digit kill plateau eight times during the year and posted three or more blocks in 17 outings.

PRESEASON PROGNOSTICATIONS

- > San Diego State was pegged for an eighth-place finish in the 2022 Mountain West preseason coaches poll released on Aug. 17.
- > In the 23-year history of the Mountain West, SDSU has finished first (2012), second (2002, 2011), fourth (2000, 2001, 2003, 2013, 2017), fifth (2005, 2015, 2019), sixth (1999, 2004, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2014, 2016), seventh (2008), eighth (2007, 2018, 2020), and ninth (2021) in the final league standings.

2022 Mountain West Preseason Poll

Rk.	Team (1st-place votes)	Pts.
1.	Colorado State (6)	93
2.	Utah State (3)	91
3.	San José State (1)	75
	Boise State (1)	75
5.	New Mexico	68
6.	UNLV	57
7.	Wyoming	47
8.	San Diego State	33
9.	Fresno State	29
10.	Air Force	27
11.	Nevada	10

MOUNTAIN WEST VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TICKETS ON SALE

- > Tickets are now on sale for the 2022 Mountain West Volleyball Championship in Fort Collins, Colorado. The three-day event will run from Nov. 23-25, at Moby Arena on the campus of Colorado State University.
- > Single-session tickets range from \$7-15, while all-session passes are \$17-35.
- > Tickets can be purchased at CSURams.com, at the Moby Arena box office or by phone at 800-491-RAMS (7267).
- > The top six teams in the conference standings will qualify for the Mountain West Volleyball Championship. First-round action starts on Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 1 p.m. MT and 4 p.m. MT. Two semifinal contests will be featured on Thursday, Nov. 24, beginning at 1 p.m. MT and 4 p.m. MT, while the championship match is slated

for Friday, Nov. 25, at 6:30 p.m. MT.

> All matches will air live on the Mountain West Network. The MW app is available on your TV through Apple TV, Android TV, Amazon Fire TV or Roku. Mobile applications are available through the iOS App Store and Google Play.

ON THE HORIZON

- > Following the Pepperdine ASICS Classic, San Diego State will play seven straight matches in "America's Finest City", including its second home tournament — the Aztec Classic — next weekend. On Friday, Sept. 9, SDSU will battle Maryland in a matinee, starting at 10 a.m. PT, before engaging Arizona later that evening at 7 p.m. The Aztecs then close out the event with a clash against Sacramento State on Saturday, Sept. 10, beginning at 2:30 p.m.



Brent HILLIARD

Head Coach - Third Season at San Diego State

San Diego State Director of Athletics John David Wicker ushered in a new era for the Aztec volleyball team with the hiring of Brent Hilliard as the fifth head coach in program history on Jan. 31, 2020.

In his second season at SDSU, Hilliard and the Aztecs were faced with another demanding schedule, squaring off against 10 teams that qualified for postseason play.

However, San Diego State had its moments of glory in the fall of 2021, posting a 3-0 sweep at eventual Mountain West tournament champion Boise State before recording a five-set thriller on the road at UNLV, which ultimately captured the NIVC crown.

Individually, Hilliard oversaw the continued rise to prominence of Victoria O'Sullivan, who received all-Mountain West recognition for the second straight season after ranking second in the conference with 3.71 kills per set, as the SDSU outside hitter concluded her illustrious career with 1,026 kills overall.

Hilliard's charges enjoyed another successful year scholastically, with nine Aztecs landing on the Mountain West all-academic team, including Ashley Vanderpan, Kennedy Feuerborn and Serena Hodson, who took home the department's prestigious Malik Award, presented to SDSU student-athletes who attain a 4.0 GPA.

In his first season with the Scarlet and Black, Hilliard endured a challenging season fraught with COVID-19 protocols, an abbreviated schedule that was postponed until spring, along with injuries to key players.

However, Hilliard and the Aztecs persevered through the 2021 spring campaign, posting a 6-9 record, highlighted by thrilling victories over Boise State on the road and Colorado State at home in the season finale, respectively. Against the Broncos, SDSU defeated a Boise State team that entered the contest with four consecutive 3-0 sweeps. Two weeks later, the Aztecs snapped an 11-match to the Rams dating back to 2014 and logged their first win over CSU in San Diego since 2012.

Under Hilliard's guidance, O'Sullivan garnered all-Mountain West accolades for the first time in her career, as the SDSU junior led the squad with 3.25 kills per set, which ranked seventh in the conference. In addition, seniors Lauren Lee and Erin Gillcrest received MW Defensive Player of the Week recognition following the team's aforementioned wins over Boise State and Colorado State, respectively.

Hilliard's Aztecs also excelled in the classroom, with 12 student-athlete earning a spot on the Mountain West all-academic team, including Lauren Lee, who also merited first-team all-District 8 academic honors from the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

A 2018 inductee to the Southern California Indoor Volleyball Hall of Fame, Hilliard arrived at SDSU with a wealth of experience after achieving 19 years of unparalleled success as an assistant coach at the University of San Diego, where he served as the Toreros' associate head coach since 2007.

During his fruitful tenure, the Toreros qualified for the NCAA Tournament in all but one of his 19 seasons, advancing to the Sweet 16 in 2004, 2006, 2013 and 2018. In addition, Hilliard helped guide the Toreros to nine West Coast Conference championships while his players earned six All-America awards, 12 All-America honorable mentions, 44 all-WCC accolades and 15 freshman all-conference certificates.

Hilliard twice assumed the reins of the USD program on an interim basis while head coach Jennifer Petrie was absent on maternity leave. In 2006, Hilliard was honored as WCC Coach of the Year after guiding the Toreros to a conference championship and a Sweet 16 appearance in the NCAA Tournament. That season, he coached five all-conference honorees, including WCC Player of the Year Kristen Carlson, as USD finished 14th in the final USA Today/Coaches Poll.

The Toreros also flourished under Hilliard's guidance in 2011, racing to a 13-0 start en route a program-best 28-5 record, highlighted by a spot in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Throughout his stint, USD was consistently ranked among the nation's top 25, climbing to as high as No. 2 during the 2013 campaign and rising to No. 5 in 2016.

"I would like to thank John David Wicker, Jenny Bramer, Dr. Adela de la Torre and the rest of the SDSU search committee for making me feel so welcome during the interview process," Hilliard said upon his hiring. "To be the head coach of such a remarkable women's volleyball program in my family's hometown is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity.

"We are fully committed to work tirelessly to elevate this program back to an elite status on the college volleyball landscape, one that the student body, faculty, community, alumni and, of course, all future Aztecs will take great pride in."

Hilliard played collegiately at Long Beach State, earning All-America honors in each of his four years from 1990-93, including first-team recognition over his final three seasons. A right-side hitter for the 49ers, Hilliard was named the NCAA Men's Volleyball Player of the Year as a junior in 1992 after leading LBSU to a 31-1 record.

In 1991, Hilliard and the 49ers captured the NCAA Championship with a 3-1 victory over USC in the finals, avenging a loss to the Trojans in the title match the year before. He finished his career as the NCAA all-time leader with 3,034 kills.

Additionally, Hilliard was selected to play for Team USA in the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, Spain, where he helped the Americans capture the bronze medal. The following year, he won a silver medal at the 1993 Pan American Games in Argentina and also owns a bronze medal from the 1991 World Cup.

After receiving his undergraduate degree in 1993 from Long Beach State in political science, Hilliard continued his volleyball career as a professional in Europe from 1995-98, playing two seasons in Belgium and another in the Netherlands. In 1996, Hilliard and the Masiek Volleyball Club captured the Belgian national championship and competed in the European Champions League.

In addition to his collegiate experience, which included a stint as head coach at nearby Cuyamaca College in 1999 and 2000, Hilliard has also coached for the past 12 years at Wave Volleyball Club in Del Mar, the premier volleyball club in San Diego County.

"Our priority at SDSU will be to engage, attract and secure exceptional student-athletes that strive for both academic and athletic excellence in their everyday lives," Hilliard added. "From day one, we will set expectations high and build from there. I am incredibly excited to get started and I look forward to the bright future ahead."

HILLIARD'S COLLEGIATE COACHING LEDGER (As an Assistant at USD)

Year	Overall Record	WCC Record (Finish)	Postseason
2001	22-9	10-4 (3rd)	NCAA Second Round
2002	25-8	10-4 (3rd)	NCAA First Round
2003	17-13	6-8 (T-5th)	NCAA First Round
2004	24-5	14-0 (1st)	NCAA Sweet 16
2005	23-6	10-4 (T-2nd)	NCAA Second Round
2006*	26-6	13-1 (1st)	NCAA Sweet 16
2007	21-8	11-3 (1st)	NCAA First Round
2008	23-5	12-2 (1st)	NCAA First Round
2009	18-7	10-4 (2nd)	None
2010	24-8	13-1 (1st)	NCAA Second Round
2011*	28-5	12-4 (2nd)	NCAA Second Round
2012	21-7	13-3 (T-1st)	NCAA First Round
2013	26-4	16-2 (1st)	NCAA Sweet 16
2014	19-12	12-6 (T-3rd)	NCAA First Round
2015	22-10	14-4 (2nd)	NCAA Second Round
2016	24-6	15-3 (2nd)	NCAA First Round
2017	25-5	17-1 (T-1st)	NCAA Second Round
2018	18-13	13-5 (3rd)	NCAA Sweet 16
2019	25-6	17-1 (1st)	NCAA Second Round
USD Total	431-143 (.751)		
WCC Total	238-60 (.799)		

As Head Coach at SDSU

Year	Overall Record	MW Record (Finish)	Postseason
2020	6-9	6-9 (8th)	
2021	8-22	5-13 (9th)	
SDSU Total	14-31 (.311)		
Career as Head Coach	68-42 (.618)		
Overall Total	445-174 (.719)		

Notes

- * - Served as interim head coach during the 2006 and 2011 seasons at USD. Record reflected in career totals.
- > Qualified for the NCAA Tournament in 18 of his 19 seasons at USD
- > Reached the NCAA Sweet 16 four times in 2004, 2006, 2013 and 2018
- > Won nine West Coast Conference championships

2022 AZTEC PHOTO ROSTER



Heipua TAUTUA'A
OH | 6-2 | Jr.

2



McKenna DOUGLAS
DS/L | 5-7 | Fr.

3



Kennedy FEUERBORN
S | 6-3 | Jr.

4



Jordyn GOLDSMITH
OPP | 6-1 | So.

6



Madison CORF
OH | 5-11 | Fr.

7



Ellie GEOGHEGAN
DS/L | 5-8 | Fr.

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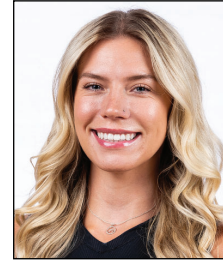
Sara MUKAJ
MB | 6-3 | So.

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Cara BRAUN
OH | 6-1 | Fr.

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Kayla RIVERA
OPP | 6-1 | Sr.

11



Julia HAYNIE
MB | 6-1 | Sr.

13



Reagan MERK
OH | 5-11 | So.

14



Mikela LABNO
OH | 6-2 | So.

15



Sarena GONZALEZ
S | 5-8 | Fr.

16



Noa MILLER
S | 5-10 | Sr.

19



Elly SCHRAEDER
MB | 6-2 | So.

20



Kat COOPER
MB | 6-1 | MB

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Brent HILLIARD
Head Coach



Melanie GREENE
Assistant Coach/
Recruiting Coordinator



STEVE TIMMONS
Assistant Coach



Kara BARKDOLL
Volleyball Operations
Assistant



**2022-23 San Diego St. Women's Volleyball
Combined Team Statistics
All games**

Game Records

Overall	Conference	Home	Away	Neutral
2 - 1	0 - 0	2 - 1	0 - 0	0 - 0

Team Box Score

##	Player	SP	Attack					Set		Serve			Dig		Blocking					PTS		
			K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SE	SA/S	RE	DIG	DIG/S	BS	BA	TOT/S	BLK/S		BE	BHE
2	Tautua'a, Heipua	11	34	3.09	14	85	.235	2	0.18	1	5	0.09	4	26	2.36	1	2	3	0.27	0	0	37.0
3	Douglas, McKenna	11	1	0.09	0	1	1.000	10	0.91	2	3	0.18	3	38	3.45	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	3.0
4	Feuerborn, Kennedy	2	1	0.50	1	5	.000	6	3.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	1	0.50	0	0	1.5
7	Corf, Madison	10	24	2.40	15	66	.136	1	0.10	0	0	0.00	5	3	0.30	1	4	5	0.50	1	0	27.0
8	Geoghegan, Ellie	11	1	0.09	0	1	1.000	2	0.18	4	6	0.36	1	16	1.45	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	5.0
11	Rivera, Kayla	11	21	1.91	19	67	.030	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	0.09	0	13	13	1.18	1	0	27.5
14	Merk, Reagan	2	1	0.50	1	2	.000	0	0.00	0	1	0.00	0	6	3.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
15	Labno, Mikela	11	32	2.91	14	75	.240	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	1	6	0.55	0	3	3	0.27	0	0	33.5
16	Gonzalez, Sarena	9	0	0.00	0	0	.000	53	5.89	2	4	0.22	0	9	1.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	2.0
19	Miller, Noa	11	0	0.00	0	5	.000	63	5.73	10	5	0.91	0	24	2.18	0	0	0	0.00	0	4	10.0
20	Schraeder, Elly	11	19	1.73	6	38	.342	1	0.09	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	1	14	15	1.36	1	1	27.0
21	Cooper, Kat	11	15	1.36	4	34	.324	0	0.00	2	3	0.18	0	7	0.64	2	9	11	1.00	0	0	23.5
SAN DIEGO ST.		11	149	13.55	74	379	.198	138	12.55	21	27	1.91	15	136	12.36	5	46	28	2.55	3	6	198.0
Opponents		11	119	10.82	62	331	.172	117	10.64	15	22	1.36	21	123	11.18	2	68	36	3.27	3	7	170.0

Team statistics

	SDSU	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	149	119
Errors	74	62
Total Attacks	379	331
Attack Pct	.198	.172
Kills/Set	13.5	10.8
SET		
Assists	138	117
Attempts	335	289
Assist Pct	.412	.405
Assists/Set	12.5	10.6
SERVE		
Aces	21	15
Errors	27	22
Attempts	264	246
Serve Pct	.898	.911
Aces/Set	1.9	1.4
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	15	21
Errors/Set	1.4	1.9
Attempts	224	237
Reception Pct	.933	.992
DEFENSE		
Digs	136	123
Digs/Set	12.4	11.2
BLOCKING		
Block solo	5	2
Block Assist	46	68
Total Blocks	28	36
Blocks/Set	2.5	3.3
Block Errors	3	3
Ball handling errors	6	7
ATTENDANCE		
Total	985	0
Dates/Avg Per Date	3/328	0/0
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	-
Current win streak	0	-
Home win streak	0	-

Team Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Score-by-set	Att.
08/26/2022	California	L 0-3	20-25,23-25,23-25	357
08/27/2022	Army West Point	W 3-1	25-22,22-25,25-16,25-19	287
08/27/2022	UC San Diego	W 3-1	25-22,25-20,26-28,25-20	341

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#2 HEIPUA TAUTUA'A

Hitting Percentage (<i>min. 7 kills</i>)	.379 (13-29-29) vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Total Attempts	33, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Kills	14 vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Assists	1, twice, last: vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Aces	1, vs. California, 8/26/22
Digs	10, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Block Solos	1, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Block Assists	2, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Total Blocks	2, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Points	15.0, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22

#3 MCKENNA DOUGLAS

Hitting Percentage (<i>min. 7 kills</i>)	N/A
Total Attempts	1, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Kills	1, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Assists	5, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Aces	1, twice, last: vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Digs	19, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Block Solos	N/A
Block Assists	N/A
Total Blocks	N/A
Points	1.0, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22

#4 KENNEDY FEUERBORN

Hitting Percentage (<i>min. 7 kills</i>)	N/A
Total Attempts	5, vs. vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Kills	1, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Assists	6, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Aces	N/A
Digs	N/A
Block Solos	N/A
Block Assists	1, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Total Blocks	1, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Points	1.5, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22

#6 JORDYN GOLDSMITH

Hitting Percentage (<i>min. 7 kills</i>)	N/A
Total Attempts	27, vs. Colorado State, 10/21/21
Kills	9, three times, last: at Wyoming, 10/23/21
Assists	2, vs. Boise State, 10/30/21
Aces	N/A
Digs	3, four times, last: at Utah State, 10/16/21
Block Solos	1, four times, last: at Wyoming, 10/23/21
Block Assists	4, twice, last: vs. Fresno State, 10/7/21
Total Blocks	5, vs. Fresno State, 10/7/21
Points	10.0, at Wyoming, 10/23/21

#7 MADISON CORF

Hitting Percentage (<i>min. 7 kills</i>)	.303, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Total Attempts	33, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Kills	15, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Assists	1, vs. California, 8/26/22
Aces	N/A
Digs	2, vs. California, 8/26/22
Block Solos	1, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Block Assists	2, vs. California, 8/26/22
Total Blocks	2, twice, last: vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Points	16.5, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22

#8 ELLIE GEOGHEGAN

Hitting Percentage (<i>min. 7 kills</i>)	N/A
Total Attempts	1, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Kills	1, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Assists	2, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Aces	2, twice, last: vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Digs	7, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Block Solos	N/A
Block Assists	N/A
Total Blocks	N/A
Points	1.0, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22

.462 (14-2-26), at Boise State, 3/20/21
38, vs. Nevada, 2/26/21
15, vs. Nevada, 2/26/21
5, vs. Fresno State, 10/7/21
2, five times, at Fresno State, 11/6/21
22, vs. New Mexico, 2/20/21
3, at Wyoming, 3/5/21
6, at Boise State, 3/20/21
6, at Boise State, 3/20/21
19.0, at Boise State, 3/20/21

N/A
1, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
1, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
5, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
1, twice, last: vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
19, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
N/A
N/A
N/A
1.0, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22

N/A
15, vs. Fresno State, 10/7/21
6, at UNLV, 2/5/21
27, at UNLV, 2/5/21
1, twice, last: vs. Boise State, 10/30/21
7, vs. Fresno State, 2/12/21
1, twice, last: vs. Fresno State, 2/12/21
5, vs. Nevada, 11/18/21
5, vs. Nevada, 11/18/21
7.0, twice, last: vs. Utah State, 10/28/21

N/A
27, vs. Colorado State, 10/21/21
9, three times, last: at Wyoming, 10/23/21
2, vs. Boise State, 10/30/21
N/A
3, four times, last: at Utah State, 10/16/21
1, four times, last: at Wyoming, 10/23/21
4, twice, last: vs. Fresno State, 10/7/21
5, vs. Fresno State, 10/7/21
10.0, at Wyoming, 10/23/21

.303, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
33, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
15, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
1, vs. California, 8/26/22
N/A
2, vs. California, 8/26/22
1, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
2, vs. California, 8/26/22
2, twice, last: vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
16.5, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22

N/A
1, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
1, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
2, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
2, twice, last: vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
7, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
N/A
N/A
N/A
1.0, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22

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#9 SARA MUKAJ

Hitting Percentage (*min. 7 kills*)
 Total Attempts
 Kills
 Assists
 Aces
 Digs
 Block Solos
 Block Assists
 Total Blocks
 Points

.636 (7-0-11) at Sam Houston, 8/28/21
 11, at Sam Houston, 8/28/21
 7, at Sam Houston, 8/28/21
 4, twice, last: at UC Santa Barbara, 9/3/21
 4, at Sam Houston, 8/27/21
 5, at Sam Houston, 8/28/21
 1, at UC Santa Barbara, 9/3/21
 4, twice, last: vs. Pepperdine, 9/4/21
 4, three times, last: vs. Pepperdine, 9/4/21
 10.0, at Sam Houston, 8/28/21

#10 CARA BRAUN

Hitting Percentage (*min. 7 kills*)
 Total Attempts
 Kills
 Assists
 Aces
 Digs
 Block Solos
 Block Assists
 Total Blocks
 Points

#11 KAYLA RIVERA

Hitting Percentage (*min. 7 kills*)
 Total Attempts
 Kills
 Assists
 Aces
 Digs
 Block Solos
 Block Assists
 Total Blocks
 Points

.074 (10-8-27) vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
 27, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
 10, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
 N/A
 N/A
 1, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
 N/A
 7, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
 7, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
 11.5, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22

.556 (12-2-18), vs. LSU, 11/26/21*
 36, at Texas A&M, 10/8/21*
 15, at Texas A&M, 10/8/21*
 1, seven times, last: at Alabama, 10/30/21*
 2, twice, last: at Texas A&M, 10/8/21*
 18, at Texas A&M, 10/8/21*
 5, vs. Arkansas, 2/5/21*
 7, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
 7, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
 17.5, at Texas A&M, 10/8/21*

* - played at Georgia (Fall 2018-Fall 2021)

#13 JULIA HAYNIE

Hitting Percentage (*min. 7 kills*)
 Total Attempts
 Kills
 Assists
 Aces
 Digs
 Block Solos
 Block Assists
 Total Blocks
 Points

.571 (9-1-14), vs. Utah State, 10/28/21
 25, vs. Idaho, 1/25/21^
 11, vs. Idaho, 1/25/21^
 2, at UNLV, 11/1/21
 2, three times, last: vs. Nevada, 11/18/21
 4, twice, last: at UNLV, 11/1/21
 2, twice, last: at Fresno State, 11/6/21
 7, vs. Northern Arizona, 1/31/21^
 7, vs. Northern Arizona, 1/31/21^
 13.5, vs. Idaho, 1/25/21^

^ - played at Portland State (Fall 2019 & Spring 2021)

#14 REAGAN MERK

Hitting Percentage
 Total Attempts
 Kills
 Assists
 Aces
 Digs
 Block Solos
 Block Assists
 Total Blocks
 Points

N/A
 2, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
 1, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
 N/A
 N/A
 6, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
 N/A
 N/A
 N/A
 1.0, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22

.385 (7-2-13), vs. Texas Southern, 9/17/21
 20, last: vs. UC Riverside, 9/18/21
 7, twice: last: vs. UC Riverside, 9/18/21
 2, twice, last: vs. Boise State, 10/30/21
 2, at Sam Houston, 8/27/21
 6, twice, last: vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
 1, vs. UC Riverside, 9/18/21
 2, vs. UC Riverside, 9/18/21
 3, vs. UC Riverside, 9/18/21
 9.0, vs. UC Riverside, 9/18/21

#15 MIKELA LABNO

Hitting Percentage (*min. 7 kills*)
 Total Attempts
 Kills
 Assists
 Aces
 Digs
 Block Solos
 Block Assists
 Total Blocks
 Points

.286 (13-5-28), vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
 30, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
 13, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
 N/A
 N/A
 3, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
 N/A
 2, Army West Point, 8/27/22
 2, Army West Point, 8/27/22
 14.0, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22

.522 (13-1-23), vs. Pepperdine, 9/4/21
 33, vs. San Diego, 9/11/21
 13, twice, last: 13, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
 2, vs. Texas Southern, 9/17/21
 2, at Long Beach State, 9/14/21
 13, vs. UC Riverside, 9/18/21
 2, vs. San Diego, 9/11/21
 3, vs. New Mexico, 9/30/21
 4, vs. New Mexico, 9/30/21
 14.0, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22

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#16 SARENA GONZALEZ

Hitting Percentage (<i>min. 7 kills</i>)	N/A
Total Attempts	N/A
Kills	N/A
Assists	30, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Aces	1, twice, last: vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Digs	5, vs. California, 8/26/22
Block Solos	N/A
Block Assists	N/A
Total Blocks	N/A
Points	N/A

#19 NOA MILLER

Hitting Percentage (<i>min. 7 kills</i>)	N/A
Total Attempts	2, twice, last: vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Kills	N/A
Assists	28, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Aces	6, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Digs	12, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Block Solos	N/A
Block Assists	N/A
Total Blocks	N/A
Points	3.0, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22

* - played at Wofford in 2018 and at Arizona State in 2019

#20 ELLY SCHRAEDER

Hitting Percentage (<i>min. 7 kills</i>)	.375, (8-2-16), vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Total Attempts	16, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Kills	8, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Assists	1, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Aces	N/A
Digs	N/A
Block Solos	1, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Block Assists	8, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Total Blocks	9.0, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Points	13.0, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22

+ - played at San Diego (Spring & Fall 2021)

#21 KAT COOPER

Hitting Percentage (<i>min. 7 kills</i>)	.600 (7-1-10), vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Total Attempts	14, vs. California, 8/26/22
Kills	7, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Assists	N/A
Aces	1, twice, last: vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
Digs	5, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Block Solos	1, twice, last: vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Block Assists	4, twice, last: vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Total Blocks	5, twice, last: vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
Points	10.0, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22

N/A
N/A
N/A
30, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
1, twice, last: vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
5, vs. California, 8/26/22
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A

N/A
6, vs. Fresno State, 10/7/21
6, vs. Fresno State, 10/7/21
31, at Chattanooga, 9/21/18*
3, vs. Western Carolina, 11/2/18*
16, vs. Houston, 8/30/19*
N/A
1, four times, last: vs. Kansas State, 9/4/21
1, four times, last: vs. Kansas State, 9/4/21
6.0, vs. Fresno State, 10/7/21

.778 (7-0-9), vs. Portland (2/10/21)+
16, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
8, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
2, at Loyola Marymount, 3/13/21+
1, at Loyola Marymount, 3/13/21+
1, seven times, last: at Gonzaga, 11/6/21+
2, twice, last: at Loyola Marymount, 10/16/21+
8, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
9.0, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
13.0, vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22

.600 (7-1-10), vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
14, vs. California, 8/26/22
7, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
N/A
1, twice, last: vs. Army West Point, 8/27/22
5, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
1, twice, last: vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
4, twice, last: vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
5, twice, last: vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22
10.0, vs. UC San Diego, 8/27/22