

DIEGO STATE BASE

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SIX-TIME MOUNTAIN WEST TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS 2000, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018

2024 SCHEDULE

2023 Record: 24-29; Mountain West 18-11 (Home: 16-11: Away: 8-17: Neutral 0-1)

(Home: 16-11; Away: 8-17; Neutral 0-1)					
Day/Date	Opponent	Time/Result			
Friday, Feb. 16	Portland	5 p.m. PT			
Saturday, Feb. 17	Portland	6 p.m. PT			
Sunday, Feb. 18	Portland	Noon PT			
Tuesday, Feb. 20	CSUN	6 p.m. PT			
Friday. Feb. 23	Missouri^	6 p.m. PT			
Saturday, Feb. 24	CSU Bakersfield^	6 p.m. PT			
Monday, Feb. 26	Utah^	1 p.m. PT			
Tuesday, Feb. 27	at UC Riverside	6:30 p.m. PT			
Friday, March 1	at Fresno State*	6 p.m. PT			
Saturday, March 2	at Fresno State* at Fresno State*	3 p.m. PT			
Sunday, March 3	at Fresno State*	1 p.m. PT			
Tuesday March 5	San Diego	6 p.m. PT			
Wednesday, March 6	UC San Diego	6 p.m. PT			
Friday March 8	Nevada*	6 p.m. PT			
Saturday, March 9	Nevada* Nevada*	6 p.m. PT			
Sunday March 10	Nevada*	1 p.m. PT			
Tuesday March 12	UC Riverside	6 p.m. PT			
Friday March 15	at Air Force*	2 n.m. MT			
Saturday March 16	at Air Force*	lnm MT			
Sunday, March 17	at Air Force* at Air Force*	Noon MT			
Friday March 22	at Hawai'i	6:30 n m HT			
Saturday March 23	at Hawai'i	6:30 n m HT			
Sunday March 24	nt Hawai'i	1 n m HT			
Thursday March 28	at Hawai'i New Mexico*	6 n m PT			
Friday March 29	New Mexico*	6 n m PT			
Saturday March 30	New Mexico*	1 n m PT			
Tuesday Anril 2	at Cal Poly	6 n m PT			
Wednesday April 3	at Cal Poly	6 n m PT			
Friday April 5	at Cal Poly at San José State* at San José State*	6 n m PT			
Saturday April 6	nt San José State*	2 n m PT			
Sunday Anril 7	at San José State*	Noon PT			
Tuesday April 9	Long Beach State	6 n m PT			
Wednesday April 10	at IIC San Diean	6 n m PT			
Friday April 19	at UC San Diego UNLV* UNLV* UNLV*	6 n m PT			
Saturday April 13	IINIV*	6 n m PT			
Sunday April 14	IINIV*	1 n m PT			
Tuecday April 14	at Long Beach State	6 n m PT			
Friday April 10	at UC Irvine	6 n m PT			
Saturday April 20	UC Irvine	6 n m PT			
Sunday April 20	at UC Irvine	1 n m PT			
Tuecday April 23	at San Diego	6 n m PT			
Friday April 26	at New Mexico*	6 n m MT			
Saturday April 20	at New Mexico*	2 n m MT			
Sunday April 27	at New Mexico*	Noon MT			
Tuecday April 30	at CSUN	3 n m PT			
Friday May 2	Fracna Stata*	6 n m PT			
Caturday May A	Fresno State*	6 n m DT			
Sunday May 5	Fracna Stata*	1 n m PT			
Friday May 10		6 n m DT			
Saturday May 11	Air Force* Air Force*	6 n m DT			
Sunday May 17		1 nm DT			
Thursday May 14	ut Novada*	6 n m DT			
Friday May 17	Air Force*	6 n m PT			
Saturday May 12	ai Novada*	7 n m DT			
Thurs -Sun May 10	Mountain West Tournament	(San Diego Calif)			
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^{^ -} Tony Gwynn Legacy (San Diego, Calif.)

Game Week Preview

Portland (0-0) at San Diego State (0-0)

2023 stats in parentheses

Friday, Feb. 16 | 5 p.m. PT | Tony Gwynn Stadium Coverage: Live Stats | MW Network UP: Nick Brink, RHP (6-0, 2.02 ERA, 58.0 IP) SDSU: Chris Canada, LHP (3-5, 5.69 ERA, 61.2 IP) Sunday, Feb. 18 | Noon PT | Tony Gwynn Stadium Coverage: Live Stats UP: Joey Gartrell, RHP (5-5, 5.17 ERA, 78.1 IP) SDSU: Xavier Cardenas III. RHP (1-0, 3.31 ERA, 16.1 IP)

Saturday, Feb. 17 | 6 p.m. PT | Tony Gwynn Stadium Coverage: Live Stats

UP: Sam Stuhr, RHP (Oregon State transfer - DNP in 2023) SDSU: Omar Serrano, RHP (1-5, 5.43 ERA, 53.0 IP)





UP	2023 Statistical Comparison	SDSU
.304	Batting Average	249
388	On Base Percentage	342
.454	Slugging Percentage	
5.23	Earned Run Average	4.87
	Strikeout/Walk Ratio	
.260	Opponent Batting Average	
.961	Fielding Percentage	
	All-Time Series Record: San Diego State leads 2-1	

WHAT'S ON TAP FOR AZTEC BASEBALL

San Diego State opens its 85th season of baseball competition this weekend when it welcomes the University of Portland for a three-game non-conference series, Feb. 16-18, at Tony Gwynn Stadium.
Friday's opener is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. PT, while Saturday's clash is slated to get underway at 6 p.m., followed by Sunday's

Thinks to Hoom.

Along with live stats, which will be available for the entire weekend, Friday's game will be aired live on the Mountain West Network, with links to both platforms available on GoAztecs.com.

Those fans presenting their ticket to the SDSU-New Mexico men's basketball game at the gate will receive free admission to the Aztecs-Pilots baseball contest on Friday.

> In addition, Sunday's game will offer free admission to all San Diego State University faculty and staff, while children ages 12 and under will be free to run the bases for a short time following the contest.

SETTING THE SCENE

> San Diego State baseball enters a new era this season, as head coach Shaun Cole takes over the reins of the Aztec program after serving the last two years as the team's pitching coach, a role he will also continue in 2024.
> Since Cole's arrival on The Mesa for the 2022 season, SDSU pitchers have led the Mountain West in earned run average, strikeouts, opposing team batting average and fewest hits allowed for two straight years while producing a trio of MLB Draft Picks in TJ Fondtain,

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The Aztecs return 17 letterwinners, including eight pitchers and five position starters from last year's team that captured a share of the Mountain West regular-season championship.

Despite a 24-29 overall record, SDSU posted a 18-11 mark during conference play en route to its first regular-season conference title since 2004.

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Starting pitchers Chris Canada and Omar Serrano were selected to the 2024 preseason all-Mountain West team, while the Aztecs predicted to finish fourth in the league's preseason coaches poll.

San Diego State sports a record of 53-30-1 in season openers dating back to 1936 (SDSU did not field a team from 1943-45). Since attaining Division I status in 1969, the Aztecs are 33-21 in their annual debuts.

When opening the season at home, SDSU boasts a record of 17-10 in the Division 1 era, a 14-8 mark when beginning the year on the road and 2-3 ledger on a neutral diamond.

PROJECTED AZTEC STARTERS (2023 Statistics)													
Posi	tion Players	Avg.	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	S	B-ATT
C	Evan Sipe	.077	26	3	2	0	0	0	3	3	11	0	-0
1B	Brady Lavoie	.200	25	3	5	1	0	1	4	4	19	0	-1
2B	Finley Bates		Two-tim	ne all-con	ference	honore	e in HS;	hit .430	with 8 H	IR, 41 RE	Bls in pro	ep car	eer
SS	Xavier Gonzalez	.247	178	17	44	8	1	1	21	15	48	. 6	-9
3B	Colby Turner		Was rat	ed as the	No. 6	hird ba	se prospe	ct in CA	by Perfe	ct Game	for '23	-	
LF	Jake Jackson						Year by						
CF	Irvin Weems	.266	143	29	38	9	1 ′	3	19	26	46	- 1	1-15
RF	Shaun Montoya	.298	188	36	56	15	4	2	23	16	38	- 1	6-23
DH	TBA												
Pitch	ning Rotation	ERA	W-L	G-GS	-CG	Sv	IP	н	R	ER	BB	so	B/Avg.
Fri.	Chris Canada	5.69	3-5	13-13	-0	0	61.2	62	44	39	29	72	.265
Sat.	Omar Serrano	5.43	1-5	15-7-0)	1	53.0	46	34	32	21	62	.237
Sun.	Xavier Cardenas	3.31	1-0	15-2-0)	0	16.1	12	8	6	16	24	.200

^{* -} Mountain West game



Shaun COLE Head Coach - First Season, Third overall at San Diego State

Shaun Cole, former national pitching coach of the year and current San Diego State pitching coach, was elevated to head coach of the Aztec baseball program, as announced July 25, 2023 by SDSU Director of Athletics John David Wicker.

Cole's impressive resume includes successful stops as associate head coach/pitching coach at Eastern Kentucky University, coordinator for player development in San Diego Padres' highly rated farm system, USA Baseball 18U National Team director and pitching coach at the University of Arizona, where he won a College World Series championship and oversaw multiple nationally ranked recruiting classes.

"This is the opportunity of a lifetime, and I am very honored to become just the sixth head coach in program history," Cole said. "SDSU baseball has vast potential, and I am excited to build off the previous successes and take this program to new levels. We expect to compete for conference championships through enhanced recruiting, player development and a tireless work ethic.

"I want to say thank you to the administration, alumni and players for supporting me in this transition to be the next head coach. I also want to recognize Mark Martinez and his commitment to San Diego State for 18 years. Mark maintained the program while honoring Tony Gwynn's legacy with passion and pride. I'm thankful for the past two seasons together and his support."

"Shaun is one of the brightest minds in college baseball," Wicker said. "He has continually developed players at all levels, and we're excited to have him leading our program."

Cole spent six seasons at Arizona from 2009-14, serving one year as the Wildcats' director of baseball operations before he was elevated to pitching coach. During Cole's tenure, Arizona made four NCAA regional appearances, highlighted by a College World Series title in 2012, the same season he was named National Pitching Coach of the Year by Collegiate Baseball newspaper.

While in Tucson, Cole developed and guided three of the school's most successful pitching staffs, as Wildcat hurlers combined for 121 wins, 25 complete games and 1,324 strikeouts between 2010 and 2012. Overall, Cole mentored nine pitchers who were selected in the MLB Draft, including Kurt Heyer, who received All-America recognition in 2011 by the NCBWA and Collegiate Baseball newspaper.

Not to be outdone, Cole made his mark on the recruiting trail as well at Arizona, contributing to four consecutive nationally ranked signing classes in 2012 (19th), 2013 (37th), 2014 (12th) and 2015 (17th).

Since Cole's arrival on The Mesa for the 2022 season, SDSU pitchers have led the Mountain West in earned run average, strikeouts, opposing team batting average and fewest hits allowed for two straight years while producing a trio of MLB Draft Picks in TJ Fondtain, Kelena Sauer and Troy Melton.

Under Cole's direction, the Aztecs once again flashed their talents during the 2023 campaign, as the Scarlet and Black topped the conference in strikeouts per nine innings (9.7) and hits allowed per nine innings (8.48), both of which ranked 36th in the country, In addition, the SDSU staff tossed a league-leading four shutouts, their highest total since 2017, which was tied for 32nd nationally.

Following the 2023 season, Fondtain was picked by the Tampa Bay Rays in the 14th round of the MLB First-Year Player Draft, while Sauer was chosen by the Toronto Blue Jays shortly thereafter in the 15th round.

The 2023 Mountain West Pitcher of the Year, Fondtain burst onto the national scene after completing the eighth no-hitter in program history and the first since 2009 in a 4-0 shutout of Nevada on April 21. For his efforts, the Azlec left-hander garnered widespread acclaim, collecting Pitcher of the Week honors from the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) and D1Baseball.com along with his selection as Peak Performer of the Week from USA Baseball Golden Spikes Award.

Not to be outdone, Fondtain received All-America recognition from multiple outlets, including second-team honors from the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA/Rawlings), D1Baseball.com and Collegiate Baseball newspaper to go with third-team plaudits from Baseball America.

Meanwhile, Sauer earned first-team all-Mountain West honors after leading the league with 12 saves, becoming the first Aztec to surpass double digits in that season statistic since 2017 (CI Saylor). He also appeared on the midseason watch list for the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) National Stopper of the Year award after collecting consecutive saves vs. UNLV to earn MW Pitcher of the Week honors.

SHAUN COLE FILE

Hometown: Tucson, Ariz.

Education: B.A., William Penn Univ. (2004); M.Ed., Washington (2009)

Experience

Head Coach: San Diego State, 2024-Pitching Coach: San Diego State, 2022-

Associate Head Coach/Pitching Coach: Eastern Kentucky, 2019-20
Coordinator for Player Development: San Diego Padres, 2016-18

18U National Team Director: USA Baseball, 2014-15

Pitching Coach: Arizona, 2010-14

Director of Baseball Operations: Arizona, 2009

Pitching Coach: Edmonds Community College (Wash.), 2008

In 2022, Cole made a tremendous impact in his first year at SDSU, as the Aztec pitching staff once again led the Mountain West in fewest hits allowed per nine innings (8.85) and strikeouts per nine innings (9.1), which ranked 55th and 85th in the nation, respectively.

Individually, Cole mentored a pair of all-league hurlers, including Troy Melton, who was selected by the Detroit Tigers in the fourth round of the MLB Draft after earning MW Co-Pitcher of the Year honors along with second-team ABCA/Rawlings All-West Region accolades.

In addition, Cole presided over the mound debut over Fondtain, who received second-team all-conference recognition in his first season as a starting pitcher to go with a trio of MW Pitcher of the Week awards.

Cole arrived in "America's Finest City" after a two-year stint at Eastern Kentucky University, where he served as the Colonels' associate head coach/pitching coach in 2019-20.

During his tenure, Cole developed and guided one of EKU's most successful pitching staffs while enrolling three of the highest ranked recruiting classes in program history. In his first season in 2019, EKU set team records for strikeouts (510) and lowest opposing batting average (.258) while logging the most victories (32) since 2004 and lowest team ERA (4.79) since 2008.

Under Cole's tutelage, three Colonel pitchers garnered all-Ohio Valley Conference accolades in 2019, including first-team selection Aaron Ochsenbein, who was picked by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the sixth round of the MLB Draft that year after setting a school record for lowest single-season ERA (0.83).

During the abbreviated 2020 campaign, Cole helped EKU engineer one of the best starts in school history, as the Colonels rolled to a 12-2 record, highlighted by an upset at No. 11 LSU, before the season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prior to his stint in the Bluegrass State, Cole served as coordinator for player development with the San Diego Padres, where he was involved in all aspects of baseball operations, scouting and player development.

Among his countless duties with the Padres, Cole assisted in player development for the team's minor league system, which was ranked No. 1 in MLB in 2018, including the Padres Dominican Republic Academy. In addition, he cross-checked prospects throughout the country for the 2016 MLB Draft and attended pre-draft workouts.

In 2016, Cole was also the pitching coach for the Tri-City Dust Devils, the Padres' short-season Class A affiliate based in Pasco, Washington, where he developed the organization's top pitching prospects.

In 2017, Cole served as the coordinator for San Diego's spring training facility in Arizona. In that role, he oversaw the daily operations of mini-camp, extended spring training, as well as two rookie ball teams during the Arizona Fall League. He also managed the AZL Padres that season.

From June 2014 to Sept. 2015, Cole served as the director of the 18U National Team for USA Baseball. Among his responsibilities was managing the Tournament of Stars presented by MLB and the 17U National Team Identification Series — both primary selection vehicles for the 18U National Team. Under Cole's guidance, the 18U National Team captured gold medals at the 2014 COPABE Pan American Championships in Mexico as well as the 2015 WBSC 18U Baseball World Championships in Japan.

Cole began his coaching career as the pitching coach for one season at Edmonds Community College in Lynnwood, Washington, helping the Tritons capture the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (now NWAC) championship in 2008.

In 2004, Cole earned a bachelor of arts degree in education with a concentration in kinesiology at William Penn University in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He also completed a master's of education degree in 2009 at the University of Washington in intercollegiate athletic leadership.

Cole takes over for Mark Martinez, who retired on July 13,2023 following a nine-year tenure as head coach from 2015-23, when he led the Aztecs to three Mountain West tournament championships (2015, 2017, 2018) and one regular-season conference title (2023).

No.	Player	Pos.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown / Last School
1	Ruben Rodriguez	IF	R-R	5-10	170	Fr.	Bakersfield, Calif. / Stockdale HS
2	Shaun Montoya	0F	L-R	5-11	175	R-Jr.	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. / UC Irvine
3	Jake Jackson	0F	R-R	6-6	205	Fr.	San Diego, Calif. / Madison HS
5	David Whittle	C	R-R	6-0	180	So.	Moreno Valley, Calif. / Valley View HS
6	Xavier Gonzalez	IF	R-R	6-4	190	Sr.	Chula Vista, Calif. / Southwestern College
7	Cade Martinez	IF	R-R	6-0	185	So.	El Cajon, Calif. / St. Augustine HS
8	Manoah Chapman	IF	R-R	5-10	190	Fr.	San Diego, Calif. / Madison HS
9	Drew Rutter	0F	L-L	6-1	190	Fr.	Trabuco Canyon, Calif. / Santa Margarita HS
10	Tino Bethancourt	IF	R-R	6-2	200	R-Jr.	El Dorado Hills, Calif. / Oak Ridge HS
14	Irvin Weems	0F	R-R	6-0	195	Jr.	Las Vegas, Nev. / Durango HS
17	AJ Klubeck	IF/OF	L-R	6-1	185	Fr.	San Diego, Calif. / Westview HS
18	Jacob McCombs	0F	L-R	6-2	185	Fr.	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. / Rancho Cucamonga I
20	Jadon Bercovich	RHP	R-R	6-2	205	R-Jr.	Reno, Nev. / Damonte HS
21	Joseph Steventon	RHP	R-R	6-1	240	Fr.	Valencia, Calif. / Oaks Christian HS
22	Chris Canada	LHP	L-L	6-7	220	Jr.	Orange, Calif. / Orange Lutheran HS
23	Jonny Guzman	RHP	R-R	6-2	220	Sr.	Orange, Calif. / Orange Lutheran HS
24	Brady Lavoie	IF	R-R	6-3	220	R-Jr.	Encinitas, Calif. / NC State
25	Logan Pontecorvo	C	R-R	5-11	200	Fr.	Fresno, Calif. / Central HS
26	Omar Serrano	RHP	R-R	6-4	195	Jr.	Downey, Calif. / Downey HS
27	Chris Canavan	LHP	L-L	6-6	205	Fr.	Hermosa Beach, Calif. / Mira Costa HS
28	Nico Tomasello	RHP	R-R	6-5	215	Fr.	San Diego, Calif. / Granite Hills HS
29	Michael Caruso	RHP	R-R	6-2	180	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz. / Desert Vista HS
31	Connor Abadie	LHP	L-L	6-0	165	So.	Apple, Valley, Calif. / Serrano HS
32	Josh Quezada	IF.	L-R	5-10	175	Fr.	Lakeland, Fla. / McKeel Academy
33	Dylan Hawkes	 LHP	L-L	6-3	225	Jr.	Syracuse, Utah / Utah State Eastern
34	Sammy Kahler	OF	R-R	6-0	185	Fr.	Stockton, Calif. / St. Mary's HS
35	Austin Kirkwood	LHP	R-L	6-8	205	Fr.	Yorba Linda, Calif. / El Dorado, Calif.
36	Trevor Fox	1B/LHP	L-L	6-7	235	So.	San Diego, Calif. / St. Augustine HS
38	Aidan Russell	RHP	R-R	5-11	180	So.	Vacaville, Calif. / Vacaville HS
39	Issac Araiza	RHP	R-R	6-5	270	So.	Yuma, Ariz. / Yuma Catholic HS
40	Evan Miranda	RHP	R-R	6-2	240	Fr.	Fontana, Calif. / Orange Lutheran HS
12	Finley Bates	IF.	R-R	5-10	175	Fr.	Castle Rock, Colo. / Douglas County HS
14	Colby Turner	 UTL	R-R	6-0	205	Fr.	Huntington Beach, Calif. / Huntington Beach H
15	Evan Sipe	(R-R	5-10	180	Jr.	San Marcos, Calif. / San Marcos HS
16	Xavier Cardenas III	RHP	R-R	6-6	225	So.	La Habra, Calif. / Servite HS
17	Garvey Rumary	LHP/OF	L-L	6-3	195	Fr.	Yorba Linda, Calif. / El Dorado, Calif.
17 18	Zane Kelly	IF/LHP	L-L	6-0	195	Fr.	Las Vegas, Nev. / Faith Lutheran HS
50	Jacob Riordan	RHP	R-R	6-4	225	Gr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Arkansas-Pine Bluff

Head Coach: Shaun Cole (William Penn, 2004; Washington, 2009), First season, third overall at SDSU Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator: Julius McDougal (Claflin, 2012; Alabama, 2016), First season

Assistant Coach: Tony Tarasco, First season

Assistant Coach: Max Foxcroft (SDSU, 2023), First season, second overall at SDSU

Baseball Chief of Staff: Brian Shubsda (The Citadel, 2009), First season, second overall at SDSU

Student Manager for Baseball Operations: Armita Modaressi

PRONUNCIATIONS

#9 Drew RUTTER — RUTT-er (not rooter) #10 Tino BETHANCOURT — BETH-en-court #17 AJ KLUBECK — KLOO-beck #20 Jadon BERCOVICH — BURR-ko-vitch #21 Joseph STEVENTON — STEE-ven-ton #22 Chris CANADA — like the country

#6 XAVIER Gonzalez — ex-ZAY-vee-ur

#23 Jonny GUZMAN — GOOZ-mahn

#24 Brady LAVOIE — la-VOY #25 Logan PONTECORVO — PONTA-cor-vo

#27 Chris CANAVAN — CAN-uh-van #31 Connor ABADIE — ah-BODY

#32 Josh QUEZADA — kuh-ZAH-dah

#34 Sammy KAHLER — KAY-ler #39 Issac ARAIZA — ah-RISE-ah

#46 XAVIER CARDENAS — ex-ZAY-vee-ur car-DEN-es

#47 Garvey RUMARY — RUM-ah-ree

AZTECS BY POSITION

AZTECS BY STATE Right-Handed Pitcher — 11 California - 29 Left-Handed Pitcher — 6 Nevada — 3 Arizona — 2 Catcher — 3 Infield — 11 Colorado - 1Outfield - 8 Florida — 1 Utility — 1 Georgia — 1 Utah — 1 Two-Way (Position/Pitcher) — 3

AZTECS BY CLASS

Freshmen - 19 Sophomores -9Juniors — 8 Seniors -2Graduate Student - 1

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	San Diego, Calif.
Founded	1897
Enrollment	35,723
Nickname	Aztecs
Mascot	Aztec Warrior
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

BASEBALL COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Shaun Cole (William Penn '04; Washington '09)
Overall Record	0-0 (First year)
Record at SDSU	Same
Assistant Coach	Julius McDougal (Claflin '12; Alabama '16)
Asssistant Coach	Tony Tarasco
Assistant Coach	Max Foxcroft (SDSU '23)
Baseball Office Pho	ne(619) 594-6889

BASEBALL SUPPORT STAFF

Baseball Chief of Staff	Brian Shubsda (The Citadel '09)
Student Manager for Baseball Oper	ationsArmita Modaressi
Athletic Trainer	Bronson Santillan
Strength and Conditioning	James Chassin
Baseball Social Media Manager	Megan Ellis

BASEBALL FACTS

24-29
18-11
17/15
5/4
8/9
17
21
19
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FACILITY

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

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	2023 AZTEC GAME HIGHS
	Team Batting
At bats:	
	28′, at UNLV (3-4-23)
	25, at UNLV (3-4-23)
RBIs:	
	3, at UNIV (3-4-23) 41, at UNIV (3-4-23)
	5, at UNLV (3-5-23)
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	Team Fielding
Putouts	
Assists	
Errors	
Passed balls	
Double Plays Turned	
	Team Pitching
Innings nitched	
Runs allowed:	
Earned runs	
Walks allowed	
Strikeouts	14, vs. Nevada (4-21-23) and vs. Washington State (2-24-23)
Hits allowed	
Wild nitches	6, at UNLV (3-4-23) and vs. Washington State (2-24-23)
Hit hatters	
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	<u>Individual Batting</u>
At bats	
Kuns scored	
RRIc	
Home runs	
	7, Brady Lavoie at New Mexico (4-2-23)
Walks	
Strikeouts:	
Sacrifice hits:	1, Twenty-two times, last: Irvin Weems vs. Fresno State (5-26-23)
Hit hy nitch:	
Canapt stealing:	2, Shaun Montoya at Fresno State (3-17-23) and Tino Bethancourt vs. UConn (3-17-23)
Runners LOB:	
D	Individual Fielding
Putouts	
ASSISTS	
1 uaauu nulla	
	Individual Pitching
Innings pitched	
Runs allowed	
Earned runs	
Walks allowed	
Hits allowed	
Triples allowed	
Homers allowed	
Wild pitches	
Hit batters	

AZTEC WEEKEND ROTATION

- > For the season-opening weekend vs. Portland, San Diego State is projected to utilize the starting rotation of Chris Canada, Omar Serrano and Xavier Cardenas III.
- > Chris Canada is expected to take the mound for the Aztecs on Friday. The SDSU left-hander was selected to the 2024 preseason all-Mountain West team in a vote of the league's coaches on Feb. 8 after receiving the same recognition from Perfect Game the previous week. Canada finished second among MW leaders last season in fewest hits allowed (62) and tied for fifth in strikeouts (72), compiling a 3-5 record with a 5.69 ERA. In addition, he ranked eighth in the conference a year ago in opposing team batting average (.265). In 2023, Canada also posted five or more strikeouts in nine of 13 appearances while yielding two or fewer walks in eight games. The Orange, California, native tied his career high with nine strikeouts in back-to-back outings vs. Air Force and at New Mexico.
- > Joining Canada on the preseason all-MW team is Saturday's starter Omar Serrano, who led the league last season with fewest hits (46) and runs allowed (34) while ranking second in opposing team batting average (.237). He also finished third on the Aztecs with career highs in strikeouts (62) and innings pitched (53.0), logging a 1-5 record with a 5.43 ERA and one save. A 6-4 right-hander, Serrano yielded two walks or less in 13 of 16 games and struck out six or more batters four times. The Downey, California, product set a career high with nine strikeouts in 5.1 innings at Fresno State. Serrano came through in the clutch late last year, notching his first career victory after helping the Scarlet and Black clinch a share of the Mountain West championship with a huge performance in the regular-season finale vs. New Mexico when he recorded eight strikeouts against one hit and two walks in 6.1 scoreless innings of relief, as the Aztecs rallied for an 8-6 triumph. For his efforts, Serrano earned a spot on Collegiate Baseball Newspaper's National Players of the Week list.
- > Meanwhile, Xavier Cardenas III is slated to get the call in the series finale on Sunday. The sophomore right-hander earned Mountain West Preseason Pitcher of the Year honors from D1Baseball. com on Feb. 7. Cardenas appeared in 15 games with two starts during his rookie campaign in 2023, posting a 1-0 record with a 3.31 ERA and 24 strikeouts in 15.2 innings. He limited the opposition to a .200 batting average and yielded one walk or less in 12 games, fanning multiple batters on seven occasions. Cardenas tossed two scoreless innings in his first career start at UC San Diego on March 28, 2023, recording two strikeouts against one hit and one walk without a decision. He also started the series opener against New Mexico late in the year on May 18, 2023, striking out five batters in 2.2 innings before the Scarlet and Black rallied to win in dramatic fashion by a 5-3 count.

SERIES RECORD VS. PORTLAND

- > The Aztecs hold a 2-1 advantage in three all-time meetings with the Pilots, including a 12-3 triumph at home in the last game between the two squads on Feb. 20, 1998, during the San Diego Classic.
- > Earlier, SDSU dropped a 12-5 decision to Portland in an elimination game at the NCAA West Regionals in Fresno, California, on May 24, 1991, before rebounding the following season with a 10-0 shutout in San Diego on March 11, 1992.

PORTLAND AT A GLANCE

- > The Pilots placed second in the West Coast Conference during the 2023 campaign with a 17-10 league record and a 31-23 mark overall.
- Portland was pegged for another second-place finish in the 2024 WCC preseason coaches poll, while outfielder Jake Holcroft, infielder/outfielder Evan Scavotto, infielder Zach Toglia and pitcher Nick Brink were selected to the preseason all-WCC team. All four players were first-team all-conference selections in 2023.
- > Last season, Holcroft broke the single-season school record and led the conference with 83 hits, batting .343 with seven home runs and 43 RBIs. He was the third-toughest player in the WCC to strike out, fanning just once every 10.5 trips to the plate.
- > Scavatto hit a career-high .310 last year with 44 RBIs, which ranked ninth in the conference. He also was one of two Portland players to record double-digit home runs after going yard on 10 accessions.
- > Toglia matched that total with 10 dingers of his own, finishing with a .315 batting average and 33 RBIs. He ranked among the top 15 players in the WCC in home runs, slugging percentage and walks.
- > Brink, meanwhile, posted a 6-0 record with a 2.02 ERA and 60 strikeouts in 14 appearances last season. The Pilot hurler made nine starts leading the conference in ERA while ranking seventh nationally in that statistic.
- > Brink is slated to start Friday's season opener, while fellow right-handers Sam Stuhr and Joey Gartrell are projected to get the call on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.
- Stuhr was inactive last season after transferring from Oregon State, where he appeared on the Beavers' 2022 roster but did not pitch. He last played collegiately in 2021 at Lower Columbia College in Longview, Washington, where he notched a 2-0 record with a 2.36 ERA and 32 strikeouts

in 26.2 innings across seven games.

> Portland alumnus Geoff Loomis is ninth season at the helm of the Pilots program after spending the previous 13 years as the head coach at Pacific Lutheran University. His career record stands at 499-408 (.550), including a 174-211 mark (.452) at UP. Loomis enjoyed a Hall of Fame career as a player for the Pilots from 1990-92 and still holds the school's career record for batting average (.372). He earned Pacific-10 North Division Player of the Year honors in 1992 and received all-Pac-10 North recognition in 1991 and 1992. Loomis was selected in the 1992 Major League Baseball free agent draft by Oakland and played in the Athletics' minor league system from 1992-93. He was presented with Oakland's Minor League Affiliate Player of the Year award in 1993.

AZTECS PICKED FOURTH IN MOUNTAIN WEST PRESEASON POLL

- > In a vote of the league's seven head coaches, San Diego State was pegged for a fourth-place finish in the 2024 Mountain West preseason poll, as announced by the conference office on Feb. 8.
- Collectively, San Diego State earned a total of 19 points in the coaches poll, trailing preseason favorite San José State (33 pts), which received four first-place votes, and second-place Fresno State (28 pts), which netted another pair of first-place votes, while Air Force landed in the third spot with 27 points and one first-place vote. New Mexico and UNLV tied for the fifth position behind the Aztecs with 15 points, while Nevada (10 pts) rounded out the rankings.

2024 MW Preseason Coaches Poll

Pts.
33
28
27
19
15
15
10

CANADA, SERRANO NAMED TO PRESEASON ALL-MOUNTAIN WEST TEAM

- > Pitchers Chris Canada and Omar Serrano were named to the preseason all-Mountain West team announced on Feb. 8.
- > Entering their junior campaigns, both Canada and Serrano have helped the SDSU pitching staff lead the Mountain West in ERA in each of the last two seasons.
- > A 6-7 left-hander, Canada finished second among Mountain West leaders last season in fewest hits allowed (62) and tied for fifth in strikeouts (72), compiling a 3-5 record with a 5.69 ERA. In addition, he ranked eighth in the conference a year ago in opposing team batting average (.265).
- > In 2023, Canada also collected five or more strikeouts in nine of 13 appearances while yielding two or fewer walks in eight games. The Orange, California, native tied his career high with nine strikeouts in back-to-back outings vs. Air Force and at New Mexico.
- > Meanwhile, Serrano led the Mountain West last season with fewest hits (46) and runs allowed (34) while ranking second in opposing team batting average (.237). He also finished third on the Aztecs with career highs in strikeouts (62) and innings pitched (53.0), posting a 1-5 record with a 5.43 ERA and one save.
- > A 6-4 right-hander, Serrano surrendered two walks or less in 13 of 16 games and struck out six or more batters on four occasions. The Downey, California, native set a career best with nine strikeouts in 5.1 innings at Fresno State.

ADDITIONAL AZTEC PRESEASON HONORS

- > On Jan. 30, Chris Canada was also named to Perfect Game's preseason all-Mountain West team, along with fellow pitcher Xavier Cardenas III. while outfielder Jake Jackson received preseason MW Freshman of the Year recognition by the website.
- > Additionally, Cardenas merited preseason Mountain West Pitcher of the Year honors by D1Baseball.com on Feb. 7.
- > Not to be outdone, Jadon Bercovich was listed No. 3 on Perfect Game's list of the top 75 college seniors in early January.

OUTFIELD LEADERSHIP

- > San Diego State returns 17 letterwinners and five starters from last year's squad that captured a share of the Mountain West regular-season championship, including outfielders Shaun Montoya and Irvin Weems.
- > Last season, Montoya was a second-team all-Mountain West selection who ranked third in the league with 16 stolen bases. The Rancho Cucamonga native led the Aztecs in hits (56) and doubles (15) while tying for the top spot in total bases (85) and runs scored (36). Additionally, he finished second on the squad in batting average (.298) and on-base percentage (.388).
- > In 2023, Montoya also fashioned the team's second-longest reached base streak at 18 games. He also tied for second on the squad with multiple hits in 14 starts and crafted a season-long seven-game hitting streak.
- > Weems, meanwhile, battled a shoulder injury last year to post a slash line of .266/.400/.406 with three homers, 19 RBIs and 29 runs in 48 games. The Las Vegas product led the Scarlet and Black with 26 walks and a .400 on-base percentage while ranking fourth in the conference with 11 stolen bases.
- > In addition, Weems collected multiple hits in eight games and totaled two or more RBIs in four contests. He garnered MW Player of the Week accolades after batting .500 with five RBIs, five runs scored and one stolen base in a series victory at home over Air Force in March 2023.

YOUTH SHALL BE SERVED

- > The Aztecs enter the upcoming season with 21 newcomers, including 19 true freshman, led by outfielder Jake Jackson, who was named MW Preseason Freshman of the Year by Perfect Game on Jan. 30.
- > A graduate of nearby James Madison High School, Jackson garnered Western League Player of the Year accolades and merited all-CIF

2023 MOUNTAIN WEST STANDINGS (As of Feb. 15)

	(Confer	ence				
Team	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct.	Strk
San Diego State	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	
Air Force	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	
Fresno State	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	
Nevada	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	
New Mexico	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	
San José State	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	
UNLV	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	

This Weekend in the MW

Friday, Feb. 16

Portland at San Diego State, 5 p.m. PT

UNLV at Pacific, 5 p.m. PT Air Force at Mississippi State, 6 p.m. CT Nevada at UC Riverside, 6 p.m. PT San José State at UC San Diego, 6 p.m. PT Milwaukee at Fresno State, 6:05 p.m. PT

College Baseball Classic (Surprise, Ariz.) New Mexico vs. Oregon State, Noon MT

Saturday, Feb. 17

Portland at San Diego State, 6 p.m. PT

Air Force at Mississippi State, 1 p.m. CT UNLV at Pacific, 3 p.m. PT Milwaukee at Fresno State, 3:05 p.m. PT Nevada at UC Riverside, 6 p.m. PT San José State at UC San Diego, 6 p.m. PT

College Baseball Classic (Surprise, Ariz.) New Mexico vs. CSU Bakersfield, 5 p.m. MT

Sunday, Feb. 19

Portland at San Diego State, Noon PT

Air Force at Mississippi State, 1 p.m. CT UNLV at Pacific, 1 p.m. PT Nevada at UC Riverside, 1 p.m. PT San José State at UC San Diego, 1 p.m. PT Milwaukee at Fresno State, 1:05 p.m. PT

College Baseball Classic (Surprise, Ariz.) New Mexico vs. Minnesota, 5 p.m. MT

Monday, Feb. 20

Air Force at Southern Miss, 3 p.m. CT UNLV at Stanford, 1 p.m. PT Cal State Fullerton at San José State, 3:05 p.m. PT

College Baseball Classic (Surprise, Ariz.) New Mexico vs. CSU Bakersfield, 2 p.m. MT

Tuesday, Feb. 20

CSUN at San Diego State, 6 p.m. PT

Fresno State at Sacramento State, 6 p.m. PT



2023 SITUATIONAL RECORDS

Overall	
Home16-11	W3
Road8-17	L3
Neutral0-1	
Current Streak	
Last 5	
Last 10	4-6
Day Games	
Night Games (after 5 p.m.)17-10	
Mountain West games18-11	W3
Mountain West home games10-4	
Mountain West road games8-7	
Non-conference games	L4
Games vs. WCC1-0	
Games vs. Big West	
Games vs. Pac-120-7	
Following loss	LI
Following win	LI
February2-5	
March	
April10-9	
May6-7	LZ
in California	
in Arizona0-3	L4
in Nevada2-1	
in Colorado1-2	
in New Mexico3-0	W8
Leading after 6	W15
Trailing after 6	
Tied after 6	
Leading after 7	
Trailing after 72-23	
Tied after 7	
Leading after 817-1 Trailing after 81-23	WÖ
Tied after 8	
Extra Innings	
Walk-offs1-1	
One-run games	W I
Run-rule games1-0	W4
Aztecs score first	W 1
Opponent scores first	
Shutouts4-4	
Aztecs score 0-2 runs	
Aztecs score 3-5 runs	
Aztecs score 6 or more runs	
Aztecs hit 0 home runs	
Aztecs hit a home run	
Regular Season Series Openers7-5	
Regular Season Series Finales	
on Monday1-1	
on Tuesday3-5	
on Wednesday0-0	
on Thursday1-3	
on Friday9-6	[1
on Saturday8-5	W2
on Sunday2-9	
Aztecs make no errors7-12	
Opponent makes no errors4-13	
Aztecs outhit opponent20-5	
Opponent outhits Aztecs	
Hits are tied2-1	

San Diego Section plaudits following his junior and senior campaigns. He .369 with a 1.013 OPS during his high school career finishing with seven homers, 66 RBIs, 71 runs scored and 37 stolen bases, according to MaxPreps.

- > Huntington Beach High graduate Colby Turner has been projected as the Aztecs' opening-day third baseman after helping his prep squad to a first-place finish in the Sunset Surf League and a second-round appearance in the 2023 CIF Southern Section Division I playoffs.
- > As a senior, Turner was rated as the No. 6 third base prospect in California by Perfect Game and No. 143 overall in the state for the 2023 high school graduating class. In 2023, he hit .337 in 30 games, totaling four doubles, 12 RBIs, 12 runs scored and a pair of stolen bases, according to MaxPrens.
- > Also looking to make a splash in the infield this season is Finley Bates, who is slated to open the 2023 campaign at second base for the Scarlet and Black
- > Bates was a first-team all-state selection as a senior at Douglas County High School in Colorado, where he led the team in numerous categories in 2023, including batting average (.433), OPS (1.344), hits (26), RBIs (24), runs (21) and triples (3).
- > In addition, Bates was rated as the No. 2 shortstop in Colorado and the No. 5 player overall in the state by Perfect Game for the 2023 high school graduating class. Also received a No. 56 national ranking at his position and was listed No. 265 among the website's Top 500 recruits overall.
- > Along with the freshmen class, the Scarlet and Black welcomes Division I transfer Jacob Riordan (RHP, Arkansas-Pine Bluff) and junior college transfer Dylan Hawkes (LHP, Utah State Eastern), both of whom are pegged for key roles on the mound this season.
- > In his lone season at Arkansas-Pine Bluff in 2023, Riordan set a school-record with 87 strikeouts, which ranked sixth in the Southwestern Athletic Conference. His 11.69 strikeouts per nine innings was also slotted second in the SWAC and 42nd in the nation.

NOTHING LIKE HOME COOKIN'

- > Despite facing an array of challenging opponents on annual basis, San Diego State is 294-220 (.572) when playing at home since the start of the 2007 campaign.
- > In 2018, the Aztecs set a program record with 25 home victories at Tony Gwynn Stadium (since 1997), besting the previous standard of 24 set in 1997, 2002 and 2014.

STRIKEOUTS GALORE

- > Dating back to 2019, San Diego State is 64-41 in its last 105 games when striking out 10 or more batters.
- > In 2023, SDSU led the Mountain West with 492 strikeouts and an average of 9.7 punchouts per nine innings, which ranked 36th in the country. Additionally, Aztecs pitchers posted 10 or more strikeouts on 26 occasions.
- > SDSU hurlers also fanned a season-best 14 batters against Washington State in the Tony Gwynn Legacy on Feb. 24, 2023, while former Aztec TJ Fondtain matched that total himself in his no-hitter vs. Nevada on April 21, 2023 to set a career high.
- > Individually, Omar Serrano (10.53) and Canada (10.51) occupied the top two spots in the MW in strikeouts per nine innings.
- > During the 2022 campaign, San Diego State recorded double-digit strikeouts in 21of 56 games, including a season-high 21 in a 15-inning home loss to Hawai'i in late February of that year.
- > In 2021, the Scarlet and Black registered 10 or more strikeouts in 18 games, notching a 15-3 record in those contests.
- > The Aztecs posted double-digit strikeouts in their last six home games of the 2021 season, including a combined 33 Ks in their three-game sweep over San José State, May 8-9, 2021.

GOING, GOING, GONE

- > San Diego State has emerged victorious in 62 of its last 102 games dating back to 2019 when launching one out of the park, including a 14-12 mark during the 2023 season.
- > During an admittedly down year in 2022, the Aztecs logged a 7-14 record in games when they hit a home run.
- > Previously, the Scarlet and Black homered in 29 of 46 games during the 2021 campaign, posting a 21-8 record in those contests.
- > In addition, SDSU went 17-5 during the 2019 season when going yard and 5-2 in the shortened 2020 campaign.

OTHER TRENDS

- > The Aztecs are 152-42 over the last seven seasons when scoring five or more runs, including a stellar 38-6 record during the 2017 campaign.
- > SDSU has won 10 straight games when scoring at least five runs, suffering its last loss in that category in a 12-6 setback to Air Force at home on March 26, 2023.
- > San Diego State is 80-62 in its last 142 games following a loss, including a 7-8 mark after its last 15 defeats.

X MARKS THE SPOT

- > After a slow start, shortstop Xavier Gonzalez finished strong in his first year on The Mesa, batting .326 over the final 12 games of the 2023 season with three doubles, seven RBIs and three runs scored.
- > In the series finale vs. New Mexico on May 20, 2023, the Chula Vista native went 3-for-3 with a walk, 2 RBIs, one run scored and a stolen base, helping the Aztecs clinch a share of the Mountain West regular-season title.
- > From April 6-April 30 of last year, Gonzalez played 16 games without making an error, his longest stretch of the season.
- > Gonzalez was the lone Aztec to start all 53 games during the 2023 campaign, leading the Scarlet and Black with four sacrifice flies, which was tied for seventh in the Mountain West.

JULIUS MCDOUGAL JOINS AZTEC COACHING STAFF

- > San Diego State baseball head coach Shaun Cole announced his first staff hire on Aug. 30, 2023 with the addition of Julius McDougal as assistant coach.
- > With his appointment, McDougal rekindles his professional association with Cole after their careers intersected as assistant coaches at Eastern Kentucky University in 2019 and 2020.
- > McDougal arrives on The Mesa after spending the past three seasons as associate head coach at Georgetown University, where he served as the Hoyas' hitting coach and recruiting coordinator. Among his numerous responsibilities, McDougal will also continue those duties with the Aztecs, along

with overseeing the team's infield defense.

- > During McDougal's tenure at Georgetown, the Hoyas fashioned a dramatic turnaround with back-to-back seasons of 30 victories or more for the first time in program history, highlighted by a pair of Big East tournament appearances, after posting a 6-25 record in 2021.
- > With McDougal on board, Georgetown was collectively named the Big East Conference Coaching Staff of the Year for the first time in school history following the 2022 campaign after the Hoyas established a program record for victories (32), home runs (98) and total bases (925), while setting second-best team marks in winning percentage (.571 (32-24)), runs scored (400), RBIs (367) and slugging percentage (.480).
- > During McDougal's final season on the D.C. campus in 2023, Georgetown compiled a 30-27 record, featuring its first conference tournament victory, and boasted six all-Big East selections.
- > Prior to his stint with the Hoyas, McDougal spent three years at Eastern Kentucky from 2018-20, serving as the program's recruiting coordinator, infield coach and assistant hitting coach after joining the Colonels' staff as a volunteer assistant in the summer of 2017.
- > With McDougal's assistance, EKU posted consecutive 30-win seasons in 2018 and 2019, accomplishing the feat for the first time since the 1999 and 2000 campaigns. The Colonels' 16 conference victories in 2019 were the most for the program since 2013 and he helped direct an offense that ranked among the top 30 nationally in walks, runs, home runs and stolen bases.
- > A renowned recruiter, McDougal helped assemble the 65th-ranked national recruiting class in 2020, according to Perfect Game. EKU boasted six of the top 20 freshmen in the Ohio Valley Conference, according to PG, which was the most of any school in the league. Between 2018-19, three of McDougal's recruits were selected in the MLB Draft.
- > In 2020, McDougal helped guide the Colonels a 12-2 mark, including a Friday night upset at No. 11 LSU, before the season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a team, EKU finished 10th in the nation in on-base percentage (.420), 12th in batting average (.314), 13th in doubles per game (2.43), 14th in slugging percentage (.492), and 15th in scoring (8.4 runs/game).
- > Previously, McDougal spent the 2016 and 2017 campaigns as head coach at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where he guided the Tigers to the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) regular-season championship in his first year at the helm. That season, Stillman earned the No. 1 seed at the SIAC tournament and advanced to the finals. In all, he had five players sign pro contracts during his tenure.
- > Prior to his elevation to head coach, McDougal worked as an assistant at Stillman after serving the same role at Kentucky State for one season in 2014.
- > McDougal played collegiately at Claflin University in Orangeburg, South Carolina, earning all-conference honors in 2010 after hitting .416, which was ranked 53rd in the country. In addition, he was named Claffin's Defensive Player of the Year in 2011.
- > McDougal earned a bachelor of science degree in marketing from Claffin in 2012 before completing his master's degree in business administration at Alabama in 2016.

LOCAL HEROES

San Diego State sports nine players on its current roster who are alumni of San Diego County high schools, including Trevor Fox and Cade Martinez (St. Augustine); Manoah Chapman and Jake Jackson (Madison); Xavier Gonzalez (Hilltop); AJ Klubeck (Westview); Brady Lavoie (La Costa Canyon); Evan Sipe (San Marcos); and Nico Tomasello (Granite Hills).

AZTECS IN MLB DRAFT

- > Since 1965, San Diego State has had 227 student-athletes chosen in the MLB First-Year Player Draft, including 31 selections since 2015.
- > Former Aztec center fielder Cole Carrigg was taken by the Colorado Rockies as a catcher in the Competitive Balance "B" Round with the 65th overall pick of the 2023 MLB First-Year Player Draft; pitcher TJ Fondtain was selected by the Tampa Bay Rays in the 14th round (423rd overall), while fellow hurler Kelena Sauer went to the Toronto Blue Jays shortly thereafter in the 15th round (454th overall).
- > With its selections, SDSU has had multiple players picked in six of the last seven years and nine of the last 11 overall.
- $>\,$ In 2022, former Aztec right-hander Troy Melton was chosen by the Detroit Tigers in the fourth round with the 117th selection overall.
- $>\,\,$ The previous year, in 2021, SDSU had five individuals drafted by MLB organizations.
- Infielder Mike Jarvis was selected by Pittsburgh in the sixth round with the 163rd pick, while catcher Wyatt Hendrie also went to the Pirates shortly thereafter in the seventh round in the 193rd spot overall.
- In addition, the New York Mets grabbed center fielder Matt Rudick in the 13th round (382nd overall); right fielder Jaden Fein was selected by the Washington Nationals in the 15th round (443rd overall), while right-handed pitcher Michael Paredes was snapped up by the Minnesota Twins in the 18th round (549th overall).

MOUNTAIN WEST TOURNAMENT RETURNS TO SAN DIEGO

> The Mountain West Championship returns to "America's Finest City" this season and will be conducted at Tony Gwynn Stadium, May 23-26. The top four teams in the MW regular-season standings will qualify for the

double elimination tournament, with the winner receiving an automatic berth into NCAA regional competition. NCAA Regionals will be held May 31-June 3.

> SDSU has hosted the MW Championship on five previous occasions, most recently after the 2022 season. The Aztecs also welcomed the event in 2018 when the Scarlet and Black claimed its fifth tournament crown in a six-year span.

CRAZY TONY GWYNN PLAYER STATS

- > Tony Gwynn completed his illustrious career with a .338 lifetime batting average. Every other player who had a career batting average of at least .338 played before 1943.
- > Gwynn hit .368 over a five-year stretch between 1993 and 1997.
- > Gwynn faced Tom Glavine, Greg Maddux, Pedro Martinez, and John Smoltz a combined 323 times. He struck out three times over those at bats.
- > Gwynn never struck out more than 40 times in a season and struck out less than 20 times in six straight years. He had a career-low 15 strikeouts in 1995.

2024 AZTEC RADIO/TV ROSTER



Ruben RODRIGUEZ Fr. | 5-10 | 170 | R-R IF | Bakersfield, Calif.



Shaun MONTOYA R-Jr. | 5-11 | 175 | L-R OF | Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.



Jake JACKSON Fr. | 6-6 | 205 | R-R OF | San Diego, Calif.



David WHITTLE So. | 6-0 | 180 | R-R C | Moreno Valley, Calif.



Xavier GONZALEZ Sr. | 6-4 | 190 | R-R IF | Chula Vista, Calif.



Cade MARTINEZ So. | 6-0 | 185 | R-R IF | El Cajon, Calif.



Manoah CHAPMAN Fr. | 5-10 | 190 | R-R IF | San Diego, Calif.



Drew RUTTER So. | 6-1 | 190 | L-L OF | Trabuco Canyon, Calif.



Tino BETHANCOURT R-Jr. | 6-2 | 200 | R-R IF | El Dorado Hills, Calif.



Irvin WEEMS Jr. | 6-0 | 195 | R-R OF | Las Vegas, Nev.



AJ KLUBECK Fr. | 6-1 | 185 | L-R IF/OF | San Diego, Calif.



Jacob McCOMBS Fr. | 6-2 | 185 | L-R OF | Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.



Jadon BERCOVICH R-Jr. | 6-2 | 205 | R-R RHP | Reno, Nev.



Joseph STEVENTON Fr. | 6-1 | 240 | R-R RHP | Valencia, Calif.



Chris CANADA Jr. | 6-7 | 220 | L-L LHP | Orange, Calif.



Jonny GUZMAN Sr. | 6-2 | 220 | R-R RHP | Orange, Calif.



Brady LAVOIE R-Jr. | 6-3 | 220 | R-R IF | Encinitas, Calif.



Logan PONTECORVO Fr. | 5-11 | 200 | R-R C | Fresno, Calif.



Jr. | 6-4 | 195 | R-R RHP | Downey, Calif.



Fr. | 6-6 | 205 | L-L LHP | Hermosa Beach, Calif.



Nico TOMASELLO Fr. | 6-5 | 215 | R-R RHP | San Diego, Calif.



Michael CARUSO Fr. | 6-2 | 180 | R-R RHP | Phoenix, Ariz.



Connor ABADIE So. | 6-0 | 165 | L-L LHP | Apple Valley, Calif.



Josh QUEZADA Fr. | 5-10 | 175 | L-R IF | Lakeland, Fla.



Dylan HAWKES Jr. | 6-3 | 225 | L-L RHP | Syracuse, Utah



Sammy KAHLER Fr. | 6-0 | 185 | R-R OF | Stockton, Calif.



Austin KIRKWOOD Fr. | 6-8 | 205 | L-L LHP | Yorba Linda, Calif.



Trevor FOX So. | 6-7 | 235 | L-L IF/LHP | San Diego, Calif.



Aidan RUSSELL So. | 5-11 | 180 | R-R RHP | Vacaville, Calif.



Issac ARAIZA So. | 6-5 | 270 | R-R RHP | Yuma, Ariz.



Evan MIRANDA Fr. | 6-2 | 240 | R-R RHP | Fontana, Calif.



Finley BATES Fr. | 5-10 | 175 | R-R IF | Castle Rock, Colo.



Colby TURNER Fr. | 6-0 | 205 | R-R UT | Huntington Beach, Calif.



Evan SIPE Jr. | 5-10 | 180 | R-R C | San Marcos, Calif



Xavier CARDENAS III So.| 6-6 | 225 | R-R RHP | La Habra, Calif.



Garvey RUMARY Fr. | 6-3 | 195 | L-L LHP/OF | Yorba Linda, Calif.



Zane KELLY Fr. | 6-0 | 195 | L-L IF/LHP | Las Vegas, Nev.



Jacob RIORDAN Gr. | 6-4 | 225 | R-R RHP | La Habra, Calif.



Shaun COLE Head Coach 1st Yr. | William Penn '04



1st Yr. | Claflin '12

30 Tony TARASCO

1st Yr.



1st Yr. | SDSU '23



2nd Yr. | The Citadel '09

2023 San Diego State Baseball Overall Statistics for San Diego State (as of Feb 15, 2024) (All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 24-29 Home: 16-11 Away: 8-15 Neutral: 0-3 MW: 18-11

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so (gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	ро	а	е	fld%
8 CARRIGG, Cole	.303	42-41	155	30	47	8	5	2	27	71	.458	9	5	22	2	.357	2	3	17-24	111	5	4	.967
2 MONTOYA, Shaun	.298	52-50	188	36	56	15	4	2	15	85	.452	23	6	38	0	.388	2	2	16-23	109	3	1	.991
1 MILLER, Caden	.293	51-51	174	33	51	11	1	4	20	76	.437	20	7	35	2	.384	2	5	5-9	70	99	7	.960
24 RUIZ, Poncho	.276	52-51	192	36	53	9	1	7	41	85	.443	16	8	36	2	.353	2	0	2-4	447	41	5	.990
28 FONDTAIN, TJ	.272	44-43	151	23	41	8	1	9	35	78	.517	11	11	42	2	.362	1	0	2-2	30	9	3	.929
42 WEEMS, Irvin	.266	48-42	143	29	38	9	1	3	19	58	.406	26	6	46	0	.400	0	3	11-15	36	0	0	1.000
6 GONZALEZ, Xavier	.247	53-53	178	17	44	8	1	1	21	57	.320	15	9	48	2	.330	4	0	6-9	70	118	14	.931
10 BETHANCOURT, Tino	.210	51-41	143	17	30	4	0	3	23	43	.301	15	9	45	3	.320	2	0	8-13	216	21	8	.967
9 RHEE, Charlie	.235	16-6	17	3	4	0	0	0	1	4	.235	3	1	4	0	.381	0	1	1-2	11	0	0	1.000
21 LEONHARDT, Brian	.214	10-2	14	1	3	0	0	0	2	3	.214	1	0	1	0	.267	0	0	0-0	3	2	0	1.000
40 LAVOIE, Brady	.200	11-6	25	3	5	1	0	1	4	9	.360	4	0	19	0	.310	0	0	0-1	8	0	0	1.000
17 NEVAREZ, Jaron	.200	5-1	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.200	1	0	3	0	.333	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
18 GLOWACKI, Tyler	.194	21-7	36	2	7	2	0	0	3	9	.250	3	2	7	1	.293	0	0	1-1	23	0	0	1.000
7 MARTINEZ, Cade	.193	49-37	119	15	23	5	0	0	10	28	.235	10	2	38	2	.267	0	8	2-2	27	39	8	.892
15 HALEY, Maddox	.188	23-11	48	4	9	0	0	1	5	12	.250	7	1	12	2	.304	0	0	1-1	23	0	0	1.000
3 GIANNINI, Drew	.153	27-18	59	5	9	3	0	1	4	15	.254	5	1	24	1	.231	0	0	0-0	45	18	5	.926
36 FOX, Trevor	.150	16-4	20	3	3	1	0	0	0	4	.200	4	1	5	0	.320	0	0	0-0	31	2	0	1.000
45 SIPE, Evan	.077	11-10	26	3	2	0	0	0	3	2	.077	3	1	11	0	.194	1	0	0-0	65	19	0	1.000
5 WHITTLE, David	.000	8-3	15	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	2	0	7	0	.118	0	0	0-0	23	0	0	1.000
Totals	.249	53	1708	260	426	84	14	34	234	640	.375	178	70	443	19	.342	16	22	72-106	1369	405	65	.965
Opponents	.250	53	1723	285	430	85	9	53	258	692	.402	212	66	492	21	.350	20	16	27-44	1367	520	63	.968

LOB - Team (367), Opp (384). DPs turned - Team (40), Opp (34). CI - Team (1), RUIZ, P. 1. IBB - Team (2), CARRIGG 1, BETHANCOURT 1, Opp (10). Picked off - WEEMS, I. 2, GONZALEZ, X. 1, MARTINEZ, C. 1, CARRIGG 1, GLOWACKI, T. 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

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Player	era	W-I	app gs	cg	sho	SV	ip	<u>h</u>	r	er	bb	SO	2b	3b		b/avg		_	_		<u>sna</u>
28 FONDTAIN, TJ	2.82	7-4	15 15	2	2/1	0	92.2	64	37	29	25	99	17	1	10	.192	6	8	2	4	1
26 SERRANO, Omar	5.43	1-5	16 6	0	0/1	1	53.0	46	34	32	21	62	8	3	6	.237	8	5	2	2	6
22 CANADA, Chris	5.69	3-5	13 13	0	0/0	0	61.2	62	44	39	29	72	9	0	11	.265	12	7	1	3	2
36 FOX, Trevor	0.00	0-0	1 0	0	0/0	0	0.2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1
31 ABADIE, Connor	1.23	0-1	8 0	0	0/0	0	7.1	4	1	1	1	6	1	0	0	.190	0	1	0	1	0
47 ARMSTRONG, Eldridge	3.24	5-1	30 0	0	0/1	1	41.2	41	16	15	15	46	8	1	3	.256	3	2	0	1	0
46 CARDENAS, Xavier	3.31	1-0	15 2	0	0/1	0	16.1	12	8	6	16	24	3	0	0	.200	3	2	2	0	0
50 SAUER, Kelena	4.22	0-2	27 1	0	0/1	12	32.0	32	17	15	11	36	2	3	4	.262	0	3	0	1	2
41 PURGASON, Sam	4.50	0-0	2 0	0	0/0	0	2.0	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	.286	2	2	0	0	0
21 LEONHARDT, Brian	4.87	0-0	15 0	0	0/0	0	20.1	20	12	11	9	26	5	0	3	.253	2	2	0	2	0
35 JACKSON, Julian	5.11	1-1	12 3	0	0/1	0	12.1	13	8	7	13	8	2	0	0	.265	3	7	1	0	0
32 TIBBETT, Ricky	5.59	1-1	27 1	0	0/1	1	37.0	41	30	23	7	34	9	0	5	.283	2	9	1	1	3
29 BRODELL, Robert	6.87	4-2	14 1	0	0/0	0	18.1	16	16	14	19	17	4	0	1	.229	3	6	0	1	0
39 ARAIZA, Issac	7.13	1-1	16 0	0	0/1	0	17.2	23	16	14	10	18	5	0	2	.315	6	0	0	1	0
20 BERCOVICH, Jadon	7.36	0-2	4 4	0	0/0	0	7.1	11	7	6	4	8	2	0	1	.355	0	3	0	1	0
38 RUSSELL, Aidan	7.71	0-1	9 2	0	0/1	0	11.2	15	10	10	6	10	5	0	2	.326	2	7	0	2	1
23 GUZMAN, Jonny	8.06	0-2	12 5	0	0/1	0	22.1	22	24	20	21	25	3	0	5	.256	4	2	0	0	0
48 DE WALL, Tyson	18.00	0-1	2 0	0	0/0	0	2.0	6	4	4	2	0	1	1	0	.500	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	4.87	24-29	53 53	2	4/2	15	456.1	430	285	247	212	492	85	9	53	.250	57	66	9	20	16
Opponents	4.19	29-24	53 53	3	4/3	8	455.2	426	260	212	178	443	84	14	34	.249	50	70	2	16	22

PB - Team (13), RUIZ, P. 8, SIPE, E. 5, Opp (5). Pickoffs - Team (8), CARDENAS, X. 1, ARAIZA, I. 1, FONDTAIN 1, CANADA, C. 1, TIBBETT 1, RUIZ, P. 1, SAUER 1, ARMSTRONG, E. 1, Opp (6). SBA/ATT - RUIZ, P. (17-24), SIPE, E. (10-13), FONDTAIN (4-8), SERRANO, O. (4-7), CANADA, C. (2-5), GUZMAN, J. (3-4), BRODELL, R. (3-4), ARAIZA, I. (3-3), BERCOVICH (3-3), TIBBETT (1-3), JACKSON, JI. (1-1), PURGASON, S. (1-1), RUSSELL, A, (0-1), ABADIE, C. (0-1), LEONHARDT (0-1), SAUER (1-1), ARMSTRONG, E. (1-1).

2023 San Diego State Baseball Overall Statistics for San Diego State (as of Feb 15, 2024) (All games Sorted by Fielding pct)

Player	С	ро	а	е	fld%	dp	sba	csb	sba%	pb	ci
45 SIPE, Evan	84	65	19	0	1.000	0	10	3	.769	5	0
42 WEEMS, Irvin	36	36	0	0	1.000	0	0	0		0	0
36 FOX, Trevor	33	31	2	Ο	1.000	5	Ο	0		0	0
18 GLOWACKI, Tyler	23	23	0	0	1.000	0	0	0		0	0
15 HALEY, Maddox	23	23	0	0	1.000	0	0	0		0	0
5 WHITTLE, David	23	23	0	0	1.000	0	Ο	0		0	0
9 RHEE, Charlie	11	11	0	0	1.000	0	0	0		0	0
40 LAVOIE, Brady	8	8	0	0	1.000	0	0	0		0	0
50 SAUER, Kelena	8	2	6	0	1.000	Ο	1	0	1.000	0	0
26 SERRANO, Omar	7	3	4	0	1.000	0	4	3	.571	0	0
21 LEONHARDT, Brian	5	3	2	0	1.000	0	Ο	1	.000	0	0
35 JACKSON, Julian	3	2	1	0	1.000	1	1	0	1.000	0	0
38 RUSSELL, Aidan	2	0	2	0	1.000	0	Ο	1	.000	0	0
46 CARDENAS, Xavier	2	1	1	0	1.000	0	0	0		0	0
17 NEVAREZ, Jaron	2	2	0	0	1.000	0	Ο	0		0	0
2 MONTOYA, Shaun	113	109	3	1	.991	0	0	0		0	0
24 RUIZ, Poncho	493	447	41	5	.990	2	17	7	.708	8	1
10 BETHANCOURT, Tino	245	216	21	8	.967	28	0	0		0	0
8 CARRIGG, Cole	120	111	5	4	.967	1	Ο	0		0	0
1 MILLER, Caden	176	70	99	7	.960	32	0	0		0	0
6 GONZALEZ, Xavier	202	70	118	14	.931	26	Ο	0		0	0
28 FONDTAIN, TJ	42	30	9	3	.929	0	4	4	.500	0	0
3 GIANNINI, Drew	68	45	18	5	.926	3	0	0		0	0
22 CANADA, Chris	11	5	5	1	.909	0	2	3	.400	0	0
7 MARTINEZ, Cade	74	27	39	8	.892	7	Ο	0		0	0
39 ARAIZA, Issac	4	0	3	1	.750	1	3	0	1.000	0	0
47 ARMSTRONG, Eldridge	4	1	2	1	.750	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
32 TIBBETT, Ricky	10	2	5	3	.700	0	1	2	.333	0	0
29 BRODELL, Robert	4	2	0	2	.500	0	3	1	.750	0	0
23 GUZMAN, Jonny	2	1	0	1	.500	0	3	1	.750	0	0
41 PURGASON, Sam	1	0	0	1	.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
31 ABADIE, Connor	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	.000	0	0
48 DE WALL, Tyson	0	0	0	0	.000	0	Ο	0		0	0
20 BERCOVICH, Jadon	0	0	0	0	.000	0	3	0	1.000	0	0
Totals	1839	1369	405	65	.965	40	27	17	.614	13	1
Opponents	1950	1367	520	63	.968	34	72	34	.679	5	0

Hitting minimums - 1 Games 2.5 AB/Game Pitching minimums - 1 Games 1.0 IP/Game