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2017-18 San Diego State Men's Basketball Preseason Accolades (as of Oct. 10)

Conference Predictions

- No. 2 by Lindy's Sports
- No. 2 by Street & Smith's
- No. 3 by Athlon Sports

Other Recognition

- NCAA tournament participant (Aaron Torres, The Athletic, Oct. 6, 2017)
- One of the Turnaround Five to make the NCAA tournament this season (John Gasaway, ESPN.com, Sept. 21, 2017)
- One of three teams in the Top Tier in the MW (Aaron Torres, The Athletic, Oct. 6, 2017)

Individual

Trey Kell

- All-Mountain West First Team (Lindy's Sports)
- All-Mountain West First Team (Athlon Sports)
- All-Mountain West First Team (Street & Smith's)
- All-Mountain West First Team (Aaron Torres, The Athletic, Oct. 6, 2017)
- Mountain West All-Defense Team (Street & Smith's)

Malik Pope

- No. 22 nationally on Power Forward Player Ratings (Lindy's Sports)
- All-Mountain West First Team (Lindy's Sports)
- Most Entertaining in the MW (Lindy's Sports)

Devin Watson

- All-Mountain West Second Team (Athlon Sports)
- All-Mountain West Third Team (Lindy's Sports)
- One of 10 Transfers to Watch nationally (Athlon Sports)

Jalen McDaniels

- Mountain West All-Newcomer Team (Street & Smith's)

Jordan Schakel

- Best Shooter among MW's newcomers (Lindy's Sports)

Adam Seiko

- One of three Newcomers to Watch in the MW (Aaron Torres, The Athletic, Oct. 6, 2017)

What They're Saying

"A prolific scorer at San Francisco — he averaged 20.3 points per game two years ago — Watson will be asked to be more of a playmaker for the Aztecs. He will team with Trey Kell and Jeremy Hemsley to form an outstanding trio of guards for new coach Brian Dutcher." — Athlon Sports on Devin Watson

"(Adam) Seiko got lost in the shuffle last year at Sierra Canyon High School outside Los Angeles, on a loaded roster that included future lottery pick Marvin Bagley (now at Duke) as well as Cody Riley, who signed with UCLA. Still, don't sleep on one of the deadliest three-point shooters in this year's recruiting class. Even in a loaded backcourt, Seiko should get immediate playing time." — Aaron Torres, The Athletic, Oct. 6, 2017

"The Aztecs had been a league heavyweight for more than a decade, before dropping last season to a sixth-place finish. With Brian Dutcher now in charge — and a bunch of new transfers and freshmen ready to contribute — it would be shocking if this team didn't rebound in a big way. There's no reason the Aztecs shouldn't return to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in three years." — Aaron Torres, The Athletic, Oct. 6, 2017

"After posting a 46-8 record in Mountain West play over the previous three seasons, SDSU went just 9-9 in conference in 2016-17. That alone suggests this team is due for a rebound. Maybe Steve Fisher sensed the same thing and consciously positioned his successor for success. In any case, new head coach Brian Dutcher is entering Year 1 with three returning starters on hand. If nothing else, Dutcher's front line will be formidable. Assuming Malik Pope can return from a high ankle sprain suffered in the offseason, he'll be joined down low by Kameron Rooks. A graduate transfer from Cal, Rooks recorded nine rebounds and four blocks in just 16 minutes against SDSU in November. The Aztecs staff apparently made a note of that performance." — John Gasaway, ESPN.com, Sept. 21, 2017

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