

The complete package

San Diego State senior Jodi Nowlin-Tres leads her team in scoring, rebounding and steals

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San Diego State head coach Beth Burns thinks back to when she recruited a skinny kid from Colorado's western slope, and then about all the times Jodi Nowlin-Tres would be the last one of the Aztec players to leave the gym after practice.

"Of all the players I've had in my eight years here, Jodi is the only player from her freshman to senior year who has improved off the scale," Burns said. "Her work ethic is why she is the great player she is."



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Burns said as a freshman from Grand Junction, Colo., Nowlin-Tres could shoot the ball, that was for sure. But defense was definitely not her strong point.

"She came in and had no idea how to defend," Burns said.

Four years later, the 6-foot senior leads the Western Athletic Conference in steals with 3.4 a game, and has been named to the all-WAC first-team and defensive team the past two seasons.

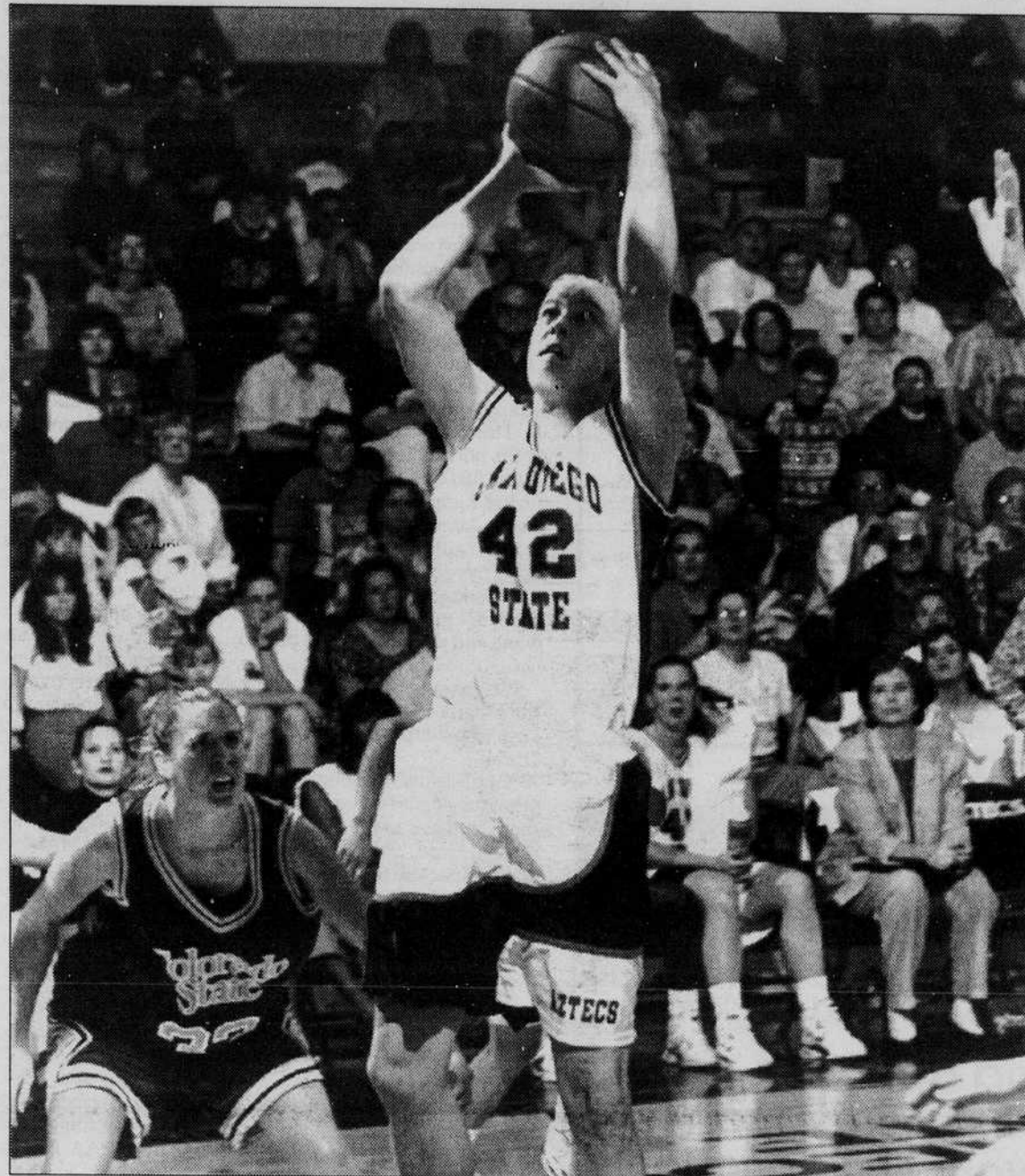
Nowlin-Tres said her quickness, ball-handling and ability to shoot the three are what give her the skill to play multiple positions.

"I think I'm pretty versatile," Nowlin-Tres said. "I can guard guards and the post."

The Aztecs do not have a true center playing substantial minutes, so Tres is expected to give the Aztecs quality defensive minutes down low when they face teams with big frontlines.

Oregon head coach Jody Runge described Nowlin-Tres as, "a great three-point shooter, big 6-foot, she can play inside and outside."

Last year in Eugene the Aztecs lost 57-52 to the Ducks, and Nowlin-Tres fouled out of the



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San Diego State forward Jodi Nowlin-Tres led the Aztecs to the Western Athletic Conference Championship and a berth into the NCAA Tournament.

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By the numbers at KNOXVILLE

Four teams will face-off in Tennessee in the First and Second Rounds of the NCAA Championships



Oregon vs. San Diego State

The winner of this First Round game will play the winner of the Tennessee vs. Grambling game in Second Round.



Head Coach: Jody Runge
Leading Scorer: Arianne Boyer 15.1
Points Per Game: 69.1
Opponent's PPG: 58.6
Field Goal Percentage: .452
Three-point percentage: .344
Free-throw percentage: .628

Head Coach: Beth Burns
Leading Scorer: Jodi Nowlin-Tres 16.0
Points Per Game: 67.5
Opponents PPG: 51.0
Field Goal Percentage: .437
Three-point percentage: .271
Free-throw percentage: .615



Tennessee vs. Grambling

The winner of this First Round game will play the winner of the Oregon vs. San Diego State game in Second Round.



Head Coach: Pat Summitt
Leading Scorer: Chamique Holdsclaw 20.2
Points Per Game: 76.8
Opponent's PPG: 67.7
Field Goal Percentage: .437
Three-point percentage: .336
Free-throw percentage: .707

Head Coach: Patricia Cage Bibbs
Leading Scorer: Shikiea Carter 14.5
Points Per Game: 81.3
Opponents PPG: 61.4
Field Goal Percentage: .425
Three-point percentage: N/A
Free-throw percentage: N/A

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