



# SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS

## 2021 Men's Soccer Weekly Notes

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### 2021 Schedule/Results

**Overall: 7-4-2 | Pac-12: 2-4-0**  
**Home: 6-0-0 | Away: 1-4-2**

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 20	Point Loma (Friendly)	W, 4-0
Aug. 26	CSUN	W, 2-0
Aug. 30	at No. 17 LMU	T, 0-0 (2 OT)
Sept. 3	at Cal Poly	T, 1-1 (2 OT)
Sept. 10	UC Davis	W, 1-0
Sept. 12	Cal State Bakersfield	W, 1-0
Sept. 16	California*	W, 2-0
Sept. 19	No. 23 Stanford*	W, 1-0 (2 OT)
Sept. 24	Gonzaga	W, 2-0
Sept. 30	at No. 2 Washington*	L, 0-1 (OT)
Oct. 3	at (RV) Oregon State*	L, 0-2
Oct. 8	at (RV) UCLA*	L, 0-1 (OT)
Oct. 15	at San Diego	W, 2-1
Oct. 21	at Stanford*	L, 4-0
Oct. 24	at California*	Canceled
Nov. 27	San Diego Christian	7 p.m.
Nov. 4	Oregon State*	7 p.m.
Nov. 7	Washington*	3 p.m.
Nov. 12	UCLA*	7 p.m.

\* - Pac-12 match

### Team Information

Head Coach.....Ryan Hopkins (2nd Season)  
 E-mail.....aztecsoccer@sdsu.edu  
 Men's Soccer Office Phone.....(619) 594-0136  
 Assistant Coach.....Carlos Aguilar (2nd Season)  
 Assistant Coach.....Bryce Cregan (1st Season)  
 Volunteer Assistant Coach.... Miguel Guiterrez (2nd Season)  
 Home Facility.....SDSU Sports Deck (1,250)  
 2020 Overall Record.....1-7-2  
 2020 Pac-12 Record/Finish.....1-7-2 (6th)  
 2020 Home Record.....1-3-1  
 2020 Road Record.....0-4-1  
 First Year of Competition.....1968  
 All-Time Record.....485-368-115 (.560)  
 NCAA Appearances 9 ('69, '81, '82, '87, '88, '89, '05, '06, '16)  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....12/5  
 Starters Returning/Lost.....8/3  
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### Up Next

**San Diego Christian (5-8-2) at RV San Diego State (7-4-2, 2-4-0)**  
 Wednesday, October 27 | 7 p.m. PT | SDSU Sports Deck | San Diego, Calif.

### Aztec Storylines

- The Aztecs (7-4-2, 2-4-0) are hosting San Diego Christian (5-8-2) Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. on the SDSU Sports Deck
- With a win or draw Wednesday, SDSU will finish non-conference play undefeated for the first time since 2005. They are currently 5-0-2.
- SDSU is receiving votes in the United Soccer Coaches poll and is No. 6 in the Far West region.
- The Aztecs have allowed just 10 goals on the year, tied for the ninth fewest in the nation.
- SDSU is fifth in the nation in save percentage (0.836), ninth in shutout percentage (0.538) and 12th goals against average (0.731).
- Aztec goalkeeper Jacob Castro's seven shutouts are tied for the eighth-most in the nation. He is also sixth in save percentage (0.836) and 12th in goals against average (0.731).
- SDSU has held their opponent scoreless in the first half in 11 of their 13 matches.
- The Aztecs are 7-0-1 when they score first and 0-4-0 when their opponent does.
- Midfielder Andre Ochoa, the team captain, is tied for third in the Pac-12 lead with five goals. He was recently named to Top Drawer Soccer's Midseason Top 100 list, coming in at No. 90.
- Tadej Pirtovšek (No. 12) and Alex Hjeltnes (No. 88) were recognized in Top Drawer Soccer's Midseason Top 100 Freshmen list.
- For the first time in the program's 53-year history, the Aztecs recorded seven shutouts and allowed just one goal through the team's first eight matches.
- SDSU was undefeated through its first eight matches for the first time since 2005.
- The Aztecs are 6-0-0 at home so far this season, the first time they've won their first six home matches since 1991.
- SDSU has gone to overtime in five matches this year, the most times the Aztecs have gone to extra time since 2016 when they played more than 90 minutes in 10 of their 19 matches.
- The Aztecs have scored a game-winning goal in the final five seconds of a match twice this season (UC Davis & San Diego). Both goals were by Blake Bowen following a free kick from Iñigo Villaldea.
- SDSU has only trailed in regulation in two matches (Oregon State and Stanford).
- SDSU just wrapped up a stretch of five straight road matches. Wednesday's home contest will be their first match on the Sports Deck since Sept. 24.
- Five Pac-12 schools are currently ranked or receiving votes: No. 3 Oregon State, No. 4 Washington, No. 23 UCLA, RV Stanford and RV San Diego State. All five are in the top 60 in the most recent RPI release.
- The Aztecs have trailed at halftime just twice this season and only five times in their 23 matches under second year head coach Ryan Hopkins.
- SDSU has the third best 2022 recruiting class according to Top Drawer Soccer.

### Coach Hopkins' Take on San Diego Christian

"We are grateful to San Diego Christian for taking the game on such short notice with the unfortunate cancellation of our match at Cal. San Diego Christian is a team that wants to possess the ball and can hurt you in a variety of different ways. The game is a special one as well and with a win we would clinch a winning season."

### SDSU's Record When...

Category	Record	Streak
Overall	7-4-2	L1
Pac-12	2-4-0	L4
Non-Conference	5-0-2	W4
Last Five	1-4-0	L1
Last 10	6-4-0	L1
Home	6-0-0	W6
Away	1-4-2	L1
Day	2-1-0	L1
Night (5 p.m. or later)	5-3-2	L1
August	1-0-1	T1
September	5-1-1	L1
October	1-3-0	L1
Monday	0-0-1	T1
Thursday	2-2-0	L2
Friday	3-1-1	W1
Sunday	2-1-0	L1
Following a Victory	4-2-1	L2
Following a Loss	1-2-0	W1
Following a Tie	1-0-1	W1
Scoring First	7-0-1	W6
Opponent Scores First	0-4-0	L4
Leading at Halftime	4-0-0	W4
Trailing at Halftime	0-2-0	L2
Tied at Halftime	3-2-2	L2
When Leading in Game	6-0-1	W5
When Trailing in Game	0-2-0	L2
In Overtime	1-2-2	L2
SDSU Outshoots Opponent	3-0-0	W3
Opponent Outshoots SDSU	4-4-2	L1
SDSU-Opponent Tie in Shots	---	---
SDSU Has More Shots on Goal	4-0-0	W4
Opponent Has More Shots on Goal	2-4-2	L1
SDSU-Opponent Tie in Shots on Goal	1-0-0	W1
SDSU Has More Fouls	5-2-1	L2
Opponent Has More Fouls	2-2-1	W1
SDSU-Opponent Tie in Fouls	--	--
SDSU Has More Corners	4-0-2	W4
Opponent Has More Corners	2-4-0	L1
SDSU-Opponent Tie in Corners	1-0-0	W1
In One-Goal Games	4-2-0	W1
SDSU Scores One Goal	3-0-1	W3
Opponent Scores One Goal	0-2-1	L2
SDSU Scores 2+Goals	4-0-0	W4
Opponent Scores 2+Goals	0-2-0	L2

### SDSU's National Rankings (Top 25)

As of Oct. 20

Stat	Team Rank	Value
Save Percentage	5	0.836
Shutout Percentage	9	0.538
Shutouts	T-9	7
Goals Allowed Avg.	12	0.731

Player	Individual	
	Stat	Rank Value
Jacob Castro	Save Percentage	6 0.836
Jacob Castro	Shutouts	T-8 7
Jacob Castro	Goals Allowed Avg.	12 0.731

### Opponent Notebook (San Diego Christian)

The Hawks are 5-8-2 on the year and 3-5-2 on the road... They have lost four of their past five matches... They have outscored their opponents 18-17... Paul Anderson leads the team in points (17), goals (7) and assists (3)... They have two goalies who have appeared in at least six matches. Carter Ochulli has eight starts and a goals allowed average of 1.00... Head Coach Kyle Hewitt is in his second season... The Aztecs are 8-0-0 all-time against San Diego Christian and won their last meeting 3-1 in 2015.

### Pac-12 Standings

Team	Points	Conference	Overall
No. 3 Oregon State	13	4-0-1	9-1-2
No. 4 Washington	12	4-1-0	12-1-0
No. 23 UCLA	10	3-3-1	8-5-1
RV Stanford	8	2-3-2	5-5-4
RV San Diego State	6	2-4-0	7-4-2
California	3	1-5-0	3-8-2

### Season Preview Notes

- The Aztecs return eight starters from a season ago, including all three of their all-Pac-12 honorees (Andre Ochoa, Blake Bowen and Inigo Villaldea).
- SDSU brings back 82 percent of their scoring and 87 percent of their points from last year.
- SDSU has nine newcomers (seven freshmen and two transfers). The Aztecs added three defenders, three midfielders, two forwards and one goalkeeper. Four of the incoming Aztecs are international recruits, hailing from Australia, Denmark, Netherlands and Slovenia. Rik Regeling (Netherlands) was listed by Top Drawer Soccer as one of their ten "International Players to Watch."
- The Aztecs have 16 underclassmen and just four seniors.
- After playing a Pac-12 exclusive schedule last year, SDSU will play seven non-conference matches this season, all against schools from the Big West or WCC.
- SDSU only has two matches outside of California (at Washington and Oregon State).

## 2021 Aztec Men's Soccer Roster

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Last School)
0	Jacob Castro	GK	6-4	190	So.*	Spanaway, Wash. (Washington)
00	Aiden Hanes	GK	6-0	185	So.	Riverside, Calif. (Capistrano Connections Academy)
01	Elliot Pavis	GK	6-2	180	Fr.*	Mill Valley, Calif. (Tamalpais HS)
1	Tetsuya Kadono	GK	6-2	190	Jr.	Irvine, Calif. (Woodbridge HS)
2	Esteban Zepeda	D	6-0	150	Jr.*	Lincoln, Calif. (Lincoln HS)
3	Kevin Peraza	D	6-0	155	So.	Montebello, Calif. (IMG Academy (Fla.))
4	Kyle Colonna	D	6-3	175	Jr.*	Danville, Calif. (Monte Vista HS)
5	Tadej Pirtovšek	D	5-11	160	Fr.	Maribor, Slovenia (Srednja šola za trženje in dixajn Maribor)
6	Jordan Korbus	MF	5-10	150	Fr.*	San Jose, Calif. (Pioneer HS)
7	Laukoa Santos	MF	5-10	160	Sr.*	Waikoloa, Hawaii (Kealahou HS)
8	Arturo Chavez	MF	5-10	165	Sr.	Lake Forest, Calif. (El Toro HS)
9	Tevonn Roux	F	6-0	180	Sr.	Davidson, N.C. (William Amos Hough HS)
11	Alex Hjelmf	F	5-9	150	Fr.	Rungsted, Denmark (Øregård Gymnasium)
12	Austin Wehner	F	5-11	185	Jr.	Roseville, Calif. (Roseville HS)
13	So Nishikawa	D	5-10	160	Fr.	Melbourne Australia (Wesley College)
14	Henry Smith-Hastie	MF	6-0	170	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (SMU)
15	Elias Katsaros	D	6-0	170	So.	Seattle, Wash. (Decatur HS)
16	Rik Regeling	D	6-2	175	Fr.	Badhoevedorp, Netherlands (Caland Lyceum)
18	Andre Ochoa	MF	5-8	150	So.	Anaheim, Calif. (Connexus Academy)
19	Romme Jaridly	F	6-0	160	Fr.	Chino Hills, Calif. (Chino Hills HS)
23	Iñigo Villaldea	MF	6-0	165	So.	Gijón, Spain (Dominican School)
25	Beto Apolinar	MF	5-10	155	Fr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (El Camino Charter HS)
26	Blake Bowen	MF	5-9	140	Jr.	San Clemente, Calif. (San Clemente HS)
27	Donovan Roux	MF	5-10	165	Fr.*	Davidson, N.C. (William Amos Hough HS)

\*Redshirt season utilized

Head Coach: Ryan Hopkins (Second Season)

Assistant Head Coach: Carlos Aguilar (Second Season)

Assistant Head Coach: Bryce Cregan (First Season)

Volunteer Assistant Coach (Goalkeepers): Miguel Gutierrez (Second Season)

#### Pronunciations:

#1 Tetsuya Kadono – tet-SUE-ya ka-DOE-no	#14 Henry Smith-Hastie – HAY-stee
#01 Elliot Pavis – PAY-viss	#15 Elias Katsaros – el-EE-iss CAT-sar-os
#4 Kyle Colonna – kuh-LOW-nuh	#16 Rik Regeling – RAG-el-ING
#5 Tadej Pirtovšek – tah-DAY PEER-toe-sheck	#19 Rommee Jaridly – RAW-me jah-rid-LEE
#7 Laukoa Santos – la-KO-uh	#23 Iñigo Villaldea – in-EE-go vee-ALL-uh-dee-uh
#9 Tevonn Roux – ROO	#25 Beto Apolinar – BAY-toe app-o-LEE-naar
#11 Alex Hjelmf – YELM-hoff	#27 Donovan Roux – ROO
#12 Austin Wehner – WEN-er	AC Bryce Cregan – CREE-gan
#13 So Nishikawa – NEE-sha-KA-wa	

Overall Statistics (as of Oct 22, 2021)

Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All Games	7-4-2	6-0	1-4-2	0-0
Conference	2-4	2-0	0-4	0-0
Non-Conference	5-0-2	4-0	1-0-2	0-0

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Att.
08/26/2021	CSUN	W	2-0	412
08/30/2021	at LMU (CA)	T	0-0	110
09/03/2021	at Cal Poly	T	1-1	672
09/10/2021	UC DAVIS	W	1-0	433
09/12/2021	CSU BAKERSFIELD	W	1-0	0
09/16/2021	CALIFORNIA	W	2-0	826
09/19/2021	STANFORD	W	1-0	823
09/24/2021	GONZAGA	W	2-0	420
09/30/2021	at Washington	L	0-1	786
10/03/2021	at Oregon St.	L	0-2	447
10/08/2021	at UCLA	L	0-1	907
10/15/2021	at San Diego	W	2-1	673
10/21/2021	at Stanford	L	0-4	621

Team Statistics	SDSU	OPP
<b>SHOT STATISTICS</b>		
Goals-Shot Att.	12-114	10-156
Goals Per Game	0.92	0.77
Shot Pct.	0.105	0.064
Shots on Goal-Att.	43-114	61-156
SOG Pct.	0.377	0.391
Shots/Game	8.8	12.0
CORNER KICKS	56	53
PENALTY KICKS	1-1	1-1
<b>PENALTIES</b>		
Yellow Cards	26	28
Red Cards	0	2
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
Total	2,914	5,207
Dates-Avg Per Date	6/485	7/743
Neutral Site #-Avg	0/	

#	Player	GP	G	A	PTS	SH	SH%	SOG	SOG%	GW	PK-ATT
18	Ochoa, Andre	13	5	0	10	16	0.313	9	0.563	1	0-0
11	Hjælmmof, Alex	13	1	3	5	6	0.167	4	0.667	1	1-1
9	Roux, Tevenn	12	1	3	5	8	0.125	3	0.375	1	0-0
26	Bowen, Blake	13	2	0	4	12	0.167	7	0.583	2	0-0
23	Villaldea, Iñigo	13	0	4	4	13	0.000	3	0.231	0	0-0
4	Colonna, Kyle	12	1	1	3	6	0.167	2	0.333	1	0-0
7	Santos, Laukoa	13	1	1	3	12	0.083	3	0.250	1	0-0
5	Pirtovšek, Tadej	13	1	0	2	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
16	Regeling, Rik	7	0	1	1	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0-0
27	Roux, Donovan	13	0	1	1	14	0.000	4	0.286	0	0-0
12	Wehner, Austin	13	0	1	1	7	0.000	3	0.429	0	0-0
0	Castro, Jacob	13	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0-0
8	Chavez, Arturo	13	0	0	0	4	0.000	0	0.000	0	0-0
15	Katsaros, Elias	13	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0-0
13	Nishikawa, So	9	0	0	0	2	0.000	1	0.500	0	0-0
3	Peraza, Kevin	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0-0
14	Smith-Hastie, Henry	13	0	0	0	13	0.000	3	0.231	0	0-0
2	Zepeda, Esteban	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0-0
<b>Total</b>		13	12	15	39	114	0.105	43	0.377	7	1-1
<b>Opponent</b>		13	10	12	32	156	0.064	61	0.391	4	1-1

#	Goalie	GP	MIN	GA	GAA	SAVE	PCT	W-L-T	SHO
0	Castro, Jacob	13	1231:57	10	0.73	49	0.831	7-3-2	7/0
<b>Total</b>		13	1231:57	10	0.73	49	0.831	7-3-2	7
<b>Opponents</b>		13	1231:57	12	0.88	31	0.721	--	5

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
San Diego State	5	6	0	1	12
Opponents	4	4	2	0	10

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
San Diego State	51	60	2	1	114
Opponents	60	83	10	3	156

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
San Diego State	22	22	5	2	51
Opponents	11	19	1	0	31

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
San Diego State	26	26	2	2	56
Opponents	24	29	0	0	53

Fouls by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
San Diego State	80	80	6	7	173
Opponents	65	92	6	3	166