

# SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS

### 2021 Men's Soccer Weekly Notes

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#### 2021 Schedule/Results Overall: 8-4-2 | Pac-12: 2-4-0 **Home:** 7-0-0 | **Away:** 1-4-2

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<u>Date</u>	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 Štate*	L, 0-2
Oct. 8	at (RV) UCLĂ*	L, 0-1 (OT)
Oct. 15	at San Diego	, W, 2-1
Oct. 21	at Stanford*	Ľ, 4-0
Oct. 24	at California*	Canceled
Nov. 27	San Diego Christian	W, 3-1
Nov. 4	No. 2 Oregon State*	7 p.m.
Nov. 7	No. 3 Washington*	3 p.m.
Nov. 12	UCLA*	7 p.m.
* - Pac-12 m	atch	·

#### Team Information

Head Coach E-mail	Ryan Hopkins (2nd Season)
E-mail	aztecsoccer@sdsu.edu
Men's Soccer Office Phone	(619) 594-0136
Assistant Coach	Carlos Aquilar (2nd Season)
Assistant Coach	Bryce Čregan (1st Season)
Assistant CoachVolunteer Assistant Coach	Niguel Guiterrez (2nd Season)
Home Facility	SDSU Sports Deck (1,250)
Home Facility2020 Overall Record	1-7-2
2020 Pac-12 Record/Finish	1-7-2 (6th)
2020 Home Record	Ì-3-Ì
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

No. 2 Oregon State (11-1-2, 6-0-1) at San Diego State (8-4-2, 2-4-0) Thursday, November 4 | 7 p.m. PT | SDSU Sports Deck | San Diego, Calif.

Live Stream: Aztec Digital Network | Light Up Bracelet Giveaway (First 100 fans)

No. 3 Washington (12-1-1, 4-1-1) at San Diego State (8-4-2, 2-4-0) Sunday, November 7 | 3 p.m. PT | SDSU Sports Deck | San Diego, Calif.

**Aztec Storylines** 

- The Aztecs (8-4-2, 2-4-0) have a huge week on the Sports Deck, hosting No. 2 Oregon State (11-1-2, 6-0-1) Thursday evening and then No. 3 Washington (12-1-1. 4-1-1) Sunday at 3 p.m. Both games will be streamed on the Aztec Digital Network.
- This is the first time in program history that the Aztecs have hosted a top three school in backto-back matches.
- Oregon State and Washington have the two best RPIs in the country.

Live Stream: Aztec Digital Network | Kids Club Day

- SDSU beat San Diego Christian 3-1 last Wednesday to wrap up their non-conference schedule undefeated (6-0-2).
- The Aztecs are a perfect 7-0-0 at home this season, the first time they've won their first seven home contests since 1991.
- The Aztecs have allowed just 11 goals on the year, tied for the ninth fewest in the nation.
- SDSU is fifth in the nation in save percentage (0.831) and 13th in both shutout percentage (0.500) and goals allowed average (0.749).
- Aztec goalkeeper Jacob Castro's seven shutouts are tied for the ninth-most in the nation. He is also fourth in save percentage (0.839) and 11th in goals against average (0.705).
- Blake Bowen's three game-winning goals are tied for the most in the Pac-12.
- SDSU has held their opponent scoreless in the first half in 12 of their 14 matches. The Aztecs are 8-0-1 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.
- Iñigo Villaldea's team-high four assists are tied for the fifth most in the conference. Tadej Pirtovšek (No. 12) and Alex Hjælmof (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.
- 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).
- Five Pac-12 schools are currently ranked in the top 50 of the RPI rankings: No. 1 Oregon State, No. 2 Washington, No. 25 Stanford, No. 40 UCLA, and No. 50 San Diego State.
- The Aztecs have trailed at halftime just twice this season and only five times in their 24 matches under second year head coach Ryan Hopkins.
- SDSU has the No. 1 2022 recruiting class according to at least one publication.

SDSU's Record When...

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Category		Streak
Overall	8-4-2	W1
Pac-12	2-4-0	L4
Non-Conference	6-0-2	W5
Last Five	2-3-0	W1
Last 10	6-4-0	<u>W1</u>
Home	7-0-0	W7
Away	1-4-2	LI
Day	2-1-0	L1
Night (5 p.m. or later)	6-3-2	<u>W1</u>
August	1-0-1	ŢŢ
September	5-1-1	L1
October	2-3-0	W1
Following a Victory	4-2-1	L2
Following a Loss	2-2-0	W2
Following a Tie	1-0-1	W1
Scoring First	8-0-1	W7
Opponent Scores First	0-4-0	L4
Leading at Halftime	5-0-0	W5
Trailing at Halftime	0-2-0	L2
<u>Tied at Halftime</u>	3-2-2	<u>L2</u>
When Leading in Game	7-0-1	W6
When Trailing in Game	0-2-0	L2
In Overtime	1-2-2	<u>L2</u>
SDSU Outshoots Opponent	4-0-0	W4
Opponent Outshoots SDSU	4-4-2	L1
SDSU-Opponent Tie in Shots		
SDSU Has More Shots on Goal	5-0-0	W5
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	3-2-1	W2
SDSU-Opponent Tie in Fouls		
SDSU Has More Corners	5-0-2	W5
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 Two Goals	4-0-0	W4
Opponent Scores 2 Goals	0-1-0	L1
SDSU Scores 3 or More Goals	1-0-0	W1
<b>Opponent Scores 3 or More Goals</b>	0-1-0	L1
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## SDSU's National Rankings (Top 25) As of Nov. 2

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Rank	Value
5	0.831
13	0.500
13	0.749
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	Individual		
Player	Stat	Ran	k Value
Jacob Castro	Save Percentage	4	0.839
Jacob Castro	Shutouts	T-9	7
Jacob Castro	Goals Allowed Avg.	11	0.705
Blake Bowen	GW Goals	T-27	3

Coach Hopkins' Take on No. 2 Oregon State

"What a big opportunity for our group to play the No. 2 ranked team in the country on our home field. The stakes couldn't be any higher for two teams who are very similar on offense and defense. The game will come down to who can impose their will on the opponent, and I love our chances in that battle."

Opponent Notebook (No. 2 Oregon State)

The Beavers are 11-1-2 on the year and 6-0-1 in the Pac-12... They have the No. 1 RPI and are ranked No. 2 in the United Soccer Coaches poll... They are 4-0-1 on the road... They have outscored their opponents 31-11... They average 2.2 goals per game, second in the Pac-12 and 20th in the nation... They have a goals allowed average of 0.762 and have recorded a shutout in half their matches... Tyrone Mondi leads the conference in points (20) and goals (8)... Goalkeeper Adrian Fernandez is tied with Jacob Castro for the conference lead in shutouts (7)... Head coach Terry Boss (4th season) came to OSU after being an assistant coach at Virginia. Ryan Hopkins replaced him at UVA... The Aztecs are 11-22-3 all-time against Oregon State. The Beavers have won the last six meetings and outscored SDSU 11-0 in their last three matches.

Coach Hopkins' Take on No. 3 Washington

"We feel we have some unfinished business with UW, similar to our two matches against them last spring. Our men will be ready to compete for 90+ minutes to secure a result that will go a long way to securing an NCAA tournament berth."

Opponent Notebook (No. 3 Washington)

The Huskies are 12-1-1 and 6-1-1 in the Pac-12... They are No. 2 in the latest RPI rankings and No. 3 in the United Soccer Coaches poll... They are 6-0-0 on the road... UW has outscored its opponents 32-8... They are top 10 in the nation in save percentage, team goals against average and shutout percentage... Dylan Teves leads the team in points (14) and assists (6)... Goalkeeper Sam Fowler has a goals allowed average of 0.59... Head coach Jamie Clark (10th season) has led UW to the NCAA Tournament in eight of the last nine years, reaching the Elite Eight three times... UW has never finished worse than third in the Pac-12 under his watch... The Aztecs are 7-23-8 all-time against Washington but have beat them or taken them to extra time in their last three meetings.

Pac-12 Standings

Team	Points	Conference	Overall
No. 2 Oregon State	19	6-0-1	11-1-2
No. 3 Washington	13	4-1-1	12-1-1
RV UCLA	10	3-3-1	8-5-1
Stanford	9	2-4-3	5-6-5
San Diego State	6	2-4-0	8-4-2
California	3	1-6-0	3-9-2

#### **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 Iñigo 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.*	
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 (Kealakehe HS)
8	Arturo Chavez	MF	5-10	165	Sr.	Lake Forest, Calif. (El Toro HS)
9	Tevenn Roux	F	6-0	180	Sr.	Davidson, N.C. (William Amos Hough HS)
11	Alex Hjælmof	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	Rommee 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)

<sup>\*</sup>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

#01 Elliot Pavis — PAY-viss

#4 Kyle Colonna — cuh-LOW-nuh

#5 Tadej Pirtovšek — tah-DAY PEER-toe-sheck #19 Rommee Jaridly — RAW-me jah-rid-LEE

#7 Laukoa Santos — la-KO-uh

#9 Tevenn Roux — ROO

#11 Alex Hjælmof – YELM-hoff #12 Austin Wehner — WEN-er

#13 So Nishikawa — NEE-sha-KA-wa

#14 Henry Smith-Hastie — HAY-stee

#15 Elias Katsaros — el-EE-iss CAT-sar-os

#16 Rik Regeling — RAG-el-ING

#23 Iñigo Villaldea — in-EE-go vee-ALL-uh-dee-uh

#25 Beto Apolinar — BAY-toe app-o-LEE-naar

#27 Donovan Roux — ROO

AC Bryce Cregan — CREE-gan

Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All Games	8-4-2	7-0	1-4-2	0-0
Conference	2-4	2-0	0-4	0-0
Non-Conference	6-0-2	5-0	1-0-2	0-0

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Att.
08/26/2021	CSUN	W	2-0	412
				110
08/30/2021	at LMU (CA)	Т	0-0	1
09/03/2021	at Cal Poly	Т	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
10/27/2021	SAN DIEGO CHRISTIAN	W	3-1	296

Team Statistics	SDSU	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot Att.	15-129	11-161
Goals Per Game	1.07	0.79
Shot Pct.	0.116	0.068
Shots on Goal-Att.	53-129	65-161
SOG Pct.	0.411	0.404
Shots/Game	9.2	11.5
CORNER KICKS	58	53
PENALTY KICKS	2-2	1-1
PENALTIES		
Yellow Cards	28	31
Red Cards	0	2
ATTENDANCE		
Total	3,210	5,207
Dates-Avg Per Date	7/458	7/743
Neutral Site #-Avg	0/	

#	Player		GP	G	Α	PTS	SH	SH%	SOG	SOG%	GW	PK-ATT
18	Ochoa, Andre		14	5	0	10	17	0.294	10	0.588	1	0-0
26	Bowen, Blake		14	3	0	6	14	0.214	9	0.643	3	0-0
11	Hjælmof, Alex		14	1	3	5	10	0.100	7	0.700	1	1-1
9	Roux, Tevenn		12	1	3	5	8	0.125	3	0.375	1	0-0
7	Santos, Laukoa		14	1	2	4	12	0.083	3	0.250	1	0-0
23	Villaldea, Iñigo		13	0	4	4	13	0.000	3	0.231	0	0-0
4	Colonna, Kyle		13	1	1	3	6	0.167	2	0.333	1	0-0
27	Roux, Donovan		14	1	1	3	17	0.059	6	0.353	0	1-1
6	Korbus, Jordan		1	1	0	2	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
5	Pirtovšek, Tadej		13	1	0	2	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
12	Wehner, Austin		14	0	2	2	8	0.000	4	0.500	0	0-0
16	Regeling, Rik		8	0	1	1	1	0.000	0	0.000	0	0-0
0	Castro, Jacob		14	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0-0
8	Chavez, Arturo		14	0	0	0	4	0.000	0	0.000	0	0-0
1	Kadono, Tetsuya		1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0-0
15	Katsaros, Elias		14	0	0	0	1	0.000	0	0.000	0	0-0
13	Nishikawa, So		10	0	0	0	3	0.000	1	0.333	0	0-0
01	Pavis, Elliot		1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0-0
3	Peraza, Kevin		3	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0-0
14	Smith-Hastie, Henry		14	0	0	0	13	0.000	3	0.231	0	0-0
2	Zepeda, Esteban		2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0-0
	Total		14	15	17	47	129	0.116	53	0.411	8	2-2
	Opponent		14	11	12	34	161	0.068	65	0.404	4	1-1
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0	Castro, Jacob	14	12	276:57	10	0.	70	52	0.83	9 8	-3-2	7/0
1	Kadono, Tetsuya	1	4	42:37	0	0.	00	0	0	0	-0-0	0/0
01	Pavis, Elliot	. 1	. (	02:23	1	37	.76	0	0	. 0	-0-0	0/0
	Total	14	13	321:57	11	0.	75	52	0.82	5 8	-3-2	7
	Opponents	14	13	321:57	15	1.	02	38	0.71	7		5

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	ОТ	OT2	Total
San Diego State	7	7	0	1	15
Opponents	4	5	2	0	11
Shots by Period	1st	2nd	ОТ	OT2	Total
San Diego State	58	68	2	1	129
Opponents	64	84	10	3	161
Saves by Period	1st	2nd	ОТ	OT2	Total
San Diego State	25	22	5	2	54
Opponents	14	23	1	0	38
Corners by Period	1st	2nd	ОТ	OT2	Total
San Diego State	27	27	2	2	58
Opponents	24	29	0	0	53
Fouls by Period	1st	2nd	ОТ	ОТ2	Total
San Diego State	84	87	6	7	184
Opponents	71	101	6	3	181