



SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS

2021 Men's Soccer Weekly Notes

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2021 Schedule/Results

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

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*	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	at (RV) Oregon State*	2 p.m.
Oct. 8	at UCLA*	7 p.m.
Oct. 15	at San Diego	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	at Stanford*	8 p.m.
Oct. 24	at California*	3 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)
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Men's Soccer Office Phone	(619) 594-0136
Assistant Coach	Carlos Aguilar (2nd Season)
Assistant Coach	Bryce Cregan (1st Season)
Volunteer Assistant Coach	Miguel Guterrez (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

No. 13 San Diego State (6-0-2, 2-0-0 Pac-12) at No. 2 Washington (7-0-0, 0-0-0)
 Thursday, September 30 | 7 p.m. PT | Husky Soccer Stadium | Seattle, Wash.
 Pac-12 Networks (Washington)

No. 13 San Diego State (6-0-2, 2-0-0 Pac-12) at RV Oregon State (4-1-2, 0-0-0)
 Sunday, October 3 | 2 p.m. PT | Paul Lorenz Soccer Stadium | Corvallis, Ore.
 Oregon State Live Stream

Aztec Storylines

- The No. 13 Aztecs (6-0-2, 2-0-0) return to Pac-12 play with a pair of road matches in the Pacific Northwest this week. First they play at No. 2 Washington (7-0-0, 0-0-0) Thursday at 7 p.m. and then at Oregon State (4-1-1, 0-0-0) Sunday at 2 p.m. These will be the Aztecs' first (and only) matches outside of California and their first road contest since September 3 (at Cal Poly).
- Thursday's match will be broadcast on Pac-12 Network Washington, which requires a subscription. Sunday's match will be available on an OSU-produced stream.
- SDSU moved up to No. 13 (from No. 14) in the United Soccer Coaches Poll, their highest ranking since being No. 13 on October 4, 2016. The Aztecs are ranked No. 2 in the Far West Region, trailing only No. 2 Washington (7-0-0). SDSU is ranked No. 18 by Top Drawer Soccer and College Soccer News.
- The Aztecs are one of two teams to allow just one goal on the year (Duke).
- SDSU is one of 10 undefeated teams remaining in the nation and one of only three on the West Coast (UW and LMU).
- For the first time in the program's 53-year history, the Aztecs have recorded seven shutouts and allowed just one goal through the team's first eight matches.
- SDSU is 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 hasn't trailed all season, a span of 772 minutes.
- The Aztecs and goalkeeper Jacob Castro, a UW transfer, lead the nation in shutouts (7), team goals against average (.117), shutout percentage (.875) and save percentage (.964). The single-season school record for shutouts is 12.0 and a goals allowed average of 0.49 set by former Aztec All-American goalkeeper Tally Hall in 2005.
- Andre Ochoa, the team captain, is tied for the Pac-12 lead with four goals.
- Senior Tevenn Roux is tied for fourth in the conference with three assists. He has four points (one goal, two assists) in his last two matches.
- SDSU is second in the Pac-12 with 5.9 corner kicks per game. They have been outcornered just one this season.
- The Aztecs 1-0 win in extra time over No. 23 Stanford on Sept. 19 was their first against the Cardinal since 2011.
- Thursday's match begins a stretch of six straight road matches. The Aztecs won't play at home until November 4 (Oregon State).
- At 24-8-5 (.716), the Pac-12 is tied for the best non-conference win percentage in the nation (MAC).
- The Aztecs have trailed at halftime in just three of their 18 matches under second year head coach Ryan Hopkins.
- SDSU has the third best 2022 recruiting class according to Top Drawer Soccer.

SDSU's Record When...

Category	Record	Streak
Overall	6-0-2	W5
Pac-12	2-0-0	W2
Non-Conference	4-0-2	W3
Last Five	4-0-1	W5
Last 10	6-0-2	W5
Home	6-0-0	W6
Away	0-0-2	T2
Day	2-0-0	W2
Night (5 p.m. or later)	4-0-2	W3
August	1-0-1	T1
September	5-0-1	W5
Monday	0-0-1	T1
Thursday	2-0-0	W2
Friday	2-0-1	W2
Sunday	2-0-0	W2
Following a Victory	4-0-1	W4
Following a Loss	---	---
Following a Tie	1-0-1	W1
Scoring First	6-0-1	W5
Opponent Scores First	---	---
Leading at Halftime	3-0-0	W3
Trailing at Halftime	---	---
Tied at Halftime	3-0-2	W2
When Leading in Game	5-0-1	W4
When Trailing in Game	---	---
In Overtime	1-0-2	W1
SDSU Outshoots Opponent	3-0-0	W3
Opponent Outshoots SDSU	3-0-2	W2
SDSU-Opponent Tie in Shots	---	---
SDSU Has More Shots on Goal	4-0-0	W4
Opponent Has More Shots on Goal	1-0-2	W1
SDSU-Opponent Tie in Shots on Goal	1-0-0	W1
SDSU Has More Fouls	5-0-1	W5
Opponent Has More Fouls	1-0-1	T1
SDSU-Opponent Tie in Fouls	--	--
SDSU Has More Corners	4-0-2	W4
Opponent Has More Corners	1-0-0	W1
SDSU-Opponent Tie in Corners	1-0-0	W1
In One-Goal Games	3-0-0	W3
SDSU Scores One Goal	3-0-1	W3
Opponent Scores One Goal	0-0-1	T1
SDSU Scores Two Goals	3-0-0	W3
Opponent Scores Two Goals	---	---

SDSU's National Rankings (Top 50)

As of Sept. 29

Stat	Team	
	Rank	Value
Shutouts	1	7
Goals Allowed Avg.	1	0.132
Shutout Percentage	1	0.875
Save Percentage	2	0.964
Win-Loss-Tie Percentage	7	0.875
Goal Differential	21	+9

Player	Individual	
	Stat	Rank Value
Jacob Castro	Shutouts	1 7
Jacob Castro	Goals Allowed Avg.	1 0.117
Jacob Castro	Save Percentage	1 0.964

Notes from the Gonzaga Match (W, 2-0)

- The Aztecs scored twice in the first six minutes of the game, their first time scoring two goals in the first half this season.
- Senior Tevenn Roux had both assists. His first went to Laukoa Santos, his fellow senior.
- SDSU improved to 6-0-0 at home, the first time they've won their first six home matches since 1991.
- This was just SDSU's third match having more shots than their opponent.
- The Aztecs allowed just one shot on goal and one corner.

Coach Hopkins' Take on No. 2 Washington

"Many of our players came to San Diego State to play in special games like this and help return SDSU to the elite levels of the past. It's a massive opportunity against a top opponent on the biggest stage and I couldn't be more excited for this opportunity for our guys".

Opponent Notebook (No. 2 Washington)

The Huskies are 7-0-0 on the year and ranked No. 2 in the country... Thursday's match will be their first Pac-12 contest of the season... Their +14 goal differential (17-3) is tops in the Pac-12 and fifth in the nation... They lead the conference in goals (17), goals per game (2.43), shots per game (16.9) and shots on goal per game (7.0)... UW has attempted 41 corners but allowed just 21... Dylan Teves' nine points are second in the Pac-12 and his five assists are tied for the eighth most in the nation... Goalkeeper Sam Fowler has a goals allowed average of 0.48 and a save percentage of 0.880, both are second in the Pac-12 behind SDSU's Jacob Castro... 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 7-22-8 all-time against Washington but beat them in their last meeting 2-0 when the Huskies were ranked No. 4 in the country. This was Coach Hopkins first career win as a head coach.

Coach Hopkins' Take on Oregon State

"Oregon State presents some unique challenges because of the intricacies of their offensive organization. We will have to be sharp in executing our game plan in a match that will have major postseason implications when all is said and done."

Opponent Notebook (Oregon State)

The Beavers are 4-1-1 overall on the year... They are receiving votes in the United Soccer Coaches poll and are ranked No. 24 by College Soccer News... Their home matches vs. No. 23 UCLA (Thurs.) and No. 13 SDSU (Sun.) will be their first Pac-12 matches of the year... They are 2-1-1 at home and played UC Santa Barbara to a 1-1 tie last week... They average two goals per match and have outscored their opponents 12-4 on the year... Tyrone Mond's team-high nine points are the second most in the Pac-12... Tskiki Ntsabeleng has four assists and two goals... Goalkeeper Adrian Fernandez, who is in his fourth year as the Beavers' starting keeper, has a goals allowed average of 0.64, 23rd in the nation... 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 11-21-3 all-time against Oregon State. The Beavers have won the last five meetings and outscored SDSU 9-0 in their two matches last year.

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.

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)
20	Xavier Monge	MF	5-9	145	Fr.	San Diego, Calif. (Southwest 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

#01 Elliot Pavis – PAY-viss

#4 Kyle Colonna – kuh-LOW-nuh

#5 Tadej Pirtovšek – tah-DAY PEER-toe-sheck

#7 Laukoa Santos – la-KO-uh

#9 Tevonn Roux – ROO

#11 Alex Hjelmf – 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

#19 Rommee Jaridly – RAW-me jah-rid-LEE

#20 Xavier Monge – mon-GEE

#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

Overall Statistics (as of Sep 24, 2021)

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

Team Statistics	SDSU	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot Att.	10-81	1-86
Goals Per Game	1.25	0.13
Shot Pct.	0.123	0.012
Shots on Goal-Att.	30-81	28-86
SOG Pct.	0.370	0.326
Shots/Game	10.1	10.8
CORNER KICKS	47	27
PENALTY KICKS	1-1	0-0
PENALTIES		
Yellow Cards	14	21
Red Cards	0	2
ATTENDANCE		
Total	2,914	1,773
Dates-Avg Per Date	6/485	2/886
Neutral Site #-Avg	0/	

#	Player	GP	G	A	PTS	SH	SH%	SOG	SOG%	GW	PK-ATT
18	Ochoa, Andre	8	4	0	8	14	0.286	7	0.500	1	0-0
9	Roux, Tevenn	7	1	3	5	6	0.167	2	0.333	1	0-0
11	Hjælmoft, Alex	8	1	2	4	6	0.167	4	0.667	1	1-1
4	Colonna, Kyle	8	1	1	3	5	0.200	2	0.400	1	0-0
7	Santos, Laukoa	8	1	1	3	9	0.111	2	0.222	1	0-0
26	Bowen, Blake	8	1	0	2	7	0.143	4	0.571	1	0-0
5	Pirtovšek, Tadej	8	1	0	2	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
23	Villaidea, Iñigo	8	0	2	2	8	0.000	2	0.250	0	0-0
27	Roux, Donovan	8	0	1	1	9	0.000	2	0.222	0	0-0
12	Wehner, Austin	8	0	1	1	4	0.000	2	0.500	0	0-0
0	Castro, Jacob	8	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0-0
8	Chavez, Arturo	8	0	0	0	3	0.000	0	0.000	0	0-0
15	Katsaros, Elias	8	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0-0
13	Nishikawa, So	6	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
16	Regeling, Rik	4	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0-0
14	Smith-Hastie, Henry	8	0	0	0	7	0.000	1	0.143	0	0-0
2	Zepeda, Esteban	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0-0
Total		8	10	11	31	81	0.123	30	0.370	6	1-1
Opponent		8	1	1	3	86	0.012	28	0.326	0	0-0

#	Goalle	GP	MIN	GA	GAA	SAVE	PCT	W-L-T	SHO
0	Castro, Jacob	8	771:02	1	0.12	27	0.964	6-0-2	7/0
Total		8	771:02	1	0.12	27	0.964	6-0-2	7
Opponents		8	771:02	10	1.17	20	0.667	--	1

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

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
San Diego State	37	42	1	1	81
Opponents	27	51	5	3	86

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
San Diego State	10	12	3	2	27
Opponents	8	12	0	0	20

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
San Diego State	21	22	2	2	47
Opponents	10	17	0	0	27

Fouls by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
San Diego State	58	56	5	7	126
Opponents	43	61	5	3	112