

# **SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS** 2021 Men's Soccer Weekly Notes

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2021 Schedule/Results											
	<b>Overall:</b> 1-0-2   <b>Pac-12:</b>	0-0-0									
Home: 1-0-0   Away: 0-0-2											
Date	Opponent '	Time/Result									
Aug. 20	Point Loma (Friendly)	W. 4-0									
Aug. 26	CSUN	Ŵ, 2-0									
Aug. 30	at No. 17 LMU	t, o-o (2 ot)									
Sept. 3	at Cal Poly	T, 0-0 (2 OT) T, 1-1 (2 OT)									
Sept. 10	at Cal Poly UC Davis	′ 7 p.m.									
Sept. 12	Cal State Bakersfield	<u>3</u> p.m.									
Sept. 16	California*	7 p.m.									
Sept. 19	Stanford*	<u>3</u> p.m.									
Sept. 24	Gonzaga	7 p.m.									
Sept. 30	at Washington*	7 p.m.									
Oct.3	at Oregon State* at UCLA*	<u>2</u> p.m.									
Oct. 8	at UCLĂ*	7 p.m.									
Oct. 15	at San Diego	7 p.m.									
Oct. 21	at Stantord*	8 p.m.									
Oct. 24	at California*	<u>3</u> p.m.									
Nov. 4	Oregon State*	/ p.m.									
Nov. 7	Washington* UCLA*	<u>3</u> p.m.									
Nov. 12	UÇLA* -	7 p.m.									
* - Pac-12	match	•									

#### **Team Information**

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Assistant CoachBryce Cregan (1st Season)
Volunteer Assistant Coach Miguel Guiterrez (2nd Season)
Home Facility
Assistant CoachBryce Cregan (1st Season) Volunteer Assistant Coach Miguel Guiterrez (2nd Season) Home FacilitySDSU Sports Deck (1,250) 2020 Overall Record1-7-2
2020 Pac-12 Record/Finish
2020 Home Record
2020 Road Record0-4-1
First rear of Competition
All-Time Record
NCAA Appearances 9 ('69, '81, '82, '87, '88, '89, '05, '06, '16)
First Year of Competition
Starters Returning/Lost
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#### Up Next

UC Davis (0-4-0) at (RV) San Diego State (1-0-2) Friday, September 10 | 7 p.m. PT | SDSU Sports Deck | San Diego, Calif. Cal State Bakersfield (0-3-1) at (RV) San Diego State (1-0-2) Sunday, September 12 | 3 p.m. PT | SDSU Sports Deck | San Diego, Calif. Media Coverage: Live Stats (No Stream)

#### **Aztec Storylines**

- The Aztecs fied Cal Poly on the road 1-1 last Friday evening.
- Freshman defender Tadej Pirtovšek (Maribor, Slovénia) netřed the Aztecs' lone goal in the opening minute
- of the second half and then saw the Mustangs score the equalizer in the 55th minute. This is the first time the Aztecs are undefeated through the first three matches of the season since 2016. - The Aztecs next five matches are at home.
- SDSU is receiving votes in the United Soccer Coaches poll and ranks No. 4 in the Far West Region.
- The Aztecs shutout their first two opponents (CSUN and LMU), the first time they posted clean sheets in their first two matches of a season since 2005.
- SDSU (1-0-2) and No. 3 Washington (3-0-0) are the only undefeated Pac-12 programs remaining Goalkeeper Jacob Castro, a transfer from Pac-12 foe Washington, leads the Pac-12 and is top 20 in the nation in save percentage (.923) and goals allowed average (.290).
- Through two matches, freshman Alex Hjælmof (Rungsted, Denmark) leads the team with three points after scoring the game-winning goal and dishing out an assist in SDSU's win vs. CSUN.
  The Aztecs have only trailed at halftime in three of their 13 matches under second year head coach Ryan
- Hopkins.

- 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).

#### Notes from the Cal Poly Match (T, 1-1, Sept. 3)

- Tadej Pirtovšek's goal was on his first collegiate shot attempt. The goal was SDSU's first off a corner in 2021.

- This was the second consecutive match the Aztecs have earned a draw when their opponent had more shots and more shots on goal.

The Aztecs used five subs for the second straight match but saw 10 players play at least 90 minute. Four (Castro, Colonna, Pirtovšek and Bowen) played all 110 minutes and Henry Smith-Hastie played 109.
 The Aztecs limited Cal Poly to three corner kicks.

#### Coach Hopkins' Take on UC Davis

"UC Davis was the preseason favorite in the Big West and will present a very physical challenge to our guys. They took No. 3 Washington to double overtime on the road, so they have our attention. We will have to be sharp with the ball and our movements to create chances against a very solid defensive unit." **Opponent Notebook (UC Davis)** 

UC Davis is 0-4-0, but was the preseason favorite in the Big West... They won the 2019 Big West tourna-ment and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament... Davis, like all Big West schools, didn't play in 2020... They have been outscored 11-4, but have outshot their opponents 60-54... Goalkeeper Derrek Chan has a goals allowed average of 2.53... The Aggies led the Big West with four selections to the preseason All-Big West Team: MF Maximilian Arfsten, D Max Glasser, D Jake Haupt (San Diego) and

## SDSU's Record When...

Category	Record	
Overall	1-0-2	T2
Last Five	1-0-2	T2
Home	1-0-0	W1
Away	0-0-2	T2
Day		
Night (5 p.m. or later)	1-0-2	<u>T2</u>
August	1-0-1	<u>T1</u>
September	0-0-1	<u> </u>
Monday	0-0-1	TI
Thursday	1-0-0	Wl
Friday	0-0-1	T1
Sunday		
Following a Victory	0-0-1	Tl
Following a Loss		
Following a Tie	0-0-1	ŢÌ
Scoring First	1-0-1	T1
Opponent Scores First		
Leading at Halftime		
Trailing at Halftime	1.0.0	
Tied at Halftime	<u>1-0-2</u>	<u><u>T2</u></u>
When Leading in Game	1-0-1	TI
When Trailing in Game		 TO
In Overtime	0-0-2	T2
SDSU Outshoots Opponent	1.0.0	 TO
Opponent Outshoots SDSU	1-0-2	T2
SDSU-Opponent Tie in Shots	1-0-0	
SDSU Has More Shots on Goal		W1
Opponent Has More Shots on Goal		T2
SDSU-Opponent Tie in Shots on Goal	0-0-1	 T1
SDSU Has More Fouls	1-0-1	
Opponent Has More Fouls		TI
SDSU-Opponent Tie in Fouls SDSU Has More Corners	0-0-2	T2
Opponent Has More Corners	0-0-Z	12
	1-0-0	W1
SDSU-Opponent Tie in Corners In One-Goal Games		
SDSU Scores One Goal	0-0-1	 T1
Opponent Scores One Goal	0-0-1	ť
SDSU Scores Two Goals	1-0-0	W1
Opponent Scores Two Goals	1-0-0	VV I
SDSU Scores 3+ Goals		
Opponent Scores 3+ Goals		

MF Andy Velasquez... Head coach Dwayne Shaffer (25th season) is a three-time Big West Coach of the Year... The Aztecs are 1-2-0 all-time against UC Davis and this will be their first meeting with the Aggies since 2008.

**Coach Hopkins' Take on Cal State Bakersfield** "CSUB is a very technical team that likes to control the game with the ball much like we do. Our pressing to create scoring chances will have to be on point. Sunday soccer is all about mentality, focus and not taking shortcuts in order to secure a result. This will be a big test for a young team learning these important lessons in college soccer." Opponent Notebook (Cal State Bakersfield)

Cal State Bakersfield enters the weekend with a 0-3-1 record... They play at San Diego on Friday... This is their first season in the Big West... They have been outscored 9-5 but have outshot their opponents 65-54... The Road-runners have doubled their opponents corner kick attempts 24-11... Their five goals have come from two players: Aodan O'hara (3) and Carlos Armendariz (2)... Goalkeeper Scott Pengelly has a goals allowed average of 2.13... Head coach Richie Grant is in his seventh season as the 'Runners head coach.... SDSU is 6-1-0 all-time against CS Bakersfield. Their last meeting was in 2014, a 1-0 loss in the season opener.

#### 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 (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)
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 – cuh-LOW-nuh #5 Tadej Pirtovšek – tah-DAY PEER-toe-sheck #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 #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

### 2021 San Diego State University Men's Soccer Overall Statistics (as of Sep 4, 2021)

			Record: All Games			Overall	Home		Away		Neutra	L					
						1-0-2	1-0		0-0-2		0-0						
			Con	ference		0-0	0-0		0-0		0-0						
			Non	-Confere	ence	1-0-2	1-0		0-0-2		0-0						
Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Att.	#	Player		GP	G	A	PTS	ян	SH%	SOG	SOG%	GW	PK-ATT
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09/03/2021	at Cal Poly	Т	1-1	672	4	Colonna, Kyle		3	0	1	1	1	0.000	0	0.000	0	0-0
					23	Villaldea, Iñigo		3	0	1	1	1	0.000	0	0.000	0	0-0
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SHOT STATIS					0	Castro, Jacob		3	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0-0
Goals-Shot		3-3		1-41	8	Chavez, Arturo		3	0	0	0	1	0.000	0	0.000	0	0-0
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Shot Pct.		0.1	00	0.024	13	Nishikawa, So		3	0	0	0	2	0.000	1	0.500	0	0-0
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SOG Pct.		0.3	33	0.317	27	Roux, Donovan		3	0	0	0	4	0.000	1	0.250	0	0-0
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