

# SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS

# 2023 Men's Soccer Weekly Notes

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D	2023 Schedule/Results	. /n lı					
<u>Date</u>		<u>e/Result</u>					
Aug. 11	UC Irvine (Friendly)	W, 2-1					
Aug. 18	at California Baptist (Friendly	) W, 2-0					
Aug. 24	at Denver	6 p.m.					
Aug. 28	Cal State Bakersfield	7 p.m.					
Sept. 1	Cal Poly	7 p.m.					
Sept. 8	George Washington	7 p.m.					
Sept. 10	UC Riverside	7 p.m.					
Sept. 18	Life Pacific	7 p.m.					
Sept. 21	Utah Tech	4 p.m.					
Sept. 28	California*	7:30 p.m.					
Oct. 1	Stanford*	3 p.m.					
Oct. 5	at Washington*	7 p.m.					
Oct. 8	at Oregon State*	Noon					
Oct. 14	at San Diego*	7 p.m.					
Oct. 20	at UCLA*						
		7 p.m.					
Oct. 26	Oregon State*	4:30 p.m.					
Oct. 29	Washington*	<u>3</u> p.m.					
Nov. 2	at Stanford*	7 p.m.					
Nov. 5	at California*	2 p.m.					
Nov. 10	UCLA*	7 p.m.					
* - Pac-12 n	natch   All times listed Pacific	•					

**Team Information** 

Head Coach	Ryan Hopkins (4th Season)
Assistant Coach	Carlos Aquilar (4th Season)
	Adrian Dubois (1st Season)
Assistant Coach	David Diaz (1st Season)
Director of Operations	Ryan Dooley (2nd Season)
Home Facility	SDSU Sports Deck (1,250)
2022 Overall Record	5-9-4
2022 Pac-12 Record/Finis	h 1-6-3 (T-5th)
2022 Home Record	5-4-1
	0-5-3
First Year of Competition	1968
All-Time Record (Entering :	2022) .498-384-121 (.557)
NCAA Appearances 9 ('0	59, '81, '82, '87, '88, '89, '05,
<b>'06, '16)</b>	
	ost8/11
Starters Returning/Lost	4/7
Newcomers	0 (4 freshmen/6 transfers)

## Up Next San Diego State at (RV) Denver

Thursday, August 25 | 6 p.m. PT | Univ. of Denver Soccer Stadium | Denver, Colo. Live Stream: Summit League Network

# Cal State Bakersfield at San Diego State (5-8-4, 1-5-3) Monday, August 28 | 7 p.m. PT | SDSU Sports Deck | San Diego, Calif.

Live Stream: Aztec Digital Network

### **Aztec Tidbits**

- The Aztecs officially kick off the 2023 season Thursday at Denver and then host Cal State Bakersfield Monday evening for their home opener.
- San Diego State won both of their preseason friendlies, beating UC Irvine 2-1 at home and then topping California Baptist 2-0 on the road last Friday.
- The Aztecs have 10 newcomers in 2023 with six transfers and four freshmen. Top Drawer Soccer ranked SDSU as having the 14th best incoming class in the country. SDSU was rated as the best incoming class in the nation a year ago.
- Of the six transfers joining SDSU, four are fifth-year seniors, one is a fourth-year senior and the other is a junior. In total, the Aztecs have 10 players in their fourth or fifth year of college.
- The Aztecs also have eight players who are true or redshirt freshmen.
- SDSU had 15 players playing in the USL League Two over the summer. Nine of them played for clubs that made the playoffs including Christian Engmann, a transfer from Saint Mary's, who won the championship with Ballard FC.
- After the season opener at Denver, the Aztecs will play eight straight home matches, which is the longest streak of consecutive home games in the program's 55-year history.
- SDSU recently hired Adrian Dubois as an assistant coach. He comes from Vermont who made the Elite Eight and finished No. 4 in the country last year. Dubois was tabbed as one of the top 12 assistant coaches in the country by College Soccer News.
- The Aztecs are two wins away from their 500th victory in program history (498-384-121).
- Following last season five Aztecs signed professional contracts, believed to be the most in program history. CJ Fodrey, the Top Drawer National Freshman of the Year, became the highest selection in the MLS SuperDraft in school history when Austin FC drafted him No. 13 overall. Blake Bowen (Seattle Sounders), Jacob Castro (Seattle Sounders), Kyle Colonna (New Mexico United) and Elias Katsaros (Tacoma Defiance) also moved to the professional ranks.

#### **Player Notes**

- Defender Reid Sproat was named to USL League Two First Team for his play with Fort Wayne FC over the summer. A three-time All-Horizon League selection at Oakland University, Sproat was also listed by Top Drawer Soccer as one of the top players in the Pac-12 for 2023.
- Freshman forward Alex Soukup was tabbed as one of the top freshmen in the Pac-12 by Top Drawer Soccer.
- Midfielder Beto Apolinar was listed as a Pac-12 Breakout Player by Top Drawer Soccer.
- Midfielder Henry Smith-Hastie, along with Apolinar, is one of two returners that played in all 18 matches a season ago. Smith-Hastie is the team captain this season.

# SDSU's Record in 2022 When...

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Category		l Streak
Overall	5-9-4	L2
Pac-12	1-6-3	L2
Non-Conference	4-3-1	W4
Last Five	0-3-2	L2
Last 10	3-5-2	<u>L2</u>
Home	5-4-1	L!
Away	0-5-3	<u>L1</u>
Day	1-1-2	L1
Night (5 p.m. or later)	4-8-2	<u>[i</u>
August	0-2-0	Tl
September	3-3-2	L1
October	2-2-1	Tl
November	0-2-1	L2
Following a Victory	1-3-0	L3
Following a Loss	2-3-3	L1
Following a Tie	2-1-1	L1
Scoring First	4-1-1	TI
Opponent Scores First	1-8-2	L2
Leading at Halftime	2-1-0	W2
Trailing at Halftime	1-2-2	Tl
Tied at Halftime	2-6-2	L2
When Leading in Game	5-2-2	T2
When Trailing in Game	1-9-2	L2
SDSU Outshoots Opponent	3-3-1	
Opponent Outshoots SDSU	1-5-3	L1
SDSU-Opponent Tie in Shots	1-1-0	W1
SDSU Has More Shots on Goal	5-2-1	LI
Opponent Has More Shots on Goal	0-4-3	L1
SDSU-Opponent Tie in Shots on Goal	0-2-0	L2
SDSU Has More Fouls	1-4-3	LI
Opponent Has More Fouls	4-4-1	L2
SDSU-Opponent Tie in Fouls	0-1-0	L1
SDSU Has More Corners	3-6-0	L1
Opponent Has More Corners	2-3-2	L3
SDSU-Opponent Tie in Corners	0-0-2	T2
In One-Goal Games	2-4-0	L1
SDSU Scores One Goal	1-3-0	L1
Opponent Scores One Goal	1-1-0	W1
SDSU Scores Two Goals	1-1-3	T2
Opponent Scores 2 Goals	1-7-2	L1
SDSU Scores 3 or More Goals	3-0-0	W3
Opponent Scores 3 or More Goals	0-2-0	L2

# SDSU's in the National Rankings Top 75 - 2022 Season

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Stat	Rank	Value				
Corner Kicks/Game	37	5.94				
Assists	T-64	27				
Assists/Game	71	1.50				
Points	T-75	79				

Individual										
Player	Stat	Rank Value								
Jacob Castro	GK Min. Played	T-55 1530:0								

- Forward Alexander Levengood, a four-year starter and three-time All-CAA First-Team selection at William & Mary, led the nation in shot accuracy last year (.659). He tallied 62 points on 24 goals and 14 assists across 58 matches at William & Mary.
- Defender Noah Crétier and midfielder Tristan Viviani, who were part of the heralded 2022 recruiting class, were named Top 75 freshmen in the nation by Top Drawer Soccer last season.

# Coach Hopkins' Take on Denver

"Denver is annually one of the best teams in the country. They are extremely well-coached and disciplined in every phase of the game. Their X factor is their mentality, which allows them to overwhelm teams. Our boys will be ready for the fight in an NCAA tournament-like matchup."

# **Opponent Notebook (Denver)**

The Pioneers are receiving votes in the preseason United Soccer Coaches poll and ranked No. 19 by Top Drawer Soccer... They went 14-3-5 last year and 6-0-2 in the Summit League... They won the Summit League championship and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament where they lost at Duke 3-1... They return 16 letterwinners and nine starters from that team including Lukas Fisher and Sam Bassett who each had 20 points last season... Ben Smith was named to the United Soccer Coaches Midfielders to Watch list... He is one of four returners who have logged at least 40 starts... Goalkeeper Isaac Nehme allowed just 15 goals in 21 matches last year... Denver outscored its opponents 41-15 last season... Head coach Jamie Franks (9th season) is 97-33-23 at Denver... Aztec head coach Ryan Hopkins was an assistant at Denver from 2013-17 and helped them make four NCAA tournaments and the 2016 final four with a 20-1-3 record... The Aztecs are 4-5-1 all-time against Denver... SDSU beat the Pioneers 2-1 at home last year when Denver was ranked No. 6 in the country.

# Coach Hopkins' Take on Cal State Bakersfield

"Bakersfield is always well organized and plays with a chip on their shoulder. These early season matchups can go either way as teams try to figure out their identity, so I fully expect a competitive college soccer match."

# Opponent Notebook (Cal State Bakersfield)

The Roadrunners played three preseason friendlies, going 1-2-0 in those contests... They went 2-13-2 last season and 0-8-1 in the Big West... They host San Jose State Thursday evening... Adam Grant is CSUB's interim head coach, taking over the reins after Richie Grant (no relation) stepped down July 15... Adam Grant is in his second year at CSUB after spending 12 years at Cumberland University (Lebanon, Tenn.) including six as their head coach... The Aztecs are 7-1-0 all-time against CSUB and beat them 1-0 in their last meeting (Sept. 12, 2021).

	2023 Roster										
No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Club Hometown (Last School)					
0	Elliot Pavis	GK	6-2	180	Jr.*	Marin FC Mill Valley, Calif. (Tamalpais HS)					
00	Djibril Doumbia	GK	6-2	210	Sr.^	Barça Academy Boulder, Colo. (Old Dominion)					
1	Logan Erb	GK	6-3	190	So.	Houston Dynamo Academy Houston, Texas (Connections Academy)					
2	Christian Engmann	D	6-2	210	Sr.	Crossfire FC Seattle, Wash. (Saint Mary's)					
3	Ethan Zamora	D	5-10	155	Fr.	City SC Chula Vista, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)					
4 5	Ulises Esquivel	D	5-9	165	Fr.*	Sacramento Republic FC Sacramento, Calif. (Washington)					
	Noah Crétier	D	5-9	165	So.	OGC Nice Nice, France (Ecole Technique Privee du Jeune Aiglon)					
6	Jordan Korbus	MF	5-10	150	Jr.*	San Jose Earthquakes Academy San Jose, Calif. (Pioneer HS)					
7	Alexander Levengood	F	5-11	170	Sr.^	FC Richmond Richmond, Va. (William & Mary)					
8	Beto Apolinar	MF	5-10	155	So.*	Real So Cal Los Angeles, Calif. (El Camino Charter HS)					
10	Austin Brummett	F	6-0	190	So.	New York Red Bulls Academy Bow, N.H. (Virtual Learning Academy)					
11	Terence Okoeguale	F	5-10	160	So.	FC Dusseldorf Cologne, Germany (Akron)					
13	Seth Clark	MF	5-8	155	Sr.^	Canterbury FC Christchurch, New Zealand (Liberty)					
14	Tristan Viviani	D	6-0	150	So. Fr.*	San Jose Earthquakes Academy Redwood City, Calif. (Sequoia HS)					
15	Dylan Presto	D	5-8	150	Fr.*	LAFC Academy Los Angeles, Calif. (Methods HS)					
16	Berin Droemer	D	5-9	150	Fr.*	Solar SC Dallas, Texas (Woodrow Wilson HS)					
17	Henry Smith-Hastie	MF	6-0	170	Sr.^	Santa Monica United Los Angeles, Calif. (SMU)					
18	Alex Soukup	F	5-5	115	Fr.	LAFC Academy Canoga Park, Calif. (Canoga Park HS)					
19	Owen Zaldiyar	F	5-9	150	Sr.^	Barça Academy Lawndale, Calif. (Gardner-Webb)					
21	Luke Cantafio	D	5-10	145	Fr.	Strikers FC Orange, Calif. (Tesla Academy)					
22	Rommee Jaridly	F	6-0	160	So.*	Strikers FC Chino Hills, Calif. (Chino Hills HS)					
23	Jules Anderson	D	5-10	160	Sr.	Philadelphia Union Academy Ocean, N.J. (Virginia)					
24	Lorenzo Hernandez	D	5-9	145	Fr.*	De Anza Force SC San Mateo, Calif. (Hillsdale HS)					
25	Reid Sproat	D	6-1	185	Sr.^	Fort Wayne United FC Auburn, Ind. (Oakland)					
27	Reid Fisher	MF	6-3	180	Fr.*	Slammers FC Huntington Beach, Calif. (Huntington Beach HS)					
30	Javi Camargo	MF	5-7	155	So.	Oceanside Breakers Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside HS)					

<sup>^</sup> Utilizing extra year of eligibility offered by the NCAA due to COVID-19 \*Redshirt season utilized |

Head Coach: Ryan Hopkins (Fourth Season) Assistant Head Coach: Carlos Aguilar (Fourth Season) Assistant Head Coach: Adrian Dubois (First Season) Volunteer Assistant Coach: David Diaz (First Season) Director of Operations: Ryan Dooley (Second Season)

# **Pronunciations:**

#0 Elliot Pavis — PAY-viss #00 Djibril Doumbia — juh-BRILL doom-BEE-uh #4 Ulises Esquivel — yoo-LISS-eez ess-QUA-vell #5 Noah Crétier — CRET-ee-ay #8 Beto Apolinar — BET-oh oppo-LEE-naar #11 Terence Okoeguale — OK-gwah-lee

#16 Berin Droemer — BEAR-in DROME-err

#18 Alex Soukup — sue-CUP #19 Owen Zaldivar — zall-DEE-var #21 Luke Cantafio — con-TOFF-ee-oh #22 Rommee Jaridly — RAW-me jah-rid-LEE AC Adrian Dubois — doo-BWAA

<sup>\*</sup>Redshirt season utilized

<sup>^</sup> Utilizing extra year of eligibility offered by the NCAA due to COVID-19

Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All Games	5-9-4	5-4-1	0-5-3	0-0
Conference	1-6-3	1-3-1	0-3-2	0-0
Non-Conference	4-3-1	4-1	0-2-1	0-0

Total

Opponents

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Att.
08/25/2022	at CSUN	L	1-2	507
08/28/2022	LMU (CA)	L	1-2	510
09/02/2022	at Omaha	L	0-1	303
09/05/2022	at Creighton	Т	2-2	117 8
09/09/2022	UNLV	W	5-0	311
09/11/2022	DENVER	W	2-1	267
09/15/2022	at California	L	0-2	345
09/18/2022	at Stanford	Т	0-0	893
09/24/2022	UC SAN DIEGO	W	1-0	432
09/29/2022	WASHINGTON	L	0-2	276 9
10/02/2022	OREGON STATE	W	3-0	211
10/07/2022	at UCLA	L	0-2	978
10/15/2022	SAN DIEGO	W	4-2	319
10/20/2022	STANFORD	L	2-3	382
10/23/2022	CALIFORNIA	Т	2-2	360
11/03/2022	at Oregon St.	Т	2-2	718
11/06/2022	at Washington	L	0-3	158 2
11/11/2022	UCLA	L	1-2	608

Team Statistics	SDSU	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot Att.	26-200	28-218
Goals Per Game	1.44	1.56
Shot Pct.	0.130	0.128
Shots on Goal-Att.	77-200	83-218
SOG Pct.	0.385	0.381
Shots/Game	11.1	12.1
CORNER KICKS	107	87
PENALTY KICKS	3-5	3-3
PENALTIES		
Yellow Cards	37	33
Red Cards	1	3
ATTENDANCE		
Total	6,169	6,504
Dates-Avg Per Date	10/616	8/813
Neutral Site #-Avg	0/	

#	Player	GP	G	Α	PTS	SH	SH%	SOG	SOG%	YC-RC	GW	PK-ATT
7	Fodrey, CJ	18	7	4	18	38	0.184	15	0.395	4-0	2	0-0
23	Villaldea, Iñigo	11	5	4	14	17	0.294	10	0.588	3-0	1	2-3
26	Bowen, Blake	18	3	3	9	26	0.115	14	0.538	4-0	0	0-0
11	Roux, Donovan	17	2	4	8	28	0.071	11	0.393	2-0	0	1-1
10	Brummett, Austin	16	2	2	6	13	0.154	5	0.385	1-0	0	0-1
3	Katsaros, Elias	13	3	0	6	7	0.429	3	0.429	2-1	1	0-0
14	Viviani, Tristan	17	1	1	3	12	0.083	4	0.333	3-0	1	0-0
25	Apolinar, Beto	18	0	2	2	5	0.000	2	0.400	2-0	0	0-0
30	Camargo, Javi	11	0	2	2	2	0.000	1	0.500	0-0	0	0-0
4	Colonna, Kyle	17	1	0	2	13	0.077	4	0.308	5-0	0	0-0
12	Daluz, Joe	16	0	2	2	2	0.000	0	0.000	0-0	0	0-0
22	Jaridly, Rommee	16	1	0	2	6	0.167	2	0.333	1-0	0	0-0
9	Louis, Isaie	17	0	2	2	5	0.000	1	0.200	1-0	0	0-0
13	Nishikawa, So	5	1	0	2	2	0.500	1	0.500	2-0	0	0-0
17	Smith-Hastie, Henry	18	0	1	1	10	0.000	1	0.100	0-0	0	0-0
18	Anderson, Jules	9	0	0	0	2	0.000	1	0.500	0-0	0	0-0
0	Castro, Jacob	17	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	1-0	0	0-0
8	Chavez, Arturo	9	0	0	0	1	0.000	0	0.000	1-0	0	0-0
5	Crétier, Noah	17	0	0	0	5	0.000	1	0.200	1-0	0	0-0
1	Erb, Logan	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0-0	0	0-0
6	Korbus, Jordan	8	0	0	0	2	0.000	0	0.000	1-0	0	0-0
2	Zepeda, Esteban	14	0	0	0	4	0.000	1	0.250	1-0	0	0-0
	Total	18	26	27	79	200	0.130	77	0.385	37-1	5	3-5
	Opponent	18	28	20	76	218	0.128	83	0.381	33-3	9	3-3
#	Goalie	GP	MIN	١ .	GA	GA	Α :	SAVE	PCT	<b>W</b> -I	L-T	SHO
0	Castro, Jacob	17	1530	:00	28	1.6	55	52	0.650	4-9	)-4	3/0
1	Erb, Logan	1	90:0	00	0	0.0	00	3	1.000	1-0	0-0	1/0

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Goals by Period	1st	2nd	Total
San Diego St.	8	18	26
Opponents	11	17	28
Shots by Period	1st_	2nd	Total
San Diego St.	88	112	200
Opponents	93	125	218
Saves by Period	1st	2nd	Total
San Diego St.	26	30	56
Opponents	25	26	51
Corners by Period	1st_	2nd	Total
San Diego St.	50	57	107
Opponents	34	53	87
Fouls by Period	1st	2nd	Total
San Diego St.	108	111	219
Opponents	101	116	217

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