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Redshirt senior tri-captain Matt McManus is coming off a 2008 season in which he had a career-high 11 points on five goals and an assist. He was named an all-Pac-10 honorable mention selection.

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RESULTS

Overall Record: 6-9-3 (Home: 4-6-0, Away: 1-3-3, Neutral: 1-0-0);
Pac-10 Record: 3-4-3 (Home: 2-3-0, Away: 1-1-3, Neutral: 0-0-0)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Streak	Overall Record	Pac-10 Record	Shots SDSU-Opp.	Corners SDSU-Opp.	Fouls SDSU-Opp.	Saves SDSU-Opp.
Sept. 5	^ MICHIGAN	L-ot	2-3	L1	0-1		15-10	5-5	13-14	2-6
Sept. 7	^ ALBANY	W	6-0	W1	1-1		28-4	7-1	11-14	0-9
Sept. 12	at Denver	L	1-2	L1	1-2		11-26	4-9	16-8	8-5
Sept. 14	! vs. Air Force	W	2-0	W1	2-2		22-14	7-3	5-8	5-6
Sept. 19	\$ UC IRVINE	L	0-2	L1	2-3		8-9	3-4	6-19	4-2
Sept. 21	\$ UC DAVIS	L	1-2	L2	2-4		24-10	6-2	11-17	5-7
Sept. 28	at Dartmouth	L	0-1	L3	2-5		11-11	2-0	5-8	7-7
Oct. 5	* at UCLA	T-2ot	3-3	T1	2-5-1	0-0-1	18-25	5-10	22-12	5-3
Oct. 10	* at Stanford	W	1-0	W1	3-5-1	1-0-1	15-16	1-7	11-8	2-3
Oct. 14	* at No. 5 California	T-2ot	1-1	T1	3-5-2	1-0-2	11-12	5-12	15-17	3-4
Oct. 17	* OREGON STATE	L	1-2	L1	3-6-2	1-1-2	19-12	5-7	10-8	2-6
Oct. 19	* No. 23 WASHINGTON	L-ot	1-2	L2	3-7-2	1-2-2	19-10	3-3	9-9	5-5
Oct. 24	* at Oregon State	L-ot	0-1	L3	3-8-2	1-3-2	7-18	5-6	6-6	11-5
Oct. 26	* at Washington	T-2ot	2-2	T1	3-8-3	1-3-3	12-15	1-7	12-13	7-5
Oct. 31	* STANFORD	W	2-1	W1	4-8-3	2-3-3	11-8	5-4	21-16	2-0
Nov. 2	* No. 7 CALIFORNIA	W	1-0	W2	5-8-3	3-3-3	11-20	1-8	14-16	5-6
Nov. 9	CAL STATE BAKERSFIELD	W	4-0	W3	6-8-3		17-2	3-2	9-15	1-7
Nov. 15	* at No. 15 UCLA	L	1-6	L1	6-9-3	3-4-3	12-16	1-5	18-12	2-4

^ - Courtyard Marriott San Diego Central Tournament, ! - game played at Denver, Colo., \$ - SDSU/USD Classic, * - Pac-10 Conference match, All home games in CAPS played at SDSU Sports Deck

STATISTICS

Name	GP-GS	Min.	OVERALL										CONFERENCE		
			G	A	Pts.	Sh.	Shot Pct.	SOG	Pct.	YC-RC	GWG	PK-ATT	G	A	Pts.
Raymundo Reza	18-18	1376	8	4	20	39	.205	24	.615	0-0	3	0-0	3	2	8
Evan Toft	17-15	1208	3	6	12	40	.075	19	.475	1-0	0	1-1	1	3	5
Matt McManus	16-8	836	5	1	11	22	.227	9	.409	1-0	0	0-0	4	1	9
Daniel Steres	17-14	1394	3	2	8	23	.130	11	.478	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jamel Wallace	17-17	1359	3	1	7	16	.188	7	.438	2-1	2	0-0	2	1	5
Joe Corona	15-3	501	3	1	7	10	.300	5	.500	0-0	0	0-0	1	0	2
Khadim Diouf	17-13	1019	3	0	6	31	.097	10	.323	2-0	1	1-1	1	0	2
Nick Cardenas	18-17	1646	0	4	4	17	.000	5	.294	4-0	0	0-0	0	3	3
Dennis Sanchez	18-17	1427	1	1	3	17	.059	6	.353	3-0	0	0-0	1	0	2
Michael Rocha	16-5	472	0	3	3	10	.000	6	.600	2-0	0	0-0	0	2	2
Nick Collins	17-6	644	0	2	2	12	.000	4	.333	1-0	0	0-0	0	1	1
Michio Akazawa	4-0	90	0	2	2	1	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Daniel Ortega	14-1	422	0	1	1	9	.000	4	.444	1-1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Danny Ortiz	16-14	1177	0	1	1	1	.000	0	.000	3-0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Justin Davies	17-14	1205	0	0	0	7	.000	4	.571	1-0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Pedro Adan	14-7	941	0	0	0	7	.000	2	.286	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Danny Stott	9-2	219	0	0	0	4	.000	1	.250	2-0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Steve Beitashour	4-1	143	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Santigui Toukara	4-0	76	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Gemechu Abraham	4-0	73	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Myles Davis	11-8	534	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0
SDSU TOTALS	18	-	29	29	87	271	.107	119	.439	24-3	6	2-2			
OPPONENTS	18	-	28	30	86	238	.118	104	.437	17-1	9	1-1			

Name	OVERALL										CONFERENCE					
	GP	GS	Min.	GA	GAA	Sv.	Pct.	W	L	T	Sho.	GP	GS	Min.	GA	GAA
Morgan Maestas	5	4	388:36	5	1.16	18	.783	1	3	0	1	1	1	90:00	2	2.00
Brad Byrns	3	3	244:12	4	1.47	7	.636	1	0	1	1	3	3	244:12	4	1.47
Jorge Rosales	10	9	831:06	14	1.52	44	.759	4	3	2	1	7	6	634:42	12	1.70
R.J. Smith	3	2	228:46	5	1.97	6	.545	0	2	0	0					
SDSU TOTALS	18	18	1692:40	28	1.49	76	.731	6	9	3	5	10	10	968:54	18	1.67
OPPONENTS	18	18	1692:40	29	1.54	90	.756	9	6	3	3	10	10	968:54	13	1.21

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1969, 1981, 1982, 1987, 1988, 1989, 2005, 2006

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PAC-10 FINAL STANDINGS

Pl. Team	Conference				Overall										
	W	L	T	Pts.	Home	Away	Neutral	W	L	T	Pct.	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
1. UCLA	7	1	2	23	3-0-2	4-1-0	0-0-0	10	5	6	.650	6-2-4	4-2-1	0-1-1	Lost 1
2. California	5	2	3	18	3-1-1	2-1-2	0-0-0	12	4	5	.690	7-1-2	3-2-3	2-1-0	Lost 1
3. San Diego State	3	4	3	12	2-3-0	1-1-3	0-0-0	6	9	3	.417	4-5-0	1-3-3	1-0-0	Lost 1
4. Oregon State	3	5	2	11	1-3-1	2-2-1	0-0-0	6	9	4	.421	2-3-2	3-5-2	1-1-0	Won 1
Washington	3	5	2	11	1-2-2	2-3-0	0-0-0	8	8	2	.500	4-2-2	3-7-0	1-2-0	Lost 1
6. Stanford	2	6	2	8	2-2-1	0-4-1	0-0-0	4	11	3	.306	3-5-1	1-5-2	0-1-0	Lost 1

PAC-10 MEN'S SOCCER STATS

Points Per Game

Name	G	GL	AST	PTS	PPG
1. Wiedeman, Andrew-CAL	21	12	5	29	1.38
2. Cox, Raphael-WASH	17	7	6	20	1.18
3. Reza, Raymundo-SDSU	18	8	4	20	1.11
4. Stephens, Michael-UCLA	21	7	9	23	1.10
5. Griffin, Maxwell-UCLA	21	10	2	22	1.05
6. Richards, Brent-WASH	18	8	2	18	1.00
7. Christner, Robby-OSU	19	7	2	16	0.84
8. Mwanga, Danny-OSU	11	4	0	8	0.73
9. Leopoldo, Jason-UCLA	21	3	9	15	0.71
10. Toft, Evan-SDSU	17	3	6	12	0.71

Shots Per Game

Name	G	SH	AVG
1. Richards, Brent-WASH	18	71	3.94
2. Wiedeman, Andrew-CAL	21	67	3.19
3. Carrasco, Servando-CAL	21	55	2.62
4. Griffin, Maxwell-UCLA	21	51	2.43
5. Toft, Evan-SDSU	17	40	2.35
6. Montgomery, Tom-STAN	18	42	2.33
7. Reza, Raymundo-SDSU	18	39	2.17
8. Leopoldo, Jason-UCLA	21	44	2.10
9. Mwanga, Danny-OSU	11	23	2.09
10. Cox, Raphael-WASH	17	35	2.06

Goals Per Game

Name	G	GL	AVG
1. Wiedeman, Andrew-CAL	21	12	0.57
2. Griffin, Maxwell-UCLA	21	10	0.48
3. Reza, Raymundo-SDSU	18	8	0.44
Richards, Brent-WASH	18	8	0.44
4. Cox, Raphael-WASH	17	7	0.41
5. Christner, Robby-OSU	19	7	0.37
6. Mwanga, Danny-OSU	11	4	0.36
7. Stephens, Michael-UCLA	21	7	0.33
9. McManus, Matt-SDSU	16	5	0.31
10. Corona, Joe-SDSU	15	3	0.20
Katz, Jo Jo-WASH	15	3	0.20

Goals Against Average

Name	G	GA	MIN	GAA
1. Frei, Stefan-CAL	21	17	1994:33	0.77
2. Perk, Brian-UCLA	19	19	1769:51	0.97
3. Miller, Mike-OSU	13	15	1185:27	1.14
4. Moore, John-STAN	17	21	1576:44	1.20
5. Hawkins, Rylan-WASH	8	11	698:31	1.42
6. Rosales, Jorge-SDSU	10	14	831:06	1.52

Saves Per Game

Name	G	SV	AVG
1. Rosales, Jorge-SDSU	10	44	4.40
2. Perk, Brian-UCLA	19	75	3.95
3. Frei, Stefan-CAL	21	82	3.90
4. Moore, John-STAN	17	62	3.65
5. Miller, Mike-OSU	13	43	3.31
6. Hawkins, Rylan-WASH	8	24	3.00

Shutouts Per Game

Name	G	SV	AVG
1. Frei, Stefan-CAL	21	9	0.43
2. Perk, Brian-UCLA	19	7	0.37
3. Hawkins, Rylan-WASH	8	2	0.25
4. Miller, Mike-OSU	13	3	0.23
5. Moore, John-STAN	17	2	0.12

Assists Per Game

Name	G	AST	AVG
1. Leopoldo, Jason-UCLA	21	9	0.43
Stephens, Michael-UCLA	21	9	0.43
3. Jimenez, Hector-CAL	17	7	0.41
4. Toft, Evan-SDSU	17	6	0.35
Cox, Raphael-WASH	17	6	0.35
6. Carrasco, Servando-CAL	21	7	0.33
Tucker-Gangnes, Dylan-WASH	18	6	0.33
8. Arreola, Eder-UCLA	20	6	0.30
9. Paul, Davis-CAL	21	6	0.29
10. Wiedeman, Andrew-CAL	21	5	0.24

ALL-PAC-10 TEAMS

► First Team

Raphael Cox, MF, Sr., Washington
 Stefan Frei, GK, Jr., California
 Maxwell Griffin, F, Sr., UCLA
 Hector Jimenez, MF, So., California
 George John, MF, Sr., Washington
 Jason Leopoldo, MF, Sr., UCLA
 Brad Rusin, D, Sr., UCLA
 Michael Stephens, MF, Jr., UCLA
 Michael Strickland, MF, Jr., Stanford
 Bobby Warshaw, MF/F, So., Stanford
 Andrew Wiedeman, F, So., California

► Second Team

Tyler Barry, D, Sr., California
Nick Cardenas, D, Jr., San Diego State
 Servando Carrasco, MF, So., California
 Ryan Imamura, D, Sr., Stanford
 Daniel Leach, D, Sr., Oregon State
 Taylor Mueller, D, So., Washington
 Danny Mwanga, F, Fr., Oregon State
 Brian Perk, GK, Jr., UCLA
 A.J. Soares, D, So., California
Evan Toft, MF/F, Jr., San Diego State
Jamel Wallace, D/MF, Jr., San Diego State

► Honorable Mention (SDSU only)

Khadim Diouf, F, So., San Diego State
Matt McManus, D/F, Jr., San Diego State
Raymundo Reza, MF, So., San Diego State
Dennis Sanchez, D, Sr., San Diego State

2008 Season Recap

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2008 was not the season that the San Diego State men's soccer team was hoping for.

Although the Aztecs ended strong, going 3-1-1 over their final five matches to finish in the upper-half of the Pac-10 for the third consecutive season, they suffered their first losing campaign in their four years of the Pac-10 with a 6-9-3 record.

At first glance, a 6-9-3 mark doesn't seem respectable. But consider what last year's team went through, it actually seems remarkable.

SDSU's opponents last year combined for over a .550 winning percentage, by far the highest of any of the five other Pac-10 schools. Seven of its 18 foes made the NCAA tournament, including Michigan (No. 11), UC Irvine (No. 14) and Dartmouth (No. 16), all which received seeds and automatic byes in the first round.

The injury bug also hit San Diego State hard a year ago as of the 10 returning starters from 2007, only Raymundo Reza started all 18 contests in 2008. In fact, the 10 returning starters missed a combined 41 matches.

Despite all the injuries, the Aztecs made a game out of it in almost every match, losing three times in overtime and seven times by just one goal.

Their 3-4-3 Pac-10 record gave them a third-place finish, just one spot lower than their runner-up showings the previous two seasons.

The highlight of the season may have been a 1-0 victory over No. 7 California on Nov. 2, putting SDSU at 4-1-3 against top-10 teams in its four-year history of the Pac-10.

San Diego State began its season with a heart-breaking, 3-2, overtime loss to Michigan in the first game of the Courtyard Marriott San Diego Tournament. After recording just one assist while mostly playing defender in 2007, Reza came out firing with a goal and an assist. Freshman Daniel Steres showed why head coach Lev Kirshner was so high on him with his first career goal in the 87th minute. A Michigan goal just 3:46 into the first over-



Danny Ortiz

time ruined the opener and the Aztecs would have to move onto a game with undefeated Albany.

The Great Danes, who came into the match with a perfect 3-0 record, were no match for SDSU as it scored four goals in a period of 10:36 early in the second half to blow open a 1-0 game en route to the 6-0 win. Backed by a SDSU Sports Deck-tying record of 28 shot attempts, San Diego State received two goals from freshman Joe Corona, a goal and an assist from Steres and Evan Toft, and single tallies from Khadim Diouf and Reza. The impressive showing rallied the Aztecs to a runner-up finish in the tourney.

SDSU then had to make the trip to the Rocky Mountain for a pair of matches in Denver. In the first game, Toft scored in the first minute of play, but host Denver tallied two second half scores en route to the 2-1 win.

San Diego State picked up its 400th victory in program history two days later in a 2-0 win over Air Force. Jamel Wallace and Matt McManus each picked up their first goals of the season as redshirt freshman Morgan Maestas made five saves for his first shutout in front of his home state.

The Aztecs dropped their next two games in the SDSU/USD tournament, losing to eventual NCAA tournament participants UC Irvine (2-0) and No. 23 UC Davis (2-1). Then, after traveling across the country to New Hampshire, SDSU surrendered a goal in the second minute and never could get one back in a 1-0 loss to No. 17 Dartmouth.

San Diego State, however, got back into a good rhythm at UCLA to open up Pac-10 play on Oct. 5. Playing in a hostile crowd of some 1,822, McManus scored the first two goals of the game less than four minutes apart to put the Aztecs up, 2-0, at halftime. However, Steres and Wallace were each given red cards later on in the match, putting SDSU down a man for the final 37 minutes and two men down the final 12. UCLA got two more on the board before San Diego State's Corona scored to give the visitors a 3-2 lead with less than nine minutes left. The Bruins' Max Griffin tied it in the 88th minute and after no more goals were scored in either overtime, it would end at 3-3. McManus earned Pac-10 Player of the Week honors for his efforts.

The Aztecs completed a remarkable road trip one week later, defeating Stanford, 1-0, on a Reza goal and then tying No. 5 California, 1-1, on Toft's goal to keep an unbeaten conference record. Nick Cardenas reaped the awards this time, earning national team of the week honors from both *College Soccer News* and *Top Drawer Soccer*.

SDSU had its unbeaten streak snapped the following week at home, falling, 2-1, to both Oregon State and No. 23 Washington.

San Diego State looked for revenge the following week when it played both teams in the Pacific Northwest. Revenge would have to wait as the Aztecs dropped a 1-0 decision to the Beavers before playing to a 2-2, double-overtime tie with the Huskies.

With no chance of posting a winning record (or



Dennis Sanchez

getting into the NCAA tournament) at 3-8-3 with four matches to play, SDSU easily could have quit on the season. Quite the opposite, actually, as it won three straight by a combined 7-1 margin. First, McManus and Reza each notched their fifth goals of the season to give San Diego State a 2-1 triumph over visiting Stanford.

Next up for the Aztecs was seventh-ranked Cal. Despite playing the final 49:52 a man down, SDSU still came away with the 1-0 win thanks to Wallace's goal at the 23:00 mark and five saves by goalkeeper Jorge Rosales. Rosales' play didn't go unnoticed across the league as he was named the Pac-10 Player of the Week.

On Nov. 9, Reza exploded for three goals and an assist in San Diego State's 4-0 win over Cal State Bakersfield. He became the first Aztec to record a hat trick since 2001 and also assisted on Diouf's goal. For his work, Reza became the second straight Pac-10 Player-of-the-Week honoree from SDSU.

San Diego State, however, had its four-game unbeaten streak snapped in a big way on Senior Day, falling to No. 15 UCLA, 6-1, despite a goal by Dennis Sanchez in his final match.

San Diego State received a number of individual awards at the conclusion of the 2008 campaign. Foremost among the honorees was Cardenas, who earned his third straight adidas/NCAA all-Far West honor when he was chosen to the second team. Cardenas was joined on the second team by Cardenas and Toft, while Sanchez, McManus, Diouf and Reza were all honorable mention picks. Reza, who finished the season with eight goals and four assists for 20 points, the most by an Aztec since Aaron Susi recorded 21 points in 1996, and Nick Collins were selected to the Pac-10 All-Academic team, both on the honorable mention side.

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