

# 2006 Season Review



Sophomore Co-Captain  
Cat Walker



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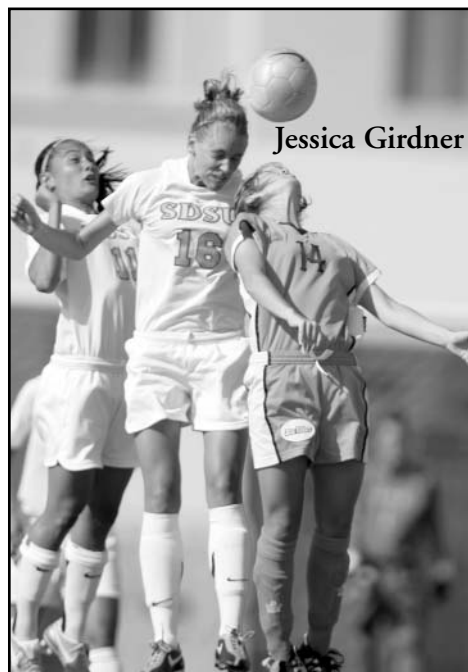
Heading into last season, all the pieces seemed to be in place for a highly successful 2006 campaign for the San Diego State women's soccer team. SDSU returned 17 letterwinners from the previous year's squad that capped off back-to-back winning seasons and scored the school's most goals (28) since 2004.

Though the season started out on a high note with the Aztecs winning the Purdue Boilermaker Challenge Cup, injuries, which cost 17 players at least one game, and an inconsistent offense derailed the promising season. The Aztecs finished with a 6-11-3 overall record and tied for fifth in the Mountain West Conference.

The season started out with the Aztecs firing on all cylinders. In West Lafayette, Ind., SDSU posted back-to-back shutouts on its way to claiming the Boilermaker Challenge Cup.

In the season-opener against Butler, it didn't take long for the Aztecs to tally their first goal of the year as sophomore Erika Sutton scored 19 minutes into the game. Freshman Cat Walker notched the first goal of her Aztec career in the second half, helping secure SDSU's 2-0 victory. San Diego State's offense overpowered the Bulldogs with a 24-9 advantage in the shots on goal statistic and junior goalkeeper Cat Burson made three saves en route to picking up her fifth career shutout.

Two days later, San Diego State returned to the field to upset No. 21 Purdue, 4-0, on the Boilermakers' home field. Sutton added two more goals to her weekend's tally and an assist on her way to being named the tournament's offensive MVP. Sophomore Jen Mello, the team's leading goal scorer in 2005, and freshman Heather Vandevanter recorded their first goals of the season, as SDSU once again out shot its opposition, 22-14. Burson made six more saves for her sixth career shutout and gained



Jessica Girdner

all-tournament honors along with junior Jessica Girdner and sophomore Mariko Strickland.

San Diego State would return to the West Coast the following weekend when it traveled to eventual national semifinalist and fifth-ranked UCLA in Los Angeles. Though the Aztecs hung tough, the Bruins were able to make their lone goal nine minutes into the match hold up. SDSU missed out on its best chance to score in the 80th minute when freshman Lauren Leslie's shot from 25 yards out hit the cross bar and bounced out of bounds.

The Aztecs would then follow that loss by falling, 2-0, in the team's home opener against UC Santa Barbara.

With its record knotted at 2-2, San Diego State traveled to face UC Irvine and UC Riverside at the UC Irvine Puma Classic. The first match saw the Aztecs secure a much-needed 3-1 victory against the Anteaters, but also saw them suffer the loss of defender Millie Allen for the season, as the sophomore tore the ACL in her right knee.

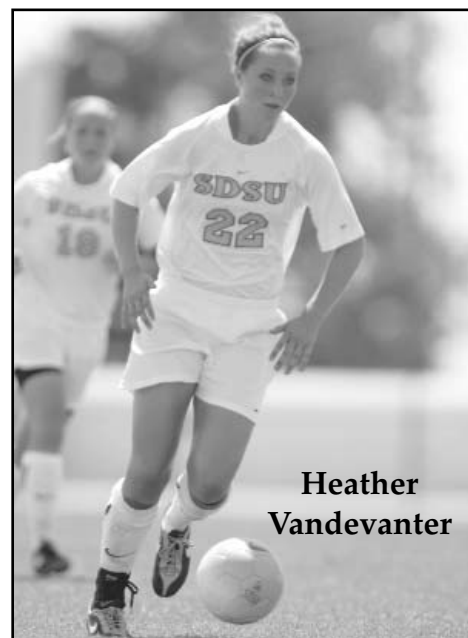
Without their emotional leader, who had started the previous 26 matches, the Aztecs were defeated in the final match of the tournament, 1-0, by UC Riverside. Despite owning the 13-5 shot advantage over Highlanders, SDSU was unable to find the back of the net.

SDSU returned to the SDSU Sports Deck with a 3-3 overall record and split its following two-game homestand versus Cal State Fullerton and Creighton. Against the Titans, the Aztecs held tough in the first half holding CSF scoreless, before giving up three goals in a 12-minute span in the second half. SDSU snapped its two-game skid by defeating the Bluejays, 2-0, behind goals from Girdner and Walker.

The Aztecs then made an extremely tough three-game road trip to finish out non-conference action. The trip started at Cal Poly, where the Mustangs out shot SDSU, 14-4, on their way to a 3-0 victory. The Aztecs then traveled to face No. 19 Pepperdine, where they were blanked, 1-0, before ending the trip with a 4-0 loss at Stanford.

As the schedule turned to MWC action, the Aztecs were able to regroup going 2-0-2 in their first four games. In the conference opener, SDSU tied Air Force, 2-2, with sophomore Becky Ryan and Girdner supplying the goals. Against UNLV in the following match, SDSU played one of its best games of year by tying a season high in goals scored in a 4-1 victory over the Rebels. Mello supplied two of the goals and Walker and Vandevanter each chipped in one apiece. At No. 15 Brigham Young, the Aztecs secured a 2-2 tie in double overtime behind Burson, who made 10 stops while playing all 110 minutes. Burson would continue her strong play in the Aztecs' next game at Wyoming, where she made nine saves, helping SDSU record the 2-0 victory.

The Aztec offense stalled down the stretch as



Heather Vandevanter

SDSU lost four consecutive games - all shutouts - to end the regular season. New Mexico took advantage of the Aztec scoring deficiencies by notching a 2-0 win in Albuquerque. San Diego State returned to Montezuma Mesa to face No. 15 Utah, who handed the Aztecs their lone conference home loss, 2-0. The regular season ended with a pair of losses at San Diego (2-0) and TCU (1-0).

The season would end in the first game of the MWC tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah, as the No. 5 seeded Aztecs fell in a shootout (4-3) after the game was tied at 1-1 after two overtimes against fourth-seeded New Mexico. Despite the loss, the Aztecs witnessed the potential of freshman Jessica Gordon, who scored a goal, had two shots on goal and was named to the conference's all-tournament team.

Mello would end the season leading the team in scoring for the second straight campaign with eight goals and 19 points. The Pleasanton, Calif., native took home one of the team's three MWC Player of the Week awards (Oct. 16), with Sutton and Leslie also garnering honors for their play at the Boilermaker Challenge Cup (Oct. 28).

Mello was named first team All-MWC, while Sutton earned second-team all-MWC accolades for the second consecutive season. Sutton finished the season with three goals and six assists for 12 points.

# 2006 Results



## SDSU's Record When...

Category	2006	Streak
Home	2-3-1	Lost 1
Away	3-7-1	Lost 3
Neutral	1-1-1	Tied 1
Scoring First	5-0-1	Won 2
Opp. Scores First	1-11-2	Lost 5
Scoring Last	1-0-1	Tied 1
Opp. Scores Last	1-0-1	Won 1
Leading at Half	6-0-2	Won 1
Trailing at Half	0-6-0	Lost 6
Tied at Half	0-5-1	Tied 1
In Overtime	0-0-3	Tied 3
SDSU Outshoots Opp.	5-6-1	Tied 1
Opp. Outshoots SDSU	1-5-2	Lost 2
SDSU-Opp. Tie in Shots	0-0-0	Tied 2
SDSU Has More Fouls	3-4-1	Won 1
Opp. Has More Fouls	3-7-2	Tied 1
SDSU-Opp. Tie in Fouls	0-0-0	Lost 1
SDSU Has More CK's	3-6-2	Tied 1
Opp. Has More CK's	3-2-1	Won 1
SDSU-Opp. Tie in CK's	0-3-0	Lost 3
In One-Goal Games	0-4-0	Lost 4
In One-Goal Gms. or Less	0-4-0	Lost 4
SDSU Scores One Goal	0-0-1	Tied 1
Opp. Scores One Goal	2-4-1	Tied 1
SDSU Scores Two Goals	3-0-2	Won 1
Opp. Scores Two Goals	0-4-2	Lost 3
SDSU Scores 3+ Goals	3-0-0	Won 62
Opp. Scores 3+ Goals	0-3-0	Lost 39

## SDSU By Month

Month	2006	All-Time
August	2-0-0	9-4-1
September	5-5-0	76-64-7
October	2-2-3	76-50-17
November	1-1-0	22-14-2

## SDSU By Day

Day	2005	All-Time
Sunday	3-5-0	43-49-8
Monday	0-0-0	8-6-0
Tuesday	0-1-0	11-8-0
Wednesday	0-1-1	19-7-3
Thursday	0-1-1	16-12-5
Friday	3-2-1	56-31-7
Saturday	0-1-0	26-20-5

## 2006 San Diego State Results

Date	Opponent	Result	Record	MWC	SDSU Goals	SDSU Assists	SDSU GK Saves
Aug. 25	~vs. Butler	W, 2-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	Sutton (1) Walker (1)		Burson -3
Aug. 27	~at (21) Purdue	W, 4-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	Sutton (2) Sutton (3) Vandevanter (1) Sutton Mello (1)	Mello, Vandevanter	Burson -6
Sept. 1	at (5) UCLA	L, 0-1	2-1-0	0-0-0	Burson - 6		Burson - 8
Sept. 3	UC SANTA BARBARA	L, 0-2	2-2-0	0-0-0		Allen, Sutton	Burson - 2
Sept. 8	!at UC Irvine	W, 3-1	3-2-0	0-0-0	Mello (2) Mello (3) Gordon	Vandevanter	Team - 1
Sept. 10	!vs. UC Riverside	L, 0-1	3-3-0	0-0-0			Burson - 1
Sept. 12	CS FULLERTON	L, 0-3	3-4-0	0-0-0			Burson - 4
Sept. 15	CREIGHTON	W, 2-0	4-4-0	0-0-0	Girdner Walker (2)	Sutton, Mello Sutton	Burson - 4 Foss - 1
Sept. 17	at Cal Poly	L, 0-3	4-5-0	0-0-0			Burson - 4
Sept. 22	at (19) Pepperdine	L, 0-1	4-6-0	0-0-0			Burson - 3
Sept. 24	at (29) Stanford	L, 0-4	4-7-0	0-0-0			Burson - 8
Oct. 6	*AIR FORCE	T, 2-2 (2ot)	4-7-1	0-0-1	Ryan (1) Girdner (2)	Sutton	Foss - 3 Team - 1
Oct. 8	*UNLV	W, 4-1	5-7-1	1-0-1	Mello (4) Mello (5) Walker (3) Vandevanter (2)	Gordon Vandevanter Strickland Ryan	Burson - 6
Oct. 12	*at (15) Brigham Young	T, 2-2 (2ot)	5-7-2	1-0-2	Mello (6) Vandevanter	Mello Gordon	Burson -10 Team -1
Oct. 15	*at Wyoming	W, 2-0	6-7-2	2-0-2	Mello (7) Mello (8)	Gordon	Burson - 9
Oct. 19	*at New Mexico	L, 0-2	6-8-2	2-1-2			Burson - 7
Oct. 22	*(15) UTAH	L, 0-2	6-9-2	2-2-2			Burson - 1
Oct. 25	at San Diego	L, 0-2	6-10-2				Burson - 7
Oct. 28	*at TCU	L, 0-2	6-11-2	2-3-2			Burson - 2
Nov. 1	#vs. New Mexico	T, 1-1 (2ot)	6-11-3	2-3-2	Gordon (2)		Team - 1 Burson - 4

## 2006 Mountain West Conference Records

Team	Mountain West Conference				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
Utah	7	0	0	1.000	16	5	1	.750
Brigham Young	4	1	2	.714	13	3	4	.750
UNLV	3	4	0	.430	9	11	3	.457
New Mexico	2	2	3	.500	8	7	5	.525
San Diego State	2	3	2	.429	6	11	3	.395
Wyoming	2	3	2	.429	7	9	3	.447
TCU	1	3	3	.357	6	8	4	.444
Air Force	0	5	2	.143	3	12	4	.263



## 2006 MWC Tournament at Salt Lake City, Utah (Utah - Host)

Quarterfinals - Nov. 1	Semifinals - Nov. 2	Championship - Nov. 4
#3 UNLV 1, #6 Wyoming 0	#3 UNLV 0 (PK 4-1), #2 BYU 0	#3 UNLV 0 (PK 6-5), #1 Utah 0
#4 New Mexico 1 (PK 4-3), #5 SDSU 1	#1 Utah 2, #4 New Mexico 1 (ot)	

# 2006 Statistics



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<-----2006 Season----->											<-----Career----->			
#	Player	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	SOG	YC-RC	GW	PK-ATT	GP-GS	G	A	Pts.
9	Jen Mello	19-19	8	3	19	38	23	0-0	3	1-1	41-40	16	4	36
7	Erika Sutton	19-18	3	6	12	48	18	2-0	1	0-0	40-37	8	16	32
22	Heather Vandevanter	20-19	3	3	9	26	13	0-0	1	0-0	20-19	3	3	9
18	Cat Walker	19-17	3	0	6	32	9	0-0	0	0-0	19-17	3	0	6
17	Jessica Gordon	19-5	2	2	6	12	8	1-0	0	0-0	19-5	2	2	6
16	Jessica Girdner	19-19	2	0	4	16	8	1-0	1	0-0	54-41	5	0	10
14	Becky Ryan	17-10	1	1	3	10	5	1-0	0	0-0	35-19	1	2	4
11	Mariko Strickland	19-18	0	1	1	25	8	1-0	0	0-0	41-37	3	4	10
19	Lisa Nielsen	18-3	0	0	0	11	2	3-1	0	0-0	58-12	2	3	7
21	Ashley Young	18-14	0	0	0	7	4	0-0	0	0-0	54-34	1	1	3
10	Ashley Tenn	12-1	0	0	0	6	4	0-0	0	0-0	54-23	4	1	9
28	Jackie Ragudos	20-4	0	0	0	5	4	0-0	0	0-0	20-4	0	0	0
8	Alicia Piz	13-2	0	0	0	4	1	0-0	0	0-0	21-10	0	1	1
15	Lauren Leslie	18-12	0	0	0	3	0	0-0	0	0-0	18-12	0	0	0
13	Jennifer Klunder	10-0	0	0	0	3	1	0-0	0	0-0	66-23	4	2	10
12	Leann Sgobba	14-1	0	0	0	3	3	0-0	0	0-0	18-1	0	1	2
6	Allie Crowson	16-7	0	0	0	3	1	1-0	0	0-0	16-7	0	0	0
3	Millie Allen	5-5	0	0	0	3	2	0-0	0	0-0	26-26	0	1	1
23	Lauren Marquez	5-1	0	0	0	1	1	0-0	0	0-0	5-1	0	0	0
20	Adora DaCosta-Muniz	6-1	0	0	0	1	1	0-0	0	0-0	12-1	0	0	0
5	Jillian Riker	9-3	0	0	0	1	0	0-0	0	0-0	15-3	0	0	0
26	Shayla Williams	4-1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0-0	4-1	0	0	0
25	Megan Petrik	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0-0	17-1	0	0	0
24	Kristen Seniura	15-6	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0-0	15-6	0	0	0
2	Carrie Blakenbuhler	17-14	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0-0	39-22	0	0	0
4	Tiphonie Elliott	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0-0	36-8	2	2	6
TM	TEAM	20-20	0	0	0	0	0	1-0	0	0-0				
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>20-20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>11-1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1-1</b>				
	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>20-20</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>11-0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1-1</b>				

<-----2006 Season----->										<-----Career----->		
#	Goalkeeper	GP-GS	Min.	GA	GAA	Saves	Sv. Pct	W-L-T	Sho.	Min.	GAA	Saves
1	Cat Burson	19-19	1,733:32	27	1.40	95	77.9	6-11-2	3	3,468:68	1.12	187
0	Jill Foss	2-1	126:28	2	1.42	4	66.7	0-0-1	0	126:28	1.42	4
TM	TEAM					5						
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>20-20</b>	<b>1860:00</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1.40</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>78.2</b>	<b>6-11-3</b>	<b>4</b>			
	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>20-20</b>	<b>1860:00</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1.06</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>81.2</b>	<b>11-6-2</b>	<b>11</b>			

## 2006 Aztec Leaders (MWC rank in parenthesis)

<p>▶ <b>Games Played</b></p> <p>1. Heather Vandevanter 20</p> <p>Jackie Ragudos 20</p> <p>3. Jen Mello 19</p> <p>Erika Sutton 19</p> <p>Cat Walker 19</p> <p>Jessica Gordon 19</p> <p>Jessica Girdner 19</p> <p>Mariko Strickland 19</p> <p>▶ <b>Games Started</b></p> <p>1. Jen Mello 19</p> <p>Heather Vandevanter 19</p> <p>Jessica Girdner 19</p> <p>4. Mariko Strickland 18</p> <p>5. Cat Walker 17</p> <p>▶ <b>Goals</b></p> <p>1. Jen Mello (2nd) 8</p> <p>2. Erika Sutton 3</p> <p>Heather Vandevanter 3</p> <p>Cat Walker 3</p>	<p>▶ <b>Assists</b></p> <p>1. Erika Sutton (3rd) 6</p> <p>2. Jen Mello 3</p> <p>Heather Vandevanter 3</p> <p>4. Jessica Gordon 2</p> <p>▶ <b>Points</b></p> <p>1. Jen Mello(T-3rd) 19</p> <p>2. Erika Sutton (T-7th) 12</p> <p>3. Heather Vandevanter 9</p> <p>4. Cat Walker 6</p> <p>Jessica Gordon 6</p> <p>▶ <b>Shots</b></p> <p>1. Erika Sutton (8th) 48</p> <p>2. Jen Mello 38</p> <p>3. Cat Walker 32</p> <p>4. Heather Vandevanter 26</p> <p>5. Mariko Strickland 25</p>	<p>▶ <b>Shot Percentage</b></p> <p>1. Jen Mello 21.1</p> <p>2. Jessica Gordon 16.7</p> <p>3. Jessica Girdner 12.5</p> <p>4. Heather Vandevanter 11.5</p> <p>5. Becky Ryan 10.0</p> <p>▶ <b>Shots on Goal</b></p> <p>1. Jen Mello 23</p> <p>2. Erika Sutton 18</p> <p>3. Heather Vandevanter 13</p> <p>4. Cat Walker 9</p> <p>5. Jessica Gordon 8</p> <p>Jessica Girdner 8</p> <p>▶ <b>Shot on Goal Percentage</b></p> <p>1. Jessica Gordon 66.7</p> <p>2. Jen Mello 60.5</p> <p>3. Heather Vandevanter 50.0</p> <p>Jessica Girdner 50.0</p> <p>Becky Ryan 50.0</p>	<p>▶ <b>Game-Winning Goals</b></p> <p>1. Jen Mello 3</p> <p>2. Erika Sutton 1</p> <p>Heather Vandevanter 1</p> <p>Jessica Girdner 1</p> <p>▶ <b>GAA</b></p> <p>1. Cat Burson 1.40</p> <p>▶ <b>Saves</b></p> <p>1. Cat Burson (1st) 95</p> <p>▶ <b>Save Percentage</b></p> <p>1. Cat Burson 77.9</p> <p>▶ <b>Winning Percentage</b></p> <p>1. Cat Burson 34.2</p> <p>▶ <b>Shutouts</b></p> <p>1. Cat Burson 3</p>
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