

Men's Soccer

This Week:

Oct. 3 #11 Rutgers 8 p.m.
 Oct. 5 #14 St. John's 12:30 p.m.



2003 SCHEDULE

6-1-1 Overall (0-0 MPSF)

Date	Opponent	Time/Results
Aug. 29	Oregon State [^]	W, 2-1 (ot)
Aug. 31	Long Island [^]	W, 2-0
Sept. 4	Point Loma Nazarene	L, 2-0
Sept. 13	UC Riverside	W, 2-1
Sept. 19	Bowling Green+	T, 1-1
Sept. 21	Drake+	W, 2-1 (2ot)
Sept. 26	Hofstra	W, 2-1
Sept. 28	Albany	W, 2-0
Oct. 3	Rutgers@	8 p.m.
Oct. 5	St. John's@	12:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	San Diego	2 p.m.
Oct. 20	UNLV*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	Denver*	3 p.m.
Oct. 26	Air Force*	1 p.m.
Oct. 31	Sacramento State*	2:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	San Jose State*	1 p.m.
Nov. 5	Loyola Marymount	3 p.m.
Nov. 9	New Mexico*	1 p.m.
Nov. 13-16	MPSF Championships#	

Home matches in **bold** [^]SDSU Classic
 +UNLV Tournament @Rutgers Classic
 *Mountain Pacific Sports Federation match
 #Held in Sacramento, Calif.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
1	Colin Hanke	GK	6-2	182	Sr.
2	Ryan Curtis	D	6-0	171	Sr.
3	Blake Perry	M	5-11	169	Jr.
4	Josh Boys	M	6-2	180	Sr.
5	Nick Clemens	M	5-10	154	Fr.
6	Kraig Chiles	F	5-10	175	Fr.
7	Jordan McKee	D	6-2	175	Jr.
8	Heath Creager	M	6-2	180	So.
9	Raul Bautista	F	6-0	173	So.
10	Kevin Sapanli	M	5-8	150	Sr.
11	Eric Wohl	F	5-8	144	Jr.
12	Robbie Diaz	D	5-8	163	Fr.
13	Matt Couch	F	6-0	186	So.
14	Colin Jennings	M	6-0	170	Fr.
15	Nate Slesnick	M	5-10	161	So.
16	Travis Bodnar	D/M	5-9	165	Jr.
17	Jeff Whitton	D	6-2	202	Jr.
18	Dione Scott	F	5-10	170	Fr.
19	Andrew DiCiccio	D	5-8	150	Fr.
20	Jason Benedict	M	5-8	170	So.
21	Mike Mercuriali	D	6-2	170	So.
22	Tally Hall	GK	6-3	175	Fr.
23	Kenny Fechner	D	5-10	146	Jr.
27	Josh Arenas	M	5-8	145	Fr.

Head Coach: Lev Kirshner (4th season)
Assistants: Matt Hall (4th season)
 Dave Syracuse (3rd season)
Technical Director: Rene Miramontes (3rd season)

IN THE RANKINGS

NSCAA/adidas Top 25 (Sept. 29)

Rk	School	Record	14	St. John's	5-3-1
1	Maryland	9-0-0	15	Brown	4-2-0
2	UCLA	6-1-0	16	Florida Intl.	6-2-1
3	UAB	6-0-2	17	Oakland	4-0-3
4	Old Dominion	8-0-0	18	Seton Hall	4-2-2
5	North Carolina	7-1-1	19	Wake Forest	4-3-0
6	SMU	7-1-1	20	CSU-Northridge	5-0-2
7	St. Louis	6-1-1	21	Akron	6-2-1
8	Notre Dame	6-1-2	22	Santa Clara	7-2-2
9	UC Santa Barbara	7-0-1	22	William & Mary	5-2-1
10	Hartwick	7-1-0	22	Fairleigh Dickinson	4-2-1
11	Rutgers	5-2-0	25	South Carolina	7-2-0
12	Coastal Carolina	7-1-0	25	Darmouth	4-0-2
13	Washington	6-0-1			

2003 Opponents are in *italics*

Aztecs Face Two Top 15 Foes On East Coast This Weekend

• SDSU will put their three game winning streak on the line as they face one of their toughest road trips in years as the Aztecs travel to New Jersey to take on perennial powers No. 11 Rutgers (5-2) and No. 14 St. Johns (5-3-1) at the Rutgers Classic this weekend.
 • Rutgers will be looking to get win number 300 for head coach Bob Reasso. Reasso has compiled a 299-127-51 record in 23 seasons with the Scarlet Knights and taken the squad to 11 NCAA Tournaments and three Final Four appearances.
 • St. John's has advanced to the NCAA Tournament 11 straight years, and won their first round matchup seven times in a row, an accomplishment which has only been duplicated by one other team in the country (Indiana).

Heading Home

• The trip to Rutgers marks the homecoming for head coach Lev Kirshner. Kirshner was a defender at Rutgers from 1987-90. As a junior in 1989, Kirshner came off the bench to assist the Scarlet Knights to a 2-1 win over San Diego State in the only previous meeting between the two schools.
 • Lev played under current Rutgers coach Bob Reasso. Later he returned to the Scarlet Knights as an assistant coach in 1996, where he helped Rutgers advance to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen.



Lev Kirshner

Recapping The Weekend's Matches

• San Diego State went 2-0 over the weekend with a 2-1 victory over Hofstra on Friday and a 2-0 win over Albany on Sunday. SDSU improved their unbeaten streak to five and their winning streak to three. The Aztecs also remain a perfect 5-0 at home.
 • Dione Scott scored an unassisted goal with under 20 minutes remaining to give SDSU a 2-1 win over Hofstra. Scott stole the ball from a defender and blasted a shot from the right side of the box just inside the left post. Matt Couch started the scoring with his first goal of the year at the 55:16 mark.
 • The Aztecs scored a first-half goal for the first time this season when Raul Bautista headed a corner kick into the back of the goal in the 29th minute. Heath Creager followed with the Aztecs' second goal two minutes later to seal the win. It was the second shutout of the season for the Aztec goalkeeping combination of Colin Hanke and Tally Hall. Kenny Fechner assisted on both goals and now has six assists on the year.

Odds & Ends

• Two has been the lucky number for the Aztecs as all six wins this year have come with two goals.
 • Kenny Fechner has tallied six assists in the Aztecs' first eight games. The only SDSU player to record more in an entire season the last seven years was Enrique Tovar, when he posted seven assists in 2001.

• The Aztecs have had six different players score game-winning goals in their six victories so far this season.
 • SDSU is a perfect 5-0 at the Sports Deck this season, which marks the longest winning streak ever at the four year old facility. The Aztecs will also attempt to post their second straight win on the road.

Looking Ahead: U. of San Diego

• The Aztecs return home for another huge contest as they host cross-town rival University of San Diego on Oct. 11 at 2:00 pm. USD is 4-2-1 on the year including a three-match winning streak. The Toreros have advanced to the past five consecutive NCAA tournaments and 10 since 1990. SDSU holds a 9-3-2 advantage in the all-time series. However, the three losses have all come in the past three years.

Aztecs In The Polls

• SDSU obtained sole possession of eighth place in this week's NSCAA/adidas regional poll. It is the highest the Aztecs have been so far this season.

NSCAA/adidas Far West Region Top 10

Rk	School	W-L-T
1	UCLA	6-1-0
2	UC Santa Barbara	7-0-1
3	Washington	6-0-1
4	Cal State Northridge	5-0-2
5	Santa Clara	7-2-2
6	Loyola Marymount	5-3-1
7	Oregon State	6-3-0
8	San Diego State	6-1-1
9	San Jose State	4-1-2
10	Portland	5-5-0

2003 Aztec Leaders

Name	G	A	Pts.	Sh
Heath Creager	4	1	9	20
Dione Scott	3	2	8	11
Kenny Fechner	0	6	6	11
Matt Couch	1	1	3	14
Blake Perry	1	1	3	11

Name	Min	GA	S	GAA
Colin Hanke	530:57	6	28	1.02

Opponent Quick Hits

#11 Rutgers (5-2-0)
 Location.....Piscataway, N.J.
 Conference.....Big East
 Head Coach.....Bob Reasso
 Record at School/Yrs299-127-51/23
 Career Record/Yrs.....313-137-58/25
 Series.....Rutgers leads, 1-0
 Neutral Site.....Rutgers leads, 1-0
 • The Scarlet Knights are coming off a 2-1 double overtime loss at Big East rival Virginia Tech.
 • Rutgers senior Josh Gros leads the Big East in scoring with seven goals and 16 points. Gros has scored in six of the Scarlet Knights seven games including all five wins and was named National Player of the Week earlier this year.

#14 St. John's (5-3-1)
 Location.....Jamaica, N.Y.
 Conference.....Big East
 Head Coach.....Dave Masur
 Record at School/Yrs194-50-32/13
 Career Record/Yrs.....247-71-38/17
 Series.....First Meeting
 • The Red Storm have already faced six teams in the latest NSCAA Top 25 compiling a 2-3-1 record, including a 3-1 victory over Rutgers.
 • St. John's is 0-1-1 in their last two games with a 4-2 loss to No. 18 Seton Hall and a 1-1 tie with No. 22 William & Mary. The Red Storm will play two games this week before battling the Aztecs on Sunday.
 • Simone Salinno leads St. John's with six goals.