Aztec Roster



Class Breakdown

Seniors (4) Josh Boys, Ryan Curtis, Colin Hanke, Kevin Sapanli

Juniors (8)

Travis Bodnar, Kenny Fechner, Colter McArdle, Jordan McKee, Blake Perry, Paul Szefler, Jeff Whitton, Eric Wohl

Sophomores (6)

Raul Bautista, Jason Benedict, Matt Couch, Heath Creager, Mike Mercuriali, Nate Slesnick

Redshirt Freshmen (2)

Nick Clemens, Robbie Diaz

Freshmen (6)

Josh Arenas, Kraig Chiles, Andrew DiCicco, Tally Hall, Colin Jennings, Dione Scott

Player by State

California (16)

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Arizona (6)

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Washington (2)

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Colorado (1) Paul Szefler

Connecticut (1) Andrew DiCicco

► 2003 Numerical Roster

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3	Blake Perry	М	5-11	169	Jr1L	Arcadia (Fresno State)
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Technical Director: Rene Miramontes (San Diego State '81), third season

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#1 Colin Hanke



Senior / Goalkeeper 6-2 / 182 Edmonds, Wash. (Washington)

The most experienced of the Aztec goalkeepers as a three-year understudy to Brian Barnes, Hanke should see his share of time in goal in 2003.

2002: Served as the backup to all-MPSF keeper Brian Barnes... Made his only appearance of the season versus Westmont and picked up the victory in his collegiate

debut... Recorded three saves and allowed one goal in the 2-1 Aztec win... Earned SDSU's Malik Award for compiling the highest GPA (4.0) among male student-athletes during the spring semester.

2001: Utilized his redshirt season.

2000: Transferred to SDSU from Washington.

1999: Was third on the depth chart and did not appear in a match as a freshman at Washington.

High School: Earned all-league and second team all-area honors as a senior at Kamiak High School in Washington... All-league honorable mention in 1997... Team MVP junior and senior years... Two-year Washington state ODP competitor.

Personal: Colin Graham Hanke was born Feb. 3, 1981, in San Dimas, Calif... Son of Carl and Anne Hanke... Enjoys wakeboarding in his spare time.

Hanke's Career Statistics

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#2 Ryan Curtis



Senior / Defender 6-0 / 171 Mission Viejo, Calif. (Santa Margarita HS)

The team's most seasoned veteran will help solidfy the defense... Team captain who has played in all 58 games over the last three seasons for the Aztecs.

2002: After injuries struck the Aztec lineup, was forced to the back line for the season and produced a consistent effort in every game... One of only three Aztecs to

start all 19 games... Lone goal of the season came late in the contest against UNLV... Assisted on the Aztecs' first score in win over No. 7 LMU... Named to the SDSU/USD all-tournament team as the Aztec defense allowed only a pair of goals in two games against Drake and IUPUI... Registered five shots for the season.

2001: Received the starting nod in all but one of 19 matches played... Registered six points on two goals and two assists... Scored in back-to-back games, tallying in the Aztecs' first meeting with Christian Heritage on Sept. 19 and again two days later against Gonzaga... Assisted on the fastest goal in program history when Enrique Tovar's scored 15 seconds into the match against UCSB... Also recorded an assist against CSU Fullerton... Of his 12 shots, seven were on goal.

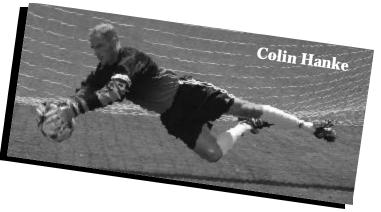
2000: Started all 19 matches and recorded three points (one goal, one assist) on the season... His lone goal came in the team's season-opening victory over Christian Heritage... His one assist helped provide an insurance goal against Cal Baptist... Of his 11 shots, four were on goal.

High School: Three-year letterwinner at Santa Margarita High School in Mission Viejo... The Eagles won the CIF twice and were ranked as one of the top programs in the nation during his time there... CIF MVP... All-league and all-CIF pick as a senior... Also played football and volleyball.

Personal: Ryan Frank Curtis was born Nov. 11, 1981, in Mission Viejo... Son of Mike and Bev Curtis.

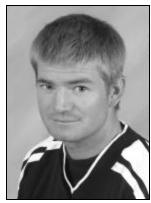
Curtis' Career Statistics

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Year	G-GS	Sh	G	Α	Pts.	
2000	19-19	11	1	1	3	
2001	20-17	12	1	2	4	
2002	19-19	5	1	1	3	
Total	58-55	28	3	4	10	





#4 Josh Boys



Senior / Midfielder 6-2 / 180 Ventura, Calif. (Oregon State)

A very technical big man who will supply instant leadership and experience to the Aztecs as a holding midfielder in 2003.

Prior to SDSU: Played his first three collegiate seasons at Oregon State... 25 career games and 16 starts as a defender in his Beavers career... Registered his first

career assist last season for an OSU team that won 13 games and was selected to the NCAA Tournament... Played in 12 games with 10 starts in 2001... Earned a spot on the all-tournament team at the 2001 Diadora Classic, in which the Beavers defeated the Aztecs.

High School: Three-year letterwinner at Buena HS in Ventura, Calif.... Two-time all-league selection and a team captain for two seasons... Fouryear honor roll member who compiled a 3.83 GPA... Three-time Cal South state ODP team member and a former Region IV regional team member... Played club ball with the SoCal United.

Personal: Born June 2, 1982, in Cincinnati, Ohio... Son of Julie and Roland Boys... Has three brothers and a sister... Majoring in biology.

Kirshner regarding Boys: "We are excited to bring in a player with Josh's pedigree. His experience from ODP regional teams and Pac-10 competition will provide the poise in midfield that we have lacked.

#3 BLAKE PERRY



Junior / Midfielder 5-11 / 169 Arcadia, Calif. (Fresno State)

Sound and versatile player who provides the Aztecs with quality depth in the midfield and back line.

2002: Saw action in 14 games in his first SDSU season... Made seven starts... Assisted on the game-winning goal against CSU Fullerton... Registered 10 shots, with four on goal.

Prior to SDSU: As a freshman at Fresno State, started nine matches and played in 13 contests before being sidelined with an injury.

High School: Two-year letterwinner and an all-conference selection for the Arcadia HS Apache... Won a state championship with AGSS.

Personal: Blakeley McKinley Perry was born March 18, 1983, in Pasadena... Parents are Steve and Diane Perry.

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Year	G-GS	Sh	G	Α	Pts.	
2002	14-7	10	0	1	1	

#10 Kevin Sapanli



Senior / Midfielder 5-8 / 150 San Diego, Calif. (La Jolla HS)

A 2001 all-MPSF selection who returns to the active roster after missing last season to fulfill an international studies requirement in Italy... With 22 points in 22 games, brings point-a-game impact back to the Aztecs.

2002: Missed season due to academic requirements.

2001: Earned all-MPSF honors after producing 19 points in 18 games... Tied for the team lead with those 19 points and tied for eighth in the conference scoring race... His eight goals led the team and tied for fourth in the league... Made 16 starts and registered three assists... Second on the team with 44 shots and 22 shots on goal... Scored a goal in three straight games Sept. 19-23... Tallied the Aztecs' first two goals in the shootout loss to UNLV in the MPSF quarterfinals... Registered at least one point in 10 games... Verizon Academic All-American after maintaining a 3.96 GPA... Also a MPSF all-academic selection and a SDSU academic award recipient both semesters, including the Malik Award for earning the highest GPA (4.0) among all male student-athletes during the spring.

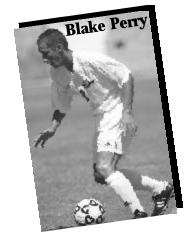
2000: Played in four matches, with three starts... Lone goal of the season was the game-winner in a 4-1 victory over Loyola-Chicago... His one assist on the year came on one of the team's five goals against Cal Baptist... Registered four shots... Recipient of the school's Monty Award for maintaining a 3.5 or higher GPA.

High School: Local product who lettered three years at La Jolla HS.

Personal: Kevin Sapanli was born May 5, 1978, in San Diego... Son of Art and Marie Sapanli... Hobbies include surfing, biking and listening to music... Favorite athlete is Maurice Greene... Spent last year in Italy and has traveled extensively in Europe.

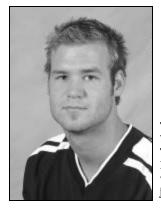
Sapanli's Career Statistics

Year	G- GS	Sh	G	Α	Pts.	
2000	4-3	4	1	1	3	
2001	18-16	44	8	3	19	
Total	22-19	48	9	4	22	





#7 Jordan McKee



Junior / Defender 6-2 / 175 Tucson, Ariz. (Yavapai College)

The most decorated recruit to land on The Mesa since the days of three-time World Cup participant Marcelo Balboa... The 2002 junior college player of the year, McKee is a tenacious and athletic defender who will immediately fight for a starting job.

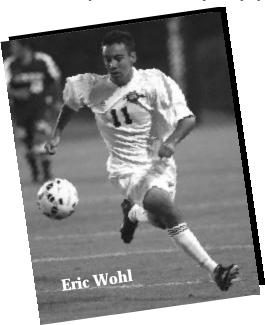
Junior College: Played in all 50 games

of his two years at Yavapai College, during which time the Roughriders won the NJCAA Div. I national championship in 2002 and finished as runner-up in 2001... Named 2002 NSCAA Div. I junior college player of the year and was MVP of the 2002 NJCAA national championship tournament... Other 2002 NJCAA accolades: Region I Player of the Year, Arizona Conference Player of the Year and first-team All-American... Also NSCAA first-team All-American and NSCAA Division I scholar all-West region first team... Roughriders compiled a 46-3-1 mark during his two years.

High School: Prepped at Canyon Del Oro in Tucson... Earned two varsity letters and was named second team all-state as a senior... Also a member of the football and volleyball squads.

Personal: Born Oct. 7, 1982... Son of David McKee... At SDSU, is reacquainted with current Aztec and former Yavapai teammate Kenny Fechner as well as former Cisco club teammate Heath Creager... Majoring in business... Lists Richard Jefferson as his favorite athlete.

Kirshner regarding McKee: "Jordan is our most credentialed landing since Marcelo Balboa. Jordan's fierce desire to win championships and his physical ability to make it happen makes us very happy to have him in our program. Jordan will solidify a back line that was depleted by injuries in 2002."



#11 Eric Wohl



Junior / Forward 5-8 / 144 Rancho Bernardo, Calif. (Rancho Bernardo HS)

With 28 points in 38 career games, stands as one of SDSU's top offensive players in recent years... Creative attacker who combined with Paul Szefler to serve as the team's offensive threats in 2002.

2002: The Aztecs' top creator and setup man with a team-leading five assists, tied for fifth in the MPSF... Second on the

team with 11 points and one of only four multiple-goal scorers with three tallies for the season... Played in all 19 matches and made 15 starts... All three of his goals contributed to Aztec wins, recorded one of only two Aztec multiple-goal efforts by scoring twice in the victory over IUPUI and registered the game-winner in overtime against No. 7 LMU... The goal against LMU, which came in the 98th minute, gave SDSU its first win over a top-10 team in 13 years and handed the Lions their first loss of the year... Recorded one assist in five different matches... Racked up a team-high 42 shots, averaging 2.2 per game, with 14 hitting the target... Recorded an Aztec season-high seven shots at Air Force... Earned SDSU's Big Red Award for registering a 3.2 or higher GPA during the spring semester.

2001: Emerged as one of the Aztecs' top offensive threats in his freshman season... Second on the team with five assists, tied for second with six goals and third with 17 points... Registered his first collegiate goal against Notre Dame de Namur Sept. 2... First collegiate assist came Sept. 21 vs. Gonzaga... Had two streaks of registering at least one point in three consecutive games, Sept. 28-Oct. 4 and Nov. 4-18... Tallied the game-winner with 3:48 left in the second overtime vs. New Mexico Oct. 28... Scored two goals in the season finale vs. No. 15 San Diego... Posted 42 shots on the year, 19 of which were on goal.

High School: Ended his Rancho Bernardo HS career with 63 goals, 35 of which came in his senior season... Palomar League 2000-01 player of the year... Two-time all-CIF and all-league honoree... Member of *The San Diego Union-Tribune* first team and all-academic squad his senior year... Team MVP as a sophomore.

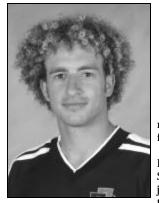
Personal: Eric Wohl was born Aug. 16, 1982... Parents are Richard and Cynthia Wohl.

Wohl's Career Statistics

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Year	G-GS	Sh	G	Α	Pts.	
2001	19-15	42	6	5	17	
2002	19-15	42	3	5	11	
Totals	38-30	84	9	10	28	



#16 Travis Bodnar



Junior / Defender 5-9 / 165 Brea, Calif. (Brea Olinda HS)

Hard worker who will push teammates and add depth to the left side of the field.

High School: Earned three letters at Brea Olinda HS, under coach Matt Swindle... First-team all-conference in his junior and senior seasons... Led team to three Orange Conference titles and a trip

to the CIF semifinals... Member of the National Honor Society.

Personal: Travis Andrew Bodnar was born April 23, 1982, in Fullerton, Calif... Son of Bob Bodnar... Majoring in psychology.

Kirshner on Bodnar: "Travis is a very technical, left-sided player that will provide depth for us at either left back or left midfield."

#17 Jeff Whitton



Junior / Defender 6-2 / 202 Upland, Calif. (Claremont HS)

Ready for a return to action in 2003 after missing last season due to injury and the 2001 campaign as a redshirt.

2002: Missed the season due to injury.2001: Utilized his redshirt season.2000: Saw action on the team's defen-

sive unit in four contests as a freshman...

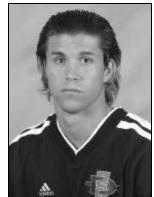
Received the starting nod twice... Recipient of the school's Big Red Award given to student athletes with a 3.2 or higher GPA.

High School: Two-year varsity letterwinner at Claremont High School... Baseline League first-team selection once and twice a second team member... Helped the Wolf Pack win the league and advance to the CIF quarterfinals... All-academic team selection and a three-year honor roll member... Also competed in basketball as a guard, earning second team allleague honors.

Personal: Jeffrey Michael Whitton was born Aug. 29, 1981, in Orange... Son of Jeffrey Whitton and Wendy Neighbor.



#23 Kenny Fechner



Junior / Defender 5-10 / 146 Phoenix, Ariz. (Yavapai College)

Looking to bounce back from an injury-plagued first season on The Mesa... One of three Aztec players produced by the junior college national championship program at Yavapai College.

2002: Earned a medical redshirt after missing most of the season due to injury... Played in four straight games beginning

with the Sept. 12 USD contest but was sidelined thereafter... Made his first three Aztec starts after coming off the bench in his debut against USD... Only shot attempt came against IUPUI in the SDSU/USD Tournament.

Junior College: Became the first player in Yavapai College history to start or play in every match of his career (50)... Set the Roughriders' single-game assist record and totaled four goals and 12 assists in 2001... During his two seasons in Prescott, Yavapai advanced to the NJCAA final four in 2000 and national championship game in 2001.

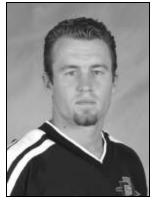
High School: Four-year letterwinner for Greenway High School in Phoenix, Ariz.... All-region and first team all-state selection along with being the Greenway program's leading scorer.

Personal: Kenneth John Fechner was born March 8, 1982, in Hayward... Son of John and Nora Fechner... Lists his career plans as becoming a college coach... Favorite athlete is David Beckham.

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#8 Heath Creager



Sophomore / Midfielder 6-2 / 180 Glendale, Ariz. (Indiana)

Provides a big, strong and athletic presence in the Aztec attacking scheme... An Indiana transfer with three years of eligibility remaining who has experienced success at every level of competition.

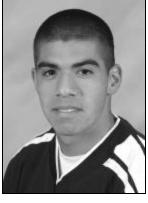
Prior to SDSU: Saw action in one game last season for the NCAA tournament-bound Hoosiers after redshirting his first season in Bloomington.

High School: Four-time all-state selection at Ironwood HS in Glendale, Ariz.... Named the 2001 Arizona player of the year after leading Ironwood to its second consecutive state championship... Northwest region player of the year... Earned all-state recognition all four years while accumulating 37 goals and 51 assists in his high school career... Also competed in swimming and track and field... Won four consecutive state championships with the Cisco soccer club and was a member of the Arizona state ODP team and the Region IV regional pool.

Personal: Born Sept. 16, 1982, in Phoeniz... Son of Bill and Linda Creager... Enjoys piano and snowboarding... Majoring in business with aspirations of starting his own company.

Kirshner regarding Creager: "After recruiting Heath out of high school, we could not be happier with his decision to help us regain our national prominence. Heath will bring great competitive spirit and experience from one of the elite college soccer programs."





Sophomore / Forward 6-0 / 173 Salida, Calif. (Grace Davis HS)

A talented and creative attacker who showed his versatility in 2002 by seeing significant minutes on the Aztec front line. **2002:** Started in all 19 games for the Aztecs in his first collegiate season... One of only three Aztecs to receive a starting nod in every game... Played several games as a defender - for the first time since

youth soccer - as the Aztec back line was decimated by injury in 2002... Recorded one goal, two assists and four points for the season... Scored his first collegiate goal in the final two minutes of the New Mexico game... First collegiate assist came in his second game against St. Mary's... Also assisted on the game-winner against CSU Fullerton... Of his 17 shots for the season, nine found their way to the goal.

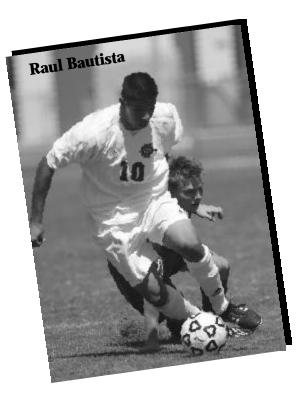
High School: Four-year letterwinner for Grace M. Davis... Central California Conference all-league performer and MVP.

Personal: Raul Bautista, Jr. was born Jan. 14, 1984, in Hayward... Parents are Raul Sr. and Maria Bautista.

Bautista's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	Sh	G	Α	Pts.		
2002	19-19	17	1	2	4		







#13 Matt Couch



Sophomore / Forward 6-0 / 186 Tucson, Ariz. (Sabino HS)

A prototype forward who will be among the Aztecs' top finishing threats in 2003.

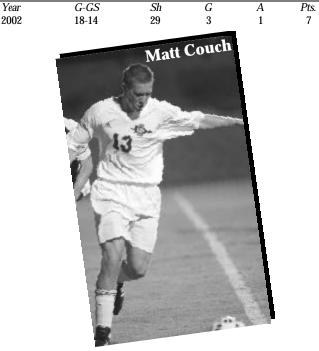
2002: Despite being a late signee to the Aztec program, played in 18-of-19 games and received a starting nod 14 times... Emerged as a top offensive option, finishing fourth on the squad with seven

points... Tied for third on the team with three goals and was second with 29 shots with a team-high 16 attempts finding their way to the goal... Scored his first collegiate goal in only his second game, tallying the Aztecs' third score against St. Mary's to give SDSU a late lead... Earned a spot on *Soccer America's* Oct. 14-20 Team of the Week for scoring a pair of goals in SDSU's 3-2 overtime win over No. 7 Loyola Marymount, the Aztecs' first win over a top-10 team since 1989... Registered his first career assist in the win over Westmont.

High School: Four-year letterwinner for the Sabino HS Sabercats... Named Tucson all-city performer in each of his four years and earned allstate honors in his junior year... Also played football as a receiver and kicker and earned two varsity letters.

Personal: Matthew Ryan Couch was born Oct. 23, 1983, in Tucson... Parents are Jeffrey and Theresa Couch... Major is political science and plans to pursue a career in law enforcement... Lists his favorite athlete as David Beckham.

Couch's Career Statistics



#15 Nate Slesnick



Sophomore / Midfielder 5-10 / 161 San Jose, Calif. (Bellarmine Prep)

After a great spring, could be the future of the Aztec defensive midfield.

2002: Saw action off the bench in nine games during his freshman season at SDSU... Made his Aztec debut versus IUPUI and played in both games of the SDSU/USD Tournament... Recorded three

shots with one on goal.

High School: Three-year letterwinner and all-league performer for San Jose's Bellarmine Prep... Captained the Bells, the nation's top-ranked team, during his senior season... Also captained the state champion club team DeAnza Triumph.

Personal: Nathan Samuel Slesnick was born Aug. 9, 1983, in San Jose... Parents are Dave and Karen Slesnick... Majoring in business.

#20 Jason Benedict

Sophomore / Midfielder 5-8 / 170 Phoenix, Ariz. (Mesa CC)

Likely the most athletic Aztec... Runs a sub-50 second 400-meter dash and can bench press 275 pounds.

Junior College: Played his freshman season in 2002 at Mesa Community College in Mesa, Ariz.

High School: Played for Desert Vista HS in Phoenix... Helped his team to the 2002 Arizona 5A state championship... Named all-region in both his junior and senior seasons and was also an all-city selection... Also lettered in track and field.

Personal: Son of Jeff and Deb Benedict... Played for the Tempe Pros club team and was a two-time Arizona ODP state team member.

Kirshner regarding Benedict: "Jason is one of the most athletic players in our recruiting class. He has a tireless work ethic and likes to take players on the dribble. These are excellent attributes for wide players in our program."



#21 Mike Mercuriali



Sophomore / Defender 6-2 / 170 San Diego, Calif. (Horizon HS)

High School: Earned four varsity letters at Horizon HS.

Personal: Mike Anthony Mercuriali was born July 28, 1983, in San Diego... Son of Lorri and Hal Mercuriali... Criminal justice major... Lists former Aztec Marcelo Balboa as his favorite athlete.

Kirshner regarding Mercuriali: "Mike brings great personality to our team. He provides great leadership and with his willingness to learn, will fight for a starting job on the back line."

#5 NICK CLEMENS

R-Freshman / Midfielder

5-10 / 154 San Diego, Calif.

(USDHS)

gaining valuable experience as a redshirt

2002: Utilized his redshirt season.

for University of San Diego HS... Western

League player of the year and first- and

second-team performer during his career

Will compete for playing time after

High School: Three-year letterwinner



with the Dons.

Personal: Nicholas John Clemens was born Sept. 24, 1983, in San Diego... Parents are Jack and Kathy Clemens... Business major whose favorite athlete is Michael Jordan.

last season.

#12 Robbie Diaz



R-Freshman / Defender 5-8 / 163 Bonita, Calif. (USDHS)

After a great spring, will compete for starting role in the back and provide tremendous depth to the defense.

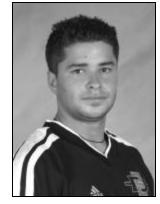
2002: Utilized his redshirt season in his first year in the Aztec program.

High School: Four-year letterwinner and all-league performer for the USDHS Dons... Four-time all-academic selection

and honor roll member... Also played football and was active in campus ministry.

Personal: Robert Paul Diaz was born Dec. 14, 1982, in San Diego... Parents are Jesse and Aida Diaz... Computer engineering major... Lists Roberto Carlos as his favorite athlete.

#6 KRAIG CHILES



Freshman / Forward 5-10 / 175 Poway, Calif. (Poway HS)

A decorated local prospect who rejoins Poway teammate Colin Jennings on the Mesa... Will be counted on to create and finish scoring chances.

High School: Played at local powerhouse Poway HS... Senior year amassed a laundry list of honors, with all-CIF, all-North County and all-league among his

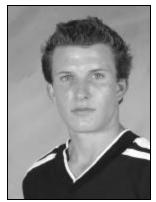
accomplishments... Most valuable player of the San Diego High School Tournament... Captained the Titans during his senior year... A member of the nationally recognized Nomads Soccer Club.

Personal: Born on May 14, 1984, in Torrance, Calif.... Son of Ken and Karen Chiles... Enjoys fishing and surfing.

Kirshner regarding Chiles: "We continue to bring in some of San Diego's top talent and Kraig is no exception. His mentality to score goals is a necessary component we needed to find in this recruiting class."



#14 Colin Jennings



Freshman / Midfielder 6-0 / 170 Poway, Calif. (Poway HS)

A strong and technically gifted central midfielder.

High School: Co-captained the Poway HS Titans along with fellow Aztec newcomer Kraig Chiles... Amassed two allconference selections in propelling the Titans to a pair of Palomar League cham-

pionships... Member of the southern California ODP state team for four years and was also selected to the Region IV ODP regional team... Captained the Surf Soccer Club for the past five years.

Personal: Colin Christopher Jennings was born Oct. 13, 1984, in San Diego... Son of Patty and James Jennings.

Kirshner regarding Jennings: "There is no doubt in my mind that Colin was the most underrated player in the county. He has all the qualities of a top level Division I player and it will not be long before San Diego to realizes this fact."

#18 DIONE SCOTT



Freshman / Forward 5-10 / 170 Sherman Oaks, Calif. (Notre Dame HS)

Expected to add firepower to the Aztec attack.

High School: The 2002 Mission League Offensive Player of the Year at Notre Dame HS in Sherman Oaks, Calif.... An all-CIF selection and twice an allleague player... Played club soccer for Dallas Cup champion West Valley

Samba... Also lettered in football and track.

Personal: Dione Leonel Scott was born on July 30, 1985, in Los Angeles... Son of Jackleine Enriquez and Sylvester Scott... Majoring in business... Enjoys football, basketball, wakeboarding and dancing... Lists Michael Jordan as favorite athlete.

Kirshner regarding Scott: "Another sleeping giant, Dione has wonderful tools and seems to get better and better each time I watch him play. We are excited to see how far he can take his talents and our program."

#19 Andrew DICICCO



Freshman / Defender 5-8 / 150 Wethersfield, Conn. (Wethersfield HS)

Arrives on the Mesa with great domestic and international experience as well as a little East coast style... Will provide much needed depth on the left side of the pitch for the Aztecs.

High School: Two-time all-state selection (top 17 players in Connecticut) who collected a pair of state championships at

Wethersfield HS... Named all-region twice and was a three-time all-conference choice... Chosen to the 2002 NSCAA/adidas High School Boys All-Region I team... A member of the Region I ODP regional team for the past four years

Personal: Born on June 5, 1985, in Hartford, Conn.... Son of Tony and Diane DiCicco... Father, Tony, is commissioner of the WUSA and former National Team Coach.

Kirshner regarding DiCicco: "Andrew comes from a great soccer family and it will show in his comfort on the field. A poised player, Andrew is expected to help tremendously with our distribution and service from the left side."

#22 TALLY HALL



Freshman / Goalkeeper 6-3 / 175

Gig Harbor, Wash. (Gig Harbor HS)

A 6-3 keeper who was named one of the West's top prep prospects... Should immediately challenge for the starting position.

High School: Captained the Gig Harbor HS squad to the state semifinals by stopping seven of 10 penalty kicks in two playoff victories... Named first team all-

state... Was rated one of the top seven prep goalkeepers in the West... A two-year member of the Washington ODP team... Played club ball for Washington powerhouse FC United and won a state championship and earned a pair of runner-up finishes.

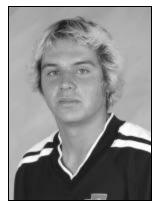
Personal: Talmon Henry Hall was born on May 12, 1985, in SeaTac, Wash.... Son of Tally and Gail Hall... Enjoys wakeboarding and snowboarding... Majoring in physical therapy.

Kirshner regarding Hall: "It was very important for us to continue the goalkeeping pedigree my assistant Matt Hall created and Tally has all the talent to do this. Perhaps the top goalkeeper in Washington and one of the best in the region, Tally should immediately challenge for a starting role."

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#27 Josh Arenas



Freshman / Midfielder 5-8 / 145 Claremont, Calif. (Lutheran HS)

A versatile attacker best suited for central midfield.

High School: Four-year starter in high school, first at Damien HS in La Verne and then at Lutheran HS in Claremont... All-CIF, all-league and team MVP at Lutheran... Also all-league in football and

basketball... First NCAA Div. I athlete to come from Lutheran. **Personal:** Born Oct. 15, 1984, in West Covina, Calif... Son of Henry and Olga Arenas.

Kirshner regarding Arenas: "Josh is an excellent technician who will provide quality interplay between our forwards and midfielders. What sold us most was his desire to play on the other side of the ball as well."

Colter McArdle

Junior / Midfielder 5-11 / 185 Tucson, Ariz. (Yavapai College)

Another of the elite Yavapai College JC program product who will supply the Aztecs with championship experience... Displays great strength and power from the wide midfield position... Is expected to redshirt the 2003 season.

Junior College: Started at outside midfield for 2002 NJCAA Division I national champion Yavapai College... Assisted on several key goals during the Roughriders' championship run... Also an integral part of the 2001 national runner-up Yavapai team... Roughriders were 46-3-1 during his two years.

High School: Prepped at Sabino HS in Tucson, Ariz.

Personal: Former high school teammate of current Aztec Matt Couch.

Kirshner regarding McArdle: "Colter is a big, strong player who should acclimate easily to the physical part of Division I. His athletic ability and championship mentality will give him a chance to make an immediate impact next season."

Paul Szefler

Junior / Midfielder 5-7 / 129 Aurora, Colo. (Overland HS)

A skilled and creative offensive talent whom most of the Aztec attack ran through last season... The team's scoring leader in 2002... Despite his size, is a durable player who has appeared in all 39 matches of his SDSU career... Is expected to redshirt the 2003 season.

2002: Emerged as the Aztecs' top offensive threat with team-best totals of seven goals and 17 points... One of just three SDSU players to start all 19 matches in 2002 and has played in all 39 of his career... Also recorded three assists... His 17 points ranked seventh in the league scoring race, while his seven goals tied for fourth in the MPSF... Was the Aztec offense for much of the early season, as he scored or assisted on five of the Aztecs' first seven goals of the year... Also scored in each of the first five games of the season in which the Aztecs tallied at least one goal... Had the Aztecs' lone goal of the game three times in 2002... Boasted a points streak of three straight games Oct. 10-18... Named to the 2002 District VIII Verizon All-Academic first team for maintaining a 3.75 cumulative GPA in biology... Also earned MPSF academic all-conference honors and SDSU academic awards both semesters, including the Malik Award for registering the highest GPA (4.0) among male student-athletes during the spring.

2001: In his freshman season, was the only Aztec to appear in all 20 matches... Totaled four points on one goal and two assists... First collegiate assist came Sept. 2 vs. Notre Dame de Namur and first goal was recorded Sept. 28 against UC Riverside... Credited with 12 shots on the year, five of which were on goal... Recipient of SDSU's Big Red Award given to student-athletes maintaining a GPA of 3.2 or better.

High School: Starter on the Olympic Development Program west region team... His club team won the state championship.

Personal: Paul Anthony Szefler was born Aug. 9, 1983... Son of Stanley and Christine Szefler... Older brother, David, played soccer for SDSU.

Szefler's Career Statistics

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Year	G-GS	Sh	G	Α	Pts.	
2001	20-17	12	1	2	4	
2002	19-19	29	7	3	17	
Totals	39-36	41	8	5	21	

