

2005 Aztec Season Review



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The San Diego State women's soccer team had another fine season in 2005 under the guidance of second-year head coach Dr. Mike Giuliano. The Aztecs went 11-9-2 in 2006, despite starting eight freshmen and sophomores for the majority of the season and playing a schedule where seven opponents made the NCAA tournament. The .545 winning percentage was the highest by an SDSU team since the 2002 squad went 13-7 (.650).

Armed with a host of fresh and young faces, the Aztecs brought excitement back to The Mesa. After scoring more than one goal in a game only five times in 2004, SDSU did the trick 10 times in 2005. The Aztecs ended up putting the ball in the back of the net 28 times—the program's most since tallying 39 in 2002.

SDSU set the tone in its first game of the season, defeating 2004 co-Big West regular season champions Cal State Fullerton, 2-0, in Fullerton. Freshman Jen Mello, a highly recruited athlete out of Pleasanton, Calif., made her presence known early, striking for her first career goal in the 56th minute. A penalty kick by senior Amanda Swiader in the 82nd sealed the win for the Aztecs. Christi Yount, one of six newcomers who got the starting nod, made five saves to record her first career shutout.

After falling behind early in the first half to Northern Arizona, freshmen Mariko Strickland and Alicia Piz brought SDSU back with two goals in the last 10 minutes to give the Aztecs the 2-0 victory and a 2-0 start to the season.

After getting the early season jitters out of the way, SDSU started its toughest road trip

of the campaign, playing three 2004 NCAA tournament teams. The Aztecs fell in the first game to eventual national champion Portland by a score of 3-0. Next up was Washington, a team SDSU had never beaten in six previous meetings. That all ended when Mello connected with her second goal of the season at the 79:32 mark off assists from fellow freshmen Millie Allen and Erika Sutton for the 1-0 victory.

The Aztecs then flew halfway across the country to face perennial national power Nebraska. SDSU held a 2-1 lead early in the second half, but three games in five days proved to much for the Aztecs and the Huskers scored twice in the final eight minutes to take a 3-2 triumph. It would be a common theme for the young Aztecs, as six of their nine losses came with opponents scoring in the last eight minutes of play. Four of SDSU's losses would also come in overtime and over 60 percent (14-of-22) of its games in 2005 were decided by one goal or less.

The Aztecs bounced back the following weekend, winning the UC Irvine Nike/Holiday Inn Invitational with a pair of shutouts over 2005 NCAA tournament participant UC Riverside (1-0) and the host Anteaters (2-0). Sutton earned most valuable offensive player honors after registering two goals and one assist over the tournament.

However, SDSU struggled the next few weeks and won only once in four contests, a 1-0 triumph over Pacific on Sept. 23. All three losses in the four-game stretch were by one goal in overtime.

The Aztecs rounded out their non-conference schedule with home wins over city-rival San Diego (2-0) on Sept. 28, and former WAC foe Hawai'i (2-1) on Oct. 1.

Mountain West Conference play wasn't as kind for SDSU in 2005 as it was in 2004, especially early on. A year after finishing 3-1-2 and tying for second place in the league's regular season, the Aztecs went 2-3-2 and dropped to sixth place.

SDSU wasn't fazed by its No. 6 seeding in the conference tournament nor by its meeting with nationally ranked Brigham Young. Sutton tallied one goal and one assist and sophomore transfer Cat Burson made four saves to lift the Aztecs over the No. 17 Cougars, 2-0.

The following night, SDSU would face host UNLV, a team it lost to, 3-0, five days earlier on the same field. This game was a different story as the Aztecs dominated all facets of the match, outshooting the Rebels, 13-6, for the game.

A goal by Mello in the 38th minute gave



Jen Mello

SDSU a 1-0 lead. The young Aztecs, however, missed a penalty kick and gave up a controversial goal to UNLV's Tanya Roberts with less than three minutes remaining in the second half to push the game to overtime. Just 1:49 into the extra frame, an errant cross by a Rebel player found the back of the net to give the eventual MWC tournament champion a 2-1 victory.

Two SDSU players were recognized for their play on the field and a school record 10 Aztecs were named to the MWC all-academic team. Senior Alexis Solovij, the 2004 MWC Most Valuable Defensive Player, was named to her third consecutive all-MWC first team and became the third San Diego State player to be named to the *Soccer Buzz* Elite Team of the Week (Sept. 13).

Sutton, meanwhile, became the first SDSU freshman since 2000 (Kim Castellanos) to garner all-MWC accolades with her second-team selection. Sutton was also later named Freshman All-Far West by *Soccer Buzz*. Sutton led the team in scoring with 20 points on five goals and 10 assists. Four of her five tallies were game winners and her 10 assists tied her for third on the Aztec single-season top 10 list.

Mello (17 points), who was named MWC Offensive Player of the Week on Aug. 29, led the team with eight goals and Burson (5-5-2, four shutouts) posted the third best goals against average (0.95) in school history.

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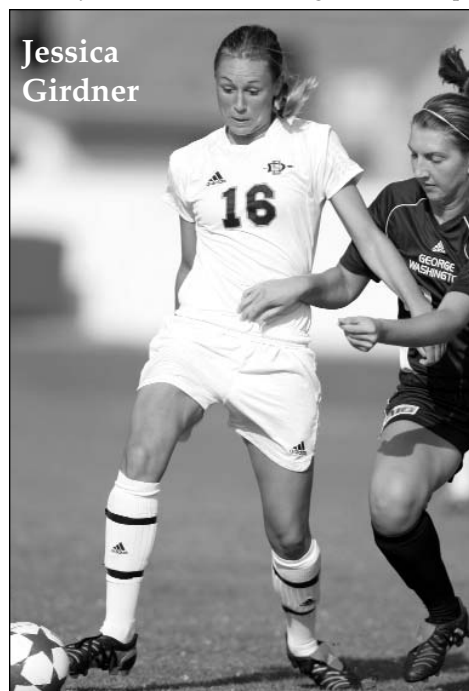
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SDSU's Record When...

Category	2005	Streak
Home	4-3-1	Tied 1
Away	5-5-1	Lost 2
Neutral	2-1-0	Won 2
Scoring First	9-3-1	Lost 1
Opp. Scores First	2-6-1	Lost 1
Scoring Last	10-0-1	Won 2
Opp. Scores Last	1-9-1	Lost 2
Leading at Half	3-3-0	Lost 1
Trailing at Half	1-3-1	Lost 1
Tied at Half	7-3-1	Tied 1
In Overtime	0-4-2	Lost 1
SDSU Outshoots Opp.	8-2-1	Lost 1
Opp. Outshoots SDSU	3-7-1	Won 1
SDSU-Opp. Tie in Shots	0-0-0	Tied 2
SDSU Has More Fouls	6-3-0	Won 5
Opp. Has More Fouls	4-5-2	Lost 1
SDSU-Opp. Tie in Fouls	1-1-0	Lost 1
SDSU Has More CK's	6-1-1	Tied 1
Opp. Has More CK's	4-8-1	Lost 1
SDSU-Opp. Tie in CK's	1-0-0	Won 2
In One-Goal Games	5-7-0	Lost 3
In One-Goal Gms. or Less	5-7-2	Lost 1
SDSU Scores One Goal	3-3-2	Lost 1
Opp. Scores One Goal	3-3-2	Tied 2
SDSU Scores Two Goals	5-1-0	Won 4
Opp. Scores Two Goals	0-3-0	Lost 3
SDSU Scores 3+ Goals	2-0-0	Won 59
Opp. Scores 3+ Goals	0-3-0	Lost 36

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Date	Opponent	Result	Record	MWC	Goals	Assists	GK Saves
Aug. 26	at CS Fullerton	W, 2-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	Mello (1)		Yount - 5
Aug. 28	NORTHERN ARIZONA	W, 2-1	2-0-0	0-0-0	Swiader (1) Piz (1)	Penalty Kick Sutton	Yount - 2
Sept. 2	~vs. (4) Portland	L, 0-3	2-1-0	0-0-0			Yount - 7
Sept. 4	~at Washington	W, 1-0	3-1-0	0-0-0	Mello (2)	Allen, Sutton	Yount - 3
Sept. 6	at Nebraska	L, 2-3	3-2-0	0-0-0	Girdner (1)	Piz	Yount - 8
Sept. 9	!vs. UC Riverside	W, 1-0	4-2-0	0-0-0	Girdner (2)	Elliott	Team - 1
Sept. 11	!vs. UC Irvine	W, 2-0	5-2-0	0-0-0	Mello (3)	Sutton, Strickland	Yount - 2
Sept. 16	GEORGE WASHINGTON	L, 0-1 (ot)	5-3-0	0-0-0	Sutton (1)	Piz	Yount - 0
Sept. 19	CS NORTHRIDGE	L, 1-2 (ot)	5-4-0	0-0-0	Sutton (2)	Swiader	Yount - 1
Sept. 23	PACIFIC	W, 1-0	6-4-0	0-0-0	Mello (4)	Sutton	Yount - 2
Sept. 25	at Long Beach State	L, 0-1 (ot)	6-5-0	0-0-0	Swiader (2)	Nielsen, Sutton	Burson - 4
Sept. 28	SAN DIEGO	W, 2-0	7-5-0	0-0-0	Strickland (2)	Nielsen	Burson - 4
Oct. 1	HAWAII	W, 2-1	8-5-0	0-0-0	Cooper (1)		Burson - 4
Oct. 7	*at Wyoming	L, 0-1	8-6-0	0-1-0	Mello (5)	Cooper	Yount - 5
Oct. 9	*at Air Force	W, 3-1	9-6-0	1-1-0	Sutton (3)	Swiader, Young	Burson - 5
Oct. 14	*at New Mexico	T, 1-1 (2ot)	9-6-1	1-1-1	Mello (6)	Sutton	Burson - 5
Oct. 16	*at TCU	W, 3-0	10-6-1	2-1-1	Sutton (4)	Ryan	Burson - 5
Oct. 20	*UTAH	L, 1-2	10-7-1	2-2-1	Mello (7)	Tenn	Burson - 5
Oct. 22	*(12) BRIGHAM YOUNG	T, 1-1 (2ot)	10-7-2	2-2-2	Own Goal (1)		Burson - 5
Oct. 29	*at UNLV	L, 0-3	10-8-2	2-3-2	Young (1)	Sutton, Strickland	Burson - 10
Nov. 2	#vs. (17) Brigham Young	W, 2-0	11-8-2	2-3-2	Strickland (3)	Sutton, Sgobba	Burson - 9
Nov. 3	#at UNLV	L, 1-2 (ot)	11-9-2	2-3-2	Tenn (1)	Sutton	Burson - 9
					Swiader (3)	Penalty Kick	Burson - 9
					Sutton (5)		Burson - 3
					Nielsen (1)	Sutton	Burson - 4
					Mello (8)	Strickland	Burson - 2

CAPS denote home game.
 ~ - Husky/Nike Invitational at Seattle, Wash.
 ! - UC Irvine Nike/Holiday Inn Invitational at Irvine, Calif.
 * - Mountain West Conference Game
 # - Mountain West Conference Championships at Las Vegas, Nev.

► 2005 Mountain West Conference Records

Team	Mountain West Conference				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
Utah	6	0	1	.929	14	7	1	.659
UNLV	5	2	0	.714	13	7	3	.630
Brigham Young	4	1	2	.714	15	2	4	.810
Wyoming	4	3	0	.571	8	7	3	.528
New Mexico	3	3	1	.500	8	7	4	.526
San Diego State	2	3	2	.429	11	9	2	.545
TCU	1	6	0	.143	6	11	0	.353
Air Force	0	7	0	.000	4	16	1	.214



2005 MWC Tournament at Las Vegas, Nev. (UNLV - Host)

Quarterfinals - Nov. 2	Semifinals - Nov. 3	Championship - Nov. 6
#5 New Mexico 1, #4 Wyoming 0	New Mexico 1, Utah 0	Utah 1, New Mexico 0 (ot)
#1 Utah 3, #8 Air Force 0	UNLV 2, San Diego State 1 (ot)	
#6 San Diego State 2, #3 BYU 0		
#2 UNLV 3, #7 TCU 0		

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-----2005 Season----->											<-----Career----->			
#	Player	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	SOG	YC-RC	GW	PK-ATT	GP-GS	G	A	Pts
12	Erika Sutton	21-19	5	10	20	57	21	2-0	4	0-0	21-19	5	10	20
9	Jen Mello	22-21	8	1	17	37	18	1-0	3	0-0	22-21	8	1	17
17	Mariko Strickland	22-19	3	3	9	33	13	0-0	1	0-0	22-19	3	3	9
15	Amanda Swiader	21-21	3	2	8	11	7	3-0	1	2-3	78-73	6	9	21
16	Jessica Girdner	21-19	2	0	4	18	8	0-0	0	0-0	35-22	3	0	6
8	Alicia Piz	8-8	1	2	4	10	3	0-0	1	0-0	8-8	1	2	4
26	Lisa Nielsen	21-3	1	2	4	8	3	0-0	0	0-0	40-9	2	3	7
3	Ashley Tenn	21-16	1	1	3	24	10	0-0	0	0-0	21-16	1	1	3
22	Ashley Cooper	17-7	1	1	3	9	4	1-0	0	0-0	57-21	2	4	8
21	Ashley Young	15-7	1	1	3	3	3	0-0	1	0-0	36-20	1	1	3
23	Casey Davidson	19-4	1	0	2	13	6	0-0	0	0-0	31-4	1	0	2
14	Becky Ryan	18-9	0	1	1	13	5	2-0	0	0-0	18-9	0	1	1
6	Millie Allen	21-21	0	1	1	7	2	2-0	0	0-0	21-21	0	1	1
4	Tiphonie Elliott	15-3	0	1	1	2	1	0-0	0	0-0	36-8	2	2	6
27	Leann Sgobba	4-0	0	1	1	1	0	0-0	0	0-0	4-0	0	1	1
18	Carrie Blankenbuhler	22-8	0	0	0	7	4	0-0	0	0-0	22-8	0	0	0
25	Megan Petrik	16-1	0	0	0	4	3	1-0	0	0-0	16-1	0	0	0
13	Jennifer Klunder	17-1	0	0	0	4	2	0-0	0	0-0	56-23	4	2	10
5	Erica Lopez	19-11	0	0	0	2	1	1-0	0	0-0	72-51	2	4	8
20	A. DaCosta-Muniz	6-0	0	0	0	1	1	0-0	0	0-0	6-0	0	0	0
7	Alexis Solovij	22-22	0	0	0	1	0	2-0	0	0-0	78-74	3	1	7
19	Jillian Riker	6-0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0-0	6-0	0	0	0
11	Kristi Robusto	2-0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0-0	6-0	0	0	0
10	Lisette Martinez	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0-0	43-32	5	8	18
2	Kelly Carter	19-0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0-0	39-4	0	0	0
Totals		22-22	28	27	83	265	116	17-0	11	2-3				
Opponents		22-22	23	18	64	261	125	18-2	9	0-0				

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#	Goalkeeper	GP-GS	Min.	GA	GAA	Saves	Sv. Pct	W-L-T	Sho.	Min.	GAA	Saves
1	Cat Burson	12-12	1,136:12	12	0.95	65	84.4	5-5-2	4	1,136:12	0.95	65
0	Christi Yount	10-10	906:30	11	1.09	35	76.1	6-4-0	4	906:30	1.09	35
TM TEAM						2						
Totals		22-22	2,042:42	23	1.01	102	81.6	11-9-2	8			
Opponents		22-22	2,042.42	28	1.23	88	75.9	9-11-2	5			

2005 Aztec Leaders (MWC rank in parenthesis)

<p>▶ Games Played</p> <p>1. Carrie Blankenbuhler 22</p> <p>Jen Mello 22</p> <p>Alexis Solovij 22</p> <p>Mariko Strickland 22</p> <p>5. Six others tied at 21</p>	<p>▶ Assists</p> <p>1. Erika Sutton (1st) 10</p> <p>2. Mariko Strickland 3</p> <p>3. Lisa Nielsen 2</p> <p>Alicia Piz 2</p> <p>Amanda Swiader 2</p>	<p>▶ Shot Percentage</p> <p>1. Amanda Swiader 27.3</p> <p>2. Jen Mello 21.6</p> <p>3. Jessica Girdner 11.1</p> <p>4. Alicia Piz 10.0</p> <p>5. Mariko Strickland 9.1</p>	<p>▶ Game-Winning Goals</p> <p>1. Erika Sutton (2nd) 4</p> <p>2. Jen Mello (T-3rd) 3</p> <p>3. Alicia Piz 1</p> <p>Mariko Strickland 1</p> <p>Amanda Swiader 1</p> <p>Ashley Young 1</p>
<p>▶ Games Started</p> <p>1. Alexis Solovij 22</p> <p>2. Millie Allen 21</p> <p>Jen Mello 21</p> <p>Amanda Swiader 21</p> <p>5. Mariko Strickland 19</p> <p>Erika Sutton 19</p>	<p>▶ Points</p> <p>1. Erika Sutton (T-4th) 20</p> <p>2. Jen Mello (T-7th) 17</p> <p>3. Mariko Strickland 9</p> <p>4. Amanda Swiader 8</p> <p>5. Three others tied at 4</p>	<p>▶ Shots on Goal</p> <p>1. Erika Sutton 21</p> <p>2. Jen Mello 18</p> <p>3. Mariko Strickland 13</p> <p>4. Ashley Tenn 10</p> <p>5. Jessica Girdner 8</p>	<p>▶ GAA</p> <p>1. Cat Burson (5th) 0.95</p>
<p>▶ Goals</p> <p>1. Jen Mello (3rd) 8</p> <p>2. Erika Sutton 5</p> <p>3. Mariko Strickland 3</p> <p>Amanda Swiader 3</p> <p>Jessica Girdner 2</p>	<p>▶ Shots</p> <p>1. Erika Sutton (5th) 57</p> <p>2. Jen Mello 37</p> <p>3. Mariko Strickland 33</p> <p>4. Ashley Tenn 24</p> <p>5. Jessica Girdner 18</p>	<p>▶ Shot on Goal Percentage</p> <p>1. Amanda Swiader 63.6</p> <p>2. Jen Mello 48.6</p> <p>3. Casey Davidson 46.2</p> <p>4. Jessica Girdner 44.4</p> <p>5. Ashley Tenn 41.7</p>	<p>▶ Saves</p> <p>1. Cat Burson (4th) 65</p>
			<p>▶ Save Percentage</p> <p>1. Cat Burson 84.4</p>
			<p>▶ Winning Percentage</p> <p>1. Christi Yount 60.0</p>
			<p>▶ Shutouts</p> <p>1. Cat Burson (T-4th) 4</p> <p>Christi Yount (T-4th) 4</p>