

General Information	
Location	San Diego, CA
Founded	1897
Enrollment	
Mascot	Aztec Warrior
Colors	Scarlet and Black
Conference Mountain Pacific	c Sports Federation
University PresidentDı	r. Stephen L. Weber
Director of Athletics	Mike Bohn
Faculty Athletic Representative	Dr. Roger Caves

Team Information

Head Coach	.Lev Kirshner (Rutgers '91)
Record at SDSU	26-42-10 (Four Years)
Career Record	Same
Soccer Office Phone	619-594-0136
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Assistant Coaches	Matt Hall (Fifth Year)
	Kyle Smith (First Year)
Home Facility	SDSU Sports Deck (1,000)
2003 Overall Record	9-8-3
2003 MPSF Record/Finish.	2-2-2/4th
Letterwinners Returning/L	ost16/6
Starters Returning/Lost	
Top Returners (2003 Info)	
Heath Creager, Jr., F	(MPSF HM, 7 goals, 2 assists)
Kenny Fechr	ner, Sr., D (MPSF HM, 10 assists)
Colin Jennings,	So., M (started all 20 games)

Trey Meek, Jr., F (Indiana Univ. transfer) Ryan Reott, Jr., M/D (Irvine Valley JC transfer) Eric Santiago, Jr., D (Yavapai College transfer) Freddy McDonald, Fr., D (Phoenix, Ariz.)

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2004 AZTEC SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Aug. 28	UCLA (exhibition)\$	1 p.m.
Sept. 1	UC Santa Barbara	4 p.m.
Sept. 4	at California	2 p.m.
Sept. 9	at UC Riverside	3 p.m.
Sept. 17	Michigan State^	4 p.m.
Sept. 19	Dartmouth^	2 p.m.
Sept. 22	at UNLV*	7 p.m.
Sept. 24	at UC Davis	4 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Saint Mary's	1 p.m.
Sept. 30	at New Mexico*	7 p.m.
Oct. 8	Air Force*	4 p.m.
Oct. 10	Denver*	2 p.m.
Oct. 15	at Sacramento St.*	4 p.m.
Oct. 17	at San Jose St.*	1 p.m.
Oct. 24	New Mexico*	1 p.m.
Oct. 29	San Jose St.*	2 p.m.
Oct. 31	Sacramento St.*	3 p.m.
Nov. 5	at Denver*	3 p.m.
Nov. 7	at Air Force*	Noon
Nov. 14	UNLV*	2 p.m.
Nov. 19	NCAA Tournament	·
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Home matches in bold, played at the SDSU Sports Deck All times local to site

^ SDSU/USD Tournament

* MPSF match

\$ at Irvine Valley College, Irvine, Calif.



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2004 ROSTERS

Class Breakdown	_ ▶ ′2	2004 Numerio	cal Kos	ter			
	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YrExp.	Hometown (Last School)
Seniors (6)	00	Ryan Bowie	GK	6-2	190	FrHS	Chandler, Ariz. (Mountain Pointe HS)
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Ryan Reott, Eric Santiago	10	Raul Bautista	F	6-0	179	Jr2L	Salida (Grace Davis HS)
	11	Eric Wohl	D	5-8	162	Sr3L	San Diego (Rancho Bernardo HS)
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	15	Mike Mercuriali	D	6-3	185	Jr1L	San Diego (Horizon HS)
Tally Hall, Colin Jennings,	16	Travis Bodnar	MF	5-8	165	Sr1L	Brea (Brea Olinda HS)
Dione Scott	17	Eric Turner	MF	6-1	205	FrHS	Tempe, Ariz. (Corona Del Sol HS)
	18	Colter McArdle	MF	5-11	184	JrSQ	Tucson, Ariz. (Yavapai College)
Freshmen (5)	19	Andrew DiCicco	MF	5-7	146	So1L	Wethersfield, Conn. (Wethersfield HS)
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Connecticut (1)

Andrew DiCicco

Nevada (1)

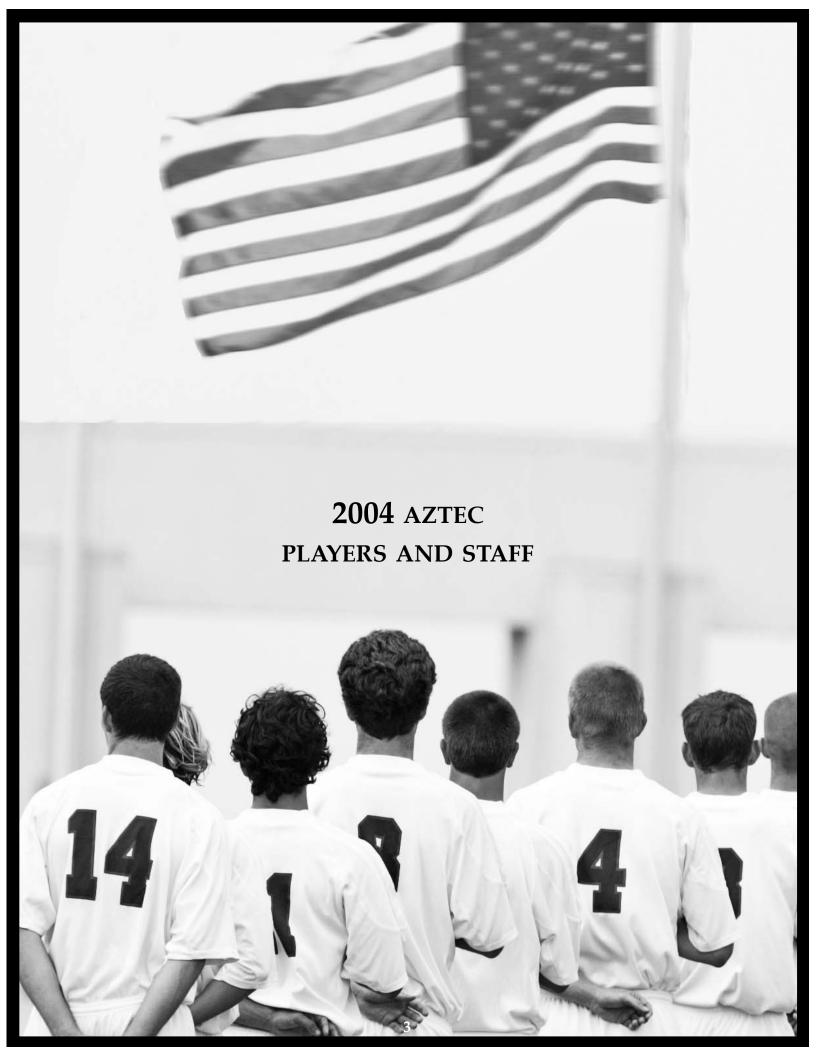
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ev Kirshner has laid out a plan for a return to the success of past Aztec Iteams. Step one was a return to the postseason. Step two was a winning season. Now comes step three, a return to the NCAA tournament.

Standing in the way of a return to the tournament is a demanding schedule. With the likes of UCLA, UCSB, and California, all NCAA participants, to go with the trials of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation season, the 2004 schedule should prove to be exciting.

"Our 2004 schedule continues our commitment to play the best in the country," Kirshner said. "Opening our pre-season against 2002 national champion UCLA, will help prepare us to win the program's first MPSF championship and gain another trip to the NCAA tournament."

SDSU returns seven starters and 16 letterwinners from last year's team, including four of the five leaders in total points. Leading goal scorer, Heath Creager, and the team's top assist man, Kenny Fechner, also return with talented keeper Tally Hall, who spent part of the summer with the L.A. Galaxy of Major League Soccer.

"Heath Creager proved what we knew when he was originally recruited to our program as a prep," Kirshner said. "Our leading goal scorer is primed and ready to lead us back to the NCAA tournament.'

Creager, in his first season on Montezuma Mesa, scored seven goals, and dished two assists, posting 16 points. Fechner had an equally outstanding season as he grabbed ten assists, good for second in the MPSF.

"Kenny Fechner is a wonderful player who creates many scoring opportunities from the run of play and dead ball situations. This was illustrated last season when he was among the country's top 20 in assists."

A team gets no where without a solid goalkeeper, and Hall definitely fits the bill.

There is no doubt in our mind that Tally Hall will continue the goalkeeping lineage we have created at San Diego State. He is a tremendous talent who understands the work necessary to become one of the elite keepers in this country."

In addition to his returning veterans, Kirshner expects big things from the transfers

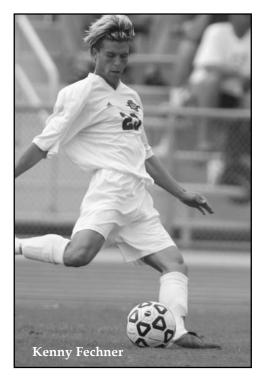
and the 2004 recruiting

"The 2004 class will provide tremendous competition to our returning players," Kirshner said. combination of talented national and state championships will make for some very difficult coaching decisions next season. In short, we have had a run of three great recruiting classes and are excited to see them flourish."

One of the notable newcomers is transfer Trey Meek. Coming from the successes of 2003 national champion Indiana, Meek

brings a vital element to the attack of the Aztecs-the ability to score.

"We are very excited to have our first pure finisher in the program since Eric Wynalda," Kirshner said. "After winning last season's national championship with Indiana, Trey



obviously brings a wealth of experience and understanding that is necessary for our future

Below is a position by position breakdown of the 2004 Aztecs:

2004 FORWARDS

Perhaps the strongest area on the Aztec squad is at forward. Returning to Montezuma

Mesa for the fall are frontmen Creager, Raul Bautista, "Our 2004 schedule Frank Caruso, Matt Couch, and Dione Scott. Add Meek to the stew and you have a dish that will score early and often on the Sports

> "We are excited to see Raul Bautista play solely as an attacker this season,"

"Our leading goal scorer is primed and ready to lead us back to the NCAA tournament."

Kirshner said. "Each spring when he has had that responsibility, Raul has proven himself extremely successful.

"And with Matt Couch, we have a consummate competitor," Kirshner said. "We will be capable of utilizing Couch in any situa-

tion that will help us win games. He is the epitome of Aztec soccer."

2004 MIDFIELDERS

The connectors and distributors for the Aztecs roam in midfield. The midfield is a vital area, and while SDSU is lacking in experience, it does not suffer for talent.

Playing in the middle are Travis Bodnar, Kraig Chiles, Nick Clemens, Nick Collins, Andrew DiCicco, Colin Jennings, Colter McArdle, Blake Perry, Ryan Reott and Eric

"After taking a significant injury last spring, it is nice to have Blake back and healthy," Kirshner said. "He provides tremendous service and, as last year displayed, can score big goals in critical situations."

2004 DEFENDERS

The lines in the sand are drawn, and those with the most experience win in the trenches. The defense for State is one of the most experienced in recent years squad's. Three of the returners are experienced seniors, and with two juniors to go along with that, you have a combined 13 years of college experience in

Playing defense this year for the Aztecs include Fechner, Robbie Diaz, Freddy McDonald, Jordan McKee, Mike Mercuriali, Eric Santiago and Eric Wohl.

"As a three-year starter, Eric Wohl is Aztec soccer's most seasoned veteran," Kirshner said. "His experience and competitive nature will be significant to this season's run at the NCAA tournament.

Eric Santiago is another recruiting success from national champion Yavapai Community College," Kirshner said. "He is an excellent defender, who will make an immediate impact in our program."

2004 GOALKEEPERS

The 2004 keepers are young, but extremely talented. The only returning keeper with experience is starter Hall, considered one of the finest talents in the country, who logged play in nine matches, including one shutout. The other two goalkeepers are incoming freshmen Ryan Bowie and Greg Larson, who have the opportunity to step in and learn during their first season at SDSU.

continues our commitment to youth and the experience of play the best in the country."



PLAYER PROFILES



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TRAVIS BODNAR

Senior, Midfielder 5-8, 165 Brea, Calif. Brea Olinda HS

2003: Worked hard to be a roster member as a walk-on... Saw action in six games, including SDSU's season-opening win over Oregon State and a 2-0 win over Albany.

High School: Earned three letters at Brea Olinda, under coach Matt Swindle... First-team all-conference 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.

Bodnar's Career Statistics

Year G-GS Sh G A Pt: 2003 6-0 0 0 0 0



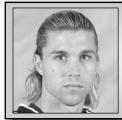
FRANK CARUSO

Senior, Forward 6-0, 197 Lancaster, Pa. San Diego Mesa College

San Diego Mesa (2002-03): Second leading scorer in California junior college system with 19 goals and seven assists while leading 2003 squad to regional semifinals... In 2002, ranked ninth in California junior colleges with 16 goals... Also in 2002, ranked ninth in total points with 39.

High School: Lettered four years for Lancaster Catholic High School... Team's leading scorer as a junior and senior... Also lettered as a swimmer.

Personal: Francesco Caruso was born July 16, 1982, in Allentown, Pa.... Son of Ignazio and Rosella Caruso... Majoring in business managment.



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KENNY FECHNER

Senior, Defender 5-9, 155 Glendale, Ariz. Yavapai College

2003: Started all 19 games he played... Registered 22 shots, with nine on goal... Honorable mention all-MPSF selection... Led the team and was second in the conference with 10 assists, which also ranks seventh on SDSU's single-season assist list... Season assist total ranked 20th in NCAA Division I and was the most by an Aztec since 1995... Ten points tied for the third most on the team and ranked 21st in the MPSF... Posted three assists in the opening weekend of action at the SDSU Soccer Classic to earn the tournament's Most Outstanding Defender honor... Named to the Soccer College News national team of the week after his performance at the SDSU Soccer Classic, where he led the Aztecs to two wins... Assisted on both goals in the 2-1 victory over Oregon State... Also recorded two assists in SDSU's 2-0 win over Albany... Finished the season with assists in three of the last five games.

2002: Missed much of the season due to injury and played in only four games... Played in four straight contests beginning Sept. 12, vs USD, but was sidelined thereafter... Only shot attempt came against IUPUI in the SDSU/USD Tournament.

Yavapai College (2000-01): Started or played in every match of his career (50)...Set the Roughriders' single-game assist record and totaled four goals and 12 assists in his final season...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, Calif.... Son of John and Nora Fechner... Majoring in political science.

Fechner's SDSU Statistics

Year	G-GS	Sh	G	\mathbf{A}	Pts
2002	4-3	1	0	0	0
2003	19-19	22	0	10	10
Career	23-22	23	0	10	10



PLAYER PROFILES



JORDAN MCKEE

Senior, Defender
6-2, 180
Tucson, Ariz.
Yavapai College

2003: Played in 16 games and made starts against Drake and Loyola Marymount on the backline... Registered lone assist in the 2-1 victory over UC Riverside... Recorded two shots... Made appearances in both MPSF tournament games.

Yavapai College (2001-02): Played in all 50 games of his two years at Yavapai College, during which time the Roughriders won the NJCAA Division I national championship in 2002 and finished as runner-up in 2001... Named 2002 NSCAA Division I junior college player of the year and was most valuable player 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-America... Also NSCAA first-team All-America and NSCAA Division I scholar all-West region first team... Roughriders compiled a 46-3-1 mark during his two years.

High School: Two-year letterwinner for Canyon Del Oro in Tucson Ariz.... Voted the Dorados' most valuable player in 2001... Named second team all-state.

Personal: Jordan McKee was born Oct. 7, 1982 in Tucson, Ariz.... Son of David McKee... Majoring in business.

McKee's SDSU Statistics

Year	G-GS	Sh	G	\mathbf{A}	Pts
2003	16-2	2	0	1	1



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BLAKE PERRY

Senior, Midfielder 5-11, 177 Arcadia, Calif. Fresno State Univ.

2003: Played in all 20 games and started 15... Three goals were fourth most on the team, while three assists were the third best... Fifth on the team with nine points, which also ranked 27th in the MPSF... First career score was the game-winning goal in double overtime to upset Drake, 2-1... Scored two goals against Air Force, which led to a 3-2 win... Recorded assists in back-to-back games against UNLV and Denver... Took 20 shots with 12 on goal.

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

Fresno State (2001): Spent his freshman season at Fresno State, where he 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 High School Apache... Won a state championship with AGSS.

Personal: Blakeley McKinley Perry was born March 18, 1983, in Pasadena, Calif.... Son of Steve and Diane Perry... Majoring in political science.

Perry's SDSU Statistics

Year	G-GS	Sh	G	A	Pts
2002	14-7	10	0	1	1
2003	20-15	20	3	3	9
Career	34-22	30	3	4	10







ERIC WOHL

Senior, Defender
5-8, 162
San Diego, Calif.
Rancho Bernardo HS

2003: Played in 17 games and made 14 starts... Recorded three assists on the year, giving him 13 for his career... First assist came in 2-0 win against Long Island at the SDSU Soccer Classic... Also registered an assist in win over Sacramento State at the MPSF Tournament... Posted 22 shots with 11 on goal.

2002: The Aztecs' top creator and set-up man with a team-leading five assists, tying 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 in a game by scoring twice in the victory over IUPUI and registered the game-winner in overtime against No. 7 LMU... The goal against LMU 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, including the helper on Paul Szefler's goal in the season-opening 1-1 tie at UC Riverside... 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.

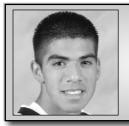
2001: Emerged as one of the Aztecs' top offensive threats in his freshman season... Second on the team with five assists (tied for seventh in the MPSF), tied for second with six goals and third with 17 points... Registered his first collegiate goal against Notre Dame de Namur, Sept. 2... First collegiate 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... Scored two goals in the season finale vs. No. 15 San Diego... Racked up 42 shots on the year, 19 of which were on goal.

High School: Ended his Rancho Bernardo career with 63 goals, 35 of which came in his senior season... 2000-01 Palomar League 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 in Spokane, Wash.... Son of Richard and Cynthia Wohl... Majoring in marketing.

Wohl's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	Sh	G	\mathbf{A}	Pts
2001	19-15	42	6	5	17
2002	19-15	42	3	5	11
2003	17-14	22	0	3	3
Total	55-44	106	9	13	31



RAUL BAUTISTA

Junior, Forward
6-1, 179
Salida, Calif.
Grace M. Davis HS

2003: Made 13 starts and played in 18 games both at forward and as a defender... Scored four goals on 24 shots, the best shooting percentage of anyone on the team with more than five shots... Four goals were the third most on the team... Recorded a goal in both of SDSU's MPSF tournament games, including the game-winner in the Aztecs' 3-1 win over Sacramento State... Earned all-MPSF tournament honors... Also scored the game-winning goal in a 2-0 victory over Albany... Two game-winning goals tied for team lead... Saw half of his action on the backline as an outside back.

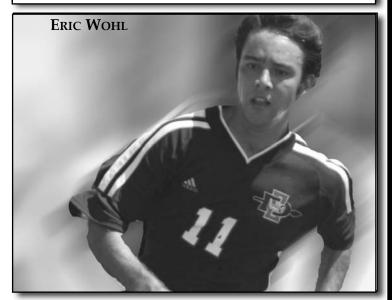
2002: Started all 19 games for the Aztecs in his first collegiate season... One of only three Aztecs to receive a starting nod in every game... Played several games as a defender as the Aztec back line was decimated by injury in 2002... Recorded one goal, two assists and four points for the season... 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 all-conference performer and MVP.

Personal: Raul Bautista, Jr. was born Jan. 14, 1984, in Hayward, Calif.... Son of Raul Sr. and Maria Bautista... Majoring in criminal justice.

Bautista's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	Sh	G	A	Pts
2002	19-19	17	1	2	4
2003	18-13	24	4	0	8
Career	37-32	41	5	2	12





PLAYER PROFILES



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MATT COUCH

Junior, Forward 6-1, 186 Tucson, Ariz. Sabino HS

2003: Played in 16 of the last 17 Aztec games after missing the first month due to injury... Made 12 starts... Totaled seven points, including three goals and an assist... Three scores tied for fourth most on the team... Recorded an assist in the 2-1 victory over UC Riverside, his first game of the year... Scored first goal of the season in the 2-1 win over Hofstra... Couch's 35 shots was third most on the team, as were his 17 shots on goal.

2002: Despite being a late addition 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 on 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* Team of the Week (Oct. 14-20) for scoring a pair of goals in SDSU's 3-2 overtime win vs. No. 7 Loyola Marymount, the Aztecs' first win over a top-10 team since 1989... Registered his first career assist in a win over Westmont.

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

Personal: Matthew Ryan Couch was born Oct. 23, 1983, in Tucson, Ariz.... Son of Jeffrey and Theresa Couch... Majoring in political science.

Couch's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	Sh	G	Α	Pts.
2002	18-14	29	3	1	7
2003	16-12	35	3	1	7
Career	34-26	64	6	2	14



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HEATH CREAGER
Junior, Forward
6-2, 170
Glendale, Ariz.

Indiana Univ.

2003: Named all-MPSF honorable mention after leading SDSU with seven goals and 16 points... Finished 10th in the MPSF in goals scored and 11th in points... Scored first two collegiate goals in a 2-0 victory over Long Island to win the SDSU Soccer Classic and earn all-tournament plaudits... Posted a goal and assist in a 2-1 double-overtime win over Drake... Tallied game-winning score in the 3-2 win against Air Force... Aztecs were 5-1 when he scored a goal... Led SDSU with 45 shots and 20 shots on goal... Played in all 20 games and made 19 starts.

Indiana (2001-02): Saw action in one game for the NCAA tournament-bound Hoosiers after redshirting his first season in Bloomington.

High School: Four-time all-state selection at Ironwood High School 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.

Personal: Heath David Creager was born Sept. 16, 1982, in Phoenix, Ariz.... Son of Bill and Linda Creager... 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... Majoring in business.

Creager's SDSU Statistics

Year	G-GS	Sh	G	Α	Pts
2003	20-19	45	7	2	16



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COLTER MCARDLE

Senior, Midfielder 5-11, 184 Tucson, Ariz. Yavapai College

Yavapai College (2001-02): Started at midfield for 2002 NJCAA Division I national champion Yavapai... Assisted on several key goals during the Roughriders' championship run... Also a part of the 2001 national runner-up Yavapai team... Roughriders were 46-3-1 during his two years.

High School: Two-year letterwinner for Sabino High School in Tucson, Ariz... Former high school teammate of Aztec Matt Couch.

Personal: Colter James McArdle was born July 1, 1983, in Tucson, Ariz.... Son of Paul McArdle and Molly O'Boyle... Majoring in economics.



PLAYER PROFILES



MIKE MERCURIALI

Junior, Defender 6-3, 185 San Diego, Calif. **Horizon HS**

2003: Played in 11 games... Made collegiate debut in season-opening win over Oregon State... Saw action against St. John's, USD and in the MPSF tournament... Took one shot on goal at Point Loma Nazarene.

High School: Earned four varsity letters at Horizon High School.

Personal: Mike Anthony Mercuriali was born July 28, 1983, in San Diego Calif.... Son of Lorri and Hal Mercuriali... Majoring in criminal justice.

Mercuriali's Career Statistics

Year G-GS Sh Pts 2003 11-0



KRAIG CHILES

Sophomore, Midfielder 5-11, 185 San Diego, Calif. Poway HS

2003: One of only seven Aztecs to play in every game... Made two starts... Recorded an assist in the 2-1 victory over Hofstra on Sept. 26... Valuable contributor to the midfield.

High School: Played at local powerhouse Poway High School... Senior year amassed a laundry list of honors, with all-CIF, all-North County and all-league among the accomplishments... Most valuable player of the San Diego High School Tournament... Captained the Titans during his senior year.

Personal: Kraig Ryan Chiles was born on May 14, 1984, in Torrance, Calif.... Son of Ken and Karen Chiles... Majoring in public administration.

Chiles' Career Statistics

G-GS Sh Year Pts 2003 20-2



NICK CLEMENS Sophomore, Midfielder San Diego, Calif.

5-9, 157

Univ. of San Diego HS

2003: Made 18 starts in 19 games in the midfield... First career goal was the game-winner in a 2-1 victory over UC Riverside on Sept. 13... Tallied 16 shots with seven on goal.

2002: Utilized his redshirt season.

High School: Three-year letterwinner for University of San Diego High School... Western League Player of the Year and first and second-team performer during his career with the Dons... Teamed with fellow Aztec Robbie Diaz to win a CIF championship.

Personal: Nicholas John Clemens was born Sept. 24, 1983, in San Diego, Calif.... Son of Jack and Kathy Clemens... Majoring in Business.

Clemens' Career Statistics

Year G-GS Sh G Pts 2003 19-18 16



ROBBIE DIAZ Sophomore, Defender 5-8, 168 San Diego, Calif. Univ. of San Diego HS

2003: Saw action in five games including the season-opening win over Oregon State and MPSF tournament victory over Sacramento State.

2002: Utilized his redshirt season.

High School: Four-year letterwinner and all-league performer for the University of San Diego High School Dons... Four-time all-academic selection and honor roll member... Also played football and was active in campus ministry... Teamed with fellow Aztec Nick Clemens to win a CIF championship.

Personal: Robert Paul Diaz was born Dec. 14, 1982, in San Diego, Calif.... Son of Jesse and Aida Diaz... Majoring in computer engineering.

Diaz's Career Statistics

Year G-GS Sh Pts 2003 5-0



PLAYER PROFILES



ANDREW DICICCO
Sophomore, Midfielder
5-7, 146
Wethersfield, Conn.
Wethersfield HS

2003: Played in all 20 games in his first collegiate season... Earned first career start against Point Loma Nazarene... Tallied lone assist in 2-1 victory against Hofstra... Recorded 10 shots on the season.

High School: Two-time all-state selection, who collected a pair of state championships at Wethersfield High School... Named all-region twice and 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 Olympic Development Program team for four years.

Personal: Andrew Joseph DiCicco was born on June 5, 1985, in Hartford, Conn.... Son of Tony and Diane DiCicco... Father, Tony, is the former commissioner of the WUSA and women's national team coach... Majoring in business administration.

DiCicco's Career Statistics

Year G-GS Sh G A Pts 2003 20-1 10 0 1 1



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TALLY HALL

Sophomore, Goalkeeper 6-4, 205 Gig Harbor, Wash. Gig Harbor HS

2003: Played in nine games and started against Loyola Marymount, where he made a season-high six saves... Recorded a 2.02 goals against average... Made collegiate debut in a 2-0 win against Long Island on Aug. 31.

High School: Captained the Gig Harbor High School squad... Was rated one of the top seven prep goalkeepers in the West... A two-year member of the Washington Olympic Development Program team... Played club ball for Washington powerhouse FC United, winning a state championship and earning a pair of runner-up finishes.

Personal: Talmon Henry Hall was born on May 12, 1985, in Sea Tac, Wash.... Son of Tally and Gail Hall...Majoring in physical therapy.

Hall's Career Statistics

Year G-GS Min. Sv GA SO GAA 2003 9-1 177:54 8 4 1.0 2.02



COLIN JENNINGS

Sophomore, Midfielder
6-0, 182
San Diego, Calif.
Poway HS

2003: Started in all 20 contests in his first collegiate season... One of only two players to earn the starting nod in every game... Integral part of the ball possession in the midfield... Lone score of the season was a game-winning overtime goal in the 2-1 season opener against Oregon State... Took 18 shots with six on goal.

High School: Co-captained the Poway High School Titans, along with fellow Aztec Kraig Chiles... Amassed two all-conference selections in propelling the Titans to a pair of Palomar League championships... Member of the southern California ODP team for four years and was also selected to the Region IV ODP squad.

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

Jennings' Career Statistics

Year G-GS Sh G A Pts 2003 20-20 18 1 0 2



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Sophomore, Forward 5-9, 170 Sherman Oaks, Calif.

DIONE SCOTT

Notre Dame HS

2003: Finished the year with 10 points, ranking third on the team and 22nd in the MPSF... Scored three goals and added four assists... Four assists were the second most on the squad and 13th in the conference... In first career start, accounted for both goals in 2-1 win over UC Riverside with a goal and an assist... Scored the game-winning goal in 2-1 win against Hofstra... Played in all 20 contests and started 13... Recorded 25 shots, including 14 on goal.

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

Personal: Dione Leonel Scott was born July 30, 1985, in Los Angeles, Calif.... Son of Sylvester Scott and Jackeline Enriquez... Majoring in film

Scott's Career Statistics

Year G-GS Sh G A Pts 2003 20-13 25 3 4 10



PLAYER PROFILES

NEWCOMERS

RYAN BOWIE

Freshman, Goalkeeper 6-2, 190

Chandler, Ariz. (Mountain Pointe HS)

High School: A four-year starter at Mountain Pointe High School... Holds the school's career records in games started (67), goals against average (1.03), shutouts (27) and wins (47)... Selected to the Arizona allstate team his senior year.

Personal: Ryan Patrick Bowie was born May 19, 1986, in San Diego, Calif.... Son of Alex and Diana Bowie.

GREG LARSON Freshman, Goalkeeper

Sunnyvale, Calif. (Fremont HS)

High School: A three-year starter and captain for Fremont... A first team all-league selection... Voted DeAnza League Most Valuable Player and Goalkeeper of the year.

Personal: Gregory Miguel Larson was born Nov. 26, 1985, in Santa Clara, Calif.... Son of Daniel Larson and Brenda Reyes.

TREY MEEK

5-11, 170

Junior, Forward 6-1.165

Corona Del Mar, Calif. (Indiana Univ.)

Indiana: Two-year letterman for the 2003 national champion Hoosiers... Part of 2001 national runner-up squad... Saw action in 27 games, earning four starts... Redshirted the 2002 season... Big Ten Conference scholar-

High School: All-league and top scorer all four years at Newport Harbor High School... Member of regional and state ODP... Played on state champion club team AGSS with fellow Aztec Blake Perry.

Personal: Howard Edwin Meek III was born March 28, 1983, in Laguna Beach, Calif.... Son of Howard and Marilyn Meek.

ERIC SANTIAGO Junior, Defender

Yavapai: Won the NJCAA national championship in 2002 and runnerup in 2001... Named most valuable player for 2002 championship run... All-region and all-conference selection.

High School: Attended Las Vegas High School where he was most valuable player... Voted all-league in the Sunrise division.

Personal: Eric Nottage Santiago was born April 21, 1983, in Las Vegas, Nev.... Son of Paul and Jean Santiago.

NICK COLLINS

Freshman, Midfielder 5-11, 160

Paso Robles, Calif. (Paso Robles HS)

High School: Received all-conference honors at Paso Robles High School... Plays club soccer for one of the top teams in the nation, the Hotspurs United, out of San Diego.

Personal: Nicholas John Collins was born Sept. 24, 1983, in San Diego, Calif.... Son of Jack and Kathy Collins.

Freddy McDonald Freshman, Defender

6-2, 175

Phoenix, Ariz. (Mountain Pointe HS)

High School: All-region and all-state selection for the past two years at Mountain Pointe High School... Named central region player of the year... Finalist for Arizona player of the year.

Personal: Frederick Joseph McDonald was born March 9, 1986, in Tucson, Ariz.... Son of Fred and Linda McDonald.

RYAN REOTT

Junior, Defender/Midfielder

Yorba Linda, Calif. (Irvine Valley College)

Irvine Valley: Member of the 2003 California state junior college champion... Garnered most valuable player award at the state championship... Led the state in assists, recording 18 in 24 games.

High School: Multiple-year letterwinner for El Dorado High School... Played club soccer with the California Slammers.

Personal: Ryan Jay Reott was born Nov. 12, 1983, in Fullerton, Calif.... Son of Don and Debbie Reott.

Las Vegas, Nev. (Yavapai College)

High School: Captain two years at Corona Del Sol High School... Threetime all-region player... Named to the 2003-2004 all-state team... Former member of AZFC was voted the most valuable player in 2003.

Personal: Eric Michael Turner was born March 3, 1986, in Mesa, Ariz.... Son of Robert and Karen Turner.

ERIC TURNER Freshman, Midfielder

Tempe, Ariz. (Corona Del Sol HS)



LEV KIRSHNER

ntering his fifth season at the helm of the San Diego State men's soccer program, Lev Kirshner has steered the Aztecs into position to return to the national



spotlight. In 2001, Kirshner's second season, the Aztecs were in contention for the conference title and finished the year 7-9-1 overall against some of the country's best teams.

Kirshner had his squad prepared for a return to nation-

al prominence in 2002, but the team was not able to recover from a rash of injuries at the beginning and throughout the season.

The 2003 season, however, brought SDSU back to its winning ways. The squad jumped from the gate quickly and streaked to a 9-8-3 record, the first winning season on Montezuma Mesa since 1994. This year the team looks to push for its first MPSF Championship and another berth into the NCAA Tournament.

Kirshner has continued the momentum of the program for the upcoming season by bringing a solid group of recruits and transfers into a program with seven returning starters. The nine new Aztecs bring a wealth of experience, including a regional player of the year and three players with college championship rings. No stranger to winning, Kirshner has a mold and a style that his players have bought

into; one that has shown proven results on the field.

Before coming to SDSU, Kirshner coached the women of Cañada College (Redwood City, Calif.) from 1992-95. During that time, he took a team that had never won a conference game prior to his arrival and led it to a 16-1-3 record and a trip to the California state quarterfinals his third year. For his efforts, he was named the Coast Conference coach of the year. He also served as the men's assistant at Cañada and helped with their run to the state quarterfinals in 1992 and 1994.

From there, he moved to a head

coaching position at Ohlone College (Fremont, Calif.) in the fall of 1995. At Ohlone, he helped take a team from a last place league finish the previous season to a No. 15 state ranking in his first year.

In his first season on the sidelines for SDSU, Kirshner's team improved its win total from the previous year, despite playing against topranked UCLA and perennial west coast powers Washington, Portland and San Diego.

Kirshner's philosophy is that talented players and top-notch competition go hand-inhand, so he wants his SDSU teams to be characterized by their success against quality

opponents.

"When you start stepping up your competition, you need better players," Kirshner said.
"I think that the two have complemented each other well and put us in position to now, not only play those teams, but actually beat them."

Before taking over the Aztecs' head spot four years ago, Kirshner spent three seasons as an assistant coach for the SDSU men's program under long-time head coach Chuck Clegg.

Prior to his arrival at SDSU, Kirshner also served as the men's assistant coach at his alma mater, Rutgers. Kirshner helped the Scarlet Knights to the round of 16 at the 1996 NCAA tournament and a No. 13 national ranking.

As a player at Rutgers, Kirshner experienced the program's 1987 NCAA quarterfinal appearance, the 1989 NCAA semifinal loss to eventual champion Virgina and a runner-up finish to UCLA in the 1990 championship match. He received his undergraduate degree in communication in 1991 and is listed as one of the program's top 20 alums.

Following his collegiate career, Kirshner represented the United States in 1993, winning a bronze medal for the U.S. national Maccabiah team. In 1997, he returned to Israel as captain of the U.S. team, the only squad to defeat eventual gold-medalist Brazil.

Kirshner was selected to coach the USA Maccabi Pan-American soccer team in December, 2003. In 2004, the U.S. team, under

Kirshner's leadership, won the bronze medal. In the summer of 2005, Kirshner will lead the red, white and blue national team to participate in the annual event.

As a player, Kirshner was selected as one of 250 domestic and international athletes to be assessed for the inaugural Major League Soccer draft in 1995, Kirshner also had a stint in the USISL. During that year, he trained with and played in several reserve games for the MLS San Jose Clash.

Kirshner keeps in tune with the west coast's most talented young soccer products by working with the region IV olympic development program (ODP) and lending his knowledge to some of the country's finest young players. Most recently, he served as the interim head coach of the national runner-up west team during the 2001 U.S. regional championship and also served as an assistant coach during the team's undefeated April 2002 tour of Australia.

He worked as both an assistant and head coach with the California ODP under-23 men's team during 1995 and 1996. He led those squads to consecutive western regional championships and a third-place finish at the 1995 Donnelly Cup. He also won a western regional championship with the under-15 ODP Northern California state team and served as the head coach of the 1984 age group.

Kirshner also gives back to the local soccer community through his involvement with the Hotspurs Soccer Club, for which he was named director of soccer operations in 2002.

Kirshner owns a USSF Â-License, which is the highest license attainable for soccer coaches in the U.S. He also received the NSCAA Premiere Badge with distinguished honors, the highest accolade provided by that organization.

In his time away from soccer, Kirshner enjoys reading biographies of coaches. He is a fan of all sports, an avid golfer and resides in Pacific Beach. He was recently inducted to the first Hall of Fame class at his alma mater, Mission San Jose High School.

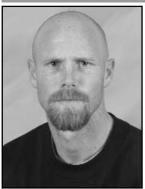
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2001	7	9	4	3	2	2	4th	▶ First postseason play since 1989
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COACHING STAFF

MATT HALL



Assistant Coach Fifth Season University of San Diego '01

Matt Hall enters his fifth season as an assistant with the San Diego State men's soccer program and his primary duties are coordinating the team's recruiting and working with the goalkeepers.

With Hall's assistance, three different Aztec keepers have earned postseason all-MPSF honors in the last four seasons. Hall

coached Brian Barnes in goal for each of the years that bettered his single-season total. Barnes recorded 90 saves in 2000 and 98 saves in his last season under the tutelage of Hall.

Hall is a familiar face to SDSU soccer fans, having spent three seasons (1996-98) defending the Aztecs' net and beginning the Aztecs' recent tradition of nationally-renowned goalkeepers.

Hall is listed third on the school's season saves list, recording 89 during the 1998 campaign. He is listed second on SDSU's career saves list with 213.

In June 1998, Hall represented SDSU at the Adidas Summer League, a prestigious camp designed for the nation's top collegiate players. He was one of 15 goalkeepers from across the country invited to participate in the clinic. He also had a strong professional career, playing with the San Diego Flash, which reached the quarterfinals of the A-League championships in 2001.

Hall completed his undergraduate degree at the University of San Diego in 2001. He resides in Pacific Beach with his wife Kelli.

KYLE SMITH



Assistant Coach First Season Santa Clara '99

Kyle Smith brings a wealth of knowledge into his first year as assistant coach at San Diego State.

Smith started out his career at San Diego State in 1996 before transfering to the Santa Clara for three seasons (1997-1999), splitting time at defender and midfielder.

While on Montezuma Mesa, Smith was a teammate of current assistant coach Matt Hall in 1996. Smith saw action in 15 games, receiving the start in nine of those contests, and scoring one goal in the process.

At Santa Clara, Smith helped the Broncos advance to the College Cup twice, reaching the national title match in 1999. He is a two-time all-West Coast Conference honorable mention selection and was named the 1999 Diadora Classic MVP. Smith played in 60 career matches, starting 58 of them.

In 2001, Smith joined the Seattle Sounders professional team out of the A-League in the United Soccer League. He showed himself to be an offensive force there when he led the 2003 team in scoring with 19 points in 27 games. When not playing professional, Smith was the head coach for two programs, the Evergreen Soccer Academy and Mercury Soccer Club.

The San Jose native makes his home in San Diego, where he lives with his wife Colleen.

RENE MIRAMONTES

Technical Director Fourth Season San Diego State '81

R ene Miramontes enters his third year with the San Diego State men's soccer program and will again advise the team on the technical aspects of the game.

A former SDSU standout, Miramontes was a four-year letterwinner with the Aztecs (1976-77 and 1979-80) as a defender. He captained the 1979-80 teams that achieved a combined record of 26-7-4, before he moved on to play semi-professionally for two years with the San Diego Internationals of the Western Alliance League.

Miramontes has served as a soccer coach, instructor and mentor since he was named an assistant coach at Cuyamaca College in 1986. That same year, he became the coaching director for the United Soccer Association in El Cajon. Miramontes was born in Los Angeles and raised in Guadalajara, Mexico, before moving to San Diego as a youth. He served as Cuyamaca's men's assistant for eight years before becoming head coach from 1994-95.

In 1993, Miramontes earned the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's National Coach of the Year award and also received both regional and state coach of the year awards from U.S. Soccer's Youth Association. Miramontes was named U.S. Soccer's National Hispanic Coaching Coordinator in 1995.

Miramontes was an assistant coach for the Colorado Rapids of Major League Soccer from 1997-2000. During his tenure he assisted the Rapids to a 63-61-4 mark over four seasons.

Miramontes holds a U.S.S.F. A License, the highest license attainable for U.S. coaches, since 1988. He currently serves as director and lead instructor at La Mesa-based Advanced Soccer Concepts and with the Alliance Soccer Club.

Rene lives in San Diego with his wife, Liz, and his two sons, Alex (19) and Eric (15).

