



# SMU MEN'S SOCCER

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## SCHEDULE

OVERALL: 6-8-0 (HOME: 5-5-0; AWAY 1-3-0; NEUTRAL 0-0-0)  
AMERICAN: 2-3-0 (HOME: 1-2-0; AWAY 1-1-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Results
Aug 26	Michigan State	L 2-1
Aug 29	Incarnate Word	W 3-0
Sept 2	Western Illinois	W 2-1
Sept 4	American	L 3-1
Sept 9	Providence	L 1-0
Sept 11	Brown	L 2-0
Sept 16	Santa Clara	L 1-0
Sept 19	Akron	Wot 4-3
Sept 24	Tulsa*	L 3-0
Sept 27	Oral Roberts	W 3-1
Oct 1	UCF*	L 1-0
Oct 8	Temple*	L 1-0
Oct 15	Memphis*	W 4-0
Oct 23	Cincinnati*	W 1-0
Oct 29	USF*	7 p.m.
Nov 5	Connecticut*	6 p.m.
<b>American Athletic Conference Championship</b>		
Nov 11	Semifinals	TBD
Nov 13	Championship	TBD

Home matches in **bold** at Westcott Field; \*Conference match;  
^Exhibition; All times CT

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## THIS WEEK...

The SMU men's soccer team hosts USF Saturday night at 7:00 p.m., in its last home game of the season. Fans can find tickets by calling 214-SMU-GAME (214-768-4263) or visiting SMUMustangs.com/tickets. The match will air live on the American Digital Network with live stats available on SMUMustangs.com.

### Series History...

This game marks the seventh meeting between SMU and USF, dating back to 2004. The Mustangs trail in the series, 1-3-2 overall, with a 1-0-1 record when facing off in Dallas.

### The Last Time They Met...

The Mustangs tied with the Bulls, 2-2, last season in a double overtime draw in Tampa, Florida. It was the second consecutive year the match ended in a double overtime, 2-2, draw.

Mauro Cichero opened scoring in the 18th minute, netting a Bryce Clark corner kick.

In the 71st minute, the Mustangs struck again as Idi Camara headed in a Kevin Meinecke cross. Meinecke set up the goal after beating his defender and sending a cross deep into the box.

USF found the net late, scoring in the 77th and 86th minutes, to eventually push the match into overtime.

In the net for the Mustangs, goalkeeper Michael Nelson recorded four saves of the six shots on goal he faced.

### About SMU...

The Mustangs enter the match 6-8-0 overall (2-3-0 American), with a 5-5-0 record at home. Mauro Cichero, Brenden Lee and Garrett McLaughlin lead the Mustangs with three goals apiece. Cichero also leads the Mustangs in shots (40) and shots on goal (16). McLaughlin leads the team in points with nine, followed by Cichero (7) and Lee (6). Bryce Clark leads the Mustangs in assists with four. Eddie Munjoma and McLaughlin follow with two apiece.

Michael Nelson has tallied 46 saves with a 75.4 save percentage, while Nick Ruiz has recorded 10 saves with a 71.4 save percentage. Nelson has completed two consecutive shutouts in AAC play. The Mustangs have netted 19 goals on 173 attempts, and average 12.4 shots per game.

### The Last Time Out...

Jordan Cano headed a goal off a Bryce Clark corner kick in the 35th minute to give the Mustangs the 1-0 victory over Cincinnati Sunday night. The victory was SMU's second consecutive conference win.

The Mustangs outshot the Bearcats, 17-7, in a strong offensive attack. Mauro Cichero led the team with four shots and two on goal. Emil Cuello came off the bench to add three shots, while Taylor Curtis and Cano contributed two shots each.

SMU's defense preserved the second consecutive shutout of conference play. Senior Michael King, freshman Eddie Munjoma, Curtis and Cano anchored the backline that allowed only three shots on goal.

Michael Nelson tallied three saves in 90 minutes of play to record the second consecutive shutout. He now holds three clean sheets this year.

### American Standings...

The Mustangs are tied for fifth place overall in the American Athletic Conference. SMU is eighth in the AAC in points with 54, averaging 3.86 per game. SMU is tied for third in saves (56), fourth in shots (173), tied for sixth in goals (19), and eighth in assists (16).

Individually, Mauro Cichero is fourth in shots with 40. Cichero, Brenden Lee and Garrett McLaughlin are tied for ninth in goals with three apiece. Bryce Clark is tied for sixth in assists with four.

Michael Nelson is fourth in the The American in saves (46), saves per game (3.54), and save percentage with 75.4 percent. Nelson is seventh in shutouts with three. Nick Ruiz is 10th in saves with 10.

### About the Bulls...

USF holds a 7-6-2 (4-1-0 American) overall record, and a 2-4-0 record on the road. The Bulls' offensive attack is led by senior forward Nazeem Bartman, senior forward Melvin Becket and senior midfielder Lindo Mfeka. The trio has recorded 30 of the Bulls' total 56 points this season, combining for 10 of 18 goals and 10 of 20 assists.

USF's defense has given up 18 goals this season. Goalkeeper Spasoj Stefanovic holds a 1.32 goals against average and has tallied 43 saves in 12 games for the Bulls. The senior boasts a 72.9 save percentage and has six total shutouts this season.

As a team, USF has converted 18 of its 133 shots (13.5 percent), averaging 1.20 goals per game on 8.9 shots per match.

### Up Next...

The Mustangs travel to Connecticut Saturday Nov. 5, for their last game of conference play. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. ET/6 p.m. CT.

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