



SMU MEN'S SOCCER

30 NCAA TOURNAMENTS • 18 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS • 40 ALL-AMERICA SELECTIONS

SCHEDULE

OVERALL: 6-9-0 (HOME: 5-6-0; AWAY 1-3-0; NEUTRAL 0-0-0)
AMERICAN: 2-4-0 (HOME: 1-3-0; 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	W 4-3 (OT)
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*	L 1-0 (2OT)
Nov 5	Connecticut*	6 p.m.
American Athletic Conference Championship		
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 travels to Connecticut this weekend for its last regular season matchup. Kickoff is set for Saturday at 7 p.m. ET/6 p.m. CT. Fans can click [here](#) to find tickets. The match will air on HuskyVision with live stats available on UConnHuskies.com/gametracker.

Series History...

This is the ninth meeting between SMU and UConn, dating back to 1983. The Mustangs trail in the series, 2-6-0 overall, with a 0-3 record when facing off in Storrs, Conn.

The Last Time They Met...

SMU beat UConn, 1-0, last season in Dallas, which was the first win over the Huskies since the inaugural meeting in 1983.

Mauro Cichero scored in the 52nd minute to lead SMU to the victory. Cichero received a cross from Jared Rice off a free kick and headed it in to the left corner of the goal. Connecticut had a chance to score the equalizer in the 62nd minute off a penalty kick but missed high over the goal.

The Mustangs outshot Connecticut 17-11 overall, Cichero and Brenden Lee led the team with four shots apiece. Caleb Smith added two shots while Rice, Jordan Cano, Bryce Clark, Taylor Curtis, Idi Camara and Emil Cuello tallied one shot each to round out the total. In the net, Michael Nelson recorded five saves.

About SMU...

The Mustangs enter the match 6-9-0 overall (2-4-0 American), with a 1-3-0 record on the road. 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 three apiece.

Michael Nelson has tallied 50 saves with a 75.8 save percentage, while Nick Ruiz has recorded 10 saves with a 71.4 save percentage. Nelson has completed three total shutouts with two in AAC play. The Mustangs have netted 19 goals on 185 attempts, and average 12.3 shots per game.

The Last Time Out...

SMU fell to the USF Bulls, 1-0, last Saturday night in double overtime in Dallas. Still scoreless after regulation and the first overtime, SMU and USF headed to double OT. In the 103rd minute USF found a loose ball in a scrum of players roughly three yards from the goal line, and managed to find the back of the net.

SMU outshot the Bulls, 12-11. Bryce Clark, Garrett McLaughlin and Brenden Lee took all three shots on goal for the Mustangs. Lee led the team with three total shots. SMU's defense allowed only five shots on goal for the game. Michael Nelson tallied four saves in 103 minutes of play. The match marked the third consecutive year SMU and USF went to double overtime.

American Standings...

The Mustangs are currently ranked seventh in the American Athletic Conference. SMU is tied for third in saves (56), fourth in shots (173), tied for sixth in goals (19), and eighth in assists (16). SMU is eighth in the AAC in points with 54, averaging 3.60 per game.

Individually, Mauro Cichero is fourth in shots with 40. Brenden Lee is tied for 10th in goals per game (0.30). Bryce Clark is tied for sixth in assists with four.

Michael Nelson is tied for third in the The American in saves (50), third in saves per game (3.57), and fourth in save percentage with 75.8 percent. Nelson is seventh in shutouts with three. Nick Ruiz is 10th in saves with 10.

About the Huskies...

UConn holds a 11-6-0 (3-3-0 American) record, and a 7-2-0 record at home. The Huskies' offensive attack is led by sophomore forward Abdou Thiam, senior midfielder Kwame Awuah and junior defender Andrew Geres. The trio has recorded 43 of the Huskies' total 80 points this season, combining for 15 of 25 goals and 13 of 30 assists.

UConn's defense has given up 12 goals this season. Goalkeeper Scott Levene holds a 0.69 goals against average and has tallied 50 saves in 17 games for the Huskies. The junior boasts a 80.6 save percentage and has eight total shutouts this season.

As a team, Connecticut has converted 25 of its 178 shots (14.0 percent), averaging 1.47 goals per game on 10.5 shots per match.



SMU SOCCER FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location _____ Dallas, Texas
Founded _____ 1911
President _____ R. Gerald Turner
Director of Athletics _____ Rick Hart
University Athletic Representative _____ C. Paul Rogers
Enrollment _____ 10,981
Conference _____ American Athletic
School Nickname _____ Mustangs
Mascot _____ Peruna (a Shetland Pony)
Colors _____ Red (PMS 186) and Blue (PMS 286)

MUSTANG COACHING STAFF

Head Coach _____ Kevin Hudson (SMU '04)
Assistant Coaches _____ Alex Aldaz
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MUSTANG SOCCER FACTS

2015 Record _____ 15-3-4
2015 Final NSCAA Ranking _____ 11th
2015 Conference Record/Place _____ 7-0-1 / 1st
SMU All-Time Record (1975-2015) _____ 573-188-77
Home Field _____ Westcott Field (75 x 115)
Surface _____ Natural grass
Capacity: _____ 4,000



Former SMU standout Kevin Hudson returns for his second season as head coach in 2016. Hudson led the team to a 15-3-4 record last season and a NCAA Sweet Sixteen finish. Hudson spent seven seasons as an assistant coach before being named head coach and was promoted to associate head coach prior to the 2014 season after returning to the Hilltop in 2007.

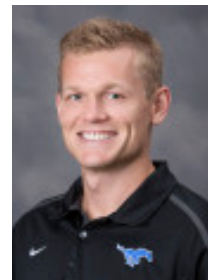
During Hudson's nine years on coaching staff, the Mustangs have reached the NCAA Tournament on five occasions, advancing as far as the Elite Eight in 2010. Last season, the Mustangs claimed their first American regular season championship, finishing 7-0-1 in conference play. The Mustangs have amassed a 87-48-20 (.625) record during Hudson's tenure.

On the field, Hudson has helped mentor a pair of NSCAA All-America Second-Team selections, as well as 14 All-Region honorees. At the conference level, three student-athletes have been selected as Player of the Year and 31 have been recognized as all-conference competitors.

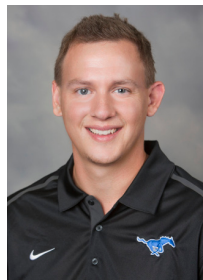
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Alex Aldaz
Assistant Coach



Dustin Norman
Assistant Coach



Brett Koziczowski
Assistant Coach



Austin Welch
Video Services



Brody Hickey
Undergraduate Student Assistant



2016 MUSTANGS

#	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Position	Class	Hometown / Last School
1	Michael Nelson	6-4	180	GK	RS-Jr.	Katy, Texas / Seven Lakes
2	Jordan Cano	6-1	170	D	Jr.	Frisco, Texas / Lone Star
4	Garrett Welch	5-10	175	D	Jr.	Richmond, Texas / Foster
5	Michael King	6-2	165	D	RS-Sr.	Spring, Texas / Klein Oak
6	Jared Rice	6-1	185	D	Jr.	Plano, Texas / Plano East
7	Taylor Curtis	5-11	167	D	Sr.	Dallas, Texas / Louisville
8	Caleb Smith	5-9	135	MF	So.	Arlington, Texas / Arlington Martin
10	A.J. Jeffries	6-1	178	MF	RS-Jr.	Downers Grove, Ill. / Downers Grove South
11	Christian Boorum	5-11	170	MF/F	So.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. / IMG Academy
13	Nick Ruiz	6-1	175	GK	RS-Sr.	La Crescenta, Calif. / Massachusetts
14	Mauro Cichero	6-3	175	MF	Jr.	Norman, Okla. / Norman North
15	Colten Habecker	6-1	175	F	RS-So.	Douglassville, Pa. / The Hill School
16	Kevin Meinecke	6-1	170	D	So.	Norwalk, Iowa / Shattuck St. Mary's
17	Tosh Yasuda	5-10	150	MF	Fr.	Las Cruces, N.M. / Lone Star
18	Patrick Michael Hillyard	6-1	165	GK	Fr.	Houston, Texas / Cinco Ranch
19	Emil Cuello	5-11	165	MF	So.	Orem, Utah / Orem
20	Gunnar Stray-Gundersen	6-0	155	F	RS-Fr.	Park City, Utah / Park City
21	Stanton Garcia	5-9	150	MF/F	Sr.	McKinney, Texas / McKinney
22	Bryce Clark	5-8	160	D	Jr.	Los Gatos, Calif. / Los Gatos
23	Brandon Guhl	6-0	165	F	Fr.	Houston, Texas / Clear Lake
24	Jacob Cohen	6-1	170	F/MF	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz. / Chaparral
25	Brenden Lee	5-6	139	D/MF	RS-Sr.	Frisco, Texas / Centennial
27	Abdul Yassine	5-9	165	F/MF	RS-Jr.	Garland, Texas / Brighter Horizons Academy
28	Boston Gilbert	6-0	160	MF	Fr.	San Antonio, Texas / San Antonio Christian
29	Grant Makela	6-4	180	GK	Fr.	Destin, Fla. / Fort Walton Beach
30	Garrett McLaughlin	6-0	165	F	Fr.	Oklahoma City, Okla. / Heritage Hall
31	Dwight Williams Jr.	5-9	150	MF	Fr.	Dallas, Texas / Fort Worth Country Day
32	Philip Ponder	6-1	170	D	Fr.	Denton, Texas / Lone Star
34	Eddie Munjoma	5-10	155	D	Fr.	Dallas, Texas / Lone Star

Pronunciation Guide

2	Jordan Cano	Kah-No
11	Christian Boorum	Boar-um
14	Mauro Cichero	Mar-o See-cha-row
16	Kevin Meinecke	My-nick-ee
17	Tosh Yasuda	Ya-su-da
19	Emil Cuello	Ee-Meal Quay-show
34	Eddie Munjoma	Moon-jo-ma
AC	Brett Koziczowski	Kah-zic-kow-ski