



SMU MEN'S SOCCER

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

SCHEDULE

OVERALL: 0-0 (HOME: 0-0; AWAY 0-0; NEUTRAL 0-0)
AMERICAN: 0-0 (HOME: 0-0; AWAY 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Results
Aug 26	Michigan State	7 p.m.
Aug 29	Incarnate Word	7 p.m.
Sept 2	Western Illinois	7 p.m.
Sept 4	American	7 p.m.
Sept 9	Providence	6 p.m.
Sept 11	Brown	12 p.m.
Sept 16	Santa Clara	8:30 p.m.
Sept 19	Akron	8 p.m.
Sept 24	Tulsa*	7 p.m.
Sept 27	Oral Roberts	7 p.m.
Oct 1	UCF*	6 p.m.
Oct 8	Temple*	7 p.m.
Oct 15	Memphis*	7 p.m.
Oct 23	Cincinnati*	7 p.m.
Oct 29	USF*	7 p.m.
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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2016 SEASON PREVIEW

This Week...

The SMU men's soccer team kicks off the 2016 season at home against Michigan State on Friday at 7 p.m. CT and Incarnate Word on Mon., Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. Fans can find tickets by calling 214-SMU-GAME (214-768-4263) or visiting SMUMustangs.com/tickets. All home matches will air on PonyUp TV. Live stats are also available on SMUMustangs.com.

Series History...

The Mustangs are 0-1 all-time against Michigan State. In 2014, No. 10 Michigan State hosted SMU where the Spartans edged the Mustangs 1-0. Against the Incarnate Word Cardinals, SMU is 2-0. The last meeting between the two teams was in 2015 where the Mustangs won 2-0.

Preseason Recognition...

The Mustangs were picked as the preseason favorite to repeat their American Athletic Conference championship. Mauro Cichero was named to the preseason MAC Hermann watch list. The junior was a semifinalist for the award last season. Four Mustangs were named to the preseason All-Conference team. Cichero was unanimously voted preseason Offensive Player of the Year. Michael Nelson was named preseason Goalkeeper of the Year, his second consecutive season receiving the honor. Jordan Cano and Jared Rice were both named to the American preseason All-Conference team.

New Faces For A New Season...

The Mustangs return decorated senior and junior classes this season, while adding 10 freshmen to the 2016 roster led by Garrett McLaughlin. McLaughlin comes to the Hilltop as a two-time Oklahoma Gatorade Player of the Year (2015 & 2016). Patrick Michael Hillyard was named Texas 6A First-Team All-State Goalkeeper and MVP in 2016. Brandon Guhl joins the Mustangs as the top high school scorer in the state of Texas last season. Two representatives of the US Youth National team also join the squad in Dwight Williams Jr. and Eddie Munjoma.

Major Matches...

SMU will face several top tier clubs in the 2016 season, starting with an NCAA Sweet Sixteen rematch vs. No. 2 Akron on Mon., Sept. 19 at 8 p.m. CT. In conference play, the Mustangs take on No. 19 USF at Westcott Field on Sat., Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. CT. The match is set to broadcast on the American Digital Network. Other matches against teams receiving Top 25 votes include: American, Santa Clara, Tulsa, and Connecticut.

Scouting the Spartans...

Michigan State is led by sophomore forward Ryan Sierakowski, junior defender Jimmy Fiscus and junior midfielder Ken Krolicki. All three were named to the Big Ten men's soccer preseason honors list. Sierakowski finished fourth in the Big Ten and first for the Spartans in goals that season with seven. He was named to the 2015 freshman All-Big Ten team and became the first true freshman to score more than six goals in a season since 2001. He also tallied three assists and led the Spartans in points with 17. Fiscus started in all 19 matches last season and recorded 11 shots from the back line. Krolicki started in 18 games for MSU as a valuable member of the midfield last season. He finished third on the team in points with seven and tied for second on the team in shots with 37.

About the Cardinals...

The Incarnate Word Cardinals are led by senior forward Ben Conway and senior defender Joe Brown. Conway, a second-team 2015 All-Western Athletic Conference selection, played in all 16 of the Cardinals' games in 2015 and was second on the team for goals (7) and points (17). Brown was an intricate part of the back line that anchored the Cardinal defense last season, leading UIW to three shutouts. He started in all of the Cardinals' 16 games in 2015 and played the entire 90 minutes in 13 games, leading the team in minutes with 1,377.

Up Next...

The Mustangs take on Western Illinois Fri., Sept. 2 at Westcott Field. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. CT.



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
_____ Dustin Norman (Recruiting Coordinator)
_____ Brett Koziczowski
Director of Operations _____ Austin Welch
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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.

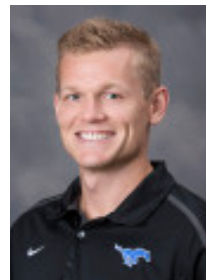
During Hudson's nine years on coaching staff, the Mustangs have reached the NCAA Tournament on five occasions, advancing as far as the Elite Eight in 2010. Last season, the Mustangs claimed their first American regular season championship, finishing 7-0-1 in conference play. The Mustangs have amassed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

Extended bio can be found on SMUMustangs.com.



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
3	Benjamin Joseph	5-11	165	MF	RS-Jr.	Austin, Texas / St. Stephen's Episcopal
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/MF	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	F	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	MF	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 / Fort Worth Country Day
32	Philip Ponder	6-1	170	D	Fr.	Dallas / Lone Star
34	Eddie Munjoma	5-10	155	D	Fr.	Dallas / Lone Star

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