



SMU MEN'S SOCCER

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

SCHEDULE

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

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	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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THIS WEEK...

The SMU men's soccer team hosts the Akron Zips Monday at 8:00 p.m. CT. 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...

Monday night's contest against the Zips presents a rematch of last season's NCAA Sweet 16 game in Akron, Ohio. The Zips barely defeated the Mustangs in a 2-1 decision, advancing to the Quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament. All-time versus Akron, SMU is 1-3-0 overall.

The Last Time They Met...

The Mustangs barely dropped a 2-1 decision to then-No. 5 Akron in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament last season at FirstEnergy Stadium Cub Cadet Field in Akron, Ohio.

The Mustangs' goal came in the 32nd minute after forcing the Zips to score an own goal off a Bryce Clark corner kick. Akron's first goal was in the 25th minute after Goncalo Soares received a cross from teammate Stuart Holthusen and punched it in from six yards out. The Zips' second goal came in the 43rd minute after an SMU own goal.

Goalkeeper Michael Nelson tallied nine saves in the net for SMU, tying his 2015 season high.

About SMU...

The Mustangs are currently 2-5-0, with a 2-3-0 record at home. Brenden Lee leads all Mustangs with three goals. Mauro Cichero is second with two goals in 16 total shots. Lee also leads the team in shots on goal percentage with 53.8 percent. Bryce Clark leads in assists with two. Garrett McLaughlin, Emil Cuello, Christian Boorum and DJ Williams each have one assist as well.

Michael Nelson has played all 90 minutes in every match up for the Mustangs, tallying 31 saves with a 75.6 save percentage. The Mustangs have netted seven goals on 79 attempts and average 11.3 shots per game.

American Standings...

After seven non-conference matchups, the Mustangs rank sixth in the AAC in points with 20, averaging 2.86 per game. SMU is second in saves (31) averaging 4.43 per game, tied for third in shots (79) averaging 11.29 per game, tied for fifth in goals (7) averaging 1.00 per match, and tied for sixth in assists (6) averaging 0.86 per game.

Individually, Brenden Lee is tied for fourth in the American with six total points, averaging 0.86 per game. Lee is tied for second in goals, with three, while Mauro Cichero is tied for sixth with two. Bryce Clark is tied for fourth in assists with two, averaging 0.29 per game. Michael Nelson is third in save percentage with 75.6 percent and tied for first in saves with 31 and tied for second in saves per game averaging 4.43 saves per match.

About the Zips...

The No. 16 Akron Zips are 5-2-0 overall this season with a 1-2-0 record on the road. The Zips have played five top-10 ranked teams this season, posting a 3-2-0 record. The defending 2015 Mid-American Conference champions are led by senior midfielder Adam Najem, sophomore Ezana Kahsay and freshman midfielder Skye Harter. Harter has two goals this season on three total shots (66.7 percent). Najem has scored twice on 18 total shots, while Kahsay has 15 total attempts, netting two goals of his own.

As a team, the Zips have converted nine of their 45 shots on goal, averaging 1.29 goals per game. Sophomore goalkeeper Ben Lundt has tallied 23 saves this season, a 74.2 save percentage. He has allowed eight goals. Akron tied Stanford in the second semifinal of the 2015 College Cup. Stanford advanced to the National Final on PK's, 8-7.

Up Next...

The Mustangs host their first American Athletic Conference opponent, Tulsa, Saturday Sept. 24. Kickoff is set for 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
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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.

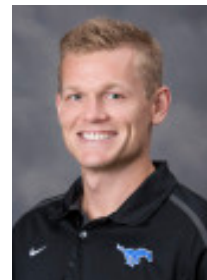
During Hudson's nine years on coaching staff, the Mustangs have reached the NCAA Tournament on five occasions, advancing as far as the Elite Eight in 2010. Last season, the Mustangs claimed their first American regular season championship, finishing 7-0-1 in conference play. The Mustangs have amassed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

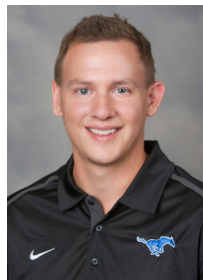
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Alex Aldaz
Assistant Coach



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