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## SDSU Men Rank 37th, Women 30th in Nation

### • HERE'S THE SCORE:

- This is the first edition of ATR, a newsletter for San Diego State tennis players, alumni, and friends.
- Our mailing list starts at 121 readers in 11 states and 4 foreign countries.
- We want your stories, pictures, ideas, comments, and corrections. Send to John Martin, 1528 Corcoran St., NW, Washington, DC 20009.

In early April, San Diego State's men's and women's tennis teams found themselves in an unusual parallel: Both ranked 32d in the nation in their respective divisions in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's ratings.

This was a step down from the computerized ladder for both teams. Alex Waske of Frankfurt, Germany, and Adam Webster of Santa Barbara had led the Aztec men to 24th nationally, with a 6-1 record, including a victory over Fresno State.

But upsets by Tulsa, Kansas, and UNLV (twice) plus a defeat by #6 SMU brought the men back to earth with a



Waske

14-5 record.

The Aztec men finished regular season play at 37th nationally. The Aztec women, with a 14-8 record, finished 30th. Both teams were headed for the NCAA playoffs. (ITA's computer ranked cross-town rival USD higher, at 24th, even though the Aztec women defeated USD in late April.)

Led by Sarah Donovan (72d nationally) in singles and by Donovan and Maggie Cole in doubles, SDSU ranked ahead of Iowa,



Kansas, Virginia, and Illinois. Donovan, of London, England, and Cole, of Santa Cruz, raised their doubles ranking 15 places (34th to 19th) before finishing at 26th in the May ITA listings.



Webster

Waske (34th nationally) was named to the all-conference first team. This was San Diego State's swan song in the WAC. Next year, the Aztecs join the Air Force, Brigham Young, Colorado State, New Mexico, UNLV, Utah, and Wyoming in the new Mountain West Conference.

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## Dozens of Aztec Alumni Tackling Business of Tennis

More than 30 San Diego State men's tennis alumni are working in the business of tennis, from coast to coast and overseas. Here's a quick survey:

At least four Aztecs are playing the ATP satellite circuit: **Kelly Nygaard** (1993-94), **Steve Adamson** (1994-

98), **Eric Faulk** (1995-98), and **Bobby Hrdina** (1996-98).

**Ned Eames** (1979-83) runs Boston Tennis League, a non-profit program teaching 800 underprivileged students the skills of tennis and academic achievement.

**Rod Saludo** (1989-90) is tennis director for the 11,000

members of the Jewish Community Center in Houston, Texas. **Chris Numbers** (1991-93, 95) coaches Hong Kong's Davis Cup and Federation Cup teams.

**Scott Del Mastro** (1990-91) is a partner in the International Tennis Academy at Del

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This band of happy Aztecs was on its way to San Jose, circa 1975. But it could have been any year. For more than 50 years, San Diego State has been on the college tennis map.

Even at a glance, we are an interesting group: **George Holland** (1946) defended Pearl Harbor under attack Dec. 7, 1941.

**Jeff Belloli** (1990-91), an SDSU All-American, competed at Wimbledon in 1996 in doubles. **Richard Stoakes** (1980-84) plays at Wimbledon as a member of the All-England Club.

**Dane Chapin** (1977-78) runs a company that sells special board games and theme versions of

## The Way To San Jose, Circa 1975



Monopoly. **Brian Sours** (1977-79) publishes magazines serving the video games industry.

**Julio Noriega** (1984-89) lives in Lima, Peru; he is a partner with 20th Century

Fox and Warner Brothers in South American ventures.

**Louis Lab** (1955-56), an engineer with a Ph.D. in nutrition, is a published author living in Ramona.

**Bill Jack** (1956-60) is

senior deputy general manager of the Industrial Bank of Japan in Los Angeles.

**Larry Belinsky** (1973-76) (third from left; he provided the picture) owns Country Furniture Faire in San Diego.

**Frank Morgan** (1994-98) is national accounts manager for First National Net, outside Houston, Texas.

There is more to tell. We are doctors, lawyers, real estate brokers, stock sellers, a minister, even a screenwriter.

This edition of **ATR** emphasizes the men. In coming issues, we'll learn about the women, too, including no fewer than 13 All Americans.

Who and where are we? Let's find out together.

• **John Martin** (1957)

## The Soul of a New Venture

*Reality was taking a nibble: "Now I fix the windscreens and take out the garbage," Gallaway said.*

Hunter Gallaway (1990) was excited, talking by phone from east of San Francisco: "I just bought a club! It was his first week as owner and proprietor of the Lafayette Tennis Club.

"We're resurfacing, putting in new furniture, a fitness program. I'm bringing my juniors," he said, explaining that he is moving the Hunter Gallaway Tennis Academy from Tracy, in the Central Valley, to the Bay Area.

After glory days playing in Europe and Asia, it was a big switch. Reality was taking a nibble: "Now I fix the



windscreens and take out the garbage," he said. But like many Aztecs, Gallaway clearly sees his future in the business of tennis. It's in the family. His father and uncle both taught at

John Gardiner's Tennis Ranch in Carmel Valley near Pebble Beach.

"We looked into purchasing Gardiner's," he said. How much would it cost? "I'm not sure, maybe five million."

The phone went quiet. He was crunching numbers, calculating how much it will take to earn his way up the ownership ladder.

Will someone please alert the All-England Club?

Hunter Gallaway, Esquire, will be along shortly with an offer.

## Aztecs Tackling Business of Tennis (continued)

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Ray Beach, Florida, where he is director of sports science.

**Reed Anderson** (1973-75) runs the Reed Anderson Tennis Schools at the Westin Hotel in Palm Desert, Ca, and Sunriver Resort in Oregon.

**Bobby Ray** (1960-62) and his wife, **Hiroko**, operate Rayco Tennis, the biggest retail and mail order tennis

business in the West.

**Greg Caledonia** (1979) runs Advantage Tennis Courts, which has built 700 courts in Hawaii, California, Colorado, and Montana.

At least four Aztecs coach college tennis: **Ryan Johnston** (1994-95) is head coach at UN Reno; **Jun Hernandez** (1993-95) is assistant coach at USD; and **George Husack** (1988-91) is assistant coach

at the University of Santa Clara. **Matt Iandolo** (Assistant Coach, 1985-86) is women's coach at Purdue, where he was Big Ten coach of the year in 1998.

Aztecs direct tennis at major clubs and resorts: **Troy Collins** (1980-83) coached on the ATP tour and has served on the advisory staffs of

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**Reed Anderson**  
(1973-75)

## Where Are We Now? The Great Search, 1942-1999 (Part One)

1940

### George Holland (1946)

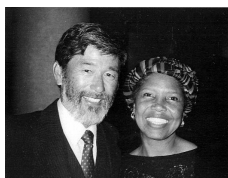
served the SDSU Athletic Department in sports medicine for 27 years. He is a retired dentist living with his wife, **Beverly**, in Santee. In 1940, on graduation from



Hoover High School, he was called to active duty as a National Guardsman. With others from San Diego, he helped defend Pearl Harbor under attack on Dec. 7, 1941.

1950

**Tad Yamaguchi (1958)**, a retired physical education instructor and UC San Diego tennis coach (1973-79), remains active in community tennis and ranks No. 1 in San Diego 60s Mixed Doubles with **Ros King**, his partner for 14 years.



1960

**John Cheney (1964)** taught tennis at Canyon Crest Country Club in Riverside, ran a tennis shop in San Bernardino. One claim to fame: He played Stan Smith in an exhibition when Smith was No. 1 in the world. He lives in El Cajon,



1970

**Gene Lachelt (1975-79)** is a summer fisherman in Alaska and a winter electrician in Nevada, where he lives with his wife, **Vladka**. She works in the jewelry business.

1980

**Bill Kearsley (1988-89)** has a master's degree in criminal justice from Champlain State University but prefers the out of doors as an ocean life-guard at Waikiki Beach. He lives in Honolulu, where he stays in shape in hopes of passing the test to be a fireman.



1990

**Bobby Hrdina (1996-98)** the San Diego college player of the year, has been competing on the ATP Satellite Circuit, traveling first to Cuba and Mexico, then joining the USA1 schedule in the south. He lives in San Diego; his friend, **Yuko Hayashi**, supplied our photo.



Now

**Travis Hasson (1999)** is from San Luis Obispo and was recruited to play at SDSU through the efforts of former Aztec coach **Hugh Bream (1988-93)**, his coach as a junior. Hasson is majoring in kinesiology, the study of human movement (see at right), with an eye to becoming an exercise physiologist.



## The Business of Tennis: Aztecs Coast to Coast and Overseas

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Prince and KSWISS; he runs the tennis program at Sunny Hills Racquet Club, Fullerton.

**Nick Getz (1980-85)** is tennis director at Hillcrest Country Club in Los Angeles; **Bill Fallon (1973-74)** at the Hyatt Hotel, Incline Village, NV; and **Russell Myers (1986-88)** at the Kfar Shmariyahu Country Club, outside Tel Aviv, Israel.

**Dana Gill (1987-90)** runs Lifetime Tennis, which supplies pros to municipal tennis programs in Cupertino and Milpitas, Ca.

**Tole Marinkovic (1989-90)** is head pro at two clubs: Bobby Riggs, in Encinitas, and the Indian Ridge Resort, in Palm Desert. **Jim Ault (1986, 88)** teaches at the Barnes Center in Ocean Beach.

**Ed Collins (1966-69)**, who coached USD from 1973 to 1996, runs the Ed Collins Academy and wrote *Watch the Ball, Bend Your Knees, That'll Be 20 Dollars, Please*.

**John Cost (1985-88)** is a pro at the Malibu Racquet Club. **Mike Paradowski (1992-95)** and **Kerry Safdie (1990-93)** teach at the San

Diego Tennis and Racquet Club. **Tom Penner (1981-83)** writes screenplays and teaches in La Mirada, Ca.

**Mark Rifenburg (1981-84)** teaches paddle tennis at the Bel Air Bay Club in Pacific Palisades.

Three former Aztec coaches direct tennis: **Hugh Bream (1989-93)**, at the Avila Bay Club in Avila Beach, Ca; **Ken Kuperstein** (assistant coach, 1990-91), at the Shadow Mountain Resort in Palm Desert and the Aspen Club in Colorado; and **Skip Redondo (1977-88)** at the

Weil Tennis Academy in Ojai.

**Powell Blankenship (1958)**, San Diego's top male teaching pro, is in his 38th year at the Pacific Beach Tennis Club. He is publishing an illustrated guide to the mental game of tennis.



**Powell Blankenship (1958)**



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Dear Reader:

Women's intercollegiate tennis at SDSU is more than a quarter-century old and has created a tradition of excellence.

Whether you are a current or former member of the team, an SDSU student or alum, or just a tennis fan, please join us for the fun of seeing top-flight intercollegiate tennis.

Sincerely,  
Peter Mattera

Head Coach, SDSU Women's Tennis



Spring, 1999

Dear Reader:

San Diego State has the potential of producing the finest men's and women's tennis teams in the country.

As players, alumni, and friends, you are our most valuable resource. Come to the matches and share our effort. With your help, we can all realize our goals.

Sincerely,  
John Nelson

Head Coach, SDSU Men's Tennis



## Tennis Complex Due in 3-4 Years

Armed with a generous gift, San Diego State is preparing to build a \$3 million tennis complex featuring a stadium court seating up to 3,500 fans.

The complex will contain 12 to 16 courts for match and practice play. One is to be enclosed in a stadium with 2,000 permanent seats and space for 1,500 portable seats.

Construction is still three to four years away, according to SDSU Site Manager Vance Redfern, citing other projects that will be built first. The funds are a gift from Becky and John Moores of San Diego.

## Two Aztecs Struggle to Help One Make the Team

Bill Fallon (1973-74) remembers meeting Larry Belinsky (1973-76) for the first time on a practice court in Berkeley.

Then one day after both moved to San Diego, Fallon got a call. Belinsky (at right) wanted to make the team at SDSU, but had a problem: He had been diagnosed with viral meningitis.

My weight had dropped from 165 to 130, Belinsky says. I could barely walk. I had to use handicapped parking.

Fallon (1973-74) remembers: He asked me to hit some balls. It was brutal.

With Belinsky at the baseline, Fallon tossed



balls from the net.

He was like a beginner, Fallon says. But Belinsky was determined, endlessly pushing himself to perform.

He made a fantastic recovery, says Fallon, who now runs ski and tennis programs at the Hyatt Hotel in Incline Village, Nevada.

As his strength returned, Belinsky regained control of his body. He made me a stronger person, he says, but it was a time to move (my) tennis to a higher level.

In 1974, at the NCAA

Championships in Corpus Christi, Belinsky and his partner, Mario Parker, won their first match. Their coach, Gene Templeton, told them they had earned San Diego State's first points in an NCAA tennis championship.

Belinsky, now a furniture company owner in San Diego, is still a determined competitor: Last year, he ranked 15th in the United States, 3d in Southern California, and 1st in San Diego in men's 40 singles.

This year, Belinsky is reaching for a top ten USTA ranking in men's 45 singles.