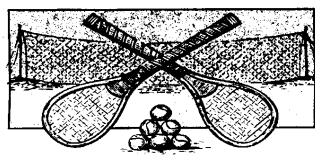


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Resort, WTA Vets Raising Aztec \$\$\$

A San Diego country club resort and a women's tour veterans group are raising Aztec tennis money.

The Fairbanks Ranch Country Club has pledged \$9,000 a year for five years for SDSU men's tennis scholarships.

Fairbanks Tennis Director Andy Volkert (1980-83) has also challenged ten other clubs to match its commitment. The ranch collected some money by staging a pro-am event.

The WTA veterans plan a reunion during the NCAA Team Tennis Championships Sept 28-30. San Diego State and the University of San Diego are hosting the top 16 co-ed teams.

The former WTA players plan a cocktail party at 6 p.m. Sept. 28 at Barnes Tennis Center and a tennis round-robin and golf tournament at 8 a.m. Sept. 29 at the Doubletree Carmel Mountain Resort.

Proceeds from \$125 entry fees will go to the Athletic Council for Education, and to SDSU and USD tennis.

Players and others who wish to contribute may contact the organizer, Gretchen Magers, at 619-222-6254.

Aztecs Confront Gods of Tennis at Wimbledon



Art Seitz Photo

RAIN STOPPERS: Three Australians dressed as the Gods of Volley, Forehand, and Lob hold back the rain at Wimbledon, where Aztecs Alex Waske and Gretchen Magers competed.

Diary: 'Break, Easy Hold, Shake Hands!'

Editor's Note: Aztec Alex Waske of Germany (1998-2000) emails his tour diary to ATR.

Wednesday, May 30, 2001

Hi there! I just won my first round in singles at the future in Oberweier, Germany, 3-6 6-1 3-0 ret. I played Franz Stauder,

my doubles partner. He was up 6-3 and a break point in the first game. He didn't make it, I broke him, he got frustrated, and then his knee started hurting! Maybe his knee belongs to his head, but I hope the pain goes away

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Waske Wins Round In a Bid to Qualify; Magers in an Upset

Aztecs Alex Waske (1998-2000) and Gretchen Magers (Volunteer Coach, 1993-94) scored victories on the hallowed grass of Wimbledon 2001.

Magers and Wendy Turnbull of Australia upset the top-seeded team of Helena Sukova of the Czech Republic, and Yvonne Vermaak of South Africa, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, in the Ladies 35 doubles quarterfinals.

In the semifinals, Magers and Turnbull fell to Jo Durie of Britain and Mima Jausovec of Slovakia, 7-5, 2-6, 6-4.

Waske defeated Olivier Mutis of France, 7-5 6-4, in the first round of Gentlemen's singles qualifying tournament.

This guy has an unbelievable touch and returned so well that he made me stay back on my second serve,+

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Arthur Ashe's Library: Lessons of Life and Tennis

WASHINGTON · Less than a mile from the White House, the spirit of Arthur Ashe resides in a library of 3,000 books · none of them about tennis.

The Arthur R. Ashe, Jr. Foreign Policy Library was established in 1993, in the final months of Ashe's life, by TransAfrica, a civil rights lobbying group.

Ashe sat on its board, says Mwiza Munthali, the library's information director:

He was aware of the (library) project, even though he never saw it.+

Ashe won the NCAA sin-



ATR Staff Photo

PORTRAIT: Arthur Ashe, Jr.

gles title in 1965 as a student at UCLA, which rarely, if ever, played San Diego State in the

1960s. But to Aztecs of a certain age, he represents a legendary figure who straddles the worlds of tennis, international affairs, and civil rights.

Ashe was fascinated with the complexities of life and tennis and the way they might mirror each other.

As there are ups and downs in life, things tend to ebb and flow like sets in a tennis match, + Ashe wrote in 1980 in a notebook he shared with Neil Amdur, now sports editor of The New York Times.

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1938 Aztec Tennis Team

Satellite location devices for determining how far in the world your golf ball has gone? Surely golfers cannot use high technology of this sort and still claim they are engaged in a genuine athletic endeavor.

Golf is a good walk spoiled, but is it anything more? (We enjoy defying the universal wisdom that golf is wonderful. And we're not alone: Skeptics can visit the irreverent website: tigerwoodsisgod.com).

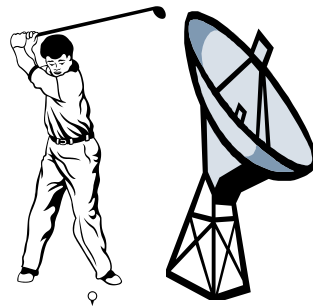
Writer Jonathan Kronstadt asks: Is golf a real sport?

With no agent, no sponsors, and no endorsements, he answers: It is not a sport, and the list of reasons...is not limited to the following ten:

Golf: Give Me 10 Good Reasons

To start, we'll list his front nine: 1) There's no goalie, 2) golfers never run, 3) golf is played (even at the highest level) in regular clothing, 4) it's too easy, 5) it takes too long, 6) you're not allowed to play defense, 7) there's a golf channel (among sports, only golf has its own), 8) you can practice it in your office, and 9) all that golf junk.

These facts are brutally and joyfully examined by



Kronstadt in a *Washington Post* column headlined: "That's a Sport, I'm Ernest Hemingway."

His tenth reason for saying that golf is only a game should give tennis players pause for another good laugh.

The fans have to be quiet, writes Kronstadt. We agree that golf requires intense concentration, but that doesn't make it a sport, it makes it outdoor chess.

Tennis fans have to be quiet, too, but that's just because the players are ill-tempered teenagers with armed entourages.

It's fear, not courtesy, says Kronstadt, that keeps tennis fans quiet.

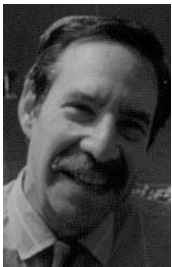
Tennis is a sport, he concludes, because stay with me here - the ball moves and the players run. Ironically, the only people who run at a pro golf tournament are the fans.

Frankly, some of our best friends are golfers and we salute them: Even if they rarely break a sweat, they still think they're athletes.

John Martin (1957)

Dear ATR: Cheerleading for the Division III Model of College Sports

Dear ATR: My book, *Beer & Circus* (See So, Is It All-ESPN All the Time? +ATR, Vol 3, No 4) implies but does not make clear enough: I support the Division III model of college sports, i.e., actual students participating in a recreational activity that helps organize their lives and provides lots of fun and discipline and a healthy peer network.



Sperber

I have also found this situation in the lower parts of Division I, particularly in non-revenue sports like tennis (San Diego State tennis probably qualifies for the above description -- although,

Dear ATR: I got the (latest) *Aztec Tennis Reporter* (Vol 3, No 3) and it's great.

**D.G. Templeton
Santa Fe, NM**

The writer is the widow of Gene Templeton, Aztec men's tennis coach (1970 to 1978).

if it has ambitious coaches and high-powered recruiting, maybe not).

Newsletters like yours do not have to perpetuate the Jock Culture; in fact, you can do a great service by supporting the last bastion of truly amateur collegiate sports culture (described above).

I am certain that your newsletter is far different from the Aztec football newsletter which, no doubt, glorifies the program in all possible ways and promises bigger and better things in future. That is mindless perpetuation of the Jock Culture. But a serious newsletter that also discusses the academic careers of the athletes--their successes and their problems--is a nice counter-balance.

It also counter balances the attacks on all college sports that emanate from various academics. Those attacks tend to be rather elitist and their premise is that intercollegiate sports do not belong within the academy. I don't

Coming this fall: SDSU Executive Athletic Director Rick Bay responds to Murray Sperber



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believe that and I'm sure that you don't either.

As a Cal-Berkeley grad, I think of Aztec tennis as rather benign, to say the least.

Not even as

high-powered as (Cal) was, never mind Stanford or USC, which barely pretended to send the players to class before they joined the pro tour.

I never blame the students for their lack of education, but I condemn the system run by the adults, i.e., administrators and faculty. Indeed, I try to set up and run my courses so that students can learn as much as possible in them.

I also generally get good results--and I grade hard and set up assignments and tests so that plagiarism is almost impossible.

**Murray Sperber
Bloomington, IN**

P.S. How well I remember Air Coryell and going to Aztec games in San Diego. I bet your readers miss those days, but there is no way that

they can return considering how the rich in college football have set up a system whereby they keep getting richer and the poor schools like San Diego State can go to hell. Too bad, but time to move on.

The writer is a professor of English and American Studies currently on leave from the faculty of Indiana University.

Dear ATR: Thanks very much for *Aztec Tennis Reporter*. I really appreciate receiving it.

**Carmack Berryman
(1935-38)
San Diego, CA**

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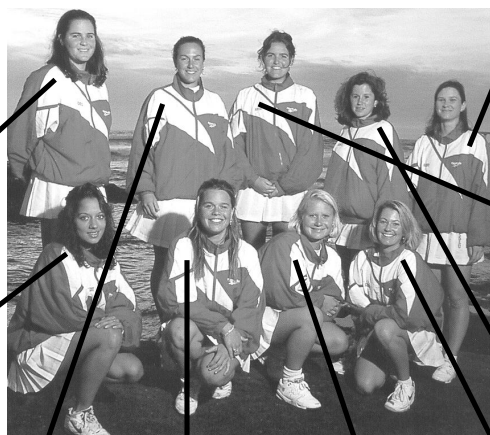
Where Are We Now? The Great Search Continues (1942-2001)

1996 San Diego State Women's Tennis Team

Holly Meyers : I was in the Peace Corps in Zimbabwe for two years; I've been surfing in Bali, and I'm headed to Honduras to teach for a year.

Jeanette Bhagandas (1994-98): I teach tennis 15-20 hours a week at the La Jolla Y and sing professionally (R&B pop and Caribbean). My stage name is Triniti; my CD for Capitol will probably be called "A Brand New Breed of Woman."

Maggie Cole (1997-99): I'm living in Santa Cruz, teaching tennis, coaching tennis camps, and playing tennis tournaments (the Cal Open) and thinking of playing more tournaments!



Tamara Bridges (1993-97): I'm acting in soaps (*General Hospital* and *Passions*), studying with a *Days of Our Lives* director, and living in Hermosa Beach. I like acting because it's like tennis: competitive.

Merete (Molly) Lindahl (1996-98): I work for a pharmaceutical company in Denmark. My fiancé, Peter Edelson, is center director of the NFL's Youth Education Town in San Diego.

Sarah Donovan (1996-99): I'm working in London as a law firm paralegal and playing club and county tennis but I'd love to get back to San Diego! Job anyone?

Simone Howard (1996-98): I coach tennis at Santana High, substitute teach and tend bar in Pacific Beach, where I live with my husband, Jason Vasquez (he's the owner of Aztec Tan).

Emma Doyle (1994-97): I'm working for a Dublin stock brokerage in corporate finance and just won the Irish National Doubles Championship! (I got to the singles semifinals, too!).

Christy Propstra (1993-96): I'm a children's therapist in Long Beach (commuting from Corona Del Mar) and playing a few doubles tournaments with my sister.

Washington's Ashe Library: Complexities of Life and Tennis

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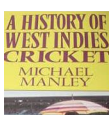
live life like Ken Rosewall played his final match against Rod Laver in the 1968 Pacific Southwest, Ashe wrote.

He won the first set, 7-5, then he never won another game - the last two sets were 6-0, 6-0. Four years later, he again faced Laver in the finals of the WCT playoffs in Dallas.

He was down in the tie-breaker, 5-4, in the fifth set... Laver served (twice) to Ken's backhand and Ken won both points. He then served out the match. Two different kinds of matches, two different mental attitudes.

Ashe called it the ultimate analogy between sports and life.

It seems to go through my existence in stages, Ashe told Amdur. And just as no one could have imagined that Rosewall could not have won an-



ATR Staff Photos

ASHE: Director Munthali, above; Researcher Lindsay Reed.

other game, life also juxtaposes many completely unrelated experiences.

Ashe died in 1993 after complications from a tainted blood transfusion in the 50th year of a gentle, caring, purposeful life.

The Ashe library reflects an unexpected combination: A sports figure's name affixed to a scholarly institution.

We did not name the library because of his tennis skills,

Munthali says, but for his work as a writer and activist.

Ashe, who won Forest Hills (1968), Australia (1970) and Wimbledon (1975), worked to help South Africans gain majority rule, then turned to the plight of Haitian refugees. He was arrested in front of the White House on Sept. 9, 1992, protesting their treatment.

By Munthali's estimate, about 2,000 visitors - ordinary

citizens, students, government staffers, documentary film buffs, journalists - came to the library's Beaux Arts-style building last year.

The library's foreign policy books focus on Africa and the Caribbean and the worldwide dispersal of slaves.

But there are unusual exceptions: *The Conjure-Man Dies, a Mystery Tale of Dark Harlem*, by Rudolph Fisher, and *The Black Panther Party Reconsidered*, a pictorial history by William Loren Katz.

The 90 books in the Michael Manley collection (he was prime minister of Jamaica, 1972-80 and 1989-92) include *A History of West Indies Cricket*, a 1988 study written by none other than Manley himself.

In death, it seems, Arthur Ashe presides over a search for the juxtaposed meanings of life, on and off the court.

2 Aztecs Score At Wimbledon

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Waske said after the match.

The key to Waske's victory over Mutis, ranked 220 by the ATP, was mental toughness: "Mentally he had a lot of ups and downs, which I used and beat him."

Waske lost to Ivo Heuberger, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5, in the second qualifying round, despite breaking his Swiss opponent's serve twice in the third set. Heuberger also defeated Waske, 6-2, 7-5 at the Australian Open in January.

Magers served as an Aztec volunteer coach in 1993-94 for Carol Plunkett and Peter Mattera. She was the top-ranked junior in the world in 1982 and reached the Wimbledon quarterfinals in 1989, losing to Martina Navratilova.

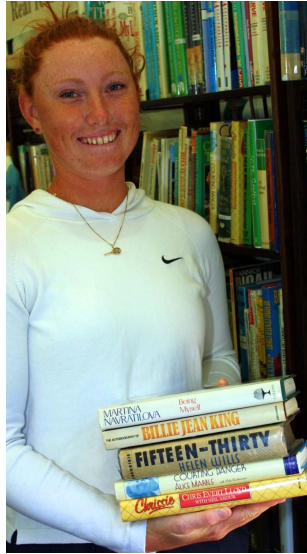
In the Ladies 35 doubles semifinals this year, Magers and her partner had leads of 3-1 and 5-3 in the first set, including a set point, but were unable to win it and close out the set.



Magers

Magers called the defeat a "major bummer." She told *ATR*: "It was close in the 3rd (set) as well." But it was just one of those days," she said, phi-

Tennis Books? Help Us Make a Library for All



Allison Bradshaw

What are your favorite tennis books? *Aztec Tennis Reporter* wants to know.

WTA competitor Allison Bradshaw (granddaughter of longtime Aztec basketball and tennis coach George Ziegenfuss) has her hands full with *Being Myself*, by Martina Navratilova; *The Autobiography of Billie Jean King*; *Fifteen-Thirty*, by Helen Wills; *Courting Danger*, by Alice Marble, and *Chrissie*, by Chris Evert.

Tell us the best you've read: fiction, how-to, biography, history, tell-all. Give us a line or two explaining why you think we'd enjoy it, too. We'll publish the list for all our readers.

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Among books *ATR* has reviewed in recent issues: *Fatal Volley*, by Robert Ross; *Secrets of Winning Tennis*, by Jim Shakespeare and Mike Green, and *Sex as a Sublimation for Tennis from the Secret Writings of Sigmund Freud*, by Theodore Saretsky, Ph.D.

Waske's Diary: Highs, Lows on the Road to Wimbledon

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soon. He defaulted the doubles, so I am only in singles.
Thursday, May 31, 2001
 Hi there! I won my second round, 6-4 7-5, against Mariano Delfino, the eighth-seeded Argentinian (250 ATP). The first set was pretty easy, early break and no problems holding! In the second I had chances breaking him at 1-1, was a little unlucky, 1-2. Then the umpire decided to enter the game by missing two calls on clay, which is almost impossible. He took twice the wrong mark. So I lose that game and become pissed. The other guy starts playing better and I wanted to destroy the rhythm of the match. I found myself down

2-5 with set points against me, when I started to come back: 3-5, break to 15, 4-5, easy hold 5-5, 40-0 for him, double fault, forehand return winner, unforced error on his side, deuce. Two more ads for him, then one break point, 6-5, easy hold 7-5. Shake hands!

Friday, June 1, 2001
 Subject: SEMIS!!! Yeah! I won 6-3 6-3 against Salvador Navarro (Spain, 270 ATP). Never got broken, played a solid, aggressive match. I am satisfied with the performance so far.

(Editor's Note: There is an unexplained break here in emails).

Monday, June 18, 2001 Wimbledon.
 Hi! I just won my first (qualifying)

match against Olivier Mutis (France, 220 ATP) 7-5 6-4.
Tuesday, June 19, 2001
 Hi! For the ones who haven't followed it (on *Wimbledon.com*), I lost 6-3 2-6 5-7 (to Ivo Heuberger of Switzerland, 130 ATP), in a close and very disappointing match. I was up twice with a break in the third, couldn't finish it, served terrible. I will play doubles tomorrow; maybe that goes better.
Wednesday, June 20, 2001
 Hi! We lost 6-7 3-6 in doubles. I actually played well, served the best compared to the rest of the week, but my partner...injured himself a little...and never really played up to his potential. I will go home tomorrow, trying to get



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