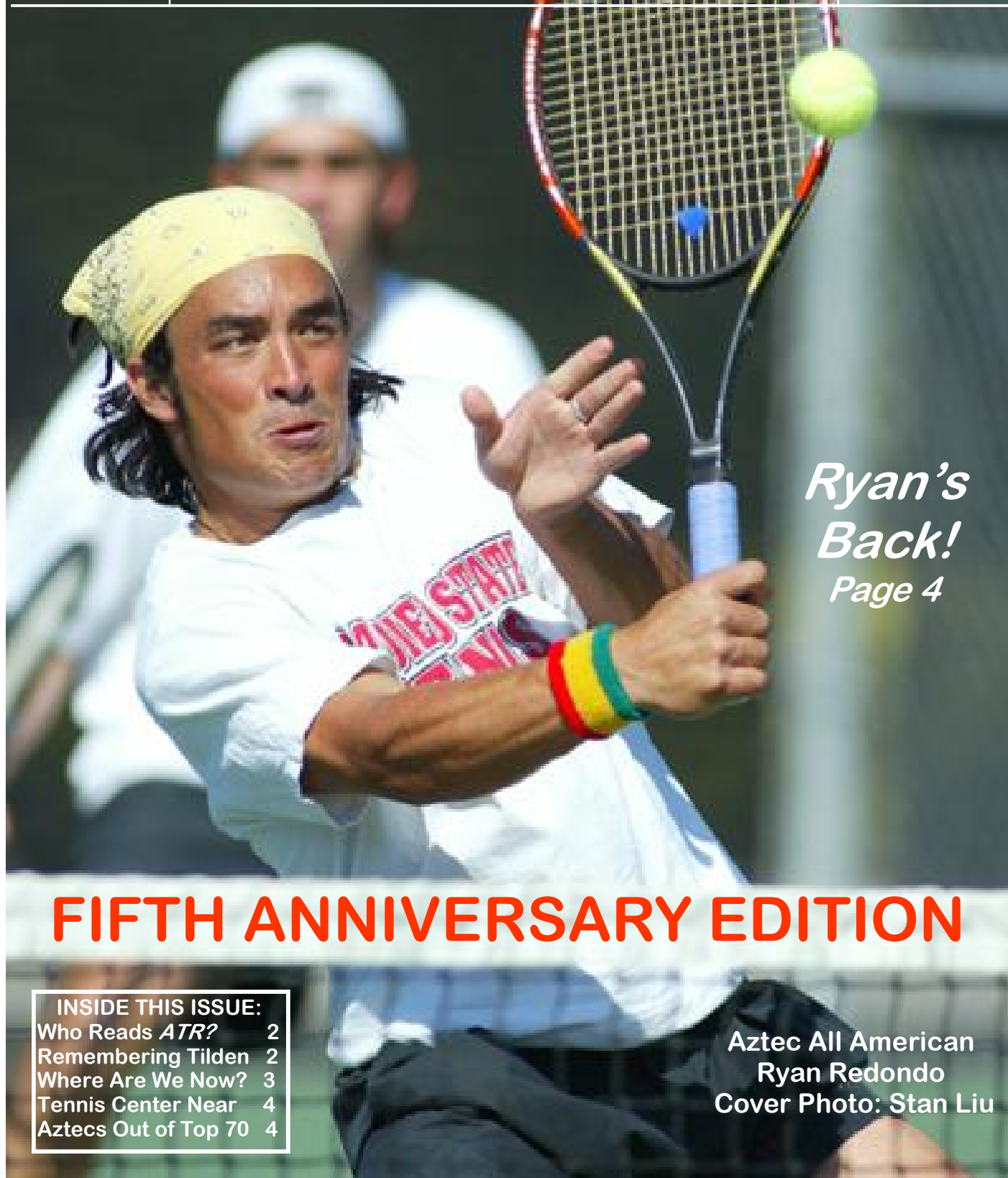


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Names make news, said Art Wimer, the founding father of San Diego State journalism.

Wimer knew his craft: He had been a White House correspondent covering one of the biggest names of his day: Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Entering its sixth year, *ATR* has collected more than 1,690 names (readers).

What's in a name? Ask Rusty Filter (he's a San Diego State baseball coach), or Rich Neighbor (he represents a sporting goods manufacturer), or Jack Daniels (he teaches tennis in San Diego); all receive *ATR*.

Some of tennis's biggest names find *ATR* a window on college tennis: John McEnroe, Billy Jean King, Martina Navratilova, Tony Trabert, Alex Olmedo, Pauline Betz Addie, Gussie Moran, Ilie Nastase, Barry Mackay, Donald Dell, Ron Holmberg, Nick Bollettieri, Donald Dell, Angela

## Who Reads *Aztec Tennis Reporter*?



**NAMES:** From top left, Alex Waske's Tennis Diary; NCAA Sweet 16 finish by Aztec men in 2000; Ryan Redondo, Oliver Maiberger embrace as 2001 NCAA National Indoor Doubles Champs; Jean Doyle trying to make 1946 team.

Buxton, Colin Dibley, and who receive *ATR*: Bud Collins, Gene Scott. Among journalists Frank Deford, Robert Lipsyte,

John Feinstein and Steve Flink; Jerry Magee (*San Diego Union-Tribune*); Tom Jolly and Christopher Clarey (*The New York Times*); Jimmy Roberts (NBC Sports); Lisa Dillman (*Los Angeles Times*); Rachel Nichols and Tony Kornheiser (*The Washington Post*), and 106 U.S. Tennis Writers Association members.

Plus the bedrock: 132 SDSU faculty and staff, 115 high school tennis coaches, 97 tennis pros, and nearly 70 Aztec players and friends of SDSU tennis who live in 25 foreign countries.

Why send *ATR* to some who have no SDSU connection? That's easy. They need to know two fine tennis programs exist at an excellent public university.

For your loyalty (who cancels a free subscription?), for your support (you donated \$7,600 to SDSU tennis last year), and for your kind words over these five years, thanks from the bottom of my heart.

— John Martin (1957)

## Dear *ATR*: Remembering "Big Bill" Tilden from Coronado to La Jolla

**Dear *ATR*:** I enjoyed the article on Bill Tilden (Big Bill's Saga: A Writer's Ordeal, *ATR*, Vol 5, No 4). His tennis reputation and worldwide adulation were well deserved; he could do anything with his racquet but make it talk.

Although he died seemingly alone and in dire financial straits, that was not always the case. One of his best friends was the great Les Stoefen (the model for the figure still on most tennis trophies). Bill and Les played many exhibition matches at the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club, where Les

was the head professional. Tilden had many friends at the club; in addition to tennis, he played lots of bridge, another of his many skills.

Tilden once played in a four-man tournament at the Hotel del Coronado. He didn't win, but the sold-out audience was in awe of his ability, playing current stars half his age.

When we older folk talk about past greats, almost everyone agrees: There was Tilden, then everyone else.

**Ben Press  
San Diego**

*The writer, a leading Cali-*

*fornia player for many years, was Maureen Connolly's mixed doubles partner. He was the head professional at the Hotel del Coronado for 28 years and currently teaches tennis at the Hilton Hotel on Mission Bay.*

**Dear *ATR*:** In 1943 (when I was 15), I was Les Stoefen's protégé at the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club. A few Sundays I played doubles with Stoefen against Tilden and a partner for exhibition matches.

Tilden asked me to play exhibitions for the servicemen with him and Gloria Butler and Bob Kring.

We had a regular format: men's singles, followed by ladies singles, and then one set of mixed doubles.

The first time we played

doubles (Tilden was my partner) he came out and I didn't recognize him. He was wearing a Suzanne Lenglen-type dress, complete with flowery hat and introduced himself as Suzie Shotmeyer. He was very funny and everyone got a laugh from it.

I found Tilden to be non-prententious, open, friendly, and kind. He still loved tennis and talked about how excited he was to play doubles and to really improve his net game.

**Jeanne Doyle Garrett  
San Diego**

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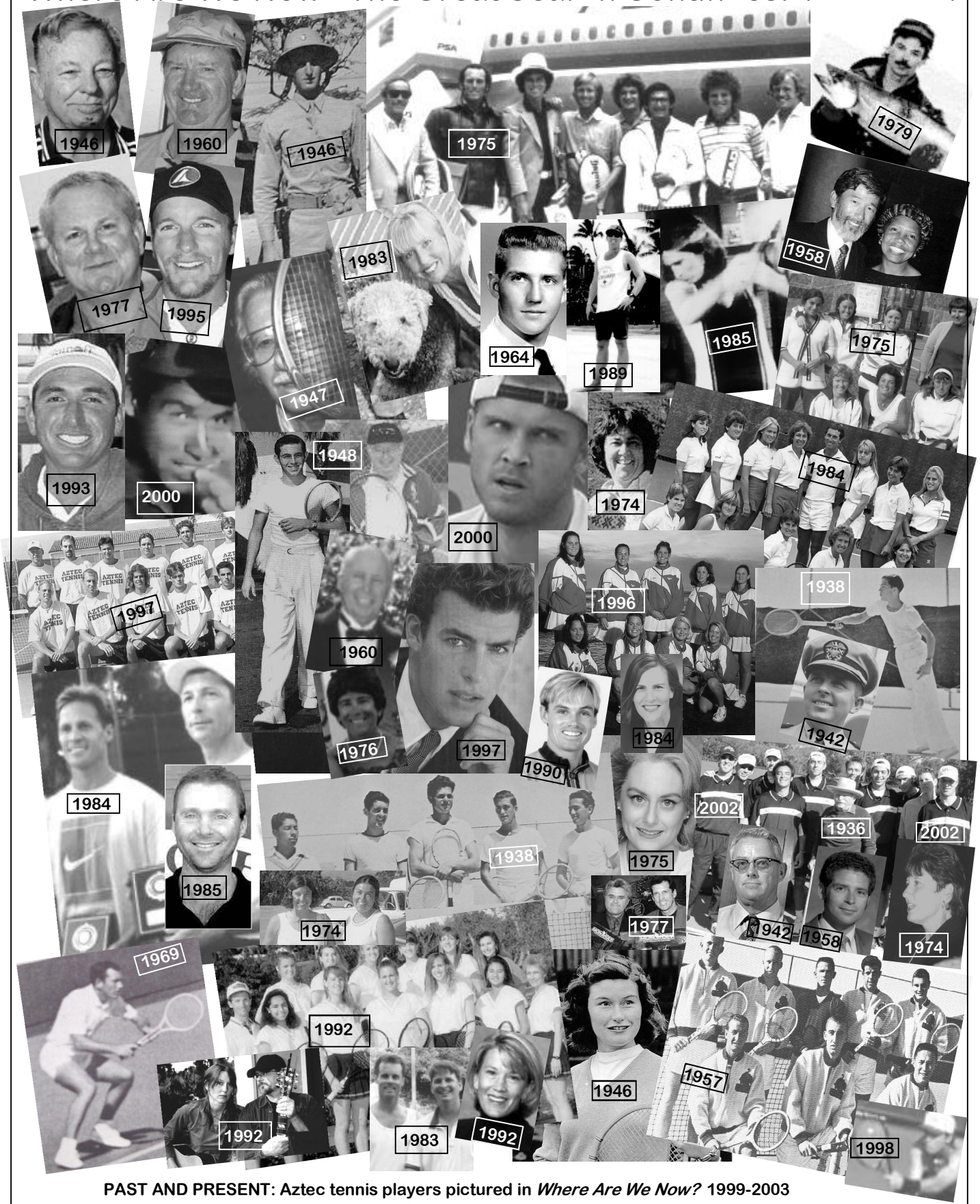
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# Where Are We Now? The Great Search Continues: 1922-2004



PAST AND PRESENT: Aztec tennis players pictured in *Where Are We Now?* 1999-2003

# Excavation Underway for Long-Awaited Aztec Tennis Center



Aztec Tennis Reporter Photo

**FLATTENING:** Earthmovers scrape site for Aztec Tennis Center. John and Becky Moores gave \$2.5 million gift in 1999.

## Aztec Women, Struggling, Work to Repeat as Mountain Champs

The San Diego State women's tennis team scored impressive early-season triumphs over Long Beach State, 5-2, St. Mary's, 7-0, and Cal Poly, 4-3, before suffering a razor-thin loss to Pepperdine, 4-3.

The match was decided by two three-setters. Aztec Alesya Vidov defeated Karin Schlapbach, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, to tie the dual match at 3-all, but Pepperdine's Eva Dickes outlasted Patricia Graf, 7-6, 3-

6, 6-3, to take the deciding singles point.

The Pepperdine loss started the Aztecs on a six-match losing streak that included defeats by Cal Berkeley, 5-1; UC Irvine, 5-2; Georgia Tech, 6-1; Washington State, 5-2, and



Stan Liu Photo

Alesya Vidov

Washington, 7-0.

The Aztecs pulled out of their tailspin by overpowering Princeton, 6-1, but then lost, 4-3 to Purdue, 4-3 to Loyola Marymount, and 6-1 to BYU, before defeating Utah, 7-0, and Wyo-

oming and Colorado State by identical 6-1 scores. The Aztecs also fell to Oregon, 4-3; Tulsa, 7-0, and UNLV, 5-2.

In the USD Fall Classic, Aztec Dita Hauerlandova lost to Long Beach State's Nicole Bouffler, 6-2, 6-4 in the singles final and, with Katalina Romero, to Bouffler and Tammy Day, 8-6, in the doubles final.

In late March, the Aztec women ranked 73rd in the ITA national standings.

## Redondo Returns, Winning, But Aztec Men Are Off to Slow Start

Aztec All American Ryan Redondo returned to action with the San Diego State men's team after elbow surgery and muscle strains.

Redondo and his teammates started the match season with a stunning 7-0 loss to William & Mary. The Aztecs recovered with a 7-0 victory over USF's Dons. Then, against Pepperdine, Redondo upset 29th ranked Calle Hansen, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2, but the Waves won the match, 5-2.

After defeating UC San Diego, 5-2, the Aztecs fell to

city rival USD, 4-3.

In mid-March, eighth-ranked UCLA humbled San Diego State, 7-0. Redondo was injured and did not play; the Aztecs were forced to compete with five men, defaulting third doubles and sixth singles.

Later, the Aztecs defeated Ivy League competitors Princeton and Yale by identical scores, 5-2,



Carrascosa



Hardt

then topped gain six victories in seven Middle Tennessee State matches.

Felix Hardt, who also won and Santa Clara by identical scores, 4-3, before losing to UNLV, 4-3, and to South Alabama, 5-2. The Aztecs also defeated Air Force, 5-2.

Interim Coach Gene Carswell praised Armando Carrascosa. Despite injuries, he helped the Aztecs

defeated 53rd-ranked Ruben Torres of USC, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, and 35th-ranked Johan Berg of USC, 6-4, 6-4. In the same tournament, Aztec Daniel Jung defeated 89th-ranked James Pade of Stanford, 6-3, 6-1.

In mid-April, the ITA ranked the Aztec men 71st in the national lineup of top teams.



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