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## Aztec Men Notch Pre-Season Victories Over USC, Arizona, USD



Universal Pictures

**LEAP OF FAITH:** Actor Paul Bettany lunging like a Boris Becker.

### *In Wimbledon Film, It's Love 6, Tennis 0*

By TOM PENNER

Twenty-five years ago, *Players* was an event for film-going tennis players. If you loved tennis, you went to see it, even supported it, but you also wanted to see if Hollywood got your sport right. By and large, *Players* succeeded.

True, its climactic Gentlemen's Wimbledon Final was unrealistic: it featured Guillermo Vilas, the best clay court player in the world, but not necessarily a lawn court specialist. Yet the tennis was largely believable. The late Dean Paul Martin, the film's young star, was not only a serviceable actor but an accomplished tennis player. Even if the love story was hokey, the tennis wasn't.

That's not the case with *Wimbledon*, starring Paul Bettany and Kristen Dunst as two touring pros.

The very first tennis scene tips you off. Bettany, as Peter Colt, an aging journeyman on the verge of retirement, is battling on clay.

From his first volley you know he's a fake. Rent the DVD this Christmas and study the rigid forearm and lack of subtlety. Made for

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Signaling a possible resurgence, the San Diego State men's tennis team won matches in two top college tournaments and defeated squads from USC, Arizona, and USD in the first USD Surf and Volley Tournament.

The Aztec women's team, with five new players from four countries, played top rivals in non-team competitions.

Against the Trojans, the Aztec men won two of three doubles matches and four of six singles matches.

The Trojans ranked fourth in the nation in the 2004 season.

"I am very impressed, + head coach Gene Carrswell

told GoAztecs.com. "It showed our players that we can compete with the best in the nation."

Armando Carrascosa reached the finals of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Western Championships at Pepperdine with victories over 29th ranked Roger Matalonga of Arizona, 52nd ranked Krzysztof Kwinta of UCLA, and 125th ranked Scott Doerner of Pepperdine.

Five Aztec men won matches in Chattanooga at the Icy Hot/ITA All-American Championships but none advanced to the main



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Krasova



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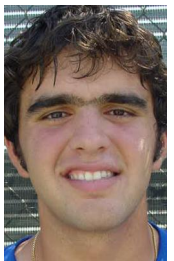
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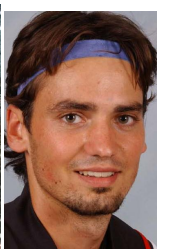
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Dickhardt

draw. (Scores, page 2).

The men's newcomers are Nima Ossareh of Maryland; Eugenio Romero of Ensenada, Brian Callaway of San Diego, and Matt Bittner of South Dakota.

In the ITA Riviera Championships in Los Angeles,



Romero

Dita Hauerlandova and Indra Erichsen, ranked 40th in the U.S., lost to the 14th seeds, Dinka Hadzic and Dea Sumantri of the University of Washington, 9-8.

In the ITA Western Championships, Alesya Vidov defeated Mi-

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Patrick McEnroe played four years at Stanford before turning pro but says playing college tennis presents today's players with a difficult choice.

"The only way to improve, + McEnroe told *ATR*, %s to play against players who are better than you - as opposed to players who are no better. +

But college tennis no longer attracts top players, he says, limiting its appeal.

%s a Catch 22, +said the U.S. Davis Cup captain, who concedes college is vital preparation for life after tennis.

After Stanford, McEnroe won one singles title (Sydney, 1995), and established himself as a top competitor in doubles, where he won 17 titles. His career earnings: \$3,118,316.

Should top 50 juniors skip

## Is College Tennis A Waste of Time?

college? Not wise, McEnroe indicated. For himself, choosing college was a %great decision. +

%for my own kid, +said McEnroe, %want him to go to college. +

Sargis Sargsian has the same advice - but for different reasons. An Armenian who played two years at Arizona State, Sargsian was asked whether, if he was starting over, he would go straight to the pros.

%No, no. For sure



*ATR photo*

Sargis Sargsian

I would (go to college). What I would change, I would go to college when I was a little younger. I went there, I was 20.

%for me, it was great. For me, even at that age, I still needed some practice, some kind of growing up to do. So college was great for me. +

Sargsian agreed with McEnroe that a junior player whose ranking is below the top 15 in the country has more to gain from college.

%you are good

enough to be a pro tennis player, I don't think going to college one or two years is going to hurt you.

%Yeah, you might start to make money a couple (of) years later, +Sargsian said, %but you're going to be mature. +Plus, he said, there's a downside to bypassing college.

%I think it can hurt you if you go to the pros earlier because...you are going to start losing matches and it can really affect you mentally. +

In eight years on the tour, Sargsian has earned more than \$2,450,000.

Will he return someday to ASU to complete his degree? Sargsian was quick to reply.

%No. No way, +he grinned. %Too much studying. +

— John Martin (1957)

## Aztec Men Notch Victories over the Trojans, Wildcats, and Toreros

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chelle Beyroneau of UC Irvine and Joslynn Burkett of Arizona State by identical 6-2, 6-3 scores. Vidov lost to Nicole Leimbach of USC, 6-0, 6-2. Erichsen lost to Becky Bernhard of UC Irvine, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3. Hauerlandova defeated Rachael Porsz of Long Beach State, 6-3, 7-6 (3), then lost to Caroline Raba of Pepperdine, 6-1, 6-4.

The women's newcomers are Eliska Krausova, Czech Republic; Nina Spaeth, Germany; Sisse Nielson and An-

drea Hermansen, Denmark, and Carla Bell, England.

**Surf & Volley Tournament, University of San Diego, October, 2004**

**SDSU v USD**

Doubles: Dickhardt/Haynes (SDSU) def Koristovic/Blair, 9-7; Stronk/Groh (SDSU) def Plotnik/Atri, 8-4

Romero-Wendlandt/Carrascosa (SDSU) def Ozurovich/Meschede, 8-5

Singles: Dickhardt (SDSU) def Blair, 6-4, 0-6, 6-0; Carrascosa (SDSU) def Koristovic, 6-1, 6-1

Stronk (SDSU) def Ozurovich, 6-0, 6-1; Groh (SDSU) def Plotnik, 6-2, 6-2; Meschede def Haynes (SDSU), 7-5, retired; Romero-Wendlandt (SDSU) def Atri, 6-1, 6-1

**SDSU v USC**

Doubles: Groh/Stronk (SDSU) def Berg/Van't Hof, 8-2; Hoskins/Al-Agba def Jung/Carrascosa (SDSU), 8-5; Dickhardt/Romero-Wendlandt (SDSU) def Wright/Loucks, 8-4

Singles: Al-Agba def. Stronk (SDSU), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; Dickhardt (SDSU) def. Hoskins, 6-1, 6-2; Jung (SDSU) def. Loucks, 6-4, 6-2; Wright def. Carrascosa (SDSU), 6-1, 6-2;

Groh (SDSU) def. Van't Hof, 6-3, 6-4; Romero-Wendlandt (SDSU) def Badart, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4

**SDSU v Arizona**

Doubles: Dickhardt/Stronk (SDSU) def Alcalá/Labrosse: 8-2; Carrascosa/Jung (SDSU) def Cochrane/Mullane: 8-2; SDSU retired; Singles: Alcalá def Dickhardt (SDSU), 6-4, 6-3; Stronk (SDSU) def Labrosse, 6-3, 6-3; Carrascosa (SDSU) def Ceranko: 6-2, 7-6; Romero-Wendlandt (SDSU) def Mullane, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4; SDSU retired; SDSU retired

**ITA Western Championships, Malibu, CA, October, 2004**

Armando Carrascosa, SDSU, def Kris Kwinta, UCLA, 6-2, 6-0; Ivan d'Argence, UC Santa Barbara, 6-1, 6-1; Roger Matalonga (3) Arizona, 6-1, 6-0; and Scott Doerner (9-16) Pepperdine, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6). Final: Ben Kohloeffel, UCLA, def Carrascosa, 6-1, 6-1. Dontia Haynes, SDSU, def Andy Colombo (9-16), Arizona State, 6-4, 6-2. Quarterfinals: Kohloeffel, UCLA, def Haynes, 6-4, 6-2.

**Icy Hot/ITA All-American Championships, Chattanooga, TN, October, 2004**

Pre-qualifying: Christian Groh (17), SDSU, def Dennis Andrade, UTexas San Antonio, 6-1, 6-3. Adam Holmstrom, Denver, def Groh, 6-2, 6-

1. Armando Carrascosa def Viktor Zetterholm, Denver, 7-5, 6-3, Fredrik Aarum (1) Mississippi, 6-4, 6-2, Nick Brotman (17), UC Santa Barbara, 7-5, 7-6 (6). Matt Roberts, Arkansas, def Carrascosa, 6-3, 7-5.

Benedikt Stronk, SDSU, def Jack Frankowicz, Drake, 1-6; 6-3; 6-4. Dusan Tabak, Louisiana Lafayette, def Stronk, 7-6 (5), 7-5.

Daniel Jung, SDSU, def Florent Girod (1), Mississippi State, 6-4, 6-3, Ryan McBride, Arizona State, 7-6 (5), 6-2, Kiril Tcherveniachki 6-2, 7-6 (5). Tigran Martirosyan (1) d. Daniel Jung 6-2; 6-2

Nathan Sachs, Vanderbilt, def Dontia Haynes, SDSU, 5-7, 6-3, 7-5

**Main qualifying:** Christoph Palmanshefer, Washington, def Carrascosa, 6-4, 6-4. John Isner, Georgia, def Marcus Dickhardt, SDSU, 6-4, 6-3.

**Qualifying doubles:** Carrascosa- Jung, SDSU, def Jose Murguruza-Marko Rajevac, Georgia Tech, 8-4. Janne Holmia-Greg Oullette, Florida, def Carrascosa-Jung, SDSU, 8-3; Ricardo Almeida-Dennis Andrade, U Texas San Antonio, def Haynes-Dickhardt, SDSU, 8-3.

## In the Wimbledon Movie, Despite the Laughs, the Score is Love 6, Tennis 0

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a general audience more than tennis fans, it's a chick flick yet, it's kind of cuddly and enjoyable (I'm a sucker for Hugh Grant-type British romantic comedies). The love story (boy player meets girl player, starts winning, loses girl player, wins her back, and on), would be better than *Players'* plot and so would the movie - if it weren't

for such bad tennis and bad dialogue about tennis.

In the real world, if a lowly British wild-card had a run like Peter Colt (to the finals), all England would be reeling. Hysteria and wonderment (think Boston Red Sox) would color every word from the press box. But in *Wimbledon*, Johnny Mac seems too busy being witty to care.

In one scene (and I'm picking nits), Colt shows Mary the urban court his father taught him on. %This is where I learned to play tennis, +he says. Not bad dialogue, but would two pros clarify which sport it was? Did she think it was racquetball?

Perhaps a general audience needs this, but that's why *Wimbledon* is definitely not a tennis player's film the way *Players*

was. If you're a player, you want realism. In *Wimbledon*, the flying net rallies look like outtakes from *The Matrix*. +

It's not reassuring that when Colt makes the Wimbledon's semifinals, the match is put on a side court - as if we wouldn't notice?

Penner (1984) teaches tennis and writes screenplays.

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

**Micki Schillig (1979-83):** I'm a massage therapist and assistant manager of my dad's tennis club (Westfield) in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. My husband, Dennis Feldmann, and I are expecting a baby boy in April (we got married in Hawaii in January, 2004). Dennis is in construction (cement crushing and demolition; he's got a great tan - all year!) I played on the women's tour in 1984-86, then coached the University of Iowa women's team for nine years. I've moved from teaching tennis (I still give lessons if they need a substitute) to massage therapy - it's gotten so big. (I love it; nobody gets mad at you; everybody loves a massage!).



**Micki Schillig**

*Editor's Note: In two years on the women's tour, Micki Schillig won 19 tournament singles matches and ranked 301st in the world in December, 1986. She reached the second round of the U.S. Open in 1982 and played in the main draw in 1984.*



**Kathy Snelson**

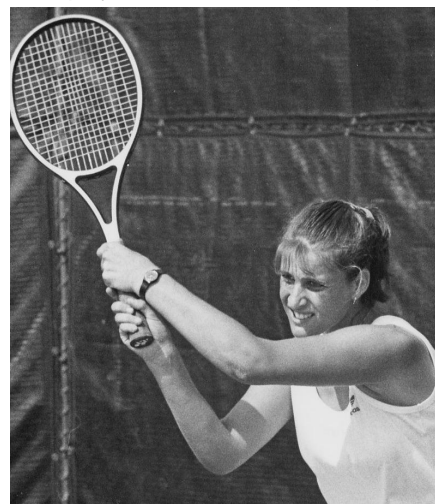
**Kathy Snelson (1978-81):** I'm a management consultant for a Sacramento law firm and executive director of the Groundwater Resource Association of California. After playing tennis at UCLA (one

year) and San Diego State, I got a BA in psychology in 1985 from Sacramento State (my hometown) and later served as director of alumni relations for the business school. I enjoy playing golf and collecting red wine. I rarely play tennis, but I was at La Costa Resort in Carlsbad last year and took a lesson. I enjoyed it thoroughly, but 30 minutes was my limit. (A 20-year-old's mentality can't trick the body enough!) College tennis was a great gift I didn't appreciate until later. My teammates were very nice people, brave competitors and dedicated students. I was the maverick. Recently, I joined my father (who just turned 70), as he was inducted into the Shasta Junior College Sports Hall of Fame in Redding, CA. I was very proud of him. The best part was his joy of reconnecting with his football teammates. This is what it is all about, experiences and lessons learned together.



**Snelson**

**Monique Javier (1986-87):** I'm living in San Francisco with my husband, Greg Dias, and our daughter, Natalie, who is a year old. Greg markets prepaid credit cards. I still play lots of tennis. Greg's never seen me play in a tournament (but he's seen a videotape). We met at a Christmas party and were married in October, 2001, the year after I left the women's tour. I turned pro in 1988 after two years at San Diego State.



**Monique Javier**

*Editor's Note: In 12 years on the tour, Monique Javier won 123 tournament singles matches, ranked 56th in the world in September, 1992, and 73rd at the end of both the 1988 and 1992 seasons. She won first round singles matches at Wimbledon (1993), the Australian Open (1988, 1991, 1993), Roland Garros (1990) and the U.S. Open (1990). The WTA lists her career prize earnings at \$314,637. Among singles opponents she faced on the tour: Tracy Austin, Steffi Graf, Martina Navratilova, Gabriela Sabatini, Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, and Monica Seles. She holds tour victories over Gigi Fernandez, Kathy Rinaldi and Gretchen Magers of the U.S., Ai Sugiyama of Japan, and Leila Meskhi of the Ukraine. A British citizen, Javier played in the Federation Cup for Great Britain in 1992.*

**Jackie Geller (1985)** I've just moved to LaGrange, GA, with my husband, Jack Newman, and our kids, Joshua, 3, and Jamie, 1. Jack and I met at culinary school in San Francisco ten years ago and married in 2001. He was a chef at the LaValencia Hotel in La Jolla and the Ahwanee Lodge at Yosemite, now we're at the country club in LaGrange. I worked at a dude ranch in Colorado, then was *sous chef* for the



**Jackie Geller**

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**Jane Natenstedt, left, Helen Park.**

Scripps heart program. I grew up in Chappaqua, NY, and La Jolla, where Bill Bond was my first coach. My father, Jack, was a fine player. I transferred to San Diego State from Yale after studying architecture and playing number one on the team. Later, I played satellites in South America, Europe, and Israel, summer leagues in Germany. I did fairly well in doubles; my partner and I got to 203rd in the world. Our (Aztec) coach, Carol Plunkett was terrific, absolutely the best.

# 2005 San Diego State Tennis Team Schedules

Men			Women			
Jan 14-17	Sherwood Invitational Thousand Oaks, CA	all day	Jan 22	UC Riverside Cal State Fullerton	SDSU SDSU	9 am 3 pm
Jan 22	USC Los Angeles	10 am	Jan 28	Long Beach State	SDSU	2 pm
Jan 29	UC Riverside Northern Arizona	9:30 am SDSU SDSU	Jan 29	UC Berkeley	SDSU	noon
Feb 4	UCLA Los Angeles	1:30 pm	Feb 5	Texas Tech Eugene, OR		noon
Feb 13	University of the Pacific	SDSU	Feb 6	Oregon Eugene, OR		10 am
Feb 17-20	National Indoors Champaign-Urbana, IL	all day	Feb 12	UC Davis Loyola Marymount	SDSU SDSU	9 am 2 pm
Feb 21	Fresno State	SDSU	Feb 23	USC Los Angeles		1:30 pm
Feb 26	UC Irvine	Irvine	Feb 26	UC Irvine	Irvine	noon
Mar 4-6	Pacific Coast Doubles Championships La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club	all day	Mar 3	Michigan	SDSU	2 pm
Mar 7	Yale Fairbanks Ranch	1:30 pm	Mar 5	Washington	SDSU	noon
Mar 10-13	Blue Gray Invitational Montgomery, Alabama	all day	Mar 8	Florida State	SDSU	2 pm
Mar 19	Virginia Commonwealth	SDSU	Mar 10	Rice	SDSU	2 pm
Mar 22	Ohio State	SDSU	Mar 15	Tulsa	SDSU	2 pm
Mar 29	Harvard Santa Barbara	1:30 pm	Mar 22	Ohio State	SDSU	2 pm
Mar 30	UCSB Santa Barbara	1:30 pm	Mar 24	Air Force Las Vegas, NV		
Apr 1	Utah	SDSU	Mar 25	UNLV Las Vegas, NV		10 am
Apr 2	Brigham Young	SDSU	Mar 26	New Mexico Las Vegas, NV		
Apr 3	UNLV	SDSU	Apr 6	Pepperdine	SDSU	2 pm
Apr 6	USD	SDSU	Apr 9	Wyoming Ft Collins, CO		2 pm
Apr 14	Denver Denver	2 pm	Apr 10	Colorado St Ft Collins, CO		
Apr 16	New Mexico Colorado Springs	2 pm	Apr 15	Brigham Young Provo, UT		
Apr 17	Air Force Colorado Springs	10 am	Apr 16	Utah Salt Lake City, UT		1 pm
Apr 28-30	Mountain West Conference Championships Barnes Center San Diego		Apr 19	USD Univ of San Diego		1:30 pm
May 14-15	NCAA Regional Playoffs TBA		Apr 28-30	Mountain West Conference Championships Barnes Center San Diego		
May 21-30	NCAA Championships College Station, TX		May 13-14	NCAA Regional Playoffs TBA		
			May 19-27	NCAA Championships Athens, GA		



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