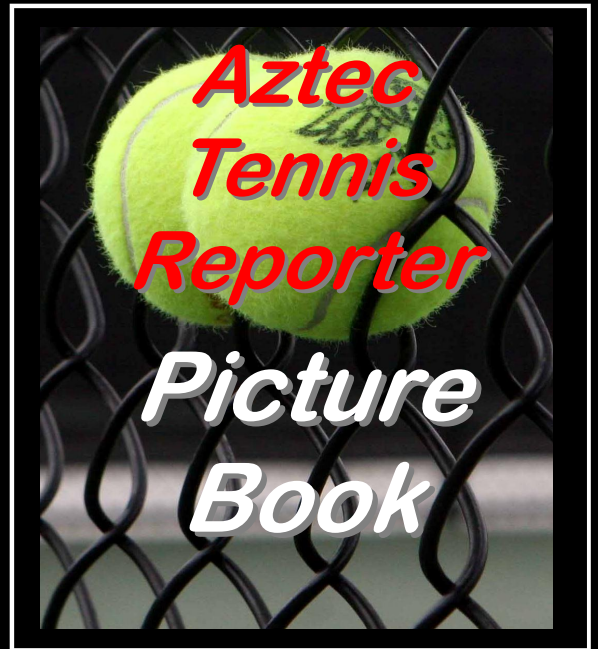


# Salute to 2009 Aztec Men's Tennis Team



## The Players



Beron

Ceban

Colman

Feliz



Golas

Gomez

Rattenhuber

S. van Endert

Tosches

Vaglietti



**The  
Strokes**

# The Training



**MIND AND MOMENT:** Focused on a videotape supplied by Coach Ryan Redondo, team and coaches studied the mind as part of a training session at the Aztec Tennis Center.

# The Coaches



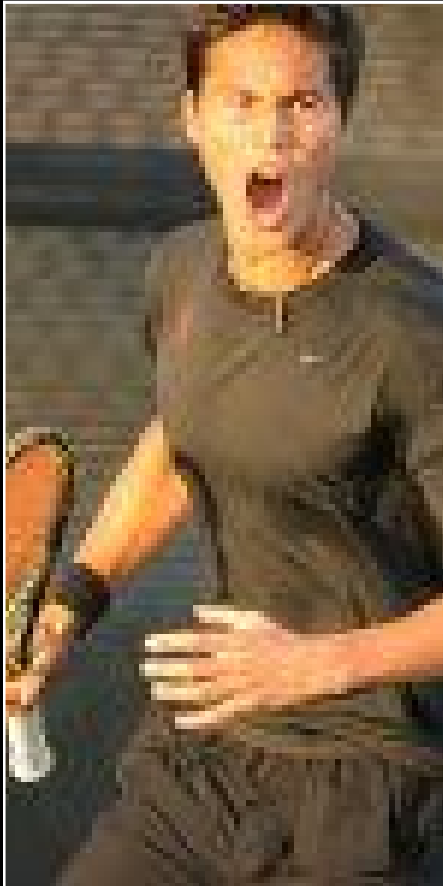
**Larry Willens**



**Gene Carswell**



**Ryan Redondo**



# The *Esprit*



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# The Benefactor: Larry Willens

Larry Willens lives inside multiple identities: A volunteer who has coached Aztec men's and women's tennis teams, a benefactor whose donations furnished the Aztec Tennis Center and constructed its locker/shower rooms, a patron of San Diego junior tennis, and a traveling coach and logistician to touring professional players, including Aztec Alex Waske of Germany.

In the 1980s, Willens coached Butch Walts, one of the first big servers on the men's tour; Gretchen Magers, a top world junior and later a volunteer Aztec



women's coach; and Robin White, the 1988 U.S. Open doubles winner with Gigi Fernandez and the 1989 U.S. Open mixed doubles titlist with Shelby Cannon.

Willens was a top junior athlete. His academic prowess led him to coach. Graduating from San Jose State in 1962, he served in the Navy, then earned a 1968 master's degree

in motor learning and physical education at San Diego State. Soon, he was coaching baseball at USC and later, at SDSU.

A friend of Billie Jean King since their junior tennis days, Willens led the San Diego Friars and Sacramento Capitols in World Team Tennis, acting as coach to Rod Laver, Cliff Drysdale, and Kerry Melville Reid.

Circling the globe, Larry Willens is the friendly face of San Diego State tennis to the world.

—John Martin, Aztec Tennis Reporter



**"RIGHT NOW!":** Hovering with clipboard over a match at Australian Open, Aztec Larry Willens charts shots and points. He often shouts encouragement to a faltering or rallying player by calling for results "right now!"

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**MEMORIES:** Aztec Volunteer Coach Larry Willens stands beside doorways to the completed locker/shower facility he donated in honor of his parents, Grace and Harold Willens of Los Angeles. Avid fans and players ("They played eight days a week," Larry Willens said), the Willens joined with Hollywood personalities and tennis luminaries (including Groucho Marx and Pancho Segura), to make the Beverly Hills Tennis Club a popular 1940-60s destination for tennis families. Harold Willens served as president of the club. After his retirement from business and an active political life, he met often with friends, associates, and news reporters at the Beverly Hills Tennis Club.

## Dear ATR: Saluting Aztecs, Coach Willens

Dear ATR. In my 18th year as a head coach (16 at Purdue, and 2 at Utah) and my second rebuilding job, I think back to where I got my start in coaching. Skip (Redondo) and SDSU gave me an opportunity to launch my career and I honestly have been thrilled to spend my entire professional

life involved in the game I love. I am glad to see Coach (Larry) Willens' heartfelt donation ("Coach Donates \$700,000 Facility," ATR, Vol 10, No 1, January 2009"). He's a great man, a nice guy and a heck of a tennis coach!

Mat Iandolo  
Head Women's Coach  
University of Utah



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**Congratulations**  
to the  
**2009 Aztec Men's Tennis  
Team**  
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## **2009: The Season (15-12)**

01/17/09 at Univ. of Hawaii Classic Manoa, Hawaii L, 6-1  
 01/30/09 vs. Georgia Tech Waco, Texas L, 4-1  
 01/31/09 vs. vs. Utah Waco, Texas W, 5-1  
 02/04/09 at No. 4 UCLA Los Angeles, Calif. L, 5-2  
 02/06/09 vs. No. 6 USC Aztec Tennis Center L, 6-0  
 02/06/09 vs. UC Riverside Aztec Tennis Center W, 7-0  
 02/17/09 vs. San Diego Aztec Tennis Center W, 4-3  
 02/19/09 vs. UC Irvine Aztec Tennis Center W, 6-1  
 02/27/09 at Fresno State Fresno, Calif. L, 6-1  
 02/28/09 vs. Middle Tennessee State Fresno, Calif. W, 5-2  
 03/12/09 vs. Georgia State Aztec Tennis Center W, 7-0  
 03/13/09 vs. Texas Tech Aztec Tennis Center W, 4-3  
 03/15/09 vs. Minnesota Aztec Tennis Center W, 5-2  
 03/15/09 vs. Nevada Aztec Tennis Center L, 5-2  
 Rice University Invitational  
 03/20/09 vs. Texas A&M Corpus Christi Houston, Tex W, 4-1  
 03/21/09 vs. Texas-Pan American Houston, Tex W, 4-0  
 03/22/09 vs. . Texas Houston, Tex L, 4-0  
 03/25/09 vs. Harvard Aztec Tennis Center W, 6-1  
 04/02/09 at Pepperdine Malibu, Calif. L, 4-3  
 04/04/09 vs. UC Santa Barbara Fairbanks Ranch W, 5-2  
 04/09/09 vs. BYU Aztec Tennis Center L, 5-2  
 04/10/09 vs. TCU Aztec Tennis Center L, 4-2  
 04/11/09 vs. Utah Aztec Tennis Center W, 6-1  
 04/19/09 at UNLV Las Vegas, Nev. L, 4-3  
 04/21/09 at New Mexico Las Vegas, Nev. W, 4-3  
 Mountain West Conference Championships  
 04/23/09 vs. BYU Albuquerque, N.M. W, 4-0  
 04/24/09 vs. TCU Albuquerque, N.M. L, 4-2