

Aztec Redondo Hired by Pacific, Succeeded by Hurricanes' Thomsen

Aztec Assistant Men's Tennis Coach Ryan Redondo, who earned All-American honors and the national collegiate indoor doubles title at San Diego State in 2002, has accepted the men's head coaching position at University of the Pacific.

After a stint on the men's tour, he spent three years as assistant Aztec men's coach. Redondo's father, Skip, coached the Aztec men from 1977 through 1988.

In December, Aztec coach Gene



Stan Liu Photo

Carswell hired Jeff Thomsen, associate head coach of Miami University's women's team, as Redondo's replacement.

Prior to lettering at Oregon, Thomsen was California's top junior college player at Golden West JC in 1995, according to Miami's website, which said he helped the Hurricane women reach the NCAA Sweet 16 in each of three years as a coach.



Thomsen

AZTEC CHAMPION: Ryan Redondo in his All-American year of 2002.

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The Budget Peril: How Close It Was

Last summer, strapped for funds by budget cuts, San Diego State eliminated the assistant coaching positions on the men's and women's tennis teams. In all, 11 positions were cut in a series of athletic department dismissals.

Assistant Tennis Coaches Ryan Redondo and Lindsey Gamp were given their walking papers. For Gamp, it was a double calamity. Her husband lost his job the same day.

Then, an anonymous donor pledged \$90,000 to support the two tennis positions for two years. And Gamp's husband got six job offers. A crisis ended.

But the episode signaled a shift in financial sands on Montezuma Mesa's athletic landscape.

Although the tennis program, which has employed assistant coaches for at least 30 years, dodged the bullet, no one would predict a restoration of the posi-

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Aztecs Opening 89th Tennis Season



ATR Photo (left); GoAztecs.com (right)

Roxanne Ellison, left, and sister Sierra Ellison.

Aztec Sisters Emerging As Doubles Contenders

Two San Diego State sisters, Roxanne and Sierra Ellison, scored 10 victories in 11 tournament matches during a busy fall season, raising their expectations that they will gain national rankings.

The Aztec pair defeated 24th ranked Anamika Bhargava and Marie Zalameda of Pepperdine, 8-4, in the USTA-ITA Southwest Regional Championship semifinals. They lost in the finals to the top seeded pair of

Valeria Pulido and Alison Ramos of USC, 8-4. The Ellisons defeated the third-seeded team of Courtney Dolehide and McCall Jones of UCLA, 8-4, to reach the semifinals.

"Hopefully when the rankings come out at the start of the season our great fall season will pay off," said Sierra Ellison. "A very high national ranking is what we are hoping for!" said Roxanne Ellison.

Blessed with more than a dozen returning players, the two San Diego State tennis teams launch their 89th collegiate home season with a women's double-header on Jan 22 at the Aztec Tennis Center against UC Riverside and Cal State Northridge. The men open on the road in Fresno on Feb 5 against Texas Tech and Feb 6 against Fresno State. Their first home match is Feb 11

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WINNERS: Aztec Maurice Altschuler (1956) won 82nd annual San Diego District title for 75-and-over men, Larry Belinsky 55-and-over.

Two Aztec Tennis Teams Embarking on 89th Intercollegiate Season

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against Boise State. The Aztecs first formed a men's tennis club in 1922.

The 2011 men's team, coached by Gene Carswell and volunteer coach Larry Willens, is composed of Andre Feliz of San Gabriel, Matthew Tosches of Murietta, California; Tim Schulz van Endert of Berlin, Germany, Hunter Nicholas of Park City, Utah; Giovanni Vaglietti of Johannesburg, South Africa, Shiva Sangwan of Chandigarh, India; Javier Pulgar of Madrid, Spain, and Jose Sierra-Short of Guaynabo, Puerto Rico. A new recruit, Juan Guillermo Flores of Pereira, Columbia,



Aztec Tennis Reporter photo

POWER STROKE: Aztec Freshman Shiva Sangwan of Chandigarh, India strikes backhand in SDSU workout.

arrives on campus this month, according to Carswell.

The women's squad, coached by Peter Mattera,

Lindsay Gamp, and volunteer Holly Bagshaw, is comprised of Alicia Aguilar of Coatzacoalcos, Mexico; Olivia Colman of Los Ange-

les; Julia Wais of Goepingen, Germany; Emma Cioffi of Melbourne, Australia; Roxanne and Sierra Ellison of Coto de Caza, Orange County; and Julia Trunk of Bad Salgau, Germany. Trunk was 51st and Aguilar 65th in the 2010 fall national intercollegiate rankings.

In the men's fall season, Aztecs Nicholas and Vaglietti defeated 6th seeded Jaak Poldma and Peter Lucassen, of USC in a regional tournament, losing in the quarters to UCLA's Amit Inbar and Nick Meister. It was one of the best showings by an Aztec men's doubles team in several years.

Facing Budget Peril, Aztec Tennis Teams Dodge a Bullet — But for How Long?

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tions in two years, even with expected revenue gains from highly successful

2010-11 football and basketball seasons.

SDSU President Steve Weber said the state's removal of a cap on enroll-

ment should increase funds from student athletic fees. "In two years," Weber told *ATR*, "we should be stronger. If so, the positions could be funded again. — J.M.

The Longest Match in History and the College Player Who Grew Up To Win It

Transcript of John Isner press conference at the All England Lawn Tennis Club following his 70-68 fifth-set victory at 2010 Wimbledon, the longest match in tennis history. Isner played college tennis at University of Georgia under coach Manuel Diaz.

Q Is there something that keeps you patient and mentally fastened on what's going on, some sort of magic word?

JOHN ISNER: No. I don't know. A lot of times in situations like that, I always find myself very, very calm and controlled.

I think I learned that in my time in college, playing a lot of, you know, pressure filled matches. Obviously it's not the magnitude that this is.

That's something that Coach (Manny) Diaz at Georgia was really good at, was able to really make me a lot mentally stronger. That's one of the reasons, you know, I'm here today, what I'm doing right now.



EXALTANT: John Isner, who played college tennis at Georgia, celebrates marathon Wimbledon win over Nicolas Mahut of France, 6-4, 3-6, 6-7 (7), 7-6 (3), 70-68.

Q. Was (sic) there any specific Mannysisms that came to your mind from college at any point in that match?

JOHN ISNER: No, nothing specific. I think it's just the way that he was able to get to me when I was on court. You know, having him on the court with me. I mean, he said so much great stuff to me. It wasn't anything in particular that stuck out

Q. Can you believe how far you've come since college to this point?

JOHN ISNER: Yeah, I've come a long, long way. I mean, I didn't think about going pro until my junior year in college. So I was 21. I mean, I started obviously out late playing pro at 22. This is exactly my third full year from right now that I've been playing. So, you know, I didn't know what to expect. If I told myself if I

ever got to the top 100 at any point in my career, that would be an accomplishment. But now I'm top 20, and I can go further and get higher than that. — ASAP Sports transcripts

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Aztec Larry Willens among 5 Inducted by San Diego Tennis Hall of Fame

The Citations:



Larry Willens,
ATP, WTA and World Team Tennis
coach and organizer,
San Diego State University coach,
junior tennis organizer, benefactor

%assistant coach for the San Diego Friars of World Team Tennis where he coached Rod Laver, Cliff Drysdale, and Kerry Reid (when she won the Wimbledon ladies doubles title) he was head coach of the San Diego Friars, WTT champions in 1985 (he also coached the Sacramento Capitals).+Willens, who flew to San Diego for six hours to accept induction, serves on the Barnes Tennis Center board, directs the center's Billie Jean King WTT tournament each August, and raises money for medical research groups and scholarships at San Diego State, where he serves on the Directors Cabinet, which helps sustain and oversees the Aztec Tennis Center, which he helped build and furnish. He holds multiple Coach of the Year awards from the United States Professional Tennis Association and currently coaches Stephen Huss of Australia and Abigail Spears of the United States. Willens formerly coached Milagros Sequera.



Bob Perry,
top-ranked U.S.
junior, led UCLA to
three NCAA team
titles, international
competitor, La
Jolla Tennis Club
teaching
professional

%Perry and first-time partner Don Candy won the French Open doubles in 1956 over singles winner Lew Hoad and Ashley Cooper. Bob reached the round of sixteen at Wimbledon, the Australian and French Opens, results that earned him rankings of eighteen in the world and six in the United States in 1956. He and Eileen, his wife of forty years, ran the La Jolla Tennis Championships, 1972-99, often with 1200 entrants.+

**Aztec
Larry
Belinsky
(1973-76)**



**Founder,
Co-Chair,
San Diego Tennis
Hall of Fame**



**Patricia Canning
Todd,**
international
champion and
top 10, teaching
professional

%she won a total of four Grand Slam championships, singles at the French Championships in 1947, women's doubles at the French and Wimbledon in 1948 and the mixed in the 1948 French. Todd also reached the French final in 1950. She won the singles and mixed at the South American championships in 1947 and 1948. Pat captured the singles and doubles titles at the Asian Championships and the Championships of India. She was ranked in the world top ten from 1946 through 1952, with a career high of four, and ranked in the US top ten in 1942 and 1944 through 1952.+



Virginia Glass,
two-term
president,
American Tennis
Association,
national and
community
tennis patron
and organizer

%one of the original founders of the San Diego District Tennis Association and the San Diego Umpires Association. Glass was the west coast editor for Black Tennis Magazine. In 1989, she was the number one player in the world in the 60 division. Virginia represented the United States in the Friendship Cup in Mexico City and captained the Althea Gibson World Cup in the 1970s. She has been president of the San Diego District Tennis Association and was nominated for the USTA Executive Board.+



Bob Bacon,
competitor,
junior college
coach,
served San
Diego tennis
community

%Bacon and his long-time doubles partner Jack Movido won eight USPTA National Championships, the American Tennis Association National 35 Championships in 1969 and three Western US Championships. In their twenty-five year partnership, they won nearly every San Diego tournament. As a coach, his San Diego City College teams hold the existing record of nine consecutive conference titles (1969-1977), as well as five All-Southern California Team Championships.+

2011 Players, Schedules, and Matches at the Aztec Tennis Center



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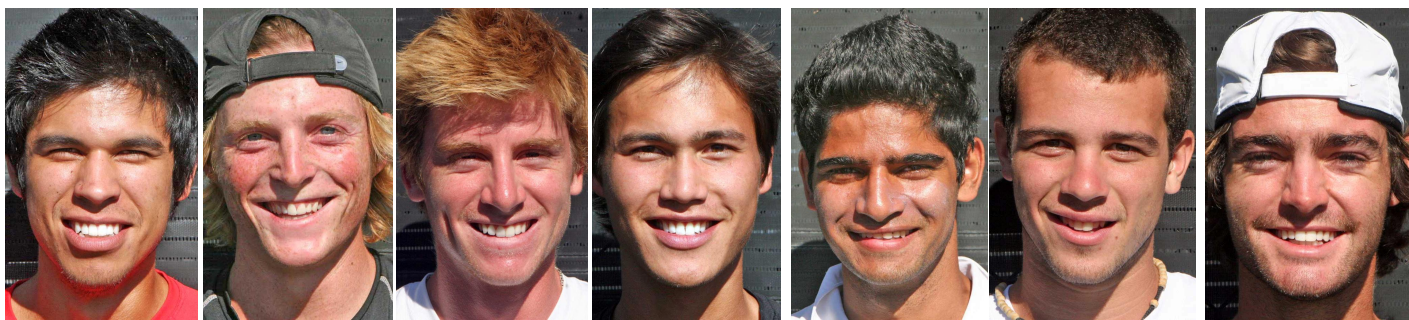
Colman

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Feliz

Nicholas

Pulgar

Schulz van Endert

Sangwan

Sierra-Short

Tosches



Vaglietti

Carswell

Willens

Bagshaw

Gamp

Mattera

Men Away

Aztec Tennis Center Jan 22-Apr 17, 2011

Women Away

Feb 5 Texas Tech at Fresno; Feb 6, at Fresno State; Feb 26 UC Santa Barbara; Mar 28, TCU at Fort Worth; Mar 29 SMU at Dallas, 2 pm; Apr 1, New Mexico at Albuquerque; Apr 3, Air Force at Colorado Springs; Apr 23 UNLV at Las Vegas Apr 27-30, MWC Championship, Ft Collins, Colo

Men

Feb 11 UC Irvine 2 pm
 Feb 13 Boise State
 Feb 18 USD 5 pm
 Feb 21 Hawaii 2:30 pm
 Feb 25 Rice 1 pm
 Mar 13 Oklahoma
 Mar 25 USF 2 pm
 Apr 7 Utah 2 pm
 Apr 9 BYU 10 am

Women

Jan 22 UC Riverside 9 am
 Jan 22 Cal State Fullerton 4 pm
 Feb 5 U of Washington noon
 Feb 11 Arizona 2 pm
 Feb 12 California noon
 Feb 18 Long Beach State 2 pm
 Mar 9 Pepperdine 2 pm
 Mar 16 Syracuse 2 pm
 Mar 17 Denver 2 pm
 Mar 19 Sacramento State noon
 Apr 6 U of San Diego, USD, 1:30 pm
 Apr 15 BYU 2 pm
 Apr 16 Utah noon
 Apr 17 UNLV 10 am

Jan 29, UC Irvine, noon; Feb 8 USC Los Angeles 1:30pm; Feb 25 Cal State Northridge; Honolulu, 11 am; Mar 26, Loyola Marymont, 1 pm; Mar 31 Wyoming 10 am, Las Vegas Apr 1, Colorado State, Apr 2 Air Force, 10 am; Apr 6, USD, San Diego; Apr 9, New Mexico, Albuquerque, 10 am; Apr 27-30 MWC Championships, Ft Collins, Colo