

Aztecs' Top 1932 Player, Hugh McArthur, Celebrates 100th

Hugh McArthur, the Aztec tennis team's leading player in 1932, celebrated his 100th birthday September 17th at a party attended by nearly 40 family members and friends in the Mission Hills of San Diego.

He's pretty healthy, he told *ATR* in 2009, shortly after his 98th birthday. He wore a satisfied smile, looking down from a balcony into the front yard of his home.

McArthur became a successful businessman in San Diego while dominating regional tennis for years, competing until he was 78.

Only in his 90s did he discuss his success.

He was the best in Southern California, he



Courtesy Susan Coordt

Hugh McArthur, 100, in his Aztec tennis jacket.

recalled proudly two years ago. He beat most everybody around.

At San Diego High in 1929, McArthur won California's coveted Dudley Cup interscholastic tennis championship in Santa Monica, defeating Jack Tidball.

In 1933, Tidball, representing UCLA, won the U.S. intercollegiate title.

In 1943, San Diego High's Gene Garrett won the Dudley Cup. McArthur held the trophy with Garrett and Robert Muench, who had won it in 1925. Their three victories retired the

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Returning Aztecs Expected to Bolster Teams in 2012 Season

Two Aztec veterans, Julia Wais of Goeppingen, Germany, and Javier Pulgar of Madrid, Spain, are expected to be among the Aztecs' top players for the 2012 team season, which begins in January.

Wais compiled a 22-12 record in singles in 2011, won 20 of 33 doubles matches, and earned All-Mountain West Conference honors in singles with Aztec Julia Trunk of Bad Saulgau, Germany. Sierra and Roxanne Ellison of Coto de Caza, Calif., won all-conference honors in doubles. Sierra Ellison won the region's Cissie Leary sportsmanship award.

All three won Intercollegiate Tennis Association scholar-athlete awards for grade point averages above 3.5.

For the Aztec men, Pulgar won 8 of 19 singles matches and 10 of 20 doubles matches. He and Aztec Giovanni



Aztec Tennis Reporter Photos

Aztecs Julia Wais of Germany, Javier Pulgar of Spain

Vaglietti gained the All Mountain West team in singles. Vaglietti and Hunter Nicholas were All-MWC in doubles.

The Aztec men won only 7 of 22 matches and fell out of the top 75 college teams in the country.

The women ranked 51st after winning 12 of their final 16 matches.

The Aztec men recorded the highest grade point average of all San Diego State athletic teams, according to Coach Gene Carswell.

At this year's scholar-athlete banquet we had seven tennis players honored, he said. They were Vaglietti, Nicholas, Tim Schulz van Endert, Matthew Tosches, Jose Sierra-Short, and 2010 teammates Achim Vladimirschii (formerly Achim Ceban) and Luis Rattenhuber.

Victory Over City Rival USD: How 'Playing for Tim' Saved the Aztec Soul

Battered by 14 losses in 18 matches, the Aztec men met USD in April as overwhelming underdogs.

The Toreros were ranked 29th in the nation. The Aztecs had dropped off the list of 75 top teams.

When the city rivals met informally in January, USD players won every match.

Days before their April encounter, Aztec Tim

Schulz van Endert, due to play third singles, returned to Berlin to be with his dying mother.

By playing for Tim, and despite all expectations, SDSU defeated USD, 4-3. How?

Aztecs Giovanni Vaglietti and Hunter Nicholas beat



Feliz

USD's 15th ranked doubles team, 8-5.

Javier Pulgar and Juan Guillermo Florez won their match, 8-3. The Aztecs led, 1-0.

The Toreros won three singles points, but Pulgar and Jose Sierra-

Short each won three-

set singles victories to deadlock the match, 3-3.

Finally, Aztec Andre Feliz rallied to win, 0-6, 7-6 (6), 6-2, this, after trailing, 0-6, 0-3, 0-40.

It was an incredible match. I sort of came back from the dead, Feliz said, but that is what happens if you never give up.

It was a victory that saved the Aztec soul. — J.M.

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Dear ATR: Memories of Kindness, Coaches and Playing as an Aztec

Dear ATR: The time at San Diego State was the best time of my life. People that I did not know before opened their door to me, like Eric Faulkner's parents, who offered a place to stay for my first 4 weeks at State. I played a great first season winning the regionals with my friend Frank Morgan. Later on, I played on the tour with Steve Adamson, who came to Indian Wells to cheer this year.

Making the Sweet 16 in 2000 still feels like my biggest victory in tennis, right up there with wins over world #1 Nadal or the Bryans. It meant the world for me to play for John (Nelson) and his team. I will always be an Aztec and follow their results. Countless hours on court with Larry Willens made me stronger and him travelling with me on tour made me a mentally much stronger person.

Without Coaches Nelson and Willens, I would be working in a bank and have never experienced playing Davis Cup and all the Grand Slams.

Alex Waske
Frankfurt, Germany
The writer won All-American honors at SDSU in 2000 and has earned a reputation (and rankings) as one of the world's top doubles players, reaching the semi-finals of the Australian Open in 2005 and the French Open in 2006. He has opened a tennis academy in Frankfurt and returned briefly to the ATP tour after recovering from an arm injury, competing in doubles at the French Open and at Wimbledon.

Dear ATR: As usual, a pleasure to read.

Steve Weber
San Diego
The writer retired in July after serving 15 years as president of San Diego State University (1996-2011).

Dear ATR: Another good read. (ATR 48, April 2011). Thanks, keep them coming.

Hal Snyder
Ramona
The writer is a longtime supporter of Aztec tennis.

Dear ATR: Another great Tennis Reporter (ATR 48, April 2011). Congratulations. I liked your analysis of the football and basketball success ("Appraisal: Will Gridiron, Hoops Success Translate to Aztec Tennis?"), and what fine research on where the 1998 netters are today and what they're doing. ("Where Are We Now? 1998 Aztec Men's Tennis Team")

Roger Conlee
San Diego
The writer is a novelist. He retired after a career in public relations and sports writing. He covered sports for the San



Daniel Polinsky for ATR

SPECIAL YEAR: Alex Waske in 2000 NCAA Championships, where he earned All-American honors. It was his final Aztec season before turning professional.

Aztec Men's Tennis Team," ATR 48, April, 2011)

AG Clarkson
Santa Clara, Calif
The writer played college tennis at Santa Clara University. Kolo Rosenthal paints, teaches tennis, lifeguards in summer, and surfs.

Dear ATR: Great newsletter. Thanks for the gift.

Ryan Redondo
Stockton, Calif
The writer is men's tennis

Diego Evening Tribune and was a sports-writer and assistant features editor at the Chicago Daily News.

Dear ATR: Good issue. I enjoyed the editorial ("Appraisal: Will Gridiron, Hoops Success Translate to Aztec Tennis?").

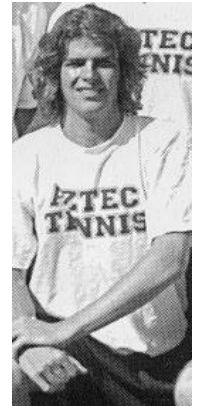
Pat JaCoby
Del Mar
The writer is a public relations executive, arts patron, and former United Press and San Diego Union reporter.

Dear ATR: Keep 'em coming! I like Kolo Rosenthal's lifestyle! ("Where Are We Now? 1998

coach at University of the Pacific. He earned All-American honors at San Diego State in 2002 and won the national indoor doubles championship with Oliver Maiberger in 2001.

Dear ATR: Good job as always (ATR 48, April 2011).

My son Blake, the Pacific Union Realty salesman and Ford Modeling model is doing great. He just finished a Ralph Lauren brand, American Living shoot. Huge job as the ads and clothing are nationwide scheduled for this summer and fall. And he opened Glow Yoga Wellness Center recently in North Beach, San Francisco.



Blake Pearson
1997

Russell Pearson
San Diego
The writer is the father of Aztec men's tennis players Blake Pearson (1996-97) and Jason Pearson (1996).

Dear ATR: A treat to read! Thanks for sending.

Geoff MacDonald
Nashville, Tenn
The writer is women's tennis coach at Vanderbilt University.

Dear ATR: Loved the persuasion on the run+ ("Aztec Sideline Coaching: The Fine Art of Persuasion on the Run," ATR 48, April 2011). Keep it coming.

Michael Kelley
San Diego
The writer is a USTA ITA tennis official in S. California.

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Where Are We Now? The Great Search (1922-2012) Continues

Holly Bagshaw: I've been helping coach the Aztec women's teams while working for a San Diego company that helps adults with developmental disabilities. It has been a great experience. Along with work, I have been studying for my masters degree in counseling psychology/marriage and family therapy at Argosy University in San Diego.

Esther Cadua: I'm busy! I still live in San Diego (North Park). I'm a management assistant at the Naval Facilities Engineering Command - Southwest. We support Navy and Marine bases in six states with contracting for construction of things like housing, piers, airfields, hospitals, and public works services. I've been here more than a year and it's been great, a foot in the door for the future. I started as an intern, learned plenty and now I'm a permanent employee. Tennis? I teach it when there's time.

Dita Hauerlandova: I'm doing very well! I've moved back to Prague after four years in Dubai teaching tennis for Peter Burwash International. Counting my time at San Diego State, I was basically living outside the Czech Republic for eight years. I am very happy to be back home. I'm doing some coaching at a tennis club, but mainly I'm trying to enjoy my life.



Eliska and Dita

Eliska Krausova: I studied French in Nice for three months before my wedding in June in Prague. My Aztec teammate Dita was my maid of honor.

I've been accepted at Fordham Law School in New York. My husband is French. If we decide to return to Europe, I would like to be able to practice law in France.



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Milana Yusupov: I'm working as a design assistant in Redwood City, Calif. I live 10 minutes away with my boyfriend (he's in computer IT in Foster City). We met at summer school at SDSU before moving to the Bay Area. I completed my studies in interior design last December. For my birthday, I went home to Israel in March. My knee injury keeps me from playing tennis for now but I'd like to teach it when I get the time. Right now, I'm working full time.

Alesya Vidov: I'm teaching tennis near New York City at Rye Racquet Club (fall/winter) and Westchester Country Club (spring/summer). After SDSU, I moved to Miami to help my father coach my niece who was playing on the tour. That's where I met Federico, a tennis coach from Argentina. We decided to move to New York where our goal is to direct, manage or own a club, working summers in New York and winters in Argentina. We got married this summer and we are expecting our first child in February!

Yuki Hagikawa: I'm working in Shanghai for a trading company. It's been almost 2 years, a great experience to learn a new culture and new language. My company trades in apparel (where I work), furniture, and toys. I haven't played much tennis here, only for fun when I go back to Japan for holidays. People in Shanghai are really excited about Na Li's victory in the French Open. Everybody's talking about her, TV programs feature her. I am pretty sure tennis will get more popular in China.

Sisse Nielsen: I'm back in Denmark and have just finished my masters of science degree at Copenhagen Business School (innovation management and business development). I work in the field of corporate social responsibility. After college, I played team matches for my old club, Birkerød Tennisklub, but I've been out with a shoulder injury for several months and doing rehab to get back on court.

Happy Birthday, Hugh McArthur: Top Aztec Player in 1932, Turns 100

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cup to the trophy case at San Diego High School.

McArthur also won the California Interscholastic Federation championship in 1929, defeating Phil Hanna of Hollywood High, 6-3, 6-1, in the finals.

As a sophomore at San Diego State College, where he was elected treasurer of the Associated Men Students, McArthur and Ben Hayward reached the semifinals at the Ojai Tournament, losing to a UCLA team in a terrific struggle, according to the 1932 Aztec yearbook, which said: "As a first-rate tennis player, McArthur ranks in a class by himself. His game was one of steady and relentless hammering."

In the 1931 Pacific Southwest Championships (won by Bill Tilden in 1927), McArthur defeated John Sisson, 6-4, 6-4, in the first round, then lost to Pat Hughes, 7-5, 8-10, 6-3, according to archives.

In 1932, McArthur advanced to the third round, defeating Manuel Alonso de Areyza, 9-7, 2-6, 6-4, before falling to John Van



100th Birthday Card for Hugh McArthur from teammates.

Ryn, 7-5, 6-2.

"He was a super player," said Ben Press, one of McArthur's successors as the leading men's player in San Diego. "When I started to play him, he was in his late 30s and early 40s. He was still plenty tough. He had a lot of feel and a lot of touch. He was a nice smart player."

McArthur's father, Duncan, a Canadian-born San Diego real estate developer, and his wife, Minnie, from Indiana, welcomed their second child, Hugh, into the



1932

world on Sept. 21, 1911.

McArthur said he began his business career after dropping out of San Diego State College, marrying, then returning for more study.

"In 1940, I started a little business at 3d and G Streets with several friends," he said.

"About 1949, we built a steel yard down on Harbor Drive, where the bridge now goes across to Coronado. We moved 1,000 tons of steel out of there. We had 80 people; then we repaired and sold tractors and farm machinery from Interna-

tional Harvester. I sold the business in 1972 and retired at 62.

"I played tennis all the time I was working," he said.

As his 100th birthday approached, McArthur remained modest, eating lots of vegetables and enjoying barbecued ribs and his favorite Chinese dishes.

"He's always kind and positive," said a son-in-law, Don Coordt. "He's a nice guy." His daughter, Susan Coordt, described her father as shy, preferring to avoid the spotlight.

For his 100th birthday, McArthur received an Aztec men's tennis jacket bearing his name and a birthday card reading: "Happy 100 Hugh! From your Aztec Teammates."

The card bears photos of McArthur in 1932 and 1943 and the images of 24 Aztec men and women players and coaches from the 2010-2012 tennis teams and the San Diego State Athletic Director Jim Sterk.

"He was thrilled with the jacket and card," said Susan Coordt. "He said, 'I can't believe somebody would do that for me!'"

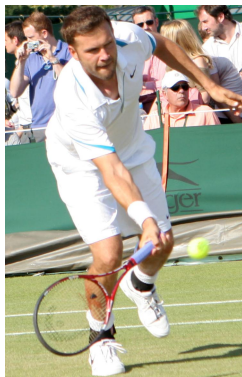
Aztec Alex Waske, U.S. Collegians, Vie at Wimbledon, French, U.S. Open

Six former U.S. college tennis players faced off this summer at three major championships.

At the French Open, Alex Waske and Rainer Schuettler of Germany defeated Travis Rettenmaier of the United States and Santiago Gonzalez of Mexico in the first round, 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (4), then lost to Americans Scott Lipsky and Ravee Ram, 7-6 (5), 6-3.

At the United States Open, Waske and Michael Kohlmann avenged this loss, upsetting 16th seeded Lipsky and Ram, 5-7, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (6).

At Wimbledon, Waske and Schuettler lost in the first round to Somdev Devvarman of India



Aztec Tennis Reporter Photo
Waske at Wimbledon in June, 2011

and Kei Nishikori of Japan, 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-2.

In mixed doubles, Waske and Jasmin Woehr of Germany lost to Stephen Huss and Anastasia Rodionova of Australia in three sets, 3-6, 7-6 (3), 7-5.

Six of the ten men played U.S. college tennis. Rettenmaier played at UCLA. Waske was an All-American at San Diego State, Huss at Auburn, Lipsky at Stanford (when it won the NCAA team championship in 2000), and Ram at Illinois. Coached by Craig Tiley of Australia, Ram's Fighting Illini won the NCAA team title in 2003. Devvarman won the NCAA singles championship in 2007 and 2008 while at the University of Virginia.