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Aztecs Zoom Worldwide to Prepare for a Next Season



GALLERY VIEW: Aztec women's tennis teammates discuss off-court academic duties during an August zoom meeting with Academic Administrator Samantha Oshiro, top row far left, and Coach Peter Mattera, top row, second from right. Nico Vinel, associate head coach, is second from left. Trainer Josh Nutsch sits on top row far right. The players, from left to right on the second row, are Alexandria von Tersch Poher and Regina Pitts of the USA, Alicia Melosch of Germany, and Tamara Arnold of Switzerland. The players on the bottom row, from left, are Cecile Morin of France, and Abbie Mulbarger and Nnena Nadozie of the USA, and Julia Jordan of Mexico. Nadozie and Jordan (N and J) zoomed without using cameras.

Two Aztec Heroes Gain Top Positions At Barnes, YTSD

Aztec Ryan Redondo, who twice won All American honors in doubles with Oliver Maiberger in 2002-2003, and Aztec Steve Adamson, who created one of the country's leading junior tennis academies, have been hired to lead San Diego's premier junior tennis institution: Youth Tennis San Diego, which owns the Barnes Tennis Center. Redondo, whose father, Skip Re-

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AZTEC ALL AMERICANS:
Ryan Redondo, front, Oliver Maiberger, rear, in 2003.

Aztecs Across Globe, Connected by ZOOM, Awaiting Directions,

Spread quietly across a 16-inch monitor, eight members of the 2019-2020 Aztec women's team sat in a kind of photoelectric darkness.

Some cameras shed little light, Some participants slumped back in their seats.

It was just past mid-August and Samantha Oshiro had explained a series of academic

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Aztecs Connect by ZOOM, Await Decisions Affecting a 2021 Season

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deadlines. But the tennis schedule was still a work in progress.

Earlier, Coach Peter Mattera told Aztec Tennis Reporter that “I don’t know,” was the most frequent sentence he had been hearing all month.

Now, as we listened, Mattera was encouraging his players, listening from Mexico, Switzerland, France, and Germany, and the United States, to stay fit.

The team was “...hopefully get-

ting ready for our awesome spring season,” he said as the zoom meeting was ending.

“So keep that in the back of your mind. Say your prayers. Send some good juju.

We would love to spend a good two or three weeks together before we start our season in January.

SEPTEMBER UPDATE

MATTERA: The timeline remains the same. We are hoping for our Spring season to stay intact, but we will have to see how it goes. ATR: ARE YOU CON-

SIDERING RAISING MONEY FROM ALUMS IF THE FOOTBALL OR BASKETBALL TEAMS DON'T PLAY OR EARN ENOUGH? MATTERA: I think that once they have some more information regarding football and basketball, they will spend some more time on the Spring sports and get us some updated guidance (sometime in October). Everyone is going to be taking a significant financial hit, so fundraising is always on everyone's mind, especially now. Go Aztecs, Peter

Aztecs Redondo, Adamson Win Key Roles at Major San Diego Tennis Institution

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dondo, coached the Aztec men’s team from 1978 to 1989, was hired as Chief Executive Officer of YTSD, a non-profit company which owns and operates the George Barnes Family Junior Tennis Center, where he serves as General Manager.

Adamson played Aztec tennis 1995-98, then created a highly respected junior teaching academy at the Pacific Beach Tennis Club, which he managed before taking the YTSD position of Director of Tennis.

“My main tasks are coordinating all the junior tennis programs,” Adamson said. “I manage the curriculums as well as oversee the teaching pros.”

“It’s great working with Ryan because we have the same goals. We want to transform Barnes into one of the most reputable tennis centers in the nation and we are off to a great start,” he said.

Redondo served as assistant Aztec coach in 2008-2010, then as head coach at University of the Pacific, 2010-2019.

Redondo’s Uncle Walter Redondo was the world’s top-ranked 16-year-old

junior in the early 1970s. His Aunt Marita Redondo competed at Wimbledon in 1973 at age 17.

Redondo described after-school teaching as the flagship effort among many YTSD programs, which include staging the USTA National Junior Girls 16 and 18-year-old Championships. The two tournaments were cancelled this year over health concerns.

“We get to go into schools and offer six-week sessions and teach kids the sport of tennis and all the wonderful life skills and additional academic opportunities that we offer them.

“So, to not be able to start that in the schools is definitely a challenge,” he said.

Redondo said the center plans a virtual fundraiser in October to support its operations, which include staging tournaments.

Redondo said he is not out to create an elite institution but to help connect and support all elements of the sport, including college tennis. He praised the Aztec program.

“When I was interviewing for the job, what I presented to them was this Buddhist philosophy of interdependent co-arising. Everything about Youth Tennis San Diego, everything about Barnes tennis, everything about the city of San Diego and tennis in San Diego has got to interconnect and co-arise together.”

In a time of disruption, what could be better?— **John Martin**



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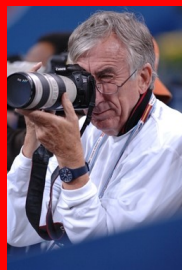


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