

Aztec Tennis Reporter

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Aztecs Entering 100th Year of College Tennis

Praise for Coach Willens From Across the Globe

In August, *Aztec Tennis Reporter* published a Salute to Coach Larry Willens (1938-2021). Readers



responded from near and far, literally from across the globe.

Dear ATR:
This is quite amazing.

WILLENS Thank you SO much. I just wanted to say thank you. Truly.

Rich Willens (Son)

Dear ATR:

Excellent, thorough, and well deserved tribute! For sure, you captured the essence of the man in such a humanistic way. I am proud and honored to have been included in this beautiful testimonial.

Larry Belinsky
Aztec Men 1974-76,
Founder, San Diego
Tennis Hall of Fame

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ATR Photos

SWEET SPOT STRIKE ZONE: Aztecs Joe Tyler, right, and Alexandria Von Tersch Pohrer keep eyes on target preparing for 2022 matches.



Lights, Cameras, Matches!

The Aztec tennis program has begun a project to install streaming video cameras on each of the Aztec Tennis Center's 12 courts.

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Lefthander Zoe Mulloy Greenbaum, two years young, swings her forehand while watching women's matches at Aztec Tennis Center in October.

"She's following her mother's footsteps," said her father, Todd Green-

NEWEST AZTEC



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SDSU SCHEDULES HOME MATCHES AGAINST 23 FOES

San Diego State's two college tennis teams begin new seasons in January as part of the beginning of a new century of sport that began with a campus tennis club in 1922.

The nine Aztec women, led by head coach Peter Mattera and associate head coach Nicolas Vinel, will stage 12 home matches, starting Jan. 21-22 against Sacramento State and UC Riverside.

The eight Aztec men, led by head coach Gene Carswell and associate head coach Jeff Thomsen,

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baum, the Assistant Aztec Athletic Director for Marketing, Sales, and Fulfillment.

Zoe's mother, Katie (maiden name Mulloy), played college tennis for UC San Diego's Tritons between 2008 and 2012.

Dear Aztec Tennis Reporter: The Salute to Coach Larry Willens

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Dear ATR:

Yet another great issue. Great tribute to Larry Willens, who unfortunately, I never really had the opportunity to know.

Dick Gould

Stanford Men's Tennis Coach 1968-2004

Dear ATR: I started my officiating career 40 years ago. San Diego Friar matches at the Sports Arena with Coach Willens were among my first endeavors. Concluded with him at SDSU matches. A long ride. Lots of stories. A bright, private man indeed.

Bob Christianson

Retired USTA official

Dear ATR:

Condolences on the passing of Coach Willens. What a lovely, uplifting tribute!

Willie Weinbaum ESPN New York

Dear ATR:

It is with mixed feelings that I write this tribute. Coach Larry's knowledge of the sport of tennis, his humility and passion were infectious. May his memory continue to be a blessing to all who knew him.

Godwin Kienka

Tennis Africa Magazine



Screen Capture
Kienka

Dear ATR:

Wonderful tribute to Larry Willens...A very, very special individual

Mark Winters

Southern California Tennis Association

Billie Jean King, Coach Willens' longtime friend and colleague at World Team Tennis, spoke at his Celebration of Life memorial at the Aztec Tennis Center in August.

2022 AZTEC WOMEN'S TENNIS HOME MATCHES

JAN 21 Sacramento State 2 pm
 JAN 22 UC Riverside Noon
 JAN 29 UC San Diego Noon
 FEB 11 Long Beach State 2 pm
 FEB 12 Cal Poly SLO noon
 FEB 18 Hawaii 2 pm
 FEB 20 California noon
 MAR 7 Princeton 2 pm
 MAR 12 Pennsylvania noon
 MAR 23 Dartmouth 2 pm
 MAR 26 Boise State 2 pm
 MAR 27 Utah State 2 pm

2022 AZTEC WOMEN'S AWAY MATCHES

FEB 5 Arizona, MAR 2 USD, APR 2 San Jose State,
 APR 3 Fresno State, APR 9 Wyoming,
 APR 10 Colorado State, APR 15 UNLV,
 APR 16 Nevada, APR 22 Air Force,
 APR 23 New Mexico

APRIL 27-30, Mountain West Championships,
 Tucson, AZ

MAY 13-15, NCAA Regionals TBD

MAY 19-28, NCAA Championships, Champaign, IL

2022 AZTEC MEN'S TENNIS HOME MATCHES

JAN 15 UC San Diego/TBA
 JAN 28-30 ITA Kickoff
 JAN 21 East Tennessee State
 FEB 19 Oregon
 FEB 26 Gonzaga
 MAR 3-6 Pacific Coast Doubles La Jolla Beach TC
 MAR 12 Pennsylvania
 MAR 13 Air Force
 MAR 19 Hawaii
 MAR 25 Portland
 APR 10 Utah State
 APR 16 New Mexico

2022 AZTEC MEN'S AWAY MATCHES

JAN 17 UC Irvine, FEB 4 Washington,
 FEB 5 Portland, FEB 12 Loyola Marymount,
 FEB 12 Cal Poly SLO, APR 8 UNLV,
 APR 21 Boise State, APR 23 Nevada

APR 29-MAY 1 Mountain West Championships
 NCAA Regionals
 NCAA Championships

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Where Are We Now? The Great Search (1922-2022)

By Paola Diaz De Regules (2014-18)
I am still in San Diego! I work at Barnes Tennis Center as Pro Shop and Front Desk Manager and as a coach.

As a manager, I do a little bit of everything, which is really fun for me. No two days are the same. I coach Red, Orange and high school programs. I am lucky to still be playing and hitting with all players! It's always been the most fun!!

I am from Mexico City. My major was International Security and Conflict Resolution. After graduating, I did a dual masters in Public Administration and Latin



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MANAGER: Aztec Paola Diaz de Regules (2014-2018) manages pro shop and front desk at Barnes Tennis Center, home of Youth Tennis San Diego. In 2016, right, she served against Pepperdine at SDSU.

American Studies (which I finished this spring.

I really enjoy working at Barnes. It has given me a chance to meet new players and

pay back a little piece of what the sport gave to me. Aztec men's coach Gene Carswell recommended me for the job. After interviewing with Ryan

Redondo and Steve Adamson, I knew I had found a great place and wanted to stay.

I've had the privilege of participating in numerous programs and operations and I couldn't be more excited for what is yet to come.

Something I wish my teammates would know is what a great time I had with all of them! I hope everyone is doing well and happy. I hope we can all crash Lindsey's house soon for some dinner and share a meal together again.

Lindsey Gamp was Assistant Aztec Women's Tennis Coach beginning in 2005.

Lights, Cameras, Matches!

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The camera system is intended as both a training tool and opening for fans and others to watch matches from afar.

The funds to create the system, estimated at \$10,000 to \$15,000, would come from a drive directed by coaches from both teams.

"Our hope is that we can bring live video streaming to allow anyone to watch our matches," including potential recruits, said Nico Vinel, associate women's head coach.

"This way, people back home, family members, friends, and fans can all watch."

Vinel said coaches would record Aztec player matches and workouts to help them analyze strengths and improve their skills.

"Our goal is to be a top tier program in the country, and this is a big part of getting there," he said.

Readers who wish to donate can contact Coach Vinel at his office, 619-594-5900.

Aztec Tennis Starting 100th Year

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open Jan. 15 in a doubleheader against UC San Diego and a team to be chosen.

The Aztec women are Tamara Arnold of Switzerland, Julia Jordan of Long Beach, Alicia Melosch of LaJolla,

Cecile Morin of France, Nnena Nadozie of Los Angeles, Regina Pitts of Los Angeles, Agustina Rimoldi Godoy of Argentina, Bunyawit Thamchaiwat of Thailand, and Alexandria Von Tersch Pohrer of

Orange, CA.

Among their notable opponents are Princeton, Penn, and Dartmouth. The Aztec men's team also meet Penn as well as East Tennessee State.

The Aztec men are Jules Affray of France, Judson Blair of Salem, OR, Victor Castro of Brazil, Alexander Mandma of Estonia, Roni Rikkonen of Finland, Alex Scemanenco of Cardiff-by-the-Sea, CA, Johannes Seeman of Estonia, and Joe Tyler of England.

**TEAM
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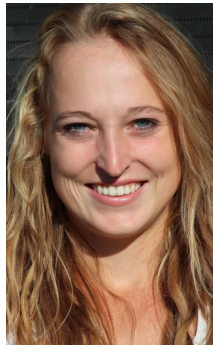
2021-22 AZTEC WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM



ARNOLD



JORDAN



MELOSCH



MORIN



NADOZIE



PITTS



RIMOLDI



GODOY



THAMCHAIWAT

VON TERSCH
POHRER



MATTERA



VINEL

2021-22 AZTEC MEN'S TENNIS TEAM



AFFRAY



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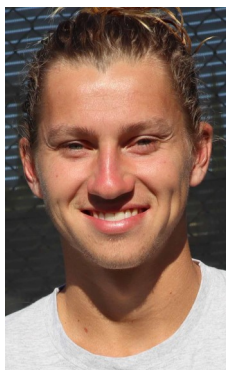
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CARSWELL



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