

Welcome to Aztec Men's Tennis

San Diego State Quick Facts

University Information

Location	San Diego, Calif.
Founded	1897
Enrollment	35,887
Team Nickname	Aztecs
Colors	Scarlet and Black
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Conference	Mountain West
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In Loving Memory



Dontia Haynes
(1982-2005)

Dontia Haynes, who was a member of the San Diego State men's tennis team for the last two seasons, died tragically in a motorcycle accident on Sept. 23, 2005, in San Diego. He was 23 years old.

A native of Bellflower, Calif., Haynes, who completed his athletic eligibility last spring, was finishing his degree in psychology at the University. He was scheduled to graduate in May 2006.

In 2005, Haynes was instrumental in leading the Aztecs to a Mountain West Conference championship and a berth in the NCAA Tournament. He was ranked among the top 100 collegiate players nationally and played both singles and doubles for SDSU each of the last two seasons.

Head coach Gene Carswell and the Aztec men's tennis team have dedicated the upcoming season in Haynes' memory and will use his inspiration to compete toward the goals the team has set forth in 2006.

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On the cover: Bottom Row (L-R): Anthony Gomez, Nima Ossareh. Middle Row (L-R): Billy Timu, Stephan Timu, Benedikt Stronk, head coach Gene Carswell. Top Row (L-R) Michael Beron, Markus Dickhardt, Christian Groh, Robert Sabo, Eugenio Romero, Matt Bittner, assistant coach Brandon Fallon.



Season Outlook



Senior Benedikt Stronk returns to the Aztecs this spring after playing overseas on the ITF Futures Tour.

After returning to its usual perch atop the Mountain West Conference in 2005, the question remains for the San Diego State men's tennis team, what to do for an encore? The answer may lie in the Aztecs' ability to replace three key weapons in all-conference performers Armando Carrascosa, Dontia Haynes and Daniel Jung.

Despite the departures, plenty of ammunition remains in the SDSU arsenal. Throw in a crop of talented newcomers and third-year head coach Gene Carswell is steadfastly optimistic the scarlet and black can defend its MWC titles in 2006.

"It's going to be very tough to replace those three guys," Carswell said. "They brought senior leadership and experience, and they knew how to win. They contributed

greatly to our success last year. There's no question that the guys we have coming in have some big shoes to fill. I think we've done a pretty good job of reloading and we're going to go after another conference championship.

"Our expectations haven't changed. We're going to try and defend our regular season and tournament championships and hopefully make a run for the NCAA Tournament and advance to the Sweet 16. Those are our goals every year."

The Aztecs' fortunes in 2006 will undoubtedly hinge on the German triumvirate of senior Benedikt Stronk and juniors Markus Dickhardt and Christian Groh. Carswell expects all three to have an impact at the top three singles positions.

"We have three guys at the top of our ladder who can play with anyone in the NCAA," Carswell explained. "We're very fortunate to be able to plug these guys in any of the top three spots on any given day. It's a nice problem to have as coach, because when you go and fill out that lineup card, any one of them can be the No. 1 guy on that day."

Stronk, who earned all-MWC singles honors in 2005, adds instant firepower to an already-potent lineup after spending the summer and fall overseas on the International Tennis Federation (ITF) Futures Tour.

"Benni was able to play in some very high-level events during his semester off," Carswell said. "He gained a lot of experience, which will pay dividends for us this spring. He is a fierce competitor and brings great intensity with him on the court. I expect him to be a difference maker on our squad."

The Aztecs boast another returning all-MWC singles player from a year ago in Markus Dickhardt, who compiled an 18-6 record in dual-match play in 2005. Dickhardt carried that momentum into the fall, as he led the team with a 6-3 mark and appears ready to build on those numbers this spring.

"Markus has really blossomed as a player since coming here," Carswell said. "He's shown that he can compete with anyone in

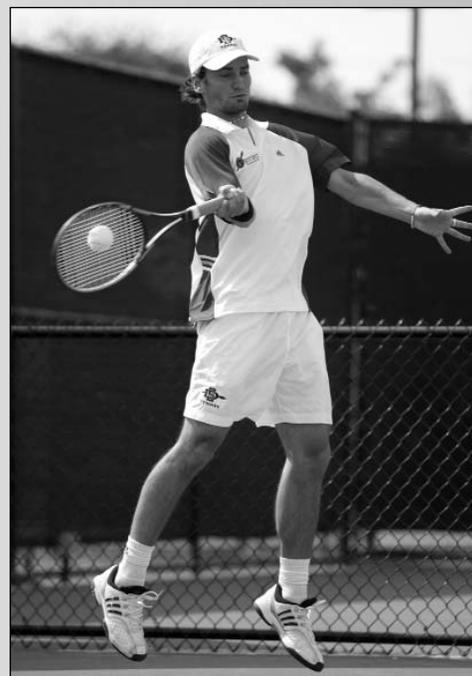
the country. He is a very talented individual, who will help us greatly at the top of our lineup in both singles and doubles. We'll count on him to lead by example too."

In addition to Stronk and Dickhardt, Carswell believes Groh is poised for a breakthrough season following an injury-plagued 2005 campaign. Groh was sidelined for nine weeks last spring after hurting his ankle against UCLA. Still, Groh made tremendous strides, posting a 12-3 record in dual-match play.

"Last year was a tough one for Chris because of his injury," Carswell said. "I know he is very determined to make his mark on Aztec tennis this season, and we expect great things from him this year. He's another guy we'll lean on heavily in doubles, because he's got a great service return and he knows his way around the court. He is also one of our hardest workers. He puts in extra time on the court and it shows."

The Aztecs' talent does not stop after the top-three positions. SDSU is also anticipating a sizeable contribution from senior Stephan Timu, an imposing figure who is expected to make a big splash after transferring from perennial tennis power Georgia. Timu was a member of the Bulldogs' NCAA championship team in 2002, and also brings international experience with him to The Mesa.

"Stephan was a player who was looking for a change of environment," Carswell said. "He injured his ankle and that sort of took him out of the rotation at Georgia. He made it known that he wanted to transfer, and one of his good friends was (ex-Aztec All-American) Ryan Redondo. That's how the SDSU connection came about. He made a visit



The Aztecs will rely heavily on junior Markus Dickhardt's steady play throughout the season.

2006 San Diego State Men's Tennis Roster

Name	Yr.-Exp.	Hometown (Last school)
Michael Beron	Fr.-HS	San Diego, Calif. (Scripps Ranch HS)
Matt Bittner	So.-SQ	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Washington HS)
Markus Dickhardt	Jr.-2L	Marburg, Germany (Adolf-Reichwein-Schule)
Anthony Gomez	Jr.-JC	Palm Desert, Calif. (College of the Desert)
Christian Groh	Jr.-1L	Crailsheim, Germany (Albert Schweizer Gymnasium)
Nima Ossareh	So.-SQ	Bethesda, Md. (Walt Whitman HS)
Eugenio Romero	Sr.-1L	Ensenada, Mexico (Saddleback JC)
Robert Sabo	So.-JC	Rancho Mirage, Calif. (College of the Desert)
Benedikt Stronk	Sr.-1L	Berlin, Germany (Arnt Gymnasium Berlin)
Billy Timu	Fr.-HS	Laval, Quebec, Canada (Georges-Vanier HS)
Stephan Timu	Sr.-TR	Laval, Quebec, Canada (Univ. of Georgia)

Head Coach: Gene Carswell (New Mexico '93), Third Season

Assistant Coach: Brandon Fallon (Cal Poly '01), First Season

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Larry Willens (San Jose State '67), Eighth Season



Third-year head coach Gene Carswell will lead an Aztec team looking for its fourth conference tournament championship in five years.

out here and liked it.

"We expect big things from Stephan. He's the type of guy who you want on your team. He has a great deal of international experience and has played at the highest level in college at Georgia. Since he's a senior, we expect him to be a leader for our younger guys."

The Aztecs' other remaining senior, Eugenio Romero, will be counted on to continue his steady play from a year ago. Romero posted a 12-3 record in doubles, teaming with Markus Dickhardt, and will also see time in the singles rotation.

"Eugenio is the consummate team player," Carswell said. "His senior leadership will definitely help our some of our younger guys."

Two of those players are Anthony Gomez and Robert Sabo, two standout transfers who bring impressive credentials with them from the College of the Desert.

Gomez, a junior, was a finalist in the California Community College singles tournament in 2005. The Palm Desert native finished the season ranked fourth in the state in singles and eighth in doubles, pairing with Sabo.

"Anthony is a tremendously talented player who is dedicated to improving his game," Carswell said. "He is a hard worker and I know he'll be in our singles lineup. He's has a big serve, and that will help him set up his strong backcourt game. He hits a heavy ball from both the forehand and backhand wings."

Sabo, meanwhile, has a plethora of experience on the junior circuit throughout Southern California. The Rancho Mirage product helped COD capture the 2005 state team championship and earned a final No. 4 ranking in the singles poll.

Sabo has already paid dividends for the scarlet and black, posting two upsets at the Wilson/ITA Regional Championships in October.

"Robert had a fantastic fall tournament season," Carswell said. "He came in very conscientious about improving his game. The upshot was that he beat two nationally

ranked players. We all felt he could compete at the Division I level, but we didn't expect his success so soon. He has vast potential as a player."

Carswell is also enamored with the addition of another newcomer, freshman Billy Timu, brother of Aztec senior Stephan Timu. The younger Timu is a veteran of the junior circuit, earning a combined ITF ranking of 145 in 2004.

"Billy is a huge serve-and-volley attacker who brings vast potential to our team," Carswell said. "If we can tap that potential, the sky is the limit for him."

Back to provide depth are a pair of sophomores Matt Bittner and Nima Ossareh, both of whom continue to show steady improvement in hopes of cracking the lineup in the future.

Rounding out the roster is freshman Michael Beron, a local product who will red-shirt the 2006 campaign.

SDSU will also rely on another newcomer, Brandon Fallon, to help the squad reach its goals. Fallon was added as an assistant coach in December after serving a two-year stint as a teaching professional at Advantage Tennis Academy in Irvine, Calif. Fallon was also a successful collegiate player, earning second-team all-Big West doubles honors from 1999-2001 at Cal Poly and served as the Mustangs' team captain his senior year. Following his collegiate playing days, Fallon joined the ITF Futures Tour.

"Brandon definitely carries a positive energy with him and an eagerness to learn," Carswell said. "He brings a professional approach to the court every day, and his passion and enthusiasm have been contagious."



Senior transfer Stephan Timu will give the Aztecs an added boost this year.

"His knowledge of junior tennis is going to help us recruit some of the top junior players in Southern California."

Another demanding schedule awaits the scarlet and black as it prepares to defend its MWC titles and make a run for a repeat appearance in the NCAA Tournament. The Aztecs are slated to face 12 opponents this spring ranked in the preseason Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) poll. In addition to its usual formidable conference slate, SDSU will clash with perennial tennis powers USC and UCLA on the road. The Bruins are looking to defend their NCAA team championship from a year ago. The Aztecs will also square off against highly ranked opponents in North Carolina and Pepperdine at Aztec Tennis Center."

"We pit ourselves against the best teams in the country on an annual basis," Carswell said. "We feel that this type of scheduling prepares us well for the conference and NCAA's and for our goal of being among the nation's elite."

SDSU's MWC Era Championships

- 2000 Regular Season Champions
- 2001 Regular Season Champions
- 2002 Regular Season Champions
- 2002 Tournament Champions
- 2003 Regular Season Champions
- 2003 Tournament Champions
- 2005 Regular Season Champions
- 2005 Tournament Champions

MWC Men's Tennis Championships

(regular and postseason)

- San Diego State8
- New Mexico3
- Brigham Young1

All-America Honors

(since 2000)

- San Diego State8
- Brigham Young2
- New Mexico1
- UNLV1

2005 Honors

All-MWC singles (SDSU)

- Armando Carrascosa
- Markus Dickhardt
- Benedikt Stronk

All-MWC doubles (SDSU)

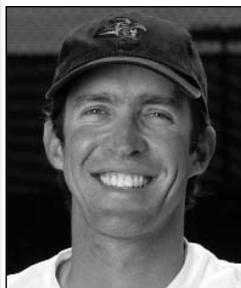
- Daniel Jung/Dontia Haynes

MWC All-Academic (SDSU)

- Markus Dickhardt
- Christian Groh
- Benedikt Stronk

MWC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS 2002 ♦ 2003 ♦ 2005

Aztec Coaching Staff



Gene Carswell

Head Coach

Third Season

New Mexico (1993)



Gene Carswell does not mince words when asked about what his vision is for the San Diego State men's tennis program.

"We are looking to go after national championships as individuals and my goal as a head coach is to win the team national championship," Carswell said.

After five seasons of helping lead San Diego State's men's tennis ease into the national spotlight, and a pair of regional assistant coach of the year honors, Gene Carswell begins his third season as the Aztecs' head coach.

Carswell had been an invaluable part of the program before taking over as head coach in 2003. He teamed with then-head coach John Nelson to lead the Aztec program to four NCAA appearances in five seasons, including three trips to the second round and an appearance in the Sweet 16.

"We have set the bar high," Carswell said. "We have established a tradition of being at the top of our conference every year. We look to not only get to the NCAA Tournament, but to win matches and advance. Our goal year in and year out is to reach our potential."

In addition, Carswell has been a catalyst in the building of All-American players like Alex Waske, Oliver Maiberger and Ryan Redondo.

In his five seasons as an assistant coach from 1998-2003, the Aztec program reached unparalleled heights, posting an 80-44 (64.5

percent) record while playing one of the nation's most difficult schedules.

"In the years I have been here, we have been able to build something that is really special," Carswell said. "The support in the community has never been greater. People are excited about San Diego State tennis."

After advancing to the NCAA Tournament just one time in the program's history before his arrival, San Diego State has been a frequent visitor to the sport's center stage, advancing to the championships in five of the last six seasons and winning five matches in the process.

Carswell is looking to build on the programs' recent success.

"I think the sky is the limit," Carswell said. "Here we are in beautiful San Diego. We can go after the very best players and part of that is possible because of the brand new facility. We play a fanstatic schedule, a top-20 schedule every year. Our goal is to be part of the elite in college tennis."

Carswell attended Mt. Carmel High School and was a member of the Sun Devils' 1989 CIF championship tennis team. He then went on to the University of New Mexico, where he was named the 1990 Western Athletic Conference rookie of the year for the Lobos. A three-time all-WAC selection, Carswell helped lead New Mexico to three NCAA Tournament appearances. Individually, Carswell participated in the NCAA in indoor singles (1992) and doubles (1992 and 1993).



Carswell held an ATP world ranking for five consecutive years from 1992 through 1996. He is a four-time open division national champion.

Prior to joining San Diego State, Carswell coached the boys' tennis team at Poway High School in 1997 and '98, leading the Titans to the '98 CIF finals.

Carswell is married to the former Lainie Spence and has two children, Spence and Duncan. The couple resides in La Jolla.

Building a Dynasty

SDSU men's tennis since 1998

- 2 - All-America doubles honors claimed by SDSU players
- 2 - ITA Regional Coach of the Year awards
- 4 - All-America singles honors claimed by SDSU players
- 4 - Conference player of the year awards
- 6 - NCAA team tournament appearances
- 10 - All-Conference doubles awards
- 20 - All-Conference singles awards
- 24 - MWC Player of the Week awards claimed by SDSU players
- 123 - Victories (avg. of 15 wins per season)



MWC REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONS 2000 • 2001 • 2002 • 2003 • 2005



Brandon Fallon

Assistant Coach

First Season

Cal Poly (2001)



The SDSU men's tennis team recently received a valuable addition to its staff when Brandon Fallon was named as the Aztecs' new assistant coach. Fallon arrives on Montezuma Mesa after spending the past two years as a teaching professional at Advantage Tennis Academy in Irvine, Calif.

Fallon was a highly successful collegiate player at Cal Poly from 1998-2001, after

transferring from UNLV following his freshman year. He was a second-team all-Big West doubles selection for three straight seasons and served as the Mustangs' team captain during his senior year in 2001. That season, he also enjoyed his most productive singles campaign, compiling a 17-5 dual-match record at the No. 1 position.

In addition to his on-court success, Fallon excelled in the classroom, earning academic All-America honors from the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) in 2000. He graduated with cum laude distinction in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in industrial technology.

After completing his eligibility, Fallon served a one-year stint as an assistant coach at Cal Poly before joining the International Tennis Federation (ITF) Futures Tour.

While on tour, Fallon maintained an ATP ranking for three consecutive years in both singles and doubles. He collected victories over 10 Top-500 players, including Amer Delic who was the 2003 NCAA singles champion.



A native of San Clemente, Calif., Fallon enjoys hiking, snowboarding and traveling in his spare time. He and fiancée Valerie Bueno are planning an August 2006 wedding.



Larry Willens

Volunteer Assistant Coach

Eighth Season

San Jose State (1967)



Larry Willens enters his eighth season as a volunteer assistant coach for the San Diego State men's and women's tennis teams. He assists the Aztecs at team practices, one-on-one drills, on-court coaching at matches and tournament seeding at the various fall tournaments San Diego State plays host to.

In addition to his tennis expertise, Willens is a trained sports psychologist and works with athletes on the mental aspect of the game.

"I can't say enough about Larry," said head coach Gene Carswell. "He knows the game inside and out both physically and mentally. His vast knowledge and years of experience coaching at the college and professional level are almost unparalleled in San Diego. He's a tremendous resource for both the Aztec men's

and women's teams."

In previous years, Willens has coached several professional tennis players including Gretchen Majors, Robin White and Kerry Reid. He also coached two professional World Team Tennis squads, the San Diego Friars and the Sacramento Capitols.

Willens received a bachelor's degree in physical education from San Jose State and a master's in physical education from San Diego State. He currently teaches in San Diego State's physical education department.

Willens has two sons: Richard, 35, and Alex, 21.



MWC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS 2002 ♦ 2003 ♦ 2005

Meet the Letterwinners



Eugenio Romero

Senior • 5-11 • LH

Ensenada, Mexico

Saddleback JC



As a Senior (Fall 2005)

Singles - Competed in seven matches during the fall season... Defeated Nathan Sadler of USC, 7-6 (4), 6-3, in the round of 64 at the Wilson/ITA West Regional Championships in Malibu, Calif.... Did not advance in the bracket, however, falling to Arizona State's Christopher Biro, 6-2, 6-0, in the round of 32... Notched a three-set victory over Washington's David Chu, 6-3, 2-6, 6-0, at the USD Torero Challenge.

Doubles - Won his first doubles match of the year, teaming with junior Markus Dickhardt to upend Michael Meschede/Matt Ozurovich of San Diego, 8-6, in the round of 32 at the ITA West Regionals... Duo was stymied in the round of 16, however, dropping an 8-3 decision to Jonathan Kinsella/Ryan McBride... Paired with junior Anthony Gomez to clip the Hawai'i tandem of Jeff Fitch/Bryon Weinberg, 8-6, in November.

As a Junior (2004-05)

Earned first varsity letter at SDSU... Emerged as a formidable force at the No. 3 doubles position.

Singles - Saw action in 12 matches, posting a record of 6-6, all at No. 6... Had a fall record of 4-2... Won two of three matches at the USD Surf and Volley Challenge, defeating Arizona's

Tim Mullane, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4, and San Diego's Sammy Atri, 6-1, 6-1... In the consolation round of the ITA West Regional Championships, he again took two of three matches, posting victories over Bruce Aiken of Southern California (7-5, 6-3) and Daniel Davies of Arizona State (6-4, 2-6, 10-8)... Began the spring by winning his first three matches... Defeated Jordan Leo of UC Riverside, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2, and Brian Grooms of Northern Arizona, 6-1, 6-2, in a doubleheader at La Jolla Tennis Club... Was a straight sets winner over Pacific's Austin Kakar, 6-3, 6-4... Became one of four Aztecs to pocket a victory over No. 23 Harvard when he beat Jason Beren, 6-2, 6-2, in Santa Barbara, Calif.... Earned a three-set win against Derrick Lajola of Hawai'i (6-7(5), 6-3, 6-4)... Put the finishing touches on a 5-2 SDSU win over Air Force with his 7-5, 7-6(3), effort over Robby Alexander.

Doubles - Recorded a 12-7 mark in the spring, including a 14-8 overall record... Played two matches with Armando Carrascosa in the fall and went 1-1... The two defeated San Diego's Meschede/Ozurovich, 8-5, at the USD Surf and Volley Challenge... Also at the Surf and Volley, he and Markus Dickhardt downed Southern California's Wright/Loucks by a final tally of 8-4... Posted his first doubles win of the spring against Yale with Dontia Haynes after three losses with three different partners to begin the year... At the Blue/Gray National Tennis Classic, he switched partners and started to play with Markus Dickhardt... The duo lost their first match against No. 63 Brown... In the last match at the Blue/Gray, the pair defeated Conaju/Kader of No. 68 William & Mary... The tandem went on to win six straight after that... Helped the Aztecs sweep the doubles point away from No. 23 Harvard with their 9-8(5) win over the Denenberg/Valkin pairing at No. 3... Disposed of UC Santa Barbara's Basica/Stern, 8-4, the following day... Guided SDSU to a doubles point victory with their win over Tomas Grzyb/Dan Mascall of Utah... Duo continued their solid play when they defeated

Hooper/Redelinghuys of UNLV, 8-2... Won their seventh straight with an 8-6 effort over USD's Blair/Liversage of San Diego... Suffered a close 9-8(8) setback to Weinberg/Faulk of Hawai'i... Rebounded in their next match at Denver by beating Tan/Flaks, 8-6... Downed Eric Conklin/Derek Boland of New Mexico, 8-5, in Colorado Springs, Colo... Won their third consecutive with an 8-4 performance over Air Force duo of McClung/Alexander... Helped SDSU win the doubles point in the semifinal match-up against No. 55 UNLV at the MWC championship by defeating the Rebels' tandem of Salomon/Redelinghuys, 8-5... Had their match suspended at No. 3 versus Brigham Young since the Aztecs already claimed the point... Dropped an 8-2 decision to Lennart Maack/Dean Wallace of California in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Prior to SDSU

Attended Saddleback College in Mission Viejo... Was ranked individually as high as No. 18 in the final 2003 California Community College men's tennis state rankings... His team was ranked No. 3 in the same poll... Went 16-9 in singles (10-6 at No. 1) and 11-8 in doubles (6-3 at No. 2)... Earned all-Orange Empire Conference honors in singles and doubles... Team was 16-3 overall and champions of the OEC with an 8-0 record... In 2002, he was ranked 21st in the state and his team was rated eighth... Notched a 14-9 record (6-1 at No. 2) in singles... Earned all-conference honors in singles... Team was OEC champions (13-5, 10-0 OEC).

Personal

Born in San Diego on Sept. 14, 1983... Son of Alvaro and Graciela... Enjoys playing golf and snowboarding... Favorite athlete is Marcelo Rios... A business major.



Eugenio Romero Year-By-Year

Year	Singles				Doubles			
	Dual	MWC	Tourney	Total	Dual	MWC	Tourney	Total
2004-05	6-6	1-1	4-2	10-8	12-7	5-0	2-1	14-8
2005-06 (Fall)			2-5	2-3			2-6	2-6
TOTALS	6-6	1-1	6-7	12-11	12-7	5-0	4-7	16-14

Meet the Letterwinners



Benedikt Stronk

Senior • 5-10 • RH

Berlin, Germany

Arnt Gymnasium Berlin



2005 All-MWC Singles Selection
2005 MWC All-Academic Selection

As a Senior (Fall 2005)

Rejoined the squad at the end of the tournament season after competing overseas during the fall semester.

Singles - Went 2-1 at the Aztec Invitational against Arizona State... Was extended to three sets before disposing of Ryan McBride, 7-6(5), 2-6, 6-3... Two days later defeated Wes Miller in another three-set affair, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

Doubles - Saw action in one doubles match at the Aztec Invitational, teaming with Markus Dickhardt to dispatch the Sun Devils' tandem of T.J. Bellama/Mike Beatty, 8-2.



As a Junior (2004-05)

Earned first letter at SDSU... Team captain... Ranked as high as No. 43 before finishing the year ranked No. 75 in the ITA Rankings.

Singles - Competed at the top position in every match except two... Finished the year with a 15-15 record, including at 10-12 mark in the spring... Earned a three-set, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, victory over Drake's Jack Frankowicz during prequalifying action at the ITA All-American tournament... Was a two-time winner at the USD Surf and Volley Challenge... Defeated Arizona's Jason Labrosse in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3, and Matt Ozurovich of USD, 6-0, 6-1... At the ITA Western Championships, he beat UC Santa Barbara's Leo Basica, 7-5, 6-3, in the round of 64 and Tim Mullane of Arizona, 7-6, 6-7, 6-2... Fell in the round of 16, 7-6, 3-6, 6-2, to UCLA's Alberto Francis... Upset No. 97 Johan Berg of Southern California, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, in the first match of the season... Recorded two victories in the doubleheader against UC Riverside and Northern Arizona to begin the year at 3-0... Overcame serious muscle cramp-

ing to upend 32nd-ranked Alex Vlaski of No. 21 Washington at the top position, 7-6(5), 7-6(9)... Upset No. 59 Jeff Kader of William & Mary, 6-4, 6-2, at the Blue/Gray National Tennis Classic... Upset 13th-ranked Arnaud Lecloerec of VCU, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6(5)... Defeated Brigham Young's Nima Roshan, 7-6(2), 6-4, at No. 1, propelling SDSU to a 4-3 victory... Breezed past Dali Ptak of Hawai'i, 6-2, 6-3... Won a three-set battle with New Mexico's Max Jones, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, in Colorado Springs, Colo... In the MWC final, clinched the match for the Aztecs with his 6-7(1), 6-3, 6-0, performance over BYU's Nima Roshan to propel SDSU into the NCAA Tournament... In the first round of the tournament against California, he dropped a 6-2, 6-2, decision to 13th-ranked Conor Niland at No. 1.

Doubles - Finished with an 18-10 overall record and a 12-8 mark in dual matches... Posted a 6-2 overall record and 5-2 mark with Christian Groh in the fall... In the prequalifying round of 64 at the ITA All-American tournament, the pair beat UAB's Mitovski/Mavrin, 8-5... Won two matches at the USD Surf and Volley Challenge... Defeated USD's Plotnik/Atri, 8-4, and Southern California's Berg/Van't Hof, 8-2... Reached the round of 16 with their win over LMU's Malet/Phillips by a score of 8-5 in the ITA Western Championships... With Markus Dickhardt, the two beat Arizona's Labrosse/Alcala, 8-2, at the USD Surf and Volley Challenge... With Groh, the two downed Southern California's Johan Berg/Jeff Kazarian at No. 2, 7-6(6), in the season opener... Cruised to an 8-1 victory at the top spot against Northern Arizona's Jonas Jegers/Jamie Maxwell... After an injury to Groh, he paired with Armando Carrascosa beginning with the Washington match... The two defeated Daniel Chu/Alex Vlaski, 8-6, at No. 1 to start a six-match winning streak... After the match with the Huskies, the two beat Yale's Ryan Murphy/Brandon Wai, 8-3... At the Blue/Gray National Tennis Classic, the duo posted wins over Adil Shamasdin/Nick Goldberg of Brown, 8-3, and Alex Fish/Colin



O'Brien of William & Mary, 8-6... In Santa Barbara, Calif., the tandem won 8-6, against No. 23 Harvard's Johnathan Chu/Brandon Chiu... The next day, they disposed of UC Santa Barbara's Nick Brotman/Ivan d'Argence, 8-6... Against cross-town rival San Diego, the pair posted an 8-3 victory over Nic Beuque/Mirza Koristovic in the Aztecs' 5-2 win... Lost only a game to Hawaii's Dali Ptak/Derrick Lajola in their 8-1 victory... Rebounded from consecutive losses to end the regular season with an 8-6 win over Air Force's Chris Dong/Trevor Johnson... In the semifinal match of the MWC championship, SDSU's No. 1 team was left stranded at 5-6 against UNLV's Joel Kielbowicz/David Campbell... In the championship final of the MWC tournament, the two recorded an 8-5 win over BYU's Nima Roshan/Jose Lechuga as the Aztecs went on to claim the doubles point... In the first round of the NCAA Tournament, the duo had 15th-ranked Conor Niland/Patrick Briaud of California on the ropes, leading 7-5, before the match was suspended.

As a Sophomore (2003-04)

Sat out the season due to residency requirements... Worked on his game and conditioning.

Prior to SDSU

Attended Arnt Gymnasium in Berlin, Germany... Played club tennis for NTC Kangoruhs in Berlin... Was a top 100 player in Germany.

Personal

Born March 11, 1981, in Bohn, Germany... Son of Adelaide and Detlet Stronk... Majoring in international business.

Benedikt Stronk Year-By-Year

Year	Singles				Doubles			
	Dual	MWC	Tourney	Total	Dual	MWC	Tourney	Total
2004-05	10-12	2-2	5-3	15-15	12-8	1-4	6-2	18-10
2005-06 (Fall)			2-1	2-1			1-0	1-0
TOTALS	10-12	2-2	7-4	17-16	12-8	1-4	7-2	19-10

Meet the Letterwinners



Markus Dickhardt

Junior • 6-0 • RH
Marburg, Germany
Adolf-Reichwein-Schule



2005 AII-MWC Singles Selection
2005 MWC AII-Academic Selection
2004-05 MWC Scholar-Athlete
2004 MWC Freshman of the Year
2004 MWC AII-Academic Selection
2003-04 MWC Scholar-Athlete

As a Junior (Fall 2005)

Received a No. 75 ranking in the ITA preseason singles poll.

Singles - Led the team with a 6-3 record during tournament play... Opened the year with a straight-set victory over Ohio State's Scott Green, 6-4, 7-6, at the Polo Ralph Lauren ITA All-American Qualifying Tournament in Tulsa, Okla.... Downed Ivan d'Argence of UC Santa Barbara, 6-4, 6-4, in the round of 64 at the Wilson/ITA West Regional Championships in Malibu, Calif.... Notched fourth straight win with a 6-4, 6-0 triumph over Arizona State's Ryan McBride at the Aztec Invitational.

Doubles - Posted a 6-4 mark in the fall with four different partners... Teamed with Christian Groh to crush the Missouri State duo of Jiri Spousta/John Kellert, 8-2, in the first round of the ITA All-American Qualifying Tournament... Paired with Eugenio Romero to defeat Michael Meschede/Matt Ozurovich of San Diego, 8-6, in the main draw round of 32 at the ITA West Regionals.

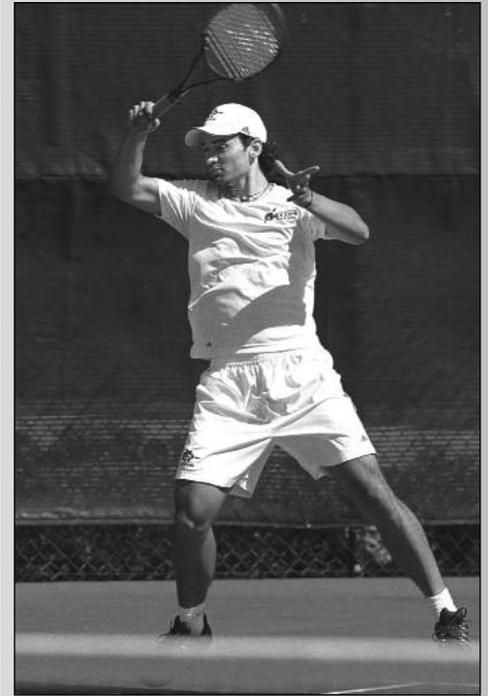
As a Sophomore (2004-05)

Earned second letter at SDSU... Ranked as high at No. 79 in singles... Finished the year ranked No. 121.

Singles - Compiled a 22-11 overall record,



including an 18-6 dual mark in his second consecutive all-MWC singles season... Went 11-4 at No. 2... Had winning streaks of six and seven throughout the course of the season... Won his first match of the year at the USD Surf and Volley Challenge against Southern California's Drew Hoskins (6-1, 6-2)... Also beat the host school's Robbie Blair in three sets, 6-4, 0-6, 6-0... Defeated Jonathan Kinsella of Arizona State, 7-6, 6-4, in the round of 64 at the ITA Western Regionals in Malibu, Calif.... Pocketed his first win of the spring at No. 2 as he upended Norman Tam of UC Riverside, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2... Later in the day in the second match of a doubleheader, he beat Northern Arizona's Jamie Maxwell, 6-2, 6-2... Downed Pacific's Vladimir Zdravkovic at No. 3 at Balboa Tennis Club, 6-4, 6-2, to start a six-match winning streak... Upset No. 37 Christoph Palmanshofer of 21st-ranked Washington, 7-6(4), 7-6(3), at No. 3 at Fairbanks Ranch CC... The next day against Yale, beat Milosz Gudzowski in straight sets... Earned a singles ranking of No. 79 after winning three straight... At the Blue/Gray National Tennis Classic, earned a 6-2, 7-5, decision over Eric Brown of No. 63 Brown... Beat Colin O'Brien of No. 68 William & Mary, 7-5, 6-4, at the Blue/Gray... In Santa Barbara, Calif., defeated 23rd-ranked Harvard's Brandon Chiu, 6-2, 6-4... The following day, breezed through his match with Nick Brotman of UC Santa Barbara, 6-1, 6-4... Won his only match at No. 1 with his 6-1, 6-3, effort over No. 57 Utah's Tomasz Grzyb... Upset 67th-ranked Nic Beauque of San Diego, 6-3, 6-2, in SDSU's home win to jump start a seven-match winning streak... Beat Bryon Weinberg of Hawai'i, 6-4, 6-2, in the Aztecs' final home contest... At Denver, posted a 6-4, 7-5, win over Niklas Persson at No. 2... Produced a big win in Colorado Springs, Colo., by defeating New Mexico's Ryan Stotland, 7-5, 6-1... Helped SDSU win the MWC regular season title outright with his straight-set win over Tyler McClung of Air Force in the season finale... As



the 125th-ranked singles player, upset No. 98 Joel Kielbowicz of UNLV in three sets, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, in the semifinals of the MWC championship... Gave the Aztecs' their third point in the MWC championship match against Brigham Young when he beat James Ludlow, 7-6(5), 7-5... Dropped a 6-4, 6-1, decision to Lennart Maack of California in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Doubles - Posted a 19-12 record with three different partners throughout the year (12-3 with Eugenio Romero)... Recorded a 4-3 record with Dontia Haynes in the fall... Defeated Felsenthal/Kindervater of Alabama, 8-3, in the prequalifying round of 64 at the ITA All-American tournament... Reached the round of 16 by beating Edlefsen/Geatz of Minnesota, 8-1... Posted a 9-7 victory over San Diego's Blair/Koristovic at USD's Surf and Volley Challenge... Advanced to the round of 16 at the ITA Western Championships with their 8-5 win over LMU's Cicenias/Raja... Had to forfeit to eventual champions from UCLA, Francis/Kwinta, due to injury in the round of 16... Paired with fellow sophomore Benedikt Stronk to score a victory over Arizona's Labrosse/Alcala, 8-2, at the Surf and Volley... Hooked up with Romero, also at the Surf and Volley to beat Southern California's Wright/Loucks, 8-4... Opened the spring season with Haynes and earned their first win at

Markus Dickhardt Year-By Year

Year	Singles				Doubles			
	Dual	MWC	Tourney	Total	Dual	MWC	Tourney	Total
2003-04	14-6	4-0	0-2	14-8	11-7	1-2	1-2	12-9
2004-05	18-6	3-2	4-5	22-11	13-9	5-0	6-3	19-12
2005-06 (Fall)			6-3	6-3			6-4	
TOTALS	32-12	7-2	10-10	42-22	24-16	6-2	13-9	37-25

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La Jolla Tennis Club with an 8-3 effort over UC Riverside's Joe Cartledge/Jordan Leo at No. 3... Later in the day, the pair moved up to No. 2 and dispatched Thibault Schram/Henrik Lilja of Northern Arizona, 9-8(10-8)... Two partners later, he teamed with Romero to win at the Blue/Gray, 8-3, over William & Mary's Alex Conaju/Jeff Kader at No. 3... After the win, the two went on to claim seven straight... Against No. 23 Harvard, the duo produced a 9-8(5) win over Scott Denenberg/Gideon Valkin in Santa Barbara, Calif.... The next day, the two took care of the host Gauchos' Leo Basica/Elad Stern, 8-4... In the MWC opener, the tandem used an 8-5 effort to dispose of Utah's Tomasz Grzyb/Dan Mascall at No. 3... Scored an 8-4 win over Brigham Young's Christian Hand/Shane La Porte... Helped SDSU win the doubles point against No. 40 UNLV, cruising to an 8-2 win over Johnathan Hooper/Martin Redelinghuys... Posted an 8-6 victory against cross-town San Diego's Robbie Blair/Thomas Liversage... After a setback against Hawai'i, the two bounced back and defeated Denver's Jason Tan/Steve Flaks, 8-6, on the road... Helped clinch the doubles point with an 8-5 win over New Mexico's Eric Conklin/Derek Boland... Guided SDSU to the regular season title win with an 8-4 triumph over Air Force's Tyler McClung/Robby Alexander... Recorded a big victory in the semifinal match at the MWC championship in San Diego with their 8-5 effort over UNLV's, Aviram

Salomon/Redelinghuys... In the MWC championship vs. Brigham Young, the pair had their match suspended trailing 6-7, to Hand/LaPorte at No. 3... In the first round of the NCAA Tournament, the two lost, 8-2, at No. 3 to Lennart Maack/Dean Wallace.

As a Freshman (2003-04)

Earned first letter at SDSU.

Singles - Made an immediate impact in his first year on Montezuma Mesa... Went 14-8 overall, including a 14-6 record in dual matches... Played the majority of the season at No. 3 singles where he went 8-3... Also spent time at Nos. 2, 4, and 5 singles... Recorded the third-most victories on the squad behind Daniel Jung and Felix Hardt... Tied Dontia Haynes for the second fewest losses among teammates who had played in 17 or more matches... Won his first match as an Aztec, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4, over Roman Van Rillas of San Francisco... Notched a victory in a day where SDSU won four of five matches to beat BYU in the MWC opener... Played an integral part in beating UNLV to advance in the MWC Championships by winning his singles match... Put up strong numbers in singles and doubles matches in the MWC title match against New Mexico.

Doubles - Earned first doubles match victory (8-3), while teaming with Michael Coelho against the University of San Francisco... Second-most wins for an SDSU team with nine... Had 12 overall victories, second

behind Felix Hardt... He and Haynes tied for 10th place on SDSU's all-time doubles team winning percentage list with Alex Waske/Adam Webster (1999) with a mark of .750... Won his doubles match to lead the Aztecs to a victory over Pacific... Partnered with Haynes to record the only win for the Aztecs versus UCLA... Clinched the doubles point for the Aztecs in win over Yale... Won doubles (8-6) match in victory over No. 59 Middle Tennessee State... Dickhardt/Haynes overmatched Santa Clara's doubles team en route to an 8-1 victory... Part of an SDSU three-match doubles sweep of Air Force with partner Daniel Jung... Won his doubles match to help the Aztecs advance in the MWC Championships... Wrapped up doubles point for San Diego State in the MWC final versus New Mexico.

Prior to SDSU

Attended Adolf-Reichwein-Schule in Marburg, Germany... Played with two club teams in Germany... Saw action with TC Gruberg in 1991-92... Played with TC Marburg from 1998-2004.

Personal

Born on June 28, 1983, in Koblenz, Germany... Son of Jutta Dickhardt... Middle child with two sisters... Both sisters play tennis... An international business major.



Meet the Letterwinners



Christian Groh

Junior • 6-2 • RH

Crailsheim, Germany

Albert Schweizer Gymnasium



2005 MWC All-Academic Selection

As a Junior (Fall 2005)

Singles - Compiled a 5-2 mark during fall competition, winning his last four matches... Notched his first win of the season by defeating UC Santa Barbara's Nick Brotman, 7-6 (3), 6-4, in the round of 64 at the Wilson/ITA West Regional Championships in Malibu, Calif.... Recorded a pair of straight-set victories at the USD Torero Challenge, dispatching USC's Garrett Snyder, 7-5, 6-0, and then skating past Washington's Andy Kuharszky, 6-1, 6-3... Capped off preseason by knocking off Arizona State's Christopher Biro, 6-3, 4-6, 10-6, at the Aztec Invitational.

Doubles - Posted an impressive 7-2 record combining with three different partners... Teamed with Markus Dickhardt at the beginning of the season, recording a convincing 8-2 victory over Missouri State's Jiri Spousta/John Kellert in the first round of the Polo Ralph Lauren ITA All-American Qualifying Tournament in Tulsa, Okla.... Joined forces with senior transfer Stephan Timu at the ITA West Regionals, winning two of three matches... Recorded an easy 8-2 triumph in the round of 32 over Matt Fortune/Reyniere Roxas of Loyola Marymount, before squeaking past Southern California's Aaron Badart/Whit



Livingston, 9-7, in the round of 16... Pocketed three wins with three different teammates at the USD Torero Challenge... Combined with Timu on the first day to defeat USC's Kaes Van't Hof/Jeff Kazarian, 8-2, before playing alongside Robert Sabo the following afternoon to record an 8-4 win over Klaus Jank/Andy Kuharszky of Washington... Rejoined Dickhardt on final day of competition to dispatch USD's Oscar Plotnik/Jonas Mouly, 8-6... Won fourth straight match at Hawai'i, upending the Warriors' Ryan Sceats/Jarrod Diepraam, 8-6.

As a Sophomore (2004-05)

Earned first letter at SDSU.

Singles - Posted a 12-3 record in the spring, including a stretch of nine straight wins... Went 5-4 in preseason action... Won his first match of the year at the ITA All-American tournament against Dennis Andrade of Texas-San Antonio, 6-1, 6-3, in the round of 128 in the pre-qualifying round... Defeated Kaes Van't Hof, 6-3, 6-4, of Southern California in the USD Surf and Volley Challenge... He also beat Oscar Plotnik, 6-2, 6-2, of San Diego... At the ITA Western Regionals, he downed San Diego's Matt Ozurovich, 1-6, 6-3, 6-2, in the round of 64... Started the dual-match season with a win over USC's Kaes Van't Hof, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, at No. 5... Posted two more wins at No. 3 over Joe Cartledge, 6-2, 6-2, of UC Riverside and Henrik Lilja of Northern Arizona, 6-2, 6-1... Suffered an ankle injury at UCLA that forced him to miss six matches before seeing action in the VCU contest... His match with Damien Lacombe of VCU was suspended due to rain... Against Harvard, he beat Gideon Valkin, 6-4, 6-0, at No. 5... The next day, he flip-flopped his score from the day before to defeat Elad Stern of UC Santa Barbara, 6-0, 6-4... Moved up in the lineup to No. 3 against Utah only to be victorious versus Miron Mann, 6-4, 6-2... Helped SDSU upset then-No. 25 San Diego with a 6-2, 6-3, triumph over the Toreros' Mirza Koristovic... Sat out the Hawai'i match... Ran his winning streak to eight when he defeated New Mexico's Kamil Pajkowski in

three sets... Rested his ankle in the regular season finale versus Air Force... Pocketed a 6-2, 1-6, 6-1, victory over UNLV's David Campbell in the semifinal round of the MWC championship... Dropped a 6-4, 6-4, decision in the championship match against Brigham Young... Ended the season by losing to California's Daniel Sebescen, 6-3, 6-4, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Doubles - Limited in doubles action due to an ankle injury... Posted a 7-4 record with junior Benedikt Stronk... In the pre-qualifying round of 64 at the ITA All-American tournament, the pair beat UAB's Mitovski/Mavrin, 8-5... Won two matches at the USD Surf and Volley Challenge... Defeated USD's Plotnik/Atri, 8-4, and Southern California's Berg/Van't Hof, 8-2... Reached the round of 16 with their win over LMU's Malet/Phillips by a score of 8-5 in the ITA Western Championships... Won their first match of the season at No. 8 Southern California with their 7-6(6) performance over Johan Berg/Jeff Kazarian... Fell to Mark Contreras/Christian Frick of UC Riverside, 9-7, before rebounding with an 8-1 effort to defeat Northern Arizona's Jonas Jegers/Jamie Maxwell... Lost to UCLA's Benjamin Kohlloeffel/Luben Pampoulov, 8-2, at No. 2 before suffering an ankle injury in singles play.

As a Freshman (2003-04)

Sat out the 2003-04 season due to residency requirements... Worked on refining his skills and improving his endurance.

Prior to SDSU

Ranked among the top 100 players in Germany.

Personal

Born Dec. 10, 1981, in Crailsheim, Germany... Son of Rita and Wolfjey.

Christian Groh Year-By-Year

Year	Singles				Doubles			
	Dual	MWC	Tourney	Total	Dual	MWC	Tourney	Total
2004-05	12-3	4-0	5-4	17-7	2-2		5-2	7-4
2005-06 (Fall)			5-2	5-2			7-2	7-2
TOTALS	12-3	4-0	10-6	22-9	2-2		12-4	14-6

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Stephan Timu

Senior • 6-3 • RH
Laval, Quebec, Canada
Univ. of Georgia



As a Senior (Fall 2005)

Singles - Notched three victories during the fall campaign... Won his first match as an Aztec, defeating Arizona State's Nick Hegarty, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, in the round of 64 at the Wilson/ITA West Regional Championships in Malibu, Calif.... Came up short in the round of 32, losing to top-seeded Benjamin Kohlloeffel of UCLA, 6-2, 6-0... Snapped four-match losing streak at Hawai'i, disposing of the Warriors' Jarrod Diepraam, 6-2, 6-2... Recorded a straight-set triumph over Mike Beatty of Arizona State, 6-4, 6-2, at the Aztec Invitational.

Doubles - Posted a 6-3 record during the tournament season... Paired with Christian Groh to begin the fall, compiling a 3-1 mark... Reached the quarterfinals in the main draw at the ITA West Regionals after breezing to an 8-2 victory over Matt Fortune/Reyniere Roxas of Loyola Marymount and then squeaking past USC's Aaron Badart/Whit Livingston, 9-7... Aztec duo reached match point on two occasions in their next contest, but lost in heart-breaker to Mathieu Dehaine/Aaron Yovan of UCLA, 9-7... Joined forces with Anthony Gomez at the USD Torero Challenge, recording an 8-3 triumph over the Washington tandem of David and Daniel Chu... Ended the semester by teaming with Robert Sabo, notching wins



at Hawai'i over Derrick Lajola/Sascha Heinemann (8-3) and at the Aztec Invitational against Ryan Waites/Mike Beatty of Arizona State (8-1).

2004-05 at Georgia

Sat out the season after undergoing ankle surgery.

As a Junior at Georgia (2003-04)

Went 2-2 in two individual tournaments played and posted a 3-6 singles record overall in four events during the fall... Recorded a 5-4 mark in doubles.

As a Sophomore at Georgia (2002-03)

Singles - Tallied nine wins on the year... Played primarily at the No. 3 position, but saw action at No. 2 as well... Ended the regular season with a win against Tennessee's Wade Orr... Clinched the team's win against then-No. 9 Texas in Atlanta with a three-set victory... Posted a 4-6 record during fall tournament competition... Notched two victories at the Southern Intercollegiate Championship... Won one match in the consolation draw of the 2002 Georgia Tech Fall Invitational... Registered a three-set win against Vanderbilt's Scott Brown in the first round of the 2003 SEC Coaches' Indoor Championships, before falling to seventh-seeded Alex Hartman of Ole Miss.

Doubles - Posted six victories with two different teammates, but played the latter part of the season with senior Will Glenn at the No. 2 position.

As a Freshman at Georgia (2002)

Joined the Bulldog squad in January 2002.

Singles - Posted an 8-5 record during the dual-match season while playing at the Nos. 5 and 6 positions... Battled Clemson's Nathan Thompson through tough tiebreakers in all three sets in his first match as a Bulldog, before falling 7-6(4), 6-7(5), 7-6(5)...



Notched a straight-set victory against Vanderbilt to clinch the match for Georgia... It was his first clinch of his collegiate career.

Doubles - Saw limited action at the No. 3 spot with teammates Lesley Joseph and Adam Seri throughout the regular season, posting a 6-2 record.

Prior to College

Won the Canadian Under-18 National singles and doubles titles during the summer of 2001 at the Ontario Racquet Club... Won Canadian National titles in both singles and doubles in the 14, 16, and 18 age groups... In all, captured six singles titles and seven doubles titles... Highest International Tennis Federation ranking was No. 81 in singles and No. 27 in doubles... Was selected the Canadian Player of the Year in 1999, after being nominated by both Tennis Canada and the Quebec Tennis Federation... Has played in Futures tournaments.

Personal

Born January 3, 1983... Son of Tinel and Otilia Timu... Mother was a professional volleyball player in Romania... Both parents are Romanian... Has a younger brother, Billy, who has joined the Aztecs in time for the 2006 dual-match season... Majoring in economics.

Stephan Timu Year-By Year

Year	Singles			Doubles				
	Dual	MWC	Tourney	Total	Dual	MWC	Tourney	Total
2001-02 (Georgia)	8-5			8-5	6-2			6-2
2002-03 (Georgia)	5-14		4-6	9-20	5-15		1-5	6-20
2003-04 (Georgia)	1-3		3-6	4-9	2-1		5-4	7-5
2005-06 (Fall)			3-5	3-5			6-4	6-4
TOTALS	14-22		10-17	24-39	13-18		12-13	25-31

Meet the Aztecs



Anthony Gomez

Junior • 6-1 • RH
Palm Desert, Calif.
College of the Desert



As a Junior (Fall 2005)

Singles - Won three matches during the fall tournament season... Posted first two victories as an Aztec in the consolation draw of the Wilson/ITA West Regional Championships in Malibu, Calif.... Endured a tough three-set battle with Max Taylor of UC Santa Barbara in the opening round, prevailing by a count of 6-4, 1-6, 10-8... Returned with a 6-4, 6-4 triumph over UC Riverside's Christian Frick in the second round... Could not advance in the bracket, however, falling in the third round to Nick Brotman of UCSB, 6-2, 6-2, in a match that was played at two different venues due to inclement weather... The first set was contested on the campus of Pepperdine University, while rain forced the remaining action to be completed at USC... Engineered a comeback win over Washington's Andrew Gerst, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2, at the USD Torero Challenge.

Doubles - Posted a 3-4 mark with three different partners... Combined with Stephan Timu to upend Washington's tandem of broth-

ers David and Daniel Chu, 8-3, at the Torero Challenge... The next day he paired with Robert Sabo to knock off Matt Ozurovich/Michael Meschede of host school San Diego in a close contest, 9-8(3)... Combined with Eugenio Romero to take down the Warriors' Jeff Fitch/Bryon Weinberg, 8-6, at Hawai'i.

Prior to SDSU

Won two letters for coach Carl Schroeder at the College of the Desert in his hometown of Palm Desert... Helped the Roadrunners (19-1) clinch the 2005 state team title, winning his singles match in the finals vs. Fresno City College... Also posted a runner-up finish in the individual championships... Reached the quarterfinal round in the doubles bracket, teaming with current Aztec sophomore Robert Sabo... Ended the year ranked No. 3 in the ITA California Community Colleges singles poll... Also earned a No. 4 state ranking in the final doubles poll along with Sabo... Did not compete in 2004... In 2003, he was ranked eighth in the state in doubles, combining with Leif



Nordlund, and No. 13 in singles.

Personal

Anthony Michael Gomez was born April 4, 1984, in Palm Springs, Calif.... Son of Fernando Gomez... His most recent summer job was coaching tennis... Enjoys lifting weights... Majoring in economics.



Matt Bittner

Sophomore • 6-0 • RH
Sioux Falls, S.D.
Washington HS



As a Sophomore (Fall 2005)

Did not see any action... Served as a valuable practice player.

As a Freshman (2004-05)

Participated in team workouts... Spent the year working on his game... Concentrated on getting stronger and improving his endurance.

Prior to SDSU

Attended Washington High School in Sioux Falls, S.D.... Played for the Warriors under head coach Brian Dobbs... Earned four varsity letters at Washington... Was a four-time all-conference and all-state performer... His team won the 2001 South Dakota state championship... Earned a top-four sectional ranking and was a state doubles champion... Was

also recruited by the University of Arkansas and William and Mary.

Personal

Matthew Robert Bittner was born Dec. 27, 1985, in Sioux Falls, S.D.... Son of Bob and Pam Bittner... His recent summer job was coaching tennis... Lists his favorite athlete as tennis professional Gustavo Kuerten... Is undecided on a major at San Diego State.



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Nima Ossareh

Sophomore • 6-2 • RH

Bethesda, Md.

Walt Whitman HS



As a Sophomore (Fall 2005)

Singles - Saw limited action during the fall season... Competed in the qualifying round of the ITA West Regional Championships, falling to Matt Fortune of Loyola Marymount, 7-5, 6-1.

As a Freshman

Participated in team workouts... Spent the year working on his game... Concentrated on getting stronger and improving his endurance.

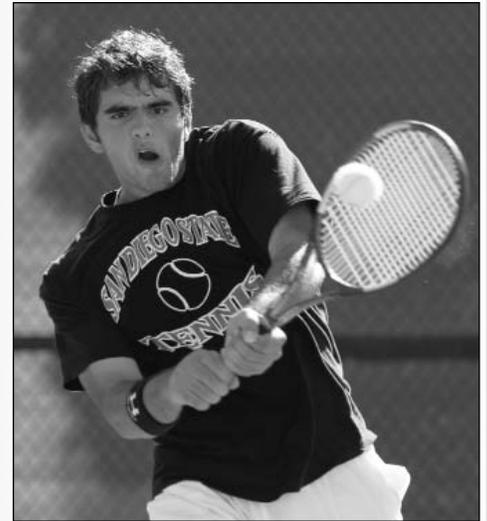
Prior to SDSU

Attended Walt Whitman High School... Earned four letters under head coach Jasen Gohn... Won the 2004 Maryland state doubles championship... 2004 *Gazette* honorable mention... His team was second in the Montgomery

County League... Team won the county crown once and came in second on two occasions... Ranked in the top 25 at one point in the Mid-Atlantic section... Won eight junior titles and reached the round of 32 of the national 16-under tournament in Flushing Meadows, N.Y... Was a four-time student-athlete and sportsmanship award winner... Played power forward on his varsity basketball squad for two seasons.

Personal

Born Jan. 7, 1986, in Silver Spring, Md.... Son of Reza and Parvin Ossareh... Enjoys watching movies, hanging out with friends, playing basketball and video games... Served as a tennis coach this past summer... Lists Michael Jordan as his favorite athlete... Was recruited by



Maryland, Syracuse, Old Dominion, High Point and Elon University... His major at San Diego State is biology with plans of being a radiologist.



Robert Sabo

Sophomore • 5-10 • LH

Rancho Mirage, Calif.

College of the Desert



As a Sophomore (Fall 2005)

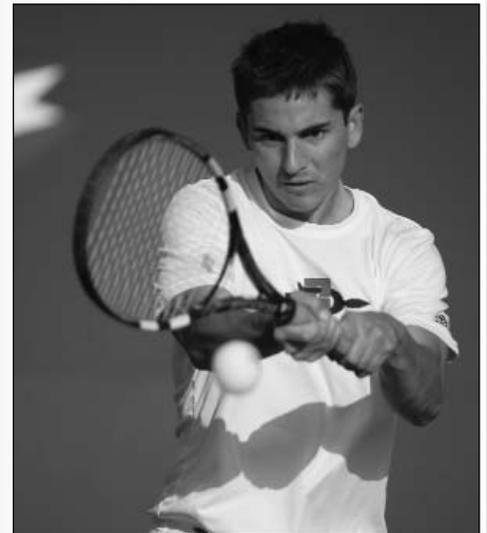
Singles - Reached the quarterfinal round of Wilson/ITA West Regional Championships in Malibu, Calif.... Knocked off Mustafa Ulukan of UC Irvine in the round of 64, 6-4, 6-3... Rallied from a one-set deficit to surprise fifth-seeded Philipp Gruendler of UCLA in the round of 32, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4... Notched his second upset of the tournament by disposing of Arizona State's ninth-seeded Jonathan Kinsella, 7-6(4), 7-5, in the round of 16... Battled second-seeded Pedro Rico of Pepperdine in the opening set of their quarterfinal match, before succumbing, 7-5, 6-2... Routed USC's Chong Wang, 6-1, 6-1, at the USD Torero Challenge.

Doubles - Played with four different partners during the fall season... Won three matches at the USD Torero Challenge... Paired with Markus Dickhardt to dispose of USC's Adam Loucks/Garrett Snyder, 8-6... Joined forces with Christian Groh the following day to defeat Klaus Jank/Andy Kuharszky of Washington, 8-4... Completed the weekend

teaming with Anthony Gomez to outlast Matt Ozurovich and Michael Meschede of host school USD, 9-8(3)... Combined with Stephan Timu for the remainder of the semester, cruising past Derrick Lajola/Sascha Heinemann of Hawai'i, 8-3, and Arizona State's Ryan Waites and Mike Beatty, 8-1.

Prior to SDSU

Played for one season under coach Carl Schroeder at the College of the Desert in Palm Desert... Roadrunners finished with a 19-1 record and captured the 2005 state championship... Ended the season with a No. 8 ranking in the ITA California Community Colleges singles poll... Was also ranked No. 4 in the final doubles poll, teaming with current Aztec Anthony Gomez... Duo reached the quarterfinal round of the state doubles championships... Prior to enrolling at COD, he played for two years on the open circuit in Los Angeles... Prepped at Palm Springs High School, winning four varsity letters for coach Bob Walton... Earned CIF Southern Section



and Desert Valley League honors... Was also a four-year honor roll student.

Personal

Robert Daniel Sabo was born June 22, 1984, in Palm Springs, Calif.... Son of Daniel and Emily Sabo... Lists Andre Agassi and Michael Jordan as his favorite athletes... Majoring in business at San Diego State with plans to attend graduate school.

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Meet the Aztecs



Michael Beron

Freshman • 5-7 • RH
San Diego, Calif.
Scripps Ranch HS



As a Freshman (Fall 2005)

Participated in team workouts... Spent the fall working on his game... Concentrated on getting stronger and improving his endurance.

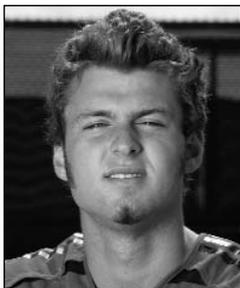
Prior to SDSU

A local product who attended the Evert Tennis Academy in Boca Raton, Fla.... Played on the ITF junior circuit in 2003-04, competing in eight tournaments... Advanced to the round of 32 in main draw of the El Paso Youth Tennis Centre Tournament after winning two singles matches in the qualifying rounds... Notched a victory in the qualifying draw of the Chanda Rubin American ITF junior event in Florida... Also competed in the F9 Futures tournament in 2005.

Personal

Michael Beron was born July 17, 1987, in San

Diego, Calif.... Son of Bob and Florence Beron... Father plays tennis... Enjoys surfing and listening to music... Lists LaDainian Tomlinson and Andre Agassi as his favorite athletes... Plans to major in business administration at San Diego State.



Billy Timu

Freshman • 6-4 • LH
Laval, Quebec, Canada
Georges-Vanier HS



As a Freshman

A highly accomplished player on the junior circuit who brings a wealth of international experience to Montezuma Mesa... Joined the team during the semester break and is expected to see action in both doubles and singles this spring... Is the younger brother of Aztec senior Stephan Timu.

Prior to SDSU

Enjoyed a successful run in doubles competition on the junior tour in 2004, earning a combined high ranking of 145 in the International Tennis Federation (ITF), which placed him among the top junior players in the world... Won two tournaments and reached the finals on two other occasions... Emerged triumphant at the U.S. Junior International Hard Court Championships in New Jersey, teaming with Aleksandr Dolgoplov of the Ukraine... Joined forces with Dolgoplov at the Eddie

Herr International Championships in Bradenton, Fla., where the tandem fell in the title match... Duo also notched three victories at the prestigious Orange Bowl Championships in Key Biscayne, Fla., before suffering a defeat in the semifinals... Captured the Mediterranean Avenir championship in Casablanca, Morocco, teaming with the Bahamas' Ryan Sweeting... Pocketed a pair of wins alongside Ryan Biancardi of Australia at the Tingis Cup, which was also held in Morocco... Advanced to the semifinals in singles play at the AOTK Cup in Estonia... Reached the quarterfinals at both the Tingis Cup and the Panama Bowl tournament... Saw limited action in 2005, competing in five tournaments on the ITF Futures tour in Canada... Partnered with brother Stephan for four tournaments in 2001... Attended Georges-Vanier High School.

2006 Aztec Tennis Athletic Training Staff



Deborah Flores

Head Tennis Athletic Trainer



Danielle Vick

Assistant Tennis Athletic Trainer



Personal

Tinel Billy Timu was born April 24, 1986, in Laval, Quebec, Canada.... Son of Tinel and Otilia Timu... Lists Lance Armstrong and Mike Tyson as his favorite athletes... Plans to major in business administration at San Diego State.

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