

# Sports

## Men's tennis team nets second in WAC tourney

Skip Redondo, the SDSU men's tennis coach, would be expected to accept full credit for turning this year's team into a winner and bringing the Aztecs to a second-place finish in the round-robin WAC tennis championships at Provo which concluded Saturday.

However, the third year coach insists one of the prime reasons for SDSU finishing better than it ever has in the WAC is because of the new assistant coach hired since last year who also happens to be a sports psychologist intern.

Andy Jacobs has volunteered his services all season by helping the players with their performance as well as their personal problems.

"When I coach, I work with 14 players at once and that's very difficult. Having Andy around really helped our team this year," offered Redondo after Utah defeated SDSU, 6-3, to grab its third consecutive WAC tennis crown. "If players had problems with school, the team or their personal lives, Andy would get their heads straight.

"I'm proud of Andy, I'm proud of everyone who dealt with the team, and I'm proud of the players. We had a great year. I said in a previous article the guys are like sons to me. I'm just sorry my sons couldn't win it today."

"Skip doesn't receive any credit," countered Jacobs. "We weren't expected to do anything this year, but Skip has been a real pro. Last year, things weren't very good so this year's team has been a compliment to him. We played our hearts out today. Unfortunately, Utah got the breaks."

The Aztecs lost five of six singles matches before winning two of three doubles events.

The lone singles victory came at the No. 1 spot when Troy Collins pulled the biggest upset of the tournament. Collins, the sophomore from Dorsey High, defeated the top-ranked player in the tournament and one of the top ranked in the nation, Utah's Jeff Robbins, 5-7, 6-4, 7-6.

"He (Collins) returned very well and he volleyed very well," Redondo said. "I thought we would give Utah a good showing and we did. Utah is the No. 1 team in the WAC and they had everybody back (from last year's championship team). The bleachers were packed with fans rooting for Utah, they were all tough matches."

The two Aztec doubles teams that prevailed were Dave LaFranchi and Kenny Goldman, and Ned Eames and Graeme Robertson. LaFranchi and Goldman downed Alan Barg and John Sumas in the second doubles

match, 6-7, 6-3, 6-2. In No. 3 doubles, Eames and Robertson beat Beto Bloise and Jeff Wallace, 6-4, 7-6.

Eames and Robertson lasted three sets before losing in the fifth and sixth singles, respectively. Bloise defeated Eames, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; Ed Heath bettered Robertson, 7-6, 3-6, 6-3.

LaFranchi lost in straight sets to Sumas, 6-3, 6-4, as did Richard Stoakes (to Wallace, 6-3, 7-5) and Goldman (to Barg, 7-6, 6-1).

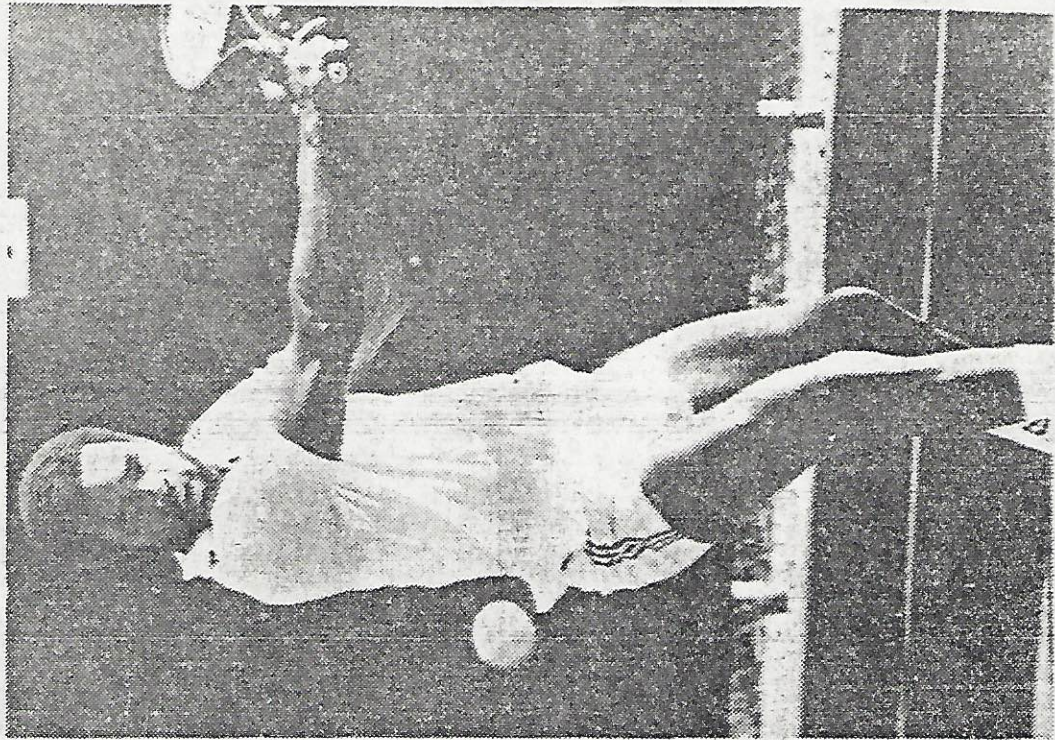
"The match could have gone either way," Redondo said. "It was close, we gave it 100 percent."

The final SDSU pre-WAC record was 28-18 which included a first place finish in the Las Vegas Tournament and a fifth place showing in the Ojai Tournament. The Aztecs' final conference record was 4-1, a game behind Utah's 5-0 slate.

Host BYU finished third with a 3-2 record. The Cougars defeated New Mexico, 8-1, in the battle for third place Saturday. The Lobos, 2-3, were fourth, followed by Hawaii (1-4) and Air Force (0-5).

This season marked the final year for three Aztec netters. Seniors Goldman, Robertson and Marc Anderson have played their last matches with the Aztecs.

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**SINGLE WINNER**—Troy Collins, SDSU's No. 1 singles player, upset nationally ranked Jeff Robbins in Saturday's WAC championship match with Utah. Collins' 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 win was the lone singles victory in the Utes' 6-3 win.