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A LOOK BACK AT THE '11 OLYMPIANS PCAC WIN STREAK UP TO 27 AFTER 3-PEAT

Can you say, "Back – to – Back – to – Back Pacific Coast Athletic Conference (PCAC) Champions?" "3-Peat?"

The 2011 season was certainly a terrific season as the Olympians captured their third consecutive PCAC Championship.

"During the last two years, the target was on our back," said Olympian Head Coach, Michael Hootner. "So to have the mental toughness, drive, and resiliency is a real credit to this team," concluded Coach Hootner.

"This team had great chemistry," said Coach Hootner. I loved their work ethic, competitive spirit, and passion for the great game of tennis," said Coach Hootner.

The Olympians finished the PCAC with a perfect 8-0 record while finishing 14-3 overall.

The Olympians qualified for the Southern California Dual Team Championships and played host and eventual State Champion, College of the Desert. The Olympians lost 5-0 but it was another big step for the program.

"COD is one of the best community college teams not only in the state of California but in the country. It was an honor to be in the Team Championships as only 16 teams in the entire state are invited. And despite the loss, it gave us a good barometer to work towards to be able to take the next step for our program. Our team now has a better idea of what it takes to win a state title and we hope to be even more competitive next year," concluded Coach Hootner.

Sophomores Alex Nichols (Bakersfield, California) and Stanislav Magarchenko (Kazakhstan) led the way for the Olympians, both splitting duties at #1 and #2 singles.

Alex was 19-4 in singles and 11-3 in doubles. Magarchenko was 19-6 in singles and in 10-6 doubles.

Nichols for the second consecutive year won the PCAC singles title and he along with the #3 singles player, Rodrigo Santibanez won the PCAC doubles title over Grossmont College.

Santibanez was 18-4 in singles play and 11-3 in doubles.

At #4 was Hung Truong. Hung was 8-9 in singles play and 1-3 in doubles.

At #5 was Sean Moazezi. Sean, from Rancho Bernardo was a respectable 15-5 in singles and 6-6 in doubles.

Finally, at #6 was Ben Ward. Ward was 9-5 in singles and 8-3 in doubles.

After the dual season was over, it was then on to the individual championships and the 111th Annual Ojai Tournament.

The Olympians had four players qualify for the Southern California Regionals: Nichols, Magarchenko, Santibanez and Moazezi. Two doubles teams of Nichols/Santibanez and Ward/Magarchenko both made it to SoCals.

"This was a great year with great chemistry," said Coach Hootner. "This team will be missed, especially Stanislav and Alex as they were a part of two Championship teams. Both helped continue the winning tradition that we've established in these past three years, and for



that, we are eternally grateful," concluded Coach Hootner.

Dating back to 2008, the Olympians have now won 27 in a row in Pacific Coast Athletic Conference play. The 2012 schedule is incredibly tough and if the Olympians are going to extend that streak to 35, they will have to stay healthy and remember that every team they play will bring their best effort day-in and day-out.

You can find all of the most recent information including match results, the 2012 Media Guide, Archives, and more at our website. For questions or comments, please email Head Coach, Michael Hootner at coachhootner@gmail.com.



Sophomore, Stanislav Magarchenko holding up his NCAA Letter of Intent to attend St. Thomas Aquinas College (NY).

The banner to his left shows the years that the Olympians have won the conference titles, including the last three years (2009-11).



Olympian Head Coach Michael Hootner watching a match at the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Championships at the Balboa Tennis Club.

HEAD COACH MICHAEL HOOTNER

Hello! I first want to thank all of you for your support during 2011 campaign.

We could not provide such tremendous experiences for our men if it weren't for the help of our alumni, family and friends of the program.

I am still attempting to reach as many alumni as possible so if any of you have contact information for anyone, please forward me their information so I can include them in all future mailings and emails.

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Michael Hootner and I'm the Head Men's Tennis Coach.

Originally from Detroit, Michigan, I moved to San Diego in the fall of 1987.

After earning my Associate of Arts Degree from Mesa in 1990, I played

intercollegiate Tennis at Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland, where I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Communication. I earned All-Conference laurels my senior year in doubles.

In addition to playing tennis at Goucher, I also played intercollegiate basketball at Mesa and at Goucher.

Following my graduation in 1992, I went to Frostburg State University where I earned my Master's Degree in Health and Physical Education.

While there, I was also the Assistant Men's Basketball Coach and Intramural Coordinator.

I then returned to Goucher in 1994 and for the next five years.

I was the Assistant Men's Basketball Coach,

Professor of Wellness, Head Men's Tennis Coach, Intramural Director, and Hall Director.

In 1999 I returned to paradise and began helping Mesa's Head Men's Basketball Coach, Ed Hellscher, where I remained for eight years. And from 2003-2007 I was the Assistant Men's Tennis Coach before assuming the Head Coaching duties for the first time in 2008.

In addition to my tennis responsibilities, I am also the Head Women's Basketball Coach and teach Health and Physical Education courses.

If you have any suggestions or ideas on how to make the program more comprehensive, please do not hesitate to contact me at coachhootner@gmail.com.

2012 SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The Olympians have one of the most challenging schedules in the state with non-conference matches against Santa Barbara, Mt. San Antonio, Cerritos, Riverside, L.A. Pierce, Mt. San Jacinto, Orange Coast, Victor Valley, Saddleback, and the defending NCAA Division 3 National Champions, Amherst College.

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Visit the team website for more details at, www.sdmesa.edu/athletics/tennis-men.

2012 Men's Tennis Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Feb. 2	THURS.	msjc	msjc	2:00 PM
FEB. 7	TUES.	RIVERSIDE	SD MESA	2:00 PM
FEB. 9	THURS.	MT. SAN ANTONIO	SD MESA	2:00 PM
FEB. 16	THURS.	CERRITOS	SD MESA	2:00 PM
FEB. 17	FRI.	L.A. PIERCE	SD MESA	2:00 PM
FEB. 23	THURS.	PALOMAR	SD MESA	2:00 PM
feb. 28	tues.	grossmont	grossmont	2:00 PM
mar. 1	thurs.	imperial valley	imperial valley	2:00 PM
MAR. 6	TUES.	SAN DIEGO CITY	SD MESA	2:00 PM
mar. 8 & 10	tues./th.	bye(s)		
mar. 9	fri.	santa barbara cc	santa barbara	1:00 PM
MAR. 13	TUES.	VICTOR VALLEY	SD MESA	10:30AM
mar. 15	thurs.	orange coast	orange coast	2:00 PM
MAR. 16	FRI.	SADDLEBACK	SD MESA	1:00 PM
mar. 20	tues.	palomar	palomar	2:00 PM
MAR. 22	THURS.	GROSSMONT	SD MESA	2:00 PM
MAR. 24	SATURDAY	AMHERST (NCAA D3)	SD MESA	2:30 PM
MAR. 27	TUES.	IMPERIAL VALLEY	SD MESA	2:00 PM
mar. 29	thurs.	san diego city	san diego city	2:00 PM
apr. 17	tues.	dual team playoffs	TBD	TBD
APR. 21-24	TH.-SAT.	PCAC TOURNEY	TBD	TBD
apr. 24	tues.	dual team playoffs	TBD	TBD
4/29-5/2	Th.-Sun.	OJAI	OJAI	TBD
2-May	wed.	Dual Team Playoffs	TBD	TBD
may 3-5	Th.-Sat.	Individual SoCals	Irvine Valley	TBD
10-May	THURS.	DUAL TEAM FINALS	SAN DIEGO	TBD
May 11/12	Fri./Sat.	INDIVIDUAL FINALS	SAN DIEGO	TBD

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2012 OLYMPIANS



TOP ROW (L to R): Anthony Avalos, Alex Richards, Gleb Bilyalov, Tigran Sargsyan, Ben Ward, Timothy Ton, and Assistant Coach, Marcus Robas. BOTTOM ROW (L to R): Head Coach, Michael Hootner, Trung Nguyen, Alec Durbin, Nathaniel Johnson, Giovanni Valdez, Nikolai Rudametkin, Lorenzo Baca, and Alex Abbuhl.

2012 SEASON PREVIEW

With the 2012 under way, the Olympians are excited to build off their 2011 campaign where they finished the year 14-3 overall and 8-0 in Pacific Coast Athletic Conference (PCAC) play.

For the third year in a row, Mesa earned a trip to the southern California dual team championships. The Olympians finished the season ranked #10 in the state according to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) and #6 in Southern California.

"We won't be sneaking up on anyone any longer," said Olympian Head Coach, Michael Hootner. "The target will be on our back again this year. We have a very competitive schedule and some great players," said Olympian Head Coach, Michael Hootner. "What separates this year's team from the last three I think is our depth," added Coach Hootner. "We have eight players that are all capable of stepping in at the #1 position and being competitive whereas in the past three years, we had a clear-cut #1 and #2. We are very excited to see how far we can go despite only having two sophomores. We feel this team is arguably the best in the program's history and now it's time to go out and prove it on the court," concluded Coach Hootner.

The Olympians are led by sophomores, Ben Ward, who played #6 last year and has improved as much as any player in Coach Hootner's five-year tenure as Head Coach at Mesa. Ben will play in the top three this year and split duties in doubles with a number of different combinations. "The thing I love most about Ben is that he's all about the team. His enthusiasm is contagious, he's a great teammate, and a true ambassador for the program," said Coach Hootner about Ward.

The other sophomore is Alex Richards from England. Richards, who played at Seward County in Kansas last year is eager to get onto the court and see how far he and his team can go. Richards who is from St. Austell in Cornwall (England) only played in a few matches last year and feels like he is ready to take his game to the next level, and Coach Hootner agrees. "Alex has a great sense of calm on the court and is a smart player. He knows how to adjust during the match depending and has a good understanding of point-construction not to mention being a very good doubles player. We are very lucky to have Alex as a part of our family. Alex will play anywhere from #3-#6 in singles and #1 and #2 doubles.

The rest of the top eight include, Alex Abbuhl, Lorenzo Baca, Gleb Bilyalov, Nathaniel Johnson, Nikolai Rudametkin, and Giovanni Valdez. Abbuhl, from nearby Clairemont High School will play #6 singles and #3 doubles. The southpaw has tremendous consistency and a solid all-around game.

Baca, probably the one player with the most complete game at this time is hungry again after taking some time off from the game he truly loves. "I've had time to reflect on the past couple of years and I'm ready and excited for the next step and to help this team win it's fourth consecutive title," said Baca. Baca has tremendous strokes, has a power game, can come to the net and is in great shape," said Coach Hootner. Baca will play #1, 2 or 3 this year for Coach Hootner's squad.

Bilyalov, who hails from Moscow Russia, has adapted tremendously well and is excited to start playing. "Gleb has tremendous shot variety," said Coach Hootner. "If he uses all of his shots correctly from the drop shot to the slice to his ability to move his opponent from side-to-side to knowing when to come to the net," he has the ability to have a great deal of success this year," said Coach Hootner. Bilyalov who stands at 6'3 will play #1, #2 or #3 and #1, #2 or #3 doubles.

Nathaniel Johnson (Point Loma, San Diego), who comes to us after redshirting for a semester at the University of Redlands brings tremendous consistency to the Olympians squad. "Nathaniel has the ability to be a top singles and doubles player if he continues to work hard," said Coach Hootner. Johnson will play #6 and #5 singles and #1, #2, or #3 doubles.

Rudametkin, who comes to us from Mexico has a power game that once refined, has the potential to take him to a very high level. "Consistency is the key with Nikolai," said Coach Hootner. "But once he is able to stay in points longer and cut down on his unforced errors, the sky is limit with him," concluded Coach Hootner. Nikolai will play #6 and #5 singles and #3 or #2 doubles.

Valdez, who comes to Mesa from Rancho Bernardo high school also has tremendous skills with a huge upside. Valdez is in great shape and has all the tools to be a very high level player according to Coach Hootner. "Once Gio has more matches under his belt, I think he will have more confidence in what it takes to take his game to the next level," said Coach Hootner. Gio will play #1, #2, #3 or #4 singles and #1 or #2 doubles.

Rounding out the rest of the 13-man roster this year is sophomore, Tigran Sargsyan (San Francisco/Armenia) and freshmen, Timothy Ton (Serra, San Diego), Alec Durbin (Otay Ranch, San Diego), Anthony Avalos (Apple Valley, CA), and Trung Nguyen (Hoover, San Diego).

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All matches can be viewed live on the internet at www.justin.tv/mhootner if you are unable to come to the matches in person. "We are very excited about this," said Coach Hootner. "We have a lot of friends and family members who live far away, so to give them the chance to watch the team play is very exciting," concluded Coach Hootner.