

enabled the Bulldogs to host the prestigious N.C.A.A. Championships in 1983 at the San Joaquin Country Club in Fresno. Several graduates of Fresno State who were ranked as All-Americans include top pros Jerry Heard, Tim Norris, and Ed Luethke. Coached by Mike Watney, the Bulldogs finished 12th in the nation in 1983 and 13th in 1986.

Soccer. Since Jose Elgorriaga assumed the head coaching duties in 1980, he has guided the Bulldogs to a Pacific Soccer Conference championship in 1982 and 1985, a P.C.A.A. championship in 1983 and three N.C.A.A. regional appearances. Under Elgorriaga's leadership, the Bulldogs also have enjoyed tremendous success at the turnstile, having played before over 99,000 fans at Bulldog Stadium from 1981-85. Matches are scheduled with some of the nation's top soccer teams, including USF, UCLA, Indiana, Florida International, SMU, Nevada-Las Vegas, and Clemson.

Swimming. Fresno State's long history of success in swimming continues under current head coach Harold Zane. N.C.A.A. qualifiers have been frequent in this program that boasts an indoor-outdoor facility on campus and sends teams to compete in one of the finer swimming conferences in the country. The program has produced All-Americans such as Art Ruble who holds several school sprint records.

Tennis. Former player and first-year coach Brad Stine coaches another growing program that has produced over 165 wins in the past 15 years. The team plays at one of the West's finest tennis facilities—Sierra Sport and Racquet Club in north Fresno—which features a sunken center court that seats up to 3,000 spectators.

Water Polo. Consistently ranked in the Top 20 nationally, the Fresno State water polo team is now striving for its first berth in the nationals after posting its highest national ranking (8th) in both 1984 and 1985. Head coach Harold Zane is also responsible for the development of several All-Americans. In addition to the fine swimming complex on campus, the team has access to the excellent Clovis West High School Olympic complex pool, where the U. S. National Longcourse Championships have been held.

Wrestling. Fresno State wrestling first cracked the national rankings in 1984-85 and has been consistently ranked in the Top 20 ever since. Dennis DeLiddo,

two-time conference Coach of the Year, has led the Bulldogs to two consecutive league titles with school record win-loss marks coming the last four seasons. Fresno State has produced such All-Americans as Fred Little and Sylvester Carver, along with a total of 12 individual conference champions in DeLiddo's five-year reign.

Women's Intercollegiate Athletics

Basketball. Bob Spencer arrived at Fresno State in 1981 as the winningest active women's basketball coach in the country, and after five seasons at the Bulldog helm, is already the winningest in FSU history as well. Spencer has compiled 462 career wins in 20 years and 82 victories at FSU, including four consecutive all-time win records as a Bulldog and 19 winning seasons. While at Fresno State, he has also produced two consecutive 20-win seasons (1985-86), two All-Americans, three Freshman All-Americans, and numerous All-League performers, in addition to guiding the Bulldogs to the Womens National Invitational Tournament in 1986.

Cross Country/Track and Field.

In just four years, head coach Tom Pagani, who will coach the U.S. men's Olympic throwers in 1988, has built a powerful track and cross country program at Fresno State. Seven track athletes have earned All-America honors, while nine have capture NorPac or P.C.A.A. conference crowns. FSU placed 15th at the 1985 N.C.A.A. Championships, earned the No. 19 dual meet rank in 1985, and No. 24 listing in 1986.

Softball. Fresno State softball, coached by second-year coach Margie Wright, exploded onto the scene in 1979 and the intercollegiate softball community hasn't been the same. In seven short years, the Bulldogs have grown into a national power and have recorded five conference championships and have appeared in eight consecutive regional playoffs. The 1982 season produced 43 wins and a second-place finish at the N.C.A.A. Softball College World Series. The 1984 team returned to the Omaha Classic and posted a school record 49 wins, a record that was shattered in 1985 with an impressive 53-15 mark. The softball complex was recently upgraded with additional seating, a concession area, a pressbox building, and a new scoreboard.

Swimming and Diving. Dedication and hard work are characteristics of a solid swimming and diving program under 14th year coach Billie Poston. With those traits, it is no wonder that Fresno State has produced All-America talent in one of the most competitive swimming conferences in the West. The team trains and competes in the fine indoor-outdoor facility on campus.

Tennis. The women's tennis program is coached by former touring professional Cynthia Doerner, in her first year as the Bulldog boss. The new home court facility situated at Sierra Sport and Racquet Club in north Fresno also has enhanced the program.

Volleyball. Bulldog history was made in 1984 when 16 year coach Leilani Overstreet led her squad to 26-13 overall and 11-1 league records and a tie for fifth at the N.C.A.A. Championship, earning league and national Coach of the Year honors in the process. Competing in a league that has established itself as one of the strongest in the collegiate ranks, the Bulldogs face Top 20 teams annually, and the program has branched out internationally as well. Overstreet has been instrumental in bringing world-class volleyball to the San Joaquin Valley, scheduling international powers from Japan, People's Republic of China, and Brazil.

