

Jerry Heard, Tim Norris, and Ed Luethke. Coached by Mike Watney, the Bulldogs finished 12th in the nation in 1983 and 22nd in 1984.

**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 a PCAA championship in 1983 and two NCAA regional appearances. Under Elgorriaga's leadership, the Bulldogs also have enjoyed tremendous success at the turnstile, having played before over 85,000 fans at Bulldog Stadium from 1981-84. 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. NCAA 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.** Duane Ballard coaches another growing program that has produced over 150 wins in the past 14 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 1984. 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.** Record season wins, outstanding performances and top ranked opponents are all part of the rebirth of wrestling at Fresno State under new head coach Dennis DeLiddo. He has turned the program around, producing several conference champions and



All-Americans while stressing local recruiting. DeLiddo brought an amazing 95 percent winning percentage from the local high school ranks (145-7-1) upon his arrival four years ago.

## Women's Intercollegiate Athletics

**Basketball.** Bob Spencer arrived at Fresno State in 1981 as the winningest active women's basketball coach in America. He is currently the only active women's basketball coach with over 400 (441) wins at the four-year college level. Spencer's career had previously produced 15 consecutive winning seasons. At the Bulldog helm, he has earned "Coach of the Year" honors in the NorPac Conference and led the team to all-time Fresno State win records in 1983, 1984 and 1985.

**Cross Country/Track and Field.** The 1982-83 athletic year marked the beginning for two more women's sports programs in cross country and track and field. In their inaugural year, under head coach Tom Pagani, both squads finished surprisingly well and produced their first All-American runner in Renee Wyckoff,

who finished eighth at the NCAA 3,000-meter run. With such an outstanding debut, Pagani has been able to attract several high school All-American's and Canadian all-stars to the program, as well as walk-on talent from the student body.

**Softball.** Fresno State softball, coached by first-year coach Margie Wright, exploded onto the scene in 1979 and the intercollegiate softball community hasn't been the same. In six short years, the Bulldogs have grown into a national power and have recorded four conference championships and have appeared in seven straight regional playoffs. The 1982 season produced 43 wins and a second-place finish at the NCAA 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 13th 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 graduate Carol Jensen. Establishing herself as one of the Bulldogs' all-time top netters, Jensen has won two national championships. The new home court facility located at Sierra Sport and Racquet Club in north Fresno also has enhanced the program.

**Volleyball.** Bulldog history was made in 1984 when 14 year coach Leilani Overstreet led her squad to 26-13 overall and 11-1 league records and a tie for fifth at the NCAA 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.