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Cuesta's Napoli Named ITA National Coach of the Year

Cuesta Women's Tennis Coach Mike Napoli is scheduled to receive a national award from the Intercollegiate Tennis Association at a banquet Saturday in conjunction with the ITA National Convention. Napoli was named ITA Community College National Women's Coach of the Year for the 2008 season. It is the second time in his career that he has received the award.

In 2008, Napoli led the Cougars to an undefeated regular season and to the 2008 Southern California Regional Finals. The Cougars finished the year 16-1 and was ranked 4th in the final state rankings. In 2002, Coach Napoli won his first ITA Coach of the Year award after leading his team to a third place finish in the state rankings. He led the program to its best finish in 1998 with a second place finish.

In his twenty-one seasons as a head coach, Napoli has accumulated an impressive 257-95-1 overall record. He has guided Cuesta College to eleven Western State Conference Championships and eleven top five finishes. He was named WSC Coach of the Year in 1990, 1993, 1997, 2001, 2004 and 2008. Under Napoli's watch, his team won 29 consecutive WSC matches from 1996 to 1999. The 1993, 2000, 2002 and 2004 teams all finished third in the final state rankings.

As a professional player, he competed in several top tournaments throughout his career, including the U.S. Clay Court Championships. He has directed several world-class tennis resorts along with being the pro and head director of tennis camps at several tennis centers in Indiana, Florida, Texas, Hawaii, Nevada and Puerto Rico.

Before assuming the reigns as head coach at Cuesta College, he served as an assistant men's coach at Cal Poly, as well as an assistant for the men's and women's teams at Cuesta. While assisting at Cal Poly, he was part of Cal Poly's 1986 Division II national title. He played at nationally ranked Chico State and Butte College and was inducted into the Butte College Hall of Fame in 1972.

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