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JESSE WITTEN

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# JESSE WITTEN

Jesse Witten came to Kentucky as a highly-touted freshman in 2001. He had won two straight Florida State high school singles titles and finished his high school career with a 61-4 record. The summer before his freshman year, he teamed up with Matt Emery and won the USTA Boys' 18 Super National Clay Court Doubles Championship in Louisville. Witten started his college career at No. 92 in the ITA Preseason Rankings. It took Witten only two tournaments to prove he belonged much higher than that. Playing in the ITA All-American Championships in Stone Mountain, Ga., Witten breezed through the Qualifiers and the first three rounds of the main draw before being defeated in the quarterfinals by Illinois' Amer Delic.

After his impressive run at the All-Americans and an 8-3 fall record, Witten started the spring semester ranked No. 10. He began the dual-match schedule with seven straight wins, including three over top-20 opponents (UCLA's Marcin Matkowski and Jean-Julien Rojer and Tennessee's Mario Toledo).

He jumped to fourth in the next rankings and settled into the No. 1 position on the team. As the number one player on an SEC men's tennis team, Witten found himself dueling against the best players in the country. He went 6-5 in SEC dual matches while leading the team to an 18-8 record.

Following the SEC Tournament and NCAA Team Championships, Witten became the lone Kentucky representative in the NCAA Singles Championships. The rookie's opening round opponent was Arizona's Steve Capriati, brother of one of the country's top former women's tennis professionals, Jennifer Capriati. Seeded fourth in the tournament, Witten cruised to a 6-1, 6-1 victory. The same day, Witten was named the ITA's National Rookie of the Year.

Witten next faced Stanford's Scott Lipsky. The Wildcat grabbed the first set victory with a powerful 6-4 performance. Down 4-2 in the second set, Witten rallied to claim three consecutive games for a 5-4 lead. After three more games, the foes found themselves in a tiebreaker. Witten dominated the tiebreak and advanced to the round of 16 with a 6-4, 7-6(5) win.

Next up for Witten was a rematch with Illinois' Amer Delic. Revenge was sweet as the Naples, Fla., native came away with the hard-fought 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 victory. With the berth in the quarterfinals, Witten earned All-American honors.

Witten cruised in the first set of his match with San Diego State's Oliver Maiberger, 6-3. Maiberger fought back and took the second set by the same score. Entering third-set action, The UK freshman

rallied physically and mentally to dominate the set and grab the 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 win.

Witten's semifinal match with Stanford's Ryan Haviland was similar to his previous two matches. After winning the first set 6-4, the Kentucky sensation found himself even after Haviland grabbed the second set 7-5. But Witten had more energy and intensity in the third set and advanced to the finals with a 6-4, 7-5, 6-1 victory. He became only the second UK player and third freshman in NCAA history to play in the title match.

In the finals, Witten met up with fellow Southeastern Conference star and defending champion Matias Boeker from Georgia. Boeker won a previous meeting in the regular season and the Wildcat was looking for a different outcome this time. In the first set, the finalists found themselves in a strong battle with alternating game victories before Boeker took the set 7-5. With tournament exhaustion taking its toll, Witten could not



### WITTEN'S NCAA SINGLES FINALS RUN

1st Round	.....def. Steve Capriati (Arizona)	.....6-1, 6-1
2nd Round	.....def. Scott Lipsky (Stanford)	.....6-4, 7-6(5)
Round of 16	.....def. Amer Delic (Illinois)	.....6-3, 4-6, 7-5
Quarterfinals	.....def. Oliver Maiberger (San Diego St.)	.....6-3, 3-6, 6-1
Semifinals	.....def. Ryan Haviland (Stanford)	.....6-4, 5-7, 6-1
Finals	.....lost to Matias Boeker (Georgia)	.....7-5, 6-0



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rally back in the second set, falling 7-5, 6-0.

“I am very proud of the way Jesse played throughout the entire tournament,” Coach Dennis Emery said. “I look for only greater things to come from him.”

“I wanted to hold up my fourth seed during the tournament and I did,” Witten said. “I was just trying to have fun with it. This experience as a whole was fantastic. I loved it.”

Jesse Witten has been busy building his post-collegiate tennis career over the past few years. In 2008, Witten was ranked as high as 217 in the world. He reached the quarterfinals at a challenger event in Binghamton, N.Y. and played in the qualifying rounds of the French Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open.

Witten started off 2007 with his highest career ranking of 171 in January. He followed that up in July 2007 when Witten was named the World Team Tennis (WTT) Male Rookie of the Year during the league’s championship weekend.

The 2005 graduate and five-time All-American also won the male singles championship in his first season with the New York Sportimes. Witten finished the 14-match season with a 49-28 mark earning him the top singles winning percentage of 0.636.

The rookie played men’s doubles this season with tennis legend John McEnroe and Mirko Pehar with

the Sportimes finishing the year with a 6-8 record.

Witten and New York teammate Ashley Harkleroad helped guide the team to finish two games out of the 2007 playoff race.

Playing in the US Open Qualifying Tournament in New York in August 2007, Witten won his first match 7-5, 6-1 over Thomaz Bellucci before bowing out in the second round. The award winner continued to play a full schedule for the rest of the professional men’s tennis season.

Perhaps the highlight of the year was in late September, when the Naples, Fla., native picked up his first USTA Pro Circuit title of 2007 with a win at the USTA Challenger of Tulsa, Okla.

Unseeded in the draw, Witten had an impressive week’s work, dropping only one set in his 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 semifinal win over Alberto Francis and upsetting two seeded players – Brian Dabul of Argentina, 7-6 (1), 7-5, in the quarterfinals and No. 6 Donald Young, 7-6 (8), 7-5, in the final.

The right-hander has won a total of five USTA singles titles during his career, capturing therein 2006, after winning his first in 2004. For his week’s work in Tulsa, Witten picked 80 valuable ATP rankings points.

“Jesse is probably the best player we’ve had in the history of the program,” UK Coach Dennis Emery said.

## QUICK FACTS

- Became the 11th four-time men’s singles All-American in the history of collegiate tennis in 2005
- 2005 SEC Player of the Year
- 2005 Doubles All-American
- 2004 ITA National Indoor Singles Finalist
- 2002 NCAA Finalist
- Only third freshman in NCAA history to play in final
- First team All-SEC all four years of his collegiate career
- 2002 SEC Freshman of the Year
- 2002 NCAA/ITA National Rookie of the Year
- Runner-up Senior Player of the Year
- Ranked preseason ITA No. 1 for four months in 2003
- Ranked as high as 171 on the ATP circuit

## WITTEN’S UK STATS

	Singles		Doubles	
	Overall	SEC	Overall	SEC
2004-05	43-6	11-1	16-7	7-4
2003-04	34-10	9-2	19-8	9-2
2002-03	28-15	5-6	19-6	8-2
2001-02	36-14	6-5	16-11	4-4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>140-45</b>	<b>31-14</b>	<b>70-57</b>	<b>21-12</b>



# CARLOS DRADA

**N**o one predicted it. In fact, no one even dreamed about it -- except, of course, Carlos Drada himself. But there he was, ever the overachiever, taking center court for the 2000 NCAA Championship match with Stanford's Alex Kim. Now everyone was watching.

Drada, who now serves as head coach of the Kentucky women's tennis team, had spent much of his career as a Kentucky Wildcat surpassing expectations and surprising those around him. As a freshman, he played through the pain of a severely sprained ankle at the NCAA Championships. After his sophomore season was cut short due to an eye injury, Drada came back with renewed energy and vigor in 1999, knocking off then-No. 1 James Blake of Harvard, who today ranks 13th in the world on the men's ATP tour. Drada ended his junior season with a No. 44 national ranking and solid victories over ranked opponents.

When the preseason rankings placed Drada at No. 27 as a senior, it was clear that people were starting to take notice of the Colombian talent. Drada started the season strong, winning his first four matches to advance to the finals of the Citizens Bank Clay Court Championships. When the spring season rolled around, Drada began a career stretch that would eventually rewrite the UK record books.

During the next few months Drada struggled at times, dropping several close matches to ranked opponents before knocking out his highest ranked opponent of the season in No. 7 Jeff Morrison of Florida in March. Momentum building, Drada finished out the regular season with wins over No. 38 Jeff Laski of Illinois and No. 54 Maxim Belski of Alabama.

After the Kentucky squad made an unexpected early exit from the NCAA Tourney by falling to Indiana, the Cats' focus turned to the talents of seniors Drada and Johan Hesoun, who were

awarded spots in the individual championships. Drada took out his first opposition in Peter Luczak of Fresno State, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. In second-round



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action, tension was tight as Drada fought back after a 7-5 first-set loss to tie up the match with a 6-4 second set victory. The third set was forced to a tiebreaker with Drada escaping 7-6(4). The match, played in extreme heat and humidity, left Drada dehydrated and sent him to the hospital for an IV to replenish his body.

The heat wouldn't let up, and Drada didn't back down. Only one day after his hospital visit, Drada posted a commanding victory over No. 3 seed Shuon Madden of Texas A&M, 6-2, 6-4, and landed a place in the NCAA Final Four. Drada was in a place that no UK player had gone, breaking ground,

blazing a path and realizing a dream. It was not just Drada's dream, but also a dream for UK tennis.

The semifinal match pitted the unseeded Wildcat against Florida's Morrison for the third time in the 1999-2000 season. Morrison, the No. 1 seed and the top-ranked player nationally, came in as the defending national singles champion while losing only four matches prior to the meeting. One of those four defeats was at the hands of the red-hot upstart. Then Drada handed him number five, taking down the top player, 6-2, 6-4. With the win, Drada became the second unseeded player since 1985 to advance to the finals of the NCAA singles tournament.

He had made it to the finals in unprecedented fashion, and while the collegiate tennis world was on the collective edge of its seat, Drada remained calm.

"I wasn't feeling much," he said. "When you are playing at your best level, the best thing you can do is not to think about anything, just let things flow and nature will take its course."

Playing once again in blistering conditions, Drada, suffering from back spasms throughout the match, was unable to overcome Alex Kim's style of play and fell to the Stanford standout, 6-1, 6-1.

"I was really exhausted going into the final," Drada said. "While I was extremely tired, I thought I was going to win. I had no doubts. Unlucky for me, I was wrong."

It was a storybook ending for a stellar career at UK. Drada looks back at UK as not only a place that helped him gain national attention for his tennis accomplishments, but a place that taught him valuable lessons about life."

"I will always savor both my good and bad times at UK," Drada concluded. "The good ones because they bring great stories of fellowship, and the bad ones because they were the teaching tools that have made me a stronger person."

# CEDRIC KAUFFMANN VS PETE SAMPRAS

**O**n May 28, 2001, former Wildcat standout and assistant coach Cedric Kauffmann stepped onto the Suzanne Lenglen Court at Roland Garros in Paris, France, for a French Open first-round match against fifth-seeded Pete Sampras. Kauffmann, a French qualifier ranked 250th in the world, had not won a singles title on the minor league Challenger circuit and was looking for his first ATP victory.

The odds were stacked against Kauffmann as Sampras had only lost once to a qualifier in his previous 22 Grand Slam tournaments, however the former No. 1 player in the world lost in the first round of the French Open the year prior.

A French native, Kauffmann thrilled his countrymen by leading Sampras 5-3 and holding two match points in the deciding set of a three-hour and 12-minute contest on the show court of his homeland's signature tennis event.

Down a break, Sampras saved one match point with a service winner and erased the second with a patented Sampras serve-and-volley approach, cutting off Kauffmann's return at the net for a winner.

Uninhibited, Kauffmann battled his way to a third match point in the next game serving at 5-4 after Sampras hit an unforced forehand error, one of 86 in the match. This time a drop-volley allowed the American to escape an upset.

With Kauffmann serving at 6-7, Sampras played his first match point with a drop volley but watched Kauffmann's shot fly by him. The underdog then saved a second match point before hooking a forehand wide on the third match point to give Sampras the 8-6 five-set victory. Bent over for most of the final two games from fatigue, Sampras looked to the sky and shook his fist.

"It was more relief than anything," Sampras said. "I thought I was down and out there for a second."

With competence off both wings and excellence in reading his opponent's serve, Kauffmann punished the Grand Slam champion for imperfect approach shots and volleys. Sampras had trouble finding his rhythm in serving or his forehand and was forced to call on his mental game.

Sampras' big serve helped him to a first-set victory, 6-3. But the second set may have given the Frenchman just the adrenaline and emotion he needed to challenge the fifth seed.

On the initial point of the 10th game in the second set Sampras leaped into an overhead smash. But

Kauffmann guessed right and blistered a passing shot that ignited the crowd.

"Changed the whole momentum," Sampras said. "The crowd got into it."

Later in the same game, with fans chanting his name, Kauffmann pumped his fist and shouted after he sent a forehand return down the line. The Frenchman had won the game along with the set at 6-4.

At one point, an American heckler in the crowd shouted out, "Better retire Pete."

However, Sampras regrouped and Kauffmann gave up the third set, 6-2. And again, the former Wildcat came back to win the next set, this time 6-3 in the fourth to even the match.

Kauffmann came just short of handing the tennis

legend a stunning loss but Sampras prevailed 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, 3-6, 8-6, and the big server seemed happy to escape.

"I don't think I played the right way today," Sampras said. "I stayed back a little bit too much. At the end, I came in more, put a bit more pressure on him."

Kauffmann's post-match comments show how he battled off the intimidation of facing a future hall-of-famer in only his second Grand Slam match.

"I go to bed, and I say, 'I hope I don't look that bad on the court,'" said Kauffmann, who entered the tournament as a qualifier. "You're kind of scared. During the warm-up today, it was kind of blurry in the stadium, because I usually see him on TV. I thought it was still a TV screen. But when I won my first service game, I got settled down and concentrated on the match."





# HISTORIC UK VICTORIES

As the University of Kentucky men's tennis program has traveled a path of success over the past two decades, there have been many milestone victories along the way. From UK's first Southeastern Conference Championship to triumphant upsets to breakthrough performances, the recent history of the UK men's tennis program is marked by big win after big win.

## 1986: KENTUCKY 5, #1 GEORGIA 4

LEXINGTON, KY.

The tide turned for the Kentucky men's tennis program under Dennis Emery with UK's first modern era win over Georgia. In front of a packed home crowd of 1,200 Wildcat faithful and the team score locked at 4-4, UK's No. 1 doubles tandem of Greg Van Emburgh and Pat McGee forced Phillip Johnson and Steve Enoche into a third-set tiebreaker. Kentucky fought off seven match points before winning the breaker, 15-13.

The largest crowd ever to witness a UK tennis match supplied all the excitement that the Cats would need to pull off the upset.

"This was our first big breakthrough win in the SEC," Emery said. "Georgia had won 11 of the past 14 SEC Championships and was the defending NCAA Champion."

## 1987: KENTUCKY 5, #6 STANFORD 4

NATIONAL TEAM INDOORS • LOUISVILLE, KY.

Kentucky defeated defending national champion and sixth-ranked Stanford with a victory that was clinched at No. 3 doubles by Steve Denney and Keith Cook. The duo did not lose a single point on serve after taking a 2-1 lead in the third set.

"Anytime you can beat the Cardinal it's special," Emery said. "But this was very special because it was our first victory over Stanford and our first big win at the National Indoors in Louisville."

## 1987: KENTUCKY 5, #2 SMU 4

BLUE-GREY TENNIS CLASSIC • MONTGOMERY, ALA.

At the Blue-Grey Classic, Kentucky ran into a formidable Southern Methodist team that featured four future professional stars: Richey Reneberg, John Ross, Stefan Kruger and Brian Devening.

The Wildcats' Andrew Varga and Steve Denney clinched the victory with a win at No. 2 doubles. Former U.S. Davis Cup coach Dennis Ralston

coached the Mustangs and their No. 1 player, Richey Reneberg — a future Grand Slam champion.

Varga, Kentucky's MVP of the match, put the Cats up 4-2 in an exciting three-set singles win over Devening. Varga rallied from a 3-1, 40-Love deficit in the third set to win. His comeback was made more amazing due to the fact that he broke four strings and had to play with a teammate's racket.

Coach Ralston called the match "one of the gutsiest upsets I've ever seen."

## 1988: KENTUCKY 5, #5 PEPPERDINE 4

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

The Wildcats were in the middle of a West Coast road trip that included matches with Pepperdine and UCLA. At the time of its match-up with UK, Pepperdine was led by the nation's top two collegiate players.

The highlight of Kentucky's upset win was Mario Rincon's victory over Andrew Sznader, the No. 1 college player in the nation. Other singles winners included Richard Benson and Sammy Stinnett. After Greg Van Emburgh and Benson won at No. 1 doubles, the business of clinching the UK upset came down to the UK's fabulous No. 3 doubles team of Ian Skidmore and Willy Laban.

The victory was UK's first-ever road win over a top-five team.

## 1988: KENTUCKY 5, #8 UCLA 2

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Less than 16 hours after completing its victory over Pepperdine, the Cats downed the eighth ranked UCLA Bruins 5-2 at the Olympic Tennis Stadium. It was UCLA's first loss ever at the facility.

Greg Van Emburgh and Richard Benson defeated Pat Galbraith and Brian Garrow 6-3, 6-1 at No. 1 doubles. Galbraith went on to be ranked as high as No. 2 in the world in doubles.

"The win at UCLA so soon after beating Pepperdine established our reputation as a national power and,

for the first time, as a contender for the NCAA Championship," Emery said.

## 1988: KENTUCKY 5, #9 CLEMSON 2

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS • ATHENS, GA.

Kentucky was seeded No. 6 while Clemson was seeded No. 9 in this "Round of 16" matchup at the 1988 NCAA Championships.

The key victory for UK came at No. 5 as Willy Laban defeated John Sullivan after being down a set. The win put the Wildcats up 4-2. Other singles winners included Greg Van Emburgh, Richard Benson and Mario Rincon.

Kentucky's No. 1 doubles team of Van Emburgh and Benson rolled over Sullivan and Brian Page. The victory advanced UK to a quarterfinal showdown with eventual NCAA Champion Stanford.

## 1989: KENTUCKY 5, #4 CAL-IRVINE 4

LEXINGTON, KY.

In Kentucky's fourth match of the season, Cal-Irvine Head Coach Greg Patton brought the fourth-ranked Anteaters into the Boone Indoor Center for a pre-National Indoor tune-up. A crowd of nearly 1,000 people spurred Adam Malik to an upset victory over future pro star Mark Kaplan at No. 1 singles, and Richard Benson to a win over Trevor Kroneman.

"The crowd really helped me and I could see that it hurt Kroneman," Benson said after the victory.

One week later, Irvine reached the finals of the National Indoors and UK reached the semifinals. The combination of the semifinal berth and the victory over the Anteaters moved Kentucky up to a No. 3 national ranking.

## 1989: KENTUCKY 5, #2 USC 4

LEXINGTON, KY.

Days after beating No. 4 Cal-Irvine, Kentucky defeated the defending champions of the National Indoors, Southern Cal, with the help of No. 1 singles player Adam Malik's victory over future ATP



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star Byron Black in three sets. The victory came in the middle of a 17-match winning streak for Malik. UK's victory was clinched in doubles by Willy Laban and Ian Skidmore. A crowd of 800 witnessed Kentucky's biggest victory ever at the Boone Indoor Center. Coupled with the win over Cal-Irvine, the Wildcats went into the National Indoors on a roll.

"To be a great program, you have to have someone step up their game to another level," Emery said. "Adam had one of the best runs we've ever had. We rode his broad shoulders in this match."

## 1989: KENTUCKY 5, #1 STANFORD 3

NATIONAL TEAM INDOORS • LOUISVILLE, KY.

When Kentucky met Stanford at the National Indoors, The Cardinal was once again defending NCAA Champions. On this occasion, UK's Adam Malik defeated future NCAA Champion Alex O'Brien at No. 2 singles. At No. 3 singles, Richard Benson defeated Martin Blackman. Malik and Benson also won at No. 1 doubles, while John Yancey and Andy Potter clinched the match at No. 2 doubles with a victory over Cathrall and Deus, 7-6 (9), 6-2.

"This may have been our most satisfying win ever due to the quality of both teams and the importance of the situation," Emery said. The victory gave UK its first-ever berth in the final four of a national team tournament.

## 1989: KENTUCKY 5, #4 GEORGIA 4

ATHENS, GA.

When UK and UGA met for another of their classic battles, the two teams stood among the nation's top ten.

The Cats and Dawgs traded blows until Adam Malik won in straight sets over the No. 1 player in the nation, Al Parker, to spur the Wildcats toward a 5-4 upset. Parker was an especially tough player in front of the home fans and Malik gave him one of his few losses at home that season.

Andy Potter and Sammy Stinnett picked up wins at the bottom two singles spots, while Malik and Richard Benson won at No. 1 doubles.

## 1992: KENTUCKY 7, #6 PEPPERDINE 2

LEXINGTON, KY.

Under the leadership of legendary coach Allen Fox, Pepperdine brought a No. 6 national ranking into Lexington for this February encounter. Pepperdine was coming off an upset victory over No. 1 UCLA. Senior captain Scott Hulse keyed the victory by beating Howard Joffe at the No. 1 singles position. The win was significant as Hulse's play made a statement about the ability of players to develop at Kentucky. Hulse had walked on at UK and went on to earn All-American status.

## 1992: KENTUCKY 5, #6 MISS. STATE 4

STARKVILLE, MISS.

The victory over No. 6 Mississippi State was a solid win for the Wildcats. Kentucky got key wins from Scott Hulse at the No. 3 singles position and David Culley at the No. 4 singles slot.

When senior John Yancey defeated the nation's top singles player Daniel Courcol 6-4, 5-7, 7-6, the Wildcats evened the match at 3-3. Andy Potter and Hulse got Kentucky its fourth win of the match and set up the deciding match at No. 1 doubles.

With a huge, raucous crowd cheering for the Bulldogs, UK's top doubles tandem of Yancey and sophomore Mike Hopkinson clinched UK's upset win by ousting the fourth-ranked doubles team in the nation, Damiens and Lagloire, 7-6, 6-7, 6-4.

## 1992: KENTUCKY 5, #6 LSU 2

SEC CHAMPIONSHIPS • NASHVILLE, TENN.

The UK victory over the Tigers clinched UK's first and only SEC title and wrapped up the fifth seed at the NCAA Championships. Kentucky got off to a great start when Andy Potter, playing at No. 4 singles, defeated No. 19 Juha Pesola and Scott Hulse, playing at No. 3 singles, defeated No. 14 Tamer El Sawey, 6-4, 6-4. Sophomore Mahyar Goodarz won at No. 2 singles, and freshman David Culley, who was playing with a stress fracture in his hand and a bone spur in his right foot, rallied from one set down to defeat No. 60 Michael Westbrook to give the Wildcats a 4-2 lead. Culley and Jason Yeager clinched the match with an easy win at No. 3 doubles.

"I was so proud of this win," Emery said. "It was the culmination of a great season for the four seniors.

Culley's performance under such adverse circumstances was as strong a performance as we've ever had."

## 1994: KENTUCKY 4, #2 SO. CAL 2

NATIONAL TEAM INDOORS • LOUISVILLE, KY.

Southern Cal entered the match as the defending NCAA Champion and the No. 2 seed in the tournament. Kentucky lost the doubles to go down 1-0 before its depth at singles came into play. UK swept the bottom three singles in straight sets as Jason Yeager (No. 4), Ford Lankford (No. 5) and Jason Thompson (No. 6) played exceptionally well. Mahyar Goodarz, playing No. 2 singles and coming off wrist surgery, downed 13th-ranked Jonathan Leach, 6-4, 7-5, to clinch the win over the eventual, repeat NCAA Champions. The victory for the Wildcats marked USC's only loss that season as the Trojans finished the year 25-1.

"This win was certainly one of our proudest moments, not only because of who we beat and what they went on to accomplish, but also due to the fact that two Kentucky natives — Jason Yeager and Ford Lankford — led the way," Emery said.

## 1994: KENTUCKY 4, #5 DUKE 3

NATIONAL TEAM INDOORS • LOUISVILLE, KY.

The Wildcats upset No. 5 seed and fifth-ranked Duke Blue Devils one night after downing USC. Just as the day before, the stars of the show were Kentucky's fourth, fifth and sixth singles players. Local stars Jason Yeager and Ford Lankford won at number four and five, while Mahyar Goodarz topped Peter Ayers at No. 2 singles to knot the score at 3-3.

Freshman Jason Thompson, playing at No. 6 singles, split tiebreakers with Sven Koehler, a Hong Kong Davis Cup player, to send the match into a third and deciding set. The third set also went to a tiebreaker, with UK's Thompson pulling out a 7-5 victory. The victory moved UK into its second appearance in the final four at the National Indoor and catapulted the Wildcats to a No. 3 national ranking.

## 1997: KENTUCKY 4, #1 STANFORD 3

NATIONAL TEAM INDOORS • LOUISVILLE, KY.

Kentucky took on the No. 1 seed and two-time defending NCAA Champion Stanford in a first round match. In the biggest upset of the 1997



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season, No. 18 Kentucky won 4-3. The Wildcats won at the No. 1 individual match between UK's Cedric Kauffmann and Stanford's Ryan Walters. At the No. 3 spot UK's Marcus Fluitt downed the highly touted freshman, Bob Bryan 6-0, 6-4. Senior Grant Elliot was stunned by a straight set loss to Dan Spaner. All eyes then turned to Court #4 where freshman Carlos Drada was in a tight battle with freshman sensation Mike Bryan. Drada fought hard and was magnificent under pressure in the 7-6, 7-6 victory, which propelled the Cats to the quarterfinals. Kentucky then defeated Pepperdine and advanced to its third Final Four in nine years.

"This match was important for two reasons," UK Coach Dennis Emery said. "First, the junior class of Kauffmann, Fluitt and Spaner, the core of our team, came through for us in a big way. Second, this win re-established us as a national contender and showed our players how all the hard work and perseverance pays off."

## 1997: KENTUCKY 4, #3 GEORGIA 3

ATHENS, GA.

No. 5 Kentucky took on No. 3 Georgia in a match that held major ramifications on the SEC and NCAA rankings. Things started poorly for the Wildcats as Georgia won the doubles and as Dan Spaner and Patrik Johansson lost at the No. 5 and No. 6 spots, respectively, to put the Cats down 3-0.

Carlos Drada got the Cats on track by defeating Kevin Sessions and senior Ludde Sundin beat former Wimbledon junior doubles champion Steve Baldas, bringing the score to 3-2. Marcus Fluitt rallied after a first set loss to upset the No. 9 ranked Eddie Jacques 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 to set up a truly great collegiate battle between the No. 4 ranked Cedric Kauffmann and No. 5 ranked John Roddick. Kauffmann forced a tiebreaker and, aided by a point penalty on the Georgia crowd, won the tiebreak 7-4. With Roddick seemingly demoralized after being forced into a third set, Kauffmann owned play in the third set, winning 6-2.

"Obviously the keys here were overcoming a large hostile Friday night road crowd and staying alive long enough to beat two top 10 nationally ranked players," Emery said. "It means a lot to beat these players because they are such great competitors — both individually and in the Georgia team tradition."

## 1999: KENTUCKY 4, #2 ILLINOIS 3

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

The Cats dropped the first point of the match when all three doubles team lost. UK would have to perform valiantly in singles if they hoped to take the match. With straight set losses at No. 1 and No. 4 singles by Johan Hesoun and Tomas Smid, respectively, the hope of an upset by the 13th ranked Wildcats seemed bleak.

The Cats got some life when Carlos Drada downed Cary Franklin, 6-2, 6-4, at the No. 2 spot and Edo Bawono narrowed the gap with a straight set win over Jeff Laski in the No. 3 hole. Gustav Pousette, at No. 5, and Johan Grunditz, at No. 6, dropped their first sets 6-4, before rallying in the second for 6-2 wins and cruising to victories in the third sets. The comeback was culminated when Grunditz recorded the final point against Illinois' Arnaud Lantin to complete one of Kentucky's greatest come-from-behind victories of all-time.

## 2002: KENTUCKY 4, #12 TENNESSEE 3

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Kentucky opened their regular season SEC schedule by travelling to Knoxville to take on the No. 12 Volunteers.

The Wildcats grabbed the important doubles point but Tennessee stormed back with three singles wins to take a 3-1 lead. Evan Austin, playing at No. 2, lost his first set 1-6, but came back in the second and third sets to get the 1-6, 6-3, 6-1. At No. 5, Gustav Pousette made a similar comeback, dropping the first set but coming back for a three-set win over Mark Dietrich. With the score knotted at three, Rahim Esmail attempted to make it a third comeback at No. 6. Esmail had lost the first set 7-6 but tied the match with a 6-3 second-set win. In the third set, Esmail and his opponent, Wade Orr, fought back and forth until Esmail finally emerged with the 7-5 victory to give Kentucky the 4-3 win.

## 2002: KENTUCKY 4, #5 OLE MISS 3

SEC CHAMPIONSHIPS • KNOXVILLE, TENN.

In the quarterfinals of the SEC Championships, the 9th-ranked Wildcats faced No. 5 Ole Miss and came out with the thrilling 4-3 upset.

The doubles teams of Johan Grunditz/Gustav Pousette and Rahim Esmail/Jesse Witten won their matches to give UK the doubles point.

The Wildcats and the Rebels split their first four singles matches. No. 1 Jesse Witten needed two tiebreakers to beat Alex Hartman 7-6, 7-6. No. 5 Johan Grunditz had a convincing 6-3, 6-4 victory over Paul Ciorascu. No. 6 Rahim Esmail and No. 2 Karim Benmansour dropped their matches, bringing the Rebels within one at 3-2. No. 3 Evan Austin battled Catalin Gard to three sets but eventually fell 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. Pousette remained and found himself in his own three-set fight. After winning the first set 7-6 and falling in the second set 6-2, Pousette played Mississippi's Martin Selin to a 6-6 tiebreaker in the third. Pousette prevailed 7-6 to give Kentucky the 4-3 victory.

## 2002: KENTUCKY 4, #17 DUKE 1

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS • COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

With a thrilling victory over Vanderbilt in the second round of the NCAA Championships, the Wildcats earned a trip to the Sweet 16 where they defeated No. 17 Duke, 4-1.

The doubles tandems of Evan Austin/Karim Benmansour and Johan Grunditz/Gustav Pousette were victorious in their matches giving UK the 1-0 lead. Jesse Witten and Grunditz won their singles matches in straight sets at Nos. 1 and 4 respectively to put the Cats up 3-0. Despite a loss at No. 2 by Benmansour, Pousette came through with a three-set win over Duke's York Allen to advance Kentucky to its third NCAA quarterfinals berth in school history.

## 2005: KENTUCKY 4, #2 ILLINOIS 3

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

UK junior Nate Emge rallied from a second-set deficit to provide the clinching point for Kentucky, as the Cats utilized a solid all-around effort to upset No. 2 Illinois by a 4-3 count at Illinois' Atkins Indoor Tennis Center. The ground-breaking Wildcat victory, in an indoor setting where the Illini (14-3, 4-0) have a reputation for excellence, snapped the Illini's 38-match home win streak dating back to Mar. 7, 2002.

"When you beat Illinois, you know you're beating one of the elite programs in the country," Emery said. "Their program won an NCAA title two years ago, made the semifinals again last year and the semifinals of the ITA national indoors this year. It's a signature win for our program and for this group of guys who have gone through a lot of adversity. I'm very happy for them. Illinois didn't lose this match; we went out and won the match."





# KENTUCKY IN THE SEC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The University of Kentucky men's tennis team annually faces a grueling spring schedule as it competes against many of the nation's toughest teams, including several Southeastern Conference rivals. The country's top talent from the conference will meet in Auburn, Ala., for the 2009 SEC Championships in April.

As if playing a grueling regular-season slate in the toughest tennis conference in the nation were not difficult enough, the intensity of the competition seems to raise a notch every year for the championships. With so many world-class teams fighting it out in a single-elimination format, the SEC Championships serve as the perfect tune-up for the drama created at the NCAA Championships.

The 2001 SEC Championships were hosted by Kentucky at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Complex. UK had not hosted the event since 1988 due to the

rotating format of the championships allowing each school the opportunity to showcase its campus and top-notch facilities. The showdown in Lexington gave every spectator a taste of the SEC's talent. Georgia, the SEC regular-season champion, pulled through at the end to win the SEC Tournament Championship as well. Kentucky finished fifth in the conference and lost a heartbreaker to Ole Miss in the quarterfinals of the championship.

Last season, the tournament was held in Fayetteville, Ark., where the tenth-seeded Wildcats defeated No. 7 seed Auburn in the first round, 4-2. In the second-round, UK fell to No. 2 Ole Miss, the eventual SEC Champion. The SEC tourney held form in the semifinals as the four top seeds advanced. But No. 4 Florida upset top-seeded Georgia 4-2 in the semis to advance to the final before falling to the Rebels 4-1.

However, Georgia rebounded and finished the year

as National Champions for the second-straight season. Georgia won the 2008 Championship 4-2 over Texas on in Tulsa, Okla. claiming its sixth NCAA Team Championship.

Nine teams from the SEC joined Georgia as qualifiers for the NCAA tournament. Seven teams won their first round ties and moved on to the round of 32. Four teams advanced to the round of 16. Only Georgia and Ole Miss advanced to the final eight and faced each other as the Bulldogs swept the Rebels 4-0.

In the final ITA rankings, all 12 SEC schools made the top 58 including four teams in the top 10. Kentucky finished 40th overall. The ranking extends the Wildcat streak of finishing the year among the top-60 in the nation to 25 consecutive years, all under the direction of head coach Dennis Emery.

# KENTUCKY IN THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Over the past 22 years, the University of Kentucky men's tennis team has been a mainstay at the NCAA Men's Tennis Championships. Coach Emery has led his team to the promised land of collegiate tennis 19 times, including UK's first-ever appearance in 1987. Emery has taken the Cats to the round of 16 five times in his career. The Cats have advanced as far as the quarterfinals, the "Elite Eight", on three occasions - 1988, 1992 and 2002.

UK experienced one of its most successful NCAA trips ever in 2002 as the Cats served as hosts to one of the 16 four-team regionals at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Complex. As the No. 1 seed in the regional, UK had little trouble with Murray State in the first round winning 4-0. In the second round against Vanderbilt, the Wildcats needed a thrilling three-set victory from No. 6 Rahim Esmail to give Kentucky the 4-3 win and advance the Cats to the Sweet 16 at the Texas A&M Tennis Center in College Station, Texas.

The Cats came out strong against No. 17 Duke, winning the doubles point and getting victories from No. 1 Jesse Witten, No. 4 Johan Grunditz and No. 5 Gustav Pousette for the 4-1 win. In the quarterfinals the following afternoon, UK faced No. 5 Tennessee, whom they had beaten twice during the regular season. Kentucky couldn't recover following two

doubles losses and dropped the match to the Volunteers 4-1. The Wildcats' three victories in the NCAA Tournament established a school record. Jesse Witten became the Cats' sole representative in the singles competition and made an incredible run to the finals before falling to defending champion Matias Boeker of Georgia.

In 1999, the Cats won their two matches at the regional in Lexington to advance to the Sweet 16 at the University of Georgia's Dan Magill Tennis Complex where the Cats were eventually ousted by No. 2 Duke.



In the SEC Championship season of 1992, the Wildcats entered the tournament as the No. 5 seed and, after a first-round bye, shut out Florida, 5-0,

before dropping a close 5-3 decision to the No. 1 ranked and top-seeded Southern Cal Trojans. Even then, UK was not done at the championships as the Cats qualified an NCAA-record seven players for the individual singles and doubles competitions.

With history on its side and a determined group of players, the UK tennis team once again expects to be among the top 64 teams in the country invited to fight it out in May for a trip to the championship at Texas A&M's George P. Mitchell Tennis Center in College Station, Texas.

## UK AT THE NCAA OUTDOORS

**Total Appearances: 19**  
**Overall Record: 13-19**

Year	Record	Advancement
2008	0-1	First Round
2006	0-1	First Round
2005	1-1	Round of 32
2004	1-1	Round of 32
2003	1-1	Round of 32
2002	3-1	Quarterfinals
2001	1-1	Round of 32
2000	0-1	First Round
1999	2-1	Round of 16
1998	0-1	First Round
1997	0-1	Round of 16
1996	0-1	First Round
1995	2-1	Round of 32*
1994	0-1	First Round*
1992	1-1	Quarterfinals
1991	0-1	Round of 16
1989	0-1	Round of 16
1988	1-1	Quarterfinals
1987	0-1	Round of 16

\*The NCAA recognized only the top 16 teams with a tournament appearance



# NCAA/ITA GRAND SLAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

## JESSE WITTEN

### 2004 ITA NATIONAL INDOORS SINGLES FINALIST

Witten became the first Wildcat to advance to the finals of the ITA National Indoor Championships.

After easy victories over UNLV's Henner Nehles and Clemson's Nathan Thompson, Witten rallied from behind in the quarterfinals to defeat San Diego's Pierrick Ysern.

In the semifinals, Witten split the first two sets with Stanford's Sam Warburg before getting a timely service break in the third set to win, 6-4. Witten fell to Illinois' Ryler DeHeart in the finals, 6-1, 6-4.

### 2002 NCAA SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP FINALIST

After leading Kentucky to a quarterfinal berth in the team championships, freshman Jesse Witten was the lone representative for the Cats in the singles tournament.

Witten won his first two rounds in straight sets over Arizona's Steve Capriati (6-1, 6-1) and Stanford's Scott Lipsky (6-4, 7-6(5)). He needed three sets in each of his next three matches. Illinois' Amer Delic gave him the most trouble but Witten escaped with the 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 win. With wins in the quarterfinals over San Diego State's Oliver Maiberger (6-3, 3-6, 6-1) and the semifinals over Stanford's Ryan Haviland (6-4, 5-7, 6-1), Witten became only the third freshman ever to advance to the finals. Georgia's Matias Boeker awaited Witten in the finals. Witten battled Boeker but couldn't overcome his powerful serve as he fell 7-5, 6-0.

### 20001 ALL-AMERICAN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTERFINALIST

Entering the tournament as a freshman, Jesse Witten had to play two qualifying matches to reach the main draw. Opening with Marcin Matkowski of UCLA, Witten dominated 6-3, 6-2. He marched in to the main draw with an upset of No. 77 Richard Barber of Rice.

Once in the main draw, Witten rolled by No. 58 Danny Westerman of Wisconsin and No. 35 Balez Veress of California-Berkley. Down a set and a break to No. 70 Andy Leber of Texas Arlington, Witten prevailed against Leber, 6-7, 6-4, 7-5, to advance to the quarterfinals. Witten fell to Amer Delic, an unseeded qualifier, of Illinois, 1-6, 1-6.

## CARLOS DRADA

### 2000 NCAA Singles Championship Finalist

Carlos Drada made an unexpected run through the NCAA championships as an unseeded player. Fighting hard in the opening rounds, Drada claimed victories over Fresno State's Peter Luczak and No. 13 Cary Franklin of Illinois. A commanding 6-2, 6-4, victory over No. 3 seed Shuon Madden of Texas A&M landed Drada in the Final Four. The semifinal match posted Drada against the No. 1 seed, Florida's Jeff Morrison. Defeating the top seed in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4, the unseeded Wildcat found his way to the championship match. Suffering from back spasms, Drada dropped the match to Stanford's Alex Kim.



CARLOS DRADA



CEDRIC KAUFFMANN

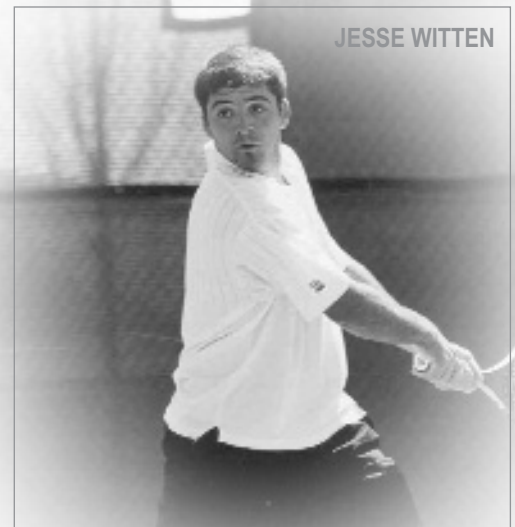
## CEDRIC KAUFFMANN

### 1997 Clay Court Singles Championship Finalist

The tournament's second seeded player, Cedric Kauffmann, battled the competition to earn a spot in the title match. Kauffmann took a dominating 6-0, 6-3 fourth round win over Virginia Tech's Aaron Marchetti to advance to the quarterfinals where he faced third seeded Matthieu Ballay of Mississippi State. Kauffmann defeated Ballay in straight sets before falling to unseeded Pavel Kudrnac of Oklahoma State in the finals.

### 1996 NATIONAL INDOOR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALIST

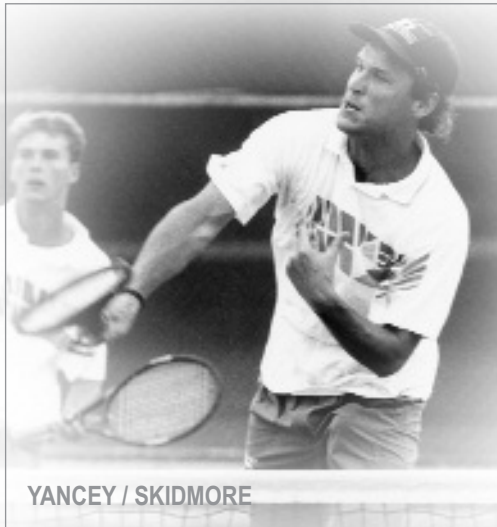
Cedric Kauffmann, the sixth seed, took dominating straight set victories over Rene Moller of Tyler JC (6-



JESSE WITTEN



# NCAA/ITA GRAND SLAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

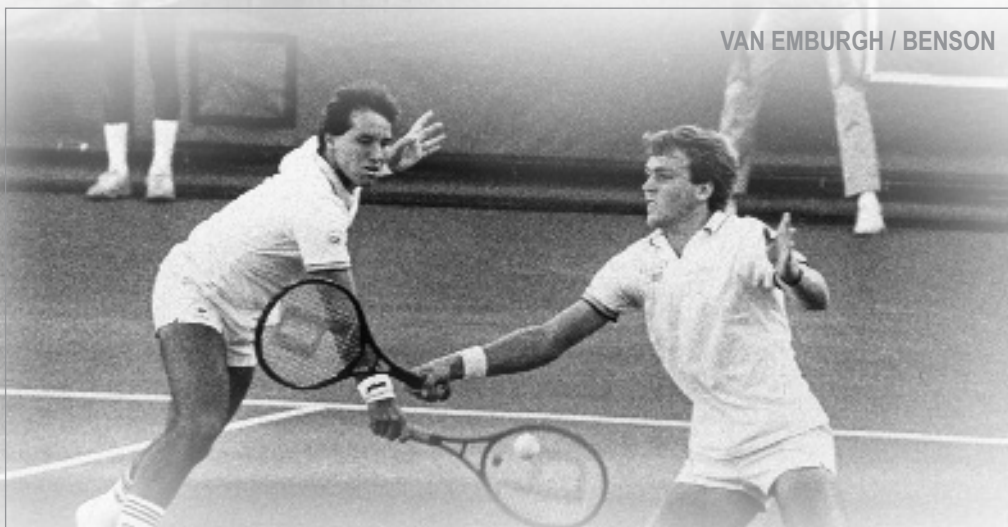


YANCEY / SKIDMORE

3,7-5) and TCU's David Roditi (6-1,6-4) in the first two rounds of the tournament. A quarterfinal 7-6,4-6,7-5, win over California's Michael Hill sent Kauffmann to the semifinals where he dropped the match to eighth seeded Cecil Mammit of USC in three tough sets.

## 1995 CLAY COURT SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTERFINALIST

Cedric Kauffmann went to Baltimore, Md. unseeded in the tournament but a first round victory over fifth seeded Richard Wernerhjelm of VCU began his quest for the title. Kauffmann rolled over the competition in the next two rounds to place him in the quarterfinals against the top seed. After a first set win, Kauffmann dropped the match to TCU's Paul



VAN EMBURGH / BENSON

## GREG VAN EMBURGH/ RICHARD BENSON

### 1986 ALL-AMERICAN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP FINALIST

The UK team of Greg Van Emburgh and Richard Benson traveled to UCLA and took the tournament by storm. In second round action, Van Emburgh and Benson dominated straight sets, 6-2,7-6, and upset the No. 1 seeded duo of Charles Beckman and Royce Deppe of Texas. The duo continued in excellence defeating Ball State's Hershey and Nixon duo in the semifinals advancing to the championship match against second seeded Byron Talbot and Shelby Cannon of Tennessee. VanEmburch and Benson fought hard but dropped the match in three sets.

### 1987 NCAA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALIST

Coming to Athens, Ga. unseeded, Van Emburgh and Benson recovered from a set down to defeat Ball State's team of Hershey and Nixon to advance to the All-American round facing future world No. 1 Richey Reneberg and Den Bishop of SMU. SMU was seeded fifth in the event but fell to the Wildcats tandem, 6-2, 6-2. In the next round, Luke Jenson and Eric Amend of Southern California fell 6-4, 6-3, advancing the UK duo to the semifinals. Van Emburgh and Benson fell to California-Irvine's Barham and Yates team, 6-2, 2-6, 7-5, ending the duo's great run.



LUDDE SUNDIN

Robinson, who later went on to claim the title.

## LUDDE SUNDIN

### 1996 CLAY COURT SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALIST

Ludde Sundin entered the event unseeded but made a great run to the semifinals. Sundin took an opening round win over Texas Tech's Petar Danolic and defeated MTSU's Anthony DeLuisse to advance to the quarterfinals. Upsetting fourth-seeded Enrique Abarca of Kansas, 6-4, 6-3, Sundin advanced but dropped his match to second seed Thomas Dupre of Mississippi State in the semifinals.



# KENTUCKY ALL-AMERICANS

If the past is any indication, the future is looking bright for the UK tennis program. The Cats have seen 14 players reach All-America status 28 times since 1987. The doubles tandem of Greg Van Emburgh and Rich Benson were the first Cats to earn the honor in 1987, while Van Emburgh also earned singles honors for his efforts during the '87 campaign. Stretching over the course of Dennis Emery's campaign as head coach at UK, 12 more Cats have earned the honor, including Jesse Witten who became the 11th four-time singles All-America in collegiate tennis history.

## GREG VAN EMBURGH

SINGLES & DOUBLES. 1987-88

Van Emburgh became UK's first singles All-American in 1987 after advancing to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament. He compiled a 38-15 record in 1987 to lead the Cats. As a senior in 1988, Van Emburgh grabbed the honor again after a strong NCAA performance. Teamed with Rich Benson to earn All-America honors in 1987 after advancing to the NCAA semifinals and again in 1988 after capturing the SEC doubles title.

## RICH BENSON

DOUBLES. 1987-89

After combining with Van Emburgh to form Kentucky's first doubles All-America squad, Benson teamed with Adam Malik to compile an 18-6 record and become the Wildcats' second All-American doubles contingent.

## MARIO RINCON

SINGLES. 1988

Rincon posted 37 wins in his junior season, earning him a No. 13 seed in the NCAA tournament and automatically qualifying him for All-America status. He also claimed UK's highest-ever division title at the No. 2 singles position in a stellar junior campaign.

## ADAM MALIK

SINGLES & DOUBLES. 1989

Malik finished with a 32-17 record during his final season at Kentucky, claiming the SEC Indoor Championship in Lexington en route to his All-America finish.

## JOHN YANCEY & IAN SKIDMORE

DOUBLES. 1990-91

This duo finished the 1990 season with a 14-2 record and were ranked ninth nationally as they became the fourth UK doubles team in four years to earn All-America honors. In 1991, the team posted a 25-12 record and were seeded among the top eight duos at the NCAA Championships, earning them the honor for a second consecutive year.

## SCOTT HULSE & ANDY POTTER

DOUBLES. 1992

In a year which saw UK capture its first SEC Championship, Hulse and Potter were seeded among the nation's top eight doubles duos and earned All-America honors. The two seniors helped lead the Cats to a fifth-place seed in the NCAA tournament.

## MICHAEL HOPKINSON & MAHYAR GOODARZ

DOUBLES. 1993

This pair teamed up to tally a 26-12 record during the 1993 campaign, earning them the No. 2 seed at the NCAA Doubles Championships. Throughout the season, the duo looked strong, claiming top honors in the consolation bracket of the Volvo Collegiate Championship.

## MAHYAR GOODARZ

SINGLES. 1993

Goodarz earned the second of his All-America honors after posting a 22-16 record and earning one of the top 16 seeds in the NCAA tournament.

## CEDRIC KAUFFMANN

SINGLES. 1996-98

Kauffmann rewrote the UK record books by becoming the first Wildcat to claim three singles All-

America honors in his career. He grabbed the first honor in 1996, when as a sophomore he posted a 31-15 record. He repeated the honor in 1997, with his 28-11 record and No. 2 national ranking. Kauffmann grabbed the last of his honors as a senior, posting a 17-9 record and finishing the season with a No. 9 national ranking.

## CARLOS DRADA

SINGLES. 2000

Drada became an All-American when he made an incredible run through the NCAA tournament, falling just short of the singles title to Stanford's Alex Kim in the championship match. For the season, Drada compiled a 29-21 record and was also named second-team All-SEC.

## JESSE WITTEN

SINGLES. 2002-05; DOUBLES. 2005

Just after being named SEC Freshman of the Year and ITA National Rookie of the Year, Witten advanced through the 2002 NCAA Singles Championships to the finals, where he was defeated by Georgia's defending champion Matias Boeker. Witten had an overall singles record of 36-14 and finished the season at #4 in the ITA rankings. In his senior season, Witten becomes one of 11 four-time men's singles All-Americans in the history of collegiate tennis. 2005 also marked the first time Witten gained doubles All-America Honors.

## TIGRAN MARTIROSYAN

DOUBLES. 2005

After receiving All-SEC second team honors in 2004, Martirosyan returned in 2005 to team with Jesse Witten to be one of the best tandems in the SEC. The team won 15 matches on the year on their way to receiving the duo's first doubles All-America honors.



# KENTUCKY NATIONAL & SEC AWARD WINNERS

## KENTUCKY ALL-AMERICANS

The quality of tennis played at the University of Kentucky is exemplified by the 14 Wildcat men who have been honored as All-Americans a total of 28 times during the Dennis Emery era.

2005	.....Tigran Martirosyan (D)
2005	.....Jesse Witten (S&D)
2004	.....Jesse Witten (S)
2003	.....Jesse Witten (S)
2002	.....Jesse Witten (S)
2000	.....Carlos Drada (S)
1998	.....Cedric Kauffmann (S)
1997	.....Cedric Kauffmann (S)
1996	.....Cedric Kauffmann (S)
1993	.....Mahyar Goodarz (S)
	.....Michael Hopkinson (D)
1992	.....Scott Hulse (D)
	.....Andy Potter (D)
1991	.....Ian Skidmore (D)
	.....John Yancey (D)
1990	.....Ian Skidmore (D)
	.....John Yancey (D)
1989	.....Richard Benson (D)
	.....Adam Malik (S&D)
1988	.....Richard Benson (D)

Greg Van Emburgh (S&D)	
Mario Rincon (S)	
1987	.....Richard Benson (D)
Greg Van Emburgh (S&D)	

1985	.....Paul Varga
1984	.....Paul Varga
1983	.....Joe Leytze
1982	.....Joe Leytze
1978	.....Jack Webb
1975	.....Scott Smith
1974	.....Scott Smith

## ALL-SEC PERFORMERS

### First Team

<b>2008</b>	..... <b>Bruno Agostinelli (S)</b>
2006	.....Alex Hume (S)
2005	.....Jesse Witten (S&D)
2004	.....Jesse Witten (S)
2003	.....Jesse Witten (S)
2002	.....Jesse Witten (S)
1998	.....Cedric Kauffmann (S)
1997	.....Cedric Kauffmann (S)
1996	.....Cedric Kauffmann (S)
1991	.....Ian Skidmore (D)
	.....John Yancey (D)
1989	.....Adam Malik
1988	.....Richard Benson (S&D)
	.....Mario Rincon (S)
	.....Greg Van Emburgh (S&D)
1987	.....Richard Benson (D)
	.....Greg Van Emburgh (S&D)
1986	.....Greg Van Emburgh (D)
	.....Patrick McGee (D)

### Second Team

2007	.....Bruno Agostinelli (S)
2005	.....Tigran Martirosyan (S)
2004	.....Tigran Martirosyan (S)
2002	.....Karim Benmansour (S)
2001	.....Edo Bawono (S)
2000	.....Carlos Drada (S)
1999	.....Carlos Drada (S)
1997	.....Ludde Sundin (S)

## SEC COACH OF THE YEAR

1999	.....Dennis Emery
1992	.....Dennis Emery
1974	.....Graddy Johnson

## SEC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

2005	.....Jesse Witten
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## SEC FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

2006	.....Bruno Agostinelli
2002	.....Jesse Witten

## SEC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

### Singles

1988	.....Mario Rincon (No. 2)
1988	.....Richard Benson (No. 3)
1987	.....Andrew Varga (No. 5)

### Doubles

1994	.....Mayhar Goodarz/Mike Hopkinson
1989	.....Ian Skidmore/Willy Laban (No. 3)
1988	.....Richard Benson/Greg Van Emburgh (No. 1)
1976	.....Jack Webb/Rob Wallace (No. 3)
1971	.....Randy Edmiston/Les Champman (No. 3)
1970	.....Les Champman/Steve Imhoff (No. 3)

## SEC INDOOR CHAMPIONS

### Singles

1989	.....Adam Malik
1987	.....Adam Malik (No. 4)
1986	.....Kenny Rylee (No. 6)

### Doubles

1986	.....Pat McGee/Greg Van Emburgh (No. 1)
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In November of 2000, Coach Emery was inducted into the Kentucky Tennis Hall of Fame. Pictured with Emery are his daughter, Merritt, who was named the most improved girl in 2000, and Stan Smith, the keynote speaker at the event.



# COACH EMERY'S COACHING TREE

Over the 27 years UK head coach Dennis Emery has been at the helm of the Wildcat men's tennis programs, many of his former players have gone on to coaching careers across the nation. Former Cats helping to direct tennis programs are featured here.



**UK ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH CEDRIC KAUFFMANN (1995-98)**

Kauffmann was promoted to associate head coach in November. He began his fourth year at UK last fall. Prior to his current position, the former Wildcat standout served as the head professional at the Five Seasons Country Club in Cincinnati, Ohio. As a player at Kentucky, Kauffmann was a three-time All-American from 1996-98 and finished among the top 10 singles players nationally in each of those seasons. Miami (Fla.) Men's Head Coach Mario Rincon (1988-89)



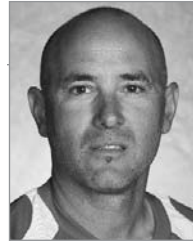
**UK WOMEN'S HEAD COACH CARLOS DRADA (1997-2000)**

Drada took over the reins of the UK women's tennis program in 2006. In his first two seasons, he led the Wildcats to a pair of NCAA Tournament berths as well as two 19-win seasons. Last season, Drada took a team of three sophomores, three freshmen and only one junior to a top-25 finish and the program's 12th consecutive NCAA tournament appearance. In 2007, he coached seniors Kim Coventry and Joelle Schwenk to ITA Doubles All-America honors. Drada's first squad, in 2005, posted a 19-10 overall record and made a fifth consecutive appearance in the Sweet 16 round at the NCAA Championships. The success as a head coach is no surprise as Drada was tabbed the 2005 ITA National Assistant Coach of the Year in his final season as an assistant coach to former head man Mark Guilbeau. Drada made Lexington his permanent home in 2000 after graduating with a degree in finance/marketing.



**MIAMI (FLA.) MEN'S HEAD COACH MARIO RINCON (1988-89)**

Rincon guided the Hurricanes to their third-straight NCAA Tournament appearance in 2007-08. In 2007, Luigi D'Agord, Josh Cohen and Daniel Vallverdu went on to earn All-America honors. D'Agord, an All-American in both singles and doubles play, was ranked as high as ninth in the nation in 2006-07 and repeated as ACC Player of the Year after his second-straight undefeated season in league play at No. 1. In 2006, Rincon earned ACC Coach of the Year accolades after leading the Hurricanes to a remarkable turnaround in just his second season at Miami. Under his direction, the Hurricanes were ranked among the nation's top 10 for the first time since 1994, and finished the season No. 11 after the program's first "Sweet 16" appearance at the NCAA Tournament in five years.



**WISCONSIN MEN'S HEAD COACH GREG VAN EMBURGH (1988-89)**

During his first two seasons leading the Badgers, Van Emburgh has engineered the reemergence of UW as both a conference and national power. In 2007, Van Emburgh led the Badgers to one of the most successful seasons in program history. The team earned an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament, marking Wisconsin's first trip to the tournament since 1998 and only the third in school history. UW defeated Washington in the first round 4-3 to notch the first NCAA tournament win for the program. After a string of wins over ranked opponents early in the 2007 season, including a road victory over No. 10 Miami, the Badgers found themselves ranked No. 29 in the country, marking the program's highest ranking in 30 years. Wisconsin finished the year ranked No. 32, the highest placement in the final poll in school history.



**FLORIDA MEN'S HEAD COACH ANDY JACKSON (1982-84)**

In 2001, Jackson took over the men's tennis program at the University of Florida after coaching at Mississippi State. In 2003, the Gators advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals and two years later made a Final Four appearance. Jackson's Florida teams also won SEC Championships in 2003 and 2005. With the '03 crown, Jackson became the first head coach in SEC history to win an SEC men's title at two different member institutions. In January 2006, Jackson guided the Gators to the No. 1 position in the ITA Poll for the first time in school history. At MSU, Jackson also guided that '94 Bulldog team to the NCAA Final Four. Four years later in 1998, MSU made another Final Four appearance. During his 13 years as the men's head coach in Starkville, Jackson's squads made five total NCAA quarterfinal appearances.

## CURRENT NCAA ASSISTANT COACHES

- Washington and Lee (Va.) women's program  
Elliot Datlow (2000-03)
- Michigan State men's program  
Nate Emge (2004-06)
- Alabama women's program  
Rahim Esmail (2001-04)
- Wisconsin men's program  
Evan Austin (2002-04)



# KENTUCKY MEN'S TENNIS ALUMNI

Several former UK tennis athletes have gone on to successful careers in the tennis world as well as the business arena. Here we highlight some of those former Wildcats.

## MARK BAILEY (1981-84)

Owner of Wausau (Wisc.) Tennis Centre. Spent thirteen years as a Davis Cup Player. He was a Level Three LTA Great Britain professional coach and national coach for Malaysia for three.

## HENRY BAUGHMAN (1956)

Has taught at WKU and written several books on Emergency Medical Training (EMT). Named 2008 USTA Southern Section Player of the Year. Inducted into the USTA Kentucky Hall of Fame in 1996.

## JIM BAUGHMAN (1956-58)

Served as an umpire for the U.S. Open for 16 years prior to 2006. Inducted into the USTA Kentucky Hall of Fame in 1999. Pastor of church in greater Louisville area.

## RICH BENSON (1986-89)

After leaving the pro circuit, he coached aspiring professional tennis players including current touring pro – Jan-Michael Gambill. More recently Mr. Benson has served as General Manager of Tenni-Trac Sports Surfaces.

## HILARY J. BOONE (1938-40)

Owner of Wimbledon Farm that encompasses over 1,000 acres of gently rolling bluegrass in Fayette County that serves primarily as boarding operation for horses. One of the original investors in Humana Inc.

## JERRY CLAIBORNE (1948)

Legendary football coach 28 years at Virginia Tech, Maryland and Kentucky. Also a star defensive back for Coach Paul “Bear” Bryant at Kentucky.

## DENNIS COOPER (1965)

Largest Arby's restaurant franchisee (with 775) and founder of RTM Restaurant Management Group. Sold in 2005 and now owns an Atlanta Transport Company.

## JACK DITTY (1967-69)

Dermatologist in Ashland, Ky. Member of Kentucky Tennis Association Hall of Fame. Runs Ashland's women's Challenger Event.

## JORGE ESCALLON (2000)

Communications director for ATP tour since 2004.

## BILLY EVANS (1952-55)

Olympic gold medalist in Basketball. Retired after an executive vice president career with Kentucky Fried Chicken. Top senior player.

## SCOTT FOSTER (1979-82)

Joined Millennium Trust as Senior Vice President, Alternative Investments in 2008; responsible for the business development of alternative assets business segments.

## MARCUS FLUITT (1995-98)

Played on the ATP tour for six years. Now teaching pro at Bill Clark Tennis Academy in Cooper City, Fla.

## ARIEL GAITAN (1996-99)

Junior coach at Nick Bollettieri Tennis Academy since 2003.

## EMIL JOHNSON (1933)

A retired army officer, holds two degrees from the University. He was the number two ranked senior tennis player in Florida and was once ranked sixth in the nation winning a grand slam for seniors.

## FORD LANKFORD (1993-95)

Portfolio investment manager for local wealth management firm in Lexington.

## ADAM MALIK (1987-89)

Tournament Director for 4M Sports Marketing LLC.

## TIGRAN MATIROSYAN (2004-05)

Active on ATP tour with several Challenger titles in 2008.

## KEITH MAURIELLO (1997-99)

An associate of law firm Arnall Golden Gregory LLP in Atlanta, Ga

## PAT MCGEE (1983-86)

Sports Agency owner after serving as Vice President for Octagon.

## CHARLIE RAY (1982-84)

Urologist working at Commonwealth Urology in Lexington; in association with Central Baptist Hospital.

## LARRY ROBERTS (1964-66)

Fayette (Ky.) County Attorney, elected in November 2006. Also a practicing attorney for more than 35 years.

## ROBERT SHIER (1962)

Obstetrician at Obstetrics & Gynecology in Lexington.

## ELVIS STARH (1934-36)

Secretary of the Army during the first two years of the Kennedy administration who also had been a university president, lawyer and president of the National Audubon Society.

## SAM STINNETT (1989-92)

Owner of real estate investment firm HGP Capital LLC.

## PAUL VARGA (1982-85)

President and CEO of Brown-Forman Corporation and member of executive committee of Greater Louisville, Inc. and a member of the board of directors at Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, YMCA of Louisville and Three Chimneys Farm.

## JOHN VARGA (1980-83)

Doctor, founder and partner of OneMD LLC in Louisville.

## JON VENISON (1990)

Co-founding partner for InsideOut Sports and Entertainment.

## JESSE WITTEN (2002-05)

Active on ATP tour with several Challenger titles in 2007 and member of World Team Tennis.



# ALL-TIME LETTER WINNERS

## A

C. Abert (26)  
 H. Adams (26)  
 Hampton Adams (58)  
 Gregory Scot Adkins (72)  
**Bruno Agostinelli (06,07,08)**  
 Chester B. Algood (74,75,76)  
 Matt Allinder (04,05)  
 Anthony Alroy (78,79,80,81)  
 Murl Ray Anders (76,77,78)  
 Greg Anderson (06)  
 Paul Jr. Anderson (16)  
 Frank Angel (63)  
 Thomas Asbury (46,47,48)  
 Ronald G. Atkins (55,58)  
 Evan Austin (02,03,04)

## B

Mark Bailey (81,82,83,84)  
 Juan Balzola (47)  
 Cal Barwick (56,57,58,60)  
 Henry Baughman (56)  
 Jim Baughman (56,57,58)  
 Edo Bawono (98,99,00,01)  
**Will Beck (08)**  
 Karim Benmansour (01,02,03)  
 Eric J. Begun (65)  
 Rich Benson (86,87,88,89)  
 Robert Paul Berg (66,67)  
 R.P. Bert (68)  
 James Bishop (32,34)  
 Peter Bjork (07)  
 Jesse Bobbitt (27)  
 L.J. Boland (40)  
 H.J. Boone (38,39,40)  
 Glen Graig Booth (73,74,75,76)  
 W.C. Botts (37,38)  
 Don Braden (32,33)  
 Dave Braun (59,61)  
 J.C. Bristow (39)  
 Clay Brock (28)  
 Jud A. Brown (76,77,78,79)  
 Marion Brown (35)

## C

Thomas Cahill (66)  
 John Kendall Calk (67)  
 George Carey (53,54,55,56)  
 Dan Chandler (53)  
 Les Champman (70,71,72)  
 Jerry Claiborne (48)  
 Dale Cochran (80)  
 Irving Cohen (Mgr.) (26,27,28)  
 Bob Collins (47,48)  
**Shane Collins (06,07,08)**  
 Cecil Combs (27)  
 Michael Conover (63)  
 Keith Cook (84,86,87)

## D

Russell Cooley (38)  
 Dennis Cooper (65)  
**Brad Cox (08)**  
 B.D. Coulkins (28)  
 Michael Cox (63,64,65)  
 David Culley (92)  
 Guy Cunningham (Asst. Mgr.) (41)

## E

William Dailey (60,61)  
 Elliott Datlow (00,01,02,03)  
 Charlie Daus (61,62)  
 Frank Davidson (30)  
 Alejandro DeFelipe (90,91)  
 Thomas McClintock Denbow (69,70)  
 Larry Dendinger (62)  
 Steve Denney (84,85,86,87)  
 Danny Dickerson (47,48)  
 Jack Ditty (67,68,69)  
 J. Warfield Donahue (37)  
 Glenn Dorroh (53,54,55,56)  
 Carlos Drada (97,98,99,00)  
 Brian Dredge (07)  
 Donald Dreyfuss (60,61)  
 Joe Dunlap (40)  
 John W. Dundon Jr. (27)  
 Joe Durkin (62,64)

## F

Randall Ross Edmiston (71,72,73,74)  
 Matt Emery (01,02,03,04)  
 Nate Emge (04,05,06)  
 Phil Englebrandt (37,38)  
 David Eppley (49,50)  
 Jorge Mario Escallon (00)  
 Rahim Esmail (01, 02, 03, 04)  
 Robert R. Evans (36,37)  
 William Best Evans (52,54,55)  
 William S. Evans (42)

## G

Gary Donald Fairman (71,72,73,74)  
 Bruce Farquhar (30,31,32)  
 Carroll Fears (46)  
 Titus Fenn (26,27)  
 Ruel Foster (37,39)  
 Scott Foster (79,80,81,82)  
 Marcus Fluitt (95,96,97,98)  
 Kenneth R. Fugate (65,66,67)

## H

Ariel Gaitan (96,97,98,99)  
 Wilmore Garrett (39,40)  
 Thomas Nelson Gauspohl (66)  
 William B. Gess (55)  
 Steven Dale Gilliam (72,73,74,75)  
**Alberto Gonzalez (08)**  
 Mahyar Goodarz (91,92,93,94)

## H

Tridib Goswami (77,78)  
 Claude Grady (99,00)  
 Bawinan Grant (23)  
 Robert Green (84)  
 A. Greenbann (23)  
 Johan Grunditz (99,00,01,02)  
 Mark Guignon (72)

## I

Matt Halder (82)  
 Donald Lee Hamilton (66)  
 Tom Hamm (57)  
 Ricardo Harmsen (73,74,76,77)  
 James Harris (41,42)  
 D.W. Hart (16)  
 Olaf Haugen (57,58)  
 Graham Heath (72)  
 Billy Hedges (40,41)  
 William H. Hedges (46)  
 Dwight Henersley (28,29)  
 Johan Hesoun (98,99,00)  
 John Hipsher (62,63,64)  
 Kenny Hodge (06,07)  
 Fred Burgess Holbrook, Jr. (64)  
 Jesse Holbrook (39)  
 Charles Holland (49,50)  
 Ronald Adam Hollinger (67,68,69)  
 Herbert Holwan (38)  
 Mike Hopkinson (91,92,93,94)  
 Turner Howard (32,33)  
 James B. Howell (75,76)  
 Lee Huber (39,40,41)  
 Scott Hulse (89,90,91,92)  
 Alex Hume (03,04,05,06)  
 Larry Hunter (56)  
 Roger Huston (62,63)

## J

Stephen Paul Imhoff (67,68,69,70)

## K

Andy Jackson (82,83,84)  
 William Bradley Jarman (69,70,71)  
 Lawrence Jenkins (34,35)  
 Patrik Johanson (96,97,98,99)  
 Ernil Johnson (33)  
 P.R. Johnson (28)  
 Greg Johnstone (06)  
 Thomas B. Jones (75,76)  
 Jorge Jorge (07)

## K

Thomas Albert Kaltenbrun (67)  
 Ben Kanatzar (49,50,51)  
 Cedric Kauffmann (95,96,97,98)  
 Ed Kee (31)  
 Joe Kee (29,30,31)  
 David Keevins (84,87)





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## L

Mack Kenny (49)  
Gene C. King (65)  
Paul King (48)  
Howard Kinne (16)  
Justin Kinney (01)  
Roger Klein (31,32,33)  
Larry Kline (84)  
George Koper (52,54,55)

## M

Willy Laban (88,89)  
Martin Lachapelle (77,78)  
**Alex Lambropoulos (08)**  
Ed Lander (47)  
Ford Lankford (93,94,95)  
John Lankford (87,88)  
Paul Lansaw (51)  
Thomas Lantz (60)  
Bob Leasure (78,79,80,81)  
Arthur Lewis (27)  
Grant Lewis (40,41,42)  
Joe Leytze (80,81,82,83)  
William B. Long (Mgr.) (46)  
Howard Bradford Lovell (69,70)  
Crit Lowry (Mgr.) (40)

## O

Roman Ogarkov (07)

## P

George Perry (56)  
Ted Phillips (53,54)  
Lyndell Pickett (77,78,79)  
Pete Pope (56)  
Nolan Polley (05)  
Andy Potter (89,90,91,92)  
Gustav Pousette (99,00,01,02)  
Monty Price (51,52,53)  
Paul E. Pursley (75,76)

## R

Dave Ragland (39)  
George Ragland (26)  
Rawlings Ragland (Mgr.) (28,29,30)  
Charles Randall (35,36)  
Dave Randall (35,36)  
Omar Ratliff (41,42)  
Charlie Ray (82,84)  
Edward Hunt Ray, III (76,77)  
Dave Rayland (41)  
Edwin Rayle (49)  
Elmer Reusch (47)  
Albert S. Reynolds Jr. (46)  
Mario Rincon (88,89)  
Larry Roberts (64,65,66)  
Ed Rodman (52,53,54)  
William E. Rogers (28,29)  
Carey Rubin (05,06)  
George Rupert (57,58,59,60)  
Milton Rush (34)  
Kenny Rylee (86)

## S

Robert C. Sacra (76,77)  
Brian Sackmann (95)  
Todd Scheck (01)  
Robert Schener (50,51,52)  
Bob Shier (62)  
Pete Schrider (56)  
Don Sebolt (54,59,60,61)  
Heiny Seelback (40,41,42)  
Earl Senff (30,31)  
Carl Senfy (29)  
Randolph Sexton (56,57)  
Byron Shelton (59)  
Ian Skidmore (88,89,90,91)  
George Skinner (35)  
Tomas Smid (99)  
Danny Smith (59)  
K. Park Smith (32,33)  
Marshall Smith (Mgr.) (42)  
Scott A. Smith (74,75,76,78)  
Scott E. Smith (75,76)  
Dan Spaner (95,96,97,98)  
Carey Spicer (29,30,31)  
Charles Spilman (23)  
Elvis Stahr (34,35,36)

## T

Reven Stephens (99,00,01)  
Sammy Stinnett (89,90,91,92)  
Gregory Charles Stone (69,70,71,72)  
Marcus Sundh (05,06,07,08)  
Ludde Sundin (94,95,96,97)

## V

Omar Tatum (47,49,50)  
Ralph Tatum (50)  
Jerome Taylor (55)  
Joe Teague (54,55)  
Richard Thomas (60)  
Jason Thompson (94,95)  
H.B. Tilton (Mgr.) (23)  
Douglas Davis Tough (69,70,71,72)  
Scott Treiby (93,94)  
John R. Trump (65,66)  
George Tulloch (34,35,36)

## W

Greg Van Emburgh (86,87,88)  
Andrew Varga (84,87)  
John Varga (80,81,82,83)  
Paul Varga (82,83,84,85)  
Jon Venison (90)  
Kyle Virgin (06,07)  
Don Vizi (62,63)

## Y

Ollie Thomas Wade (67,68,70)  
Doug Wagner (79,80,81,82)  
Robert Wagoner (52)  
Robert Wallace (73,75,76)  
Matt Walters (95, 96)  
Will Ward (07,08)  
John Watson (82,83,84)  
Robert Watson (51)  
Ted Watson (87)  
Jack Webb (76,77,78,79)  
Scott Webb (78,79,80,81)  
Fowler Weed (34)  
Robert Whalin (56,57,58,59)  
Phil Whitsell (90)  
Bob Williams (51,52)  
Howard Wilson (32,33)  
Oscar Wisner (37)  
Jesse Witten (02,03,04,05)  
Fran Wolney (87)  
Rob Worley (78,79,80)

John Yancey (89,90,91,92)  
Samir Yajnik (97,98,99,00)  
Jason Yeager (92,93,94)  
George Yost (Mgr.) (32,33,34)  
Robert Young (39)

Current Wildcats are in **Bold**



# HILARY J. BOONE VARSITY TENNIS COMPLEX

The University of Kentucky men's and women's tennis programs hold a competitive advantage over much of their competition thanks in large part to the fabulous amenities provided by the Hilary J. Boone Varsity Tennis Complex, which celebrated its 23rd anniversary in January 2009. The summer of 1997 marked a significant expansion of the Boone Tennis Complex with the construction and dedication of the \$1.5 million Hilary J. Boone Varsity Tennis Center. The facility features a 1,500-seat stadium for its two center courts with four additional hard courts. Funding was generated for the project through private donations as well as exhibitions featuring top tennis professionals Martina Navratilova, Jennifer Capriati, Jim Courier and John McEnroe.

In addition to the exhibitions, a bulk of the private donations was derived from the Ryan C. Holder Memorial Tennis Fund. Holder, a 16-year-old Lexington Dunbar High School student, was killed in an automobile accident. Because of his love for the sport and desire to play collegiate tennis, a group of friends raised \$425,000 to complete the funding necessary to construct the stadium which houses the Ryan C. Holder Center Courts. The center courts were dedicated in Holder's memory on Aug. 3, 1997.

"We are very excited about the varsity tennis stadium," Coach Dennis Emery said. "Every summer we have the Fifth-Third Bank Tennis CHampionships and every fall we host a tournament in the stadium. The complex gives us the ability to host large events or move indoors due to poor weather conditions. We are very lucky to have this unique facility."

In 1993, renovations were finished as team room and locker room facilities were installed. A meeting room and office space for Emery was completed as



well. The University of Kentucky tennis facilities are a major reason for the great success of both the men's and women's squads. In addition to the new courts, the Hilary J. Boone Indoor Tennis Center and the adjacent H.H. Downing Recreation Tennis Courts have also played a key role in helping the Kentucky tennis teams become collegiate powers. The indoor center also was a gift from Boone.

The Boone Indoor Center, which opened in January 1986, is equipped with four courts and has seating for 1,000 people. A UK Tennis Hall of Fame has also been added and contains trophies and pictures depicting Kentucky's storied tradition. During the spring of 1989, the Indoor Center hosted the SEC Indoor Championships, the Hilary J. Boone Invitational and the McDonald's Classic.

"This center has given us exactly what we need to compete on the national level," Emery said. "Not only are our teams able to train as we want, but the building allows us to play night matches and attract crowds, something we couldn't do in the past."

Aerial view of the Hilary J. Boone Varsity Tennis Complex





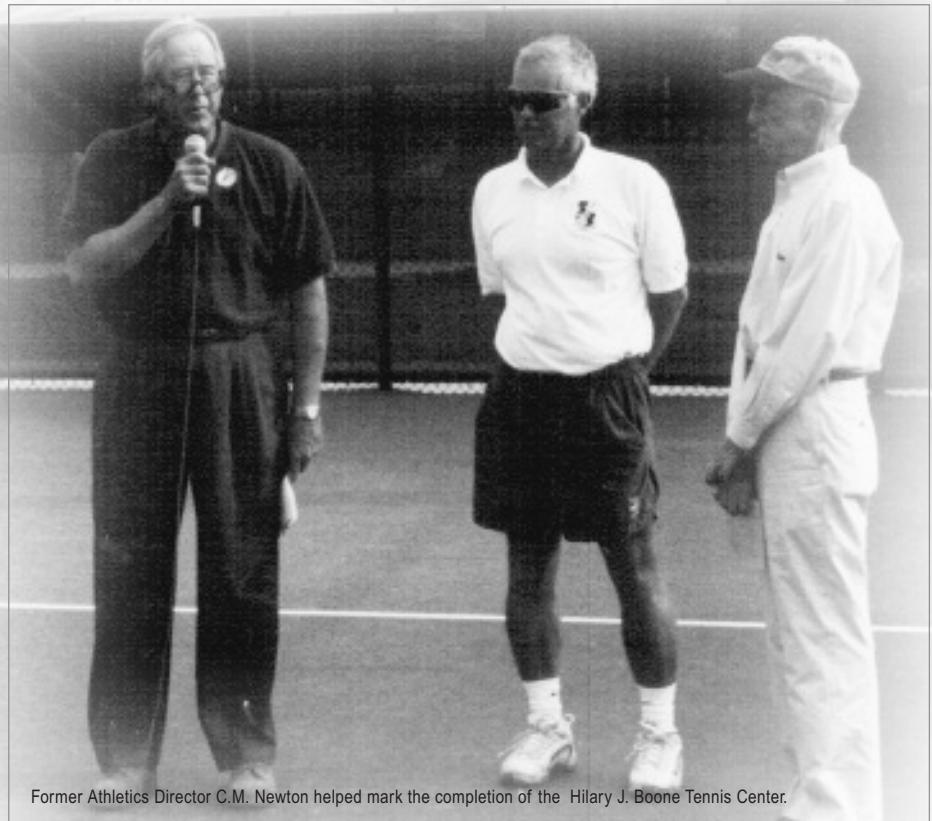
# HILARY J. BOONE VARSITY TENNIS COMPLEX

The recreation courts were named after the “father” of Kentucky tennis, Dr. H.H. Downing, who coached the UK men’s team for 30 years (1922-43, ‘45-’46 and ‘52-’57). He coached longer than any other Kentucky coach, with the exception of legendary UK basketball coach Adolph Rupp, compiling a 174-110-6 record.

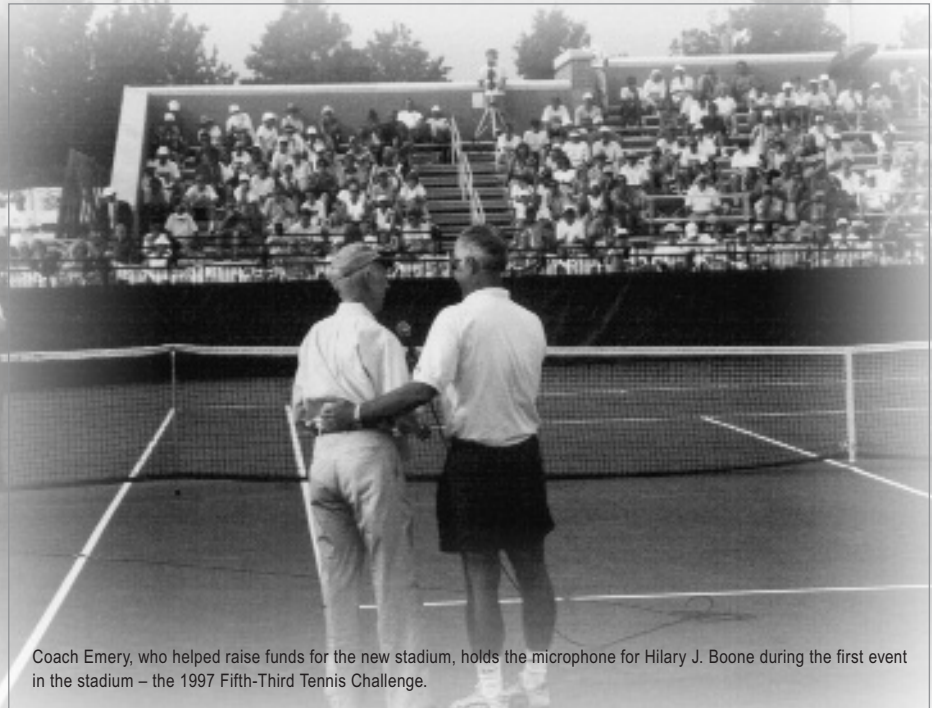
The complex features 18 courts, including eight resurfaced courts, with seating for more than 1,000 spectators. “We had the courts resurfaced and they are in top condition,” Emery said. “In 1993, we hosted the USTA Segment III professional tournament, and it was a tremendous success. We’re looking forward to hosting more events in the future.” In addition to the Fifth-Third Championships and the annual spring home slate against the best that the SEC and the nation have to offer, the Boone Tennis Complex hosts a variety of events throughout the year.

More recently, UK has sponsored the Charles Fluit Fall Invitational in memory of the late Charles Fluit who was a victim of the 1996 Value-Jet plane crash in the Florida Everglades. He was the father of former UK tennis star Marcus Fluit. To honor this fallen friend of UK tennis, Court No. 4 of the Boone Varsity Tennis Center was dedicated as the Charles Fluit Memorial Court.

With much attention traditionally given to football and basketball in collegiate athletics, UK realizes that all of its student-athletes should play in the very best facilities possible. The Hilary J. Boone Varsity Tennis Complex is one such facility.



Former Athletics Director C.M. Newton helped mark the completion of the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Center.



Coach Emery, who helped raise funds for the new stadium, holds the microphone for Hilary J. Boone during the first event in the stadium – the 1997 Fifth-Third Tennis Challenge.

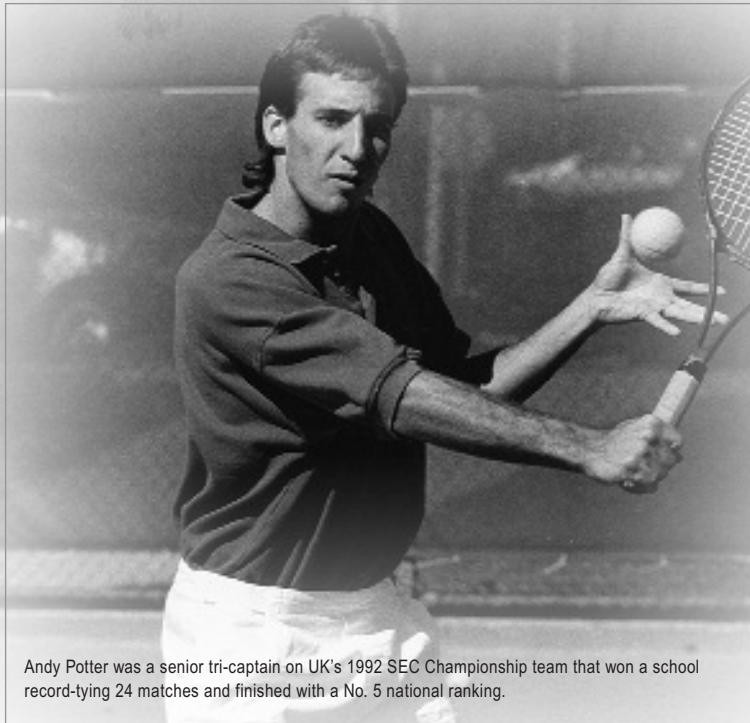
## HILARY J. BOONE VARSITY TENNIS COMPLEX

Capacity – 3,500

- Hilary J. Boone Varsity Tennis Stadium (1,500)  
6 outdoor hard courts
- H.H. Downing Recreation Tennis Courts (1,000)  
18 outdoor courts
- Hilary J. Boone Indoor Tennis Center (1,000)  
Locker rooms  
Meeting room  
Tennis offices  
Team room  
UK Tennis Hall of Fame  
4 indoor hard courts



# YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS



Andy Potter was a senior tri-captain on UK's 1992 SEC Championship team that won a school record-tying 24 matches and finished with a No. 5 national ranking.

Year	Coach	Record	Finish	Captain
2008	Dennis Emery	12-16	SEC-T9th/NCAA-40th#	M. Sundh
2007	Dennis Emery	13-15	SEC-T9th/NCAA-58th	M. Sundh
2006	Dennis Emery	16-10	SEC-T4th/NCAA-34th#	N. Emge, A. Hume
2005	Dennis Emery	21-10	SEC-T4th/NCAA-15th#	J. Witten
2004	Dennis Emery	19-10	SEC-T3rd/NCAA -14th#	E. Austin, R. Esmail
2003	Dennis Emery	19-12	SEC 4th/NCAA-16th#	E. Datlow
2002	Dennis Emery	23-10	SEC 7th/NCAA-8th#	J. Grunditz, G. Pousette
2001	Dennis Emery	15-15	SEC-T5th/NCAA-26th#	E. Bawono
2000	Dennis Emery	12-15	SEC-T7th/NCAA-37th#	C. Drada
1999	Dennis Emery	17-10	SEC-5th/NCAA-12th#	P. Johansson
1998	Dennis Emery	16-12	SEC-T8th/NCAA-25th#	C. Kauffmann
1997	Dennis Emery	20-8	SEC-T3rd/NCAA-5th#	C. Kauffmann
1996	Dennis Emery	12-15	SEC-9th/NCAA-38th#	C. Kauffmann
1995	Dennis Emery	16-12	SEC-7th/NCAA-T16th	F. Lankford
1994	Dennis Emery	17-12	SEC-T6th/NCAA-14th	M. Hopkinson
1993	Dennis Emery	13-12	SEC-7th/NCAA-18th	M. Hopkinson
1992	Dennis Emery	24-5	SEC-1st/NCAA-6th#	S.Hulse, A.Potter,S.Stinnett
1991	Dennis Emery	18-12	SEC-T3rd/NCAA-12th#	S. Stinnett
1990	Dennis Emery	14-14	SEC-9th/NCAA-22nd	S. Stinnett
1989	Dennis Emery	20-9	SEC-T3rd/NCAA-T8th#	R. Benson
1988	Dennis Emery	23-6	SEC-T2nd/NCAA-7th#	G. Van Emburgh
1987	Dennis Emery	21-9	SEC-T4th/NCAA-T16th#	A. Varga
1986	Dennis Emery	19-12	SEC-T4th/NCAA-20th	—
1985	Dennis Emery	23-11	SEC-6th/NCAA-24th	—
1984	Dennis Emery	24-16	SEC-8th/NCAA-21st/NIT Champions	—
1983	Dennis Emery	21-15	SEC-T6th/NIT-2nd	—
1982	Tommy Wade	17-10	SEC-6th	—
1981	Tommy Wade	16-9	SEC-10th	—
1980	Graddy Johnson	20-12	SEC-7th	S. Webb
1979	Graddy Johnson	17-13	SEC-10th	S. Webb
1978	Graddy Johnson	21-9	SEC-8th	J. Webb, S. Smith
1977	Graddy Johnson	14-11	SEC-7th	R. Harmsen
1976	Graddy Johnson	18-5	SEC-4th	R. Wallace, G. Booth
1975	Graddy Johnson	22-4	SEC-5th	S. Gilliam
1974	Graddy Johnson	22-9	SEC-6th	—
1973	Graddy Johnson	20-12	SEC-6th	—
1972	Graddy Johnson	13-7	SEC-6th	—
1971	Richard E. Vimont	18-8-1	SEC-6th	—
1970	Richard E. Vimont	20-2	SEC-5th	—
1969	Richard E. Vimont	17-3	SEC-3rd	—
1968	Richard E. Vimont	16-5	SEC-6th	—

1967	Richard E. Vimont	14-4	SEC-7th	—
1966	Richard E. Vimont	9-7	SEC-8th	—
1965	Richard E. Vimont	11-8-1	SEC-9th	—
1964	Richard E. Vimont	10-8	SEC-DNP	—
1963	Ballard Moore	7-7	SEC-11th	—
1962	Ballard Moore	13-4	SEC-10th	—
1961	Ballard Moore	14-4	SEC-10th	—
1960	Ballard Moore	12-8	SEC-11th	—
1959	Glenn Dorroh	7-4	SEC-11th	R. Whalin
1958	Glenn Dorroh	9-6	SEC-9th	—
1957	H.H. Downing	5-4-1	SEC-4th	A. McCarty
1956	H.H. Downing	2-7-1	SEC-DNP	G. Carey, G. Dorroh
1955	H.H. Downing	6-6	SEC-11th	G. Koper
1954	H.H. Downing	9-6	—	E. Rodman
1953	H.H. Downing	5-8	SEC-DNP	—
1952	H.H. Downing	5-6	—	—
1951	William A. Paton	2-5	—	—
1950	William A. Paton	1-6	—	—
1949	Danny Dickerson	5-3	—	—
1948	Ray Durham	5-6	—	—
1947	Ray Durham	3-5	—	—
1946	H.H. Downing	5-4	—	A. Reynolds
1945	H.H. Downing	4-2	—	—
1943	H.H. Downing	2-1	—	F. Miller
1942	H.H. Downing	3-7	—	O. Ratliff
1941	H.H. Downing	9-5	—	L. Huber
1940	H.H. Downing	6-6	—	H. Boone
1939	H.H. Downing	6-3-1	—	D. Ragland
1938	H.H. Downing	12-3	—	R. Evans
1937	H.H. Downing	8-2	—	F. Montgomery
1936	H.H. Downing	11-1	—	J. Moore, E. Stahr
1935	H.H. Downing	4-2	—	G. Tulloch
1934	H.H. Downing	7-4	—	G. Yost
1933	H.H. Downing	6-6	—	R. Klein
1932	H.H. Downing	7-3	—	B. Farquhar
1931	H.H. Downing	5-3	—	E. Senff
1930	H.H. Downing	7-3-1	—	R. Ragland
1929	H.H. Downing	12-2	—	D. Henersley
1928	H.H. Downing	4-4-1	—	I. Cohen
1927	H.H. Downing	2-2	—	J. McFarland, T. Fenn
1926	H.H. Downing	5-3	Ky. Co-Champs	J. McFarland
1925	H.H. Downing	4-3-1	—	J.R. McClure
1924	H.H. Downing	5-1	Ky. Champs	Charles Spilman
1923*	H.H. Downing	4-1	Ky. Champs	H.B. Tilton
1922*	H.H. Downing	4-2	—	—
1916*	John J. Tigert	2-1	—	—

Note: UK did not have a tennis team from 1917-1921 or in 1944 due to World War I and II.

\* Denotes years as a club sport; Tennis became a UK varsity sport on May 3, 1923 • # Indicates NCAA Tournament appearance • NCAA Finish based on ITA Collegiate Rankings.

## ALL-TIME KENTUCKY MEN'S TENNIS COACHING RECORDS

Coach	Tenure	Seasons	UK Record (Pct.)
Dennis Emery	1983-present	26 years	468-303 (.607)
Tommy Wade	1981-82	2 years	33-19 (.635)
Graddy Johnson	1972-80	9 years	167-82(.671)
Richard E. Vimont	1964-71	8 years	115-45-2(.710)
Ballard Moore	1960-63	4 years	46-23(.667)
Glenn Dorroh	1958-59	2 years	16-10(.615)
William A. Paton	1950-51	2 years	3-11(.214)
Danny Dickerson	1949	1 year	5-3(.625)
Ray Durham	1947-48	2 years	8-11(.421)
H.H. Downing	1922-43, 45-46, 52-57	30 years	174-110-6(.600)
John J. Tigert	1916	1 year	3-0 (1.000)

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