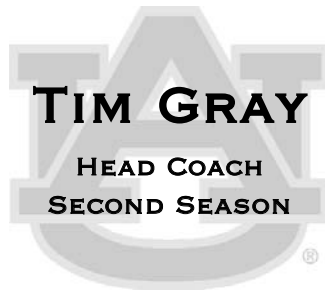


TIGER TENNIS



Tim Gray begins his second season as head coach of the Auburn Tiger women's tennis program.

The 2005-06 season found his first team finishing with a 6-18 record, but with development and recruiting being two of Gray's strong points, the Tiger program is in good hands for the future. Gray's extensive experience and noted success at every level will be a valuable asset to reviving a program that has finished higher than 10th in the SEC just once in the last 10 years.

After almost 20 years of head coaching experience at the collegiate level, Gray came to Auburn after a successful three-year stint as the head coach of Eastern Michigan in Ypsilanti, Mich. There, he directed Eastern Michigan to a 41-20 mark in three years and twice led the team to the finals of the Mid-American Conference Championships. Gray's success in the MAC carried beyond just the conference championships. During Gray's tenure, he compiled a conference record of 21-6.

While at Eastern Michigan, Gray showed a knack for developing players.



In all three seasons at the helm, Gray had at least one all-conference player every year. His most decorated player, Victoria Domina, was a two-time first-team All-Conference selection in 2003-04 and 2004-05. Last season, Domina was the first alternate at the 2005 NCAA Championships. In 2003-04 she was named the MAC Player of the Year.

Prior to his arrival at Eastern Michigan, Gray was the head men's tennis coach at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Fla., for

seven seasons. During his tenure, Gray resurrected a program that had been reinstated in 1995, after being dropped in 1985. Gray compiled a 103-54 record and led the Mocs to seven consecutive NCAA Division II post season appearances.

Gray was named Sunshine State

Conference Coach of the Year twice, in 2000 and 2002, after directing the Mocs to a pair of conference titles. The Mocs' 2000 league title was their first-ever.

Just three years after his arrival, Gray led Florida Southern to a third-place finish at the NCAA Championships and the school's first-ever regional title in 1998. Gray's teams repeated as regional champions in 1999 and 2000, and his 2001 squad advanced to the second round of the NCAA Championships.

Beginning in 1992 Gray served as the head men's and women's tennis coach at his alma mater, Washington College in Chestertown, Md. In his four years at Washington College, Gray led the men's program to a Division III national championship in 1994, a runner-up finish in 1995 and post-season bids all four seasons.

A 1986 graduate with a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Washington College, Gray was a two-year member of the men's tennis team after transferring from the University of Maryland. As a senior at Washington College, Gray participated in the NCAA Division III Championships in team singles and doubles. During the summer of 2005, Gray received his master's degree in sports science from the United State Sports Academy. Prior to attending Maryland, Gray received his associate's degree from Anderson College in Anderson, S.C.

A native of Greenville, S.C., Gray and his wife Suzanne have two boys, Brandon and Taylor.

THE GRAY FILE

Personal

Year at Auburn: First
 Hometown: Greenville, S.C.
 Family: Wife - Suzanne; Children - Brandon, Taylor

Education

- Associates Degree
Anderson College, Anderson, S.C. '83
- Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy
Washington College (Md.) '86
- Master's degree in Sports Science
United States Sports Academy '05

Coaching Experience

1986-1987	Widener University (Pa.) men's coach
1992-1995	Washington College women's and men's coach
1995-2002	Florida Southern College men's coach
2002-2005	Eastern Michigan women's coach
2005-Present	Auburn women's coach

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Estevam Strecker embarks on his third season as the women's tennis assistant coach. A native of Novo Hamburgo, Brazil, Strecker played for Auburn from 1998-2002, where he finished 86-56 (606 winning percentage). His 86 career victories rank sixth all-time in Auburn history. While at Auburn, Strecker won the 1999 USC Fall Invitational Championship and 2001 FSU Seminole Invitational.

In 2002, Strecker was co-captain of the team that finished runner-up in the SEC and reached the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament. That team ended the season 12th nationally in the final ITA rankings.

Off the court, Strecker was named to the SEC All-Academic team three times and was an Academic All-American. Following the 2002 season, Strecker received the prestigious Cliff Hare Award, given annually to the male athlete, who "in addition to athletic and scholastic achievement, exhibits in great degree the qualities of leadership, integrity and courage."

Strecker graduated from Auburn in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in exercise science.

