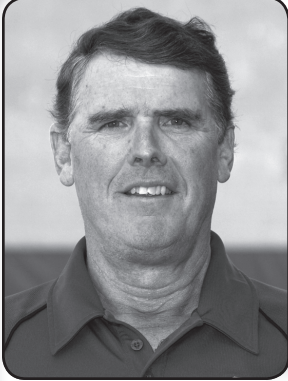


SOUTH CAROLINA
GAMECOCKS



WOMEN'S TENNIS

COACHES & STAFF



ARLO ELKINS

27th Season • 400-270 Overall • 15 Straight NCAA Team Appearances



Few coaches in any sport have made the kind of impact head coach Arlo Elkins has during his 26 seasons at South Carolina, where he has a 400-270 record. The 400 wins rank first among all Gamecock women's tennis head coaches and all active NCAA Division I women's coaches in the state of South Carolina. He is a proven winner, and his winning attitude has made the Gamecocks one of the most consistent programs in the country.

Elkins took the Gamecocks to new heights in his 26th season. Sitting at 8-7 overall and 1-3 in the SEC with a No. 40 national ranking, Elkins' Gamecocks engineered a remarkable run the rest of the season. The team finished with a 6-5 record in SEC play and entered the NCAA Tournament at 14-10 and ranked 22nd. After disposing of Wake Forest in the first round in Knoxville, Tenn., the Gamecocks upset the tournament's No. 10 seed Tennessee to reach the championships in College Station, Texas. South Carolina, however, was not finished yet and shut out Washington in the round of 16 to reach the quarterfinals. Against the national No. 2-seed Georgia Bulldogs in the quarters, the Gamecocks stole the doubles point but came

up one victory short in singles to lose an epic 4-3 battle. It tied for the best postseason finish in school history. South Carolina's 17-11 record was good for a No. 17 national ranking in the final ITA poll, an improvement of 16 places from where it began the year to mark the largest jump of any team ranked in the preseason top 50.

Officially beginning his duties as head coach Aug. 15, 1983, Elkins led the Garnet & Black to a 12-17 record in his first season. The following year, however, South Carolina finished 27-10 and won the first of five Metro Conference titles. Elkins and the Gamecocks won the Metro championship the following three years and then once more in 1990, two years before Carolina would compete in the Southeastern Conference.

Elkins made his NCAA Tournament debut in 1988 following South Carolina's fourth consecutive league crown. He has currently guided South Carolina to 15 straight NCAA team appearances, the 11th-longest active streak in the country. During that time, the Gamecocks have recorded a winning percentage of .500 or better in each season. Additionally, Elkins has taken the Gamecocks to at least the second round of NCAA play in 14 of their past 16 showings. South Carolina has made a total of 17 NCAA Tournament appearances under Elkins, advanced as far as the round of 16 four times (1990, 1995, 1999, 2009) and made one quarterfinal appearance (2009).

The Gamecocks are no strangers to the NCAA Singles and Doubles Championships as well. Thanks to Elkins, South Carolina has seen an individual compete in the NCAA Championships in 20 of his 26 seasons. In 1994, Helen Crook and Victoria Davies became Elkins' first All-Americans when they reached the semifinal round of the NCAA Doubles Championship. Counting the individual and team tournaments, the Gamecocks have earned representation in some way at the NCAA Championships for 20 straight years.

South Carolina has consistently been among the final rankings since Elkins first stepped foot on campus. In 20 of his 26 years, Carolina has appeared in the final team standings and been in the top 25 a total of 14 times. Elkins' 1995 Gamecocks posted a final national billing of 11th, the highest of his career and third best in school history.

The Gamecocks have seen at least one singles player or doubles team listed among the season-ending national rankings for 23 of Elkins' 26 seasons. In 1987, a school-best four players were ranked in the top 100 in singles and one doubles team made the top 50. Over Elkins' tenure, 19 players from South Carolina have earned a place on the final singles rankings 41 times and 12 doubles tandems have received rankings in 16 instances.

Elkins' players have not been bashful in piling up honors for both their athletic and academic achievements. A total of 12 Gamecocks have captured All-Southeastern Conference recognition during his reign, including 1999 first-team member Lynn-Yin Tan. In 2007, Gira Schofield became the school's





second first-team honoree. Schofield also was just the second Gamecock to earn ITA Southeast Region Rookie of the Year accolades in 2006 and she became the first to win SEC Freshman of the Year. Ana Marija Zubori made the All-SEC First Team in 2009 to become the third player to earn first-team praise. Six South Carolina players have been awarded ITA regional certificates, which in addition to Rookie of the Year, include recognition for Senior Player of the Year, Player to Watch and the Leadership and Sportsmanship Award.

Academically, 34 Gamecocks have earned SEC Academic Honor Roll recognition 85 times. Two Gamecocks, Crook and Carolina Culik, have earned academic All-America accolades. Year after year, the South Carolina women's tennis program boasts one of the athletics department's top team grade point averages, frequently at or above 3.4.

Elkins has proven that his Gamecocks are capable of playing against the top-ranked teams in the country. An Elkins-coached team has combined for four wins against the nation's first- and second-ranked teams. In 2002, the Gamecocks recorded three total wins against the Final Four teams in the 2002 NCAA Championship thanks to a pair of victories over Tennessee and one versus Georgia.

In arguably the nation's toughest tennis conference, South Carolina is 108-90 (.545) as a member of the SEC, giving it the fifth highest winning percentage in the league since 1992. The Southeastern Conference has won six NCAA team championships since South Carolina joined the league in 1992 and been runner-up five times. With Elkins as head coach, the Gamecocks have won at least five SEC regular-season matches in all but one year and finished above .500 in 11 of their 18 years with the conference. In 2007, South Carolina posted an 8-3 record against the conference, second

only to the 1996 squad's 9-2 mark. At the SEC Tournament, South Carolina has won its opening-round match 14 times and been to the semifinals twice. In 2002, the Garnet & Black reached the championship match of the event.

Individually, Elkins has received many awards during his tenure in the Palmetto State. In 1988, he was tapped United States Professional Tennis Association Southern Division Coach of the Year while also earning the South Carolina Tennis Association College Coach of the Year and ITA Southeast Region Coach of the Year awards. Seven years later, he became the first head coach at South Carolina in any sport to win SEC Coach of the Year. Elkins was named the 1994 and 1996 ITA Southeast Region Coach of the Year as well, and in December 2003, he was inducted into the South Carolina Tennis Association Hall of Fame. Elkins is a member of the Rockford High School (Rockford, Mich.) Hall of Fame as well.

Before becoming a coach, Elkins played professionally and competed in the main draw at Wimbledon and the French Open. He also played in more than 50 different countries, and in 1978, Elkins was ranked among the top 200 in the world. Within the state of South Carolina, Elkins has been ranked No. 1 in singles, doubles and mixed doubles in men's open 25- and 35-year-old age groups. Elkins worked as the director of tennis and head professional at Spring Valley Country Club in Columbia prior to taking over the head coaching reigns at South Carolina.

Born April 5, 1949, Elkins graduated from Northwood Institute with a Bachelor of Arts in business in 1971. He was a four-year starter for the Midland, Mich., based school at No. 1 singles.

Elkins and his wife, Tara, have three children: Alyssa, Elliott and Kelsey.

ARLO ELKINS YEAR-BY-YEAR AT SOUTH CAROLINA

Year	Overall	Pct.	Conf.	Pct.	Ranking	Conf. Finish	NCAA Finish	Year-End Ranked Ind.
1983-84	12-17	.414	—	—	—	5th Metro	—	1 Singles
1984-85	27-10	.730	—	—	—	1st Metro	—	—
1985-86	13-16	.448	—	—	—	1st Metro	—	1 Singles
1986-87	24-8	.750	—	—	19th ITCA	1st Metro	—	4 Singles, 1 Doubles
1987-88	15-10	.600	—	—	19th ITCA	1st Metro	NCAA Round of 20	3 Singles, 1 Doubles
1988-89	7-16	.304	—	—	—	2nd Metro	—	—
1989-90	18-6	.750	—	—	14th ITCA	1st Metro	NCAA Round of 16	2 Singles, 1 Doubles
1990-91	9-13	.409	—	—	—	2nd Metro	—	2 Singles
1991-92	13-10	.565	6-5	.545	24th ITA	T-5th SEC	—	2 Singles
1992-93	10-12	.455	5-6	.455	—	7th SEC	—	1 Singles, 1 Doubles
1993-94	19-7	.731	6-5	.545	24th ITA	T-5th SEC	—	2 Singles, 1 Doubles
1994-95	22-7	.759	7-4	.636	11th ITA	4th SEC	NCAA Round of 16	2 Singles
1995-96	17-10	.630	9-2	.818	15th ITA	4th SEC	NCAA Regionals	2 Singles, 2 Doubles
1996-97	15-10	.600	5-6	.455	17th ITA	T-6th SEC	NCAA Regionals	1 Doubles
1997-98	12-12	.500	5-6	.455	33rd ITA	7th SEC	NCAA Regionals	2 Singles
1998-99	18-8	.692	6-5	.545	12th ITA	4th SEC	NCAA Round of 16	3 Singles
1999-00	16-12	.571	6-5	.545	20th ITA	6th SEC	NCAA Round of 32	1 Singles
2000-01	15-9	.625	7-4	.636	21st ITA	5th SEC	NCAA Round of 32	1 Singles, 2 Doubles
2001-02	17-8	.680	7-4	.636	16th ITA	T-4th SEC East	NCAA Round of 32	3 Singles, 2 Doubles
2002-03	14-11	.560	5-6	.455	46th ITA	6th SEC East	NCAA Round of 32	—
2003-04	14-10	.583	5-6	.455	33rd ITA	6th SEC East	NCAA Round of 32	1 Singles
2004-05	15-9	.625	6-5	.545	23rd ITA	6th SEC East	NCAA Round of 32	1 Singles
2005-06	12-11	.522	4-7	.364	41st ITA	6th SEC East	NCAA Round of 64	1 Singles
2006-07	16-7	.696	8-3	.727	32nd ITA	4th SEC East	NCAA Round of 64	2 Singles, 1 Doubles
2007-08	13-10	.565	5-6	.455	32nd ITA	T-5th SEC East	NCAA Round of 32	2 Singles, 1 Doubles
2008-09	17-11	.607	6-5	.545	17th ITA	5th SEC East	NCAA Quarterfinals	2 Singles, 2 Doubles
Total	400-270	.597	108-90	.545	14 Top 25	5 Titles	17 NCAA Appearances	41 Singles, 16 Doubles



THE ARLO ELKINS TIMELINE

June 24, 1983: Elkins is officially named head coach of the Gamecock women's tennis program.

April 20, 1985: The Gamecocks defeat Tulane 6-0 in Memphis, Tenn., to win the first of five Metro Conference titles under the direction of Elkins.

May 12, 1988: South Carolina plays in its first NCAA Tournament under Elkins and falls by a 5-4 margin to BYU in the first round in Los Angeles.

Jan. 20, 1990: Elkins earns his 100th career victory with a 9-0 sweep at home against N.C. State.

May 10, 1990: USC downs William & Mary 6-0 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in Gainesville, Fla., giving Elkins his first Sweet 16 appearance with the Gamecocks.

Feb. 14, 1992: Elkins' Gamecocks post a 6-2 triumph over Vanderbilt to earn their first league victory as members of the Southeastern Conference.

May 17, 1994: Helen Crook and Victoria Davies defeat the doubles team of Alley/Nelson from California to reach the semifinals of the NCAA Doubles Championship in Athens, Ga. Crook and Davies became Elkins' first All-Americans following the event.

April 26, 1995: Elkins is named SEC Coach of the Year, becoming the first head coach in any sport at Carolina to win the award.

March 24, 1996: A 5-4 victory at home against Vanderbilt hands Elkins his 200th career victory.

April 21, 1996: South Carolina's 6-0 victory at Kentucky to end the regular season gives the Gamecocks a 9-2 record in the SEC, which still remains a best for the program.

May 3, 1996: The Gamecocks host Florida State in a first-round NCAA Tournament match, marking the first time Columbia, S.C., served as a host site during the NCAA Women's Tennis Team Championship.

April 20, 2002: South Carolina defeats No. 1-ranked Georgia in Columbia, S.C., to reach its first SEC Tournament championship match.

Jan. 29, 2003: Elkins defeats College of Charleston to pick up his 300th career victory and become the 22nd coach in NCAA Division I women's tennis history to accumulate 300 wins.

Dec. 6, 2003: Elkins is inducted into the South Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame on Hilton Head Island.

March 13, 2005: South Carolina stuns No. 5 Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tenn., by a 5-2 score. It was the Gamecocks' highest win against a ranked opponent since beating Georgia in the SEC Tournament in 2002.

April 6, 2007: The Gamecocks defeat Kentucky 4-3 in Columbia to complete a perfect 11-0 record at home.

March 23, 2008: A tightly contested 4-3 triumph at Ole Miss gives the Gamecocks and Elkins 100 regular-season SEC victories since first playing in the league in 1992.

May 15, 2009: South Carolina defeats Washington 4-0 to reach the NCAA quarterfinals and give Elkins his 400th career victory. It marked the best NCAA finish of Elkins' tenure as head coach.

ARLO ELKINS VERSUS OPPONENTS

Table listing opponents and win-loss records for Arlo Elkins. Includes teams like Alabama, Appalachian State, Arizona, etc., with records such as 11-7, 2-0, 0-1, etc.



KATARINA PETROVIC

6th Season • 2009 ITA Southeast Region Assistant Coach of the Year



Katarina M. Petrovic is in her sixth season with the South Carolina women's tennis team. After serving as assistant coach her first five seasons with the program, Petrovic was promoted to associate head coach in summer 2009. She is a longtime member of the Gamecock tennis family, being a four-year letterwinner for the Gamecocks from 1998 to 2002.

Petrovic has been the catalyst behind South Carolina's influx of talented players during her tenure. A tireless recruiter, Petrovic helped bring All-SEC performers Gira Schofield and Natasa Vuckovic, as well as current senior Ana Marija Zubori to the school. Schofield earned all-conference accolades every year she competed at South Carolina, becoming the first player in school history to do so. Schofield also reached the NCAA Singles Championships four times and earned a season-ending national ranking four straight years, both school firsts. Vuckovic earned All-SEC honors three times and Zubori has a chance to join Schofield in 2010 as the second four-time All-SEC award winner for South Carolina.

In the 2009 season, Petrovic and head coach Arlo Elkins helped their Gamecocks engineer an outstanding run to finish the season. Sitting at 8-7 overall and 1-3 in the SEC with a No. 40 national ranking, the team rebounded to end with a 6-5 record in SEC play and entered the NCAA Tournament at 14-10 and ranked 22nd. After disposing of Wake Forest in the first round in Knoxville, Tenn., the Gamecocks upset the tournament's No. 10 seed Tennessee to reach the championships in College Station, Texas. South Carolina, however, was not finished yet and shut out Washington in the round of 16 to reach the quarterfinals. Against the national No. 2-seed Georgia Bulldogs in the quarters, the Gamecocks stole the doubles point but came up one victory short in singles to lose an epic 4-3 battle. It tied for the best postseason finish in school history.

During a luncheon at the 2009 NCAA Championships, Petrovic was honored as the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Southeast Region Assistant Coach of the Year

for her role in helping South Carolina achieve the success it had last season. Petrovic became the first assistant coach in school history to receive the honor from the ITA.

Petrovic joined the Gamecock coaching staff in September 2004 after serving as the sports manager at the Michael-Ann Russell Community Center in North Miami Beach, Fla.

A native of Valjevo, Serbia, Petrovic came to South Carolina in fall 1998 and made an immediate impact on the Gamecock tennis program. She was voted ITA Southeast Region Rookie of the Year and earned second-team All-SEC honors the same year. Petrovic began her career by winning nine of her first 10 matches en route to a final national ranking of 33rd.

As a sophomore, Petrovic earned team MVP honors, was selected to the NCAA Singles Championship draw and reached an individual ITA national ranking of 13th, the highest-recorded individual ranking in school history. Petrovic's season-ending singles billing of No. 29 made her just the fifth Gamecock to finish among the top 30 in the nation and the first to do so since 1987. She remains the last player in school history to finish among the top 30 as well.

Petrovic continued to lead the Gamecocks during her junior and senior seasons. She currently resides in ninth place on the school's all-time list for doubles victories with a 67-34 (.663) record and is 27th in singles wins with a 65-59 (.524) slate. Her combined record of 132-93 (.587) is tied for 17th all-time.

While Petrovic enjoyed a great deal of success on the tennis court, she received academic accolades as a two-time selection to the SEC Academic Honor Roll. Petrovic earned her degree in marketing and management from South Carolina in 2002.

The former Katarina Markovski is married to Stevan Petrovic and resides in Columbia, S.C.





MATT FREED

ASSISTANT MEDIA RELATIONS DIRECTOR

Matt Freed began his duties as assistant media relations director at the University of South Carolina on Feb. 13, 2006, and handles publicity efforts for Gamecock women's tennis while overseeing Web content on www.GamecocksOnline.com. He also has worked with the volleyball and track and field teams and over-

sees all technology development for the media relations office. Freed came to South Carolina after spending two and a half years in the same position at TCU, serving as the primary media contact for women's basketball and tennis. Freed also assisted with several other sports at TCU and was responsible for all computer technology within the media relations department. After graduating from TCU with a Bachelor of Business Administration in finance and a minor in mathematics in May 2002, Freed became a graduate assistant in the University of Tennessee Lady Vol media relations office. In his one-year stint with UT, Freed was the primary contact for volleyball and tennis. He earned his Master of Science in sport management from Tennessee in August 2003. Freed has received several citations for excellence in publications from College Sports Information Directors of America. During the 2002-03 academic year, his women's tennis media guide won second-best in the nation, while his volleyball guide earned sixth place. In 2006-07, Freed's women's tennis guide won first place and his track and field guide was third. The following year, his women's tennis guide earned first place again, while his volleyball guide was judged second-best in the district. A member of CoSIDA, Freed resides in Columbia with his wife, Jessica, who is the coordinator for special events/scholarships for the University's undergraduate admissions office.



MAYA McCOY

LEARNING SPECIALIST/ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Maya McCoy joined the University of South Carolina athletics department as a learning specialist and academic advisor just prior to the 2008-09 academic year. She advises both the men's and women's tennis teams, assisting them with class registration and scheduling, progress toward degree requirements

and communicates with their professors. In her role as learning specialist, McCoy helps student-athletes from all sports with their transition to college by teaching study skills, learning strategies and time management. She came to South Carolina after spending one year at East Tennessee State University as a learning specialist and tutorial coordinator. From 2005 to 2007, she was a special education teacher, transition linkage coordinator and head cheerleading coach for New York Harbor School. McCoy earned a Bachelor of Arts in both sociology and international studies from Michigan State University in 2003. From there, she went on to obtain a Master of Science in sport administration from Florida State University in 2004 and then earned a Master of Education in secondary special education from Brooklyn College in 2007. McCoy worked in the athletics marketing offices at both Michigan State and Florida State while earning degrees there. Originally from Los Angeles, McCoy is a member of the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics.



DAWN MINTON

GRADUATE ASSISTANT ATHLETIC TRAINER

Dawn Minton is in her third year with the Gamecocks as a graduate assistant athletic trainer. She is responsible for the prevention, evaluation, treatment and rehabilitation of athletic injuries and illnesses for the women's tennis and women's golf teams. She is also an instructor for the undergraduate athletic training program. During her first year at Carolina, Minton worked at USC Sports Medicine as a physician extender and athletic trainer at CA Johnson Preparatory Academy. She has presented research at the American College of Sports Medicine's annual conference and received a master's scholarship from the National Athletic Trainers' Association Research and Education Foundation. Minton is pursuing her doctorate in exercise science and is on pace to graduate in May 2012. She earned her Bachelor of Science in athletic training from the University of Alabama in May 2006 and her Master of Science in physical education with a concentration in athletic training from the University of South Carolina in 2009. Prior to her arrival, she took graduate courses at Florida International University while serving as the athletic trainer at Cypress Bay H.S. She earned an Osternig Master's Research Grant from the NATA and presented research findings at both the NATA and Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association annual conferences. Originally from Arab, Ala., Minton is a member of the NATA and Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association.



VAL SHELEY

SENIOR ASSOCIATE AD/SWA

Val Sheley, who has experience as a former student-athlete, coach, athletics director and several other administrative areas, including compliance, academics and student-athlete development, is in her sixth year as senior associate athletics director and senior woman administrator. Her many responsibilities include

administration of eight sports and the compliance office. Her athletics career started in 1988 when she served as head of men's and women's track and field, then added the responsibilities of assistant athletics director/senior woman administrator at UNC Asheville. From there, she went to the NCAA office working as a legislative assistant for the national organization. Sheley is in her second stint with the University of South Carolina during her college athletics career, having served as an associate athletics director for NCAA compliance at the school from 1995 to 2000. In 2000, she left the Gamecocks to become athletics director at Presbyterian College, where she oversaw the school's 13 athletics programs and facility improvements for three years. During 2003-04, Sheley served as the interim associate athletics director for academic support and career development at the University of Maryland before returning to Carolina. Sheley has a bachelor's degree from Murray State University, where she excelled as a track and field athlete. She earned a master's from the University of Houston and is a graduate of the Sports Management Institute. Sheley was a 1984 Olympic qualifier in track and field for Great Britain. Her husband, Mike, was a track and field All-American and NCAA national champion (4x800-meter relay, 1974 indoors) at South Carolina.