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TENNIS



GAMECOCK HEAD COACH



QUICK HITS ON ELKINS

- ▶ Is in his 24th season as head coach of the Gamecocks
- ▶ Has accumulated an overall career record of 354-235 (.601)
- ▶ Led South Carolina to five Metro Conference championships from 1985 to 1990
- ▶ Guided South Carolina to 12 straight NCAA team appearances and 14 overall in his 23 years at the helm
- ▶ Owner of 13 top 25 finishes, including a No. 11 ranking in 1995
- ▶ Took the Gamecocks to the NCAA Sweet 16 in 1990, 1995 and 1999
- ▶ Has placed an individual or doubles team in the NCAA Championships 17 times in 23 years as head coach
- ▶ Coached All-Americans Helen Crook and Victoria Davies to the semifinals of the NCAA Doubles Championship in 1994
- ▶ Named 1995 SEC Coach of the Year
- ▶ Inducted into the South Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame in 2003
- ▶ Is originally from Rockford, Mich.
- ▶ He and his wife, Tara, have three children: Alyssa, Kelsey and Elliot

ARLO ELKINS

24th Season at South Carolina
354-235 (.601) Overall Record
12 Straight NCAA Team Appearances

Head coach Arlo Elkins has made a dramatic impact during his 23-year tenure at South Carolina, posting a 354-235 (.601) record. The 354 wins ranks first among all USC 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.

In his first year with the Gamecocks in 1984, Elkins led the Garnet & Black to a 12-17 record. The following year, however, South Carolina finished 26-8 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 USC would compete in the Southeastern Conference.

Elkins made his NCAA Tournament debut in 1988 following USC's fourth consecutive league crown. He has currently guided South Carolina to 12 straight NCAA team appearances, the 11th-longest active streak in the country. During that time, USC

has recorded a winning percentage of .500 or better in each of those seasons. Additionally, Elkins has taken the Gamecocks to at least the second round of NCAA play in 12 of their past 13 showings. South Carolina has made a total of 14 NCAA Tournament appearances under Elkins and advanced as far as the round of 16 three times (1990, 1995, 1999).

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 Tournament in 17 of his 23 seasons. In 1994, Helen Crook and Victoria Davies became Elkins' first All-Americans when they reached the semifinal round of the NCAA Doubles Championship.

South Carolina has consistently been among the final rankings since Elkins first stepped foot on campus. In 17 of his 23 years, USC has appeared in the final team standings and been in the top 25 a total of 13 times. Elkins' 1995 Gamecocks posted a final national billing of 11th, the highest of his career and third-best in school history.

ELKINS YEAR-BY-YEAR

Year	Overall	Pct.	Finish	Conf.	Pct.	Finish	NCAA Finish
1984	12-17	.414	—	—	—	5th Metro	—
1985	26-8	.765	—	—	—	1st Metro	—
1986	13-12	.520	—	—	—	1st Metro	—
1987	25-7	.781	19th ITCA	—	—	1st Metro	—
1988	15-10	.600	19th ITCA	—	—	1st Metro	NCAA Round of 20
1989	7-16	.304	—	—	—	2nd Metro	—
1990	18-6	.750	14th ITCA	—	—	1st Metro	NCAA Round of 16
1991	9-13	.409	—	—	—	2nd Metro	—
1992	13-10	.565	24th ITA	6-5	.545	T-5th SEC	—
1993	10-12	.455	—	5-6	.455	7th SEC	—
1994	19-7	.731	24th ITA	6-5	.545	T-5th SEC	—
1995	22-7	.759	11th ITA	7-4	.636	4th SEC	NCAA Round of 16
1996	17-10	.630	15th ITA	9-2	.818	4th SEC	NCAA Regionals
1997	15-10	.600	17th ITA	5-6	.455	T-6th SEC	NCAA Regionals
1998	12-12	.500	33rd ITA	5-6	.455	7th SEC	NCAA Regionals
1999	18-8	.692	12th ITA	6-5	.545	4th SEC	NCAA Round of 16
2000	16-12	.571	20th ITA	6-5	.545	6th SEC	NCAA Round of 32
2001	15-9	.625	21st ITA	7-4	.636	5th SEC	NCAA Round of 32
2002	17-8	.680	16th ITA	7-4	.636	T-4th SEC East	NCAA Round of 32
2003	14-11	.560	46th ITA	5-6	.455	6th SEC East	NCAA Round of 32
2004	14-10	.583	33rd ITA	5-6	.455	6th SEC East	NCAA Round of 32
2005	15-9	.625	23rd ITA	6-5	.545	6th SEC East	NCAA Round of 32
2006	12-11	.522	41st ITA	4-7	.364	6th SEC East	NCAA Round of 64
Totals	354-235	.601	13 Top 25	89-76	.539	5 Titles	14 Appearances



The Gamecocks have seen at least one singles player or doubles team listed among the season-ending national rankings for 20 of Elkins' 23 seasons. In 1987, a school-best four players ranked in the top 100 in singles and one doubles team made the top 50. Over Elkins' tenure, 18 players from USC have earned a place on the final singles rankings 35 times and nine doubles tandems have received rankings in a dozen instances.

Elkins' players have not been bashful in piling up honors for both their athletic and academic achievements. A total of 11 Gamecocks have captured All-Southeastern Conference recognition during his reign, including 1999 first-team member Lynn-Yin Tan. In 2006, freshmen Gira Schofield and Natasa Vuckovic received second-team All-SEC praise. Schofield also became the second USC player to earn ITA Southeast Region Rookie of the Year accolades. 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, 33 Gamecocks have earned SEC Academic Honor Roll recognition 78 times for having a cumulative GPA of 3.0. 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 also 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 award. Seven years later, he became the first head coach at USC in any sport to win an SEC Coach of the Year award. Elkins was named the 1994 ITA Southeast Region Coach of the Year, 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.

In the season prior to Elkins' SCTA Hall of Fame induction, he won his 300th career match, coming against College of Charleston on Jan. 29, 2003. The victory placed him among an elite group of coaches, as Elkins became only the 22nd coach in Division I women's tennis history with 300 wins. Additionally, he was just the 20th to reach 300 at one school.

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 89-76 (.539) as a member of the SEC. The Southeastern Conference has won six NCAA team championships since USC 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 nine of their 15 years with the conference. At the SEC Tournament, South Carolina has won its opening-round match 13 times and been to the semifinals twice. In 2002, the Garnet & Black reached the championship match of the event.

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.

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, 28, Elliott, 24, and Kelsey, 21.



THE ELKINS FAMILY

(Left-Right): Elliot, Alyssa, Arlo, Kelsey and Tara



GAMECOCK HEAD COACH

THE ELKINS TIMELINE

Spring 1984: Elkins begins his first season as head coach for South Carolina. The Gamecocks finished the year 12-17.

April 20, 1985: The Gamecocks defeat Tulane 6-0 in Memphis, Tenn., to win the first of five Metro Conference Championships 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 conference victory as members of the Southeastern Conference.

May 17, 1994: Helen Crook and Victoria Davies defeat a doubles team 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.

April 20, 2002: South Carolina defeats 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.



ELKINS VERSUS OPPONENTS

Alabama	8-7	Pepperdine	1-1
Appalachian State	2-0	Presbyterian	1-0
Arizona	0-1	Princeton	1-0
Arizona State	0-2	Purdue	1-0
Arkansas.....	16-3	Rice	1-0
Auburn	21-1	Richmond	2-0
Boston College	9-0	Rollins.....	2-0
Brown	1-0	San Diego.....	1-0
BYU	8-7	San Diego State	1-3
California	0-2	SIU-Edwardsville	1-0
Charleston	13-0	SMU.....	0-2
Charleston Southern	1-0	South Alabama	1-0
Charlotte.....	2-0	South Florida.....	5-1
Chattanooga.....	1-0	Southern Illinois.....	1-0
Cincinnati.....	2-0	Stanford.....	0-1
Clemson	13-9	TCU	11-3
Coastal Carolina.....	1-0	Tennessee	7-15
Colorado.....	2-0	Texas	0-2
Davidson.....	5-0	Texas A&M.....	7-1
Duke	2-11	Toledo.....	1-0
Florida.....	0-24	Trinity.....	2-1
Florida State	10-0	Tulane.....	1-0
Francis Marion.....	1-0	Tulsa.....	1-0
Furman	14-0	UC Irvine.....	1-0
Georgia.....	5-26	UC Santa Barbara	1-0
Georgia Southern	2-0	UCLA	0-2
Georgia Tech	4-2	UNLV	1-0
Hampton	1-0	USC-Aiken.....	1-0
Harvard.....	2-1	Utah	8-3
Houston	1-1	Utah State.....	1-0
Indiana.....	2-8	Vanderbilt.....	9-13
Iowa	1-0	VCU	0-2
Kansas State	1-0	Virginia.....	1-0
Kentucky.....	9-13	Virginia Tech	6-0
Long Beach State.....	1-0	Wake Forest	8-9
Louisville.....	1-0	Western Michigan.....	1-0
LSU.....	15-2	William & Mary.....	3-3
Marquette	1-0	Winthrop	3-0
Marshall.....	1-0	Wisconsin	1-3
Maryland.....	2-1		
Miami (Fla.).....	0-2		
Miami (Ohio).....	1-0		
Michigan	2-1		
Minnesota.....	1-0		
Mississippi	9-12		
Mississippi State.....	17-1		
MTSU	3-0		
N.C. State.....	11-0		
NE Louisiana	1-1		
Nebraska	2-0		
New Mexico	1-0		
North Carolina	6-5		
North Florida.....	5-0		
Northwestern	0-3		
Notre Dame	1-3		
Ohio State.....	1-1		
Oklahoma	2-0		
Oklahoma State.....	0-4		
Pacific.....	1-0		
Pennsylvania	1-0		





QUICK HITS ON PETROVIC

- ▶ Is in her third season with the Gamecocks as their assistant coach
- ▶ Was a four-year letterwinner for South Carolina from 1999 to 2002
- ▶ Earned her undergraduate degree in marketing and management from South Carolina in 2002
- ▶ The former Katarina Markovski is married to Stevan Petrovic
- ▶ Is originally from Valjevo, Serbia
- ▶ Accumulated 134 career combined victories, which ranks 11th at USC
- ▶ Named to the All-SEC Singles Second Team as a freshman
- ▶ Tabbed ITA Southeast Region Rookie of the Year in 1999
- ▶ Was the first Gamecock to earn a bid to the NCAA Singles Championship as a freshman
- ▶ Ranked as high as 13th in the country during her career, the highest for any Gamecock in school history
- ▶ Was the sports manager at the Michael-Ann Russell Community Center in North Miami Beach, Fla., prior to joining South Carolina's staff

KATARINA PETROVIC

**3rd Season at South Carolina
Four-Time Gamecock Letterwinner
134 Collegiate Victories**

Katarina M. Petrovic is in her third season as assistant coach for the South Carolina women's tennis team. She is a longtime member of the Gamecock tennis family, as Petrovic was a four-year letterwinner for USC from 1999 to 2002.

Petrovic, 28, joined the 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 USC in the fall of 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 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 13, 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.

Petrovic continued to lead the Gamecocks during her junior and senior seasons. She currently resides in seventh place on the school's all-time list for doubles victories with a 69-34 (.670) record and is 20th in singles wins with a 65-58 (.528) slate. Her combined record of 134-92 (.593) is tied for 11th 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.

"It's exciting having Katarina as a member of the Gamecock tennis program," head coach Arlo Elkins said. "She made a significant impact on the program as a team leader on and off the courts, and she is having the same impact as an assistant coach."

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





GAMECOCK PROFESSIONAL STAFF



COLLIN CRICK

*Academics
5th Year*

Collin Crick is in his fifth year as the NCAA Champs/Life Skills director and athletics academic advisor for the department and his 10th year overall at South Carolina. He serves as the academic advisor for the men's and women's tennis teams and men's and women's soccer. In 2003, USC was recognized by the Division 1-A Athletics Directors' Association as a CHAMPS/Life Skills Program of Excellence.

The native of South Carolina is the coordinator for "Team Gamecocks," the community outreach program for the athletics department. Crick is also the advisor to SAAC (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee), a University 101 course instructor and a member of the Harvest Hope Food Bank PR Committee.

Prior to working in athletics, Crick served as an academic advisor for two years in the USC Moore School of Business and as an undergraduate admissions counselor at USC for three years.

Crick received a master's in higher education administration from USC in 2004 and a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from USC in 1997. His wife, Betsy, is also a native of South Carolina and a graduate of the University of South Carolina.



MATT FREED

*Media Relations
2nd Year*

Matt Freed began his duties as assistant director of media relations at South Carolina on Feb. 13, 2006, handling publicity efforts for volleyball, women's tennis and indoor track and field. He came to USC after spending more than two 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 in May 2002 with a BBA in finance, Freed became

a graduate assistant in the Tennessee Lady Vol media relations office. In his one-year stint with UT, Freed was the primary contact for volleyball and tennis. CoSIDA judged his volleyball media guide sixth-best in the nation, while his tennis guide received second place. He earned his Master of Science in sport management from Tennessee in August 2003.

Freed resides in Columbia, S.C., with his fiancée, Jessica Short, who is an admissions counselor for USC.



VAL SHELEY

*Administration
3rd Year*

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 third year as senior associate athletics director and senior woman administrator. Her responsibilities include administration of seven sports and the NCAA 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 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 USC 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 Maryland.

Sheley has a bachelor's degree from Murray State, where she excelled as a track and field athlete. She earned a master's from 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 relay champion at South Carolina.



ORLANDO SMITH

*Strength & Conditioning
2nd Year*

Orlando Smith joined the South Carolina athletics department as an assistant director of football strength and conditioning in summer 2005 after serving in a similar role at Kansas for two years. Smith also works with the women's tennis team.

A former running back at Cincinnati from 1995 to 1999, Smith was a member of the Bearcat squad that won the 1997 Humanitarian Bowl. He earned second-team all-Conference USA honors in 1995 and was a preseason all-conference selection in 1996. Smith graduated from Cincinnati with a degree in criminal justice/psychology in June of 1999.

After college, Smith took a job as the running backs coach and assistant strength coach at Thomas Moore College in Kentucky before moving on to his first Division I-A job as the graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach for football at Minnesota. During his time with the Golden Gophers, Smith earned a master's degree in sport management in December 2002.



JESSICA CATHCART

*Athletic Training
1st Year*



TRACY MURPHY

*Administrative Support
6th Year*