

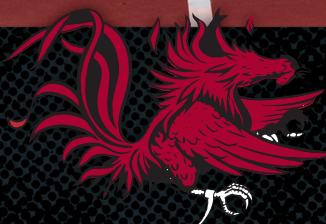
20  
06

# GAMECOCKS

university of south carolina men's tennis  
media guide



2005 NCAA Sweet Sixteen



12 Straight NCAA Appearances



**jaime cuellar**  
sophomore

**thomas stoddard**  
redshirt freshman

**pedro rodrigues**  
junior

**yevgeny supeko**  
sophomore

**joseph veeder**  
sophomore

**dima babenko**  
junior



**A Note to Fans and the Media**

Tennis is the second most popular sport in the United States in terms of participation. Coach Kent DeMars and the entire Gamecock Tennis Team would like to invite Columbia area tennis fans, USC students and faculty to discover why the collegiate tennis game is rising so quickly in popularity. The Southeastern Conference is undeniably the strongest collegiate tennis conference in the country with 10 of the 12 schools advancing to the NCAA Tournament once again in the 2005 season. Also, the format for dual matches maximizes spectator participation. Your support is vital, so please plan to attend USC home matches this year whenever possible. The Gamecocks play at Sam Daniel Tennis Center, adjacent to the Roost on Heyward St. and across from Eugene Stone III Soccer Stadium.

The South Carolina Media Relations Office, is ready to assist you with any questions you may have about the 2006 Gamecock Tennis Team. Please do not hesitate to phone the Media Relations Office at (803) 777-5204 or the Men's Tennis Office at (803) 777-7899 if we can be of assistance to you.

**The Credits**

The 2006 University of South Carolina men's tennis media guide is a production of the USC Media Relations Office. Written and compiled by Christy Lang, Assistant Media Relations Director, and Sean Gundry, media relations student assistant. Layout and design also by Lang. Editing by Director of Media Relations Steve Fink and Lang. The media guide was printed by R.L. Bryan Printing of Columbia, S.C.

Photography by Jason Ayer, Allen Sharpe, Sporting Images, Lynne Branham, Kim Truett, USC Instructional Services, the Columbia Chamber of Commerce and the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. A special thanks goes out to USC Head Coach Kent DeMars and all the former assistant coaches, players and officials who shared their thoughts, memories and anecdotes for the stories contained in this year's brochure.

**Table of Contents**

**Introduction**

Note to the Fans/Media ..... 1  
 2005: A Season to Remember ..... 2  
 Quick Facts/Media Outlets ..... 3  
 2006 Season Preview ..... 4-5  
 Head Coach Kent DeMars ..... 6-8  
 Assistant Coach Jeff Kefalos ..... 9  
 Support Staff ..... 9  
 Athletic Administration ..... 10  
 University President ..... 11  
 South Carolina Tennis Facilities ..... 12

**Meet the Gamecocks**

Team Roster/Pronunciation Guide ..... 14  
 Adam Adler ..... 15  
 Dmitry Babenko ..... 16  
 Jaime Cuellar ..... 17  
 Tom Eklund ..... 18  
 Geraldo Knorr ..... 19  
 Kazuya Otani ..... 20  
 Pedro Rodrigues ..... 21  
 Thomas Stoddard ..... 22  
 Yevgeny Supeko ..... 23  
 Joseph Veeder ..... 24

**The SEC and Opponents**

The Southeastern Conference ..... 26  
 2006 Gamecock Opponents ..... 27-28  
 Series Records vs. Opponents (Since 1973) ..... 29-30

**2005 Review**

2005 Review ..... 32  
 2005 Records ..... 33  
 Match-by-Match ..... 34-37  
 SEC Review ..... 38

**History & Records**

Academic Success ..... 40  
 All-Americans ..... 41  
 NCAA Tournament Team Matches ..... 42-44  
 Individuals in the Final ITA Rankings ..... 45  
 NCAA Tournament Individual Results ..... 46  
 Letterwinners ..... 47  
 Records ..... 48  
 Coaching History ..... 49  
 Match-by-Match vs. Opponents ..... 50-52  
 Year-by-Year Results & Award Winners ..... 53-58

**Why Carolina?**

The Campus ..... 60-61  
 City of Columbia ..... 62-63  
 The Palmetto State ..... 64-65  
 Gamecock Athletics ..... 66-67  
 Academic Services ..... 68-69  
 Sports Medicine ..... 70-71  
 Strength and Conditioning ..... 72-73  
 Team Gamecocks ..... 74-75  
 Athletic Facilities ..... 76-77  
 Success After Competition ..... 78-79  
 Traditions ..... 80



# 2005: A SEASON TO REMEMBER

2005 HIGHLIGHTS



Tom Eklund earned first-team All-SEC honors in 2005, becoming the third player in school history to achieve the feat. He advanced to the NCAA Singles Championship and finished the season with a No. 38 national ranking.



Kent DeMars became the all-time winningest coach in South Carolina men's tennis history when his Gamecocks knocked off Arkansas, 5-2, on March 4, 2005.

## 2005 Team Highlights

- South Carolina finished fourth in the nation's toughest tennis conference, the SEC. It marked the best finish ever in league play for the Gamecocks.
- USC won a pair of matches in the NCAA Tournament and played in the "Sweet Sixteen" for the sixth time in school history.
- The Gamecocks defeated seven top-25 opponents during the 2005 season, including: No. 9 LSU, No. 25 Wake Forest, No. 17 Tennessee, No. 8 Georgia, No. 24 Clemson, No. 15 Mississippi State and No. 13 Oklahoma State.
- South Carolina finished the season ranked No. 16 nationally, its best since the 1998 season.



Geraldo Knorr and Pedro Rodrigues won a berth to the NCAA Doubles Championship and finished the season with a No. 29 national ranking.





**MEDIA OUTLETS**

**NEWSPAPERS**

**The State**

Rick Millians, Sports Editor  
(rmillians@thestate.com)  
Phone: (803) 771-8470  
Fax: (803) 771-8613

**The Charleston Post & Courier**

Charlie Bennett, Beat Writer  
(chap113@hotmail.com)  
Phone: (803) 799-2356

**The Greenville News**

Rick Scoppe, Beat Writer  
(rscoppejr@sc.rr.com)  
Phone: (803) 256-2588  
Fax: (803) 765-0001

**The Gamecock**

Sports Editor  
(gamecocksports@gwm.sc.edu)  
Phone: (803) 777-7182  
Fax: (803) 777-6482

**The Spartanburg Herald**

Paul Strelow  
(paul.strelow@shj.com)  
Phone: (864) 862-7242

**The Associated Press**

Pete Iacobelli  
(piacobelli@ap.org)  
Phone: (803) 799-5510  
Fax: (803) 252-2913

**RADIO**

**WVOC 560 AM**

Christopher Thompson, Sports Director  
(tophsports@aol.com)  
Phone: (803) 343-1100  
Fax: (803) 256-5255

**South Carolina News Network**

Phil Kornblut, Sports Director  
(philtalk@aol.com)  
Phone: (803) 790-4305  
Fax: (803) 790-4309

**WCOS-AM**

Teddy Heffner  
(theffner@aol.com),  
Phone: (803) 343-1100  
Fax: (803) 256-5255

**TELEVISION**

**WIS-TV**

Rick Henry, Sports Director  
(rhenry@wis-tv.com)  
Phone: (803) 758-1288  
Fax: (803) 758-1278

**WLTX-TV**

Bob Shields, Sports Director  
(sports@wltx.com)  
Phone: (803) 647-0233  
Fax: (803) 776-1791

**WOLO-TV**

Tim Hill  
(thill@fox18wccb.com)  
Phone: (803) 754-7525  
Fax: (803) 691-4015

**SPECIALTY OUTLETS**

**Spurs & Feathers**

Dexter Hudson  
(spursusc@aol.com)  
P.O. Box 8055  
Columbia, SC 29202  
Phone: (803) 256-1789

**ITA Tennis**

Casey Angle  
(itamedia@aol.com),  
1862 16 1/2 St. NW #1  
Rochester, MN 55901  
Phone: (609) 497-6920  
Fax: (507) 287-8883

**UNIVERSITY FACTS**

Location: ..... Columbia, S.C.  
Mailing Address: ..... Rex Enright Athletic Center;  
..... 1300 Rosewood Drive, University of South Carolina;  
..... Columbia, SC 29208  
Founded: ..... 1801  
Enrollment: ..... 23,700  
Nickname: ..... Fighting Gamecocks  
Mascot: ..... Cockey  
Colors: ..... Garnet (PMS 201) & Black  
President: ..... Dr. Andrew Sorensen  
NCAA Delegate: ..... Dr. Russ Pate  
Athletics Director: ..... Eric Hyman  
Executive Associate AD/External Relations: ..... Kevin O'Connell  
Senior Associate AD/Senior Women's Administrator: ..... Val Sheley  
Senior Associate AD/Administration: ..... Shawn Eichorst  
Senior Associate AD/Academic Support and Student Services: ..... Harold White  
Interim Director of the Gamecock Club: ..... Art Baker  
Associate AD: ..... Charles Waddell  
Associate AD/Facilities: ..... Jeff Davis  
Assistant AD/Event Management: ..... Shawn Burke  
Assistant AD/Sports Medicine: ..... Dr. Rod Walters  
Director of Athletic Media Relations: ..... Steve Fink  
Manager of Ticket Operations: ..... Kent Hegenauer  
Assistant AD/Planning and Special Projects: ..... Michelle Schmitt  
Assistant Media Relations Directors: .....  
..... Matt Freed, Andrew Kitick, Christy Lang, Gavin Lang, Ayanna Wakefield

**TENNIS FACTS**

Affiliate: ..... NCAA Division I  
Conference: ..... Southeastern (Eastern Division)  
Head Coach: ..... Kent DeMars  
Alma Mater: ..... St. Mary's (Texas), 1966  
USC Record: ..... 330-225 (21 years)  
Overall Record: ..... 544-296 (31 years)  
Assistant Coach: ..... Jeff Kefalos  
Alma Mater: ..... South Carolina, 1976  
2005 Record: ..... 20-10  
2005 SEC Record (Finish): ..... 6-5 (T-3rd, East)  
Final National Ranking: ..... 16  
Returnees: ..... Tom Eklund, Geraldo Knorr, Kazuya Otani, Adam Adler, Pedro Rodrigues,  
..... Dmitry Babenko, Jaime Cuellar  
Newcomer: ..... Yevgeny Supeko (transfer from Texas A&M)  
Home Court: ..... Sam Daniel Tennis Center  
Surface: ..... Laykold  
Capacity: ..... 2,000  
NCAA Appearances: 17 (1978, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998,  
..... 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005)  
Highest Final Ranking: ..... Third (1989)  
Lettermen Returning/Lost: ..... 7/1  
Singles Starters Returning: ..... 5  
Newcomers: ..... 1  
  
Tennis Office Phone: ..... (803) 777-7899  
Tennis Office Fax: ..... (803) 777-0964  
Sam Daniel Tennis Center ..... (803) 799-7255  
USC Indoor Facility ..... (803) 777-8890

**MEDIA RELATIONS OFFICE**

Assistant Media Relations Director: ..... Christy Lang  
Student Assistant: ..... Sean Gundry  
Office Phone: ..... (803) 777-5204  
Office Fax ..... (803) 777-2967  
Lang's Email ..... langc@gwm.sc.edu  
Gundry's Email ..... gundry@mailbox.sc.edu  
Lang's Cell Phone: ..... (803) 348-1444  
Gundry's Cell Phone: ..... (703) 732-3024  
Athletics Web site: ..... USCsports.com



QUICK FACTS/MEDIA INFORMATION



# 2006 Gamecocks Look to Build on Last Year's Record-Breaking Season

The South Carolina men's tennis team enters the 2006 dual match season with high hopes and expectations following a record-breaking campaign in 2005. The Gamecocks set or tied five school records last season on the way to the school's sixth appearance in the NCAA Sweet Sixteen.

"We finished up 16th in the country last year and went to the Sweet Sixteen," head coach Kent DeMars said. "We have most of the same team back, the top five players and another player in [sophomore Yevgeny Supeko] who theoretically should make more of an impact. Hopefully we'll do better than we did last year and we're starting off the year at No. 12, which is fair enough for now. Nationally, this may be the most wide open year in a decade, and I feel that we should be in the mix somewhere."

Among the records set in 2005 for Carolina, were a school-record seven wins over Top 25 schools, six wins in Southeastern Conference play, and a school-best fourth seed in the SEC Tournament. South Carolina extended its school-record of consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances to 12 and DeMars took sole possession of the all-time wins mark at Carolina with his 320th victory at the helm of the Gamecocks.

South Carolina returns five starters from that squad in Tom Eklund, Geraldo Knorr, Jaime Cuellar, Pedro Rodrigues and Dima Babenko, and replaces graduated senior Ben Atkinson with Texas A&M sophomore transfer Yevgeny Supeko. Sophomore walk-on Joseph Veeder has also joined the team. In addition, the Gamecocks return seniors Adam Adler and Kazuya Otani, while redshirt freshman Thomas Stoddard returns from a shoulder injury that held him out most of the 2005 season.

Leading the way for the Gamecocks in 2006 will be Eklund, a senior who used upsets of No. 5 Ken Skupski (LSU), No. 22 Nathan Thompson (Clemson) and No. 13 John Isner (Georgia) to propel himself to a school-record two SEC Player of the Week awards, a first-team all-SEC selection and an at-large bid to the NCAA Singles Championships. Eklund enters 2006 with a preseason ranking of No. 15. The senior from Hollviken, Sweden, is not only the team's leader on the court but off it as well. He is the 2006 team captain for the Gamecocks.

"Tom is the number three player in the SEC coming back and we hope he can play at that level," DeMars said of his captain. "It's going to be a challenge, but I think he'll win his share for sure. He's obviously in the group of All-American candidates and I know he can earn that honor."

Joining Eklund in their final seasons in a Gamecock uniform are seniors Adler, Otani and Knorr.

Knorr will certainly be a leader on the team as well. He led the team in singles wins two seasons ago, before struggling through injuries and illness in 2005.

"(Geraldo) was the one guy who was out of sync last year, everyone else was in sync. He's past that and he's already got a win over a ranked player and I think he can come back and play like he did when he was a sophomore. He's more of a leader by example and I'm almost positive he's going to have a good year. If we can get him going and get Yevgeny playing well we're going to be in better shape than last season."

The senior from Florianopolis, Brazil, may have struggled in singles, but he did not disappoint in doubles play. Knorr partnered with fellow Brazilian Pedro



**Senior captain Tom Eklund is coming off a highly successful 2005 season as he was named first-team All-SEC.**

Rodrigues (Junior; Brasilia) and advanced to the NCAA Doubles Championships, becoming the first Gamecock tandem to make the 32-team field since Jerome Jourdon and Vladimir Pavicevic in 1998. The pair picked up four wins over Top 40 opponents in 2005, including shock upsets of previously unbeaten and third-ranked Ockie Oosthuizen and Ben Rogers of Tennessee (April 1) and the second-ranked and eventual NCAA National Champion pair of John Isner and Antonio Ruiz of Georgia (April 3). The Gamecock duo almost pulled a second upset off against UT's top doubles team, but the doubles point was called moments before Rodrigues and Knorr would have clinched the upset at the SEC Quarterfinals.

Adler and Otani, both seniors, will be called upon to contribute in support roles in 2006, but provide valuable stability to the squad. Adler, a native of Myrtle Beach, S.C., posted a 10-3 record in singles matches in 2005, while Otani, a senior from Kobeshi, Japan, posted four wins a year ago.

"Adam's the guy I've tried to set up to get on court because of his experience at Coastal and playing tournaments," DeMars said. "Adam looks at himself as a starter and sees himself as being able to beat someone for their spot in the lineup. I think Kazuya realizes he is in a backup role, but we could have the flu and bam, he's on the court. He enjoys tennis, the guys on the team like him and he's fun to be around. He's a very good role player."

2006 SEASON PREVIEW



**Jaime Cuellar led the Gamecocks in singles victories as a freshman in 2005.**

The juniors on the squad include Rodrigues and Babenko. Rodrigues, who was part of USC's NCAA Doubles team with Knorr, also had an excellent season in singles, reaching the 20-win plateau for the first time in his career in 2005. The Brasilia, Brazil, native played most of the season at No. 2 singles, and filled in for Eklund at No. 1 on five occasions, going 3-2 at the top singles spot. Rodrigues clinched a pair of matches in 2005 for the Gamecocks (Wofford, Samford), bringing his career total of match-clinching victories to five in his two years at USC.

"The sky's the limit for Pedro, and for that matter any of these guys," DeMars explained. "Usually your biggest improvement is between your sophomore and junior years and he's played a lot this fall. He could make that big jump and maybe be the best player we have."

Babenko posted a successful first season in a Gamecock uniform, going 14-9 in singles with 12 doubles victories. The Moscow native, who won the 2004 NAIA Championship at Auburn-Montgomery, was near-automatic in the middle portion of the season, posting 10 wins in 13 singles matches.

"The biggest thing last year was to get Dima motivated properly," DeMars said. "As a freshman, he was winning all his matches (at Auburn-Montgomery) at 50 percent or more. We had to get his mind going match after match after match. But I think that after a year of our schedule and regimen, he'll be in great shape to go this spring."

With no true freshmen on the squad, DeMars will turn to his three sophomores and one redshirt freshman to complete his 2006 side. The underclassmen are led by sophomores Jaime Cuellar and Yevgeny Supeko.

Cuellar, who led the Gamecocks in singles and doubles victories as a true freshman in 2005, returns for what some would expect to be a breakout year

for the San Salvador, El Salvador native. Cuellar posted 53 total wins a year ago, the most for any Gamecock since Pavicevic in 1998 (58). He also showed tremendous poise and reliability as a freshman, clinching Carolina's upsets of No. 9 LSU and No. 8 Georgia and coming from behind to win at No. 3 singles at No. 13 Oklahoma State, completing USC's comeback from 3-0 down in the NCAA Regional.

"(Jaime's) a delight to have. He's such a great player and a great guy," DeMars said. "If you could have a team of Jaime Cuellars, you'd be dynamite. He got us started last year after we lost at UNC and at Georgia Tech. We hadn't had any significant wins going in against a Top 10 team in LSU. Somehow we hung in there, got three wins, it came down to him and he just blew this guy away. Before I even got to his court to settle him down, he said to me 'I'm so excited, this is why I came here, everything's on the line.' There's one thing that separates those guys that end up as great player. It's because they have that electricity inside of them, something you can't teach."

Supeko, who transferred to USC following a year at Texas A&M, posted a 17-14 mark in singles for the Aggies. The sophomore, who graduated from New Braunfels High School in Texas, went 12-4 in all tournaments while in College Station and comes into the Carolina squad with high expectations of himself and his performances.

"His expectations are very high. When Yev graduates, he wants to play pro," DeMars noted. "He's big and strong and hits the ball extremely hard. He has to learn to do a few more things, but he's been there, done that and played everywhere in the world. The sky is the limit for him as well, and if he can learn to control his emotions, he can be one of the guys that could take over the number one slot and no one on the team would say a word. His potential is enormous."

The final two members of the 2006 Gamecocks are Veeder and Stoddard. Veeder, who hails from Charlotte, N.C., will likely join Adler and Otani as back-ups providing stability to the starting six.

"Joseph has played in the junior sectionals and such and with a bunch of guys going down in the fall we needed someone else on the team," DeMars said. "He's matured and gotten better over the last year. He's a good player and is valuable to this team."

Stoddard, who suffered a shoulder injury early in the 2005 dual match season, posted a combined 12-5 record in all matches before getting injured and being awarded a medical redshirt. The Greenwood, S.C. native was a four-time all-state selection in high school, and won back-to-back individual state titles while he was at Greenwood HS.

"It's sort of unfortunate. Thomas lost last year because he was injured, and needed this fall to get ready for the spring, but was still recovering," DeMars said. "He's got four years left and if this year is going to be a struggle, that's okay. You've got to work your way back into match shape."

With a loaded schedule that includes 14 teams that made the 2005 NCAA Tournament, five teams from the Sweet Sixteen, and two national semifinalists (Florida, Ole Miss), Carolina will face the best in college tennis.

"We came up with two tough wins in Oklahoma last year (NCAA Regional) to get to the championship site," DeMars said. "We faced a Final Four team in Florida and played them hard. I think that with five of the six back from last year we have a great shot at another excellent year in the best tennis conference in the country."



## HEAD COACH KENT DEMARS

22nd Season at South Carolina ♦ 33rd Season of Collegiate Coaching



The ultimate professional on and off the tennis court, Kent DeMars begins his 33rd year of college coaching and his 22nd year at the helm of the University of South Carolina men's tennis program. Throughout his 32-year career at the collegiate level, DeMars has coached more than 57 All-Americans, an Olympic Gold Medalist Doubles team, as well as former Wimbledon, French Open, U.S. Open and Davis Cup Champions. He was selected the National Coach of the Year in 1989 and has collected Region II Coach of the Year honors seven times (1987, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1994, 1998, 2002).

DeMars became South Carolina's all-time winningest coach during the 2005 season, surpassing former USC and current Rice coach Ron Smarr (319 wins) on March 4, 2005, when the Gamecocks defeated Arkansas, 5-2, in Columbia. Heading into the 2006 season, he has amassed 330 victories at USC.

In 2004, DeMars recorded his 300th win at Carolina with a 7-0 win over Charlotte on Feb. 15, 2004. In 2003, DeMars notched his 500th career win as a head coach with a 4-3 victory over No. 36 Mississippi State on Feb. 28, 2003. He also recorded another undefeated season in Region II play, notching a 13-0 record.

DeMars added to his legacy in 2001 by coaching Guillaume Legat, who recorded the highest final singles ranking in school history. Legat ended his

senior season ranked No. 4 in the country after an undefeated SEC season playing in the No. 1 position. Legat set another Gamecock record by advancing to the semifinals at the NCAA Singles National Championships.

Kent DeMars' tennis roots originate on the courts of Assumption High School in East St. Louis, Ill., where DeMars would later return to assume coaching duties. High school tennis did not exist in the early 1960s as it does today. As a result, DeMars and four other companions received instruction in their formative years from Gloria Connors, mother of tennis legend Jimmy Connors. A bright mind on and off the court, DeMars attended St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, on a tuition assistance program (equivalent of today's athletic scholarships). In the collegiate ranks, DeMars was a four-year starter at No. 1 singles and doubles for St. Mary's. After receiving his bachelor of arts in science, DeMars returned to lead the tennis program at his alma mater, Assumption High School.

The American tennis folk hero Jimmy Connors played No. 1 singles for Assumption during one of DeMars' five years at the school. Following a two-year stint coaching and teaching Biology at Peacock Military Academy, DeMars received his first collegiate coaching assignment at Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. DeMars transformed the university's tennis program from a club level sport with a \$500 budget and two tennis courts 40 minutes away from campus into a NCAA Division II powerhouse. By his third year in Edwardsville, DeMars' Cougar squad was 20-7 and ranked No. 5 in the nation. In 1978, his squad began an incredible run of seven straight NCAA Championships. In addition to seven NCAA team titles, DeMars coached seven NCAA Division II singles champions.

Undoubtedly, Ken Flach and Robert Seguso rank

**The Kent DeMars File**

**Birthplace:** East St. Louis, Illinois  
**High School Education:** Assumption H.S., East St. Louis, Ill.  
**College Education:** St. Mary's University, San Antonio Texas (B.S. Biology), Miami University, Oxford, Ohio (M.A. Zoology)

**COACHING CAREER**

1966-1968: Peacock Military Academy  
 1969-1973: Assumption High School  
 1974-1984: Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville  
 1985-present: University of South Carolina

**SERVICE TO COLLEGE TENNIS**

Chairman, ITA Men's Operating Committee  
 Collegiate Tennis Hall of Fame Committee  
 ITA National/Regional Rankings Coordinator  
 Editor: ITA Collegiate Tennis Yearbook  
 1977-82 NCAA Rules Committee

**SERVING AS A TOURN. DIRECTOR**

USTA Boys' 18 Team Junior Davis Cup  
 USTA Women's Pro Circuit of Columbia  
 1994 NCAA Region II Championships  
 USC Fall/Winter Collegiate Invitational  
 SCTA State Junior Championships

**DEMARS' COACHING HONORS**

1979 NCAA Division II Coach of the Year  
 1986 ITA Meritorious Service Award  
 1989 NCAA Division I Coach of the Year  
 NCAA Region II Coach of the Year  
 1987, '89, '90, '91, '94, '98, '02  
 1996 South Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame

**DEMARS VS. REGION OPP.**

Charlotte	10-1	.909
Charleston Southern	6-0	1.000
Citadel	11-0	1.000
Clemson	17-8	.680
College of Charleston	7-0	1.000
Davidson	20-0	1.000
Duke	7-11	.389
East Carolina	5-0	1.000
Francis Marion	7-0	1.000
Georgia Tech	13-6	.684
N.C. State	13-1	.929
North Carolina	16-17	.484
Virginia	5-0	1.000
Wake Forest	15-3	.833
<b>Overall</b>	<b>152-27</b>	<b>.849</b>

(Includes 11-year records compiled at SIU-Edwardsville)



The DeMars family (l to r): Colleen, Coach DeMars, Kristen and wife Susan (in front).





as the most famous products of DeMars' dynasty at Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. From 1981-83, Flach and Seguso led the Cougars to an impressive 57-26 dual match record. Individually, the duo defeated the NCAA Division I champions (Michigan's Leach and Mace), 6-1, 6-1, and finished the 1983 season ranked No. 1 in the nation.

On June 11, 1984, citing the desire to "raise his goals to a higher level," Kent DeMars was named men's tennis coach at South Carolina. Since that time, Carolina has been a fixture at the national level. DeMars' teams have an average national ranking of 14 during his tenure in Columbia. In addition to the demanding 11-match SEC schedule, DeMars' teams face nationally ranked programs from one of tennis' toughest areas of the country, Region II.

In 2005, Carolina enjoyed one its most successful seasons in recent memory. DeMars led the Gamecocks to a fourth-place finish in the nation's toughest tennis league, the SEC, and to the school's 12th-straight trip to the NCAA Tournament. South Carolina picked up two wins on the road and advanced to the final 16 at NAAs. In addition, Tom Eklund earned an invitation to the NCAA Singles Championship and Geraldo Knorr and Pedro Rodrigues won a berth to the NCAA Doubles Championship. The 2005 season also marked the 21st straight season the Gamecocks have been ranked in the nation's top 30 under Coach DeMars.

As a former educator on the college and high school levels, DeMars realizes the importance of his team taking advantage of South Carolina's top-notch academic resources. In the last 13 years, DeMars' men's tennis teams have produced more scholar athletes than any other SEC school, placing a total of 65 student-athletes on the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

In 1986 Kent DeMars was awarded the Rolex Meritorious Service Award for his involvement in virtually every aspect of the college tennis game. The award is rarely given to individuals in the game of tennis on the amateur or professional level. Currently, USC's coach chairs the 15-member ITA Men's Operating Committee. DeMars also works closely with ITA Executive Director David Benjamin on rule revisions and policy formation in the college tennis game. He also served as editor of the ITA Collegiate Tennis Yearbook.

In addition to conducting youth tennis camps throughout the summer, DeMars has been instrumental in bringing high levels of competitive tennis to the Midlands. In December of 1996, Coach DeMars was inducted into the South Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame.

DeMars, an avid follower of the St. Louis Blues, Cardinals and Rams, also enjoys playing golf and following the stock market. DeMars and his wife Susan have two daughters, Colleen (26) and Kristen (21).

## Coach DeMars and Gamecock Tennis

- ❖ 12-consecutive NCAA tournament team bids
- ❖ 17-8 vs. archrival Clemson, including wins in 10 of the last 11 matches.
- ❖ Average National Ranking: #14 in the country
- ❖ NCAA Tournament participants 16 of the last 19 seasons
- ❖ Region II Coach of the Year seven times in the last 18 Years
- ❖ 21-Year Region II Record: 152-27
- ❖ Ranked among the nation's top 30 for 21 straight years

## THE DEMARS TIMELINE

First Victory at USC	d. Utah 6-2	Feb. 2, 1985
First Metro Conference team title	d. Florida State	Apr. 20, 1985
Clinched First NCAA Tournament Bid	d. #5 LSU 6-3	May 2, 1987
Gained National Team Indoor Final	d. #1 UCLA 5-3	Feb. 24, 1989
School's First NCAA Tournament Victory	d. #14 Alabama 5-2	May 20, 1989
Advanced to First NCAA Final Four	d. #3 Cal-Berkeley 5-4	May 21, 1989
300th Career Victory	d. Davidson 9-0	Feb. 6, 1990
Sixth Consecutive Team Indoor Appearance	d. #2 Southern Cal. 5-3	Feb. 24, 1990
100th Victory at USC	d. Georgia Tech 5-1	Apr. 12, 1990
Clinched Third Consecutive Region Title	d. #17 North Carolina 5-3	Apr. 6, 1991
School's First SEC Dual Match	d. Vanderbilt 5-3	Feb. 16, 1992
350th Career Victory	d. Auburn 4-3	Apr. 2, 1993
Highest Ranked Opponent Defeated on Road	d. #4 Duke 4-3	Mar. 23, 1994
150th Victory at USC	d. #2 Georgia 4-3	Mar. 31, 1994
Complete 11-0 Regular Season Region Record	d. Clemson 5-2	Apr. 13, 1994
Complete 15-1 Regular Season Home Record	d. #23 Arkansas 4-0	Apr. 19, 1994
Ranked Nationally in the Top 20 for the 21st Consecutive Year		1995
175th Victory at USC	d. Davidson 7-0	Feb. 25, 1996
400th Career Victory	d. Chas. So. 4-1	Feb. 10, 1997
200th Victory at USC	d. The Citadel 4-1	Jan. 31, 1998
450th Career Victory	d. #25 Mississippi State 4-1	April 22, 1999
<b>500th Career Victory</b>	d. #36 Mississippi State 4-3	Feb. 28, 2003
300th Victory at USC	d. Charlotte, 7-0	Feb. 15, 2004
<b>320th Victory, Becomes Winningest Coach in USC History</b>	d. Arkansas 5-2	Mar. 4, 2005



Head coach Kent DeMars (left) guided Tom Eklund (right) to first-team All-SEC honors and a berth in the NCAA Singles Championship in 2005.

HEAD COACH KENT DEMARS

## COACH DEMARS' COLLEGIATE COACHING RECORD

Year	School	Record	Pct	National Ranking
1974	SIU-Edwardsville	13-4	.765	Not Ranked
1975	SIU-Edwardsville	17-8	.680	Not Ranked
1976	SIU-Edwardsville	20-7	.741	No. 5 - Div. II
1977	SIU-Edwardsville	17-5	.733	No. 2 - Div. II
1978	SIU-Edwardsville	26-6	.813	No. 1 - Div. II
1979	SIU-Edwardsville	27-5	.844	No. 1 - Div. II
1980	SIU-Edwardsville	16-4	.800	No. 1 - Div. II
1981	SIU-Edwardsville	19-7	.731	No. 1 - Div. II
1982	SIU-Edwardsville	18-10	.643	No. 1 - Div. II
1983	SIU-Edwardsville	20-9	.690	No. 1 - Div. II
1984	SIU-Edwardsville	21-6	.778	No. 1 - Div. II
1985	South Carolina	24-5	.828	No. 12 - Div. I
1986	South Carolina	16-9	.640	No. 8 - Div. I
1987	South Carolina	19-10	.655	No. 8 - Div. I
1988	South Carolina	5-18	.218	No. 13 - Div. I
1989	South Carolina	21-8	.725	No. 3 - Div. I
1990	South Carolina	17-9	.654	No. 5 - Div. I
1991	South Carolina	17-9	.654	No. 6 - Div. I
1992	South Carolina	8-14	.364	No. 14 - Div. I
1993	South Carolina	11-11	.500	No. 21 - Div. I
1994	South Carolina	19-8	.704	No. 15 - Div. I
1995	South Carolina	12-16	.429	No. 13 - Div. I
1996	South Carolina	13-11	.542	No. 25 - Div. I
1997	South Carolina	17-10	.630	No. 18 - Div. I
1998	South Carolina	21-8	.724	No. 15 - Div. I
1999	South Carolina	18-12	.600	No. 14 - Div. I
2000	South Carolina	10-13	.435	No. 21 - Div. I
2001	South Carolina	13-13	.500	No. 29 - Div. I
2002	South Carolina	17-9	.654	No. 19 - Div. I
2003	South Carolina	17-8	.680	No. 20 - Div. I
2004	South Carolina	15-14	.517	No. 19 - Div. I
2005	South Carolina	20-10	.667	No. 16 - Div. I
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>SIU-Edwardsville (11 yrs.)</b>	<b>214-71</b>	<b>.751</b>	<b>30 Years Straight</b>
	<b>South Carolina (21 yrs.)</b>	<b>330-225</b>	<b>.595</b>	<b>Nationally</b>
<b>Overall (31 yrs.)</b>		<b>544-296</b>	<b>.648</b>	<b>Ranked Teams</b>



### Coaches & Players Talk About Coach DeMars

"Coach DeMars helped my game from a technical, tactical and mental standpoint. From all the college coaches I observed, he was one of the best to play for not only because he knew the game so well, but because of his relationship with his players."

— **Stephane Simian**  
1989, '90 Gamecock All-American

"USC is lucky to have Coach DeMars. I've learned more from him about the game of tennis than anyone in the country."

— **Eric Shore**  
Auburn Head Tennis Coach

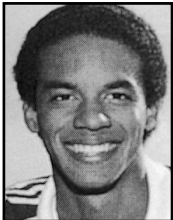
"Kent is one of the most distinguished coaches in collegiate tennis and is well on his way to becoming a member of the Hall of Fame."

— **Dan Magill**  
Director of Tennis, University of Georgia

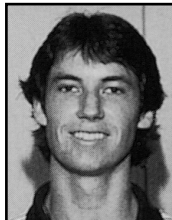
"Coach DeMars always puts his players first. He does whatever it takes to keep them happy and motivated both on the court and in the classroom."

— **Dave Hopper**  
1991 Region II Rafael Osuna Sportsmanship Award Winner

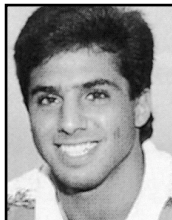
### DeMars' Pipeline of Former Players and Assistant Coaches in College and Professional Tennis



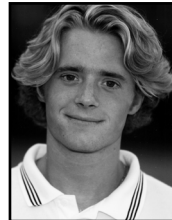
**Richard Ashby**  
USC Letterman, 1983-86  
Jennifer Capriati's Coach



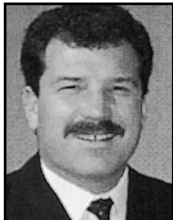
**Ken Flach**  
1979 SIU-E All-American  
1984 Olympic Gold Medalist  
1985 U.S. Open Champion  
1987, 1988 Wimbledon Champion



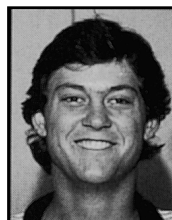
**Lou Gloria**  
USC All-American, 1991  
Seven Years on ATP Tour



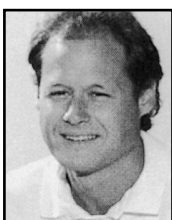
**Guillaume Legat**  
USC All-American, 2001  
Competing in Europe



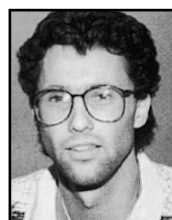
**Sam Paul**  
USC Assistant: 1984-85  
North Carolina  
Men's Tennis Coach



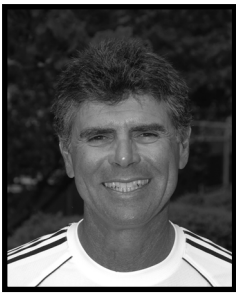
**Robert Seguso**  
1979 SIU-E All-American  
1984 Olympic Gold Medalist  
1985 U.S. Open Champion  
1987, 1988 Wimbledon Champion



**Eric Shore**  
USC Assistant Coach,  
1986-90  
Auburn Men's Tennis Coach



**Stephane Simian**  
USC All-American, 1989  
French Open Tournament Director



# JEFF KEFALOS

**Assistant Coach  
(South Carolina, 1976)**

**1998 ITA National  
Assistant Coach of the Year**



Jeff Kefalos, now in his ninth season as Kent DeMars' assistant coach, was the 1998 ITA National Assistant Coach of the Year.

Jeff Kefalos, the first Gamecock to win 100 career singles matches, begins his ninth season as an assistant to head coach Kent DeMars. Kefalos will also continue to serve in his capacity as Director of Tennis at the Columbia Tennis Center.

Kefalos previously served as head coach of USC's women's tennis team from 1977-83. During that period he compiled a 127-34 record, with five of his six teams being ranked 12th or better nationally. He was one of four finalists for National Coach of the Year honors after leading the 1982 Lady Gamecocks to a 28-3 record.

As a member of Coach Ron Smarr's Gamecock teams from 1973-76, Kefalos was a four-time team MVP and three-year team captain. Kefalos was a finalist for the 1976 Rafael Osuna Award, which recognizes outstanding sportsmanship and contributions in collegiate tennis. Known for his excellent ground strokes and return of service, Kefalos compiled an impressive 104-14 singles mark and a doubles record of 74-15 during his career. Kefalos ranks sixth in career singles wins and was first in career doubles victories at South Carolina until the 2000 season when Olof Akesson surpassed him with a record of 85-49.

A three-time West Virginia High School singles champion, Kefalos also won the 1972 state men's singles title. The spring prior to beginning his USC playing career, Kefalos reached the semifinals of the Southern Junior Tennis Championships.

Kefalos has been classified as a Professional I member of the United States Professional Tennis Association since 1977. He also is a charter member and past treasurer of the South Carolina Professional Tennis Association.

Named Tennis Director at the Columbia Tennis Center in March 1977, Kefalos has been instrumental in developing top junior talent in the Midlands, many of whom have achieved state, sectional, and national rankings. Among his various responsibilities at Columbia Tennis Center, Kefalos directs all activities involving the city's Men's and Junior Tennis Leagues as well as several national, sectional, and state tournaments. Kefalos received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, graduating as a scholar-athlete in 1976 from the University of South Carolina. He and his wife, Betsi, have two children, Lance (19) and Rawlins (16).

## KEFALOS' CAREER AT USC

### As a Player under Ron Smarr

Year	Singles	Doubles
1973	26-2	26-7
1974	26-7	7-2
1975	23-2	20-3
1976	29-3	21-3
<b>Total</b>	<b>104-14</b>	<b>74-15</b>

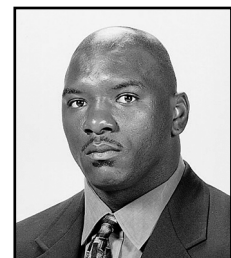
### As South Carolina Women's Head Coach

Year	Record	Ranking
1978	11-7	NR
1979	25-5	8th
1980	22-2	7th
1981	19-12	12th
1982	28-3	7th
1983	22-5	6th
<b>Total</b>	<b>127-36</b>	<b>Avg. Rank: 8th</b>

## MEN'S TENNIS SUPPORT STAFF



**Danny Cobble**  
Graduate Assistant  
Athletic Trainer



**Pat Moorer**  
Strength & Conditioning  
Coach



**Sean Gundry**  
Media Relations



**Tim Cooper**  
Team Manager

ASSISTANT COACH JEFF KEFALOS



# ERIC HYMAN

**Director of Athletics ❖ First Year at South Carolina**

Eric Hyman, named Director of Athletics for the University of South Carolina on April 16, 2005, comes from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, where he served as the athletics director for over seven years. He officially began his duties at Carolina on July 1, 2005. At TCU, Hyman worked to solidify a national reputation as an architect of

championship programs, as an advocate for academic success and as a skilled administrator. For his success, Hyman was named the 2003-2004 *Street and Smith's Business Journal* National Athletics Director of the Year and was also chosen as the Division I-A West Regional Athletics Director of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). The 2004-05 school year produced three conference championships, seven second-place finishes and the C-USA Male and Female Athlete of the Year in All-American Lance Broadway and Sandora Irvin.

Under his leadership, TCU teams recorded 32 conference titles and consistently posted a graduation percentage rate higher than that of the overall TCU student body. Hyman was instrumental in orchestrating TCU's invitation to join Conference USA in July 2001 and spearheaded the effort for TCU to join the Mountain West Conference in July 2005, moving the program up from the Western Athletic Conference it was in when Hyman arrived.

In the 2000-2001 school year, TCU teams turned in the best athletics record in school history when the Horned Frogs registered a school record eight WAC championships and had seven teams nationally ranked. TCU was one of only four schools to record 10 victories in football and 20 wins in both men's and women's basketball, while setting a school record for football season tickets sold.

TCU turned in the most successful overall season of any Conference USA member in 2001-02. The Horned Frogs' debut campaign in the league featured nine NCAA appearances, five tournament championships and one regular season title. In 2003-04, TCU captured four Conference USA crowns along with nine second-place finishes. The conference titles in women's swimming and women's indoor track & field were the first in school history for those programs, while the baseball team reached the NCAA Tournament for just the third time ever. In addition, the football team was ranked as high as sixth in the BCS polls during the season. The 2004-05 school year produced three conference championships and seven second-place finishes. During Hyman's tenure, the football team went to six bowl games in seven seasons, the women's basketball team went to five straight NCAA Tournaments and the baseball team earned back-to-back regional appearances for the first time in school history.

As TCU's Athletics Director, Hyman worked diligently to improve athletic facilities. The first phase of a building plan he put in place included the construction of a soccer stadium, a track complex and football practice fields. Phase two included renovations to TCU's coliseum and the construction of an athletics center housing the football offices and meeting rooms, an academic center, athletic administration offices and an athletics heritage area. The third phase of the building plan included the construction of a baseball stadium, basketball practice complex, tennis offices and locker room building, an all-weather football practice field and a volleyball gymnasium.

During the TCU years, Hyman negotiated an innovative marketing partnership for TCU Athletics with ESPN Regional, the most extensive agreement of its kind between ESPN and a university. Hyman also hired a number of coaches of national prominence, including football coach Dennis Franchione and former USC assistant basketball coach Neil Dougherty, bringing recognition and success to the school and placing TCU on the national scene in athletics.

No stranger to the Carolinas, Hyman coached football for nine years under

Art Baker and Dick Sheridan, and was an associate athletics director for two years at Furman University, where he earned a master's degree in educational administration (1975). He and his wife, Pauline, coached the women's basketball team at North Greenville College in Tigerville, South Carolina, leading the team to national rankings.

Hyman played football at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was an all-ACC football player, on the Dean's list and selected for the Hula Bowl. He also served as the Executive Associate Athletics Director at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

Before joining TCU, Hyman was the athletics director at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. During his tenure, Miami had the fifth highest student-athlete graduation rate among all NCAA Division I schools in the country. His last two years at Miami brought home 10 conference championships. Hyman also served as athletics director at VMI in Lexington, Virginia, in the 1980s.

His wife, Pauline, is a native of North Carolina and also graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prior to her arrival at UNC, she played and later coached women's college basketball, taught sociology and psychology as well as serving as a college administrator. Pauline developed and taught the NCAA CHAMPS Life Skills course and various seminars for student-athletes at both Miami University and TCU.

The Hymans have two adult children: Ryan, who graduated from TCU in 2001 and Corrine, a 2004 graduate of TCU. Ryan works for L.T. Barton Insurance Company in Fort Worth and Corrine is a realtor with Williams Trew Real Estate in Fort Worth.



# VAL SHELEY

**Senior Associate Athletics Director/SWA**

Val Sheley, who has experience as an athletics director and in several other administrative areas, including compliance, academics, and student-athlete development, is in her second year as Senior Associate Athletics Director/Senior Women's Administrator at the University of South Carolina.

Sheley returns to USC for the second time during her college athletics career, having served as an Associate Athletics Director/NCAA Compliance Officer at the school from 1995-2000. She left Carolina to become Athletics Director at Presbyterian College, where she oversaw that school's athletics program for three years. In 2003, Sheley served as the interim Associate Athletics Director for Academic Support and Career Development at the University of Maryland.

Sheley began her work in athletics administration in 1988, where she served as the Assistant AD/Senior Women's Administrator at the University of North Carolina-Asheville and was head coach of the men's and women's track and field and cross country teams. From there she went to the NCAA Office in Overland Park, Kan., working as a legislative assistant for the national organization.

Sheley has a bachelor's degree from Murray State University, where she excelled as a track athlete. She has a master's degree from the University of Houston.

Sheley was a 1984 Olympic qualifier for Great Britain's track and field team. Her husband, Mike, is a former track All-American and NCAA relay champion at South Carolina.

Sheley is also a graduate of the Sports Management Institute.



**Andrew A. Sorensen**

*University President*

The University of South Carolina has a proud tradition of service to the people and state of South Carolina.

#### **Scholarships and Research Productivity**

With every new class, USC's student body grows in academic excellence. This year's freshman class promises to be the most talented academically in the history of the university. And they're joining an impressive group of students. Last year, University students won 28 national awards, earning more than \$1.1 million for advanced academic study. Winners included a Mellon Scholar, a Udall Scholar, a US Department of Homeland Security Fellow, three Fulbright Fellows, four National Science Foundation Research Fellows, three Goldwater Scholars, two EPA GRO Fellows, two Knowles Science Teaching Fellows, two Gilman Scholars, three Rotary International Scholars, a National Security Education Program Scholar, a Tau Beta Pi Scholar, a Target Scholar, a USA Today All-USA Academic Team Member, an Alpha Lambda Delta Scholar, and a Soros Fellowship Finalist.

As Carolina builds its research campus, faculty are garnering prestigious grants to conduct research in areas that have real-world applications for our state and our nation. Most recently, USC signed agreements with two leading research institutes in Korea and in Germany to share research and faculty in an area of immense importance to the world – next energy, specifically hydrogen fuel cells and other alternative

energy sources. USC researchers also are directing their efforts toward the environment, biomedical science, and nanotechnology.

#### **Selected Program Rankings**

The University of South Carolina's capstone program for seniors and the undergraduate international business program at the Moore School of Business are among the nation's best, according to the 2005 "America's Best Colleges Guide," published by U.S. News & World Report.

USC's Moore School of Business is ranked No. 1 for undergraduate international business education -- a ranking that USC has held since 1995 -- and No. 8 for its undergraduate insurance program. USC's programs for first-year and senior students are cited among the nation's best by the magazine in its "Programs to Look For" section, which lists colleges and universities with outstanding programs that lead to student success.

USC's University 401 program was listed among 15 colleges and universities whose "Senior Capstone" programs enable students at the end of their college careers to make a smooth transition to the workplace or graduate school.

USC libraries rank in the top 50 for overall size of collections among more than 3,000 college and university libraries in the United States and Canada, according to the Association of Research Libraries' report.

#### **Dr. Andrew A. Sorensen**

Andrew A. Sorensen came to USC after serving as president of the University of Alabama (1996-2002) and provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of Florida (1990-1996). Dr. Sorensen also has been executive director of the AIDS Institute at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and director of the School of Public Health at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He was a faculty member at Lincoln University, the University of Rochester, and Cornell University, and has been a visiting faculty member at the Harvard University School of Medicine and at the University of Cambridge School of Medicine.

Author or editor of seven books and more than 100 articles, he is professor of epidemiology and biostatistics in USC's Arnold School of Public Health. He holds a bachelor's degree in ethics and master's and doctoral degrees in medical sociology from Yale University. He also earned a B.A. in history from the University of Illinois and a master of public health degree from the University of Michigan.

Currently, he is vice president of the Southeastern Conference, past president of the Southern University Conference, past chair of the Southern Universities Research Association Council of Presidents, and a trustee of the Universities Research Association. He was a member of the Education Advisory Committee for President Bush's Transition Team during 2000-2001, and was appointed in 2005 to the NIH National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity. He is active in community affairs, serving as Honorary Chairman of the Board of Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

#### **Donna Sorensen**

Donna Ingemie Sorensen holds a baccalaureate degree in chemistry from Wheaton College (Massachusetts) and master's degrees in nutrition from Cornell University and in chemistry from Wesleyan University. Shortly after arriving at USC, Mrs. Sorensen was appointed by S. C. Department of Education Superintendent Inez Tennenbaum to serve on the S. C. Department of Education Task Force on Nutrition and Health in Our Youth, an effort that examined the problem of childhood obesity. She is president of the board of the Girl Scout Council of the Congaree Area and serves on the boards of the S. C. Arts Foundation, the USC Board of Dance, McKissick Museum Advisory Council, and the Ex Libris Society Executive Committee. She also serves on the national board of Associated Marine Institutes.



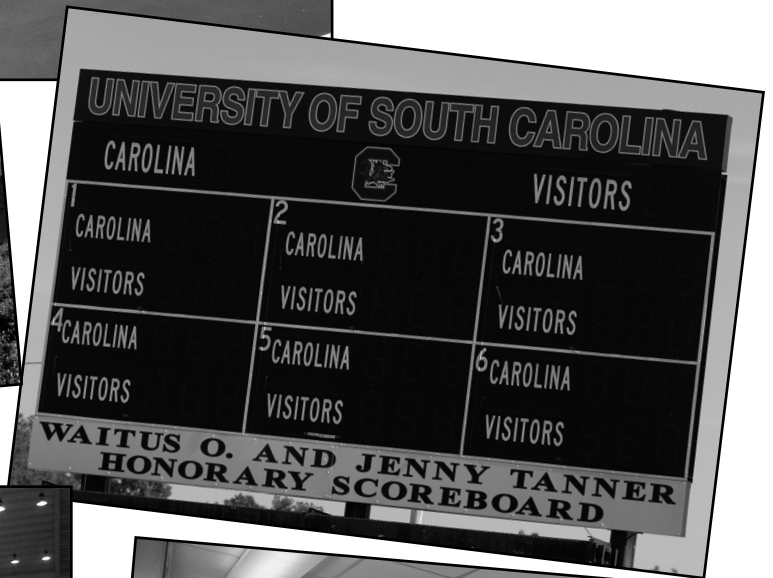
# SOUTH CAROLINA TENNIS FACILITIES

TENNIS FACILITIES

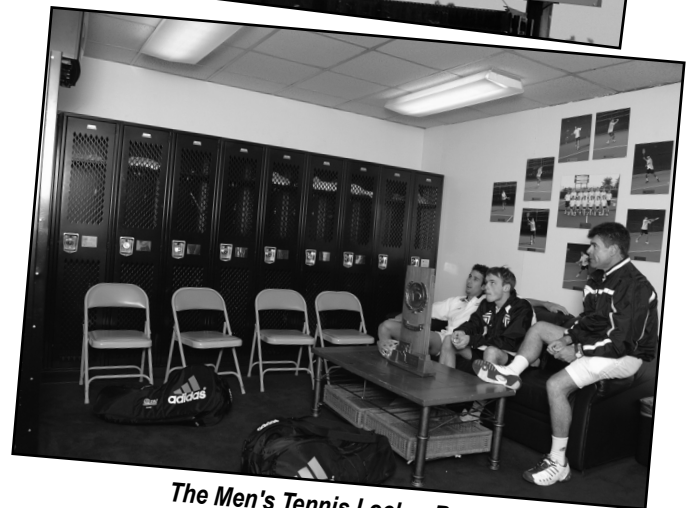


The Sam Daniel Tennis Facility (shown at left and below on the left) is the home of the Gamecock men's tennis team.

The facility features an electronic scoreboard (shown below), which was donated by Jack Burrows in honor of Mr and Mrs. Waitus O. Tanner.



The Gamecocks have the luxury of on campus indoor courts, which are housed inside the USC Indoor Facility.



The Men's Tennis Locker Room