

Quick Facts

University Information

Location	Columbia, S.C.
Enrollment	25,077
Founded	1801
Team Name	Gamecocks
University President	Dr. Harris Pastides
NCAA Faculty Representative	Dr. Bill Bearden
Athletics Director	Eric Hyman
Deputy Athletics Director	Marcy Girton
Senior Woman Administrator/Men's Tennis Administrator.....	Val Sheley
Colors	Garnet (PMS 202) and Black
Conference.....	Southeastern
Arena/Capacity.....	Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center/700

Coaching Staff Information

Head Coach (Alma Mater, Year)	Kent DeMars (St. Mary's, 1966)
Record At South Carolina / Years.....	381-278 (.578) / 25 years
Overall Record / Years.....	595-349 (.630) / 36 years
Assistant Coaches (Alma Mater, Year)....	Jeff Kefalos (South Carolina, 1976)

Team Information

2008-09 Overall Record	15-11
2008-09 SEC Record / Finish	3-8 / 9th
Postseason	NCAA First Round, L 4-0 to North Carolina
Letterwinners R/L	6/4

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Media Information

Note to the Media

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On the Web

All media members are encouraged to visit www.GamecocksOnline.com for all the latest news releases, statistics, notes and other information pertaining to Gamecock men's tennis. Every home match also features live scoring updates.

Facility Location

South Carolina men's tennis will play its home matches this season at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center, which is located on Blossom Street between Henderson and Barnwell Streets. From Assembly Street, turn east on Blossom. The Center is five blocks ahead on the left.

Credentials

Credentials are not required to attend men's tennis matches and admission to all events is free.

Media Services

The Media Relations Office utilizes SportsSystems to disseminate information to the media via fax and email. If you are interested in being added to one of the distribution lists for a particular sport or would like to receive all releases, contact Diana Koval.

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Pedro Campos

2009-10 Season

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Gamecocks Look to Close DeMars' Career with a Bang

Head coach Kent DeMars has a veteran squad to tackle his final year at the South Carolina helm.

As South Carolina head coach Kent DeMars announced that he will end his 37-year career at the end of the 2009-10 season, he cast his gaze over a Gamecock roster poised to make his final season a memorable one. Returning five of the six players featured in his singles lineup, DeMars enjoys the luxury of three seniors among that group. Two of the last season's doubles teams remain intact as well, setting the stage for another dominant doubles lineup that set up nearly all of the Gamecocks' 2008-09 victories.

Ranked as high as 15th in the nation last spring, the Gamecocks reached the NCAA Tournament after a two-year hiatus. DeMars looks for this year's veteran squad to excel beyond its pre-season No. 36 ranking.

Doubles

Last season, South Carolina opened a dual match by winning the doubles point 14 times in its 15 victories. The team playing in the No. 1 position seemed to carry the heaviest burden in deciding the point as the top tandem won 16 times in 26 dual matches with the doubles point going to the Gamecocks in 14 of the 16 No. 1 victories.

Fortunately for South Carolina, the duo that most often held that position, Diego Cubas and Ivan Machado, is one of the two that remain intact for the 2009-10 season, and they opened the fall season with a top-10 ranking. Finishing the 2008-09 season ranked No. 27 in the country with a 15-12 record, Cubas and Machado earned an at-large berth in the NCAA Individual Doubles Championship, becoming the first Gamecocks in the field since 2005. The tandem scored six victories over nationally-ranked opponents, including a tie-breaker win over then-No. 1 Cory Parr and Steven Forman of Wake Forest.

Behind Cubas and Machado is the senior duo of Pedro Campos and Ivan Cressoni. With a 6-8 record playing largely in the No. 2 spot in the lineup, Campos and Cressoni won five of their first seven matches last spring and

seem to have worked out the kinks that hindered their productivity late in the season.

Junior Johannes Pulsfort teamed with then-senior Jaime Cuellar in the No. 3 spot last season, so the Gamecocks will need to replace the duo's 11 victories. DeMars feels he has found an ample replacement in the second-semester addition of freshman Alexander Kostanov, who he will team with Pulsfort in the No. 3 spot in the lineup. Pulsfort has proven he is adaptable, pairing with 10 different doubles partners in his first two seasons to put together a 29-27 record that includes a 21-10 slate in 2008-09. Kostanov has a solid doubles pedigree coming into his first year at the college level as he played doubles on the Russian team that posted a semifinal victory over Argentina in the 2009 Junior Davis Cup.

If any of the top three teams should falter, DeMars has junior Chris Sheehan and freshman Harry Menzies waiting in the wings. The tandem played together just once in the fall, but should be able to find its footing early in the spring if called upon.

Roster

Name	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School
Pedro Campos	Sr.	6-0	171	Salvador, Brazil/Ced-Centro de a Educacao Permanente
Ivan Cressoni	Sr.	6-3	184	Araras, Brazil/Araras
Diego Cubas	Sr.	6-0	165	Santa Catarina, Brazil/Energia
Alexander Kostanov	Fr.	6-1	176	Kursk, Russia
Ivan Machado	So.	6-0	165	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil/Futura
Harry Menzies	Fr.	6-2	170	Charlotte, N.C./Charlotte Country Day
Johannes Pulsfort	Jr.	6-1	179	Lueneburg, Germany/Wilhelm-Raabe-Schule
Chris Sheehan	Jr.	6-0	175	Charlotte, N.C./Providence
Henry Walker	So.	6-0	160	Greenville, S.C./Greenville

Head Coach: Kent DeMars

Assistant Coach: Jeff Kefalos



Senior Diego Cubas will sit atop both the doubles and singles lineups again this season.

Roster Breakdown

By State/Country

Brazil (4): Pedro Campos, Ivan Cressoni, Diego Cubas, Ivan Machado

North Carolina (2): Harry Menzies, Chris Sheehan

South Carolina (1): Henry Walker

Germany (1): Johannes Pulsfort

Russia (1): Alexander Kostanov

By Class

Senior (3): Pedro Campos, Ivan Cressoni, Diego Cubas

Junior (2): Johannes Pulsfort, Chris Sheehan

Sophomore (2): Ivan Machado, Henry Walker

Freshman (2): Alexander Kostanov, Harry Menzies

Pronunciation Guide

Ivan Cressoni	eh-VON	Harry Menzies	men-ZEES
Diego Cubas	COO-bus	Johannes Pulsfort	
Alexander Kostanov			yo-HAHN-is PULSE-fort
	CAUSE-tuh-nov	Chris Sheehan	SHE-an
Ivan Machado	eh-VON muh-CHAH-do		

Johannes Pulsfort

Junior Johannes Pulsfort will also make a bid to slide up to the No. 3 singles position after closing his sophomore effort with a career-best 20-13 record, playing mostly in the No. 5 spot. Of his 20 wins, a team-high 15 came in dual-match play, including a 4-5 mark in SEC play at the No. 5 slot.

Pulsfort has a penchant for the dramatic, posting a 4-1 record in three-set matches last season, including two matches in which he rallied back after dropping the first set. That irrepressible fight may be just what DeMars needs to see to move Pulsfort into a new position.

Ivan Machado

Sophomore Ivan Machado is the most logical choice to move up a position after he exploded onto the college scene with a 19-12 singles record in his freshman year. He spent most of the season in the No. 4 spot, but did put together a 4-1 mark in the No. 3 spot early in the season. Machado displayed poise beyond his college years in posting a 6-2 record in three-set matches.

With the departure of Cuellar and the absence of Campos in the fall, Machado put together a 6-5 singles record playing ahead of his No. 4 spot. So, DeMars has already seen what the young Brazilian can do in a higher position.

Chris Sheehan

Junior Chris Sheehan will again look to provide depth to the Gamecock lineup, although he is more likely to see action in doubles than singles with the veteran squad. Sheehan posted an 8-8 record last season, including a 2-1 mark in the No. 6 spot in dual matches.

Alexander Kostanov

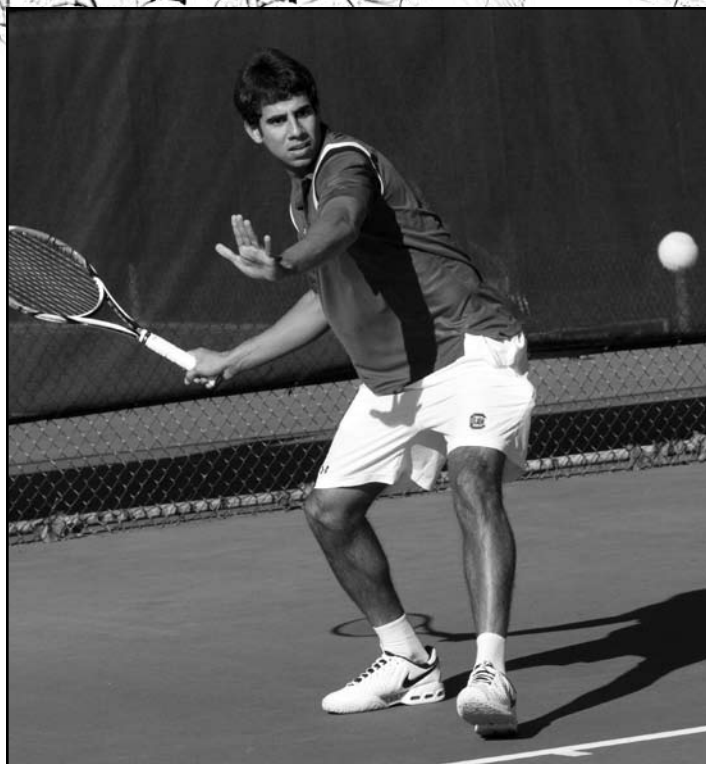
DeMars welcomed Alexander Kostanov to the Gamecock lineup for the spring semester, and the Kursk, Russia, native immediately began making a bid for a spot in the singles lineup. Coming in with a 30-18 singles record in junior outings throughout his home country, Kostanov could move directly into the vacant No. 3 position if no one else takes control of the spot early in the spring.

Harry Menzies

Freshman Harry Menzies got off to a good start in the fall, finishing his first collegiate semester with a 4-5 singles record, including a pair of three-set victories. He reached the second round of the ITA Carolinas Regional



Sophomore Ivan Machado looks to build on a standout freshman season in both singles and doubles.



Senior Pedro Campos solidified his No. 2 position in the singles lineup with another 20-win season in 2008-09.

Singles

Diego Cubas

Any discussion of the Gamecocks' singles lineup has to begin with senior Diego Cubas. Entering the fall campaign with a top-30 singles ranking, Cubas finished his junior season in the second round of the NCAA Individual Singles Championship after knocking off then-No. 4 Denes Lukacs of Baylor in the first round. In doing so, Cubas became the first Gamecock to defeat two top-five opponents in the same season.

Cubas finished the 2008-09 season with a 21-16 singles mark and a No. 47 national ranking. He picked up right where he left off with a 10-3 mark in the fall as he toted a No. 28 national rank.

Pedro Campos

Another staple in the Gamecock singles lineup is senior Pedro Campos, who spent most of 2008-09 in the No. 2 position. He reached the 20-win plateau for the third time and turned in an 11-11 docket in dual matches.

Campos was an impact player from the moment he stepped onto the court for the Gamecocks. He has never played below No. 3 in the singles lineup and has never been below .500 in dual-match play. After a full season in the No. 2 position last year, Campos knows what to expect from his opponents this season. He took the fall semester away from tennis to focus on an internship opportunity, but has shown little rust in the early going this spring.

Ivan Cressoni

The third senior on the roster this season is Ivan Cressoni, who has excelled in the bottom half of the singles lineup and will be given a chance to play his way into the vacant No. 3 spot. His chances of accepting that role may have been hampered by a 3-6 record this fall, but DeMars knows that Cressoni can be a reliable asset in the right spot.

Cressoni tied his career high with 14 singles victories in 18 matches last season, including perfect 3-0 marks in both the Nos. 4 and 5 spots. After opening the 2008-09 season on a nine-match win streak, he earned his first national ranking at No. 110.

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in just his second event of the season. He is a likely beneficiary if any of his more experienced teammates stumble.

Henry Walker

Sophomore Henry Walker was another spring-semester addition to the Gamecock roster. The son of former Gamecock tennis player Ralph Walker, Henry posted a 4-2 record in the No. 4 singles position during his freshman season at Presbyterian College in 2007-08. Prior to that, he helped his Greenville High School squad to five state championships and national ranking of No. 10 in his junior year.

Schedule

DeMars has stuck with tradition in the 2010 dual-match schedule, blending highly-ranked opponents with local rivals in preparing his team for the rigors of Southeastern Conference play. The Gamecocks face their most difficult non-conference challenges on the road, traveling to Georgia Tech and then to Knoxville, Tenn., for the ITA Kickoff Weekend event that could see South Carolina square off against host Tennessee. In all the Gamecocks will face 17 teams that are ranked in the preseason top 70.



The 2009-10 Gamecocks – (Front) Pedro Campos, Chris Sheehan, Johannes Pulsfort, Diego Cubas, Ivan Machado; (Back) Head coach Kent DeMars, graduate athletic trainer David Green, Ivan Cressoni, Alexander Kostanov, Harry Menzies, Henry Walker, team manager Collin Shealy, assistant coach Jeff Kefalos.

The Southeastern Conference

By the Numbers

- 6 NCAA team championships (1985, 1987, 1999, 2001, 2007, 2008)
- 13 NCAA runner-up teams (1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2006)
- 11 consecutive years with a team in the national semifinals (1993-2003)
- 10 NCAA doubles titles (1957, 1959, 1980, 1983, 1993, 1994, 1995, 2001, 2002, 2005)
- 17 NCAA singles champions dating back to 1930, with eight since 1984 and four of the last 11 individual championships
- 143 singles ITA All-Americans since 1990
- 142 players have received ITA All-America doubles honors since 1990
- Back-to-back NCAA singles champions six times (1936-37, 1953-54, 1954-55, 1984-85, 1993-94, 2001-02)

The Nation's Top Tennis Conference

The Southeastern Conference men's tennis programs are among the nation's leaders on the collegiate hardcourt, and the trend continued in the 2008-09 campaign.

On the men's side, Georgia and Ole Miss advance to the quarterfinals at the 2009 NCAA Division I Tennis Championships in College Station, Texas.

Ole Miss freshman Devin Britton came back to beat Ohio State senior Steven Moneke 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 to take the individual NCAA title. Britton was the first freshman since USC's Cecil Mamiit (1996) to win the national title and the first non-seeded player since Luke Smith of UNLV in 1997. He is the youngest of the three all-time freshmen to win the singles title, which includes 19-year-old John McEnroe of Stanford in 1978. Britton defeated three seeded players en route to his national title and ended Moneke's 22-match winning streak.

Seventeen ITA All-America honors were bestowed upon SEC players in 2009. Since 1990, 143 honors in singles and 142 in doubles have been awarded to the conference players.

