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Location	Columbia, S.C.
Founded	1801
Enrollment	27,065
Nickname	Gamecocks
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Southeastern (Eastern Division)
Mascot.....	Cocky
Colors	Garnet (PMS 201) & Black
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SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCK TENNIS

THE 2006-2007 GAMECOCKS

FRONT ROW: Head coach Kent DeMars, Yevgeny Supeko, Thomas Stoddard, Jaime Cuellar, David Wolff and assistant coach Jeff Kefalos.

BACK ROW: Team manager Tim Cooper, Ivan Cressoni, Joseph Veeder, Pedro Campos, Pedro Rodrigues and Spencer Feldman.



2006-07 ROSTER

Name	Cl.	Ht./Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
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Spencer Feldman	Fr.	5-10/159	Upper Brookville, N.Y./The Portledge School
Pedro Rodrigues	Sr.	6-3/214	Brasilia, Brazil/INEI Centro Educacional
Thomas Stoddard	R-So.	5-9/162	Greenwood, S.C./Greenwood
Yevgeny Supeko	Jr.	6-2/189	Daytona, Beach, Fla./Texas A&M
Joe Veeder	Jr.	6-1/174	Brevard, N.C./Homeschooled
David Wolff	Fr.	5-9/154	Sarasota, Fla./Sarasota

Head Coach: Kent DeMars

Assistant Coach: Jeff Kefalos

PRONUNCIATIONS

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Ivan Cressoni	E-von Cress-o-nee	Jeff Kefalos	Jeff Kuh-Fall-us
Jaime Cuellar	Hi-mee Kway-r		

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Overall Record: 558-311
Assistant Coach: Jeff Kefalos
Alma Mater: South Carolina, 1976

Team

2005-06 Record/Final Rank: 14-15/41
2005-06 Conference Record: 5-6
2005-06 Conference Finish: 4th, SEC East
2006-07 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 5/3
2006-07 Newcomers: 4
Facility: Sam Daniel Tennis Center
Surface: Laykold
Capacity: 2,000

History

NCAA Appearances: 18 (1978, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006)
Highest Final Ranking: 3rd (1989)

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January				
28	Sun.	Wofford	Columbia, S.C.	10 a.m.
28	Sun.	Troy	Columbia, S.C.	2 p.m.
February				
4	Sun.	Appalachian State	Columbia, S.C.	10 a.m.
4	Sun.	Charleston Southern	Columbia, S.C.	2 p.m.
10	Sat.	Charlotte	Columbia, S.C.	10:30 a.m.
10	Sat.	Davidson	Columbia, S.C.	2:30 p.m.
14	Wed.	Wake Forest	Columbia, S.C.	2 p.m.
17	Sat.	at North Carolina	Chapel Hill, N.C.	1 p.m.
25	Sun.	Elon	Columbia, S.C.	10 a.m.
25	Sun.	Samford	Columbia, S.C.	2 p.m.
27	Mon.	Georgia Tech	Columbia, S.C.	2 p.m.
March				
2	Fri.	at Mississippi State*	Starkville, Miss.	2 p.m.
4	Sun.	at Mississippi*	Oxford, Miss.	1 p.m.
9	Fri.	Georgia*	Columbia, S.C.	2 p.m.
11	Sun.	Tennessee*	Columbia, S.C.	1 p.m.
15	Thurs.	at UNLV	Las Vegas, Nev.	Noon
23	Fri.	LSU*	Columbia, S.C.	2 p.m.
25	Sun.	Arkansas	Columbia, S.C.	1 p.m.
30	Fri.	at Auburn*	Auburn, Ala.	2 p.m.
April				
1	Sun.	at Alabama*	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	1 p.m.
6	Fri.	at Kentucky*	Lexington, Ky.	2 p.m.
8	Sun.	Vanderbilt*	Columbia, S.C.	1 p.m.
11	Wed.	Clemson	Columbia, S.C.	2 p.m.
14	Sat.	Florida*	Columbia, S.C.	1 p.m.
19-22		SEC Championship	Baton Rouge, La.	All Day
May				
11-13		NCAA Team Championships (First Round)		TBA
18-20		NCAA Team Championships (Round of 16)		Athens, Ga.
16-20		NCAA Individual Championships		Athens, Ga.

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2007 SEASON PREVIEW

Experienced Group Looks to Lead Gamecocks to Continued Success in 2007

The 2007 season looks to be a promising one for the South Carolina men's tennis team. Head coach **Kent DeMars**, now in his 23rd year at Carolina, welcomes back four of his top five players from a team that, despite a rash of injuries proved resilient, earning a trip to the NCAA Tournament for the 14th-straight season in 2006. South Carolina concluded with a 14-15 record last season, including seven victories over ranked opponents. The Gamecocks finished with a 5-6 record in SEC regular season action and won their opening round match at the SEC Tournament. The team also set a school record by winning four consecutive conference matches. These were impressive accomplishments, particularly considering that, on average, two of the team's top six players were unavailable due to injury for the majority of the spring season. The good news is for the upcoming season is that DeMars' 2007 squad will feature a number of experienced players.

"I am pretty high on the coming year because, of our top five players (from last year), we have four back," DeMars said. "Our two, three, four and five players are back and I feel like they can step in at one, two, three and four this year. I have four pretty good freshmen coming in to fill out the team. I really feel that we will have a pretty good situation. We're lined up nicely."

Senior **Pedro Rodrigues**, juniors **Jaime Cuellar** and **Yevgeny Supeko** and redshirt sophomore **Thomas Stoddard** were all regulars in the starting lineup a season ago, and along with junior **Joe Veeder**, provide an experienced nucleus for this year's edition of Gamecock tennis.

Rodrigues appears poised to step in to the No. 1 singles spot for the Gamecocks, filling a void left by standout Tom Eklund, who exhausted his eligibility in 2006. Rodrigues fought through an ankle injury that caused him to miss a month of the season as a junior, but returned to the lineup where he played at the No. 3 singles position and posted a 7-1 record at No. 1 doubles with Eklund. Rodrigues was impressive in the fall, winning the UNC Fall Invitational.

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~ South Carolina Head Coach Kent DeMars

"Pedro's got a big serve and volley type of player who can also stay at the baseline. He's really a pleasure to have because he's got great personality, good leadership and he's really improved a lot," DeMars said of his captain. "All of the players respect him."

Cuellar, who earned all-SEC honors in 2006, is back for the Gamecocks at the No. 2 singles position. He had a 17-10 singles record as a sophomore after leading Carolina with 28 singles victories as a true freshman in 2005. DeMars calls Cuellar the "blood and guts" of the team.

"It seems like he is always on the court when the match is tied. If he's the last guy on the court, you feel like you've got a really good chance. He's now getting bigger and stronger and I think that is the part of the game that he needed to develop, where he could not just play defense, but play offense, too. I think he could have a great year."

Supeko transferred to South Carolina prior to the 2005-06 season and now has a year of experience in Columbia under his belt. After leading the Gamecocks with 18 singles victories last season, Supeko will look to gain consistency, a trait that will him to play anywhere in the lineup.

SEASON PREVIEW



SENIOR PEDRO RODRIGUES

"Yev had a good fall," DeMars noted. "He's a power player with a big serve, a big forehand and a big game. He likes to go through you."

Stoddard and Veeder gained invaluable experience last season. Both players saw action in dual match play, including against SEC competition.

"Thomas is a lefty and another back-courter and baseliner," DeMars said. "He has a good solid forehand and has excellent volleys. If we can get him to attack more and win points at the net, I think he can really help us out."

Veeder saw the majority of his action in doubles.

"Joe plays a power game," DeMars said. "He hits a big serve and has big ground strokes, particularly a big forehand. He tries to come to net to finish off the point."

Freshman **Pedro Campos** (Salvador, Brazil), who was ranked in the top five as a junior in Brazil, played excellent tennis in the fall and looks to have solidified a position in the starting lineup. Campos posted a 10-4 singles record to lead the team and a 7-2 mark in doubles matches.

"Pedro Campos has a very solid back court game," DeMars said. "He works angles really well, which is his offense. He gets you off the court and then puts the ball away."

Campos is joined by classmates **David Wolff** (Sarasota, Fla.) and **Spencer Feldman** (Upper Brookville, N.Y.), who both had their first taste of college tennis in the fall, as well as **Ivan Cressoni** a Brazilian player who enrolled at USC for the spring semester. All three are expected to compete for a position in the starting lineup.

Wolff and Feldman, who were both ranked in the United States Tennis Association's top 75 as juniors, are both baseline players with extensive junior experience.

"While David's biggest strength is his defensive play, he can step up and hit a big forehand to win points," DeMars noted. "For a freshman, he's got a good, solid game. He could play at the bottom of the starting lineup. He can keep the

ball in play and knock it away – those are good attributes."

"Spencer is solid everywhere with his game. He's an all-around player who still needs to develop some strength and power, which I think he will do in time. He's got a great attitude. He's played all over the world and has a lot experience in high level tournaments."

Cressoni is out of the same mold as Rodrigues, a strong athlete and serve and volley player.

"Ivan's a big strong guy with a big serve who likes to come to net, and likes to finish points quickly," DeMars said. "He attacks the ball and forces the point. He's not a defensive player. He comes out and slugs away."

Coming off a season when the team was decimated by injury, DeMars feels Carolina will be improved over last season.

"I think we would definitely be better this year than last year with all of the injuries we had. We were ranked 10th in the country last year and I thought we were better than that. We lost all of those people (to injury), but we were still able to win six matches against SEC teams and make the NCAA Tournament," DeMars explained. "We've got a lot of good players on the team this year."

South Carolina's top players are all likely interchangeable.

"You could pick a name out of a hat," DeMars said. "All of those guys are solid."

Year in and year out, the Gamecocks are tested by a difficult schedule and the 2007 season will be no different. In addition to the always-tough SEC slate, Carolina will face four ACC opponents. Altogether, 11 teams that played in the 2006 NCAA Tournament are on the Gamecocks' schedule.

"Arguably, our schedule is the best in the country because we play in the best league," DeMars noted. "We're also going to play four ACC teams that are all in the top 25 or 30 in the country. It puts you in position to have half a dozen significant wins. It makes a lot of difference in you getting into the NCAA Tournament."

JUNIOR JAIME CUELLAR

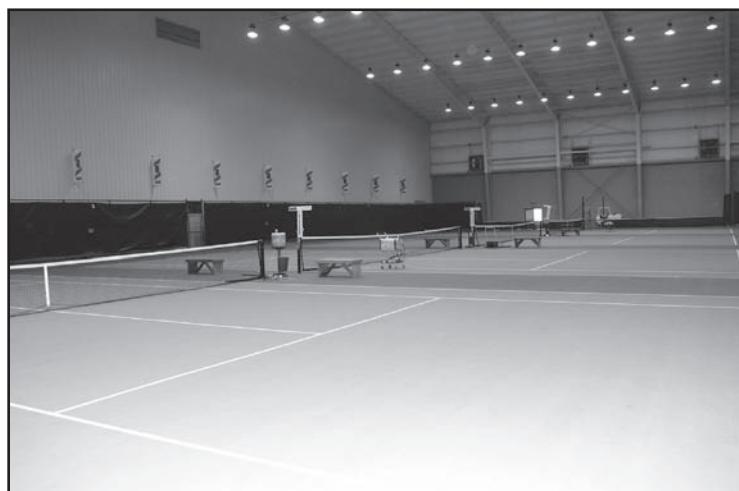
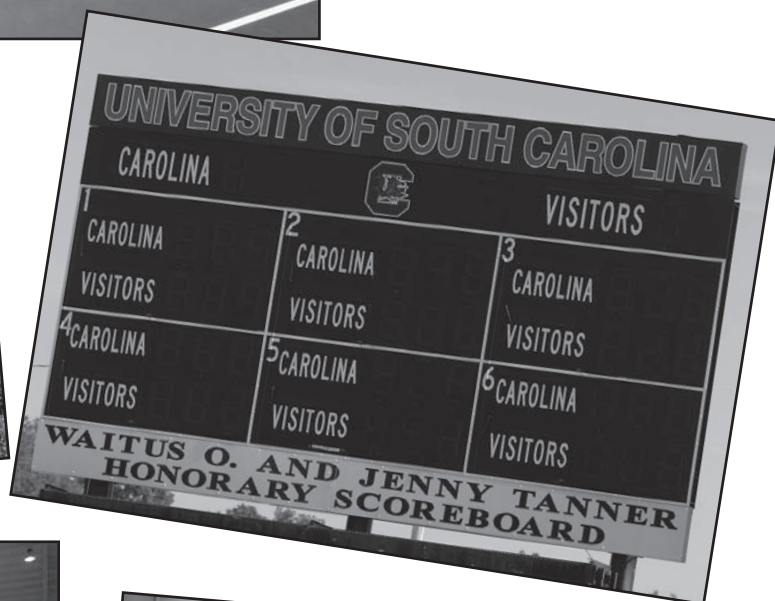


SOUTH CAROLINA TENNIS FACILITIES



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

The Standard of Excellence

The Southeastern Conference, with its storied 74-year history of athletic achievements and academic excellence, has built perhaps the greatest tradition of intercollegiate competition of any league in the country since its inception in 1933.

The 2005-06 academic year was another season to remember for the SEC as conference teams captured six national titles and six national runner-up finishes. Since 1990, the SEC has won 113 national team championships for an average of more than six per year.

Arkansas won the conference's first NCAA title of the year in men's indoor track & field. Auburn won both the men and women's swimming & diving titles and Florida won the NCAA men's basketball championship. Georgia won the NCAA title in women's gymnastics and Auburn earned the women's outdoor track and field championship. Florida finished first among Southeastern Conference schools and fourth overall in the Sears Trophy final standings.

Overall, the SEC finished in the top two in 10 of its 20 sponsored sports and in the top five in 16 of the 20 sports. Six SEC teams participated in football postseason bowls with Alabama, Florida and LSU winning the Cotton, Outback and Peach Bowls, respectively. Six men's basket-



ball teams were invited to the NCAA Tournament with Florida winning its first NCAA Men's Basketball Championship and LSU advancing to the Men's Final Four. Six women's basketball teams were also invited to the NCAA Tournament with LSU advancing to the Women's Final Four. An NCAA-high eight teams advanced to postseason play in baseball with Georgia advancing to the College World Series. With

159 teams advancing to NCAA postseason competition, the SEC continued to solidify its place as the nation's premier conference.

In addition to the six team championships, 71 SEC student-athletes garnered individual national championships, while 460 individuals were awarded with first-team All-America honors. Student-athletes around the league continued to excel in the classroom as well with 2,120 earning recognition on the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

On the national all-sport level, the SEC placed nine teams in the top 50 of the Sears/NACDA Director's Cup rankings. Florida led the league with a fifth place finish. Georgia placed ninth, while Tennessee was 14th, LSU finished 20th, Alabama 21st, Auburn 25th, Arkansas 28th, Kentucky 33rd and South Carolina finished 43rd to round out the league's top 50 finishes. Vanderbilt (64) and Ole Miss (75) also finished in the top 100 of the Sears Cup Standings.

The Top Tennis Conference

Men's Tennis By the Numbers...

- 5 NCAA team championships
- 13 NCAA runner-up teams
- 11 consecutive years with a team in the national semifinals
- 10 NCAA doubles titles
- 16 NCAA singles champions dating back to 1930, with eight since 1984 and three of the last eight individual champions
- 121 singles ITA All-Americans since 1990
- 118 players have received ITA All-America doubles honors since 1990
- Back-to-back NCAA singles champions six times

SEC Quick Facts

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In addition to being selected to the Southeastern Conference Community Service Team, 2006 senior Tom Eklund also received the SEC's H. Boyd McWhorter Postgraduate Scholarship.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS



2006 senior Adam Adler was named an ITA Scholar-Athlete in his final season at South Carolina.

In addition to competing on the highest level on the court, the South Carolina men's tennis team has achieved tremendous success in the classroom. Academics are a priority for USC student-athletes and Gamecock tennis players are the consummate student-athletes. Consider the following:

- The team has recorded a grade point average above 3.0 in every semester since records were kept.
- During 2006, the men's tennis squad posted a combined GPA of 3.408.
- The tennis team recorded the second-highest GPA of any men's team and ranked in the top five of any program in the athletics department in each of the last two semesters.
- The team's Fall 2006 GPA of 3.477 is the third-highest on record.
- The Gamecocks are one of 35 Men's Division I teams to earn ITA All-Academic Team status for the 2005-06 season. A team must produce a cumulative GPA of 3.2 to be eligible for the award.
- Adam Adler, Tom Eklund and Pedro Rodrigues were named ITA Scholar-Athletes by virtue of cumulative GPAs better than 3.5.
- In 2005-06, Tom Eklund was selected USC's Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year and received the SEC's H. Boyd McWhorter Postgraduate Scholarship. Eklund also earned CoSIDA first-team Academic All-District honors.
- Seven members of the Gamecock men's tennis team made the 2006 SEC Academic Honor Roll, the most of any conference school.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS SEC HONOR ROLL SELECTIONS SINCE 1992

Note: List does not include SEC Freshmen Academic Honor Roll members

