

# Meet the Gamecocks



*Junior Yevgeny Supeko*

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# CAROLINA TENNIS





# KENT DEMARS

**HEAD COACH | UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**23rd Season at South Carolina | 34th Season Overall**  
*Former National Coach of the Year*

The ultimate professional on and off the tennis court, Kent Demars begins his 34th year of college coaching and his 23rd season at the helm of the University of South Carolina men's tennis program. Throughout his 33-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 has led the Gamecocks to the NCAA Tournament 17 times, including an active stretch of 13-straight appearances (1994-2006), which ranks tied for eighth nationally. Among active head coaches, DeMars' streak is tied for fourth.

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 2007 season, he has amassed 344 victories at USC.

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.

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.

DeMars' tennis roots originate on the courts of Assumption High School in East St. Louis, Ill., where he would later return to assume coaching duties. High school tennis did not exist in the early 1960s; 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

## The DeMars File

**Birthplace:** East St. Louis, Illinois

**High School:** Assumption H.S., East St. Louis, Ill.

**College:** St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas (B.S. Biology); Miami University, Oxford, Ohio (M.A. Zoology)

## COACHING CAREER

**1966-68:** Peacock Military Academy

**1969-73:** Assumption High School

**1974-84:** Southern Illinois Univ.- 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

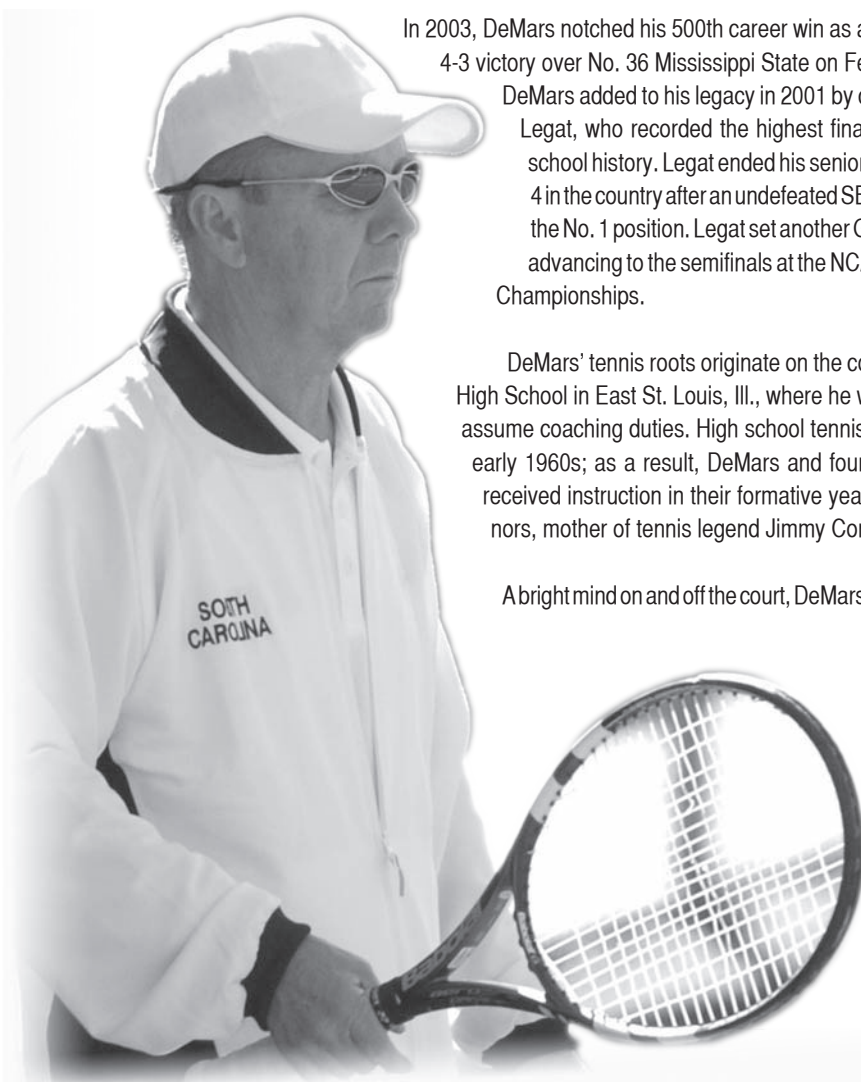
## DEMARS' COACHING HONORS

- 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
- 2006 SIU-Edwardsville Athletics Hall of Fame

## DEMARS VS. REGION II

Charlotte	11-1	.916
Charleston Southern	7-0	1.000
Citadel	11-0	1.000
Clemson	17-10	.629
College of Charleston	7-0	1.000
Davidson	21-0	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	13-2	.867
North Carolina	16-18	.484
Virginia	5-0	1.000
Wake Forest	16-3	.842

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



University in San Antonio, Texas, on a tuition assistance program (equivalent of today's athletic scholarships). During his collegiate career, 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 the University of 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 program 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 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, 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 had an average national ranking of 15 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 of 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 NCAAs. 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 2006 season also marked the 22nd straight season the Gamecocks have been ranked in the nation's top 30 under Coach DeMars.

## Coaches & Players On Kent 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

## 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 California, 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 Straight 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
500th Career Victory .....	d. #36 Mississippi State 4-3 .....	Feb. 28, 2003
300th Victory at USC .....	d. Charlotte, 7-0 .....	Feb. 15, 2004
320th Victory, Becomes Winningest Coach in USC History .....	d. Arkansas 5-2 .....	Mar. 4, 2005





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. Since joining the SEC (1992), DeMars's tennis teams have placed more than 75 student-athletes on the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

In 1986, DeMars was awarded the Rolex Meritorious Service Award for his involvement in virtually every aspect of college tennis. 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 late wife Susan have two daughters, Colleen (29) and Kristen (24).

## 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
2006	South Carolina	14-15	.483	No. 15 - Div. I
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>SIU-Edwardsville (11 yrs.)</b>	<b>214-71</b>	<b>.751</b>	
	<b>South Carolina (22 yrs.)</b>	<b>344-240</b>	<b>.589</b>	
	<b>Overall (33 yrs.)</b>	<b>558-311</b>	<b>.642</b>	



# JEFF KEFALOS

**ASSISTANT COACH | 10TH SEASON ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA STAFF**

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

Jeff Kefalos, who was named the ITA's National Assistant Coach of the Year in 1998, begins his 10th season as an assistant to head coach Kent DeMars. Kefalos played collegiately at South Carolina and is the first player in school history to eclipse 100 career singles victories.

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 his 1982 team 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. He 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.

In addition to his work at USC, Kefalos continues to serve as the Director of the Columbia Tennis Center.

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 the 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 (20) and Rawlins (17).

### 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>



## VAL SHELEY

### *Administration*



Val Sheley, who has experience as a former student-athlete, coach, athletics director and in 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.

## SOUTH CAROLINA TENNIS PROFESSIONAL STAFF



**Tim Cooper**  
*Team Manager*



**Collin Crick**  
*Director of Student-Athlete Development*



**Tim Kinney**  
*Graduate Assistant  
Athletic Trainer*



**Christy Lang**  
*Media Relations*



**Pat Moorer**  
*Strength and Conditioning Coach*



**Tracy Murphy**  
*Administrative Support*

# 2006-07 SOUTH CAROLINA MEN'S TENNIS TEAM



 **Pedro Campos**  
Fr. • Salvador, Brazil



 **Ivan Cressoni**  
Fr. • Araras, Brazil



 **Jaime Cuellar**  
Jr. • San Salvador, El Salvador



 **Spencer Feldman**  
Fr. • Upper Brookville, N.Y.



 **Pedro Rodrigues**  
Sr. • Brasilia, Brazil



 **Thomas Stoddard**  
R-So. • Greenwood, S.C.



 **Yevgeny Supeko**  
Jr. • Daytona Beach, Fla.



 **Joseph Veeder**  
Jr. • Brevard, N.C.



 **David Wolff**  
Fr. • Sarasota, Fla.



 **Kent DeMars**  
Head Coach • 23rd Season



 **Jeff Kefalos**  
Assistant Coach • 11th Season

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# JAIME CUELLAR

**JUNIOR | 5-9 | 162 | PLAYS: RIGHT-HANDED**  
**San Salvador, El Salvador | Sagemont Virtual (Weston, Fla.)**  
**Business Administration Major**

**Coach DeMars on Jaime Cuellar** — "He's the blood and guts of the team. If he's the last guy on the court (when the match is tied), you feel like you've got a really good chance. Personality-wise, he's a great guy and is well-respected throughout the country. 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. He's a very, very good defensive player, the best on the team. He has great speed. He has won by the opponent making errors, but now he steps up and hits the ball and wins points offensively. That's probably the biggest change in his game. He's growing up. He's developed and I think he could have a great year."

**Sophomore (2005-06)** — Earned second-team All-SEC honors ... Compiled a 17-10 overall singles record ... Had a 12-8 mark in dual match action, including a 5-4 mark in SEC play ... Played the majority of his singles matches at the No. 2 spot ... Won three matches against ranked opponents ... In his only match at the No. 1 position, knocked off No. 81 Roy Sichel of Charlotte, 6-4, 6-0 (Feb. 11) ... Defeated No. 64 Andrew Harmar of Wake Forest in three sets, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (Feb. 28) ... Picked up a straight-sets victory over No. 58 Bruno Agostinelli of Kentucky, 6-4, 6-2 (April 7) ... Combined with Tom Eklund for the most doubles wins on the team by posting a 12-6 record ... Had an overall doubles record of 20-14 with three different doubles partners ... Named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

**Freshman (2004-05)** — Had a sensational freshman season in 2005, becoming the first true freshman to lead the team in singles victories since Vladimir Pavicevic in 1998 ... Finished with a 28-12 overall record, including a 12-5 mark in three-set affairs ... Posted an incredible 14-match winning streak to begin his first dual match season, winning 21 of 24 singles matches from Nov. 7 to April 6 ... His 53 combined singles and doubles wins were the most for any Carolina player since Pavicevic recorded 58 in 1998 ... Named to the SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll ... Made the Dean's List in the Fall, 2004 semester.

**Junior Tennis/High School Highlights** — Played at Sagemont Virtual in Weston, Fla. ... Won team and individual state championships ... Played junior tournaments at Wimbledon, U.S. Open and French Open ... Won a doubles title at the Orange Bowl ... Ranked in the top 20 in singles and top four in doubles in the world.

**Personal** — Name is pronounced 'Hi-me Kway-ar' ... Born January 2, 1985 ... Parents are Ana Coralía Vega de Cuellar and Jaime Enrique Cuellar Naves ... Has a brother named Ricardo (18) and a sister named Gracia María (17) ... Favorite vacation spot is Cancun, Mexico ... Most exciting sporting events he's ever been to are Wimbledon and the U.S. Open ... Would like to spend a day with Pete Sampras ... Lists favorite tennis player as Roger Federer ... Chose Carolina over Virginia, Rice and North Carolina.

## Cuellar Up Close

**The best thing about playing tennis at South Carolina:** the team environment

**I came to South Carolina because:** I liked the business school and the coach

**What is your greatest ambition?**  
 Winning the NCAA Championship as a team

**What is your most memorable sports moment?** Playing US Open, Wimbledon and the French Open

**Who has had the most influence on your tennis career?** My Dad

**My sports hero as a little kid was:**  
 Michael Jordan

**How did you get your start in tennis?** My cousin played and got me into it.

**My favorite professional tennis player:**  
 Roger Federer

**The most interesting thing I did over the summer was:** Flying planes

**My main goal for the season is:** to become an All-American

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### CUELLAR'S CAREER RECORD

#### SINGLES

Year	Overall	Tourn.	Dual	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
2004-05	28-12	6-6	22-6	--	1-0	14-5	7-1	--	--
2005-06	17-10	3-2	14-8	1-0	9-8	4-0	--	--	--
<b>Totals</b>	<b>45-22</b>	<b>9-8</b>	<b>36-14</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>10-8</b>	<b>18-5</b>	<b>7-1</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>

#### DOUBLES

Year	Overall	Tourn.	Dual	#1	#2	#3
2004-05	25-13	8-5	17-8	3-0	13-8	1-0
2005-06	20-14	5-1	15-13	2-4	13-9	--
<b>Totals</b>	<b>45-17</b>	<b>13-6</b>	<b>32-21</b>	<b>5-4</b>	<b>26-17</b>	<b>1-0</b>





# PEDRO RODRIGUES

**SENIOR | 6-3 | 214 | PLAYS: RIGHT-HANDED**

**Brasilia, Brazil | INEI Centro Educacional**

**Business Administration Major**

Coach DeMars on Pedro Rodrigues – “Pedro is a senior and we expect him to be the captain of the team. All of the players respect him. He has probably improved more than any of the other players over the years. He’s 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.”

**Fall 2006** – Reeled off four consecutive straight-set victories to win the A-1 singles flight at the UNC Fall Invitational ... Also posted a 2-1 record in doubles at the event with Pedro Campos as his partner ... Missed the remainder of the fall with a shoulder injury.

**As a Junior (2005-06)** – Battled an ankle injury that kept him out of the lineup for a good portion of the spring season ... Posted a 9-8 singles record ... Played most of his matches at the No. 3 position ... Finished 3-4 in SEC play ... Had an 11-5 doubles record, including a 7-1 mark playing with Tom Eklund at the No. 1 position in dual matches ... The duo was ranked as high as No. 33 in doubles ... Member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

**As a sophomore (2004-05)** – Partnered with Geraldo Knorr to upset four ranked opponents in doubles, on their way to a berth in the NCAA Doubles Championships... The duo finished the year at No. 29 in the ITA doubles rankings ... Was one of three Gamecocks to reach the 20-win plateau in singles, and was third on the team in doubles victories (17) in 2005 ... Named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

**As a Freshman (2003-04)** – Compiled a 7-6 non-conference dual record, including the match-winning victories in USC’s defeat of Vanderbilt in the first round of the SEC Tournament and Carolina’s win over USC-Spartanburg ... Went 2-0 at the No. 3 position ... Made the Dean’s List during the spring semester.

**Personal** — Born Pedro Frade Rodrigues on April 9, 1985 ... Son of Laura Frade and Frederico Rodrigues ... Has three siblings: Alexandre (25), Eduardo (23) and Ricardo (8) ... Lists favorite vacation spot as Porto Seguro in Brazil ... Best advice he received from his parents was, “Just do your best.” ... Favorite sport other than tennis is soccer ... Gustavo “Guga” Kuerten is his favorite professional tennis player.

## Rodrigues Up Close

**The best thing about playing tennis at South Carolina:** (assistant coach) Jeff Kefalos

**I came to South Carolina because:** of (assistant coach) Jeff Kefalos

**What is your greatest ambition?**  
Winning the NCAA title

**What is your most memorable sports moment?** Brazil winning the soccer World Cup

**What is the TV show you never miss if you can help it?** Grey’s Anatomy

**How did you get your start in tennis?**  
Romario

**My favorite professional tennis player:**  
Gustavo Kuerten

**The most interesting thing I did over the summer was:** Water-skiing

**My main goal for the season is:** to win the NCAA title



## RODRIGUES' CAREER RECORD

### SINGLES

Year	Overall	Tourn.	Dual	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
2003-04	11-14	--	11-13	--	--	2-0	4-6	1-2	4-5
2004-05	20-17	5-3	15-14	3-2	10-12	2-0	--	--	--
2005-06	9-8	2-2	7-6	--	1-2	4-3	2-1	--	--
<b>Totals</b>	<b>40-39</b>	<b>7-5</b>	<b>33-33</b>	<b>3-2</b>	<b>11-14</b>	<b>8-3</b>	<b>6-7</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>4-5</b>

### DOUBLES

Year	Overall	Tourn.	Dual	#1	#2	#3
2003-04	12-13	0-1	12-12	2-7	8-5	2-0
2004-05	17-16	4-2	13-14	11-13	13-1	--
2005-06	11-4	0-0	11-5	10-1	1-4	--
<b>Totals</b>	<b>40-33</b>	<b>4-3</b>	<b>36-31</b>	<b>23-21</b>	<b>22-10</b>	<b>2-0</b>





# THOMAS STODDARD

**SOPHOMORE | 5-9 | 162 | PLAYS: LEFT-HANDED**

**Greenwood, S.C. | Greenwood  
Business Administration Major**

Coach DeMars on Thomas Stoddard — “Thomas is a lefty. He’s a back-court and baseline player. 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. He is working on coming forward now. He’s quick as a cat and very fast. Thomas got a lot of experience last year

as he was in the starting lineup all year due to our injury situation, playing both singles and doubles. He is familiar with SEC competition.”

**Fall 2006** — Competed in three fall events ... Finished with a 1-6 singles record and dropped all three of his singles matches.

**Redshirt Freshman (2005-06)** — Competed in his first full season for the Gamecocks ... Finished with a 5-18 overall singles record and a 3-13 mark in doubles ... Posted a 4-16 singles record in dual matches ... Saw action in every SEC match ... Played the majority of his matches at No. 5 or No. 6 singles ... Played No. 3 doubles with Joseph Veeder and Adam Adler ... In a 4-3 win against No. 56 Auburn (March 31), he and Veeder secured the doubles point with an 8-5 victory at the No. 3 position.

**As a true freshman (2004-05)** — Was awarded a medical redshirt in 2005...Went a combined 12-5 in singles and doubles before sustaining a shoulder injury and sitting out the remainder of the season ... Made the Dean's List both semesters.

**Junior Tennis and High School Highlights** — Won Wachovia Palmetto Championships singles once and the doubles title twice ... Was the South Carolina Player of the Year (2004) ... All-State and All-Region all four years in high school ... Played for Ron Davis, Gary Agardy and Brett Simpson at Greenwood High School, where the team won two region championships.

## Stoddard Up Close

**The best thing about playing tennis at South Carolina:** The feeling of clinching a point for the team.

**I came to South Carolina because:** I liked the guys on the team.

**What is your greatest ambition?**  
To play in the top three at USC

**What is your most memorable sports moment?** Winning the state high school championship

**What is the TV show you never miss if you can help it?** Seinfeld

**My sports hero as a little kid was:** Pete Sampras

**How did you get your start in tennis?** My parents took me to the courts when I was six

**My favorite professional tennis player:**  
Roger Federer

**Who has had the most influence on your tennis career?** Ron Davis

**My main goal for the season is:** to win the SEC Championship

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## STODDARD'S CAREER RECORD

### SINGLES

Year	Overall	Tourn.	Dual	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
2005-06	5-18	1-2	4-16	--	--	--	0-1	1-10	3-5

### DOUBLES

Year	Overall	Tourn.	Dual	#1	#2	#3
2005-06	6-21	1-2	5-19	0-1	--	5-18



# YEVGENY SUPEKO

**JUNIOR | 6-2 | 189 | PLAYS: RIGHT-HANDED**  
**Daytona Beach, Fla. | Texas A&M**  
**Sport and Entertainment Management Major**

**Coach DeMars on Yevgeny Supeko** – “Yev’s a power player with a big serve, a big forehand and a big game. He likes to go through you. If we can keep him consistent, he can play anywhere in the lineup, one through four.”

**Fall 2006** — Compiled an 8-4 singles record in four events ... Captured the A-1 doubles title with Pedro Campos at the USC Fall Invitational ... Finished with a combined 6-3 doubles record, including a 5-1 mark with Campos ... Reached the semifinals of the A-1 singles bracket in the USC Invitational ... Competed in the ITA Mideast Region Championships in Chapel Hill, N.C., and produced a 1-1 singles record.

**Sophomore (2005-06)** — Transferred to South Carolina following his freshman season at Texas A&M ... Led the team in total singles victories in his first season at South Carolina... Finished with a 18-17 overall singles record with most of his matches played at the No. 3 or No. 4 spot ... Won his first six matches in dual competition ... Was 14-12 in dual matches, including a 5-5 in mark during SEC play ... Collected four consecutive wins in conference matches, all in straight sets, from March 31 through April 9 ... Earned singles victories in both of the Gamecocks’ matches at the SEC Tournament ... Had a 13-16 doubles record ... Teamed with Geraldo Knorr for a 7-3 record and a national ranking as high as No. 44 before Knorr’s season ended due to injury.

**At Texas A&M (2004-05)** — As a true freshman, compiled a 17-12 mark in singles for the Aggies and head coach Tim Cass.

**Junior Tennis** — Earned the No. 1 seed at the Kalamazoo Junior Championships...Was ranked fifth in the USTA Boys’ 18s national rankings and No. 2 in Boys’ 16s nationally ... Coached by Bill Rappa ... Attended New Braunfels High in Texas.

**Personal** — Born on November 26, 1985...Son of Marina Supeko...Lists Miami as his favorite vacation spot...Chose USC over Oregon, Georgia Tech, San Diego State, Fresno State and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

## Supeko Up Close

**I came to South Carolina because:** I live five hours away from home.

**What is your greatest ambition?**  
To be a successful businessman

**What is your most memorable sports moment?** Seeing Adam Adler pull out a three-set win against Tennessee (in the 2006 SEC Tournament)

**What is the TV show you never miss if you can help it?** Who’s Line Is It Anyway?

**My sports hero as a little kid was:** Yevgeny Kafelnikov

**How did you get your start in tennis?** By watching TV

**The most interesting thing I did over the summer:** Completed my practicum at the Athletics Department

**Who has had the most influence on your tennis career?** Me

**My main goal for the season is:** to have fun!



## SUPEKO’S CAREER RECORD

Year	Overall	Tourn.	Dual	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
2005-06 (USC)	18-17	3-4	15-13	--	1-1	4-8	9-3	--	--

## DOUBLES

Year	Overall	Tourn.	Dual	#1	#2	#3
2005-06 (USC)	13-16	1-4	12-12	6-2	5-10	1-0







# JOSEPH VEEDER

**JUNIOR | 6-1 | 174 | PLAYS: RIGHT-HANDED**  
**Brevard, N.C. | Homeschooled**  
**Sport and Entertainment Management Major**

**Coach DeMars on Joseph Veeder** — “Joe has a power game. He hits a big serve and big ground strokes, particularly on the forehand side. He tries to come to net to finish off the point. He’s another guy who tries to go through you.”

**Fall 2006** — Participated in three events... Had a 2-5 record in singles play ...Went 0-2 in doubles matches.

**Sophomore Year (2005-06)** — Saw the majority of his action in doubles during the spring season ... Posted a 5-12 overall record in doubles ... Went 3-8, including a 1-5 mark in SEC play, in matches with Thomas Stoddard ... He and Stoddard defeated Auburn’s Nick Lane and Pawel Dilaj at the No. 3 position, 8-5, to clinch the doubles point for the Gamecocks in a 4-3 win over the Tigers (March 31) ... Posted a 2-3 record in singles matches ... Played in the No. 6 spot vs. Penn at the ITA National Team Indoors ... Made the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

**Junior Tennis** — Was the No. 1-ranked doubles player in the state of North Carolina...Made it to the Super National Clay Courts for doubles.

**Personal** — Born February 10, 1986 ... Son of James and Anna Veeder...Lists Fort Myers, Fla., as his favorite vacation spot...Favorite sports to play besides tennis are basketball and ping-pong...Favorite food is his Grandmother’s salad.

## Veeder Up Close

**I came to South Carolina because:** of the major and the sports

**What is your greatest ambition?**  
To win the NCAA Team Championship

**What is your most memorable sports moment?** Making the USC Tennis Team

**What is the TV show you never miss if you can help it?** SportsCenter

**My sports hero as a little kid was:** Pete Sampras

**How did you get your start in tennis?** My family and I went to a local club to take some lessons

**The most interesting thing I did over the summer:** work

**Who has had the most influence on your tennis career?** Kiko Castillo

**My main goal for the season is:** to make the starting lineup



## VEEDER'S CAREER RECORD

### SINGLES

Year	Overall	Tourn.	Dual	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
2005-06	28-12	6-6	22-6	--	1-0	14-5	7-1	--	--

### DOUBLES

Year	Overall	Tourn.	Dual	#1	#2	#3
2005-06	5-12	2-3	3-9	--	--	3-9





# PEDRO CAMPOS

**FRESHMAN | 6-0 | 163 | PLAYS: RIGHT-HANDED**  
**Salvador, Brazil | CED - Centro de Educacao Permanente**  
**Business Administration Major**

**Coach DeMars on Pedro Campos** — “Pedro has a very solid back court game. He works angles really well, which is his offense. He gets you off the court and then puts the ball away. He hits a very heavy ball, particularly on the forehand side. He’s really has great personality, and he’s going to be a joy to coach.”

**Fall 2006** — Enjoyed a productive fall season ... Led the squad with a 10-4 singles record ... In doubles play, had a 7-2 record ... Teamed with Yevgeny Supeko to win the A-1 doubles flight in the USC Fall Invitational ... Reached the round of 16 in the singles draw at the ITA Mideast Region Championship in Chapel Hill, N.C. ... Won three matches and knocked off two seeded opponents in the event ... Advanced to the semifinals in singles at the UNC Fall Invitational and the USC Fall Invite.

**Junior Tennis Highlights** — Ranked in the top five in Brazil ... Bank of Brazil Tournament winner.

**Personal** — Born August 16, 1986 ... Parents are Andre Campos and Edna Campos.

## Campos Up Close

**The best thing about playing tennis at South Carolina is:** representing a big school and team

**I came to South Carolina because:** I liked the structure offered and the team is cool

**What is your greatest ambition?**  
 Graduate and be a good tennis player

**What is your most memorable sports moment?** When I won my first junior tournament

**What is the TV show you never miss if you can help it?** SportsCenter

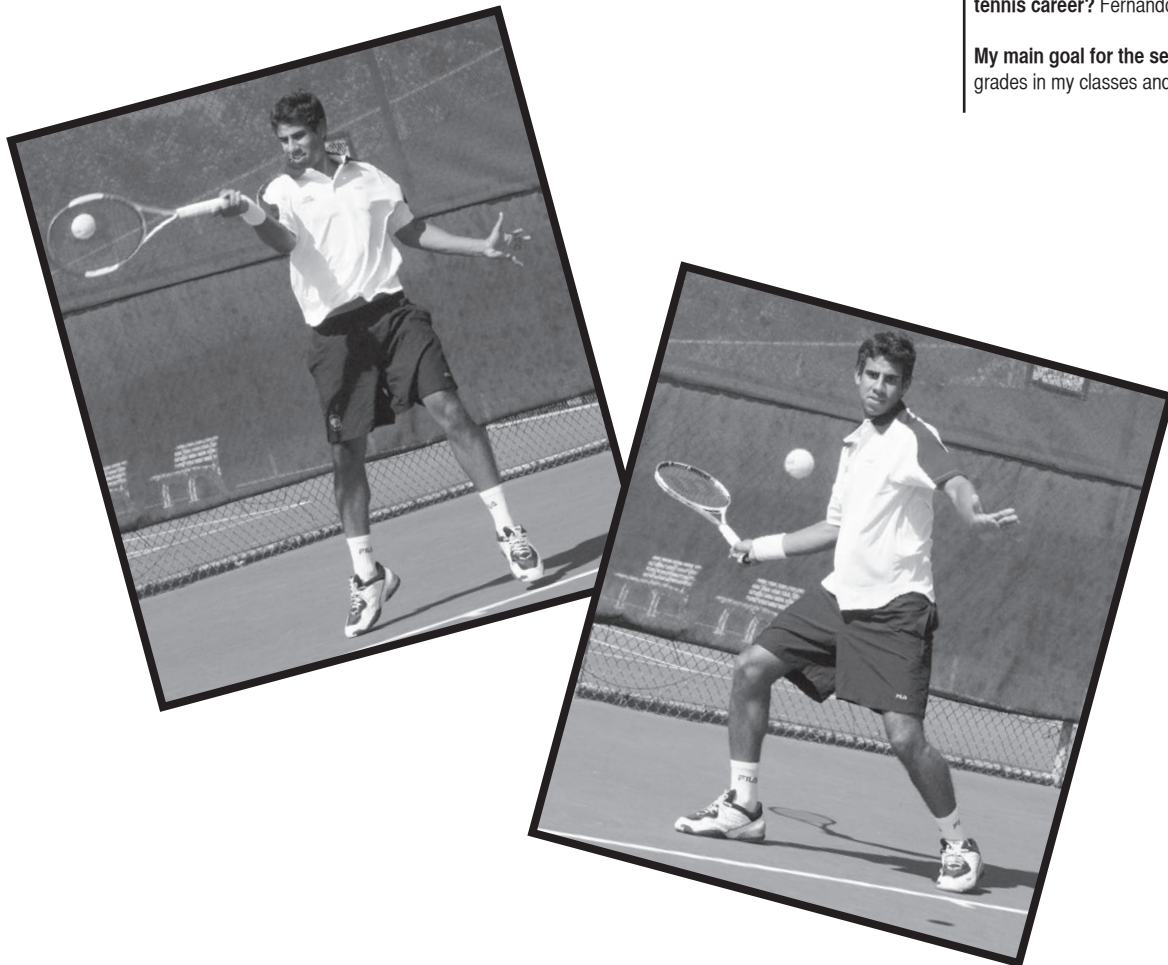
**My sports hero as a little kid was:** Gustavo Kuerten

**How did you get your start in tennis?**  
 Because of my father

**Most people don't this about me, but:** I like soccer

**Who has had the most influence on your tennis career?** Fernando Meligeni

**My main goal for the season is:** get good grades in my classes and win all my matches





# IVAN CRESSONI

**FRESHMAN | 6-3 | 195 | PLAYS: LEFT-HANDED**

**Araras, Brazil | Araras**

**Business Administration Major**

**Coach DeMars on Ivan Cressoni** — “Ivan’s a big strong guy. He has a big serve and likes to come to net, likes to finish points quickly. Ivan is a guy who attacks the ball and forces the point. He’s not a defensive player. He comes out and slugs away.”

Enrolled at South Carolina for the spring semester.

**High School/Junior Tennis Highlights** — Ranked as high as No. 12 in his home country of Brazil ... Traveled all over South America playing tennis.

**Personal** — Born January 8, 1987 ... Parents are Ivan Cesar Cressoni and Mariangela Dalla Costa Cressoni ... **First** name is pronounced E-Von ... Also enjoys soccer.

## Cressoni Up Close

**The best thing about playing tennis at South Carolina is:** I like everything. We have a very competitive team.

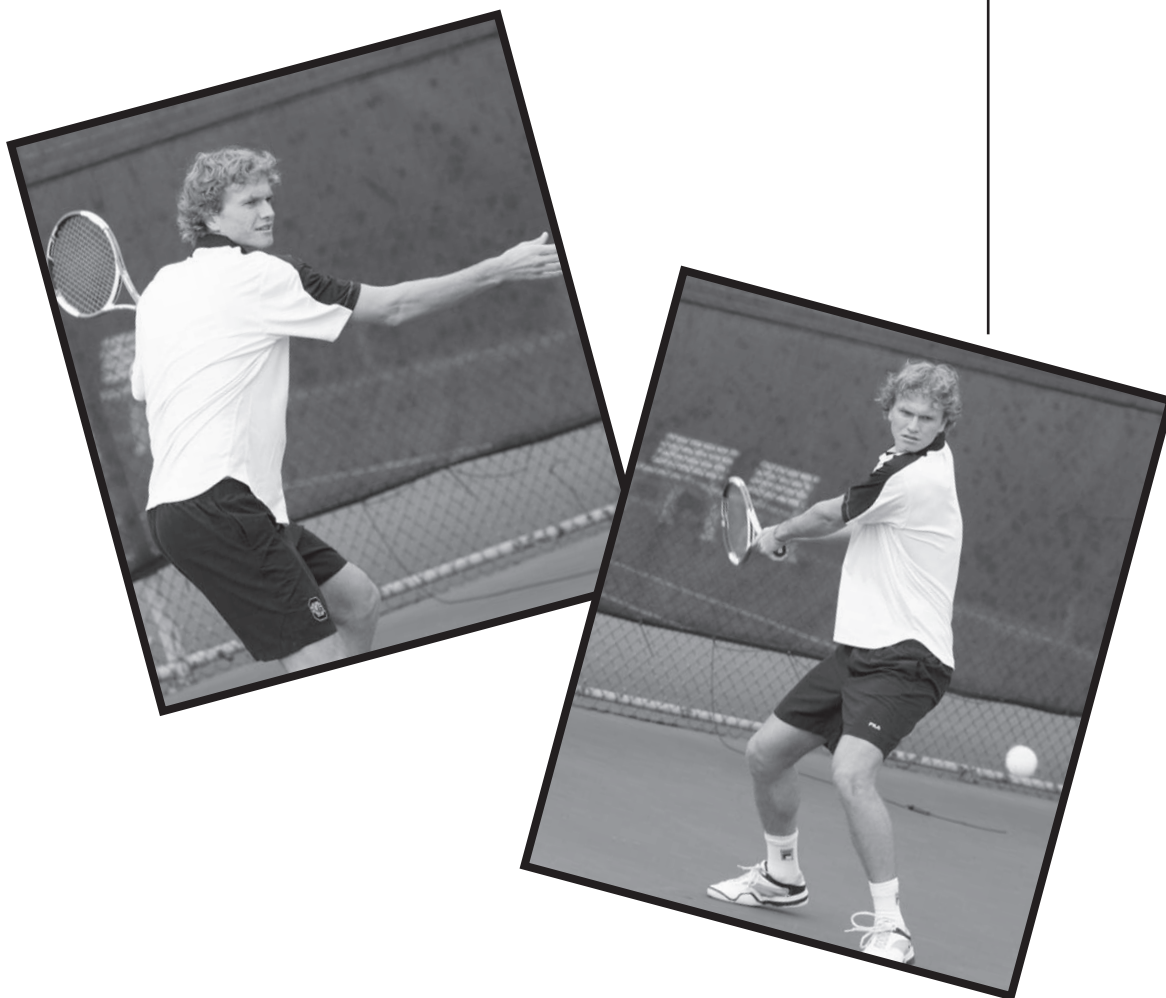
**I came to South Carolina because:** Many people in Brazil told me this is a good University and the tennis team is very good

**How and when did you get your start in tennis?** My brother got me started when I was five years old

**What is your most memorable sports moment?** The tournaments I won in Brazil

**My favorite professional tennis player is:** Gustavo Kuerten

**My main goal for the season is:** to make NCAAs







# SPENCER FELDMAN

**FRESHMAN | 5-10 | 159 | PLAYS: RIGHT-HANDED**  
**Upper Brookeville, N.Y. | The Portledge School**  
**Business Administration Major**

**Coach DeMars on Spencer Feldman** — “Spencer is a baseliner and he’s solid everywhere with his game. He’s got a good forehand and backhand to go with nice volleys. 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.”

**Fall 2006** — Produced a 4-5 singles record and went 1-3 mark in doubles play ... Reached the semifinals of the B-1 singles flight at the UNC Fall Invitational.

**High School/Junior Tennis Highlights** — Ranked as high as No. 3 in the USTA Eastern Section and No. 65 nationally ... Undeclared at No. 1 singles in four years during high school ... Played for coach Igor Supica at the Portledge School ... Earned team MVP honors in 2004 and 2006 ... Helped his team win the IPPSAL league in 2005 and 2006.

**Personal** — Born January 5, 1988 in Manhattan, N.Y. ... Parents are Jeff and Lori Feldman ... Has a younger sister, Morgan (12), who also plays tennis ... Played basketball in high school ... Involved in community service projects ... Is a Cooper Scholar at the University of South Carolina.

## Feldman Up Close

**The best thing about playing tennis at South Carolina is:** the people here that support us and help us play the best tennis we possibly can; my coach and teammates

**I came to South Carolina because:** It is a strong school academically and the tennis is top notch; it’s warm.

**What is your greatest ambition?**

To succeed in whatever I pursue throughout life.

**What is your most memorable sports moment?** Beating Nicholas Santos (ranked No. 4 in the world in ITF) at a Grade 1 even in Costa Rica in a night match on a packed stadium court

**What is the TV show you never miss if you can help it?** Entourage

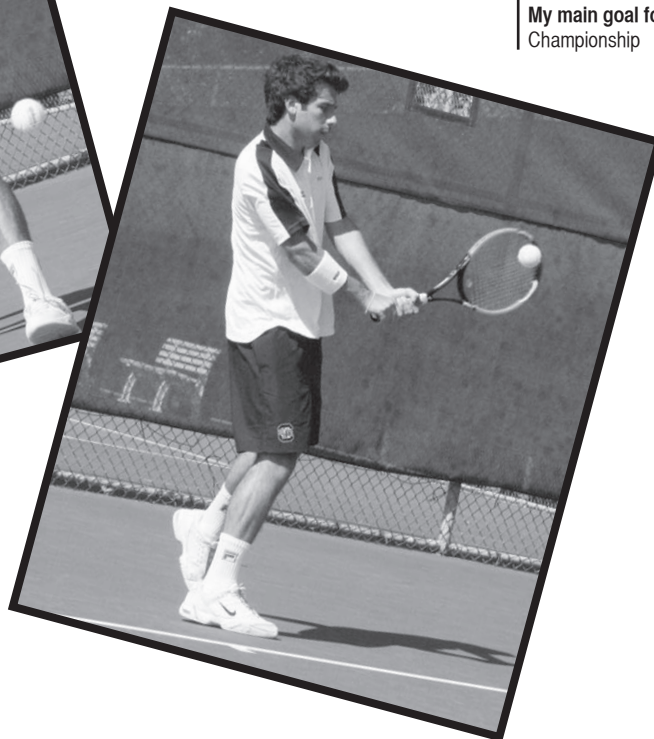
**My sports hero as a little kid was:** Pete Sampras

**My favorite professional tennis player is:** Marat Safin, Roger Federer

**Most people don’t this about me, but:** I enjoy reading and like the beach

**The most interesting thing I did over the summer was:** surf

**My main goal for the season is:** win the SEC Championship





# DAVID WOLFF

**FRESHMAN | 5-9 | 154 | PLAYS: RIGHT-HANDED**

**Sarasota, Fla. | Sarasota**

**Business Administration Major**

**Coach DeMars on David Wolff** — “David is a baseliner. While his biggest strength is his defensive play, he can also step up and hit a big forehand to win points. For a freshman, he’s got a good solid game. He could play at the bottom (of the lineup) this year. He can keep the ball in play and knock it away. Those are good attributes.”

**Fall 2006** — Posted a 5-5 singles record ... Reached the B-1 singles final at the UNC Fall Invitational ... Advanced to the quarterfinals of the B-1 singles bracket in the USC Fall Invitational ... Had a 1-4 overall record in doubles action.

**High School/Junior Tennis Highlights** — Played for coach Kirk Pederson at Sarasota High School ... Finished as the state runner-up at No. 1 singles in 2005 ... Won the state championship at No. 1 doubles in 2005 ... In 2004, went undefeated in the district and region ... Helped his prep team to a third-place finish in the state ... Ranked among the top 10 in Florida ... Ranked No. 49 nationally as a junior player in 2006 ... Ranked in the USTA’s top 30.

**Personal** — Born Dec. 12, 1987, in Baltimore, Md. ... Parents are Andrew and Helen Wolff ... Plans to attend law school after graduation ... Also played basketball in high school ... Is a McKissick Scholar at the University of South Carolina.

## Wolff Up Close

**The best thing about playing tennis at South Carolina is:** The team

**I came to South Carolina because:** The campus, the tennis, the beautiful people and the business program

**What is your greatest ambition?**

To win NCAAAs, get good grades

**What is your most memorable sports moment?** The finals of the Southern Open 16s

**What is the TV show you never miss if you can help it?** Entourage

**My sports hero as a little kid was:** Andre Agassi

**My favorite professional tennis player is:** Richard Gasquet

**Who has had the most influence on your tennis career?** My brother

**The most interesting thing I did over the summer was:** Relax at the beach

**My main goal for the season is:** To work hard

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