

### FALL EVENT

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### CINCINNATI at PURDUE INVITATIONAL

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20-22  
SCHWARTZ TENNIS CENTER  
WEST LAFAYETTE, IN



### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday, September 20	9:00 am
Saturday, September 21	9:00 am
Sunday, September 22	9:00 am

*Doubles, followed by Doubles, followed by Singles  
will be the format each day*

### SCHEDULED TO COMPETE (11)

Ball State • Cincinnati • DePaul • Eastern Michigan  
Lipscomb • Louisville • Miami (OH) • Northern Illinois  
Purdue • UConn • Wright State

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Results: [PurdueSports.com](http://PurdueSports.com)

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### FALL SCHEDULE

#### SEPTEMBER

20	at	Purdue Invitational	West Lafayette, IN
21	at	Purdue Invitational	West Lafayette, IN
22	at	Purdue Invitational	West Lafayette, IN
27	at	Indiana Fall Invite	Bloomington, IN
28	at	Indiana Fall Invite	Bloomington, IN
29	at	Indiana Fall Invite	Bloomington, IN

#### OCTOBER

11		UC/PAM WHITEHEAD	Cincinnati
12		UC/PAM WHITEHEAD	Cincinnati
17	at	ITA Ohio Valley Region	Murfreesboro, TN
18	at	ITA Ohio Valley Region	Murfreesboro, TN
19	at	ITA Ohio Valley Region	Murfreesboro, TN
20	at	ITA Ohio Valley Region	Murfreesboro, TN
21	at	ITA Ohio Valley Region	Murfreesboro, TN

### SPRING SCHEDULE

*Spring schedule will be released following the Fall season*

## TENNIS OPENS 2019 FALL SLATE AT PURDUE FRIDAY

*Four Bearcats set to compete in first fall event of the campaign*

### // FIRST SERVE

The first competition of the 2019 fall season awaits four members of the University of Cincinnati tennis program this weekend as the Bearcats will open their slate at the Purdue Invitational Friday through Sunday at the Schwartz Tennis Center in West Lafayette, Ind. The quartet of Alexia Coutino, Ioana Guna, Amanda Huser and Anna Philp are all set to play in singles and doubles action in the first of four fall events for UC in 2019.

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### // QUICK SERVES

- The event at Purdue is the first of four fall competitions on the schedule for the Bearcats that will once again feature the UC/Pam Whitehead Invitational in early October
- The 2019-20 squad features seven returning players and three freshmen
- Caroline Morton and Anna Philp are the lone seniors on the roster this season
- Eric Toth is back for his fifth year in charge of the program with Katarina Adamovic back for her second season as the program's assistant coach
- Along with three freshmen, there is one new face on the coaching staff as Ben Adams has been added as the program's volunteer coach

### // THE EVENT

The Purdue Invitational will feature players from 11 schools and will consist of eight flights of competition including singles and doubles. Action is set to begin each morning at 9 a.m. starting Friday with two rounds of doubles and then singles play to follow. The only deviation to that plan would be Sunday still starting at 9 a.m. just with singles instead of doubles should rain be in the forecast.

### // AND ON THIS COURT...

Brackets for the competition were not available at the time of posting. Once those are made available, they will be posted on the GoBearcats.com website. Check back later to see who the Bearcats will open their tournament play against in both single and doubles, as well as finding out which flight each has been placed.

### // THE COMPETITION

Along with the host Boilermakers and the Bearcats, the remaining pool of players will come from nine other programs, including Ball State, DePaul, Eastern Michigan, Lipscomb, Louisville, Miami (Ohio), Northern Illinois, UConn and Wright State.

### // RESULTS

Results for this week's meet can be found at [PurdueSports.com](http://PurdueSports.com) with a recap of each day's action also set to be posted on GoBearcats.com following the conclusion of play.

# BEARCATS NOTES

## // 2019-20 BEARCATS ROSTER

Name	Yr.	Hometown / Last School	Singles Y	Single C	Doubles Y	Doubles C	Total Y	Total C
Sofia Bruno	Fr.	Brolo, Sicily, Italy	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Alexia Coutino	Jr.	Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico	0-0	25-28	0-0	37-25	0-0	62-63
Ioana Guna	Jr.	Craiova, Romania	0-0	29-34	0-0	31-30	0-0	60-64
Amanda Huser	Jr.	Mason, Ohio / Mason HS	0-0	9-12	0-0	12-13	0-0	21-23
Claire Koscielski	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Cathedral HS	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Emma Miceli	Jr.	Mississauga, Ontario	0-0	46-14	0-0	38-23	0-0	84-37
Caroline Morton	Sr.	Dubuque, Iowa / Evert Tennis Academy	0-0	63-61	0-0	51-42	0-0	114-73
Kelli Niehaus	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Mount Notre Dame	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Anna Philp	Sr.	Burlington, Ontario	0-0	45-27	0-0	31-29	0-0	76-56
Maria Santilli	So.	North Huntingdon, Pa. / Norwin HS	0-0	22-6	0-0	6-6	0-0	28-12

Y = 2019-20 season ... C = collegiate career with Cincinnati

### Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Eric Toth (5th year)
Assistant Coach	Kat Adamovic (2nd year)
Volunteer Coach	Ben Adams (1st year)

## // SET TO PLAY

The four Bearcats set to compete this weekend include the following:

- Alexia Coutino: played #3 through #6 singles last spring while also posting a 21-12 doubles record, including 13-6 at #1 doubles
- Ioana Guna: split time between #1 and #2 singles last spring while playing at #2 doubles throughout the season with Philp
- Amanda Huser: played primarily doubles, posting an 8-5 mark in the fall
- Anna Philp: played at #4-#6 singles in the spring and was 9-9 at #2 doubles as well, joining forces with Guna much of the season in doubles

## // LOOKING BACK • 2018-19

The Bearcats finished the season with a 12-11 overall record, including a 5-1 mark at home, after falling in the quarterfinals of the AAC Championships. Here is what Coach Toth had to say about the most recent campaign:

*"At this point, all you can do is look back at the season and hope everyone involved realizes what a good season we had. If a few things go our way in a few of our matches, you could be talking about one of the better seasons in our program's history. With that said, everyone in our program can be proud of the fact we won more than we lost and never went down easily. With a little more maturing and improvement, I'm confident this team can break through against some of the better teams on our schedule and in our conference."*

## // IT'S ACADEMIC

The UC Athletics Department has continued to shine academically with the tennis team being toward the top of the list annually. This past year, the team amassed a cumulative GPA of 3.727 as nine players earned recognition from the league as AAC All-Academic. The team also was honored with the AAC Team Academic Excellence Award which is given annually to the team with the highest GPA in the league in each sport. The tennis program was one of five UC programs to have the highest GPA in their respective sport for the 2018-19 academic year.

## // HELLO! MY NAME IS...

The program welcomed a trio of newcomers to the courts this year, including Sofia Bruno (Brolo, Sicily, Italy), Claire Koscielski (Indianapolis/Cathedral HS) and Kelli Niehaus (Cincinnati/Mount Notre Dame HS). Bruno comes to Cincinnati after winning a pair of regional U16 titles in Italy while also playing in the main draw of several Italian championship events. Koscielski won a state doubles title for Cathedral while helping her team to a pair of Indiana crowns while also posting a record of 101-0 in singles competition. Niehaus was a four-time state qualifier in singles in Ohio and was the runner-up in 2018 while also winning the Midwest Closed Level 1 U18 doubles title that year as well. All three will be available to play for UC starting this fall.

## // WELCOME!

Another new face to the program comes in the form of Ben Adams, who joined the team as a volunteer coach. Adams brings a wealth of coaching experience as he previously was the head coach of the men's and women's programs at the University of Pikeville for three years. Adams has been on campus already as he currently serves as an adjunct professor in sport administration at UC.

## // NEXT TIME OUT

The Bearcats will be back in action next week as they will return to the Hoosier State with a trip to Bloomington, Ind., for the Indiana Fall Invitational. The event, hosted by IU, will run Friday-Sunday, September 27-29.