

Quotes from Head Coach John Whitlinger

Opening statement on the match:

"This was a typical Stanford-USC match, with a tough doubles competition and five three-setters out of the six singles matches. The doubles was very competitive and we knew that would be key. I'm very proud of the way my team competed and how they kept fighting even when we were down 3-1. Give credit to USC; the better team won today."

Play of the freshmen (Klahn, Thacher) this year:

"We were trying to keep them together, paired them in doubles and that worked out well for us. Bradley won the Pac-10 singles championship and beat Steve Johnson three times this year. That's tough to do even once, because Steve is a great player. Ryan had a great record for us this year. He was playing a little hurt today but he grinded out the match."

Looking ahead:

"The future is very bright for us and I like the direction our program is headed. We just finished a season with a sophomore, freshman and freshman as the 1-2-3 in our lineup. I expect you will continue to see us back here at the NCAA Championships."