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#### **Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
1/10	at Duke	L, 4-3
1/11	at No. 1 Wake Forest	L, 5-2
ITA Kick	off Weekend	
1/26	vs. No. 20 Oklahoma State	L, 4-3
1/27	vs. Loyola Marymount	W, 7-0
2/2	vs. Pepperdine	W, 7-0.
2/8	at No. 2 Ohio State	L, 6-1
2/10	at Indiana	W, 4-2
2/22	at Texas A&M	L, 5-2
2/24	vs. San Diego	W, 4-3
3/8	at Stanford*	L, 4-0
3/9	at California*	L, 4-2
3/15-17	Oracle Collegiate Challenge	
3/22	at Baylor	4 p.m.
3/24	at TCU	11 a.m.
3/30	at Arizona*	TBD
4/5	vs. Oregon*	5 p.m.
4/7	vs. Washington*	12 p.m.
4/13	vs. Utah*	1 p.m.
4/19	at UCLA*	3 p.m.
4/20	at USC*	3 p.m.
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#### \* indicates Pac-12 conference matchup

#### **Pac-12 Standings**

1. Stanford   11-2 (2-0)	6. Washington   3-9 (0-1)
1. Cal   4-5 (2-0)	7. Arizona State   4-7 (0-2)
3. Oregon   13-1 (1-0)	7. Arizona   11-3 (0-2)
3. USC 8-5 (1-0)	7. Utah   12-5 (0-2)
3 LICLA   6-4 (1-0)	

#### @SunDevilMTennis In The Rankings

Team Ranking (3/5)         NR           Career High (2/27/18)         No. 13
Bolla/Ruehl (3/5)
<b>Kellovsky/Ponwith (3/5)No. 49</b> Career High (2/6/19)No. 36
<b>Rakotomalala/Roberts (3/5)No. 55</b> Career High (3/5/19)No. 55
<b>Nathan Ponwith (3/5)No. 74</b> Career High (9/12/17)No. 32
Justin Roberts (3/5)NR Career High (2/20/19)No. 97
Benjamin Hannestad 11/14)NR Career High (2/7/18)No. 38
Makey Rakotomalala (11/14)NR Career High (2/7/18)No. 90
Bolla/Rakotomalala (11/14)
Hannestad/Ruehl (11/14)NR Career High (10/15/18)No. 53

#### **This Week**



Arizona State | 4-7 (0-2, Pac-12) vs. Liberty // Oracle Collegiate Challenge



#### Men's Tennis Plays a Home Match Tuesday, Heads to Indian

**TEMPE/INDIAN WELLS –** Sun Devil men's tennis makes a quick trip home for a midweek matchup with Liberty and then heads to California to participate in the collegiate leg of the prestigious BNP Paribas Open this week. The home match is just the third through two months of the season and the Sun Devils' only match in Tempe during March.

The action between the Sun Devils and the Flames is set for a 5 p.m. MST first serve at the Whiteman Tennis Center, the first of two home matches under the lights this season for ASU. The event is free to the public, and fans who attend are also entered to win a tennis racket.

Liberty currently sits at 5-8 on the season and has already faced off a Pac-12 opponent so far in Washington. The Flames dropped the matchup, 4-3, after securing the doubles point early. Washington battled back to take three-straight singles matches to pull out to a 3-1 lead, and Liberty responded by tying it up at three. The Huskies took a win on court four to clinch the back-and-forth affair.

The Sun Devils leave for Indian Wells, Calif. the next day to take part in the Oracle Collegiate Challenge. The Challenge runs from Fri., March 15 to Sun., March 17, and ASU is familiar with the tournament as the squad made it to the championship match last season as well.

ASU opened the tournament with a 4-2 win over Southern Methodist and then followed the next day with a quick 4-1 win over Tula. The Sun Devils faced off against No. 39 Cal in the championship match on Sunday, dropping the match 4-3.

Brackets and opponents for the Challenge will be released soon.

The professional leg of the tournament began on March 4 and will conclude on March 17. It includes the best of the best in professional tennis including No. 2 Rafael Nadal, No. 4 Roger Federer and No. 8 John Isner on the men's side as well as No. 1 Naomi Osaka, No. 2 Simona Halep and No. 10 Serena Williams on the women's side.

Fans can keep up with the action all week long by following @SunDevilMTennis on Twitter.

#### **Sun Devil Roster and Staff**

Name	Class	Height	Hometown / Last School
Andrea Bolla	So.	6'0	Cuneo, Italy
Benjamin Hannestad	So.	6'1	Vedbaek, Denmark / Baltimore Int. Connections
Dominik Kellovsky	Jr.	6'0	Havirov, Czech Republic // Brno International Business School
Will Kirkman	So.	5'11	Cabrete, Dominican Republic / Hebert Hentry Dow
Makey Rakotomalala	Jr.	6'1	Creteil, France / Homeschool
Justin Roberts	Gr.	6'0	Nassau, Bahamas / South Florida
Tim Ruehl	So.	6'1	Waldshut-Tiengen, Germany / Kurpfalz Gymnasium Mannheim
Nathan Ponwith	Jr.	6'0	Scottsdale, Ariz. / Connections Academy
Thomas Wright	So.	5'9	Beckenham, Great Britain / Langley Park School

Head Coach: Matt Hill Assistant Head Coach: Michal Kokta Volunteer Coach: Dominic Cotrone







### **Team Notes**

#### Rankings Are Here, Rankings Are Here!

The latest rankings for doubles are out and No. 39 Andrea Bolla and Tim Ruehl supplied their name to the Oracle/ITA top 60 list. The tandem started the 2019 season ranked No. 22 and maintained their names on the list in every poll since.

The duo of Nathan Ponwith and Dominik Kellovsky also found themselves on the list this time around at No. 49, two spots up from their No. 51 ranking last time out. The tandem played a crucial role in securing the doubles point against No. 1 Wake Forest, as the first point came down to their match. They secured the victory, were left unfinished against No. 20 Oklahoma State but returned against Pepperdine to notch another win.

Makey Rakotomalala/Justin Roberts rounded out the Devils' ranked pairs, debuting at No. 55. They lead the team in wins with six, and made ASU the only Pac-12 school with all three doubles pairs ranked in the top-55, as well as just one of four schools within Division Ltennis.

Ponwith was also recognized as No. 74 by the ITA as a singles player. Ponwith put up impressive wins in his last weekend in action, taking down two ranked opponents to secure a team-best 4-2 record against nationally-ranked opponents so far this season.

#### **Double the Trouble**

The Sun Devils have shown major improvement in doubles play in just one season's time, securing the first point in eight of the first 11 matches so far. The

squad did not notch seven doubles points until 17 matches into last season.

With all three tandems ranked in the top-55, Arizona State is the only school in the Pac-12 to accomplish such a feat and one of just four schools in all of Division I tennis. They are joined by No. 1 Ohio State, No. 8 Columbia No. 9 Florida.

Transfers Justin Roberts and Dominik Kellovksy have played large roles in upping the Sun Devils' game, as Roberts and his doubles parter, Makey Rakotomalala lead ASU in wins with six, while the pair of Kellovsky and Nathan Ponwith are 4-2 so far this season on court one.

Tim Ruehl and Andrea Bolla have also dominated the doubles game dating back to the fall season, going 4-2 overall while also battled to the guarterfinals of the ITA Fall National Championship in Surprise, Ariz.

#### Pac-12 Player of the Week

Tim Ruehl was recognized for his performance in the Sun Devils' matchups against Duke and No. 1 Wake Forest, a weekend in which he went a perfect 2-0 in singles play and 1-1 in doubles play.

Ruehl takes the first such accolade of the season, marking the first on the year for the Sun Devils and the seventh in program history. Combined with Michaël Geerts' two Player of the Week honors last year, ASU has three PotW awards since reinstatement in 2017, nearly doubling their four they totaled before being discontinued as a sport in 2008.

The German notched his first career win over a ranked opponent, defeated No. 80 Rrezart Cungu of Wake Forest 2-6, 6-2, 6-2 on Saturday. His win in tandem with Andrea Bolla - together they are ranked the No. 22 doubles pair in the nation - was against Duke to the tune of a 6-1 victory.

#### R&R

Makey Rakotomalala and Justin Roberts are clicking on all cylinders as a doubles pair. The tandem are 6-2 this season in doubles play, taking down pairs from Duke and Wake Forest with relative ease on court two.

Rakotomalala/Roberts easily slid past a tandem from No. 20 Oklahoma State this weekend to put the Sun Devils in prime position to clinch their third straight doubles point. They are currently 7-3 in their last 10 matches as a tandem.

#### The last time ASU...

Won a dual match	.vs. No. 41 San Diego (2/24), 4-3
Lost	at Cal (3/9/19), 4-2
Swept	vs. Pepperdine (2/2/19), 7-0
Beat a top-25vs.	No. 13 California (3/7/2008), 4-3
Lost to top-25	at No. 2 Ohio State (2/8/19) 6-1

#### Situational (in 2019)

Home	2-0
\way	1-6
Veutral	1-1
ndoors	2-7
Outdoors	2-0
Day	4-2
Night	0-5
s. Nationally Ranked	1-4
After Notching Doubles Point	5-3









#### **Bring It On**

ASU continues the new year with one of the toughest non-conference schedules in the nation in their second season, and that is something second-year mentor **Matt Hill** plans on making a tradition.

The Sun Devils open the year against some of the top competition in college tennis, as three ranked opponents came to compete in the Tempe Collegiate Classic with matchups including No. 14 TCU, No. 16 Illinois and No. 3 Mississippi State. As the season continues ASU faces four of the current top five opponents, including eight-time Big Ten champion No. 2 Ohio State for the second year in a row. Following matchups line up with powerhouses like No. 9 Texas A&M and No. 11 Baylor, as non-conference action wraps up when the Devils head to Fort Worth to face No. 14 TCU.

#### Mr. Worldwide(s)

With just one Devil from the United States, the men's tennis team is one of the most diverse teams within ASU Athletics. Every single Devil represents a different nation, as the nine men hail from nine different countries across the world: Italy, Czech Republic, Denmark, Bahamas, the Dominican Republic, France, Germany, the U.S. and Great Britain.

#### **Up Hill Battle**

Coach **Matt Hill** is no stranger to adversity. Upon taking the helm at South Florida in 2012, the Bulls hadn't been to the NCAA Division I Championship since 2009. Hill's team finished 8-14 in his first season, but the tide quickly changed under his mentorship, as they compiled a 12-10 record the following year and then found themselves in the Championship for the first time in five years the next season. The team made it to the second round and were eliminated by Florida, but Hill's team made the tournament the next two years as well, finishing as high as the Sweet 16 in 2015.

USF were back-to-back AAC Champions in Hill's final three years in Tampa, compiling a 82-47 record. He was a three-time American Conference Coach of the Year and mentored a three-time American Athletic Conference Player of the Year in Roberto Cid.

#### **New Kids on the Block**

Entering the 2019 season, Sun Devil men's tennis welcomes three highly sought after transfers to the new season, as they look to add veteran leadership and depth to the roster. Scottsdale native **Nathan Ponwith** returns back home after a two-year stint at the University of Georgia. During his time with the Dawgs, Ponwith earned 2017 SEC Freshman of the Year and First-Team All-SEC honors as Georgia's court one. In addition, Ponwith amassed an SEC record for most Freshman of the week honors in a single season with five to round out his sensational freshman campaign.

Another key newcomer that will compete in a major role for the Devils is **Dominik Kellovsky** from his home country of the Czech Republic. In his time overseas, he completed a large part of his time in the Pro Circut accumulating a 70-97 record in singles and 110-80 record in doubles.

Graduate Student **Justin Roberts** returns back under head coach Matt Hill after completing two seasons with him at the University of South Florida. As a junior, Roberts was instrumental in clinching USF's fourth straight conference title when he defeated Danny Kerznerman of UCF. On top of that, Roberts added an American Athletic Conference Player of the Week honors to his resume after an upset win over No. 16 Mississippi State.

#### **#StayTrueToASU**

Scottsdale native **Nathan Ponwith** turned heads in his his weekend competing as a Sun Devil, taking down two ranked opponents en route to an undefeated weekend at the Tempe Collegiate Classic. He started the weekend with a win in straight sets over #69 Eduardo Roldan, and finished with a back-and-forth victory over #67 Niclas Braun.

Heading into the regular season, Ponwith, along with doubles partner Dominik Kellovsky, played a crucial role in securing the doubles point over No. 1 Wake Forest. Ponwith and Kellvosky teamed up to defeat a Demon Deacon tandem, 7-5, to clinch the point for ASU. This huge win was just two weeks after they took down #36 Nuno Borges/Strahinja Rakic of Mississippi State, 7-5. Ponwith notched his first regular-season win in come-from-behind fashion against Pepperdine, taking down Enrique Luque Rico 6-7 (7), 6-1, 7-5 after being down multiple times in the first and last sets.

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### **HEAD COACH MATT HILL**



**Season By Season** 

2019	4-7
2018	14-11
2017	N/A
2016	21-9
2015	22-7
2014	19-7
2013	12-10
2012	8-14
Career	100-65 (.606)

Before arriving at ASU, Hill spent the previous four seasons as the head coach of the University of South Florida, leading the Bulls to three consecutive AAC team championships and a No. 17 final ranking among Division I programs this past season. USF advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the third straight season in 2016 after qualifying just twice in 10 previous campaigns prior to Hill's arrival.

Prior to his time at South Florida, Hill had two successful stops at a pair of nationally ranked SEC programs in Mississippi State and Alabama. Hill will be the Sun Devil program's first head coach since Lou Belken led the program from 1983 through 2008.

The 2016 Bulls reached a program-best ranking of No. 13 in the nation before finishing in the Top 20 at No. 17. Hill coached two-time All-American Roberto Cid to a ranking of No. 2 in the nation, the best ranking of any tennis player, men's or women's, in program history. USF also played one of the toughest schedules, notching 16 wins over ranked opponents and playing just four matches against unranked foes.

In 2015, Hill guided the Bulls to their best finish as USF advanced to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA tournament after winning their second-straight conference championship while Oliver Pramming earned Most Outstanding Player honors.

The Bulls won the inaugural American Athletic Conference tournament in 2014 and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Hill coached Cid to the first-ever All-America honor in USF history as he made an impressive run in the NCAA singles tournament.

An accomplished recruiter, Hill took over the USF program and immediately brought in five players in his first recruiting class that were either ranked among the top 100 juniors in the world or had already earned professional ATP points. His 2013 and 2016 recruiting classes were both ranked in the top 10 in the nation.



Additionally, Hill oversaw the start of a capital fundraising campaign geared toward a \$3 million renovation of the tennis facility and personally helped secure over half a million dollars toward that goal.

During Hill's five years as an assistant coach at Mississippi State, he helped the Bulldogs improve from a No. 58 ranking in 2008 and

a No. 72 ranking in 2009 to top 20 finishes in his final two seasons, including a No. 11 final ranking in 2012 - the program's best finish since 1998. The Bulldogs posted the program's best record (20-7) since that same 1998 squad went 21-5.

MSU earned a No. 20 final ranking in 2011 after producing a 14-9 record, while winning the SEC Western Division title with an 8-3 mark. Hill was instrumental in helping five Bulldogs to All-SEC honors, while supporting Per Nilsson to SEC Coach of the Year honors. He was recognized for his efforts by being named ITA Southern Region Assistant Coach of the Year and SEC Assistant Coach of the

Hill's recruiting prowess shined with the Bulldogs as he served as the team's recruiting coordinator, bringing in seven players that were either ranked in the top 100 among the world's juniors or became ranked in the top 125 players in the country upon arriving at Mississippi State. His 2009 recruiting class was ranked 13th in the nation.

While at MSU, Hill and the Bulldog staff had one of just three programs with five singles players ranked in the Top-75 nationally while his efforts in promoting the team helped grow the fan base by over 600 percent with the Bulldogs ranked in the top 5 nationally in average attendance during the 2009 and 2011 seasons.

Prior to joining the Bulldogs' staff, Hill served as a volunteer assistant coach at Alabama for two seasons. He helped the Crimson Tide improve from a No. 56 final ranking the season before he joined the staff to a No. 14 ranking in 2007, his second year with the program. Hill helped coach five nationally ranked players and helped Alabama reach two NCAA Tournaments during his stint, including a trip to the round of 16 in 2007.

A native of Holt, Mich., Hill earned a degree in business marketing with a specialization in professional tennis management from Ferris State University in 2005 and a master's degree in human performance from Alabama in 2007. Also a member of the tennis team while at Ferris State, Hill helped lead the Bulldogs to the NCAA Division II quarterfinals for the first time in school history.





### **STAFF**



### MICHAL KOKTA // ASSISTANT COACH

Kokta joined Matt Hill's staff after a two-year stint at Purdue where he was instrumental in helping the Boilermakers improve their record from 4-20 to 17-10 in the span of a year.

Prior to his appointment at Purdue Kokta was at Baylor where he served as volunteer coach at his alma mater for three seasons. During his three seasons, Baylor captured a pair of Big 12 Conference regular season titles and won the Big 12 Championship in 2014. The Bears advanced to the Round of 16 at the NCAA Championships in 2012 and 2013, followed by a quarterfinal appearance in 2014.

Prior to his collegiate career Kokta was ranked as high as No. 8 in singles and #3 in doubles in the ITF's juniors rankings. He reached the semifinals of the Australian Open juniors in singles, the semifinals of Wimbledon juniors in doubles, and was the European junior doubles champion. After juniors, Kokta was ranked as high as #356 ATP in singles and #480 in doubles.



#### **DOM COTRONE // VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT**

Cotrone is a volunteer assistant for the Sun Devil men's tennis program and a former USF tennis standout.

The Bradenton, Fla. native played under Coach Hill during the 2016 season. Cotrone became the second All-American in USF history, advancing to the round of 16 at the NCAA singles tournament during his senior season while posting a 13-7 singles record.

Cotrone played in tandem with current Sun Devil Justin Roberts, with the two recording a 16-5 record in tandem during his final season at South Florida

Cotrone amassed a 10-19 singles record and 30-15 doubles record on the pro circuit, notching four professional doubles wins. Two wins came in 2015 at the USA F18 Futures and USA F22 Futures, while Cotrone recorded the other two in 2016 at the Italy F30 Futures and USA F37 Futures.

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### **The Sun Devils**



#### **Career Notes**

- Joined the Sun Devils in the spring of 2018 and earned Dean's List in first semester
- Highest Oracle/ITA doubles ranking: No.22 with Tim Ruehl
- Notched his first collegiate win against LMU on Feb. 9, using two sets to contribute a point to the Devils' eventual victory
- His win over Mitchell Pritchard of Tulsa propelled the Devils into the championship round of the BNP Paribas Open, taking the win 6-2, 6-4 (3/17/18)

Sun Devil Men's Tennis

### **ANDREA BOLLA**

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Cuneo, Italy | Aldo Mora, Cola | Sophomore

#### **Fall Results**

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Opponent (School)	Singles Score
Luc Fomba (TCU)	Lost 4-6, 4-6
Vuk Budic (Illinois)	Won 6-2, 6-4
#78 Florian Broska (MSU)	Won 6-3, 6-4
	Luc Fomba (TCU)  Vuk Budic (Illinois)

Doubles		
Date	Opponent (School)	Doubles Score/Partner
11/7	Laurent/Charlton (UO)	Won 2-6, 6-4, 1-0 (5) / Ruehl (#22)
11/8	#15 Davis/Foley (UW)	Won 3-6, 6-3, 1-0 (15) / Ruehl (#22)
11/9	#17 Thomson/Wynn (TTU	) Lost 6-7 (9), 6-7 (4) / Ruehl (#22)
1/10	Rybakov/Gray (TCU)	Lost 3-6 / Ruehl (#22)
1/11	Budic/Khlif (Illinois)	Won 6-3 / Ruehl (#22)
1/12	Broska/Foshey (MSU)	Won 6-4 / Ruehl (#22)

#### **Spring Results**

Singles			
<u>Date</u>	Pos	Opponent (School)	Singles Score
1/18	3	Sean Sculley (Duke)	Lost 7-5, 3-6, 3-6
2/8	2	#62 John McNally (Ohio St.)	Lost 4-6, 4-6
2/10	2	#111 Bennett Crane (Indiana)	Won 6-3, 6-3
2/22	2	Hady Habib (TAMU)	Lost 0-6, 6-7 (5)
2/24	3	Nico Borter (USC)	Won 6-4, 4-6, 7-5
3/8	3	#56 William Genesen (Stanford)	2-6, 5-4 unf.
3/9	3	Jack Molloy (Cal)	Lost 2-6, 5-7
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Doubles			
Date	Pos	Opponent (School)	Doubles Score/Partner
1/18	3	Lin/Mateas (Duke)	Won 6-1 / Ruehl (#22)
2/8	2	Kobelt/Trotter (Ohio St.)	Lost 4-6 / Kirkman
2/10	3	Brodney/Redding (Indiana)	5-4 unf. / Ruehl (#26)
2/22	3	Vacherot/Abbrat (TAMU)	3-6 Lost / Hannestad
2/24	3	Koevermans/Norfeldt (USD)	6-6 unf. / Ruehl (#22)
3/8	3	Kumar/Sah (Stanford)	5-6 unf. / Ruehl (#39)
3/9	3	D. Barretto/Hoffman (Cal)	Won 6-3 / Ruehl (#39)





### **The Sun Devils**



#### **Career Notes**

- First signee of the reinstated
   ASU Men's Tennis Team
- Highest Oracle/ITA singles ranking: No. 38 (2/7/18)
- Highest Oracle/ITA doubles ranking: No. 53 with Tim Ruehl (10/15/17)
- Represented Denmark twice in the Davis Cup, making it to the group's semifinal in 2016 and 2017
- Clinched a crucial Territorial
   Cup Series point with his singles win over Arizona
   (4/21/18)
- Scored a point with a threeset victory against Duke, scoring one of two points for the Sun Devils on the afternoon in his first collegiate action of his career (1/13/18)

### BENJAMIN HANNESTAD

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Vedbaek, Denmark | Baltimore International Connections | Sophomore Fall Results

Doubles		
Date	Opponent (School)	Doubles Score/Partner
1/11	Chakravarthi/Gomes (Illinois)	Lost 5-7 / Kellovsky

#### **Spring Results**

Singles			
Date	Pos	Opponent (School)	Singles Score
1/18	6	Vincent Lin (Duke)	Lost 7-5, 1-6, 5-7
2/8	4	Martin Joyce (Ohio St.)	Lost 3-6, 1-6
2/10	5	Carson Haskins (Indiana)	Lost 2-6, 4-6
2/24	6	Guus Koevermans (USD)	Won 6-3, 3-6, 6-4

Doubles			
Date	Pos	Opponent (School)	Doubles Score/Partner
2/8	3	McNally/Tubert (Ohio St.)	5-5, unf. / Ponwith
2/10	2	Crane/Haskins (Indiana)	Won 6-4 / Ponwith
2/22	3	Vacherot/Abbrat (TAMU)	Lost 3-6 / Bolla





### **The Sun Devils**



#### **Career Notes**

- Achieved a career-high ranking of 468 in singles (12/5/16) and 447 in doubles (4/23/18) on the Pro Circuit
- Looks to provide muchneeded depth in doubles play for the Sun Devils after working a career 70-97 record in singles and 110-80 record in doubles on the Pro Circuit
- Holds 10 doubles titles since 2014, including three victories in both 2017 and 2015

**Sun Devil Men's Tennis** 

- Ranked No 6 Freshmen/ Newcomer by Oracle/ITA

### **DOMINIK KELLOVSKY**

Havirov, C.R. | Brno International Business School | Junior **Fall Results** 

Singles

<u>Date</u>	Opponent (School)	Singles Score
1/12	#11 Nuno Borges (MSU)	Lost 6-4, 2-6, 2-6
Doubles		
Date	Opponent (School)	Doubles Score/Partner
1/11	Chakravarthi/Gomes (Illinois)	Lost 5-7 / Hannestad

#36 Borges/Rakic (MSU) Won 7-5 / Ponwith

#### **Spring Results**

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1/12

<u>Date</u>	Pos	Opponent (School)	Singles Score
1/18	1	Nick Stachowiak (Duke)	Lost 5-7, 6-4, 4-6
1/19	1	#1 Petros Chrysochos (WF)	Lost 1-6, 3-6
1/26	1	Artur Dubinski (Oklahoma St.)	Lost 6-4, 3-6, 4-6
2/2	11	#53 Adrian Oeztbach (Pepp)	Won 6-4, 6-4
2/22	11	Juan Carlos Aguilar (TAMU)	Lost 0-6, 6-1, 2-6
2/22	1	August Holmgren (USD)	Lost 5-7, 3-6
3/8	11	#8 Axel Geller (Stanford)	Lost 6-7, 1-6
3/9	1	Yukita Kikuchi (Cal)	Lost 4-6, 6-7 (11)

#### **Doubles**

Date	Pos	Opponent (School)	Doubles Score/Partner
1/18	1	Stachowiak/Furman (Duke)	4-4, unf. / Kirkman
1/19	1	Chrysochos/Botzer (WF)	Won, 7-5 / Ponwith
1/26	1	Hudd/Tybar (Oklahoma St.)	5-2, unf. / Ponwith
2/2	1	Oeztbach/ Zeitvogel (Pepp)	Won, 6-3 / Ponwith
2/22	1	Aguilar/Smith (TAMU) L	ost 3-6 / Ponwith (#51)
2/24	1	Osorio/Borter (USD) V	Von 7-5 / Ponwith (#51)
3/8	1	#70 Geller/Rotsaert (Stanford)	Lost 5-7 / Ponwith (#55)
3/9	1	#33 P. Barretto/Kaya (Cal) V	Von 6-3 / Ponwith (#55)





### **The Sun Devils**



#### **Career Notes**

- Earned Dean' List in the spring of 2018
- Holds a career 22-22 singles record while going 25-23 in doubles
- Took home a G5 Singles title in Honduras
- Represented the Dominican
   Republic at the Junior Davis
   Cup
- Notched his first collegiate dual win against No. 10 TCU, using two sets to contribute a Devils point

### WILL KIRKMAN

Cabarete, Dominican Republic | Herbert Henry Dow | Sophomore

#### **Fall Results**

(Did not compete)

### **Spring Results**

#### Singles

Date	Pos	Opponent (School)	Singles Score
1/19	6	Siddhant Banthia (WF)	Lost 1-6, 2-6
1/26	6	Emile Hudd (Oklahoma St.)	Won 6-3, 7-5
2/2	6	Felipe Galvao (Pepp)	Won 6-3, 6-1
2/8	6	Hunter Tubert (Ohio St.)	Lost 2-6, 5-7
2/22	6	Noah Schachter (TAMU)	Lost 1-6, 1-6

#### **Doubles**

Date	Pos	Opponent (School)	Doubles Score/Partner
1/18	1	Stachowiak/Furman (Duke)	4-4, unf. / Kellovsky
1/19	3	Banthia/Efstathiou (WF)	Lost, 1-6 / Ruehl
1/26	3	Hammond/Scaglia (Oklahoma St	.) Won 6-2 / Ruehl
2/2	3	Jankowiak/Garapedian (Pepp)	Won 6-1 / Ruehl
2/8	2	Kobelt/Trotter (Ohio St.)	Lost 4-6 / Bolla



### **The Sun Devils**



#### **Career Notes**

- 2017 SEC Freshman of the Year and First-Team All-SEC as Georgia's court one in 2017
- Set a SEC record for the most Freshman of the Week honors in a single season with five
- Played a crucial role to Georgia's lineup, notching a 22-15 overall record (10-7 SEC) and collected a team-best six match clinchers including against South Carolina to seal Georgia's share of the 2017 SEC Championship
- Was the No. 1 player nationally in the class of 2016 according to tennisrecruiting.net
- A top-50 amateur player in the word and reached a career-high No. 20 ITF ranking

Sun Devil Men's Tennis

### **NATHAN PONWITH**

Scottsdale, Ariz. | Connections Academy | Junior

#### **Fall Results**

Singles

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Date	Opponent (School)	Singles Score
1/10	#69 Eduardo Roldan (TCU)	Won 7-5, 6-1
1/11	Caleb Chakravarthi (Illinois)	Won 6-2, 4-6, 6-2
1/12	#67 Niclas Braun (MSU)	Won 5-7, 6-3, 6-2

Doubles		
Date	Opponent (School)	Doubles Score/Partner
1/12	#36 Borges/Rakic (MSU)	Won 7-5 / Kellovsky

#### **Spring Results**

Pos	Opponent (School)	Singles Score
2	#25 Bar Botzer (WF)	Lost 7-5, 3-6, 1-6
2	Mathieu Scaglia (Oklahoma St.)	Lost 6-7 (3), 6-7 (6)
2	Enrique Luque Rico (Pepp)	Won 6-7 (7), 6-1, 7-5
1	#2 JJ Wolf (Ohio St.) Lo	st 6-4, 6-7 (7), 0-1 (0)
11	Antonio Cembellin (Indiana)	Lost 2-6, 6-7 (9)
3	#47 Valentin Vacherot (TAMU)	Won 4-6, 7-6 (1), 1-0 (8)
2	#57 Gui Osorio (USD)	Won 6-7, 6-3, 6-2
2	#32 Alexandre Rotsaert (Stanford	Lost 2-6, 5-7
2	Paul Barretto (Cal)	4-6, 4-5 unf.
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Doubles			
Date	Pos	Opponent (School)	Doubles Score/Partner
1/19	1	Chrysochos/Botzer (WF)	Won, 7-5 / Kellovsky
1/26	1	#31 Hudd/Tybar (Oklahoma St.	) 5-2 unf. / Kellovsky
2/2	1	Oeztbach/ Zeitvogel (Pepp)	Won 6-3 / Kellovsky
2/8	3	McNally/Tubert (Ohio St.)	5-5 unf. / Hannestad
2/10	2	Crane/Haskins (Indiana)	Won 6-4 / Hannestad
2/22	1	Aguilar/Smith (TAMU) Lo	st 3-6 / Kellovsky (#51)
2/24	1	Osori/Borter (USD) Wo	on 7-5 / Kellovsky (#51)
3/8	1	#70 Geller/Rotsaert (Stanford)	Lost 5-7 / Kellovsky (#55)
3/9	1	#33 P. Barretto/Kaya (Cal)	Won 6-3 / Kellovsky (#55)





### **The Sun Devils**



#### **Career Notes**

- Highest Oracle/ITA singles ranking: No. 90 (2/7/18)
- Highest Oracle/ITA doubles ranking: No. 48 with Andrea Bolla (4/17/18)
- Notched his first collegiate victory against Duke, outlasting Nick Stachowiak 6-4, 6-2 to score the first point for the Sun Devils since returning as a program (1/13/18)
- Clinched ASU's first victory since its revival, defeating Lucas Moreno of LMU 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 (2/9/18)

### MAKEY RAKOTOMALALA

MACK-ee

RAH-ku-to-mah-lah-lah

Creteil, France | Homeschool | Junior

#### **Fall Results**

Singles

Singles			
Date	Pos	Opponent (School)	Singles Score
10/1	R128	#90 Noe Khlif (Illinois)	Lost 5-7, 2-6
11/4	R8	Jordan Sauer (UNLV)	Won 6-3, 3-6, 6-4
11/4	R4	Olle Thestrup (UNLV)	Lost 2-6, 1-6
1/10		Reese Stalder (TCU)	Lost 4-6, 6-7 (5)
1/11		#90 Noe Khlif (Illinois)	Lost 3-6, 4-6
1/12		Strahinja Rakic (MSU)	Lost 6-3, 1-6, 5-7
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Doubles			
Date	Pos	Opponent (School)	Doubles Score/Partner
10/1	R8	Sauer/Thestrup (UNLV)	Won 8-3 / Wright
10/1	R4	Pereira/Wild (UCLA)	Lost 4-8 / Wright
1/10		Stalder/Kruger (TCU)	Lost 3-6 / Roberts
1/11		Clark/Montsi (Illinois)	Won 6-1 / Roberts
1/12		#7 Braun/Oradini (MSU)	Lost 6-7 (3) / Roberts

#### **Spring Results**

Singles			
Date	Pos	Opponent (School)	Singles Score
1/18	5	Robert Levine (Duke)	Won 6-4, 6-2
1/19	5	Julian Zlobinsky (WF)	Lost 4-6, 3-6
1/26	5	Luke Hammond (Oklahoma St.)	Won 6-3, 6-3
2/2	5	Scotland Garapedian (Pepp)	Won 6-1, 6-0
2/8	5	#86 Alex Kobelt (Ohio St.)	Lost 3-6, 2-6
2/10	6	Andrew Redding (Indiana)	Won 6-7, 7-6 (2), 6-2
2/22	5	No. 105 Austin Abbrat (TAMU)	Won 6-1, 6-0
2/24	5	David Norfeldt (USD)	Lost 4-6, 2-6
3/8	6	Timothy Sah (Stanford)	Lost 1-6, 2-6
3/9	6	Dominic Barretto (Cal)	Won 6-2, 6-3

Doubles			
Date	Pos	Opponent (School)	Doubles Score/Partner
1/18	2	Sculley/Lapidus (Duke)	Won 6-3 / Roberts
1/19	2	Dill/Źlobinsky (WF)	Won, 7-5 / Roberts
1/26	2	Dubinski/Drheim (Óklahoma St.)	Won 6-0 / Roberts
2/2	2	Sborowitz/Rico (Pepp)	5-4 unf. / Roberts
2/8	1	Wolf/Joyce (Ohio St.)	Lost 2-6 / Roberts
2/10	1	Lam/Fletchall (Indiana)	Won 6-4 / Roberts
2/22	2	Habib/Schachter (TAMU)	Won 6-4 / Roberts
2/24	2	Holmgren/Gamerov (USD)	Won 7-6 / Roberts
3/8	2	Barber/Genesen (Stanford)	Lost 2-6 / Roberts (#55)
3/9	2	Molloy/Zincirli (Cal)	3-5 unf. / Roberts (#55)
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### The Sun Devils



#### **Career Notes**

- Clinched UCF's fourth-straight conference title with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Danny Kerznerman of **UCF**
- Helped the Bulls to an upset over No. 16 Mississippi State with a 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 win at No. 2 earning him the American Athletic Conference Player of the Week
- Advanced to the round of 16 at the NCAA tournament in doubles in 2015
- Was one of 14 athletes representing the Bahamas in the Youth Olympic Games in China
- Won the Almere ITF singles and doubles titles both in 2012 and 2013
- Achieved a 162 ITF ranking

Sun Devil Men's Tennis

### **JUSTIN ROBERTS**

Nassau, Bahamas | South Florida | Graduate Student

#### **Fall Results**

Opponent (School)	Singles Score
#14 Alex Rybakov (TCU)	Lost 2-6, 1-6
#92 Zeke Clark (Illinois)	Won 6-3, 6-4
Giovanni Oradini (MSU)	Lost 1-6, 6-7 (5)
	#14 Alex Rybakov (TCU) #92 Zeke Clark (Illinois)

Doubles		
Date	Opponent (School)	Doubles Score/Partner
1/10	Stalder/Kruger (TCU)	Lost 3-6 / Rakotomalala
1/11	Clark/Montsi (Illinois)	Won 6-1 / Rakotomalala
1/12	#7 Braun/Oradini (MSU)	Lost 6-7 (3) / Rakotomalala

#### **Spring Results**

Singles

Singles			
Date	Pos	Opponent (School)	Singles Score
1/18	2	Spencer Furman (Duke)	Lost 7-5, 4-6, 4-6
1/19	3	#39 Melios Efstathiou (WF)	Lost 4-6, 2-6
1/26	3	Maxim Tybar (Oklahoma St.)	Lost 6-4, 3-6, 4-6
2/2	4	Tim Zeitvogel (Pepp)	Won 6-4, 6-2
2/8	3	#12 Kyle Seelig (Ohio St.)	Won 7-6, 0-6, 1-0 (8)
2/10	3	Zac Brodney (Indiana)	7-5, 4-6, 5-4 unf.
2/22	4	Barnaby Smith (TAMU)	Lost 5-7, 6-4, 0-1 (2)
2/24	4	Joel Gamerov (USD)	Lost 7-5, 4-6, 4-6
3/8	5	Michael Genender (Stanford)	6-4, 3-6, 0-2 unf.
3/9	5	Ben Draper (Cal)	Lost 6-7 (4), 6-7 (2)
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Doubles			
<u>Date</u>	Pos	Opponent (School)	Doubles Score/Partner
1/18	2	Sculley/Lapidus (Duke)	Won 6-3 / Rakotomalala
1/19	2	Dill/Zlobinsky (WF)	Won, 7-5 / Rakotomalala
1/26	2	Dubinski/Draheim (Oklahoma	St.)Won 6-0 / Rakotomala
2/2	2	Sborowitz/Rico (Pepp)	5-4 unf. / Rakotomalala
2/8	1	Wolf/Joyce (Ohio St.)	Lost 2-6 / Rakotomalala
2/10	1	Lam/Fletchall (Indiana)	Won 6-4 / Rakotomalala
2/22	2	Habib/Schachter (TAMU)	Won 6-4 / Rakotomalala
2/24	2	Holmgren/Gamerov (USD)	Won 7-6 / Rakotomalala
3/8	2	Barber/Genesen (Stanford)	Lost 2-6 / Roberts (#55)
3/9	2	Molloy/Zincirli (Cal)	3-5 unf. / Roberts (#55)







### **The Sun Devils**



#### **Career Notes**

- Highest Oracle/ITA doubles ranking: No.22 with Tim Ruehl
- Led the Sun Devils in matchclinching points in 2018 with six
- Earned Dean's List honors in each of his first two semesters
- Played for Germany several times, reaching the final of the European Championships twice and 6th placing at the World Championships

## TIM RUEHL

**RULE** 

Waldshut-Tiengen, Germany | Kurpfalz Gymnasium Mannheim | Sophomore **Fall Results** 

Singles		
Date	Pos Opponent (School)	Singles Score
11/7	R64 Yuya Ito (Texas)	Lost 3-6, 2-6
11/8	C32 Federico Duran (Ga. Gwinnett Coll.)	Won 6-3, 7-6 (6)
11/9	C16 Bo Boyden (UNC)	Won 7-6 (1), 6-4
11/9	C4 #16 Alex Lebedev (Notre Dame)	Lost 5-7, 3-6
1/10	Alastair Gray (TCU)	Lost 2-6, 6-7 (4)
1/11	Siphosothando Montsi (Illinois)	Won 6-3, 6-2
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Doubles				
Date	Pos	Opponent (	School)	Doubles Score/Partner
11/7	Lauren	t/Charlton (UO)	Won 2-6,	6-4, 1-0 (5) / Bolla (#22)
<u>11/8</u>	#15 D	avis/Foley (UW)	Won 3-6, 6	-3, 1-0 (15) / Bolla (#22)
11/9	#17 Tho	mson/Wynn (TTU)	Lost 6-7	(9), 6-7 (4) / Bolla (#22)
1/10	Rybak	ov/Gray (TCU)		Lost 3-6 / Bolla (#22)
1/11		c/Khlif (İllinois)		Won 6-3 / Bolla (#22)
1/12	Broska	a/Foshey (MSU)		Won 6-4 / Bolla (#22)
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#### **Spring Results**

Singles			
Date	Pos	Opponent (School)	Singles Score
1/18	4	Catalin Mateas (Duke)	Won 7-6 (4), 6-2
1/19	4	No. 80 Rrezart Cungu (WF)	Won 2-6, 6-2, 6-2
1/26	4	Brady Draheim (Oklahoma St.)	Lost 4-6, 3-6
2/2	3	Matias Sborowitz (Pepp)	Won 6-2, 7-6 (6)
2/10	4	Brandon Lam (Indiana)	Won 6-4, 6-4
3/8	4	#35 Sameer Kumar (Stanford)	4-6, 4-5 unf.
3/9	4	Bjorn Hoffman (Cal)	Lost 2-6, 5-7

Doubles			
Date	Pos	Opponent (School)	Doubles Score/Partner
1/18	3	Lin/Mateas (Duke)	Won 6-1 / Bolla (#22)
1/19	3	Banthia/Efstathiou (WF)	Lost, 1-6 / Kikrman
1/26	3	Hammond/Scaglia (Oklahoma S	t.) Won 6-2 / Kirkman
2/2	3	Jankowiak/Garapedian (Pepp)	
2/10	3	Brodney/Redding (Indiana)	5-4 unf. / Bolla (#26)
2/24	3	Koevermans/Norfeldt (USD)	6-6 unf. / Bolla (#22)
3/8	3	Kumar/Sah (Stanford)	5-6 unf. / Ruehl (#39)
3/9	3	D. Barretto/Hoffman (Cal)	Won 6-3 / Ruehl (#39)



### 2018-19 Season Stats

### **Singles Records**

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tour.	Conf.	Streak	Last 10
Andrea Bolla	4-5	2-4	2-1	0-1	L1	4-5
Benjamin Hannestad	1-3	1-3	0-0	0-0	W1	1-3
Dominik Kellovsky	1-8	1-7	0-1	0-2	L4	1-8
William Kirkman	2-3	2-3	0-0	0-0	L2	2-3
Nathan Ponwith	6-5	3-5	3-0	0-1	L1	3-5
Makey Rakotomalala	7-9	6-4	1-5	1-1	W1	5-4
Justin Roberts	3-8	2-6	1-2	0-1	L3	2-5
Tim Ruehl	7-5	4-2	3-3	0-1	L1	5-3
Thomas Wright	6-1	0-0	6-1	0-0	W6	6-1

Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	Match-Clinching Pts.	vs. Ranked
Andrea Bolla		1-2	1-2				1	1-1
Benjamin Hannestad				0-1	0-1	1-1		0-0
Dominik Kellovsky	1-7							1-3
William Kirkman						2-3		0-0
Nathan Ponwith	0-2	2-3	1-0					4-3
Makey Rakotomalala					4-3	2-1	1	0-3
Justin Roberts		0-1	1-2	1-2	0-1		1	2-3
Tim Ruehl			1-0	3-2				1-1

### **Doubles Records**

Pair	Overall	Dual	Tour.	Conf.	1_	2	3	Streak	Last 10
Rakotomala/Wright	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0				W1	1-1
Bolla/Ruehl	6-2	2-0	4-2	1-0			2-0	W4	6-2
Rakotomalala/Roberts	7-4	6-2	1-2	0-1	1-1	5-1		L1	7-3
Hannestad/Kellovsky	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0				L1	0-1
Kellovsky/Ponwith	5-2	4-2	1-0	1-1	4-2			W1	5-2
Kirkman/Ruehl	2-1	2-1	0-0	0-0			2-1	W2	2-1
Bolla/Kirkman	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0		0-1		L1	0-1
Hannestad/Ponwith	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0		1-0		W1	1-0
Bolla/Hannestad	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0			0-1	L1	0-1

Overall	Dual	Tour.	Conf.	1	2	3	vs. Ranked
8-5	6-2	2-3	0-1	1-1	5-1		0-1
1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0				0-0
8-3	4-1	4-2	1-0			4-1	2-0
6-4	2-2	4-2	1-0		0-1	2-1	2-0
7-4	6-2	1-2	0-1	1-1	5-1		0-1
6-2	5-2	1-0	1-1	4-2	1-0		2-1
5-3	4-2	1-1	1-1	4-2			2-1
1-2	1-1	0-1	0-0		1-0	0-1	0-0
2-2	2-2	0-0	0-0		0-1	2-1	0-0
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