



UCLA MEN'S TENNIS

UCLA Athletic Communications / J.D. Morgan Center / 325 Westwood Plaza / Los Angeles, CA 90095
Men's Tennis Contact: Andrew Sinatra / asinatra@athletics.ucla.edu / o: (310) 206-8141 / c: (310) 613-7389

2024 UCLA MTEN SCHEDULE (4-2, 0-0 PAC-12)

January

Wed.	17	(19) Texas A&M	L	3-4
Sat.	27	at (11) Harvard ¹	L	2-4
Sun.	28	vs. Ole Miss ¹	W	4-2
Tue.	30	at Oklahoma State	W	4-3

February

Wed.	7	Loyola Marymount	W	6-1
Sun.	18	at Pepperdine	W	4-3
Sun.	25	UNLV		1:00 PM

March

Thu.	7	UC Irvine		2:00 PM
Mon.	11	Columbia		2:00 PM
Wed.	13	TCU		2:00 PM
Sun.	17	Harvard		1:00 PM
Fri.	22	Arizona State		2:00 PM
Sun.	24	Arizona		12:00 PM
Fri.	29	at USC		5:00 PM

April

Fri.	5	at Oregon		1:30 PM
Sun.	7	at Washington		1:00 PM
Fri.	12	Stanford		1:30 PM
Sun.	14	California		12:00 PM
Tue.	16	USC		5:00 PM
Fri.	19	at Utah		2:00 PM
Wed.	24	Pac-12 Championships ²		TBD
Thu.	25	Pac-12 Championships ²		TBD
Fri.	26	Pac-12 Championships ²		TBD
Sat.	27	Pac-12 Championships ²		TBD

May

Sat.	4	NCAA First Round ³		TBD
Sun.	5	NCAA Second Round ³		TBD
	10 or 11	NCAA Third Round ⁴		TBD
Thu.	16	NCAA Championships ⁵		TBD
Fri.	17	NCAA Championships ⁵		TBD
Sat.	18	NCAA Championships ⁵		TBD

NOTE: Number in parenthesis indicates position in that week's ITA Top-25 Rankings

KEY:

- 1 ITA Kickoff Weekend (Murr Center, Boston, Mass.)
 - 2 Pac-12 Championships (at Libbey Park, Ojai, Calif.)
 - 3 NCAA First and Second Rounds (Location TBD)
 - 4 NCAA Third Round (Location TBD)
 - 5 NCAA Championships (at Greenwood Tennis Center, Stillwater, Okla.)
- * Pac-12 matches

UCLA ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Men's Tennis Twitter:	@UCLATennis
Men's Tennis Instagram:	@UCLAMTennis
Men's Tennis Facebook:	/UCLAMensTennis
UCLA Athletics Twitter:	@UCLAATHletics
UCLA Athletics Instagram:	@UCLAATHletics
UCLA Athletics Facebook:	/UCLAATHletics

#GoBruins

No. 25 UCLA Hosts UNLV Sunday

Sunday, Feb. 25
Los Angeles, Calif. (Los Angeles Tennis Center)

MATCH INFORMATION

Date/Time:	Sunday, Feb. 25/1:00 PM PT
Live Stream:	UCLABruins.com
Live Stats:	UCLABruins.com
Series vs. UNLV:	UCLA leads 18-0
Last Meeting vs. UNLV:	UCLA won 6-1 on March 2, 2021



4-2, 0-0 Pac-12



5-3, 0-0 MWC

THIS WEEK

No. 25 UCLA begins a seven-match homestand Sunday at 1 p.m. PT, when it welcomes UNLV to Los Angeles Tennis Center. The Bruins (4-2) enter the contest winners of four in a row, including three away from home. The Rebels (5-3) notched a victory in their most recent outing, beating host UC San Diego by a 4-3 score (Feb. 17).

FOLLOW LIVE

Fans unable to attend home UCLA matches in person can still follow live. Point-by-point scoring and streaming will be available for all contests played at Los Angeles Tennis Center through [UCLABruins.com](https://www.uclabruins.com).

LAST TIME OUT

UCLA beat Pepperdine in thrilling fashion Feb. 18, earning a 4-3 win at Ralphs-Straus Tennis Center. Spencer Johnson provided the heroics, completing the Bruins' comeback from a 3-2 deficit. Starting down a 4-5 score and three match points on the last court standing, Johnson climbed out of his third-set hole to prevail 4-6, 7-5, 7-5. UCLA won the doubles point and a straight-set victory by Aadarsh Tripathi helped the Bruins regain the lead at 2-1. The Waves picked up consecutive victories, meaning UCLA needed a three-set win on each of the remaining two courts. Thanks to the efforts of Govind Nanda on the top court and Johnson on Court 3, the Bruins would do just that.

UCLA VS. UNLV

UCLA is unbeaten across 18 meetings with UNLV. In the most recent matchup, on March 2, 2021, the Bruins dropped just two sets en route to a 6-1 defeat of the Rebels at Los Angeles Tennis Center. UCLA was led by its backcourt players, as each was victorious without surrendering more than two games in a set. Roscoe Bellamy clinched the overall win, following the efforts of Stefan Leustian and Sam Feit. UNLV got its lone point from Jordan Sauer.

IN THE RANKINGS

Riding a four-match winning streak, the Bruins were elevated to No. 25 in the ITA team rankings Friday. Winner of consecutive matchups with top-20 players, Govind Nanda climbed to No. 29 in the Feb. 20 installment of the singles rankings. Nanda, who is 5-2 in singles action, knocked off No. 18 Tyler Zink of Oklahoma State 7-5, 6-1 Jan. 30 and No. 28 Edward Winter of Pepperdine 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 Feb. 18. Each victory was part of a 4-3 team win on the road. Nanda is 3-1 in dual-match singles play, with each of the decisions made on Court 1.

NANDA NAMED PAC-12 PLAYER OF THE WEEK FOR JAN. 29-FEB. 4

Redshirt senior Govind Nanda was named Pac-12 Player of the Week for the week of Jan. 29-Feb. 4, the conference announced Tuesday. Nanda had a hand in the Bruins' initial two points of their thrilling 4-3 victory at Oklahoma State (Jan. 30). Nanda and Alexander Hoogmartens dealt Leighton Allen and Erik Schiessl a 6-2 defeat on the third doubles court to put UCLA on the scoreboard first. Nanda then knocked off the nation's 18th-ranked singles player, Tyler Zink, 7-5, 6-1 on the top court to give his team a 2-1 lead. The Cowboys' loss was their first at Greenwood Tennis Center in four early-season matches. The third weekly honor of Nanda's career also marked his first since March 31, 2021. UCLA men's tennis has garnered 49 of the awards overall.

FALL RECAP

Bruins were in action at five tournaments before the new year. They wrapped up 2023 with a championship performance at Jack Kramer Club in Rolling Hills Estates, Calif., where freshmen and first-time partners Spencer Johnson and Emon van Loben Sels rolled to the Dennis Rizza Classic doubles title. Johnson and van Loben Sels beat the tournament's top three seeds – including No. 2-seed Kai Brady/Lucca Liu of UC Santa Barbara in the final – en route to the trophy. Johnson and van Loben Sels also turned in standout singles performances, with both reaching the semifinals. Johnson led UCLA with a 7-3 singles record and 6-3 doubles mark during the fall. Just behind him in both categories was van Loben Sels, who was 5-3 in singles matches and 4-1 in doubles play. Aadarsh Tripathi logged three singles wins, advancing to the quarterfinal round of the ITA Southwest Regional Championships.

2022-23 IN REVIEW

UCLA came up just short in the NCAA Championships first round, falling to Northwestern by a 4-2 score in Lexington, Ky. The Bruins finished the 2022-23 campaign with a 12-11 record. They went 10-3 at Los Angeles Tennis Center. Individually, Giacomo Revelli and Patrick Zahraj were honored with spots on the Pac-12 All-Conference Second Team. Revelli led UCLA with 15 total singles wins. Four Bruins (Jeffrey Fradkin, Timothy Li, Aadarsh Tripathi and Zahraj) put up 13 doubles victories apiece to tie for the team lead. Alexander Hoogmartens, despite not playing after Feb. 4, beat seven nationally-ranked singles opponents in 10 tries. He reached No. 15 in the ITA singles rankings.

325 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90095

Men's Tennis Contact	Andrew Sinatra
Office Phone	(310) 206-8141
Cell Phone	(310) 613-7389
Fax	(310) 825-8664
E-mail	asinatra@athletics.ucla.edu
Website	www.uclabruins.com

Head coach Billy Martin's weekly media availability typically takes place before the team's Tuesday practice, which usually runs from 12:30-3 p.m. at Los Angeles Tennis Center. Players are available to the media at the same time. Practices are not open to the public.

Media and photography credentials for UCLA home matches may be obtained by working press only by writing or calling Andrew Sinatra at the UCLA Athletic Communications Office, PO Box 24044, Los Angeles, CA 90024, (310) 206-8141, asinatra@athletics.ucla.edu. All requests should be submitted at least 24 hours in advance. Press and photo credentials can be picked up on the patio above Court 2 at Los Angeles Tennis Center.

Television and photo credentials entitle video and still photographers to shoot between courts. Please consult with sports information staff to find out where the photography areas are. Flash photography is strictly forbidden.

All interviews must be arranged by the Athletic Communications Office. Athletes have been instructed not to grant any interview, in person or by telephone, not arranged by the Athletic Communications Office. Telephone numbers are private and will not be released. Please do not expect team members to be available if you have not made prior arrangements.

Head coach Billy Martin and selected players will be available to the media following the team's meeting and cool down (10 minutes after the conclusion of the match).

Location	Los Angeles, CA
Athletic Dept. Address	325 Westwood Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90095
Athletics Phone	(310) 825-8699
Men's Tennis Office Phone	(310) 206-6375
Chancellor	Dr. Gene Block
Director of Athletics	Martin Jarmond
Assoc. Athletic Director (Tennis)	Chris Carlson
Faculty Athletic Rep.	Dr. Michael Teitell
Home Court (Capacity)	Los Angeles Tennis Center (10,000+)
Enrollment	43,239
Founded	1919
Colors	Blue and Gold
Nickname	Bruins
Conference	Pac-12
National Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Head Coach	Billy Martin (Redlands '89)
Career Record (Years)	646-160 (31)
Associate Head Coach	Rikus de Villiers
Volunteer Assistant Coach	Ben Goldberg
2023 Record	12-11
2023 Pac-12 Record (Finish)	3-5 (T-6th)
2023 NCAA Tournament	T-33rd
2023 Final National Ranking	35
NCAA Championships	16 (1950, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1956, 1960, 1961, 1965, 1970, 1971, 1975, 1976, 1979, 1982, 1984, 2005)
All-Time NCAA Tournament Appearances (Last)	44 (2021)
All-Time Conference Championships (Last)	44 (2019)

UCLA returns 88% of its singles wins and 68% of its doubles victories from 2022-23, with Patrick Zahraj the lone departure. Gianluca Ballotta (10), Alexander Hoogmartens (12), Pac-12 All-Conference Second Team member Giacomo Revelli (15), Adarsh Tripathi (13) and Azuma Visaya (14) each logged double-digit singles wins in 2022-23. Back on the doubles side are double-digit winners Jeffrey Fradkin (13), Timothy Li (13), Revelli (10) and Tripathi (13). Also making a return to the Bruins is Govind Nanda, who was 41-15 in singles play and 29-21 in doubles from 2018-2021. He is a two-time All-Conference Second Team honoree who has reached No. 10 in the ITA singles rankings and No. 13 on the doubles list.

Seeing action in blue and gold for the first time this season are a trio of Bruins: freshman Spencer Johnson (Ladera Ranch, Calif./Connections Academy), senior Jorge Plans Gonzalez (Barcelona, Spain/Clemson) and redshirt freshman Emon van Loben Sels (Sacramento, Calif./Visions in Education). Johnson, part of the Class of 2021, served a two-year Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints mission in Argentina before enrolling in time for the current academic year. He was tabbed a Blue Chip recruit by TennisRecruiting.net and slotted at No. 1 in the state of Utah and Mountain region. Plans Gonzalez went 50-28 in singles matches across three seasons at Clemson. He also logged 29 doubles victories. Plans Gonzalez, who earned a wild card into qualifying for the 2019 Mutua Madrid Open in his home country of Spain, occupied every spot in the singles and doubles lineups for the Tigers. Also a Blue Chip talent, van Loben Sels helped claim the Boys' 16 doubles title at the 2021 Easter Bowl in San Diego. He redshirted in 2022-23.

Former UCLA standouts continue to become household names in the professional ranks, with Maxime Cressy, Marcos Giron, Mackenzie McDonald and Jean-Julien Rojer turning in notable results across the Grand Slams and on the ATP Tour. Cressy picked up his first ATP Tour championship and saw his singles ranking reach a career-best No. 31 when he beat Alexander Bublik of Kazakhstan at the 2022 Hall of Fame Open in Newport, R.I. An ATP doubles title followed for Cressy in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, where he teamed with Fabrice Martin to take the 2023 Dubai Open's top prize. Giron reached the Roland-Garros singles third round for the second time in 2023. He also earned top-10 wins against Holger Rune of Denmark and Casper Ruud of Norway in subsequent 2023 tournaments. Giron is off to a hot start in 2024, reaching the Dallas Open singles final. His run included straight sets victories opposite No. 14 Frances Tiafoe of the United States and No. 17 Adrian Mannarino of France. McDonald, who opened 2023 by beating top seed and defending champion Rafael Nadal in three sets at the Australian Open, represented the United States at the Davis Cup Finals in Uzbekistan and achieved a career-high ATP singles ranking of No. 37 the same year. Rojer collected his fourth Grand Slam title at Roland-Garros in 2022, teaming with Marcelo Arevalo to defeat Ivan Dodig and Austin Krajicek in the final. Rojer and Arevalo won three ATP championships in 2023. Cressy (No. 177), Giron (career-high 44) and McDonald (61) are currently ranked among the ATP's top 200 singles players. Rojer is 20th on the doubles list. McDonald (75, reached 49 in 2023) is also in the doubles top 100.

Head coach Billy Martin is in his 31st year at the helm of the UCLA men's tennis program and this season marks his 41st since joining the staff of friend, mentor and fellow UCLA Athletic Hall of Famer Glenn Bassett. Martin, who passed Bassett to become the program's all-time leader in head-coaching wins during the 2019 season, is the longest-tenured active coach at UCLA. He holds a career record of 646-160 (.801) as head coach. Martin guided the 2005 Bruins to the program's 16th NCAA team title and just six of his squads have finished outside the top five at the season-ending NCAA Championships. Benjamin Kohloeffel (2006), Marcos Giron (2014) and Mackenzie McDonald (2016) have earned NCAA singles titles on Martin's watch, while UCLA has become a frequent landing spot for doubles champions of late. In addition to 1996 winners Justin Gimelstob and Srđan Muskatirovic, three of the most recent six titleholders – McDonald/Martin Redlicki in 2016, Redlicki/Evan Zhu in 2018 and Maxime Cressy/Keegan Smith in 2019 – have called Westwood home.

Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Last School)
Gianluca Ballotta	5-10	So.	Lima, Peru (Florida Virtual School)
Jeffrey Fradkin	6-4	R-Jr.	New York, N.Y. (Dwight Global)
Alexander Hoogmartens	6-0	Jr.	Beersel, Belgium (Stedelijk Lyceum Topsport)
Spencer Johnson	6-3	Fr.	Ladera Ranch, Calif. (Connections Academy)
Stefan Leustian	5-10	Sr.	Sacramento, Calif. (Connections Academy)
Timothy Li	5-11	R-Jr.	Valley Village, Calif. (Harvard-Westlake School)
Govind Nanda	5-9	R-Sr.	Redlands, Calif. (Laurel Springs School)
Jorge Plans Gonzalez	6-0	Sr.	Barcelona, Spain (Institut Menéndez y Pelayo/Clemson)
Giacomo Revelli	6-1	Jr.	London, England (Claire's Court)
Aadarsh Tripathi	5-9	So.	Pleasanton, Calif. (Amador Valley HS)
Emon van Loben Sels	5-11	R-Fr.	Sacramento, Calif. (Visions In Education)
Azuma Visava	5-11	So.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Hibernian Private School)

Billy Martin	Head Coach (31st season)
Rikus de Villiers	Associate Head Coach (11th season)
Ben Goldberg	Assistant Coach (3rd season)

Marc Reichling	Staff Athletic Trainer
Zachariah Anderson	Athletic Performance Coach
Andrew Sinatra	Athletic Communications Contact

CLINCHING WINS

PLAYER	CLINCHING WINS
Emon van Loben Sels	2 (AT OKST, VS. MISS)
Spencer Johnson	1 (AT PEPP)
Azuma Visaya	1 (L.MU)

ITA TEAM RANKINGS (Top 25 - Feb. 20)

RK	TEAM
1	Ohio State
2	TCU
3	Wake Forest
4	Columbia
5	Tennessee
6	Kentucky
7	Virginia
8	Harvard
9	Arizona
10	Texas
11	Illinois
11	Texas A&M
13	Duke
14	South Carolina
15	San Diego
16	Michigan State
17	Baylor
18	Alabama
19	Florida State
20	NC State
21	Memphis
22	Arizona State
23	Oklahoma State
24	Mississippi State
25	UCLA

PAC-12 STANDINGS (Feb. 23)

TEAMS	CONFERENCE	OVERALL
Oregon	0-0	9-2
Arizona	0-0	7-2
UCLA	0-0	4-2
Stanford	0-0	5-3
Arizona State	0-0	6-4
Washington	0-0	4-4
USC	0-0	4-5
California	0-0	3-4
Utah	0-0	2-7

CAREER RECORDS

PLAYER	SINGLES	DOUBLES
Gianluca Ballotta	14-7	2-6
Jeffrey Fradkin	17-21	24-21
Alexander Hoogmartens	27-15	24-13
Spencer Johnson	14-4	12-4
Stefan Leustian	27-31	12-11
Timothy Li	10-12	21-18
Govind Nanda	46-17	35-24
Jorge Plans Gonzalez	52-34*	29-32*
Giacomo Revelli	30-31	23-25
Emon van Loben Sels	8-6	9-3
Aadarsh Tripathi	18-23	14-13
Azuma Visaya	18-11	3-8

* - at Clemson and UCLA

UCLA's RADIO/TV ROSTER



GIANLUCA BALLOTTA
SO, 5-10
Singles: 4-3
Doubles: 0-2



JEFFREY FRADKIN
R-JR, 6-4
Singles: 2-0
Doubles: 4-0



ALEXANDER HOOGMARTENS
JR, 6-0
Singles: 1-3
Doubles: 2-3



SPENCER JOHNSON
FR, 6-3
Singles: 14-4
Doubles: 12-4



STEFAN LEUSTIAN
SR, 5-10
Singles: 0-1
Doubles: 0-0



TIMOTHY LI
R-JR, 5-11
Singles: 3-2
Doubles: 6-5



GOVIND NANDA
R-SR, 5-9
Singles: 5-2
Doubles: 6-3



JORGE PLANS GONZALEZ
SR, 6-0
Singles: 2-6
Doubles: 0-1



GIACOMO REVELLI
JR, 6-1
Singles: 2-7
Doubles: 3-3



AADARSH TRIPATHI
SO, 5-9
Singles: 5-6
Doubles: 1-1



EMON VAN LOBEN SELS
R-FR, 5-11
Singles: 8-6
Doubles: 9-3



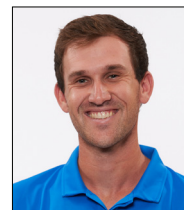
AZUMA VISAYA
SO, 5-11
Singles: 4-3
Doubles: 1-1



BILLY MARTIN
HEAD COACH
31st Year



RIKUS DE VILLIERS
ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
11th Year



BEN GOLDBERG
ASSISTANT COACH
3rd Year

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Gianluca Ballotta	JON-loo-kah BAH-lo-tah
Alexander Hoogmartens	HOOG (hard G)-mar-tins
Stefan Leustian	STEH-fawn LOOSE-chin
Timothy Li	like "Lee"
Govind Nanda	GO-vin NON-duh
Giacomo Revelli	JACK-uh-mo reh-VELL-ee
Aadarsh Tripathi	ah-DARSH trih-PAWTH-ee
Emon van Loben Sels	eh-MOHN
Azuma Visaya	uh-ZOO-muh VEE-sy-uh
Rikus de Villiers	RICK-iss de-VILL-yers

UCLA IN THE ITA RANKINGS

Team	1/3	1/17	1/24	1/31	2/7	2/20	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
UCLA	RV	RV	--	--	--	26				

Singles	9/5	11/15	2/7	2/20	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Gianluca Ballotta	--	121	--	--						
Alexander Hoogmartens	44	--	--	--						
Govind Nanda	--	--	58	29						
Giacomo Revelli	97	--	--	--						
Jorge Plans Gonzalez	107	--	--	--						

Doubles	9/5	11/15	2/7	2/20	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Li/Revelli	26	--	--	--						