



BILLY MARTIN

Head Coach

24th Season

Univ. of Redlands '89

27-1 overall record.

Another significant highlight in Martin's career is his outstanding success in the highly-competitive Pac-12 Conference, where he owns a 143-27 (.841) record. Martin, the 2014 Pac-12 Coach of the Year after leading UCLA to the Pac-12 Tournament title, has been named the Conference's coach of the year four times (1996, 2012, 2013 and 2014). Under Martin's direction, UCLA has captured 12 conference titles, including four in a row from 2004-07. UCLA has never finished out of the top 3 in the Pac-12 standings during Martin's tenure.

In addition to his numerous team accomplishments, Martin takes great pride in helping his players achieve their individual goals as well. In 2006, he helped Benjamin Kohlloeffel become the 10th player in school history to capture the NCAA Singles Championship. Kohlloeffel notched a straight-set win over Virginia's Somdev Devvarman in the title match that year, becoming the first Bruin player since Martin in 1975 to win the title. Kohlloeffel's victory put his coach in an elite category, as Martin joined Georgia's Manny Diaz as the only other active head coach to earn the career "triple crown" by leading their schools to three different titles at the NCAA Championships (team, singles and doubles). In 2014, Martin helped Marcos Giron become the school's 11th NCAA Singles Champion when Giron downed Pepperdine's Alex Sarkissian in straight sets in the 2014 championship match in Athens, Ga. Last season, Martin coached three-time All-American Mackenzie McDonald to the NCAA Singles crown. The Bruin junior dispatched top-ranked Mikael Torpegaard of Ohio State in straight sets to become UCLA's 12th NCAA Singles Champion. McDonald was named the 2016 ITA National Men's College Player of the Year and earned his second straight Pac-12 Player of the Year nod (2015, 2016).

Martin's first NCAA doubles title came when he coached Justin Gimelstob and Srdjan Muskatirovic to the championship in 1995. His second came in 2016, when McDonald and sophomore Martin Redlicki coasted past No. 8 Arthur Rinderknech and Jackson Withrow of Texas A&M, 6-4, 6-1, in the NCAA doubles final. The duo also earned Pac-12 Doubles Team of the Year honors.

In all, a total of 26 players have achieved All-America status under Martin's

direction.

Inducted into the ITA Tennis Hall of Fame in 1996, Martin's playing career is full of highlights. To this very day he is still regarded as one of the best junior players in the history of the sport. He captured the 1973 and '74 singles titles at Junior Wimbledon, the Junior U.S. Open and Junior Orange Bowl tournaments. Inside Tennis Magazine recently ran an article that named him "Junior Player of the Century." Due to his tremendous success as a junior player while growing up in Illinois, Martin was inducted into the USTA Midwest Section Hall of Fame in December of 2010. He was also inducted into the Southern California Tennis Association Hall of Fame in August of 2011.

Although Martin played just one season at UCLA before turning pro, the 1975 season was a special one, as he guided the team to a perfect 19-0 dual-match record en route to an NCAA team championship during his freshman year.

After capturing the 1975 NCAA singles championship, Martin turned professional and enjoyed a fine career. He reached the Wimbledon singles quarterfinals in 1977 and was selected Rookie of the Year in his first professional season.

Martin defeated top pros such as Ken Rosewall (twice), Stan Smith, John Newcombe, Roscoe Tanner and Harold Solomon. In 1975 he won the Arkansas International singles title. He also won doubles championships in 1977, '79 and '81 in Laguna Niguel, CA, Brussels, Belgium and Bristol, England, respectively.

Martin attended UCLA for three years, working on his undergraduate studies before completing his bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Redlands in 1989. He earned his MBA from USC in 1991.

During the summer, Martin runs the Bassett-Martin Tennis Camp, one of the country's most successful camps for youngsters. Martin also directs the UCLA Summer Tennis Camps held on the UCLA campus.

Martin and his wife, Justine, have two children, William and Travis. William played college tennis at St. Mary's, while Travis is a senior on the UCLA team.

Head coach Billy Martin, who is in his 24th year as head coach of the UCLA Bruins, takes an overall record of 524-111 (.825) into the 2017 season. This year marks Martin's 34th on staff, as he served as an assistant coach for 10 years prior to taking over for Glenn Bassett in 1994. He is only the fourth head coach in UCLA tennis history, following legends Bill Ackerman (1921-50), J.D. Morgan (1951-66) and Bassett (1967-93). Only three active coaches at UCLA have served longer at their current positions, as Martin follows Cyndi Gallagher (women's swimming - 26 years) and Valorie Kondos Field (women's gymnastics - 25 years). Perhaps the most amazing accomplishment in Martin's career is his ability to contend for a championship each and every year, as only twice has he had a team finish out of the top 5 at the season-ending NCAA Championships.

Martin's finest season at UCLA came in 2005 when he led the squad to its first NCAA title since 1984. UCLA's 4-3 come-from-behind victory over top-seeded and undefeated Baylor that year marked the Bruins' 16th NCAA Championship in men's tennis and the school's 97th NCAA title overall. The win snapped Baylor's 57-match winning streak, the second longest in NCAA history. It also avenged the team's 4-0 loss to the Bears in the 2004 NCAA Final.

In addition to the team's dramatic run to the title in 2005, Martin has had several near misses at the NCAA Championships, including 2013 when the top-seeded Bruins were narrowly edged by No. 2 Virginia, 4-3 in the championship match in Champaign, Ill. Under Martin, UCLA has reached the NCAA Final on three other occasions (1996, 1999 and 2004). After reaching the final in just his third year as head coach, Martin was named the 1996 ITA National Coach of the Year, as the Bruins finished with a



GRANT CHEN

Associate Head Coach
2nd Season
UCLA '06

During his three years as Billy Martin's top assistant, UCLA twice reached the semi-finals at the NCAA Championships (2012 and 2014), including the final in 2013.

Prior to being named assistant coach, Chen served for five seasons as the team's Director of Operations. He was named Director of Operations following graduation from UCLA in 2006, serving in that capacity for one season before leaving to work in sports management, where he assisted with a handful of prominent tennis professionals in the Los Angeles Area. Chen returned to UCLA in 2009 to work with both the men's and women's tennis programs.

Several of Chen's duties included logistics, travel, equipment, as well as managing all home events. He has served as tournament manager for a number of UCLA hosted events, such as ITA Kick-Off

Grant Chen enters his second season as associate head coach with the UCLA men's tennis program. In his first year as associate head coach, the Bruins swept the singles and doubles titles at the 2016 NCAA Tennis Championships. Mackenzie McDonald won the singles crown and then paired with Martin Redlicki to take home the doubles championship.

Weekend, NCAA Regionals and the Southern California Intercollegiate Championships. Chen has also played an instrumental role in helping Martin run the highly successful UCLA Tennis Camps and Bassett/Martin Tennis Camp in Big Bear, Calif.

In his spare time, Chen has organized several tennis charity events around the country.

On the coaching side, Chen served as head coach of the UCLA Club Tennis Team from 2007-10. He coached the team to a pair of Southern California Regional Championships in 2007 and 2008, including a third-place national finish in 2010. Chen was a member of the club tennis team from 2005-2006, winning both the Fall and Spring Intramural events at UCLA while leading the team to a regional title and a top 5 finish at nationals.



RIKUS DE VILLIERS

Volunteer Assistant Coach
4th Season
Fresno State '11

therapy. Prior to his arrival in Fresno, he played one season at Pepperdine before transferring following his freshman year. During his time in Fresno, de Villiers earned All-Western Athletic Conference (WAC) honors in each of his three seasons. He was named to the conference's first team in both singles and doubles as a senior. He also helped Fresno State to a WAC Championship his senior year, securing the Bulldogs an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament, where they reached the second round.

In addition to ascending to a career-high No. 83 in the ITA Singles Rankings, de Villiers was also a standout doubles player, twice earning a place in the NCAA Doubles Championships with teammate Remi Boutlier. The duo ended the 2011 season listed

Rikus de Villiers returns to Westwood after touring with Ryan Harrison on the professional circuit during the 2015-16 season. This will be his fourth season as a volunteer assistant coach for the UCLA men's tennis team.

A native of South Africa, de Villiers was a top player at Fresno State (2009-11), where he earned a degree in physical

at No. 18 in the Final ITA Doubles Rankings.

As a junior tennis player in South Africa, he twice won the African Championships in singles and doubles. He earned his first ATP point when he was just a 14 years old.