



COACH'S CORNER

I know this is December's newsletter, but I am writing this on Thanksgiving Day. With family all around from all over the country and the chaos that comes from a house full of people, my house feels much like a day at work full of interruptions, surprises, laughs and duties. As I reflect on all of this, I would not trade any of it for the world! Like my family, this team is special. We had a great fall with individuals playing beyond my expectations while others improved in other ways. We were all stretched with travel, competition, and school but learned that we can always do more than we thought. We have turned in all the results from our fall play to the ranking committee, and John and I look forward to seeing how both the team and individuals fair.



Over the next few weeks, the team members will hunker down in the classroom preparing for final exams which start in the middle of the month. Leading up to this time, John and I will conduct individual workouts to keep the guys sharp. The team will then depart after their exams, home for Christmas break to family and friends. During December, John and I will spend quality time fine tuning our schedule and travel, preparing for January and the much anticipated start to the season.

Lastly, I would like to thank Linda, Phil, John, Lana, Evan, Jeffrey, the Clemson administration, and all the wonderful folks who make the men's tennis program successful. Without all of their support, none of this would be possible. I want to wish everyone a Great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year! **Go Tigers!**

Coach Chuck McCuen

PLAYER PROFILE AYRTON WILBOWE



Ayrton Wilbowe transferred to Clemson from Auburn University-Montgomery and had to sit a year due to NCAA requirements. He is looking forward to making a big impact in the Tiger's line-up this year.

Ayrton comes from a tennis family, as his parents have worked with the Indonesian Davis and Fed Cup teams, and he hopes to continue building his family's tennis legacy.

Ayrton spent his entire summer away from his home in Indonesia to train in Clemson, Ayrton hopes to keep in the singles line-up at number two or three singles, while using his innate doubles game to lock in wins at doubles.

This year he aims to motivate his teammates to work their hardest and to perform at their highest level, to work hard maintaining a good GPA, and to lead the Tigers to a NCAA tournament bid.



MEET THE SUPPORT STAFF

BRANDON ALBIN

Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer

Brandon is a second year graduate assistant athletic trainer working on his master's degree in human resource development. His undergraduate degree is in Kinesiology with a concentration in athletic training from Louisiana State University.

He currently works solely with the Clemson Men's Tennis team and his primary responsibilities include the prevention, evaluation, treatment, and rehabilitation of all athletic injuries for the team. Brandon works with the athletes on a daily basis attending all practices, competitions, and weight room sessions.

Besides helping the athletes perform their best, he enjoys working out, staying active and has recently started learning how to play the guitar. He is looking forward to the Tigers having a good year. GO TIGERS!



Please save the dates of
April 13- 15, 2012
for the
Clemson University Tennis Reunion.

More details to come!

2012 SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
1/15/12	Sat	Coll. of Charleston/Citadel	Clemson	9:00/3:00
1/21/12	Sat	Univ of Georgia	Athens, GA	1:00 pm
2/2/12	Thur	LSU	Baton Rouge, LA	1:00 pm
2/11/12	Sat	Univ. of Louisville	Louisville, KY	5:00 pm
2/15/12	Wed	Furman	Furman	3:00 pm
2/18/12	Sat	Wisconsin	Clemson	10:00 am
20/20/12	Mon	Fresno State	Auburn, AL	10:00 am
2/25/12	Sat	Blue & Gray	Montgomery, AL	All Day
2/26/12	Sun	Blue & Gray	Montgomery, AL	All Day
3/4/12	Sun	Georgia Tech	Atlanta, GA	12:00 pm
3/11/12	Sun	Miami	Clemson	1:00 pm
3/14/12	Wed	USC	Clemson	2:30 pm
3/17/12	Sat	FSU	Tallahassee, FL	1:00 am
3/21/12	Wed	William & Mary	Williamsburg, VA	TBA
3/23/12	Fri	Maryland	Clemson	2:30 pm
3/25/12	Sun	Boston College	Clemson	11:00 pm
3/30/12	Fri	Duke	Raleigh-Durham	3:00 pm
4/1/12	Sun	UNC	Chapel Hill, NC	1:00 pm
4/6/12	Fri	UVA	Clemson	2:30 pm
4/7/12	Sat	Virginia Tech	Clemson	3:00 pm
4/13/12	Fri	Wake Forest	WinstonSalem NC	4:00 pm
4/15/12	Sun	NC State	Raleigh-Durham	12:00 pm
4/19/12	Thur	ACC Tournament	Cary, NC	All Day
4/20/12	Fri	ACC Tournament	Cary, NC	All Day
4/21/12	Sat	ACC Tournament	Cary, NC	All Day
5/12/12	Sat	NCAA	1st & 2nd Round	TBA
5/13/12	Sun	NCAA	1st & 2nd Round	TBA

"The Will To Lead" campaign is an effort to raise funds to build a better Clemson by 2012. Part of the funds will be used to upgrade the Clemson Tennis Complex which will include

- *fan-friendly entrance with a landscaped court
- *pedestrian bridge joining the facility With Historic Riggs Field
- *new roof to cover fan seating



To date, we have raised almost **\$170,000** in less than a year. We currently have a \$3 million goal.

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David Wilkins

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