



HEAD COACH HANS NEUFELD Seventh Season * Northern Illinois (1983) **HORIZON LEAGUE COACH OF THE YEAR (2003)**

Hans Neufeld enters his sixth season as head coach of the University of Illinois at Chicago men's tennis program with the Flames positioned for another run at history.

In just six years, Neufeld has molded UIC into a consistent challenger for the Horizon league crown. The Flames have

made the league championship final three years in a row while featuring nine All-Horizon League players, a league Player of the Year as well as the Newcomer of the Year award—all during Neufeld's tenure.

Other hallmarks achieved by the Flames under Neufeld include a school-record 20 singles wins by Ivan Kovalev in 2005 and a 14-win dual match record, the best by a UIC squad since 1983, that same year.

Now the only thing on Neufeld's to-do list is a Horizon League title, and the Flames' mentor has his team primed to capture the program's first-ever league championship.

Last year the Flames made history by securing a spot in the conference championship match in back-to-back seasons for the first time ever. Neufeld is the only coach in the team's history to have guided the Flames to two runner-up finishes in league play. Neufeld was named Horizon League Co-Coach of the Year in 2003

after guiding the resurgent Flames to an 11-10 record, the first time a UIC squad had finished with a mark above .500 since 1996.

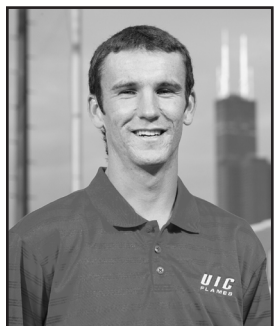
Besides his team's on-court success, Neufeld has continued the programs's tradition of great academic success. His players are continually ranked at the top in the athletic department, The University and the league, and many of his former players have gone on to compete graduate work and medical school at some of the finest institutions in the nation.

Making Neufeld's accomplishments even more incredible is the fact that UIC is his first collegiate head coaching venture. Prior to heading the Flames, Neufeld served as a volunteer assistant coach at both Northern Illinois and Southern Methodist under his brother, Carl.

Before arriving at UIC, Neufeld worked at the Hinsdale Golf Club as the Head Tennis and Platform Tennis Professional. Prior to that he served as the tennis director at the Woodfield Athletic Club in Schaumburg, Illinois.

Neufeld graduated from Northern Illinois University in 1983. Neufeld was a tennis standout for the Huskies and was honored as an all-conference selection in 1980.

Neufeld and his wife, Diane, reside with their children Katrina and Nathan in McHenry, Illinois.



ASSISTANT COACH DANIEL POLLOCK First Season * Hawaii at Hilo (2007)

Daniel Pollock enters his first season as an assistant coach for the UIC men's tennis program.

Pollock brings outstanding tennis credentials into his first venture as a collegiate assistant coach. He began his collegiate career at Anderson College in South Carolina, guiding the Trojans to a Carolina-Virginia Athletic Conference Championship. During the 2003-04 season, he earned a spot on the ITA All-Academic Team.

Pollock went off the mainland and spent the next three seasons competing for the University of Hawaii at Hilo. A two-year captain, Pollock played in the No. 1 position in singles and doubles for the Vulcans, a team ranked as high as 26th in Division II during his college career. As an individual, Pollock ranked third in doubles and ninth in singles in the West Region. Through his tireless dedication to the squad, Pollock was honored with the Hilo's Athletic Directors Award in 2007.

Proving that nice guys do not finish last, Pollock was named the Division II regional and national winner of the ITA/Arthur Ashe Award for Sportsmanship and Leadership during his senior campaign in 2007. This honor is "awarded to a player who has exhibited outstanding sportsmanship and leadership as well as scholastic, extracurricular and tennis achievements."

Pollock excelled off the court, being named the UH-Hilo Scholar-Athlete of the Year in his final two seasons, as well as earning the ITA Scholar-Athlete award in 2006 and 2007.

Pollock graduated in 2007 with highest honors and a perfect grade point average (4.0), earning a degree in exercise science.

Pollock has served as the Assistant Tennis Director and Full-Time Tennis Professional at the Sugarbush Resort and Racquet Club in Warren, Vermont as well as a seasonal assistant tennis professional at the Mauna Lani Resort Tennis Club at Kohola Coast in Hawaii. A native of Manchester, U.K., Pollock was a tennis professional at numerous sporting clubs in the United Kingdom.

Pollock comes to UIC as a PhD candidate in Movement Sciences in the department of Kinesiology and Nutrition, and will be a teaching assistant for undergraduate Kinesiology courses.