



# 2016-17 WOMEN'S TENNIS NOTES

## NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

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### 2016-17 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

#### FALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Tournament
9/12	USTA Pro Circuit - Atlanta, Ga.
9/28	USTA Pro Circuit - Las Vegas, Nev.
10/1-2	Riviera/ITA All-American Championships Malibu, Calif.
10/3-9	Riviera/ITA All-American Championships Pacific Palisades, Calif.
10/12-14	Oracle/ITA Masters - Malibu, Calif.
10/20-24	USTA/ITA Southwest Regional Championships San Diego, Calif.
11/3-6	USTA National Indoor Championships Flushing, N.Y.
11/3-6	Jack Kramer Club Intercollegiate Championships Rollings Hills Estates, Calif.

#### SPRING DUAL SCHEDULE

Overall: 23-4 WCC: 9-0  
Home: 14-1 Away: 6-0 Neutral: 3-3

Date	Opponent (Rk)	Location	Time
1/13-15	Freeman Memorial	Las Vegas, Nev.	

#### ITA KICK-OFF WEEKEND

1/28	UNLV	Malibu, Calif.	W, 4-0
1/29	NC State	Malibu, Calif.	W, 4-0
2/3	#8 California	Malibu, Calif.	Postponed
2/4	#1 Florida	Malibu, Calif.	L, 2-5

#### ITA NATIONAL TEAM INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

2/10	vs. #15 Texas A&M	New Haven, Conn.	W, 4-2
2/11	vs. #6 Georgia	New Haven, Conn.	L, 1-4
2/12	vs. #12 Texas Tech	New Haven, Conn.	L, 0-4
2/26	at #9 UCLA	Los Angeles, Calif.	W, 5-2

#### ARIZONA STATE INVITATIONAL

3/3	at #35 Arizona State	Tempe, Ariz.	W, 4-3
3/4	vs. #2 Ohio State	Tempe, Ariz.	L, 1-6
3/11	#39 Denver	Malibu, Calif.	W, 6-1
3/12	UC Santa Barbara	Malibu, Calif.	W, 5-2
3/24	at Saint Mary's*	Moraga, Calif.	W, 4-0
3/25	at Pacific*	Stockton, Calif.	W, 4-0
3/31	Long Beach State	Malibu, Calif.	W, 7-0
4/1	at LMU*	Los Angeles, Calif.	W, 4-0
4/7	Santa Clara*	Malibu, Calif.	W, 4-0
4/8	San Francisco*	Malibu, Calif.	W, 4-0
4/12	#10 Stanford	Malibu, Calif.	W, 5-2
4/14	at BYU*	Provo, Utah	W, 4-0
4/15	at San Diego*	San Diego, Calif.	W, 4-0
4/19	#32 USC	Los Angeles, Calif.	W, 4-3
4/21	Portland*	Malibu, Calif.	W, 5-0
4/22	Gonzaga*	Malibu, Calif.	W, 4-0

#### WEST COAST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

4/27	vs. San Diego	Claremont, Calif.	W, 4-0
4/28	vs. Gonzaga	Claremont, Calif.	W, 4-0

#### NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS FIRST & SECOND ROUNDS

Ralphs-Straus Tennis Center   Malibu, Calif.			
5/12	vs. LIU Brooklyn		W, 4-0
5/13	vs. No. 23 UCLA		W, 4-1
5/19-29	NCAA Championships - Athens, Ga.		
5/19	at No. 5 Georgia		1 p.m.

Home matches in bold | All times Pacific unless otherwise noted | Opponent's ranking at time of match listed | \* West Coast Conference match

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## MATCH NOTES

**MALIBU, Calif.** – The 12th-ranked Pepperdine women's tennis team continues the NCAA Championships this week in a Sweet Sixteen match-up at Dan Magill Tennis Complex against 5th-ranked Georgia in Athens, Ga. All matches will have live stream, scoring and tweeting available.

**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Friday-Saturday (May 19-23) | NCAA Championship at Dan Magill Tennis Complex in Athens, Ga. | Sweet Sixteen on Friday (May 19): No. 12 Pepperdine (23-4) vs. No. 5 Georgia (19-5) at 1 p.m. PT/4 p.m. ET

**COVERAGE:** Live video, scoring and tweeting (@WavesTennis) will be available for all matches during the weekend. Find all appropriate links and information at the tournament central page here: <http://gowav.es/AthensNCAA17>. Recaps and results will be posted on [www.PepperdineWaves.com](http://www.PepperdineWaves.com) daily. Any and all available score updates will be posted on Twitter at @WavesTennis.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** After the completion of the National Championships, the Waves will have one doubles partnership and three singles competing in the NCAA Singles and Doubles Championships from May 24-29.

**CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD & FORMAT:** The tournament is single elimination. Tournament matches will be regulation dual matches with three eight-game, pro-set doubles played for one team point, followed by six singles matches, each valued at one team point, played in best-of-three sets. Regular scoring will be used and a 12-point tiebreaker will be played at seven-games-all in doubles and at six-games-all in singles.

**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: A HISTORY:** Dating back to 1982, the Waves have advanced to the NCAA postseason on 33 occasions, with the most-recent being a quarterfinal run in the 2016 season. Pepperdine has only missed the NCAA Tournament twice in the program's 35-year history. Since the tournament changed to a 64-team format, the Waves have played host to the first two rounds on four occasions in 1999, 2000, 2006 and 2016. This season marks the 17th that Pepperdine will compete in the round of 16 and 3rd time since the format changed in 1999. The team's best finishes have been five appearances in the quarterfinals, with three straight from 1989-91, 1994 and again in last season's effort.

**CAN'T STOP, WON'T STOP:** Pepperdine has won 18-consecutive matches, dating back to March 11. Of those 18 matches won, 13 have been by straight-set 4-0 sweeps. The Waves went undefeated in West Coast Conference action throughout the season with 11-wins, nine of which were during the

## 2016-17 ROSTER

Name	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown/High School/Last School
Laura Gulbe	5-7	Jr.	2V	Riga, Latvia/ Murjāņu Sporta Ģimnāzija
Ashley Lahey	5-10	Fr.	HS	Hawthorne, Calif./Connections Academy Capistrano
Adrijana Lekaj	5-7	Fr.	HS	Karlovac, Croatia/Birotehnica
Christine Maddox	5-11	Sr.	3V	Santa Monica, Calif./Santa Monica HS
Dzina Milovanovic	5-6	So.	1V	Belgrade, Serbia/Sportska Gimnazija
Apichaya Runglerdkriangkrai	5-6	Sr.	3V	Bangkok, Thailand/IMG Academy
Mayar Sherif	5-11	Jr.	TR	Cairo, Egypt/Lycee El Horreya/Freshno State
Luisa Stefani	5-6	So.	1V	Sao Paulo, Brazil/Saddlebrook Preparatory (Fla.)

#### Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Per Nilsson, 3rd season  
Associate Head Coach: Mario Toledo, 2nd season

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regular season and two from the conference tournament.

**THE NO. 12 WAVES:** Pepperdine has posted a 23-4 overall record this season as the team enters the NCAA Sweet Sixteen. The Waves went 12-1 at home, 7-0 on the road and 4-3 in a neutral setting this season. In singles, Pepperdine has produced a .743 dual winning percentage after going 84-29 overall. No. 14-ranked **Luisa Stefani** leads the team with a 16-3 dual record on a 25-8 overall singles record this season from the No. 1 singles position. She has gone 14-4 against nationally ranked opponents. No. 19-ranked **Ashley Lahey** has tabbed a 28-5 overall record and a 15-2 dual singles record this season, with a 14-1 output from the No. 2 position and an 8-4 record against nationally ranked competition. No. 37-ranked **Mayar Sherif** holds down the No. 3-slot with a 13-5 dual record this season. She has amassed a 24-12 overall record and a 9-7 output against ranked opposition. No. 97-ranked **Laura Gulbe** has posted a 16-9 overall record, including a 9-5 dual record from the No. 4 position and a 5-3 record against national ranked opponents. Sherif and Gulbe lead the team with current 10-match winning streaks at this point in the season. **Apichaya Runglerdkriangkrai** and **Dzina Milovanovic** hold down the No. 5 and No. 6 positions. Runglerdkriangkrai has produced a 9-4 dual record from the No. 5-slot and has posted a 17-9 overall record this season. Milovanovic has gone 8-2 from the No. 6 position, while posting a 19-9 overall record this season. Both Waves have two wins against nationally ranked opponents.

In doubles, No. 8-ranked **Christine Maddox** and Sherif lead the Waves in the No. 1 position this season after posting an impressive 24-6 overall record. The pair has gone 13-3 in dual action from the top spot and have produced an 8-6 record against ranked competition. The duo is currently on a nine-match winning streak. No. 53-ranked Stefani and Runglerdkriangkrai have tallied an 8-7 overall record this season, including a 5-3 dual record from the No. 2 position and an even 2-2 output against nationally ranked opposition. Lahey and Milovanovic have taken to the No. 3 position with a 7-4 dual record. The pair has gone 9-6 against all opponents this season.

**OPPONENT NOTES:** The Waves and Bulldogs have faced four times since 1987 with Georgia winning all four matches. The first three matches took place from 1987-91, while earlier this season, the two teams faced at the ITA Indoor Team Nationals with Georgia taking a 4-1 win over the Waves.

**POSTSEASON HONORS START ROLLING:** The Waves earned ITA Southwest Region acclaim in three categories. Head Coach **Per Nilsson** and Assistant Coach **Mario Toledo** garnered ITA Southwest Region Coach and Assistant Coach of the Year, while freshman **Ashley Lahey** earned ITA Southwest Region Player to Watch status. Pepperdine swept the West Coast Conference All-WCC top honors for the third consecutive season. **Luisa Stefani** became the fifth-player to ever win back-to-back Player of the Year honors, while Lahey garnered Freshman of the Year acclaim and Nilsson earned his third-consecutive Coach of the Year honor. Stefani, Lahey and **Mayar Sherif** also earned first team singles accolades, while **Laura Gulbe** tabbed a second team nod and **Apichaya Runglerdkriangkrai** posted honorable mention honors. In doubles action, Sherif and **Christine Maddox** were named to first team, while Stefani and Lahey also tabbed first team accolades. Runglerdkriangkrai and **Dzina Milovanovic** also received honorable mention acclaim.

**NCAA REGIONAL ROUNDS:** Pepperdine was one-of-16 host institutions that hosted the first two rounds of NCAA Championship competition, welcoming No. 23 UCLA, No. 47 UC Santa Barbara and LIU Brooklyn to Malibu. In the first rounds, the Waves and Bruins took down LIU and UCSB respectively.

In the second round, Pepperdine faced UCLA in a tight battle to the finish. After dropping the doubles point, the Waves battled back in singles to collect wins on courts one, two, five and six for the win to send the team into Sweet Sixteen status. Senior **Apichaya Runglerdkriangkrai** earned the clinch, coming back from a first set loss to win the second and third sets by 6-2 decisions for her team.

**THE NO. 12 WAVES AND OTHER ORACLE/ITA RANKINGS:** The Waves rank No. 12 in the Oracle/ITA team rankings this week. In singles, a rankings list compiled of 125 athletes throughout the nation, sophomore **Luisa Stefani**, junior **Mayar Sherif** and freshman **Ashley Lahey** also earned top-37 spots and junior **Laura Gulbe** also earned a spot in the rankings. Stefani is ranked No. 14 this week, while Lahey is currently at No. 19 and Sherif is ranked 37th. Gulbe is ranked No. 97 in singles this week. In doubles, of 60 duos ranked, senior **Christine Maddox** and Sherif are ranked in the top-seven at the No. 8-slot, while Stefani and senior **Apichaya Runglerdkriangkrai** are currently listed No. 53 this week.

**NILSSON:** Per Nilsson returned to Pepperdine in June 2014 to succeed Gualberto Escudero as head coach of the women's tennis team. In his two years with the Waves, he has been named West Coast Conference Coach of the Year on back-to-back occasions, and in 2016 he led the Waves to a NCAA Championship quarterfinal appearance and a #9 final ranking in the ITA/Oracle rankings. He was an assistant coach for the Pepperdine men's tennis team from 2003-07 under head coach Adam Steinberg, where the Waves went 119-38 in those five seasons. Pepperdine won the NCAA team

## WAVES IN THE RANKINGS

### TEAM - #12

#### SINGLES

LUISA STEFANI - SO

CURRENT RANK - #14

SEASON HIGH - #2

CAREER HIGH - #2

ASHLEY LAHEY - FR

CURRENT RANK - #19

SEASON HIGH - #13

CAREER HIGH - #13

MAYAR SHERIF AHMED - JR

CURRENT RANK - #37

SEASON HIGH - #14

CAREER HIGH - #14

LAURA GULBE - JR

CURRENT RANK - #97

SEASON HIGH - #51

CAREER HIGH - #51

DZINA MILOVANOVIC - SO

CURRENT RANK - NR

SEASON HIGH - #123

CAREER HIGH - #67

APICHAYA RUNGLERDKRIANGKRAI - JR

CURRENT RANK - NR

SEASON HIGH - #65

CAREER HIGH - #65

#### DOUBLES

CHRISTINE MADDOX/MAYAR SHERIF AHMED

CURRENT RANK - #8

SEASON HIGH - #2

CAREER HIGH - #2

LUISA STEFANI/APICHAYA RUNGLERDKRIANGKRAI

CURRENT RANK - #53

SEASON HIGH - #6

CAREER HIGH - #6

**QUICK FACTS**

**General**

School ..... Pepperdine University  
 Location ..... Malibu, Calif. 90263  
 Founded ..... 1937 (Malibu Campus in 1972)  
 Enrollment ..... 8,000 total/3,000 undergraduate  
 Colors ..... Blue and Orange  
 Affiliation ..... NCAA Division I  
 Conference ..... West Coast Conference  
 President ..... Andrew K. Benton  
 Athletic Director ..... Dr. Steve Potts  
 Athletic Department Phone ..... (310) 506-4150  
 Ticket Office Phone ..... (866) WAVE-TIX  
 Home Courts ..... Ralphy-Straus Tennis Center  
 Capacity ..... 2,000

**Coaching Staff**

Head Coach ..... Per Nilsson  
 Record at Pepperdine ..... 42-10 (2 seasons)  
 Career Record-Men's ..... 95-76 (7 seasons)  
 Overall Record ..... 137-86 (9 seasons)  
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**Team Information**

2016 Overall Record ..... 24-3  
 2016 WCC Record ..... 9-0  
 2016 WCC Regular Season ..... 1st  
 2016 WCC Tournament ..... 1st  
 Players Returning/Lost ..... 5/3  
 Newcomers ..... 2 (1 freshman/1 transfer)

**Women's Tennis Information**

All-Time Record (since 1976) ..... 707-351  
 All-Time WCC Tournament Titles ..... 26  
 Last in ..... 2016  
 Regular-Season Titles ..... 5  
 Last in ..... 2016  
 NCAA Tournament Appearances ..... 33  
 Current Streak ..... 29  
 Last in ..... 2016  
 Total Postseason Appearances ..... 36  
 Best Finish ..... Quarterfinals (2016)

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championship in 2006 with Nilsson on the sidelines. He was the head men's coach at Mississippi State, his alma mater, for seven seasons from 2008-2014. Nilsson compiled a record of 95-76 during his time at MSU.

**#PURPOSE:** The Pepperdine University Department of Athletics is committed to Christian values, to the academic well-being of all of our student-athletes and to competing for championships. We prepare students for success by challenging them to think differently - find your purpose, serve others and lead by example. The Competing with Purpose campaign highlights the commitment to our core values that student-athletes, coaches and staff dedicate themselves to daily. Competing with Purpose provides the foundation on which champions are built.

**ABOUT PEPPERDINE:** Pepperdine boasts a one-of-a-kind athletic department with unprecedented success for a school of its size. The Waves have won NCAA Division I Championships in five different men's sports — one of just 17 schools to have accomplished this feat — and nine overall. Of this elite group, Pepperdine has the smallest undergraduate enrollment, is the only school without football and is the only university that has not been affiliated with a "major" conference. The Waves have won a total of 25 team or individual national championships in their history. Pepperdine has also earned the Division I-AAA All-Sports Trophy, an award based on postseason success that's given to the top non-football school, three times (most recently in 2011-12). Located in scenic Malibu, Calif., the university overlooks the Pacific Ocean and its campus and athletic facilities are regularly voted among the nation's most beautiful. Pepperdine, which is affiliated with the Church of Christ, ranks No. 52 overall on U.S. News and World Report's list of America's best colleges.

**Pepperdine University  
 Season statistics**

Overall record: 23-4 • Conference: 9-0 • Region: 16-0 • Home: 12-1 • Away: 7-0 • Neutral: 4-3  
 • vs National ranked: 7-4 • vs Regional ranked: 0-0

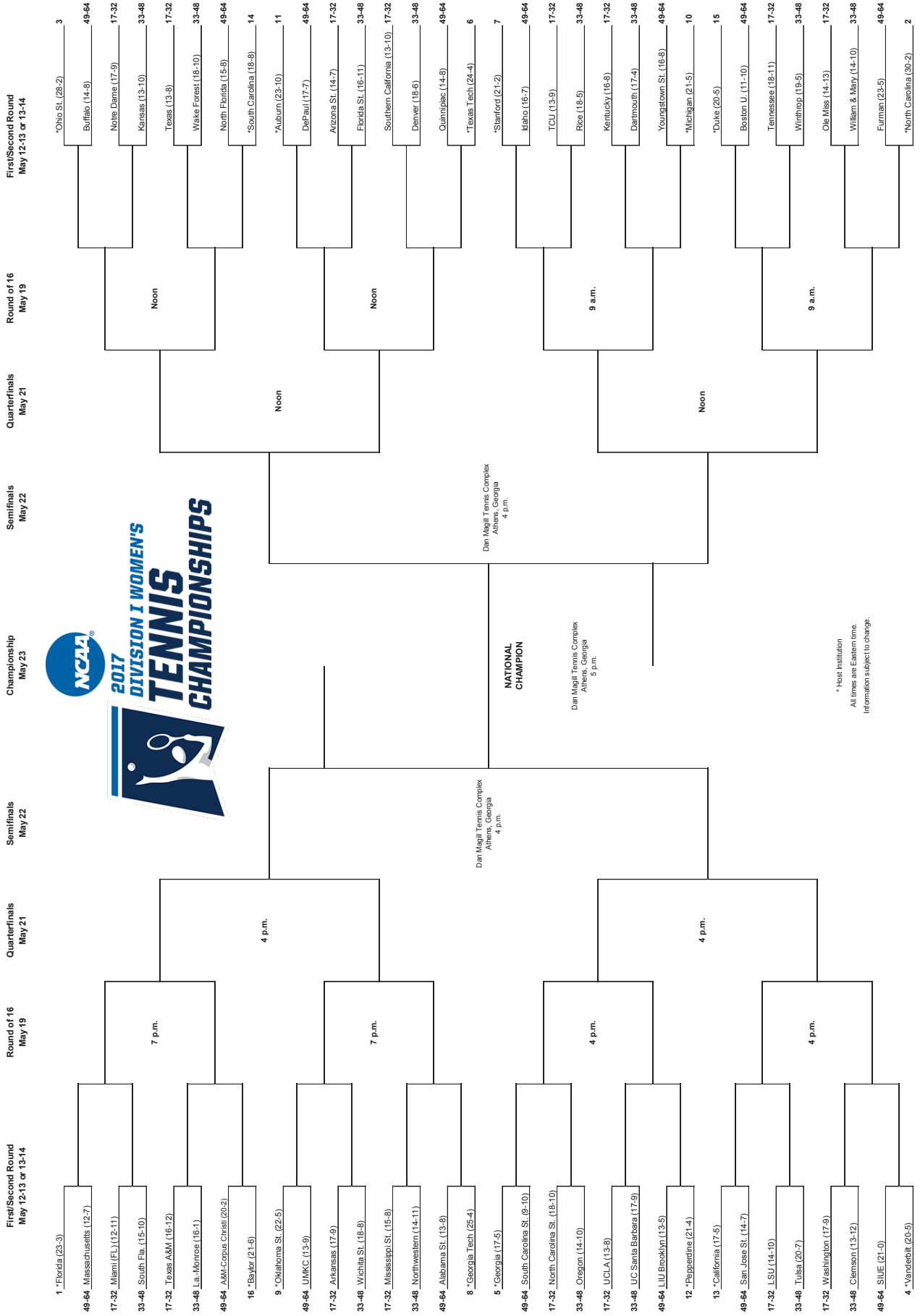
SINGLES	Overall	Dual	Tour	Conf	1	2	3	4	5	6	vs Ranked			Streak	Last10
											Nat'l	Reg'l	0-0		
<a href="#">Gulbe, Laura</a>	16-9	11-5	5-4	4-0	---	---	2-0	9-5	---	---	5-3	0-0	W 10	5-0	
<a href="#">Lahey, Ashley</a>	28-5	15-2	13-3	3-0	1-1	14-1	---	---	---	---	8-4	0-0	W 2	4-1	
<a href="#">Maddox, Christine</a>	8-3	6-1	2-2	3-0	---	---	---	---	---	6-1	0-0	0-0	W 6	6-1	
<a href="#">Milovanovic, Dzina</a>	19-9	12-3	7-6	4-0	---	---	---	1-0	3-1	8-2	2-4	0-0	W 7	7-1	
Runglerdkriangkrai, A	17-9	11-7	6-2	5-0	---	---	---	---	9-5	2-2	2-3	0-0	W 3	5-1	
Sherif Ahmed, Mayar	24-12	13-7	11-5	4-0	0-1	0-1	13-5	---	---	---	9-7	0-0	W 10	7-0	
<a href="#">Stefani, Luisa</a>	25-8	16-3	9-5	5-0	16-3	---	---	---	---	---	14-4	0-0	W 6	6-1	
Totals	137-56	84-29	53-27	28-0	17-5	14-2	15-5	10-5	12-7	16-5	40-25	0-0			
Percentage	.710	.743	.663	1.000	.773	.875	.750	.667	.632	.762	.615	.000			

DOUBLES	Overall	Dual	Tour	Conf	1	2	3	4	5	6	vs Ranked			Streak	Last10
											Nat'l	Reg'l	0-0		
Maddox, Christine/Sherif Ahmed, Mayar	24-6	13-3	11-3	2-0	13-3	---	---	---	---	8-6	0-0	0-0	W 9	9-1	
Runglerdkriangkrai, A/Stefani, Luisa	8-7	5-3	3-4	0-0	---	---	---	5-3	---	---	2-2	0-0	L 1	5-5	
Lahey, Ashley/Milovanovic, Dzina	9-6	7-4	2-2	2-0	---	---	---	---	---	7-4	0-1	0-0	L 1	6-4	
Gulbe, Laura/Runglerdkriangkrai, A	2-3	1-2	1-1	0-1	---	---	---	---	---	1-2	0-0	0-0	L 2	2-3	
Gulbe, Laura/Milovanovic, Dzina	5-1	2-1	3-0	1-0	---	---	---	---	---	2-1	0-0	0-0	W 2	5-1	
Lahey, Ashley/Runglerdkriangkrai, A	2-1	2-1	0-0	1-0	---	---	---	---	---	2-1	0-0	0-0	W 1	2-1	
Lahey, Ashley/Stefani, Luisa	7-4	7-4	0-0	4-0	4-0	3-4	---	---	---	---	1-2	0-0	L 1	7-3	
Milovanovic, Dzina/Runglerdkriangkrai, A	2-2	2-2	0-0	0-0	---	---	---	---	---	2-2	0-1	0-0	L 1	2-2	
Runglerdkriangkrai, A/Sherif Ahmed, Mayar	4-0	4-0	0-0	4-0	---	---	---	---	---	4-0	0-0	0-0	W 4	4-0	
Maddox, Christine/Milovanovic, Dzina	2-0	2-0	0-0	1-0	---	---	---	---	---	2-0	0-0	0-0	W 2	2-0	
Gulbe, Laura/Maddox, Christine	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	---	---	---	---	---	1-0	0-0	0-0	W 1	1-0	
Maddox, Christine/Stefani, Luisa	2-0	2-0	0-0	2-0	2-0	---	---	---	---	---	0-0	0-0	W 2	2-0	
Totals	68-30	48-20	20-10	18-1	19-3	14-8	15-9	11-12	0-0						
Percentage	.694	.706	.667	.947	.864	.636	.625	.478	.000						



# 2017 NCAA Division I Women's Tennis Championship

## Event: Team Championship



Dan Magill Tennis Complex  
Athens, Georgia  
4 p.m.

**NATIONAL CHAMPION**

Dan Magill Tennis Complex  
Athens, Georgia  
5 p.m.

Dan Magill Tennis Complex  
Athens, Georgia  
4 p.m.

\* Host Institution  
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