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SOUTH CAROLINA



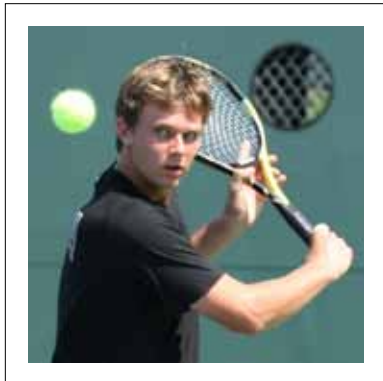
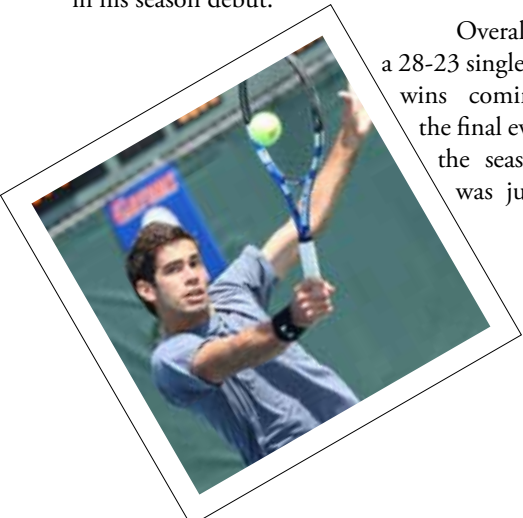
South Carolina head coach Josh Goffi added the nation's No. 3 recruiting class to his program for 2011-12, and the group of four newcomers have injected as much energy as talent to the team. Entering his second season at the helm, Goffi's recruiting prowess has quickly returned the excitement to the program, from the team he will put on the court this spring to the opening of the \$4.6 million facility set to open in the coming months.

The 2011-12 Gamecocks are not just about new, however, as senior Ivan Machado looks to cap his career with the same success he enjoyed early on in the Garnet and Black. Nick Jones fine tuned his game over the summer and is poised to make the impact Goffi predicted last season before the sophomore was slowed by early-season injuries and illness. Last season's highlight, sophomore Chip Cox returns with his team-best 10 singles dual-match wins providing a good example for the four freshmen of how quickly they can find success if they are willing to battle for every point of every match.

The list of newcomers consists of a pair of blue chip players – Andrew Adams and Carl Eguez – and two of the top five players from the state of South Carolina – Ben Barnette and Kyle Koch.

Three Gamecocks finished the fall with five or more singles wins, led by Adams, who won at least two matches in each of the three tournaments he played to lead the team with a 7-2 record. Cox and Jones were close behind with five singles wins each. Cox reached the round of 32 at the ITA Carolinas Regional, and Jones claimed fifth place in the top bracket of the Duke Fab Four Invite. Sidelined by illness early in the fall, Machado bounced back with a 3-1 record in the ITA Carolinas Regional, narrowly missing a spot in the quarterfinals in his season debut.

Overall, the Gamecocks posted a 28-23 singles record with 11 of those wins coming in the final event of the season. It was just the



2012 HOME SCHEDULE

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| Sat., Jan. 21 | Appalachian State | 10 a.m. |
| | Wofford | 4 p.m. |
| Fri., Jan. 27 | Elon | 10 a.m. |
| Sun., Jan. 29 | No. 65 Georgia State | 10 a.m. |
| | Davidson | 4 p.m. |
| Sat., Feb. 25 | Furman | 10 a.m. |
| | Charlotte | 4 p.m. |
| Fri., Mar. 2 | No. 4 Georgia* | 2:30 p.m. |
| Sun., Mar. 4 | No. 13 Tennessee* | 1 p.m. |
| Sun., Mar. 18 | College of Charleston | 10 a.m. |
| | Coastal Carolina | 4 p.m. |
| Fri., Mar. 23 | No. 24 Mississippi* | 1 p.m. |
| Fri., Mar. 30 | No. 51 Alabama* | 5 p.m. |
| Sun., Apr. 1 | No. 21 Auburn* | 1 p.m. |

* Indicates Southeastern Conference match

Matches to move outdoors beginning Feb. 25, weather permitting

progress Goffi had anticipated seeing when he purposefully scheduled a two-week break prior to the event. With the experience of two tournaments behind them, the Gamecocks spent the next two weeks polishing the mental and physical sides of their games in anticipation of the fall finale. Goffi also liked what he saw in terms of the team's attitude and commitment.

The Gamecocks will play one more individual tournament, the SEC Indoor Championships in January, before kicking off a challenging spring dual-match schedule.

The Gamecocks will play 15 teams ranked in the top 70 in the nation, including three of the top 10 and five of the top 15.



A NEW HOME FOR THE GAMECOCKS

The spring of 2012 marks a new era for South Carolina tennis as the Gamecocks open a \$4.6 million facility that will accommodate both the men's and women's programs.

Located in the heart of the Athletics Village at the Roost, the stadium features 12 courts with lights and scoreboards on each one. Each side of six courts also has a master scoreboard so fans always know what's happening on each court. Video cameras are mounted behind each court as well to record matches and stream them live over the internet on GamecocksOnline.com. Seating is available for 670 fans with room to spare for standing room. The stadium has 400 square feet of court-side storage and 900 square feet of dedicated restroom facilities.

Some of the current Gamecocks are eagerly awaiting their first matches in the facility.

Senior Ivan Machado

"The cameras will be great. And, to play for all the fans we can fit in there, having them behind you and cheering for you will be a great atmosphere."

Freshman Andrew Adams

"The new facility looks great. It will be great to have people come out and support us. Everyone is really pumped about it."

Freshman Carl Eguez

"It's great that the school is contributing to the tennis program. It's huge and has a whole lot of technology in it. It has those cameras where you can slow things down, and the coaches can analyze your strokes."

DO YOU KNOW WHICH GAMECOCK...

...has a family member who is a Wimbledon champion?



Harry Menzies' grandmother Kay Stammers was the doubles champion in 1935 and 1936. She was a singles finalist in 1939 as well.

...looks forward to his grandmother's homemade lasagna when he goes home?



Brazilian Ivan Machado has a grandmother of Italian descent who makes her own noodles as part of his favorite dish of hers.

...played on two state high school championship teams with his brothers?



Kyle Koch has twin brothers, Jeffrey and Sean, who helped Chapin High to state titles in 2010 and 2011.

...has lived in two places outside the United States?



Andrew Adams was born in Georgetown, Guyana then moved to Puerto Rico before his family settled first in New York and now in Maryland.