

TENNESSEE



2012 LADY VOL TENNIS

MATCH FIVE

#17 TENNESSEE [2-2] VS. #24 NOTRE DAME [4-1]

FEB. 3, 2012 /// GOODFRIEND TENNIS CENTER /// KNOXVILLE, TENN.

PROJECTED LINEUPS

TENNESSEE

Head Coaches: Mike Patrick & Sonia Hahn-Patrick

NOTRE DAME

Head Coach: Jay Louderback

DOUBLES

Name (Rank)	2012 Total (Dual)	Name (Rank)	2012 Total (Dual)
1. Pluskota/Williams	3-1 (3-1)	1. Frilling/Mathews (5)	10-4 (2-0)
<i>Pluskota & Williams paired together for first time in season-opening weekend ... Have won three consecutive matches.</i>			
2. Boren/Toti (18)	15-3 (4-0)	2. Sanders/White (25)	6-2 (3-0)
<i>Currently on career-long winning streak together with 7 straight wins...Defeated Sanders/White, 9-7, last fall.</i>			
3. Henderson/Szekely	2-0 (2-0)	3. McGaffigan/Kellner	9-4 (3-1)
<i>Henderson & Szekely also paired together for first time in season-opening weekend ... Won both matches handily, 8-2</i>			

SINGLES

Name (Rank)	2012 Dual	Name (Rank)	2012 Total (Dual)
1. Natalie Pluskota (24)	9-5 (1-0)	1. Kristy Frilling	5-7 (3-2)
<i>Made singles debut last Friday, winning in straight sets (6-2, 6-1) ... Tied for team lead with 9 wins ... Pluskota is 0-2 vs. Frilling</i>			
2. Brynn Boren (27)	10-7 (2-2)	2. Shannon Mathews	8-2 (3-2)
<i>13-2 in Knoxville ... Evened record at 2-2 after consecutive wins over weekend ... Leads team with 10 singles wins</i>			
3. Kata Szekely (59)	9-2 (2-0)	3. Jennifer Kellner	10-2 (4-0)
<i>Earned highest-ranked wins of career to open season, def. No. 30 Lindsey Hardenbergh (UVA) & No. 16 Lauren McHale (UNC)</i>			
4. Caitlyn Williams	1-1 (1-1)	4. Britney Sanders	11-3 (5-0)
<i>Knoxville native won first career match over No. 75 Erin Vierra (UVA) ... Made debut after recovering from shoulder surgery in fall</i>			
5. Sarah Toti	8-5 (2-2)	5. Chrissie McGaffigan	8-4 (3-1)
<i>Toti won first two career dual-match singles competitions last weekend, including match-clincher vs. No. 22 Tulsa</i>			
6. Joanna Henderson	4-4 (2-2)	6. Katherine White	6-8 (3-1)
<i>Missed majority of fall action with nagging foot problems ... Provided clinching point for UT's first win vs. UC Davis.</i>			



SARAH TOTI

SCHEDULE /// 2012 SEASON

JANUARY

21	vs. #9 Virginia ¹	L, 4-3
22	vs. #4 North Carolina ¹	L, 5-2
27	#58 UC Davis [^]	W, 5-0
28	#22 Tulsa [^]	W, 4-0

FEBRUARY

3	#24 Notre Dame	5 p.m.
5	#10 Michigan	10 a.m.
10-13	ITA National Indoors ²	TBD
17	at Indiana	2 p.m.
19	at Ohio State	Noon
25	at UCF	Noon

MARCH

2	Florida*	5 p.m.
4	South Carolina*	1 p.m.
9	at Ole Miss*	4 p.m.
11	at Mississippi State*	2 p.m.
21	at UNLV	1 p.m.
23	at LSU*	4 p.m.
25	Arkansas*	1 p.m.
30	at Vanderbilt*	5 p.m.

APRIL

1	at Kentucky*	Noon
6	Auburn*	5 p.m.
8	Alabama*	1 p.m.
14	at Georgia*	Noon
19-22	SEC Championships ³	TBD

MAY

11-12	NCAA First & Second Rounds
17-28	NCAA Championships: Final Site ⁴
23-28	NCAA Championships: Singles/Doubles ⁴

[^] ITA Kick-Off; *SEC match

¹Flushing, N.Y.; ²Charlottesville, Va.; ³Oxford, Miss.;

⁴Athens, Ga.

THE STORYLINES

ITA KICK-OFF CHAMPS

• Tennessee recorded its first two wins of the 2012 season last weekend, defeating UC Davis on Friday, 5-0, and Tulsa on Saturday, 4-0, to advance to the program's third consecutive ITA National Indoor Team Championships (Feb. 10-13) in Charlottesville, Va.

• The weekend allowed the Lady Vols to even their record at 2-2 and get back to .500. Blanking both opponents, Tennessee's first two wins have come in shutout fashion for just the fourth time in school history.

HOME SWEET HOME

• In home openers under co-head coaches Mike Patrick and Sonia Hahn-Patrick, posting 14 wins in 15 tries (.933). Since Patrick arrived in 1988, UT has gone 24-1 (.960) in its first match at home.

• Tennessee has started 2-0 at home for the sixth consecutive year and 14th time in 15 years.

LATEST ITA RANKINGS (FEB. 2)

• Per Thursday's ITA Poll, the Lady Vols moved up two spots to their highest ranking of the season thus far at 17. UT opened the season ranked 18th (Jan. 3) and dropped to 19th after the first weekend (Jan. 24). UT has yet to play an unranked team and will add two more top 25-opponents to its slate this weekend.

SCOUTING NOTRE DAME

• UT owns a 12-10 all-time record against the Irish, but has dropped the last six meetings after winning six straight against ND. UT has won eight of 11 in Knoxville.

• Last fall, Brynn Boren and Sarah Toti competed against both of Notre Dame's top two doubles teams. Against Frilling/Mathews at the ITA All-American Championships, UT won 8-0, and then defeated Sanders/White, 9-7, at the Dick Vitale Clay Court Classic.

SCORING SYSTEM

New to the college game? All that matters is which team gets to four points first. In dual matches, teams first play a best-of-three doubles competition. Whichever team wins two of the three matches earns one point. Teams then play six singles matches, each worth one point. The team that takes four of the seven total available points wins the match. (Note: Doubles matches are eight-game pro sets. Singles matches are best-of-three sets.)

FACTS BOX /// BY THE NUMBERS

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▲ Points UT allowed in two matches last weekend, posting shutouts over No. 58 UC Davis and No. 22 Tulsa.

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▲ Consecutive doubles wins by 18th-ranked Brynn Boren and Sarah Toti, who are 15-3 together.

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▲ Doubles matches the Lady Vols have won in 10 finishes, good for the doubles point in all four contests this season.

MORE NOTES:

SEC FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK

- The Southeastern Conference released its first weekly honors of the 2012 season Wednesday. Tennessee freshman Sarah Toti was selected as the SEC Freshman of the Week for her performances against UC Davis and Tulsa.
- Toti played a role in four of UT's nine points over the weekend, winning her first two career dual-matches in singles, extending her doubles winning streak to seven (with Boren) and providing UT's match-clinching point against Tulsa. Overall, Toti is 8-5 in singles and 15-3 in doubles.
- The Las Vegas, Nev., native is the fifth Lady Vol in UT history to earn the honor. Brynn Boren was selected a UT-record three times last season, while senior Natalie Pluskota garnered the recognition twice as a rookie.

SPEAKING OF FRESHMEN

- After starting the season 0-2, Joanna Henderson bounced back with a pair of straight-set victories last weekend, including UT's clinching-point against UC Davis.

DOUBLE THE PLEASURE, DOUBLE THE FUN

- Tennessee has been stellar in doubles action thus far, winning nine of its ten overall matches. The Lady Vols have won the doubles point in all four contests. The duo of Brynn Boren and Sarah Toti lead UT at 4-0, while Joanna Henderson and Kata Szekely are 2-0, and Natalie Pluskota and Caitlyn Williams are 3-1.
- The Boren-Toti combination is UT's only mainstay from last fall, while the other two duos are playing together for the first time. Dating back to Nov. 11, Boren and Toti have won a career-high seven consecutive matches. They've done it against the best too, winning five of six matches in 2011-12 against ranked competition.

SZEKELY'S START

- Junior Kata Szekely is the only Lady Vol that is undefeated in both singles (2-0) and doubles (2-0) dual-match play.
- Szekely opened the season with the highest-ranked win of her career vs. Virginia, defeating No. 30 Lindsey Hardenbergh, 5-7, 7-5, 1-0 (6). She then topped that feat with a straight-set (6-3, 6-2) victory over UNC's No. 16 Lauren McHale.

UT CAREER LEADERS /// RECORD BOOK

DOUBLES WINS LEADERS

Names	Years	Wins
1. Paula Kelly	1978-82	156
Peta Kelly	1978-82	156
3. Crystal Cleveland	1999-2003	119
4. Caitlin Whoriskey	2006-10	113
5. Rosalia Alda	2007-11	110
6. Zsófia Zubor	2006-10	106
7. Alison Ojeda	1998-2002	105
8. Vilmarie Castellvi	1999-2003	97
9. Agnes Wiski	1998-2002	95
10. Natalie Pluskota	2008-Pres.	91
11. Margie Lepsi	1994-98	90
12. Manisha Malhotra	1994-98	88

TRACKING TRENDS

Kata Szekely is the only Lady Vol undefeated in singles and doubles, while Brynn Boren and Sarah Toti have reeled off seven straight together in doubles. Here's a look at Lady Vol winning streaks:

Singles	Now	Season	Career
Brynn Boren	2	5	6
Joanna Henderson	2	2 (2x)	2 (2x)
Natalie Pluskota	1	4	5
Kata Szekely	2	4	6
Sarah Toti	2	3	3
Caitlyn Williams	--	1	1

Doubles	Now	Season	Career
Brynn Boren	7	7	8
Joanna Henderson	2	2	2
Natalie Pluskota	3	7	16
Kata Szekely	2	9	18
Sarah Toti	7	7	7
Caitlyn Williams	3	3	3

"QUOTABLE"

▲ FRESHMAN SARAH TOTI

(On expectations of highly-touted freshman class)

"There are high expectations of us, and I feel like it's a privilege for that to be pushed upon us. Definitely there's pressure to perform, but that's the reason why I came to this school is because I want to perform, and I know I can do it, and Joanna and Caitlyn feel the same way. We embrace the high ranking we had coming here. We embrace it, definitely, and we look forward to going beyond the expectations of that."

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Video preview with Mike Patrick and Sarah Toti.



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A link to the most updated Lady Vol stats.

TENNESSEE ROSTER & RECORDS

Name (Singles/Doubles Rank)	Year	Ht.	Hometown	Singles	Doubles
Brynn Boren (27/18)	So.	5-9	Laguna Niguel, Calif.	10-7/2-2	15-3/4-0
Jesse Grace	Fr.	5-6	Germiston, South Africa	--	--
Joanna Henderson	Fr.	5-11	Aberdeen, Scotland	4-4/2-2	5-4/2-0
Natalie Pluskota (24/9)	Sr.	5-10	Newnan, Ga.	9-5/1-0	12-5/3-1
Kata Szekely (59/9)	Jr.	5-6	Szekesfehervar, Hungary	9-2/2-0	11-2/2-0
Sarah Toti (--/18)	Fr.	5-10	Las Vegas, Nev.	8-5/2-2	15-3/4-0
Caitlyn Williams	Fr.	5-8	Knoxville, Tenn.	1-1/1-1	4-2/3-1

Co-Head Coaches: Mike Patrick and Sonia Hahn-Patrick (15th season)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Mario Toledo

*Records indicate season overall/dual-match results

NOTRE DAME ROSTER

Name (Singles/Doubles Rank)	Year	Ht.	Hometown
Kristy Frilling (--/5)	Sr.	5-9	Sidney, Ohio
Jennifer Kellner	So.	5-7	Smithtown, N.Y.
JoHanna Manningham	So.	5-7	Mishawaka, Ind.
Shannon Mathews (--/5)	Sr.	5-7	Birmingham, Mich.
Chrissie McGaffigan	Jr.	5-7	Davenport, Iowa
Julie Sabacinski	So.	5-5	Plantation, Fla.
Britney Sanders (--/25)	So.	5-8	Ontario, Canada
Katherine White (--/25)	Fr.	5-11	Columbus, Ga.

Head Coach Jay Louderback (23rd season) | Assistant Coach: Kelcy Tefft