

November-December 2011



# UC DAVIS MEN'S TENNIS



## The 2011-12 Men's Tennis Team

**Adam Luba, Kyle Miller, Alec Haley, Nick Hallchurch, Toki Sherbakov, Josh Albert, Hugo Verdi-Fortin, Connor Coates, George Horowitz and Chris Aria**

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We just finished a busy fall season. This included competing at the Bull Dog Classic at Fresno State as well as traveling to the ITA Northwest Regional at University of Washington. The players have been committed to an intensive conditioning program, practicing hard on the courts and just completed finals for fall quarter.

We also had a strenuous off-court conditioning program in the early mornings throughout the fall quarter. This included demanding workouts on the track twice a week and a strength program in the weight room three times a week. I am counting on this to inspire our players to work on their fitness on their own during the long break before team practice starts again in January.

On December 10-11 two of our players, Adam Luba and Kyle Miller, competed at an open tournament in Carmel Valley. The timing of this was especially challenging because it was immediately after finals. But to Adam and Kyle's credit, they

prepared in-between their finals and demonstrated a lot of desire to compete. Adam and Kyle finished second and third in singles, respectively. They both defeated the #1 seed, Senthil Chidambaram. Also, Adam saved two match points in his semifinal victory over Chidambaram.

Our Season begins on Jan. 21st at the Santa Clara University followed by a match on Jan. 22nd at Cal. Come join us and be a court side fan at our first home match on Jan. 29th against Sonoma State followed by two more home matches on Feb. 12th against Loyola Marymont and on Feb. 17th against Weber State.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

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## THE FOURTH ANNUAL PRO/AM TOURNAMENT



Alec Haley, Kyle Miller and Adam Luba resting between matches



1st year alum, Nick Lopez with Connor Coates



Dan Elefant, Toki Sherbakov, Peter Albert and Brian Aria



Tom Haley and Andy Miller with Alum Tyler Lee

### Our Men's Program....

We held our **Fourth Annual Pro-Am with the women's team on Saturday, October 29th**. The weather was sunny and warm, and it was another fun event for all of the players and friends of our teams. In the process we were also able to raise over \$4,000 for our program.

We had fun prizes for the amateurs for hitting targets with their ground strokes and serves, a very successful silent auction and a delicious lunch. Lots of fun and good cheer and it is a reminder to me how lucky our tennis programs are to have so many loyal supporters.

Congratulations to Ruri Kobayakawa and Nori Kobayakawa, the sister and father of current women's player Melissa Kobayakawa, for winning the most number of games as amateurs!!

I would be remiss if I didn't thank the many generous donors who make this event a success and to all of you that come out to play. And a special thanks to Ashley Williams, our invaluable UC Davis Donor Events Coordinator and her student interns for all their hard work in putting on this event.

As always, I want to thank you for your involvement and support making it possible for our program to keep growing and thriving. To make giving even easier to the UC Davis Men's Tennis Team, please view the link below and thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

**With your continued support of UC Davis Men's Tennis we will make you proud and work hard to be the best we can be!**

**All my best,  
Daryl**

### A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PRO/AM DONORS

The Coates Family, Wes Honbo, Jeff Jue, Tae Kouzes, Nori Kobayakawa, Joan and Marty Miles, Laurie and David Parry, Jody and Joe Horowitz, Greg Howard, Dave Hultman, Dina Koehly, Ives Nepomuceno, Yaro and Yuliya Vinogradsky, Peter Wong, Kevin and Anne Marie Crilly (Zia Delicatessen), Tim Ainsworth, John Murray

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**Tournament news...** In October our team had a very worthwhile and valuable experience at the ITA Northwest Regional at the University of Washington.

Kyle Miller competed in the first match for the Aggies, playing against Steven Dawson-Roberts of Saint Mary's College. Kyle competed well and won, 6-4, 6-3. Then he competed against the #2 seed and #1 player from University of Washington, Kyle McMorrow. Although McMorrow won, 6-2, 6-2, Kyle held his own quite well.

Next to compete was Hugo Verdi-Fortin, who played Jeff Mullen of University of Oregon. Hugo fought hard but Mullen was too good, winning 6-4, 6-2. In the consolation Hugo defeated Yusuke Kanehira of Seattle University, 6-0, 6-4. Then he showed a lot of resilience and perseverance in defeating Daniel Coelho of University of Portland, 2-6, 6-2, 1-0 (5). In the next round he fell to Roy Brandys of Sacramento State, 6-4, 6-2.

Connor Coates had a very tough first match against Will Schumacher of University of San Francisco. But in the consolation he had an excellent performance against Michel Hukwo of University of Portland, winning 7-6, retired. In the next round Jacob Hartwig of University of San Francisco was too good, winning 6-2, 6-4.

Chris Aria had two very challenging matches, falling short against Nick Kamisar of University of Washington and #9 seed, Aliaksandr Malko of Sacramento State.

George Horowitz had an amazing first match, defeating Kevin Lynch of Seattle University, 7-6, 7-6. This included a 7-5 win in the first set tie-breaker after being down 5-0! In the next round Marton Bots of University of Washington was too good.

Josh Albert gave an inspiring performance in his first match against Mark Shkrebtan of Seattle University. Josh won the first set, 6-3. But to his opponent's credit, he changed his playing style and slowed things down in the second set. This was effective as he squeaked out the second set, 7-6. But Josh kept hanging in there by playing intelligently and patiently, and eventually he closed out the match, 6-4! Later in the day Josh held his own against #9 seed, Matt Kandath of Stanford, so Kandath winning 6-3, 6-1 was not an accurate depiction of what happened.

Finally, Toki Sherbakov had a very solid singles tournament. In his first match which concluded at 11:30 p.m. on Friday, he competed against Andrew Scholnick of UC Berkeley. Toki fought extremely hard and forced his very talented opponent to really earn a 6-7, 6-4, 6-2 victory. In the consolation Toki defeated Steven Dawson-Roberts of Saint Mary's College, 6-1, 6-1. Then he showed resilience and the killer instinct in defeating Jamin Ball of Stanford University, 2-6, 6-4, 1-0 (3). And although he barely fell short in the next round against Scott Sullivan of Gonzaga University, 7-6, 2-6, 1-0 (10), he exhibited a great fighting spirit.

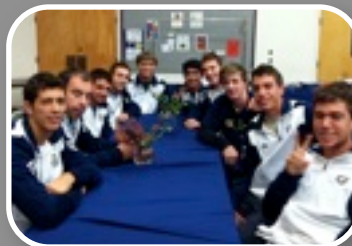
In the doubles the highlight was the performance of Kyle and Hugo in their first match against Fracchia and Lubek of Portland State. Kyle and Hugo had a match point at 7-5 in the pro set when Kyle ran from the net to the baseline to chase a lob, at which point he hit a between-the-legs lob winner to win the match! In their next match they lost to the eventual champions, Carlos Cueto and Ben McLachlan of UC Berkeley, 8-3.

Overall, our players competed with a lot of heart, as well as represented our team in a positive way. We still have a lot of room to progress, but we are on a good path!

### **A Community Service Event on Sunday, Nov. 20th where we served Thanksgiving Dinner for the needy at a local church....**

"It was truly inspiring to see so many athletes setting up for the event and serving those who were in need. Both the men's and women's tennis teams gave their thanks by having their entire teams show up for the dinner. It was clear that those who were fed were very grateful. I think I speak for everyone on the team when I say that the experience was eye-opening and made us appreciate all that we have. I believe that we should participate in this event next year as well as other events like it in order to give back to our community."

Kyle Miller



## **MARYA WELCH TENNIS CENTER ENHANCEMENT**

In early 2005, the Marya Welch Tennis Center, home to both Women's & Men's Tennis at UC Davis, received a much-needed makeover adding six additional tennis courts to the existing ten.

With a sixteen-court venue, it has become critically important to enhance the plaza area of the facility to offer a much-needed respite from the heat that often descends upon the courts.

Through the generosity over the years from Nancy & Paul Sallaberry, our goal of reaching the \$170,000 project cost has surpassed the midway point. as of October 15, 2011 nearly \$100,000 has been raised in support of the plaza shade area....

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# UC DAVIS WEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE

Sept. 30-Oct. 2	Bulldog Classic	All Day
Oct. 21-25	ITA Northwest Regional	All Day
<b>OCT. 29</b>	<b>AGGIE PRO-AM</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b>
Jan. 21	at Santa Clara	12:30 p.m.
Jan. 22	at Cal	10 a.m.
Jan. 28	at Pacific	1 p.m.
<b>JAN. 29</b>	<b>SONOMA STATE</b>	<b>NOON</b>
<b>FEB. 12</b>	<b>LOYOLA MARYMOUNT</b>	<b>NOON</b>
<b>FEB. 17</b>	<b>WEBER STATE</b>	<b>2 P.M.</b>
Feb. 19	at Sacramento State	TBA
Feb. 25	at UC Santa Barbara	1 p.m.
Feb. 26	at Cal Poly SLO	TBA
Mar. 3	at Saint Mary's	Noon
<b>MAR. 4</b>	<b>USF</b>	<b>NOON</b>
Mar. 30	at Hawaii	TBA
Mar. 31	at Hawaii-Pacific	TBA
<b>APR. 5</b>	<b>MONTANA</b>	<b>2:30 P.M.</b>
Apr. 7	at Fresno State	TBA
<b>APR. 14</b>	<b>UC RIVERSIDE</b>	<b>NOON</b>
<b>APR. 15</b>	<b>UC IRVINE</b>	<b>NOON</b>
<b>APR. 17</b>	<b>HAWAI'I HILO</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Apr. 21	at Nevada	Noon
Apr. 27-29	Big West Championships	All Day

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