UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
2012 MEN'S TENNIS

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No. 1 USC Men Host ITA Kickoff Weekend Action

Trojans take on UNLV on Saturday with Sunday clash vs. UNC Wilmington or South Florida.

2012 USC Men's Tennis
2-0 OVERALL, 0-0 PAC-12

TROJANS IN THE CAMPBELL/ITA NATIONAL RANKINGS

Team (as of Jan. 24): No. 1

Singles (as of Jan. 3):
Ray Sarmiento - No. 12
Daniel Nguyen - No. 16
Yannick Hanfmann - No. 33
Emilio Gomez - No. 48
Michael Grant - No. 124

Doubles (as of Jan. 3):
None

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 13-15	Sherwood Cup	ALL DAY
Jan. 21	**LMU**	**W 7-0**
	UC Santa Barbara	**W 7-0**
ITA Kick Off Weekend (USC, UNC Wilmington, USF, UNLV)		
Jan. 28	**UNC Wilmington vs. USF~**	**8:30 a.m.**
	USC vs. UNLV~	**11:30 a.m.**
Jan. 29	**Losing Teams~**	**10 a.m.**
	Winning Teams~	**1 p.m.**
Feb. 3	at Stanford	1:30 pm
Feb. 4	at California	1 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Pepperdine	1 p.m.
ITA National Team Indoor Championships		
Feb. 17	TBD&	TBD
Feb. 18	TBD&	TBD
Feb. 19	TBD&	TBD
Feb. 20	TBD&	TBD
Feb. 24	**San Diego State**	**1 p.m.**
	San Diego	**6 p.m.**
Feb. 29	at UCLA	3 p.m.
March 2-4	*Pacific Coast Doubles^*	All Day
March 9	**Virginia Tech**	**3 p.m.**
March 13	at Texas	6 p.m. CT
March 15	at Texas A&M	6 p.m. CT
March 19	**Florida**	**3 p.m.**
March 26	**Boise State**	**3 p.m.**
March 30	at Washington*	1:30 p.m.
March 31	at Oregon*	1 p.m.
April 6	at Utah*	1:30 p.m.
April 8	at Arizona*	11 a.m.
April 13	**California***	**1:30 p.m.**
April 14	**Stanford***	**1 p.m.**
April 20	**UCLA***	**3 p.m.**
Apr. 26-29	*Pac-12 Championships%*	
May 11-13	*NCAA Regionals@*	
May 18-22	*NCAA Team Champs$*	
May 23-28	*NCAA Individual Champs$*	

Home matches in **Bold** (at Marks Stadium)
* Pac-12 match All times are local to match site
~ ITA Kick-Off Weekend (Marks Stadium)
& ITA National Team Indoors (Charlottesville, Va.)
^ Pacific Coast Doubles Champs. (La Jolla, Calif.)
% Pac-12 Championships (Ojai, Calif.)
@ NCAA Regionals (Site TBD)
$ NCAA Championships (Athens, Ga.)

THIS WEEK

The top-ranked USC men's tennis team stays settled at Marks Stadium this weekend as host to three teams playing in the ITA Kickoff Weekend action, which serves as a play-in for the upcoming ITA National Team Indoor Championships. #43 UNC Wilmington (1-0) and #45 South Florida (0-1) open up the competition with an 8:30 a.m. match on Saturday (Jan. 28) followed by an 11:30 a.m. matchup between #1 USC (2-0) and #61 UNLV (0-0). On Sunday (Jan. 29), the losing teams will face off at 10 a.m. and the winning teams battle it out at 1 p.m. The Trojans carry a 21-match into the weekend's action, stretching back to USC's winning run to the 2011 NCAA Team Championship for its third straight national championship.

ITA RANKING UPDATES

The USC men currently remain ranked where they left off in 2011 -- at the top of the national rankings for the second straight cycle in a 2012 season that the Trojans hope to finish out on top of for the fourth straight year. In individual rankings released Jan. 3, ITA Southwest Regional Singles Champion **Ray Sarmiento** leads the pack with a No. 12 ranking in the nation as he settles into his sophomore season with the Trojans. Senior **Daniel Nguyen** is next in line at No. 16. The other three spots are filled by more Trojan youth, with freshman **Yannick Hanfmann** standing tall at No. 33 and sophomore **Emilio Gomez** at No. 48. Sophomore **Michael Grant** rounds out the pack at No. 124.

SCOUTING UNC-WILMINGTON

The No. 43 Seahawks are 1-0 after opening with a 6-1 win over Appalachian State last week. USC has never faced UNC-Wilmington in program history. UNCW currently has no one ranked in singles or doubles.

SCOUTING SOUTH FLORIDA

The No. 45 Bulls are 0-1 after an 8-1 loss to Virginia in their season opener. USC has never faced USF in program history. USF currently has #60 Pramming/Yoshizawa ranked in doubles.

SCOUTING UNLV

The No. 61 Runnin' Rebels open their season on Thursday at UC Irvine before heading to USC for the ITA Kickoff Weekend. USC is 13-0 all-time against UNLV, with the last win coming in a 6-1 decision in 2007. UNLV currently has no one ranked in singles or doubles.

LAST WEEK

Top-ranked USC flexed its dual-match muscles for the first time this year and showed some power for the 2012 season in a winning doubleheader over the weekend at Marks Stadium. USC shut out visiting Loyola Marymount with a 7-0 sweep before another 7-0 win over UC Santa Barbara to take a 2-0 start to the year for the three-time defending NCAA champs. USC's youth movement saw sophomore Emilio Gomez and freshmen Eric Johnson and Roberto Quiroz grab two singles wins on the day. Gomez and Quiroz also teamed up for two doubles wins, as did Daniel Nguyen and Ray Sarmiento, and Yannick Hanfmann playing with two different teammates.

SHERWOOD SWEEP

Trojans were the only ones left playing on the final day of the Sherwood Collegiate Cup on Jan. 16, with a USC sweep to the singles and doubles title matches. The Trojans come home with a solid set of hardware for their trophy cases, as **Steve Johnson** won the singles championship in beating teammate **Daniel Nguyen**, while Nguyen teamed up with **Ray Sarmiento** on the doubles courts to beat Johnson and **Yannick Hanfmann** 9-7 to claim the doubles championship. Almost a third of the singles draw was comprised of Trojans for the early-spring tournament, which culminated in today's all-Trojan title matches. Senior Steve Johnson stepped back to the collegiate courts for the first time since winning the 2011 NCAA Singles Championship after a stint as an amateur on the pro circuit. He now holds a clean 5-0 singles record on the year thanks to today's 6-2, 6-2 championship win over his fellow senior teammate and three-time NCAA Team Champion Daniel Nguyen. The two seniors spent a lot of time on opposite sides of the net today, in fact. In the doubles final, Nguyen was paired with his trusty sophomore teammate Ray Sarmiento -- whom he had paired with to much success during USC's run to the 2011 national championship -- for the Sherwood title match against Johnson and USC freshman Yannick Hanfmann. Johnson/Hanfmann were the No. 2 seeded team in the doubles draw, but Nguyen/Sarmiento won the day with a late push for a 9-7 victory that captured the doubles crown.

STREAKING STEVIE

— more —

Senior **Steve Johnson** finished his junior season with a 35-match singles winning streak in claiming the 2011 NCAA Singles Championship, and has now boosted the stretch to 40 in a row with last weekend's run to the Sherwood Collegiate Cup crown. Johnson took a fall break from collegiate tennis to play as an amateur on the pro circuit, where he won a USTA Pro Circuit Futures singles title in Claremont, Calif., and an ATP Challenger doubles title in Knoxville, Tenn. Now back on the collegiate courts, the senior five-time All-American is looking to ultimately lead the Trojans to a fourth straight national championship while he also most certainly amasses a dominating winning record of his own.

NGUYEN CLUTCH IN FRANCE

USC senior **Daniel Nguyen** has locked in on the clinching match for the past two NCAA Team Championships for the three-time defending champ Trojans, and in a December trip to France he tapped into those clutch skills in helping Team USA beat host France 4-3 in the championship of the Master'U BNP Paribas. The U.S. team of the top American collegians went up against France in the final for the third straight year and fell behind 3-1 in singles play. In doubles, however, Nguyen had two matches on his plate, first teaming up with Virginia's Jarmere Jenkins -- an opponent of the Trojans' in the past two NCAA Tournaments -- for a straight-set win that boosted up the USA's chances. Nguyen then turned around and stepped up for a mixed doubles match alongside fellow Pac-12 player Jacqueline Cako of ASU. The Trojan-Sun Devil duo would overpower their French opponents to the tune of a match-clinching 6-4, 6-1 victory that sewed up a 4-3 win for Team USA to claim its second Master'U BNP Paribas championship in the past three years.

RAY ROLLS AT REGIONALS

In October, **Ray Sarmiento** topped off his tear through the ITA Southwest Regional Championships with yet another straight-set victory to claim the singles title for the Trojan sophomore in Malibu. Up against an upset-minded Francis Alcantara of Fresno State, Sarmiento served up a solid 6-4, 6-3 win to become the first Trojan to win a regional singles title in over a decade. The No. 2 seed in the tourney, Sarmiento never gave up more than four games in a set to anyone but No. 3 seeded Finn Tearney of host Pepperdine during the semifinals. In he title match with Alcantara, Sarmiento was similarly dominant as he picked up his sixth consecutive straight-set win of the year to bring a long-awaited regional championship to Troy. No Trojan has won a singles title at the ITA regionals since Andrew Park went back-to-back in the 1999 and 2000 regional tournaments.

SOCAL SUCCESS

USC's sophomore-freshman doubles combo of **Emilio Gomez** and **Yannick Hanfmann** extended their dominating run through the Southern California Intercollegiate Championships into a championship victory at the tourney in November in Westwood. Up against a Bruin team playing on their home courts, the two young and top-seeded Trojans served up an 8-4 win over UCLA's No. 2 seeded Brigham/Thompson to win the doubles title.

LAST SEASON

USC finished 2011 on a 19-match winning streak that carried the Trojans to their third straight NCAA championship for a final 27-2 overall record. Junior **Steve Johnson** would win the NCAA singles championship as well, becoming the first USC player — since the dual-match format was incorporated into the NCAA championships in 1977 — to win a team and singles title in the same year. Johnson was named the 2011 ITA National Player of the Year, and earned All-American honors along with freshman **Ray Sarmiento**. **Peter Smith** was named the Pac-10 Coach of the Year in leading the Trojans to their first undefeated conference finish since 1987. Johnson also was named the Pac-10 Player of the Year, joined by teammates **Jaak Poldma** (first team), Sarmiento, (second team), Nguyen and **Emilio Gomez** (honorable mention) on the all-conference honor roll.

2012 CAMPBELL/ITA PRESEASON RANKINGS

TEAM RANKINGS (Jan. 3)

1. **USC**
2. Virginia
3. Ohio State
4. Georgia
5. Baylor
6. Stanford
7. Kentucky
8. Florida
9. UCLA
10. Duke
11. Texas A&M
12. Pepperdine
13. Tennessee
14. California
15. Georgia Tech
16. Mississippi State
17. Illinois
18. Oklahoma
19. Texas
20. North Carolina
21. Auburn
22. Texas Tech
23. Tulsa
24. Mississippi
25. Minnesota

SINGLES RANKINGS (Jan. 3)

1. Mitchell Frank, Virginia
2. Dennis Nevolo, Illinois
3. Wil Spencer, Georgia
4. Costin Paval, Oklahoma
5. Eric Quigley, Kentucky
6. Evan King, Michigan
7. Henrique Cunha, Duke
8. Blaz Rola Ohio State
9. Kevin King, Georgia Tech
10. Sadio Doumbia, Georgia
11. Jarmere Jenkins, Virginia
12. **Ray Sarmiento, USC**
13. Alex Musialek, Kentucky
14. Remi Boutillier, Fresno State
15. Kyle McMorrow, Washington
16. **Daniel Nguyen, USC**
17. Chris Mengel, Duke
18. Andreas Mies Auburn
19. Alexis Klegou, Texas A&M
20. Mate Zsiga, Baylor

33. Yannick Hanfmann, USC
48. Emilio Gomez, USC
124. Michael Grant, USC

DOUBLES RANKINGS (Jan. 3)

1. Buchanan/Rola, Ohio State
2. King/Spir Georgia Tech
3. Marsland/Watling, Tulsa
4. Slilam/Federhofer, Florida
5. Konigsfeldt/Andrews California
6. Stamchev/Mies, Auburn
7. Aumueller/Lindheim, Nebraska
8. Spencer/Brasseaux, Georgia
9. Doumbia/Taboada, Georgia
10. Buchanan/Kobelt, Ohio State
11. Siow/Spindler, Princeton
12. Cant/Stropp, Mississippi State
13. Oudshoorn/Shane, Virginia
14. Paval/Webb Oklahoma
15. McCarthy/Van Engelen, Ohio State
16. Anderson/Phillips, New Mexico
17. Lutjen/Backstrom, Mississippi
17. Maytin/Krickovic, Baylor
19. Gee/Schafer, Davidson
20. Pereira/Cavalcanti, Wichita State

2012 USC MEN'S TENNIS ROSTER

NAME	HT	WT	YEAR	EXP.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE)
Emilio Gomez	6-3	165	So.	1V	Guayaquil, Ecuador (Colegio Pert)
Michael Grant	5-11	180	So.	1V	London, England (Santa Barbara HS)
Yannick Hanfmann	6-4	190	Fr.	HS	Karlsruhe, Germany (Otto-Hahn Gymnasium)
Eric Johnson	6-2	185	Fr.	HS	San Jose, Calif. (Laurel Springs HS)
Steve Johnson	6-2	200	Sr.	3V	Orange, Calif. (Orange HS)
Ben Lankenau	6-4	215	Sr.	3V	Denver, Colo.
John Meadows	6-0	160	Fr.	HS	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia (Scotch College)
Daniel Nguyen	5-10	165	Sr.	3V	Oxnard, Calif. (Santa Barbara HS)
Ray Sarmiento	5-10	150	So.	1V	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Kaplan HS)
Corey Smith	6-3	180	So.	1V	San Diego, Calif. (Point Loma HS)
Jonny Wang	5-10	155	Fr.	HS	San Marino, Calif. (San Marino HS)
Roberto Quiroz	6-3	175	Fr.	HS	Guayaquil, Ecuador (Colegio Pert)
Jordi Vives	6-4	170	Fr.	HS	Barcelona, Spain (IES Ferran Tallada)

HEAD COACH: Peter Smith (10th season), Long Beach State 1987
ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH: George Husack (third season)
VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT: COACH: Jeff Tarango (second season)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Daniel **NGUYEN**
WINN

Ray **SARMIENTO**
sar-mee-EN-toe

YANNICK HANFMANN
yawn-ick hahnf-min

Roberto **QUIROZ**
kee-rose

JORDI VIVES
JOR-dee VEE-vase

2011-12 USC MEN'S TENNIS
INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

SINGLES	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	DUAL	PAC-12	OVERALL	STREAK
#48 Emilio Gomez	1-0	--	1-0	--	--	--	2-0	0-0	16-3	W2
#124 Michael Grant	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0	0-0	3-0	W3
#33 Yannick Hanfmann	--	1-0	--	--	--	--	1-0	0-0	14-4	W1
Eric Johnson	--	--	--	1-0	1-0	--	2-0	0-0	13-7	W2
Steve Johnson	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0	0-0	5-0	W5
Ben Lankenau	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
John Meadows	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
#16 Daniel Nguyen	1-0	--	--	--	--	--	1-0	0-0	12-5	W1
Roberto Quiroz	--	--	1-0	1-0	--	--	2-0	0-0	5-1	W4
#12 Ray Sarmiento	--	1-0	--	--	--	--	1-0	0-0	16-5	W1
Corey Smith	--	--	--	--	--	1-0	1-0	0-0	3-7	W1
Jonny Wang	--	--	--	--	--	1-0	1-0	0-0	13-8	W1
Jordi Vives	--	--	--	--	1-0	--	1-0	0-0	2-2	W1
Totals	**2-0**	**2-0**	**2-0**	**2-0**	**2-0**	**2-0**	**12-0**	**0-0**	**102-42**	

DOUBLES	#1	#2	#3	DUAL	PAC-12	OVERALL	STREAK
Grant/E. Johnson	--	--	--	0-0	0-0	0-3	L3
Gomez/Hanfmann	--	--	--	0-0	0-0	7-0	W7
Gomez/E. Johnson	--	--	--	0-0	0-0	2-1	L1
Gomez/Quiroz	1-0	1-0	--	2-0	0-0	4-1	W2
Gomez/Sarmiento	--	--	--	0-0	0-0	2-1	L1
Hanfmann/E. Johnson	--	--	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	W1
Hanfmann/S. Johnson	--	--	--	0-0	0-0	3-1	L1
Hanfmann/Nguyen	--	--	--	0-0	0-0	2-1	L1
Hanfmann/Vives	--	--	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	W1
E. Johnson/Wang	--	--	--	0-0	0-0	3-3	L1
E. Johnson/Vives	--	--	--	0-0	0-0	1-1	L1
Nguyen/Sarmiento	1-0	1-0	--	2-0	0-0	7-2	W6
Smith/Wang	--	--	--	0-0	0-0	1-4	L2
Totals	**2-0**	**2-0**	**2-0**	**6-0**	**0-0**	**33-18**	

(rankings and records as of Jan. 22)

TROJANS IN THE ITA/CAMPBELL NATIONAL RANKINGS...

	Pre	J3	J24	F2	F7	F14	F21	F28	M6	M13	M20	M27	A3	A10	A17	A24	A30	Final/J6
USC	--	1	1															
Emilio Gomez	66	48	--	--	--	--												
Michael Grant	NR	124	--	--	--	--												
Yannick Hanfmann	NR	33	--	--	--	--												
Steve Johnson	NR	NR	--	--	--	--												
Daniel Nguyen	16	16	--	--	--	--												
Ray Sarmiento	15	12	--	--	--	--												
Nguyen/Sarmiento	35	NR	--	--	--	--												

-- denotes only team rankings released on particular date