UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
2012 WOMEN'S TENNIS

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No. 16 USC Women Travel To Tempe For ITA Kickoff Weekend

Women of Troy face Sacramento State on Saturday with Sunday matchup vs. ASU or Texas Tech.

2012 USC Women's Tennis
1-0 OVERALL, 0-0 PAC-12

TROJANS IN THE CAMPBELL/ITA NATIONAL RANKINGS

Team (as of Jan. 24): No. 16

Singles (as of Jan. 3):
Sabrina Santamaria - No. 18
Zoë Scandalis - No. 19
Danielle Lao - No. 42
Kaitlyn Christian - No. 99

Doubles (as of Jan. 3):
Christian/Santamaria - No. 3

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 14-16	National Collegiate TC	All Day
	Freeman Memorial	All Day
Jan. 20	**#57 UC Irvine**	**W 7-0**
ITA Kick Off Weekend (ASU, Sacramento St., Texas Tech, USC)		
Jan. 28	#48 Sacramento State^	9:30 a.m. MT
Jan. 29	#20 ASU/#48 Texas Tech^	TBD
Feb. 2	**St. Mary's**	**1:30 p.m.**
Feb. 4	**Pepperdine**	**1:30 p.m.**
ITA National Team Indoor Championships		
Feb. 10	TBD&	TBD
Feb. 11	TBD&	TBD
Feb. 12	TBD&	TBD
Feb. 13	TBD&	TBD
Feb. 23	**UC Santa Barbara**	**1:30 p.m.**
Feb. 25	**California**	**12 p.m.**
March 1	**UCLA**	**1:30 p.m.**
March 3	**San Diego**	**12 p.m.**
March 10	**Washington State***	**10:30 a.m.**
March 14	at Texas	2 p.m. CT
March 23	at Utah*	1:30 p.m. MT
March 25	at Colorado*	12 p.m. MT
March 30	**Oregon***	**1:30 p.m.**
March 31	**Washington***	**12 p.m.**
April 6	**Arizona***	**1:30 p.m.**
April 7	**Arizona State***	**12 p.m.**
April 13	at Stanford*	1:30 p.m.
April 14	at California*	12 p.m.
April 20	at UCLA*	3 p.m.
Apr. 26-29	*Pac-12 Championships%*	
May 11-12	*NCAA Regionals@*	
May 17-22	*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 (Tempe, Ariz.)
& ITA National Team Indoors (Charlottesville, Va.)
% Pac-12 Championships (Ojai, Calif.)
@ NCAA Regionals (Site TBD)
$ NCAA Championships (Athens, Ga.)

THIS WEEK

The No. 16 USC women's tennis team takes a road trip this weekend for action at the ITA Kickoff Weekend out in Tempe, Ariz. The Trojans join three other teams for competition that serves as a play-in for the coming ITA National Team Indoor Championships. #16 USC (1-0) opens up against #48 Sacramento State (0-0) at 9:30 a.m. MT on Saturday (Jan. 28) for the right to move into the winners' round against either host #20 Arizona State (2-0) or #45 Texas Tech (1-0) on Sunday (Jan. 29). The consolation match is set for 9:30 a.m. MT, and Saturday's winners will meet at 1:30 p.m. MT.

ITA RANKING UPDATES

The latest round of 2012 Campbell/ITA national team rankings were unfurled Jan. 24, with the USC women at No. 16 in the land for the second straight cycle after finishing 2011 at No. 19. Four Women of Troy also pop up in the Jan. 3 individual rankings as well. Freshman **Sabrina Santamaria** (winner of the 2011 ITA Southwest Regional singles crown) tops the singles list at No. 18 just a step ahead of her No. 19 classmate and fellow regional finalist and recent Freeman Memorial champ **Zoë Scandalis**. Junior **Danielle Lao** — winner of the NCTC singles crown last week — is next at No. 42, and sophomore Kaitlyn Christian is No. 99. Christian and Santamaria also own the title of 2011 National Indoor Doubles Champions, and start out 2012 as the No. 3 ranked doubles team in the nation.

SCOUTING SAC STATE

The No. 48 Hornets are 0-0 on the year after their season-opening matches were rained out last week. USC is 2-0 all-time against Sacramento State, including a 4-0 win in the first round of the 2010 NCAA Tournament. Sacramento State has #38 Delgado/Kapshai ranked in doubles.

SCOUTING ASU

The No. 20 Sun Devils are 2-0 after a 4-3 win over UC Davis and a 6-1 win over UC Santa Barbara last week. USC is 46-22 all-time against ASU after taking two losses to the Sun Devils last season. ASU has #9 Jacqueline Cako ranked in singles.

SCOUTING TEXAS TECH

The No. 45 Red Raiders are 1-0 overall after opening the season with a 7-0 sweep of UTEP. USC's only past meeting with Texas Tech was a win in 1981. Texas Tech has #45 Adams/Kilgo ranked in doubles.

LAST WEEK

USC pinned up a powerful season-opening statement with a 7-0 sweep of visiting No. 57 UC Irvine last week at Marks Stadium. Anchored by a winning run through doubles play, the Women of Troy rattled off six decisive singles wins. The clincher came from freshman **Gabriella DeSimone** -- one of three freshmen in the lineup -- who rattled off a 6-1, 6-1 win from her No. 5 position to ensure a 1-0 start to the year for the USC women.

PICK OF THE PAC

Riding the momentum of an upset win over top-ranked Mallory Burdette of Stanford and #8 Robin Anderson of UCLA en route to the ensuing Freeman Memorial singles championship, #19-ranked freshman **Zoë Scandalis** stepped into the No. 1 singles slot for her first dual match as a Trojan and shut out her UC Irvine opponent. For her recent successes, Scandalis was named the Pac-12 Women's Tennis Player of the Week, making her the first Trojan to win the honor this season. Scandalis tallied the first doubles win and first singles win of the day in USC's season opener, winning 8-2 at the No. 3 doubles position with teammate Valeria Pulido, then took to the singles courts to deliver a 6-0, 6-0 sweep of UC Irvine's Courtney Byron on court one. Scandalis holds a six-match singles winning streak and is now 19-3 overall in singles play.

WINNING BIG IN VEGAS

USC freshman **Zoë Scandalis** delivered an upset blow to the top-ranked player in the nation as she

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gutted out a 6-7 (8), 7-6 (5), 6-3 comeback win over Stanford's #1 Mallory Burdette to win it all at the Freeman Memorial in Las Vegas on Jan. 15. Also in title match action in Vegas was Trojan doubles pair **Kaitlyn Christian** and **Sabrina Santamaria**. The sophomore-freshman combination worked into today's doubles final at the Freeman Memorial with an 8-4 win over UCLA's Anderson/Morton. In the championship, the Trojan duo faced another Bruin combination in Montez/Dolehide. Christian/Santamaria were unable to pull out the win, however, taking an 8-4 loss to finish as runners-up in the doubles draw. That gives #3 ranked Christian/Santamaria their second tournament title together, going along with the 2011 National Indoor Championship claimed in the fall as the pair holds a 15-3 overall doubles mark entering dual-match play.

LAO RISES TO NCTC TITLE

While USC's underclassmen were winning titles in Las Vegas, junior **Danielle Lao** won her first title since the 2010 ITA Southwest Singles Championship when she upset top-seeded and #29 ranked Emily Fraser of Virginia in a decisive second set in a 7-6 (5), 6-0 win. That claimed the singles crown at the National Collegiate Tennis Classic in La Quinta, Calif., on Jan. 15 for #42-ranked Lao, who now holds a 9-3 singles mark on the season.

SANTAMARIA STRETCHES USC'S SOUTHWEST SUCCESS

Freshman **Sabrina Santamaria** became the fourth straight Trojan to win the ITA Women's Regional Singles Championship with her winning run through the 2011 ITA Southwest Championship tourney in San Diego this fall. The Trojan went up against fellow freshman Zoë Scandalis in the title match, netting a 6-2, 6-1 win. Santamaria was unseeded entering the tourney, and served up surprises for four top-10 seeds during her run to the title. Scandalis was one of those seeded opponents, sitting as No. 10 and with a pair of victories over seeded opponents during her course to the final. One of those wins came in another all-Trojan battle, as Scandalis and defending champ, top-seeded teammate Danielle Lao, squared off in the quarterfinals. It was the third all-Trojan singles final in the past four regionals, as the Women of Troy have claimed the regional singles crown for four straight seasons now. Maria Sanchez won back-to-back titles in 2008 and 2009 (beating teammate Alison Ramos in 2008); Danielle Lao won in 2010 (beating Sanchez); and now Sabrina Santamaria has claimed the 2011 title. USC missed out on the singles title in 2007, but got another championship from Sarah Fansler in 2006 and also a title from Amanda Fink in 2005 to make it six Trojan championships in the past seven seasons.

LAST SEASON

The USC women are coming off a 15-8 record and a 4-4 finish in Pac-10 play in 2011. The Trojans wound up the year ranked No. 19 in the final ITA team rankings after reaching the NCAA Second Round. In NCAA individual action, Kaitlyn Christian and Maria Sanchez made history with an appearance in the NCAA Doubles Semifinals, becoming the first Women of Troy team ever to reach the NCAA doubles semis. Both earned ITA All-American honors in 2011, with freshman Christian also named the ITA Southwest Region Player to Watch, and senior Sanchez the ITA National Senior Player of the Year to go along with her honor as the Pac-10 Player of the Year. Danielle Lao was named to the All-Pac-10 Second Team. Playing in the NCAA individual tournament were Christian (doubles), Lao (singles, Valeria Pulido (doubles), Alison Ramos (doubles) and Sanchez (singles and doubles). Final ITA rankings had Sanchez #3 in singles and #5 in doubles with Christian. Christian was #90 in singles, and Lao was #23 in singles. Pulido/Ramos were #28 in doubles.

2012 CAMPBELL/ITA PRESEASON RANKINGS

TEAM RANKINGS (Jan. 3)

1.	Florida	13.	Georgia Tech
2.	Stanford	14.	Clemson
3.	Duke	15.	Vanderbilt
4.	North Carolina	**16.**	**USC**
5.	UCLA	17.	Florida State
6.	Baylor	18.	Tennessee
7.	Georgia	19.	Arizona State
8.	California	20.	Notre Dame
9.	Virginia	21.	Texas
10.	Michigan	22.	Tulsa
11.	Miami	23.	Alabama
12.	Northwestern	24.	Arkansas
		25.	Oklahoma

SINGLES RANKINGS (Jan. 3)

1. Mallory Burdette, Stanford
2. Chelsey Gullickson Georgia
3. Allie Will, Florida
4. Joanna Mather, Florida
5. Jana Juricova, California
5. Nicole Gibbs, Stanford
7. Beatrice Capra, Duke
8. Robin Anderson, UCLA
9. Jacqueline Cako, Arizona State
10. Denise Dy Washington
11. Cristina Sanchez-Quintanar, Texas A&M
12. Kristi Boxx Mississippi
13. Mary Anne Macfarlane, Alabama
14. Diana Nakic, Baylor University
15. Anna Bartenstein Miami
16. Lauren McHale, North Carolina
17. Petra Niedermayerova, Kansas State
18. Sabrina Santamaria, USC
19. Zoë Scandalis, USC
20. Anya Morgina, South Carolina

42. Danielle Lao, USC
99. Kaitlyn Christian, USC

DOUBLES RANKINGS (Jan. 3)

1. Burdette/Gibbs, Stanford
2. Gullickson/Gilchrist, Georgia
3. Christian/Santamaria, USC
4. Boxx/Guthrie, Mississippi
5. Frilling/Mathews, Notre Dame
6. Abu Mushrefova/Hamilton, Northwestern
7. Capra/Goldfeld, Duke
8. Wong/Bek, Clemson
9. Pluskota/Szekely, Tennessee
10. Oyen/Will, Florida
11. Kelleher/Khmylev, Boston College
12. Anderson/Morton, UCLA
13. Gullickson/Kimbell, Georgia
14. Wu/Mira, Vanderbilt
15. Embree/Mather, Florida
16. Yu/Brook, Yale
17. Guarachi/Macfarlane, Alabama
18. Boren/Toti, Tennessee
19. Leung/Bartnik, Columbia
20. Talbert/Duncan, Wake Forest

2011-12 WOMEN'S TENNIS ROSTER

NAME	R/L	HT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE)
Kaitlyn Christian	R	5-2	So.	HS	Orange, Calif. (Orange Lutheran HS)
Gabriella DeSimone	R	5-7	Fr.	HS	Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic HS)
Danielle Lao	R	5-3	Jr.	1V	Arcadia, Calif. (La Salle HS)
Hayley Miller	L	5-2	So.	HS	Laguna Beach, Calif. (St. Margaret's Episcopal School)
Giuliana Olmos	R	5-7	Fr.	HS	Fremont, Calif. (Vista Alternative HS)
Jackie Owens	R	5-3	Sr.	TR	Lahaina, Hawai'i (Lahainaluna HS/Pepperdine)
Valeria Pulido	R	5-9	Jr.	1V	Cuernavaca, Mexico (Preparatoria Nueva Opcion)
Alison Ramos	R	5-2	Sr.	2V	Carson, Calif. (Troy HS)
Sabrina Santamaria	R	5-5	Fr.	HS	Los Angeles, Calif. (Campbell Hall HS)
Zoë Scandalis	R	5-8	Fr.	HS	San Diego, Calif. (San Pasqual HS)

HEAD COACH: Richard Gallien (17th season)
ASSISTANT COACH: West Nott (fifth season)
VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT: Jim Buck (10th season)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

VALERIA PULIDO
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Richard **GALLIEN**
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2011-12 USC WOMEN'S TENNIS
INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

SINGLES	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	DUAL	PAC-12	OVERALL	STREAK
#99 Kaitlyn Christian	--	--	--	1-0	--	--	1-0	0-0	9-4	W1
Gabriella DeSimone	--	--	--	--	1-0	--	1-0	0-0	6-4	W2
#42 Danielle Lao	--	1-0	--	--	--	--	1-0	0-0	10-3	W5
Hayley Miller	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Jackie Owens	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Valeria Pulido	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-0	0-0	1-5	L4
Alison Ramos	--	--	--	--	--	1-0	1-0	0-0	5-7	W1
#18 Sabrina Santamaria	--	--	1-0	--	--	--	1-0	0-0	12-4	W1
#19 Zoë Scandalis	1-0	--	--	--	--	--	1-0	0-0	19-3	W6
Totals	**1-0**	**1-0**	**1-0**	**1-0**	**1-0**	**1-0**	**6-0**	**0-0**	**62-30**	

DOUBLES	#1	#2	#3	DUAL	PAC-12	OVERALL	STREAK
#3 Christian/Santamaria	1-0	--	--	1-0	0-0	16-3	W1
DeSimone/Lao	--	--	--	0-0	0-0	0-1	L1
DeSimone/Scandalis	--	--	--	0-0	0-0	2-1	-
Lao/Ramos	--	1-0	--	1-0	0-0	3-1	W1
Pulido/Ramos	--	--	--	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Pulido/Scandalis	--	--	1-0	1-0	0-0	2-2	W1
Ramos/Scandalis	--	--	--	--	--	1-0	W1
Totals	**1-0**	**1-0**	**1-0**	**3-0**	**0-0**	**24-8**	

(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	--	16	16															
Kaitlyn Christian	60	99	--	--	--													
Danielle Lao	16	42	--	--	--													
Sabrina Santamaria	NR	18	--	--	--													
Zoë Scandalis	NR	19	--	--	--													
Christian/Santamaria	18	3	--	--	--													

-- denotes only team rankings released on particular date