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**COLONELS**<sup>TM</sup>

2009-10 TENNIS



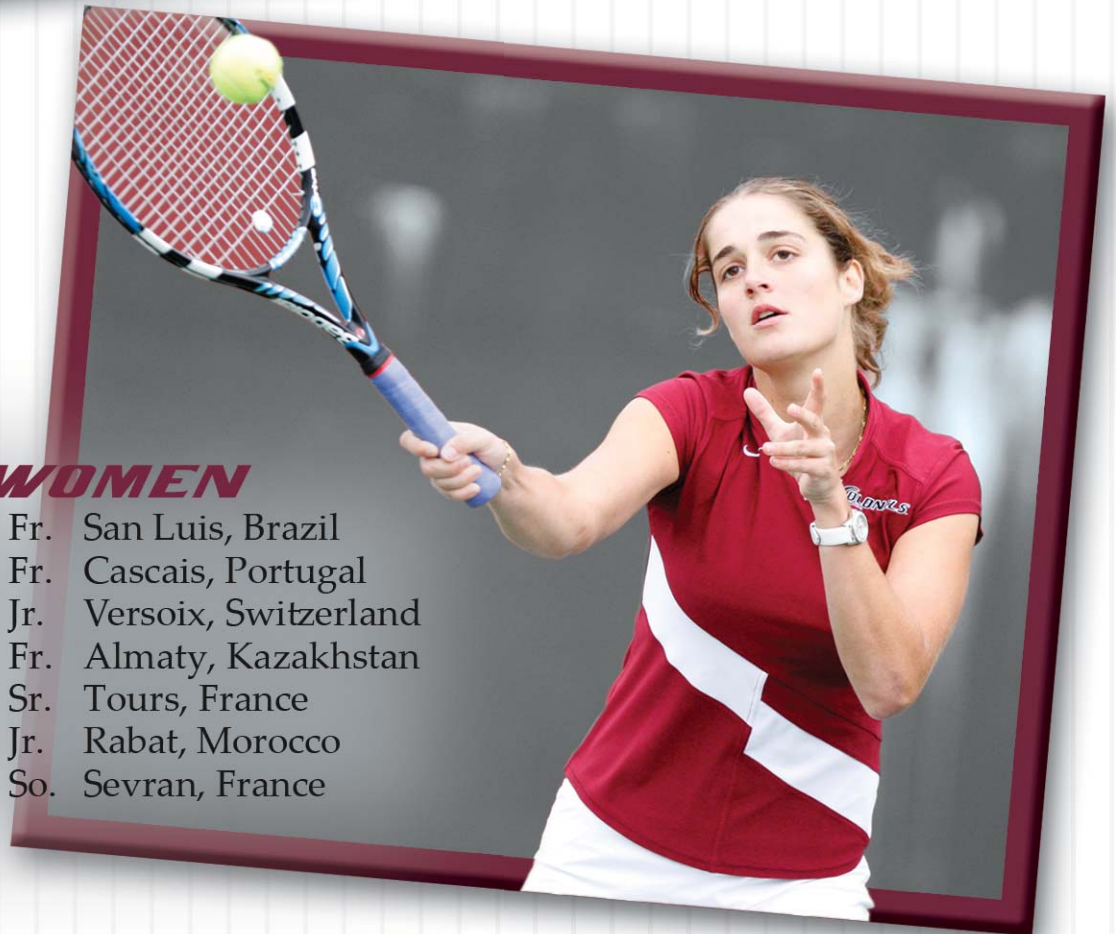


# 2010 COLONEL TENNIS ROSTERS



## COLONEL MEN

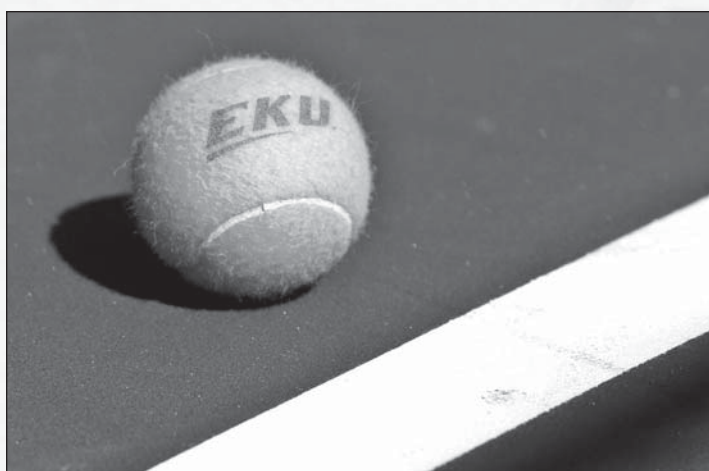
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| Alex Das Izquierdo    | Jr. | Valencia, Spain       |
| Philip Janz           | So. | Queensland, Australia |
| Hugo Klientovsky      | So. | Colombe, France       |
| Emilio Piriz          | So. | Badajoz, Spain        |
| Carles Pons Escanilla | So. | Barcelona, Spain      |
| Niklas Schroeder      | So. | Erwitte, Germany      |
| Carlos Valdenebro     | So. | Sevilla, Spain        |
| Parul Verma           | So. | Chandigarh, India     |



## COLONEL WOMEN

- |                     |     |                      |
|---------------------|-----|----------------------|
| Jessica Albuquerque | Fr. | San Luis, Brazil     |
| Catarina Branco     | Fr. | Cascais, Portugal    |
| Anouk Faure         | Jr. | Versoix, Switzerland |
| Esmira Gheisary     | Fr. | Almaty, Kazakhstan   |
| Anais Hamel         | Sr. | Tours, France        |
| Myriem Mhirit       | Jr. | Rabat, Morocco       |
| Alyze Pagal         | So. | Sevran, France       |

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## Quick Facts

### General Information

School	<i>Eastern Kentucky University</i>
Location	<i>Richmond, Ky.</i>
Founded/Enrollment	<i>1906/16,200</i>
Nickname	<i>Colonels</i>
Colors	<i>Maroon (209) and white</i>
Tennis Facilities	<i>Greg Adams Tennis Center (indoor) Coach Tom Higgins Tennis Courts (outdoor)</i>
Conference	<i>Ohio Valley</i>
Affiliation	<i>NCAA Division I</i>
President	<i>Dr. Doug Whitlock</i>
Athletics Director	<i>Mark Sandy</i>
Athletics Phone	<i>859-622-2120</i>

### Coaching Staff

Head Coach	<i>Rob Oertel</i>
Alma Mater	<i>Wisconsin-Stout '86</i>
Overall Division I Record	<i>237-217 (19 seasons – men) 140-115 (11 seasons – women)</i>
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**COACHING STAFF****Rob Oertel**

Title: Head Coach  
 Year at EKU: Ninth Season  
 Alma Mater:  
 Wisconsin-Stout, 1986

- ◆ 2007, 2009 OVC Men's Tennis Co-Coach of the Year
- ◆ 1995 MVC Men's Tennis Coach of the Year

Rob Oertel is entering his ninth season as the head coach for both the men's and women's tennis teams at Eastern Kentucky. The 2009 season was a memorable one for the Colonels as both the men and women went undefeated against OVC competition for the first time in program history. The EKU women went on to earn a berth in the 2009 NCAA championships.

In his eight years at EKU, Oertel has taken the Colonels from the cellar of the OVC to a consistent contender in the season-ending OVC tournament. He has coached 18 All-OVC players, two OVC Players of the Year, one OVC Freshman of the Year, one Academic All-American and one OVC Sportsmanship Award winner while in charge of the Eastern program.

Oertel has almost 20 years experience as a Division I head coach after previously serving four years at Denver and seven at Indiana State. He handled both the men's and women's programs at Indiana State during the 1989-90 season as well as at Denver in the 1996-97 campaign and spring of 1999.

"One of my primary goals when I took this position was to raise this program to national respectability," Oertel said. "I can say with great pride that we are now at that level. I hope we can keep building on our achievements."

The University of Denver was a Division II program when Oertel took the helm in 1996. By his fourth season, he lifted the Pioneers to a very competitive status at the Division I level with an overall record of 16-8.

Before joining the Pioneer staff at Denver, Oertel recorded an overall record of 95-73 with the Indiana State men's tennis team. During the 1994-95 season, Oertel guided the Sycamores to a regular season Missouri Valley Conference co-championship and second-place finish in the conference tournament.

**The Oertel File**

**Name:** Rob Oertel  
**Hometown:** West Allis, Wis.  
**Born:** Feb. 5, 1964  
**Education:**  
 Wisconsin-Stout (B.S., Business Administration, 1986)  
 Indiana State (M.S., Physical Education, 1991)  
**Collegiate Coaching Experience:**  
 Wisconsin-Stout (Head Coach, 1989)  
 Indiana State (Head Coach, 1990-96)  
 Denver (Head Coach, 1997-2000)  
 Eastern Kentucky (Head Coach, 2002-present)

Oertel earned the 1995 MVC Coach of the Year award as ISU finished 18-9 overall with key victories over Tulsa, Purdue, Kansas and Marquette. In addition, Indiana State won its final 12 regular season dual matches to earn a berth in the NCAA team championships. The Sycamores advanced to the final 24 in the 1995 NCAA tournament before falling to Arizona State.

A native of West Allis, Wis., Oertel graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in 1986 with a degree in business administration. In 1988, he began his coaching career at St. Mary's Catholic School in Monroe, Mich., as the assistant coach. Next, he assumed the head coaching reins at his alma mater, Wisconsin-Stout, before moving to Indiana State.

In 1991, he earned his master's of science degree from Indiana State in physical education with an emphasis in sports administration. Oertel has further enhanced his extensive coaching experience by working with players of all ages as a tennis pro in the Fiji Islands, Michigan and Wisconsin.

As a collegiate tennis player, Oertel was one of the most decorated athletes to ever play for the Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils. He became the first tennis player in Blue Devil history to earn All-American honors while also playing on four consecutive conference championship teams.

Oertel's NCAA Division III national ranking peaked at No. 13 in singles and No. 4 in doubles during his senior campaign. In 1996, Oertel was inducted into the Wisconsin-Stout Athletics Hall of Fame.

**Oertel's Division I Career Coaching Record**

Men			Women		
Year	School	Record	Year	School	Record
1990	Indiana State	13- 10	1990	Indiana State	5- 13
1991	Indiana State	14- 10	1997	Denver	13- 7
1992	Indiana State	10- 11	1999	Denver	7- 8
1993	Indiana State	15- 9	2002	Eastern Kentucky	7- 15
1994	Indiana State	12- 13	2003	Eastern Kentucky	13- 11
1995	Indiana State	18- 9	2004	Eastern Kentucky	13- 13
1996	Indiana State	13- 11	2005	Eastern Kentucky	15- 12
1997	Denver	7- 7	2006	Eastern Kentucky	14- 10
1998	Denver	4- 16	2007	Eastern Kentucky	12- 13
1999	Denver	5- 14	2008	Eastern Kentucky	19- 7
2000	Denver	16- 8	2009	Eastern Kentucky	22- 6
2002	Eastern Kentucky	10- 13	<b>Totals (11 seasons)</b>		<b>140-115</b>
2003	Eastern Kentucky	14- 10			
2004	Eastern Kentucky	12- 13			
2005	Eastern Kentucky	11- 16			
2006	Eastern Kentucky	11- 15			
2007	Eastern Kentucky	18- 11			
2008	Eastern Kentucky	16- 12			
2009	Eastern Kentucky	18- 9			
<b>Totals (19 seasons)</b>		<b>239-217</b>			



# COACHING STAFF



## Fred Goncalves

**Title:** Graduate Asst. Coach  
**Year at ECU:** Second Season  
**Alma Mater:**  
 Eastern Kentucky, 2008

Fred Goncalves is in his second year with the Colonel coaching staff after spending the previous four years playing on the ECU tennis team. Goncalves served as the 2008 team captain and helped the men's team finish third in the OVC standings.

Now a member of the coaching staff, Goncalves is responsible for on-court coaching, handling administrative tasks and executing miscellaneous duties off the court. Goncalves is also working towards completing his master's degree in sports administration at ECU.

In his four years on the Eastern tennis team, Goncalves was a solid contributor on a very deep team. Goncalves spent most of his senior season playing No. 4 and No. 5 singles for the Colonels where he tallied a 5-4 record against OVC opponents. As a junior, the lefty went 8-2 in dual matches including 5-1 against league competition.

Off the court, Goncalves enjoys listening to music and going to the beach. His future goals include owning his own tennis academy.



### The Goncalves File

**Name:** Frederico Goncalves  
**Hometown:** Porto, Portugal  
**Born:** March 27, 1986

**Education:**  
 Eastern Kentucky (B.S., International Business, 2008)

**Collegiate Coaching Experience:**  
 Eastern Kentucky (Grad. Assistant Coach, 2009-present)

## The Colonel Club

The Colonel Club operates within the same principles of Eastern Kentucky University – an institution entering its second century as a school of opportunity. The Department of Athletics' development organization helps provide an elite experience for more than 300 of the University's most dedicated students.

The generous financial support provided by the Colonel Club facilitates the department's overall mission of graduating student-athletes, developing individuals who display integrity at all times, winning Ohio Valley Conference championships and participating in postseason competition.

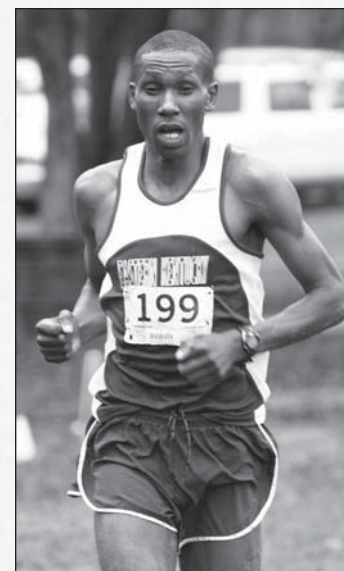
Colonel Club members – loyal alumni, parents and friends – are proud that their tax-deductible contributions provide vital resources for all aspects of Colonel Athletics, including scholarships, travel expenses, equipment, academic support and many other areas.

In addition to the pride of knowing that they have helped improve the student-athlete experience, Colonel Club members can receive benefits including, but not limited to:

- Invitations to annual Colonel Club events, including the golf tournament, Fish Fry and much more
- Priority seating at Roy Kidd Stadium and Paul McBrayer Arena
- Priority for purchasing post-season tickets
- Preferred parking for football and basketball events
- Colonel Connection – a daily e-mail chronicling ECU Athletics
- Membership card and window decal

Methods of support include direct contributions, matching gifts, gifts of securities, gifts-in-kind and planned gifts. All gifts to the Colonel Club are recognized on a July 1st to June 30th fiscal year.

For more information about joining the Colonel Club and being an essential part of the esteemed tradition that is Eastern Kentucky University Athletics, please contact the ECU Colonel Club office by calling 859-622-2046 or e-mailing Treka Adams at [treka.adams@eku.edu](mailto:treka.adams@eku.edu).



Anouk Faure (left) helped lead the Colonels to their first ever NCAA championships berth last spring while Wesley Ruttoh helped ECU capture its fourth straight men's cross country title in 2009.



# SEASON OUTLOOK



The Eastern Kentucky University men's and women's tennis teams enter the 2010 spring as the preseason favorites in the Ohio Valley Conference. The men return all but one starter from a team that went undefeated against conference opponents last year on the way to the 2009 regular season title. Meanwhile, the women hope to return to the NCAA tournament for the second consecutive year.

"This could be the most talented group of men I've coached in my time at Eastern," EKU head coach Rob Oertel said. "We expect to build on last year's run to the OVC tournament finals and make it to the NCAA's this year. I don't see any reason why we can't accomplish that goal."

Leading the way for the Colonel men is junior Alex Das Izquierdo, who could be a serious candidate for OVC Player of the Year honors. Das, a two-time All-OVC pick, is 12-2 against OVC competition in his two years playing No. 1 singles. This past fall, Das picked up individual titles at the UTC Baras Fall Tennis Classic and the Louisville Winter Invitational.

Newcomer Hugo Klientovsky gives EKU a solid one-two punch at the top of the line-up. Klientovsky, standing at 6-3, has a big serve and likes to attack the net. His size and net play will not only help in singles, but solidify the doubles teams as well.

Sophomores Niklas Schroeder and Carlos Valdenebro will likely battle for spots in the middle of the starting rotation. Schroeder tied for the team lead with six OVC singles victories in 2009. Valdenebro split time between No. 2 and No. 3 singles as a freshman while finishing with 11 victories.

Sophomores Emilio Piriz, Carles Pons Escanilla and Parul Verma as well as newcomer Philip Janz give the Colonels quality depth. Piriz, Pons and Verma combined to go 13-2 against OVC foes one season ago. Pons clinched the 4-3 victory over rival Jacksonville State in 2009 thanks to a three-set triumph at No. 6 singles.

"Alex Das just breeds confidence for everyone else on the men's team," Oertel said. "He's the whole package - student, leader and great tennis player."

"As for the women, it will be an exciting challenge to coach them this year," Oertel continued. "All of the players are a little higher on the ladder than what their comfort zone has been."

This could be a transition year for the Eastern Kentucky women as the Colonels have to replace their top two players from the 2009

OVC championship squad. Candidates to fill the No. 1 position include juniors Myriem Mhirit and Anouk Faure.

Mhirit, a 2009 All-OVC first team selection, became the first Colonel to reach 30 victories in a season as she finished a combined 31-6 in the fall of 2008 and spring of 2009. The lefty put together a 14-match winning streak in the middle of last spring before tallying straight-set victories in both of her OVC tournament contests.

Faure split time between No. 4 and No. 5 singles as a sophomore, but won all nine of her OVC singles matches in straight sets. Faure is another lefty who plays a steady baseline game and can win points off both her forehand and backhand.

Newcomer Jessica Albuquerque de Brito could step into a top-three starting spot for the Colonels. Albuquerque is perhaps the best ball striker on the team and should be able to compete well in the OVC matches. The good news for EKU is that Albuquerque still has plenty of room for improvement.

Senior Anais Hamel, sophomore Alyze Pagal and freshmen Catarina Branco and Esmira Gheisary will be in the hunt for the final three spots in the line-up. Hamel, the lone senior on the team and 2010 captain, won both of her OVC singles matches last spring.

"We have a tough preseason schedule that should help us come OVC season," Oertel said. "I think our season will depend on how well we play together and grow as a team. We could finish anywhere from first to seventh in the OVC standings."



Alex Das is a strong candidate for 2010 OVC Player of the Year.

## Men's Team Roster

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	Previous School
Alex Das Izquierdo	5-11	155	Jr.	Valencia, Spain	El Plantio Intl. School of Valencia
Philip Janz	5-11	190	So.	Queensland, Australia	Sunshine Coast Grammar School
Hugo Klientovsky	6-3	180	So.	Colombe, France	University Pierre Mendes France
Emilio Piriz	5-10	165	So.	Badajoz, Spain	Colegio Santa Teresa Badajoz
Carles Pons Escanilla	6-2	160	So.	Barcelona, Spain	Jesus-Maria St. Gervasi
Niklas Schroeder	6-4	170	So.	Erwitte, Germany	Staedtisches Gymnasium Erwitte
Carlos Valdenebro	6-0	160	So.	Sevilla, Spain	I.E.S. Carlos Haya
Parul Verma	5-10	167	So.	Chandigarh, India	D.A.V. Model School Sector 15-A

## Women's Team Roster

Name	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown	Previous School
Jessica Albuquerque	5-5	Fr.	San Luis, Brazil	C.I.E.R.
Catarina Branco	5-6	Fr.	Cascais, Portugal	Secundaria de Cascais
Anouk Faure	5-2	Jr.	Versoix, Switzerland	College Rousseau
Esmira Gheisary	5-7	Fr.	Almaty, Kazakhstan	Kimep
Anais Hamel	5-8	Sr.	Tours, France	Universite Francois Rabelais
Myriem Mhirit	5-6	Jr.	Rabat, Morocco	Intl. Institute for Higher Education
Alyze Pagal	5-9	So.	Sevran, France	La Sorbonne Universite Paris I

## Pronunciations

Jessica Albuquerque	- AL-boo-CARE-key
Esmira Gheisary	- ESS-mur-uh gee-SOUR-ee
Alex Das Izquierdo	- eez-key-AIR-doh
Anouk Faure	- ah-NEWK four
Anais Hamel	- ah-NEECE hah-MELL
Hugo Klientovsky	- KLI-en-TOV-skee
Myriem Mhirit	- muh-HEAR-it
Alyze Pagal	- ah-LEEZ pah-GAL
Carles Pons Escanilla	- s-kahn-EE-ah
Carlos Valdenebro	- vol-den-A-broh
Head Coach Rob Oertel	- or-TELL



# PLAYER PROFILES



## Alex Das Izquierdo

Year: Junior  
 Ht.: 5-11 Wt.: 155  
 Hometown: Valencia, Spain  
 Previous School:  
 El Plantio Intl. School of Valencia

- ◆ 2008, 2009 All-OVC first team selection
- ◆ 2009 *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-District second team
- ◆ 2008 OVC Freshman of the Year

Das Izquierdo should compete for 2010 OVC Player of the Year honors ... has the talent to compete with anyone in the nation ... plays from the baseline, but mixes his shots extremely well ... 2010 team captain ... captured two singles titles this past fall – the UTC Baras Fall Tennis Classic and the Louisville Winter Invitational ... led EKV with a 17 dual singles victories in 2009 ... went 6-0 at No. 1 doubles with Carlos Pons as a sophomore ... finished 6-1 in OVC singles competition in both 2009 and 2008 ... became the first Colonel to ever win the OVC Freshman of the Year award ... 2008 team MVP ... went 15-3 in dual matches at No. 1 singles ... won 14 of his final 15 singles matches in 2008 ... won three matches on the way to the flight 'A' finals of the 2007 UTC Fall Tennis Classic ... climbed as high as No. 352 in the 2007 Spanish national rankings ... was a top-10 national player in the under-14 age group ... also played soccer in high school ... he enjoys watching soccer, the NBA and going to the movies ... he wants to help the Colonels win the OVC title ... after graduating, he hopes to become an airline pilot.

### The Das Izquierdo File

**Name:** Alejandro Das Izquierdo  
**Born:** Sept. 3, 1987  
**Parents:** Jose Das and Carmen Izquierdo  
**Siblings:** Paloma (3)  
**Major:** Aviation



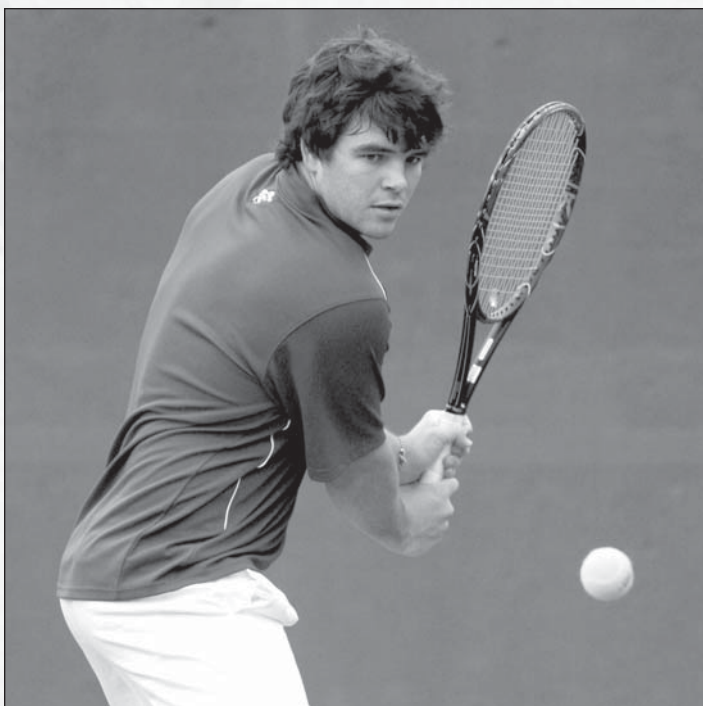
## Philip Janz

Year: Sophomore  
 Ht.: 5-11 Wt.: 190  
 Hometown: Queensland, Australia  
 Previous School:  
 Sunshine Coast Grammar School

Janz joined the squad in the fall of 2009 ... comes from an impressive tennis background in Queensland ... solidifies the depth on the squad ... has a steady all-around game that has no glaring weaknesses ... can battle from the baseline or win points at the net ... he was ranked among the top-100 Australian players in the open division ... reached No. 4 in the Queensland under-18 single rankings and No. 5 on the doubles list ... also played cricket in high school ... enjoys playing video games and following collegiate sports ... his tennis goals include breaking into the top half of the starting line-up and helping the team win the OVC title.

### The Janz File

**Name:** Philip Brian Janz  
**Born:** June 27, 1990  
**Parents:** Terry and Sue Janz  
**Siblings:** Kirstin (25)  
**Major:** Psychology





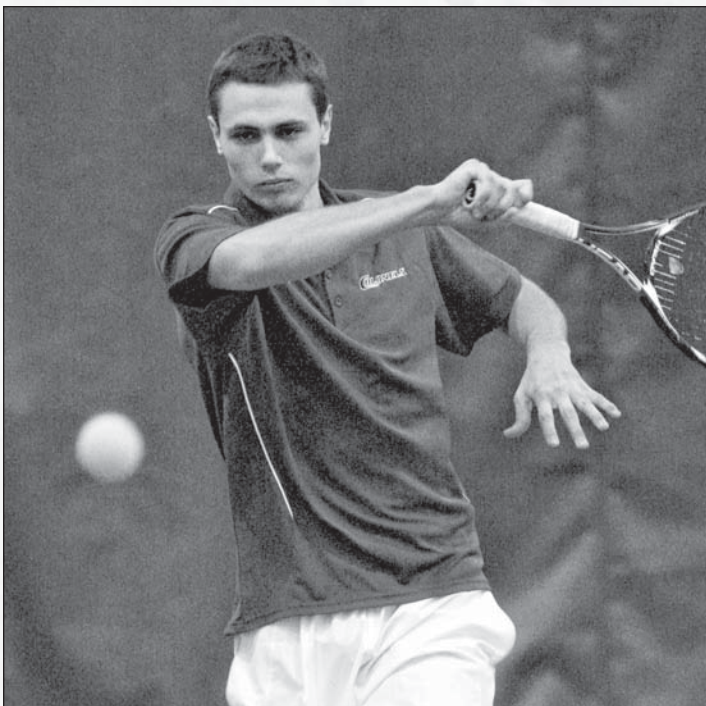
**PLAYER PROFILES****Hugo Klientovsky**

Year: Sophomore  
 Ht.: 6-3 Wt.: 180  
 Hometown: Colombe, France  
 Previous School:  
 University Pierre Mendes France

Klientovsky could be an impact player in his first season as a Colonel ... likes to attack the net, but possesses a strong all-around game ... he will do whatever it takes to get a win ... one of his best weapons is his serve ... his size and net play will help solidify the doubles teams ... won the regional tournament of Dauphine-Savoie when he was 17 years old ... his hobbies include skiing, soccer and playing video games ... he hopes to help EKU reach the NCAA tournament this spring.

**The Klientovsky File**

**Name:** Hugo Klientovsky  
**Born:** June 3, 1988  
**Parents:** Alexandre and Christine Klientovsky  
**Siblings:** Thomas (24)  
**Major:** Business marketing

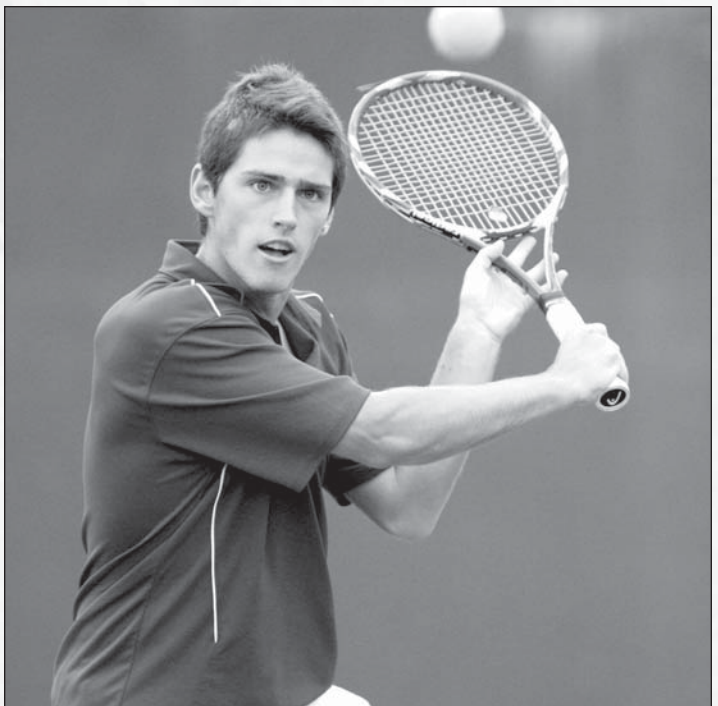
**Emilio Piriz**

Year: Sophomore  
 Ht.: 5-10 Wt.: 165  
 Hometown: Badajoz, Spain  
 Previous School:  
 Colegio Santa Teresa Badajoz

Piriz possesses solid strokes off both wings ... provides quality depth to the line-up ... will be in the battle for the No. 6 spot in the starting line-up ... played in 12 dual matches as a freshman, mainly at the No. 6 spot ... won all four OVC singles matches in straight sets last year ... picked up the deciding point in the 4-3 victory over Wright State thanks to a three-set win at No. 6 singles ... went 4-4 in doubles with Carlos Valdenebro in 2009 ... reached as high as No. 310 in the Spanish men's national rankings ... he hopes to help the team win the OVC title this year ... also played soccer in high school ... in his spare time, he likes to travel and meet new people ... his educational goal is to complete his collegiate degree in the United States.

**The Piriz File**

**Name:** Emilio Piriz  
**Born:** July 6, 1990  
**Parents:** Emilio Piriz Campos and Teresa Fernandez Capilla  
**Siblings:** None  
**Major:** International business



**PLAYER PROFILES**

## Carles Pons Escanilla

Year: Sophomore  
 Ht.: 6-2 Wt.: 160  
 Hometown: Barcelona, Spain  
 Previous School:  
 Jesus-Maria St. Gervasi

Pons Escanilla has a reliable backhand ... volleys surprising well for a clay court player ... always seems to be happy out on the court ... could be a factor in the starting line-up ... played anywhere between No. 3 and No. 6 singles as a freshman ... clinched the 4-3 win over Jacksonville State thanks to a three-set victory at No. 6 singles ... won six of his final seven singles matches last year ... went 5-1 in OVC singles action and 4-0 in doubles with Alex Das in 2009 ... also played soccer in high school ... enjoys all types of sports, listening to music and traveling ... he has his sights set on all-conference accolades.



## Niklas Schroeder

Year: Sophomore  
 Ht.: 6-4 Wt.: 170  
 Hometown: Erwitte, Germany  
 Previous School:  
 Staedtisches Gymnasium Erwitte

Schroeder is one of the better indoor tennis players on the squad ... should play somewhere in the middle of the line-up ... potentially the best doubles player on the roster ... mixes his serve extremely well ... finished the 2009 campaign at the No. 4 singles position ... tied for the team lead with six OVC singles victories last year (6-2) ... rallied for a three-set victory in the Morehead State contest ... split time at No. 1 and No. 2 doubles as a freshman ... teamed up with Parul Verma to go 5-1 in OVC matches ... played on the same club team as former Colonel Lars Gratzki ... also participated on the soccer and badminton teams in high school ... in his spare time, he enjoys playing soccer and basketball.

### The Pons Escanilla File

**Name:** Carles Pons Escanilla  
**Born:** April 16, 1989  
**Parents:** Miquel Pons and Mercé Escanilla  
**Siblings:** Ruth (31)  
**Major:** Sports management



### The Schroeder File

**Name:** Niklas Schroeder  
**Born:** Jan. 8, 1989  
**Parents:** Werner and Barbara Schroeder  
**Siblings:** Gerrit (18)  
**Major:** Sports management





**PLAYER PROFILES**

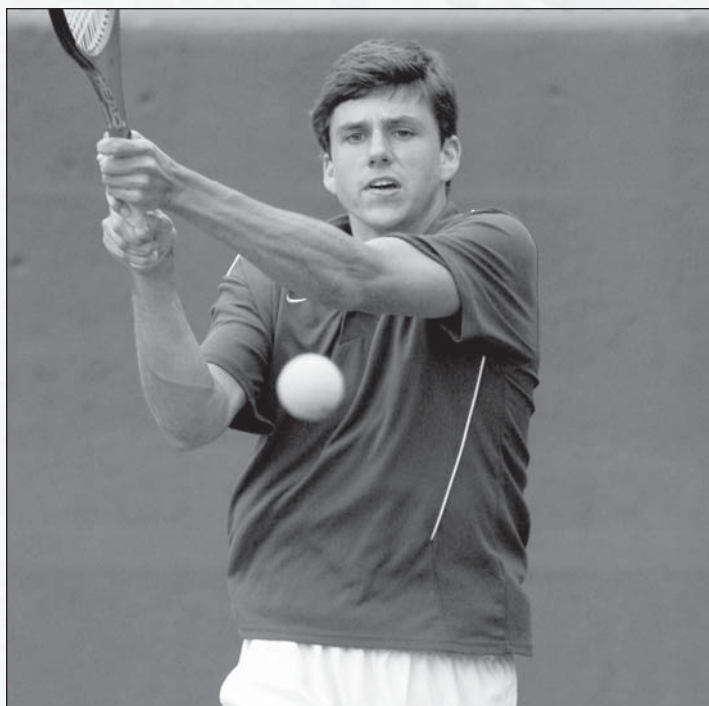
## Carlos Valdenebro

Year: Sophomore  
 Ht.: 6-0 Wt.: 160  
 Hometown: Sevilla, Spain  
 Previous School:  
 I.E.S. Carlos Haya

Valdenebro should be a regular in the starting line-up for the Colonels this year ... hits a surprisingly flat ball for a Spanish player ... can finish points from the forehand side ... spent the majority of his freshman season at No. 2 and No. 3 singles ... helped EKU pull out a 4-3 victory over Wright State last year thanks to a three-set triumph at No. 4 singles ... won all three of his three-set matches in 2009 ... split time with Mel Segota and Emilio Piriz in doubles as a freshman ... reached as high as No. 380 in the Spanish men's national rankings ... also played soccer in high school ... he hopes to eventually earn a master's degree and become an engineer.

### The Valdenebro File

**Name:** Carlos Valdenebro  
**Born:** Feb. 25, 1990  
**Parent:** Maria Dolores Tinaut  
**Siblings:** Javier (23)  
**Major:** Engineering



## Parul Verma

Year: Sophomore  
 Ht.: 5-10 Wt.: 167  
 Hometown: Chandigarh, India  
 Previous School:  
 D.A.V. Model School Sector 15-A

Verma has good touch and feel with the ball ... should be in the mix for a starting position ... tied for second on the team with 13 singles dual victories in 2009 ... split time between No. 4 and No. 5 singles as a freshman ... tallied a straight-set victory at No. 5 singles in the OVC championship match against Jacksonville State ... teamed up with Niklas Schroeder to go 5-1 in OVC matches at No. 2 doubles ... as a junior, he was ranked No. 10 in the Indian under-18 bracket and No. 2 in the under-16 bracket ... played in the Indian Davis Cup under-16 camp ... won numerous singles and doubles super series matches ... he hopes to help EKU reach its first-ever NCAA tournament ... in his spare time, he enjoys listening to country music and hanging out with friends.

### The Verma File

**Name:** Parul Verma  
**Born:** Oct. 13, 1990  
**Parents:** Charan Preet Verma and Kiran Verma  
**Siblings:** Pavel (21), Pavika (17)  
**Major:** Sports management





# PLAYER PROFILES



## Jessica Albuquerque de Brito

Year: Freshman  
 Height: 5-5  
 Hometown: San Luis, Brazil  
 Previous School:  
 C.I.E.R.

Albuquerque joined the squad in the spring of 2010 ... probably the best ball striker on the team ... could be a top three player for ECU this year ... there is still a lot of room for improvement in her game ... also played volleyball and table tennis in high school ... named best tennis player of the year in Maranhão-Brazil five times in a row ... ranked among the top 20 singles and doubles players in Brazil's under-18 age group ... in her spare time, she enjoys listening to music and hanging out with friends ... her educational goals include graduating from ECU with honors.



## Catarina Branco

Year: Freshman  
 Height: 5-6  
 Hometown: Cascais, Portugal  
 Previous School:  
 Secundaria de Cascais

Branco has a surprising amount of power in her game considering she grew up playing on clay courts ... has the confidence and desire to be a top-flight tennis player ... she needs to add a bit of finesse to her game ... will compete for a spot in the starting lineup ... reached No. 6 in the 2007 Portugal junior singles rankings ... finished third in nationals as a part of the Quinta da Marinha Tennis Academy, Cascais Club ... she enjoys going to the movies, listening to music and hanging out with friends ... her tennis goals include helping the Colonels win another OVC title.

### The Albuquerque File

**Name:** Jessica Albuquerque de Brito  
**Born:** Dec. 27, 1991  
**Parents:** Sebastiao B. de Brito Filho and Adriana Albuquerque de Brito  
**Siblings:** None  
**Major:** Psychology



### The Branco File

**Name:** Catarina P. Du Breuil Hirt Branco  
**Born:** Sept. 15, 1990  
**Parents:** José Paulo Branco and Mónica Maria Branco  
**Siblings:** Gregorij (20)  
**Major:** Undeclared





**PLAYER PROFILES**

## Anouk Faure

Year: Junior  
 Height: 5-2  
 Hometown: Versoix, Switzerland  
 Previous School:  
 College Rousseau

Faure is expected to fill one of the top spots in the Colonel line-up this spring ... handles match pressure extremely well ... a very mature player ... likes to play a baseline game and is strong off both wings ... split time between No. 4 and No. 5 singles in her two other years on the team ... won all nine of her OVC singles matches last year in straight sets ... picked up a straight-set win in the 2009 OVC championship match at No. 5 singles ... finished 20-6 in singles dual matches last year ... teamed up with Jemma Euers to go 14-6 in doubles in 2009 ... went 12-6 at No. 4 singles as a freshman ... went to three sets in 11 matches in 2008 ... teamed with Vera Heimeroth for most of her freshman season at No. 3 doubles ... climbed as high as No. 280 in the Switzerland national rankings ... a two-time semifinalist in Geneva's championships ... in her spare time, she enjoys gymnastics, snowboarding, traveling and meeting new people ... her tennis goals are to have the best Swiss ranking possible and win another OVC ring.

### The Faure File

**Name:** Anouk Faure  
**Born:** April 29, 1988  
**Parents:** Manuel and Stephanie Faure  
**Siblings:** Shannon (14)  
**Major:** Fine arts, interior design



## Esmira Gheisary

Year: Freshman  
 Height: 5-7  
 Hometown: Almaty, Kazakhstan  
 Previous School:  
 Kimep

Gheisary joined the team in the spring of 2010 ... possesses a good mix of ground strokes ... once her comfort level improves, she could jump to a whole new level on the tennis courts ... will compete for one of the final spots in the EKV line-up ... reached No. 7 in the 2008 Kazakhstan singles rankings ... participated in the 2002 World Junior Championships in Indonesia ... also played basketball and ran track in high school ... when not playing tennis, she enjoys watching soccer, going to the movies and surfing the internet ... she hopes to help the Colonels advance to their second straight NCAA tournament.

### The Gheisary File

**Name:** Esmira Teimurovna Gheisary  
**Born:** March 4, 1990  
**Parents:** Teimur and Nailiya Gheisary  
**Siblings:** None  
**Major:** Business and technology



**PLAYER PROFILES****Anais Hamel**

Year: Senior  
 Height: 5-8  
 Hometown: Tours, France  
 Previous School:  
 Universite Francois Rabelais

Hamel is the lone senior on the team and was elected 2010 team captain ... possesses solid groundstrokes from both sides ... does not make many errors on the tennis court ... adds depth to a very talented line-up ... played on occasion as a junior mainly at No. 5 or No. 6 singles ... won both of her 2009 OVC singles matches in straight sets ... two of her four losses last year came in three sets ... she also played rugby in high school ... in her spare time, she enjoys traveling, hanging out with friends and listening to music ... she played the drums for six years ... her tennis goals are to earn a spot in the starting line-up and help the team win a second straight OVC championship.

**The Hamel File**

**Name:** Anais Hamel  
**Born:** April 13, 1987  
**Parents:** Richard and Corinne Hamel  
**Siblings:** None  
**Major:** Economics

**Myriem Mhirit**

Year: Junior  
 Height: 5-6  
 Hometown: Rabat, Morocco  
 Previous School:  
 Intl. Institute for Higher Education

**◆ 2009 All-OVC first team selection**

Mhirit enjoys playing tennis from the baseline and has excellent hand-eye coordination ... expected to be one of the top players on the squad in 2010 ... first Colonel to reach 30 wins in a season as she finished a combined 31-6 in singles in 2008-09 ... put together a 14-match winning streak in the spring of 2009 ... won both of her 2009 OVC tournament singles matches in straight sets at No. 3 singles ... teamed up with Nadja Barz to go 10-2 at No. 3 doubles last year ... won two 'Flight B' singles titles at Evansville and Cincinnati in the fall of 2008 ... spent her freshman year playing No. 4 and No. 5 singles ... won nine straight singles matches in the middle of 2008, all in straight sets ... won the No. 4 singles match in the 2008 OVC semifinals against TTU's Kay Ngiam ... only played four doubles matches as a freshman ... a top-eight player in the Moroccan 18-and-under age group ... participated in the 2003 Arabic championships ... enjoys traveling, hanging out with friends and going to the beach ... she wants to help the Colonels earn another OVC title.

**The Mhirit File**

**Name:** Myriem Mhirit  
**Born:** April 20, 1989  
**Parents:** Abdehatif Mhirit and Assia Tazi  
**Siblings:** Ghita (16)  
**Major:** Computer science





# PLAYER PROFILES



## Alyze Pagal

Year: Sophomore  
 Height: 5-9  
 Hometown: Sevran, France  
 Previous School:  
 La Sorbonne Universite Paris I

Pagal is a consistent all-court player ... has solid volleys for being raised on clay courts ... needs to take her game to another level for the Colonels to be successful this spring ... should fill a spot in the middle of the starting line-up ... played sparingly in 2009, mainly at No. 6 singles ... won both of her conference matches in straight sets last year ... also played basketball and soccer in high school ... she enjoys going to the movies, skiing and music ... her tennis goals are to win as many matches as she can and go back to France a stronger player.

### The Pagal File

**Name:** Alyze Pagal  
**Born:** June 16, 1989  
**Parents:** Jean Claude Pagal and Marie Bun Aphay  
**Siblings:** Ambroze (18)  
**Major:** Economics



## 2009 Women's Tennis Results

22-6 Overall, 9-0 OVC (1st)

Date	Opponent	Result
Jan. 24	<b>Wright State</b>	7- 0 W
Jan. 24	<b>Xavier</b>	4- 3 W
Jan. 25	at #32 Ohio State	0- 7 L
Jan. 29	<b>East Tennessee State</b>	5- 2 W
Jan. 30	at #22 Kentucky	0- 7 L
Feb. 7	<b>Chattanooga</b>	7- 0 W
Feb. 8	<b>Indiana State</b>	4- 3 W
Feb. 14	<b>Southeastern Louisiana</b>	5- 2 W
Feb. 20	<b>Univ. of the Cumberlands</b>	6- 0 W
Feb. 20	<b>Cumberland Univ.</b>	6- 1 W
Feb. 27	<b>Georgetown College</b>	6- 0 W
Feb. 27	<b>Northern Kentucky</b>	7- 0 W
Mar. 3	<b>Cincinnati</b>	3- 4 L
Mar. 9	at Embry-Riddle	4- 3 W
Mar. 10	at Stetson	2- 5 L
Mar. 11	at Jacksonville	3- 4 L
Mar. 21	at Eastern Illinois*	7- 0 W
Mar. 27	at Southeast Missouri*	7- 0 W
Mar. 28	at Murray State*	6- 1 W
Mar. 29	at Tennessee State*	6- 0 W
Apr. 3	<b>Jacksonville State*</b>	5- 2 W
Apr. 4	<b>UT Martin*</b>	5- 2 W
Apr. 7	at Morehead State*	7- 0 W
Apr. 10	at Tennessee Tech	6- 0 W
Apr. 11	at Austin Peay*	6- 0 W
Apr. 18	vs. Jacksonville State <sup>1</sup>	4- 2 W
Apr. 19	vs. Murray State <sup>1</sup>	4- 0 W
May 9	vs. #16 Fresno State <sup>2</sup>	0- 4 L

## 2009 Men's Tennis Results

18-9 Overall, 8-0 OVC (1st)

Date	Opponent	Result
Jan. 16	<b>Gardner-Webb</b>	6- 1 W
Jan. 17	at #44 Indiana	0- 7 L
Jan. 31	<b>Chattanooga</b>	6- 1 W
Jan. 31	<b>Xavier</b>	1- 6 L
Feb. 7	<b>Minnesota</b>	1- 6 L
Feb. 13	<b>Georgetown College</b>	6- 1 W
Feb. 13	<b>Wright State</b>	4- 3 W
Feb. 17	at #39 Louisville	0- 7 L
Feb. 21	<b>Univ. of the Cumberlands</b>	7- 0 W
Feb. 21	<b>Cumberland Univ.</b>	7- 0 W
Feb. 28	<b>Northern Kentucky</b>	7- 0 W
Feb. 28	<b>Abilene Christian</b>	4- 3 W
Mar. 9	at Embry-Riddle	1- 6 L
Mar. 10	at Stetson	0- 7 L
Mar. 11	at Jacksonville	2- 5 L
Mar. 15	at #21 Kentucky	0- 6 L
Mar. 20	at Indiana State	5- 2 W
Mar. 21	at Eastern Illinois*	6- 1 W
Mar. 28	at Murray State*	6- 1 W
Mar. 29	at Tennessee State*	6- 0 W
Apr. 3	<b>Jacksonville State*</b>	4- 3 W
Apr. 4	<b>UT Martin*</b>	5- 2 W
Apr. 7	at Morehead State*	5- 2 W
Apr. 10	at Tennessee Tech*	4- 3 W
Apr. 11	<b>Austin Peay*</b>	5- 2 W
Apr. 18	vs. Murray State <sup>1</sup>	4- 1 W
Apr. 19	vs. Jacksonville State <sup>1</sup>	1- 4 L

<sup>1</sup>OVC tournament at Paducah, Ky. - <sup>2</sup>NCAA tournament at Urbana, Ill.  
**Boldface** denotes a home match - Asterisk (\*) denotes OVC match



# 2009 IN REVIEW



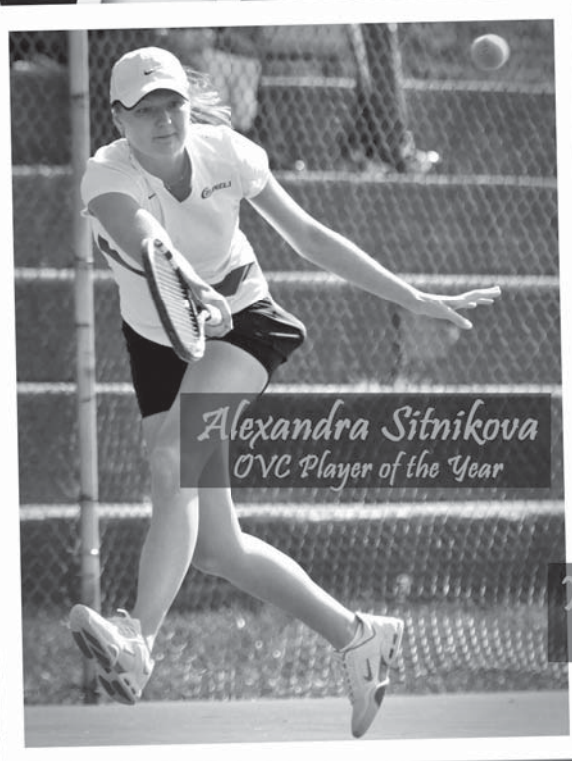
*Svetlana Pimenova*  
1st team All-OVC



*Rob Oertel*  
OVC Men's Co-Coach of the Year



*Alex Das*  
1st team All-OVC



*Alexandra Sitnikova*  
OVC Player of the Year



*Myriem Mhirit*  
1st team All-OVC



*2009 NCAA tournament participant*



**EKU PRESIDENT****Dr. Doug Whitlock**

Title: University President

Year at ECU: Third year

Alma Mater: Eastern Kentucky, 1965, '66

Dr. Doug Whitlock's love affair with Eastern began when he arrived on his hometown campus as a first-generation undergraduate student in 1961.

It continued unabated throughout a 38-year career in various administrative and teaching roles at ECU, including a five-year stint as Vice President for Administrative Affairs, from 1998-2003. His last three years of service were as a half-time faculty member in the Department of Computer Science.

As he addressed faculty and staff at a campus-wide convocation on Aug. 15, 2007, just two days after being named President for the interim, Dr. Whitlock recalled the tremendous difference the institution he cherishes has made in his own life.

(The Eastern faculty) "largely made me what I was then and am now," he said.

*"I will admit to you that I love Eastern, and when my service in the presidency is finished, if I have helped more of you love her too, then I will have done my job."*

– President Whitlock –

On Oct. 22, 2007, the interim label was removed and now, as ECU's 11th President, Dr. Whitlock is devoted to upholding the rich tradition of his alma mater while guiding her to even greater heights of excellence.

After earning two degrees from Eastern – a bachelor's degree in history and social science in 1965 and a master's degree in history a year later – Dr. Whitlock earned his doctoral degree in higher education from the University of Kentucky in 1981.



EKU President Dr. Doug Whitlock and his wife, Joanne.



In February 2009, Dr. Whitlock was on hand at the State Capitol to announce the partnership between Eastern Kentucky University and General Atomics to examine the potential for a cellulose-derived biodiesel fuel industry in Kentucky.

After two years of active duty with the U.S. Army, Dr. Whitlock returned to Eastern in 1968 to serve as Director of Publications. Three years later, he was named Director of Public Information.

In 1976, he was tapped by President J.C. Powell to serve as Executive Assistant to the President, continuing in that role through the administration of President Hanly Funderburk.

As Vice President for Administrative Affairs, Dr. Whitlock was responsible for Facilities Services, Public Safety, Information Technology and Delivery Systems, Media Resources, and University Farms. For a portion of his tenure, he also served as the institution's chief financial officer.

Dr. Whitlock has long been an active participant in community life, serving since 1999 on the Madison County School Board, including two terms as chair. He also has served as a consultant with the Kentucky School Boards Association. He is an Elder and past board chair in the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

He and his wife, Joanne, have been married 39 years and have two grown children, Robert and Janet.

At his first convocation as President, Dr. Whitlock offered faculty and staff one gauge by which his stint as President may be judged:

*"I will admit to you that I love Eastern, and when my service in the presidency is finished, if I have helped more of you love her too, then I will have done my job."*

**Did You Know . . .**

... Dr. Whitlock holds two degrees from Eastern Kentucky University – a bachelor's degree in history and social science as well as a master's degree in history.



# DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS



## Mark Sandy

Title: Director of Athletics

Year at EKU: Fifth year

Alma Mater: Concord College, 1974

In four years under Mark Sandy's guidance as Director of Athletics at Eastern Kentucky University, the Colonels have enjoyed success at both the national and conference levels while also achieving in the classroom.

During the 2008-09 school year, the Colonels captured their first OVC Institutional Sportsmanship Award, while four sports won their respective league championships – men's cross country, women's cross country, football, and women's tennis. In addition, the football and women's tennis teams earned a spot in their respective sport's NCAA championships. Individually, two student-athletes qualified for national postseason tournaments and several Colonels received OVC Player of the Year honors.

"Success can be defined in many terms throughout the vast enterprise known as collegiate athletics," Sandy said. "Team accomplishments and individual honors just begin to tell the story of what I am most proud of after my fourth year as EKU's Director of Athletics. Success is our student-athletes developing into contributing members of society. Success is our coaching staff and their dedication to our student-athletes."

In the most recent NCAA Academic Progress Report (APR) released in the spring of 2009, Eastern Kentucky boasted several quality rankings. Four EKU programs – football, men's golf, women's golf, and men's tennis – either met or exceeded the national average in the multi-year APR, a measure of eligibility and retention of scholarship student-athletes. Meanwhile, football's multi-year APR score of 968 was the highest among all Division I institutions in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Ohio Valley Conference. Men's cross country, men's tennis, and women's golf received perfect scores of 1,000 on the APR for the 2007-08 academic year.

*"Our department's goal is to create a student-athlete experience worthy of the proud EKU tradition. We intend to win with class, achieve success in the classroom, and strive for NCAA postseason competition in every sport."*

– Mark Sandy –



The women's tennis team earned its first-ever trip to the NCAA championships after going undefeated against OVC opponents in the spring of 2009.

## 2008-09 EKU Athletics Highlights

- **40 student-athletes** earn their collegiate diploma
- **Women's soccer** captures its fourth-straight OVC sportsmanship award
- **Women's tennis** qualifies for the NCAA tournament for the very first time
- **Men's and women's cross country** each capture the OVC title for the third straight year
- **Football** reaches the NCAA FCS playoffs for a record 19th time
- **Softball** player Shyenne Hussey earns All-OVC accolades for the third consecutive season
- **Men's basketball** player Mike Rose leads the nation in three-point shooting at 48.1 percent
- **Trey Bowling (men's golf)** and **Joseph Maina (men's track & field)** each qualify for the NCAA championships

Under Sandy's guidance, Eastern Kentucky completed three facility upgrades within the last year. Synthetic turf replaced the natural grass football field at Roy Kidd Stadium. Gertrude Hood Field, the home for EKU softball, underwent a series of improvements which included a new scoreboard and a new backstop. Finally, the Colonel Golf and Learning Center opened for business next to Arlington Golf Course in the middle of June.

Alumni Coliseum received a facility enhancement in the summer of 2006 with a newly branded court and scoreboards, while a new series of athletics marks were created and unveiled in April 2006. In December 2005, the University and department of athletics announced the creation of an Athletics Hall of Fame

to commemorate distinguished individuals and teams on their accomplishments and contributions to the tradition of Colonel athletics.

On May 31, 2005, EKU announced the hiring of Mark Sandy as Director of Athletics. Prior to Eastern Kentucky, Sandy served as senior associate athletics director for external operations at the University of Richmond for five years.

While at Richmond, Sandy secured commitments of more than nine million dollars toward a \$20 million Spider athletics campaign, and increased giving by 94 percent, while serving as an administrator for the men's and women's basketball programs.

From 1997 to 2000, Sandy served as associate athletics director at Miami (Ohio) University, where he was responsible for marketing and major gifts. He began his career as a high school mathematics and history teacher, in addition to coaching basketball and baseball, and went on to serve as an assistant basketball coach at the University of Evansville, Wake Forest University and Virginia Military Institute.

Upon being hired, Sandy vowed that his priority would always be to enhance the student-athlete experience, adding that increasing financial resources through fund-raising, ticket sales and corporate partnerships would also be a focal point of the effort.

Sandy was an all-conference baseball player and captain of the basketball team at Concord College in West Virginia, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1974. He went on to earn a master's of education degree from Lynchburg College.

He and his wife, Kitty, have two children, Kraig and Madison.







# ATHLETIC SUPPORT SERVICES



EKU annually finishes among the leaders in the Ohio Valley Conference men's and women's All-Sports Trophy standings and the Colonels have won the prestigious Ohio Valley Conference Academic Achievement Banner eight times (1988-92, 1994-95, 1997-98, 1999-00, 2001-02).

## Bratzke Center

The Chad Bratzke Student-Athlete Academic Success Center serves all student-athletes as a comprehensive academic resource center. The Bratzke Center and staff, located in Alumni Coliseum, is designed to aid EKU's student-athletes in all facets of their academic pursuits. Our goal is for student-athletes at EKU to have a great athletic and academic experience, and graduate with Colonel pride.

Named after Chad Bratzke, the former EKU All-American and Indianapolis Colts' defensive lineman whose generous donation helped make the center possible, the Bratzke Center meets the needs of current EKU student-athletes. The 3,000-square foot Bratzke Center includes a tutoring center, a 27-station computer lab, an academic advising office suite, a teaching classroom and quiet study area.

Student-athletes at EKU come in and utilize the center for studying, requesting and meeting with tutors, checking their e-mail or stop by for advising. The professional staff is trained to work with student-athletes in advising, class scheduling, monitoring academic progress and assisting student-athletes with academic success strategies.

The Bratzke Center employs tutors trained to assist student-athletes in many different subjects. These tutors are a free service to EKU student-athletes and can be requested at any point throughout the semester. Tutors are trained to work with students and assist them in study skills, individual course instruction and encourage academic success.

The Bratzke Center is headed by Dr. Randy Kennedy.



## Jack Ison Varsity Weight Room

Housed in the Moberly Building is Eastern Kentucky University's varsity weight room, a state of the art facility which provides EKU's student-athletes the opportunity to enhance their abilities by making use of top-of-the-line equipment.

The 5,000 square foot weight room contains 16,000 pounds of total weight. Built in 2001, the facility features Eleiko model Olympic weights, York dumbbells with two sets each from five to 150 pounds and Nebula power stations and racks. Tools such as bands and medicine balls are used as well to help round student-athletes into peak shape.

Head strength and conditioning coach Jon-Michael Davis, along with full-time assistant Chad Scott and graduate assistant Tony Sarver, oversee all of EKU's nearly 300 student-athletes. Their efforts are supplemented by the training room staff, which is also housed in the Moberly Building, allowing athletes the opportunity for fast and convenient treatment.



## Bobby Barton Training Room

Eastern Kentucky's student-athletes benefit from one of the finest athletic training facilities anywhere in the country.

The training room, named after longtime head athletic trainer Dr. Bobby Barton, is located in the Moberly Building adjacent to the athletic weight room and is open for use by any EKU student-athlete.

The large space is occupied by the most modern training and rehabilitation equipment available. The training room features several tables used during treatment and rehabilitation, taping tables, a wet room that features whirlpools and a four-foot-deep rehab pool that includes a submerged treadmill for aquatic rehab exercises. The area also features all of the latest modalities, helping get injured athletes back into the game as quickly as possible.

The athletic training room also houses an examination room used by team doctors. The physicians are regularly on site and perform evaluations, while assisting the training staff in ensuring the health of every student-athlete.

Director of Sports Medicine David T. Green supervises all of EKU's efforts, and is joined by full-time assistants David Brajuha, Tiffany Napier and Tim Pike, as well as a host of graduate assistants and students who are involved in the University's athletic training program.

For those sports that are primarily located in Alumni Coliseum, there is a satellite training room area that features a treatment and taping area as well as rehabilitation equipment.





# CITY OF RICHMOND

Richmond is home to many interesting and convenient activities. Whether it's arts and entertainment, recreation, or shopping and dining out you are looking for, Richmond has it all.

With more than 100 buildings in Richmond on the National Register of Historic Places and three areas on the National Register of Historic Districts, it is one of Kentucky's finest restored 19th Century commercial districts.

Arts and entertainment take center-stage with the Eastern Kentucky University theatre program. They offer several shows each year from classical theatre to modern musicals. Local artistic talents are on display year round at Gallery On Main. This is a perfect showcasing of local talent and an opportunity for community involvement.

There is never any lack of recreational activities in Richmond. An array of parks and recreational centers across the city offers something for everyone. Lake Reba Recreational complex includes golf, little league baseball and softball fields, soccer, fishing and a water park which opened in the summer of 2008.

If it's shopping you want, downtown Richmond can accommodate you. Locally owned businesses line the historic streets of downtown Richmond with everything from fine antiques to exquisite jewelry. There is a wide variety of stores at the brand new Richmond Centre as well. The outdoor mall offers shoppers convenience and style.

Dining isn't hard to find either. Family-owned and major chain restaurants give Richmond a unique variety of menus. Local hot spots include Madison Gardens, which is uniquely Richmond, to restaurants such as Applebee's, Logan's Roadhouse, O'Charley's and Outback Steakhouse. Whatever your pallet craves, Richmond dining offers a variety of tastes made to satisfy.

Never far from mainstream, Richmond offers the comforts of simplicity with the convenience of the city.

Only 29 miles from Lexington and the Bluegrass Airport, Richmond is easily accessible to all travelers. Interstate 75 is a major artery of both state and national motor transportation. Richmond's location on I-75 makes it an important factor in making the city a commercial hub.

In fact, the ease of travel to and from Richmond makes the city an ideal spot for those who enjoy outdoor activities.

Fort Boonesborough State Park is located only 12 miles from EKU's campus, while Natural Bridge State Park (63 miles) and Cumberland Falls State Park (100 miles) are located nearby.

Also within easy driving distance of Richmond are the Kentucky Horse Park, the state capital in Frankfort, Herrington Lake, My Old Kentucky Home at Bardstown, White Hall State Shrine and thoroughbred horse racing at Keeneland.

## A Brief Richmond History

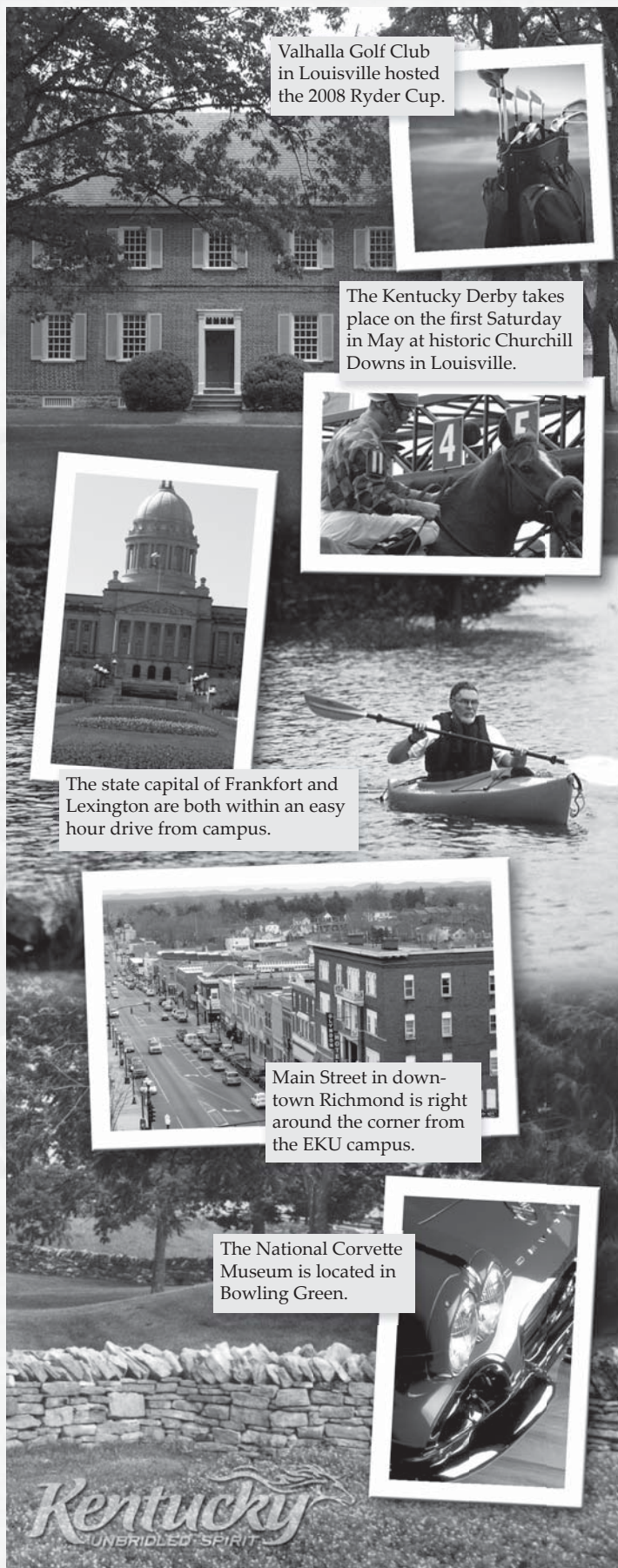
Richmond was founded in 1798 by Colonel John Miller, a Revolutionary War soldier. In 1798, the Kentucky Legislature authorized the moving of the Madison County seat from nearby Milford to land owned by Colonel Miller.

The move was bitterly opposed by about 300 residents of the Milford area and a fight to retain the seat resulted between Dave Kennedy, who represented the Milford location, and William Kearly, who represented the new site.

Although history does not record the results of the brawl, the county approved the move in March of 1798 and two acres of land were purchased from Colonel Miller. Court was held in his barn.

On July 4, 1798, the site was officially named Richmond in honor of Miller's birthplace, Richmond, Va.

--From [www.richmond.ky.us](http://www.richmond.ky.us)



Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville hosted the 2008 Ryder Cup.

The Kentucky Derby takes place on the first Saturday in May at historic Churchill Downs in Louisville.

The state capital of Frankfort and Lexington are both within an easy hour drive from campus.

Main Street in downtown Richmond is right around the corner from the EKU campus.

The National Corvette Museum is located in Bowling Green.

Kentucky  
UNBRIDLED SPIRIT



# OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE



Beth DeBauche  
OVC Commissioner

Entering its 62nd year, the Ohio Valley Conference continues to build on the success that has made it the nation's eighth-oldest NCAA Division I conference. For only the second time in a decade, the Conference expanded by adding Southern Illinois University Edwardsville as the league's 11th member in 2008. The move expanded the OVC's geographical footprint to the St. Louis market and marked the first change in membership since expanding to the state of Alabama (Jacksonville State, Samford) in 2003.

The 2009-10 school year saw a change in leadership as Beth DeBauche was named the seventh full-time Commissioner in league history on July 28. She is currently one of just five females to be the head of a Division I conference, and one of just eight to lead a Division I conference all-time. The last three commissioners of the OVC have moved onto jobs as the commissioner of the Big Ten, Big 12 and the Mid-American Conferences.

The OVC's proud past dates back to 1948, but seeds for the new league were actually planted in 1941. It was then that Roy Stewart, the athletics director at Murray State, Charles (Turkey) Hughes, the athletics director at Eastern Kentucky, and Kelly Thompson, the public relations director at Western Kentucky, first broached the idea of forming a new conference. Discussions were put on hold by World War II, but reemerged Feb. 27-28, 1948 at the Kentucky Hotel in Louisville as the three original institutions combined with Morehead State, Louisville and Evansville to form the OVC.

In the late 1970s, women's athletics began somewhat of a rebirth on the national scene as the NCAA began sponsoring and marketing women's sports. Recognizing the need to provide increased opportunities for female athletes, the OVC established women's championships in the sports of basketball, tennis and track in 1977, with cross country and volleyball added over the next four years. Those sports were initially governed by the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW), but the overall strength of women's programs in the league was demonstrated by the automatic bids the OVC instantly received when the NCAA became the governing body in 1982.

The league also had another historical moment in November 2008 when the NCAA awarded Nashville the 2014 NCAA Women's Division I Final Four. The OVC will serve as the host of the prestigious event, which is one of the biggest sporting events the city of Nashville can host. The event will be held at the Sommet Center in downtown Nashville.

Over its 61 years, OVC teams have garnered national championships and bowl games in football, along with national team or individual titles in the sports of rifle, cross country, track and golf.

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## OVC All-Time Member List

University of Akron	1978-87
<b>Austin Peay State University</b>	<b>1962-present</b>
East Tennessee State University	1957-78
<b>Eastern Illinois University</b>	<b>1996-present</b>
<b>Eastern Kentucky University</b>	<b>1948-present</b>
University of Evansville	1948-52
<b>Jacksonville State University</b>	<b>2003-present</b>
University of Louisville	1948-49
Marshall University	1948-52
Middle Tennessee State University	1952-00
<b>Morehead State University</b>	<b>1948-present</b>
<b>Murray State University</b>	<b>1948-present</b>
Samford University	2003-08
<b>Southeast Missouri State University</b>	<b>1991-present</b>
<b>Southern Illinois Univ. Edwardsville</b>	<b>2008-present</b>
<b>University of Tennessee at Martin</b>	<b>1992-present</b>
<b>Tennessee State University</b>	<b>1986-present</b>
<b>Tennessee Technological University</b>	<b>1949-present</b>
Western Kentucky University	1948-82
Youngstown State University	1981-88

The playing field is not the only place where OVC athletes are working hard. The league also recognizes excellence in the classroom. Six Scholar-Athlete Awards are presented yearly to male and female athletes, while others are commended for their academic success by being Medal of Honor recipients or earning a spot on the Commissioner's Honor Roll. Additionally, the league annually presents one institutional Academic Achievement Award, as well as separate team awards in each Conference-sponsored sport. Since the College Sports Information Directors of American (CoSIDA) Academic All-America program began, the Ohio Valley Conference has had 179 student-athletes honored with the award, including 25 over the last three years (2006-07 to the present).

Through the early years of the league, administrators wrestled with fan behavior due to the close proximity of the Conference members and the intense rivalries which developed. Just as it did decades ago, the OVC took the leadership role on what has become a national issue. In 1995, the OVC implemented a first-of-its-kind "Sportsmanship Statement," a policy which promotes principles of fair play, ethical conduct and respect for one's opponent. The statement has become a model for others to follow across the nation, and has answered the challenge of the NCAA Presidents Commission to improve sportsmanship in collegiate athletics.

Additionally, the OVC annually presents the Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award, in honor of the former Morehead State student-athlete, coach and athletics director, to a junior or senior student-athlete with significant athletic contributions who best exemplifies the characteristics of sportsmanship and citizenship. Most recently, the Conference has also implemented the OVC Institutional and Team Sportsmanship Awards, which are presented to one institution and 18 sport-specific teams voted by their peers to have best exhibited the standards of sportsmanship and ethical conduct as outlined by the OVC and NCAA.

The Ohio Valley Conference sponsors the following sports: baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, tennis and track for men, and basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, track and volleyball for women. In addition, the OVC also sponsors the combined men's and women's sport of rifle.



# COLONEL HONORS



## Men's Tennis

**Ohio Valley Conference Championships**  
1951, 2009

**OVC Player of the Year**  
1975 – Joe Shaheen

### All-Conference Players

- 1963 – Sam Nutty/Lewie Heil (doubles)
- 1966 – Lindy Riggins (singles)
- 1967 – Mike Jeffries/Tom Davis (doubles)
- 1968 – Tom Davis (singles)
- 1975 – Joe Shaheen (singles)
- 1983 – David Ghanayem (singles)  
David Ghanayem/Todd Clements (doubles)
- 1998 – Jamey Sellars
- 2003 – John Kellert
- 2006 – Lars Gratzki
- 2007 – Florian Kiefer  
Lars Gratzki
- 2008 – Alex Das Izquierdo  
Mel Segota
- 2009 – Alex Das Izquierdo

**OVC Freshman of the Year**  
2008 – Alex Das Izquierdo

**OVC Sportsmanship Award**  
2002 – Alvin Cheng

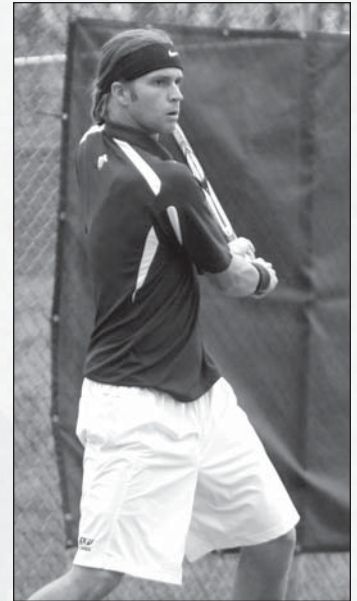
**OVC Coach of the Year**  
1966 – Jack Adams  
2007 – Rob Oertel  
2009 – Rob Oertel



Alvin Cheng



Alex Das Izquierdo



Mel Segota



Myriem Mhirit



Alexandra Sitnikova

## Women's Tennis

**Ohio Valley Conference Championships**  
2009

### OVC Player of the Year

- 1980 – Deanna Addis
- 1988 – Nikki Wagstaff
- 1989 – Nikki Wagstaff
- 2006 – Meredith Giles
- 2009 – Alexandra Sitnikova



Nikki Wagstaff

### All-Conference Players

- 1979 – Mandy Jackson (singles)
- 1980 – Deanna Addis (singles)
- 1983 – Susan Wilson (singles)
- 1984 – Claudia Porras (singles)  
Kristi Spangenberg (singles)
- 1987 – Tina Peruzzi (singles)
- 1988 – Nikki Wagstaff (singles)  
Pam Wise (singles)
- 1989 – Nikki Wagstaff (singles)
- 1990 – Yael Soresman (singles)  
Samantha Roll (singles)  
Tina Peruzzi/Samantha Roll (doubles)
- 1992 – Amy Scott (singles)
- 2003 – Lindsay Herrera
- 2005 – Lindsay Herrera  
Meredith Giles
- 2006 – Meredith Giles
- 2007 – Svetlana Pimenova  
Lucia Vojtkova
- 2008 – Svetlana Pimenova  
Alexandra Sitnikova
- 2009 – Myriem Mhirit  
Svetlana Pimenova  
Alexandra Sitnikova

**OVC Coach of the Year**  
1992 – Sandy Martin





# **GREG ADAMS INDOOR TENNIS CENTER**



The home of Colonel indoor tennis matches is the 24,000 square-foot Greg Adams Indoor Tennis Center. The structure features four newly resurfaced tennis courts, two on each side of a 10-foot high observation deck. Beneath the deck are brand new men's and women's locker rooms, as well as a refurbished players' lounge complete with new furniture and a plasma television.







## WOMEN'S SCHEDULE

Jan. 22	at Louisville	12:00
Jan. 23	<b>EAST TENNESSEE STATE</b>	11:00
Jan. 29	<b>MARSHALL</b>	3:00
Jan. 30	<b>SOUTHERN ILLINOIS</b>	9:00
Feb. 6	<b>AKRON</b>	9:00
Feb. 7	<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>	9:00
Feb. 12	<b>CUMBERLAND (TENN.)</b>	2:00
Feb. 13	<b>EVANSVILLE</b>	10:00
Feb. 20	<b>UNIV. OF THE CUMBERLANDS</b>	6:00
Feb. 20	<b>GEORGETOWN COLLEGE</b>	TBA
Feb. 26	at Birmingham-Southern	4:00
Feb. 28	at Alabama	1:00
Mar. 8	at Embry-Riddle	3:30
Mar. 9	at North Florida	2:00
Mar. 10	at Stetson	5:30
Mar. 20	<b>MURRAY STATE*</b>	10:30
Mar. 20	<b>TENNESSEE STATE*</b>	TBA
Mar. 23	at Kentucky	11:00
Mar. 26	<b>SOUTHEAST MISSOURI*</b>	1:00
Mar. 27	<b>EASTERN ILLINOIS*</b>	10:00
Mar. 28	<b>TENNESSEE TECH*</b>	10:00
Mar. 30	<b>MOREHEAD STATE*</b>	TBA
April 2	at Austin Peay*	12:00
April 3	at UT Martin*	10:00
April 3	vs. SIU Edwardsville <sup>2</sup>	3:00
April 9	at Lee University	12:00
April 10	at Jacksonville State*	11:00
April 16	at OVC Championships <sup>3</sup>	TBA

## MEN'S SCHEDULE

Jan. 18	at Purdue	10:00
Jan. 30	<b>SOUTHERN ILLINOIS</b>	1:00
Jan. 30	<b>UNION COLLEGE</b>	5:00
Feb. 6	vs. Virginia <sup>1</sup>	4:00
Feb. 6	at Kentucky	8:00
Feb. 12	<b>CUMBERLAND (TENN.)</b>	11:00
Feb. 12	<b>DAYTON</b>	5:00
Feb. 19	at Xavier	4:00
Feb. 20	<b>UNIV. OF THE CUMBERLANDS</b>	11:00
Feb. 20	<b>GEORGETOWN COLLEGE</b>	TBA
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Asterisk (\*) denotes OVC match

**MAROON** denotes home match