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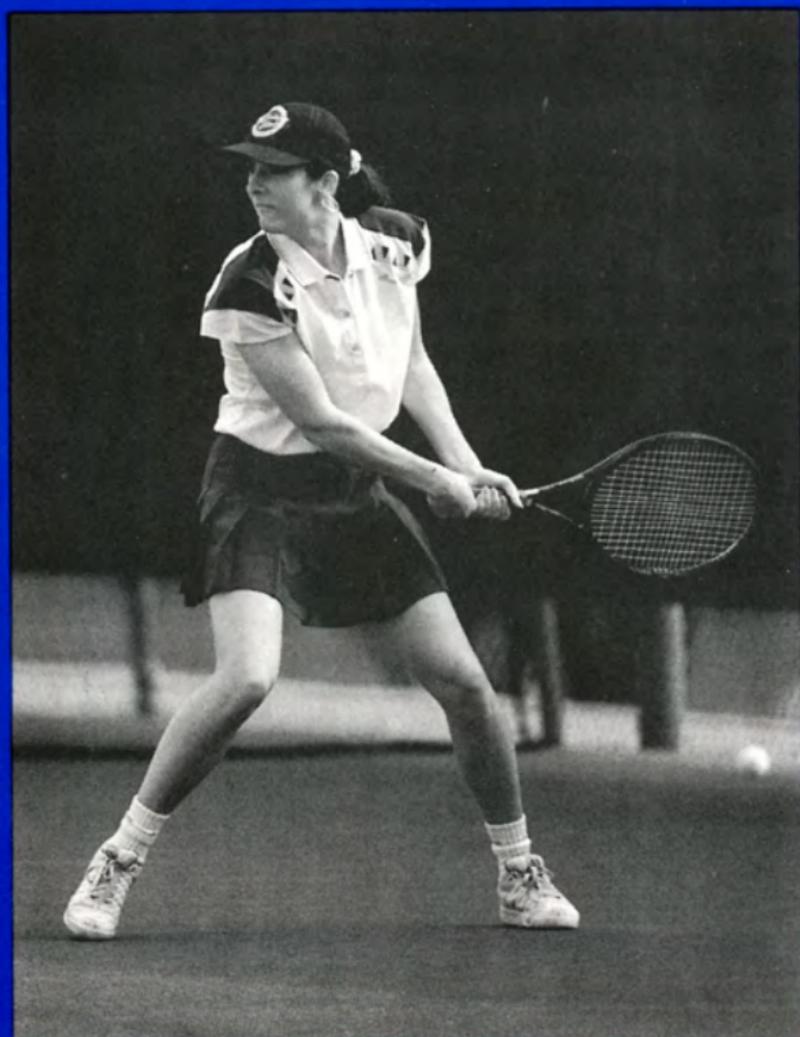
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# USD WOMEN'S TENNIS 1994



**Julie McKeon**  
*Two-time NCAA All-American*

## 1993-1994 OUTLOOK

The USD women's tennis team enters the 1993-94 season as one of the most highly respected teams in collegiate women's tennis. With four NCAA appearances and five Top-25 finishes since 1989, the 23rd ranked Toreros enter the 1994 campaign with the same optimistic outlook.

Five returning players and two newcomers make up the 1994 roster. Led by the return of two-time NCAA All-Americans Julie McKeon (Northbrook, IL) and Laura Richards (Vista, CA), the Toreros will field a balanced lineup in both singles and doubles. Richards (#23 pre-season ITA singles ranking) and McKeon (#55 pre-season ITA singles ranking) enter the 1994 year with an ITA doubles ranking of 21st in the nation. In addition, sophomore Kristine Smith (Calgary, Canada) has also cracked the pre-season rankings as she heads into the spring season with a singles ranking of #44. Also returning to solidify the Toreros lineup are senior Kara Brady (Lawrence, KS) and junior Dina Birch (Costa Mesa, CA).

With the addition of newcomers Julie Baird (Wheaton, IL) and Yvonne Doyle (Dublin, Ireland), the Toreros will have the depth to be competitive with everyone on their schedule. The schedule, which includes seven teams ranked in the pre-season ITA Top-20, is among the toughest in the country. Included among the Toreros' opponents are home contests with Southern California, Notre Dame and Brigham Young; as well as road contests at Stanford, Cal Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara and Pepperdine. The Toreros will also host their own USD Tennis Classic, an eight team event, March 18-20. Participating teams include UOP, Fresno State, UNLV, Arkansas, Furman and Houston.



## PLAYER PROFILES



### Julie McKeon

5'6" Senior - Northbrook, IL

Julie will again be among the nation's best in 1994. A two-time NCAA All-American, Julie enters the '94 season with a singles ranking of #55 and doubles ranking of #21 (w/Richards). She is a nominee for the 1994 Gladys Heldman Award.

She finished 1993 with records of 23-13 in singles and 19-9 in doubles (18-8 w/Richards) and made it to the 2nd round of singles at the NCAA's. In 1992 she was 27-6 in singles and 18-7 in doubles; won the WCC "Flight A" Doubles Final; and reached the semis of the NCAA Doubles Championships (w/Richards).

A two-time WCC Scholar Athlete, Julie also teamed with Richards to win the 1992 Rolex SoCal Regional Doubles Championship.

**Major:** Communications



### Laura Richards

5'6" Senior - Vista, CA

A two-time NCAA All-American, Laura enters her final season with the Toreros with a singles ranking of #23 and a doubles ranking of #21 (w/McKeon). Laura will compete for the top singles spot on the Toreros squad and with McKeon will form one of the nation's best doubles teams.

She finished 1993 with a singles record of 22-13 and a doubles mark of 18-8 (w/McKeon). For the second straight year she advanced to both the singles and doubles events at the NCAA Championships.

During her sophomore campaign, she finished 24-8 in singles and 18-7 in doubles; won the WCC "Flight A" Doubles title; and teamed with McKeon to advance to the semis of the NCAA Doubles Championship.

**Major:** Communications

## 1994 USD TOREROS

I-r:

Asst. Coach Tammy Stephens

Laura Richards

Dina Birch

Kara Brady

Kristine Smith

Julie McKeon

Julie Baird

Yvonne Doyle

Head Coach Sherri Stephens

## PLAYER PROFILES

### Kara Brady

5'3" Senior - Lawrence, KS

Kara begins her fourth and final season with the Toreros tennis program. The 1992 team captain, Kara is described by her coaches as "the Jimmy Connors of women's tennis" for her never-say-die attitude.

In 1993 Kara finished 16-7 in singles (11-5 at #6) and 9-8 in doubles (9-7 w/Smith), marking the second straight season she compiled winning records in both departments. She teamed with Kristine Smith last year to advance to the finals of the WCC "Flight B" Doubles Championship.

Recipient of the 1991 Sportsmanship Award at the Fiesta Bowl, Kara will be a key performer in the team's success in 1994. **Major:** Education



### Dina Birch

5'4" Junior - Costa Mesa, CA

Dina joined the USD team for the '93 spring semester after transferring from the University of New Mexico. She teamed with Laura Mannisto at #3 doubles where they finished 8-6 and advanced to the final of the WCC "Flight C" Doubles Championship.

Entering her junior campaign, Dina will help solidify the Toreros line-up at both singles and doubles.

**Major:** Communications



### Kristine Smith

5'7" Sophomore - Calgary, Canada

Kristine enters her sophomore year with an ITA ranking of #44 in singles (was 8-4 this past fall season).

During her freshman campaign, Kristine finished 12-10 in singles (mostly at the #3 position) and teamed with Kara Brady to finish 9-8 in doubles where they advanced to the finals of the WCC "Flight B" Doubles Chmps.

She was recognized as a WCC Scholar Athlete for the 1993 season. **Major:** Business



### Julie Baird

5'9" Freshman - Wheaton, IL

In her first season with the Toreros, Julie prepped at Wheaton North HS.

Last season she was ranked #6 in the Westerns, reached the finals of the Copper Bowl and placed third at the Illinois High School State Tournament.

In 1992 she was ranked 93rd nationally and reached the quarterfinals in doubles at the Nationals.

**Major:** Undecided



### Yvonne Doyle

5'7" Freshman - Dublin, Ireland

Yvonne enters her first year at USD after prepping at Glasnevin HS in Dublin, Ireland.

In singles she was ranked No. 1 in the Junior National Ranking in 1992. She also won the Junior Nationals ('86, '90 and '92) as well as the U18 European Junior Championships in 1992.

In doubles she won the National Indoor Chmps. ('93), the Irish Close Chmps. ('93) and Nat'l Jr. Chmps. ('92). **Major:** Accounting



## HEAD COACH SHERRI STEPHENS



**Head Coach  
Sherri Stephens**

Now in her tenth season as head coach of the women's tennis program at the University of San Diego, Sherri Stephens has quickly turned the USD program into one of the best, most respected women's tennis programs throughout the west.

Stephens arrived at USD in the Fall of 1984 and immediately began to re-shape the women's tennis fortunes. Proof of her success lies in the Toreros' four appearances in the NCAA Tournament; five straight Top-25 finishes; five straight second place finishes at the West Coast Conference Championships; and five NCAA All-Americans over the last three seasons. Her 1993-94 team begins the season with a #23 national ranking.

A native of Phoenix, Arizona, Stephens was a nationally ranked player on the junior circuit before enrolling at the University of Arizona. After completing her collegiate playing career in 1979, she was named an assistant coach of the Wildcats.

Well respected among her peers in the coaching profession, Sherri was a featured speaker at the 1992 and 1993 ITA Coaches' Convention and was selected as a coach for the south team during the 1993 Olympic Sports Festival.

## THE ASSISTANTS

USD is privileged to have Robin White on their staff in 1994 where she will assist coach Stephens with conditioning and recruiting.

A professional on the WTA circuit since 1983, highlights of her career include the doubles title at the 1988 U.S. Open (w/G. Fernandez), the mixed doubles title at the 1989 U.S. Open and the singles title at 1992 Auckland where she defeated top-seed Andrea Stradova in the final. With 3 career titles to her name, Robin's highest singles ranking came in 1987 when she reached #15. She has participated in 31 Grand Slam singles events, including both Wimbledon and the U.S. Open in each year since 1984. She played her collegiate tennis at Pepperdine University (1982-83).



**Robin White**

Tammy enters her first season as assistant to coach Stephens. Although this is her first position at the collegiate level, she has been teaching tennis since 1980.

A native San Diegan, Tammy is a 1981 graduate of Cal State Fullerton where she earned a B.A. in Sociology. She went on to get her teaching credential at UC Irvine (1984) and her M.Ed. in Counseling at USD in 1991.



**Tammy Stephens**





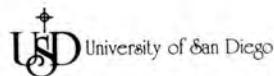
# USD



# WOMEN'S



# TENNIS



## UNIVERSITY PROFILE

The University of San Diego is an independent Catholic university on a 180-acre mesa overlooking Mission Bay, San Diego Harbor, and the Pacific Ocean. This campus is named Alcalá Park after the Spanish university town where St. Didacus (i.e., Diego) spent much of his time.

Complementing its splendid natural setting is the University's location - just ten minutes from downtown San Diego and conveniently close to the major business, cultural, residential, and recreational areas of San Diego, as well as rail, bus, and air terminals.

Founded in 1949, USD is presently experiencing a period of record growth and attendance. Undergraduate enrollment currently stands at just over 3,900 students. Graduate students bring the overall campus enrollment to just over 6,000 students.

The University includes a College of Arts and Sciences, and Schools of Business Administration, Education, Nursing, and Law. Each is characterized by high academic standards, small classes, and excellent student-faculty relations.

Though the majority of USD students comes from the West Coast, every region of the United States is well-represented on campus. Students from 24 foreign countries can also be found in attendance at USD.

Recreation and athletic activities are expanding rapidly and include activities such as sailing, yoga, karate, surfing, modern dance, bowling and ballet. Intercollegiate sports for men include baseball, basketball, crew, cross country, football, soccer, tennis and golf. USD fields women's teams in the sports of basketball, crew, cross country, softball, swimming, tennis, soccer and volleyball.

## UNIVERSITY FACTS

LOCATION: ..... 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA 92110-2492  
 ENROLLMENT: ..... 6,000  
 FOUNDED: ..... 1949  
 AFFILIATION: ..... NCAA Division I  
 CONFERENCE: ..... West Coast (WCC)  
 PRESIDENT: ..... Dr. Author E. Hughes  
 DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: ..... Tom Iannacone  
 ASS'T. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: ..... Dan Young  
 ASS'T. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: ..... Regina Sullivan  
 DIR. OF ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT: ..... Ky Snyder  
 SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR: ..... Ted Gosen  
 DIR. OF FACILITIES: ..... John Martin  
 DIR. OF INTRAMURALS/RECREATION: ..... Gary Becker  
 STRENGTH COACH: ..... Wayne Jacobs  
 ATHLETIC TRAINER: ..... Carolyn Greer, M.A., A.T., C.  
 ASST. ATHLETIC TRAINER: ..... Steve Nellis, M.Ed., A.T., C.  
 ASST. ATHLETIC TRAINER: ..... Pete McMahon, M.A., A.T., C.  
 HEAD COACH: ..... Sherri Stephens (10th Year)  
 1993 RECORD: ..... 11-9 (24th Nationally)  
 1993 CONFERENCE FINISH: ..... Second at WCC Tournament  
 ASSISTANT COACHES: ..... Robin White & Tammy Stephens  
 HOME COURTS: ..... USD West Courts  
 NICKNAME: ..... Toreros  
 COLORS: ..... Columbia Blue, Navy & White

### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The University of San Diego women's tennis program distributes scholarships based on athletic ability. These are given at the discretion of Head Coach Sherri Stephens.

### STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The University of San Diego does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religious belief, age, national origin, ancestry, or handicap in admission to the University, in financial aid programs, in educational programs and policies, and in athletic or other University-administered programs. Inquiries concerning the application of the University's non-discrimination policies may be addressed to USD's Director of Academic Services.

## USD WOMEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE 1993-1994

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
<b>Fall Schedule</b>		
Sep 30- Oct 3	Clay Court National Championships at Jackson, Mississippi	All Day
Oct 16-24	All-American National Championships at Riviera Country Club, Los Angeles CA	All Day
Nov 10-14	Rolax Southern California Regional Championships at UC Irvine, Irvine CA	All Day
<b>Spring Schedule</b>		
Feb 3-6	Rolax National Indoor Intercollegiate Championships at SMU, Dallas, TX	All Day
Feb 8	<b>UC SAN DIEGO</b>	2:00 p.m.
Feb 11	Stanford University	1:30 p.m.
Feb 12	Cal Berkeley	11:00 a.m.
Feb 16	<b>LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY</b>	1:30 p.m.
Feb 20	<b>OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY</b>	10:00 a.m.
Feb 23	<b>UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	2:00 p.m.
Mar 1	San Diego State University	2:00 p.m.
Mar 5	<b>UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS</b>	10:00 a.m.
Mar 6	<b>COLLEGE OF WILLIAM &amp; MARY</b>	12:00 Noon
Mar 12	<b>UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME</b> (@ Rancho Valencia)	10:00 a.m.
Mar 14	<b>YALE</b>	1:30 p.m.
Mar 15	<b>SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY</b>	1:30 p.m.
Mar 18-20	<b>USD TENNIS CLASSIC</b> (UOP, Fresno State, UNLV, Arkansas, Furman, Houston, USD)	All Day
Mar 25	<b>UNIVERSITY OF UTAH</b>	1:00 p.m.
Mar 26	<b>BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY</b>	10:00 a.m.
Mar 30	<b>HARVARD UNIVERSITY</b>	1:30 p.m.
Apr 2	University of California, Santa Barbara	1:30 p.m.
Apr 3	Pepperdine University	12:00 Noon
Apr 8-9	<b>WCC CHAMPIONSHIPS</b> at St. Mary's College	All Day
Apr 16	Arizona State University	12:00 Noon
May 13-21	NCAA National Championships at Athens, Georgia	All Day

