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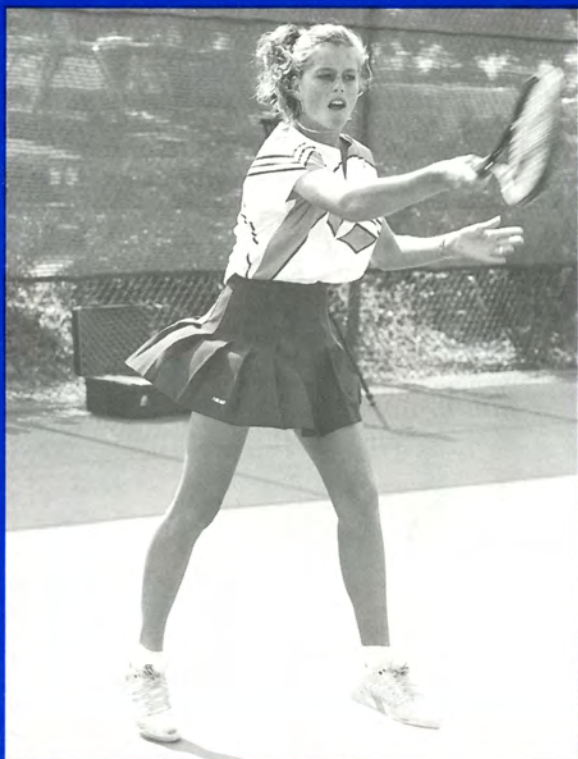
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USD WOMEN'S TENNIS 1995



Kristine Smith
'94 NCAA Participant
Two-Time WCC Scholar-Athlete

1994-1995 OUTLOOK

The USD women's tennis team enters the 1994-95 season as one of the most highly respected teams in collegiate women's tennis. With four NCAA appearances and six Top-25 finishes since 1989, the 20th ranked Toreros enter the 1995 campaign with the same optimistic outlook.

Four returning players and four newcomers make up the 1995 roster. Senior **Dina Birch** (Costa Mesa, CA) heads into her senior campaign with a pre-season ranking of #53 after a strong showing during the fall campaign. Junior **Kristine Smith** (Calgary, Canada) finished ranked #61 last season and made her first appearance in the NCAA's. Sophomores **Yvonne Doyle** (Dublin, Ireland) and **Julie Baird** (Wheaton, IL) round out the returners. Smith and Doyle have a pre-season doubles ranking of #40.

With the addition of newcomers **Brigid Joyce** (Los Angeles, CA), **Lindsay Blanckensee** (Johannesburg, South Africa), **Steffi Hesse** (Celle, Germany) and **Tasha Jackson** (Lake Oswego, OR), the Toreros will have the depth to be competitive with everyone on their schedule. Blanckensee and Hesse had an outstanding fall in doubles competition and head into the spring schedule with an ITA ranking of #14.

The schedule, which includes eight 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 #4 Cal, #9 Pepperdine, #8 Arizona State, #19 UC Santa Barbara and #10 Kansas; as well as road contests at #20 BYU, #16 Mississippi (at Pepperdine) and #11 USC. The Toreros will also host their own USD Tennis Classic, an eight team event, March 17-19. Participating teams include Pacific, Fresno State, Arkansas, Illinois, South Florida, SMU and Houston. USD will also host the West Coast Conference Championships, April 28-30.

PLAYER PROFILES



Dina Birch

5'4" Senior
Costa Mesa, CA

Dina enters her senior year with the Toreros. After a strong fall season, Dina enters the '95 slate with an ITA preseason singles ranking of #53. She advanced to the round of 16 at the Rolex Chps. Last year she finished 10-4 overall and 8-4 in singles. She came to USD for the spring semester in 1993 after transferring from New Mexico. **Major:** Communications.



Kristine Smith

5'8" Junior
Calgary, Canada

Kristine enters her junior year at USD. She finished the '94 season with an ITA ranking of #61; a west region ranking of #16; and advanced to the NCAA Individual Championships for the first time. Last year she finished 32-20 overall (23-11 in sgls). Kristine is a two-time West Coast Conference Scholar-Athlete. **Major:** Business.



Julie Baird

5'9" Sophomore
Wheaton, IL

Julie enters her second season with the Toreros. Last year she finished 21-14 overall (13-7 in dbls) and teamed with Yvonne Doyle to win the "Flight C" Dbls Championship at the WCC's. In '93 she was ranked #6 in the Westerns and placed 3rd at the Illinois High School Tournament. **Major:** Business



PLAYER PROFILES



Yvonne Doyle

5'7" Sophomore
Dublin, Ireland

Yvonne enters her second year. In '94 she finished 35-9 overall and 20-4 in singles. She won WCC titles in singles (Flight B) and doubles (Flight C w/Baird) and was selected a WCC Scholar-Athlete. Prior to USD she was #1 in singles in the Jr. Nat'l's; won the Jr. Nat'l's ('86, '90, '92) and U18 European Jr. Chps. in '92. In doubles she was '93 champ at Nat'l Indoor and Irish Close Chps.; '92 Nat'l Jr. Doubles Champion. **Major:** Accounting



Lindsay Blanckensee

5'10" Freshman
Johannesburg, So. Africa

Lindsay enters her first year at USD after prepping at New Braunfels HS. While playing for the Rivona club team she was ranked #1 in doubles and #6 in singles (16's). Lindsay and teammate Steffi Hesse went 6-2 in doubles this fall and have a pre-season rank of #14. They advanced to the quarters of the All-American Chps. **Major:** Undecided



Steffi Hesse

5'6" Freshman
Celle, Germany

Steffi enters her first year at USD. She played for the TC Bendestorf club team in Celle, Germany. This past fall she was 6-2 in doubles (w/Blanckensee) and enters the spring with an ITA rank of #14. She attended the John Newcombe/Owen Davidson Tennis Academy in Texas for two years. **Major:** Undecided



Tasha Jackson

5'7" Freshman
Lake Oswego, Oregon

Tasha enters her first year at USD after prepping at Lake Oswego HS. In '94 singles she was #60 nationally and attended the Olympic Festival where she received the Scott Eden Sportsmanship Award. In '93 she was #3 in Pacific Northwest; #62 nationally and #7 in doubles. Won state doubles championship her freshman year (1991). **Major:** Undecided



Brigid Joyce

5'11" Freshman
Los Angeles, California

Brigid enters her first year at San Diego after prepping at Marymount High School in Los Angeles where she earned four varsity letters and was a two-time MVP. Heavily recruited out of high school, Brigid was ranked 32nd nationally (18's). **Major:** Undecided



HEAD COACH SHERRI STEPHENS



Now in her eleventh season as head coach of the University of San Diego women's tennis program, Sherri Stephens has 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; six straight Top-25 finishes; six straight second place finishes at the West Coast Conference Championships; and six NCAA All-Americans over the last four seasons. Her 1994-95 team begins the season with a #20 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. This past fall she was named the 1994 Female Coach of the Year by the USTA, Southern California Section/San Diego District.

ASSISTANT TAMMY STEPHENS



Tammy enters her second season as assistant to coach Stephens. She has been a tennis instructor in San Diego 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.



ASSISTANT KARA BRADY



Kara Brady (Lawrence, KS) enters her first season as an assistant coach for Sherri Stephens. A four-year letter winner on the USD women's tennis team (1991-94), last year she finished with an over-

all record of 23-17. A 1994 graduate of USD's School of Education, Kara recently completed her teacher's credential.



1995 USD TOREROS

I-r:
Asst. Tammy Stephens
Dina Birch
Yvonne Doyle
Julie Baird
Lindsay Blanckensee
Brigid Joyce
Kristine Smith
Steffi Hesse
Tasha Jackson
Head Coach Sherri 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 6,200 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: 6,200
 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: Pete McMahon, M.A., A.T., C.
 ASST. ATHLETIC TRAINER: Suzie Higgins, A.T., C.
 HEAD COACH: Sherri Stephens (11th Year)
 1993 RECORD: 14-5 (21st Nationally)
 1993 CONFERENCE FINISH: Second at WCC Tournament
 ASSISTANT COACHES: Tammy Stephens & Kara Brady
 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.

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**USD WOMEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE
1994-1995**

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Fall Schedule		
Sep 29-	Clay Court National Championships	All Day
Oct 2	at Jackson, Mississippi	
Oct 14-23	All-American National Championships at Riviera Country Club, Los Angeles CA	All Day
Nov 9-13	Rolex So. California Regional Championships at UC Irvine, Irvine CA	All Day
Spring Schedule		
Jan. 24	at UC San Diego	2:00 p.m.
Jan. 27	at University of Utah	1:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	at Brigham Young University	12 Noon
Feb. 4	NEW MEXICO (@ San Diego State)	10:00 a.m.
Feb. 11	UC BERKELEY	10:00 a.m.
Feb. 12	PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY	11:00 a.m.
Feb. 19	Mississippi (@ Pepperdine)	TBA
Feb. 20	at University of Southern California	1:30 p.m.
Feb. 24	ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY	1:30 p.m.
Feb. 25	UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	10:00 a.m.
Mar. 1	SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY	1:30 p.m.
Mar. 4	UC SANTA BARBARA	11:00 a.m.
Mar. 5	WILLIAM & MARY UNIVERSITY	11:00 a.m.
Mar. 9	YALE UNIVERSITY	1:30 p.m.
Mar. 11	RICE (@ Rancho Valencia)	10:00 a.m.

Mar. 17-19 **USD TENNIS CLASSIC** All Day
 (USD, South Florida, UOP, Fresno State, SMU, Houston, Arkansas, Illinois)

Mar. 22	UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS	1:30 p.m.
Mar. 25	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	10:00 a.m.
Mar. 27	HARVARD UNIVERSITY	1:30 p.m.
Apr. 13	at Loyola Marymount University	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 28-30	WEST COAST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS	All Day
May 12-20	NCAA Championships at Pepperdine University	All Day

