



2009 NCAA Division I Men's & Women's Tennis Championships

May 14-25 ▪ College Station, Texas ▪ Texas A&M University
George P. Mitchell Tennis Center

Monday, May 18 ▪ NCAA Men's Semifinals

#3 Ohio State 4, #7 UCLA 3

RECORDS: Ohio State 36-1; UCLA 21-5

SINGLES

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| 1. (#3) Bryan Koniecko, OSU | def. (#64) Matt Brooklyn, UCLA | 6-1, 7-6 (4) |
| 2. (#9) Steven Moneke, OSU | def. (#49) Haythem Abid, UCLA | 6-1, 6-3 |
| 3. (#25) Justin Kronauge, OSU | def. Harel Srugo, UCLA | 5-7, 6-3, 6-4 |
| 4. Holden Seguso, UCLA | def. (#113) Matt Allare, OSU | 6-3, 7-6 (2) |
| 5. (#100) Michael Look, UCLA | def. (#74) Balazs Novak, OSU | 6-4, 6-4 |
| 6. Chase Buchanan, OSU | def. Amit Inbar, UCLA | 6-3, 7-6 (5) |

DOUBLES

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| 1. (#52) Look/Meister, UCLA | def. Kronauge/Allare, OSU | 9-8 (1) |
| 2. (#80) Inbar/Srugo, UCLA | def. Uzawa/Koniecko, OSU | 8-5 |
| 3. Buchanan/Moneke, OSU | vs. Abid/Seguso, UCLA | 7-6 DNF |

ORDER OF FINISH: Doubles: 2, 1, 3 Singles: 2, 5, 4, 6, 1, 3

POSTMATCH NOTES

Ohio State will play for its first-ever national championship title in men's tennis. The Buckeyes will face eighth-seeded USC on Tuesday, May 19 at 2 p.m. (CT) in College Station. The match will be televised live on ESPNU. Prior to Monday's semifinal match against UCLA, OSU's previous best-NCAA finish was a quarterfinal appearance in 2008.

POSTMATCH QUOTES

Ohio State Head Coach Ty Tucker

"We escaped with a win. After years of losing in the quarterfinals, we caught a big break today. (Harel) Srugo got a little timid at the end, in which (Justin) Kronauge was cramping, and left balls in the middle of the court and Kronauge was able to tag them. He made about 85 percent of them. It is obviously a great day for us. I feel for (UCLA) Coach Martin, because he does an excellent job. He has a talented team – probably the best talent we've faced all year. It was a grind for us. Anybody who watched the match from start to finish knew that we faced some tough things with two-all in the second-set tiebreaker with (Matt) Allare tearing up his ankle. Kronauge had triple-set points in the first set, wasn't able to capitalize, lost that set and came back. What a day for Steven Moneke. He beat one of the best players in the Pac-10 and was able to go through him pretty quick and get a set doubles point back. When we were down 3-2 and 3-1, (Bryan) Koniecko, Kronauge and Chase Buchanan all kept fighting and kept their heads up."

UCLA Head Coach Billy Martin

"It was another unbelievable great match and as lucky as we were to win yesterday, just the reverse coin. That's how these matches are here. There is very little difference between winning and losing. I just felt that if we could have won that one game when we were up 4-3, 15 to 40, we were looking good. If we pulled off that last game, we have the advantage, because he (Justin Kronauge) looks like he is starting to cramp really badly. You have a chance to play another two to three games. You never know how he is going to hold up. You have to take your hat off to him. He kept his cool, took his time, used his forehand and did a great job with it. What a great last point. You could just see both of those kids just fighting their heart out."