



# 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

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Thursday, May 14 ▪ NCAA Men's Round of 16

## #8 USC 4, #9 Stanford 2

**RECORDS:** USC 22-5; Stanford 20-6

### SINGLES

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| 1. (#8) Robert Farah, USC    | def. (#21) Alex Clayton, STAN    | 3-6, 6-3, 6-4     |
| 2. (#34) Bradley Klahn, STAN | def. (#53) Steve Johnson, USC    | 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (1) |
| 3. (#81) Jaak Poldma, USC    | def. Ryan Thacher, STAN          | 7-5, 7-6 (4)      |
| 4. Matt Bruch, STAN          | def. (#106) Abdullah Magdas, USC | 6-1, 3-6, 6-3     |
| 5. Matt Kecki, USC           | vs. Richard Wire, STAN           | DNF               |
| 6. Daniel Nguyen, USC        | def. Blake Muller, STAN          | 6-4, 3-6, 6-1     |

### DOUBLES

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| 1. (#4) Farah/Johnson, USC  | def. (#28) Thacher/Klahn, STAN | 9-8 (4) |
| 2. (#59) Magdas/Nguyen, USC | def. (#40) Wire/Muller, STAN   | 8-6     |
| 3. Bruch/Kelly, STAN        | def. Kecki/Poldma, USC         | 8-5     |

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

### POSTMATCH NOTES

USC will take on top-seeded Virginia in the quarterfinals on Saturday, May 16 a 1 p.m. (CT). The Trojans and Cavaliers will meet for the first time this season and haven't met since the 2007 NCAA quarterfinals in Athens, Ga.

### POSTMATCH QUOTES

#### USC Head Coach Peter Smith

"You can see how close we are. There is not much that separates us – a tiebreaker at third, at two, and a tie breaker at No. 1 doubles. I mean it was just so close. I loved how we competed the whole time. I wasn't nervous because all you can control is how your team is doing. Our team looked so great, because we were fighting and doing all the right things. So if you lose in that situation, then hey, they're too good. I always think in the NCAAs that everyone is going to have a great attitude. It just comes down to talent, belief and a little bit of conditioning. I think everybody is in good condition and everybody is so good. It was a lot of fun. I had a blast out there."

#### Stanford Head Coach John Whitlinger

"This was a typical USC versus Stanford match this year. It went right down to the wire. I had a feeling the doubles point was going to be very important and it was. We just barely lost that point. I'm very proud of my team and the way that they competed. A lot of credit to USC, the job that they've done and the way they've competed. The best team won today and I wish them the best as they move forward."