



# COASTAL CAROLINA MEN'S TENNIS WEEK 8 NOTES MARCH 24, 2008

## 2008 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Feb. 2	MOUNT OLIVE <sup>^</sup>	W, 7-0
Feb. 2	MOUNT OLIVE <sup>^</sup>	W, 6-1
Feb. 5	QUEENS UNIVERSITY#	W, 7-0
Feb. 9	WINSTON-SALEM STATES\$	W, 7-0
Feb. 9	CAMPBELL\$	L, 2-5
Feb. 12	at Wofford	L, 3-4
Feb. 14	at UNC Wilmington	L, 3-4
Feb. 15	No. 71 TENNESSEE TECH	L, 2-5
Feb. 17	RADFORD*\$	L, 1-6
Feb. 23	GARDNER-WEBBS\$	L, 3-4
Feb. 24	LIBERTY*\$	W, 6-1
Feb. 29	at Richmond	W, 7-0
Mar. 1	at East Carolina	L, 1-6
Mar. 7	JAMES MADISON	Cancelled
Mar. 13	BOSTON UNIVERSITY#	W, 7-0
Mar. 19	No. 2 OHIO STATE	L, 0-7
Mar. 20	at Charleston Southern*	L, 1-6
Mar. 25	at Davidson	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 29	at High Point*	10 a.m.
Apr. 4	at UNC Asheville*	1 p.m.
Apr. 5	at Winthrop*	12 p.m.
Apr. 8	THE CITADEL	3 p.m.
Apr. 15	PRESBYTERIAN	3 p.m.
Apr. 17-19	Big South Conference Tournament (Rock Hill, S.C.)	TBA

\*Big South Conference Match

<sup>^</sup>Community Day on the Clay (at Riverfront, Conway, S.C.)

#at Prestwick Country Club (Myrtle Beach, S.C.)

\$at City of Myrtle Beach Tennis Center (Myrtle Beach, S.C.)

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach: .....Chris Powers (Ferrum '97)  
 Powers' Overall Record (years): ..... 44-44 (4)  
 Office Phone: ..... 843-349-2661  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: .....3/4  
 Newcomers:.....5  
 2007 Overall Record: .....14-11  
 2007 Big South Record (finish): ..... 3-4 (5th)

## MEDIA INFORMATION

Men's Tennis SID: ..... Colleen O'Connell  
 Office Phone: ..... 843-349-6467  
 E-mail: ..... oconnell@coastal.edu  
 Office Fax: ..... 843-349-2819  
 Website:..... www.GoCCUSports.com

## THIS WEEK'S MATCHES:

**Opponent:** Davidson

**Date:** Tuesday, March 25

**Location:** Covington Tennis Center (Davidson, N.C.)

**Time:** 2:30 p.m.

**Opponent:** High Point

**Date:** Saturday, March 29

**Location:** HPU Tennis Complex (High Point, N.C.)

**Time:** 10 a.m.



**ON THE ROAD AGAIN:** Coastal Carolina continues on its five-match road swing with stops at Davidson Tuesday, March 25 and High Point Saturday, March 29. The Chanticleers' road trip began with a 6-1 loss at Charleston Southern March 20.

**SCOUTING DAVIDSON:** Went 1-1 last week in a pair of Southern Conference matches.. Fell 4-3 to Wofford, but rebounded with a 5-2 victory over Chattanooga... Match versus Coastal will be the third of a four-match homestand... Enters the week with a 6-1 home record... Has won 9-of-11 matches played at No. 6 singles with Scott Myers owning an 8-1 record in that slot.

**SCOUTING HIGH POINT:** Play three matches this week, all against Big South opponents... Has won its last two matches, including a 7-0 sweep over Presbyterian March 18... Both Charles Bottoni and Henri Mangin are 6-2 in singles play... Marc Laslaz and Mangin are 6-0 in doubles play, including a 4-0 mark at the No. 2 slot.

**SCHEDULE CHANGES:** Coastal Carolina had a pair of adjustments made to its schedule. The Chants match against Davidson, originally scheduled for March 6, has been moved to Tuesday, March 25 at Davidson. Meanwhile, CCU's match against future Big South opponent Presbyterian has been pushed back one day from Monday, April 14 to Tuesday, April 15.

**BACK AT THE BILLY NICHOLS TENNIS CENTER:** The Chants made their return to the Billy Nichols Tennis Center Wednesday, March 19 against No. 2 Ohio State, marking just the second time this season CCU has played on its home courts, which were recently resurfaced. Both of CCU's matches at the Billy Nichols Tennis Center this season have been against nationally-ranked opponents with the Chants facing No. 71 Tennessee Tech Feb. 15 and then No. 2 Ohio State March 19.

## BIG SOUTH STANDINGS

	Big South		Overall	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Radford	2-0	1.000	4-0	1.000
High Point	1-0	1.000	6-3	.667
Charleston Southern	3-2	.600	10-7	.588
<b>Coastal Carolina</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>.333</b>	<b>7-9</b>	<b>.438</b>
Winthrop	0-0	.000	8-6	.571
UNC Asheville	0-1	.000	1-6	.143
Liberty	0-2	.000	4-6	.400

**CHANTS DROP TWO:** Coastal Carolina went 0-2 last week, falling to No. 2 Ohio State 7-0 Wednesday, Feb. 19 and then 6-1 at Charleston Southern Thursday, Feb. 20.

**VLASKIN NETS SINGLES WIN:** Sophomore **Dmitry Vlaskin** had CCU's only singles victory during the week of March 17-23. The Moscow, Russia native had a 5-7, 6-4, 10-5 victory over Charleston Southern's Guy David at No. 2 singles. On the season, Vlaskin is 7-1 when playing at No. 2 singles and is 10-5 overall in singles play.

**FIRST TO 10:** The doubles pair of junior **Joseph Withers** and freshman **John Hairston** picked up their 10th doubles win of the season with a nail-biting 9-8 win over Charleston Southern's Murat Atilla and Luis Maselli in the No. 3 slot. Withers and Hairston are 10-4 on the season and 7-4 at No. 3 doubles.

**ITS A SWEEP:** The Chants earned their seventh win of the season with a 7-0 sweep of Boston University Thursday, March 13. Of Coastal's seven wins, five have been sweeps, with the Chants also blanking Mount Olive, Queens University of Charlotte, Winston-Salem State and Richmond.

**WINS ACROSS THE BOARD:** In Coastal's 7-0 sweep of the Terriers March 13, the Chants won all three doubles and all six singles matches, a feat accomplished just two other times this season.

**RAMOS GOES 3-0:** Sophomore **Ernesto Ramos** won three straight singles matches at the No. 2 slot, posting wins against Richmond, East Carolina and Boston University. He was the only Chant to go a perfect 2-0 in singles competition Feb. 29-March 1 and then pushed his streak to three with a 6-3, 6-3 win over Boston University's Jeff Chudacoff.

**ROAD TRIP!:** CCU split its two road matches Feb. 29 and March 1, sweeping Richmond 7-0 and falling at East Carolina 6-1. Coastal's win over Richmond marked CCU's first sweep since blanking Winston-Salem State Feb. 9 as well as the team's first road win of the 2008 season.

**CHANTS GO 1-1 LAST WEEK:** CCU split its matches Feb. 23 and 24, falling to Gardner-Webb 4-3 and defeating Liberty 6-1. The Chants' win over the Flames ended a six-match losing skid.

**A 2-0 WEEK FOR MELLIS AND TZVETKOV:** Senior **David Mellis** and sophomore **Plamen Tzvetkov** posted 2-0 singles records Feb. 23-24. Mellis topped Gardner-Webb's Fafael Altmayer 6-0, 6-1 Feb. 23 in the No. 3 slot and then downed Liberty's Chad Simpson 6-1, 7-6 Feb. 24 at No. 2 singles. Meanwhile, Tzvetkov scored both of his wins in the No. 4 slot, posting a 6-1, 6-1 win over Gardner-Webb's Carlos Quijano and then beating Liberty's Rafael Riso 6-1, 6-2.

## 2008 COASTAL CAROLINA MEN'S TENNIS ROSTER

Name	Year	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School (Previous)
Carlo Checchia	Fr.	6-1	180	Brasilia, Brazil/Galois
Omar El Bouzkouri	Fr.	5-10	170	Meknes, Morocco/Schiller
John Hairston	Fr.	6-0	165	Myrtle Beach, S.C./Myrtle Beach
David Mellis	Sr.	6-2	185	London, England/Goffs
Ernesto Ramos	So.	6-3	185	Tampico, Mexico/Instituto Andes (Jacksonville)
Plamen Tzvetkov	So.	6-0	165	Herts, United Kingdom/Stanborough
Dmitry Vlaskin	So.	6-1	165	Moscow, Russia/Moscow 1201 (Arkansas)
Joseph Withers	Jr.	5-11	150	Peoria, Ill./Dunlap (Liberty)

**Head Coach:** Chris Powers (Ferrum '97), Fourth Season

**ANOTHER TWO FOR WITHERS AND HAIRSTON:** Junior **Joseph Withers** and freshman **John Hairston** notched two more No. 3 doubles victories with wins over Gardner-Webb and Liberty. The duo topped Gardner-Webb's Ryan Bernthal and Jamie Lawlor 9-7 Saturday, Feb. 23 and then defeated Liberty's Jarda Trojan and Leandro Schujmann 8-6 Sunday, Feb. 24.

**A FAMILIAR TEAM:** Junior **Joseph Withers** improved to 2-0 in both singles and doubles competition against his former team, Liberty. The Peoria, Ill., native went to Liberty for one year prior to attending Coastal.

**CCU HAS TOUGH WEEK:** Coastal went 0-4 in its busiest week of the season as the Chants played four matches in six days Feb. 12-17, including one against No. 71 Tennessee Tech.

**MELLIS AND VLASKIN PICK UP FOUR DOUBLES WINS:** Although Coastal was winless Feb. 12-17, senior **David Mellis** and sophomore **Dmitry Vlaskin** went 4-0 at No. 2 doubles on the week. The pair has a 6-6 mark in the No. 2 slot for the season.

**CCU NETS TWO SWEEPS:** Both of Coastal Carolina's wins from Feb. 5-9 were 7-0 sweeps. The Chants beat Queens University Tuesday, Feb. 5 at Prestwick Country Club and then cruised past Winston-Salem State Saturday, Feb. 9. CCU has swept its opponents in three of its five wins so far this season.

**VLASKIN WINS FIVE:** Sophomore **Dmitry Vlaskin** racked up five victories Feb. 5-9. The Moscow, Russia native won all three singles matches he played and had two doubles wins.

**CHANTS OFF TO A WINNING START:** Coastal Carolina won both of its matches against Mount Olive at Community Day on the Clay Saturday, Feb. 2. The Chants swept the Trojans 7-0 in the first match and then won the second 6-1.

**GIMME TWO:** After the two matches against Mount Olive, four Chants started 2-0 in singles play this season. Junior **Joseph Withers**, sophomores **Ernesto Ramos** and **Dmitry Vlaskin** and freshman **Carlo Checchia** won both of their singles matches against Mount Olive. Additionally, Withers and freshman **John Hairston** were 2-0 in doubles play. The pair notched wins at No. 1 and No. 2 doubles on Saturday.

**SUPER SWEEP:** With a 7-0 win in its season-opener, Coastal Carolina has now opened the season with a sweep for the second consecutive season. Dating back to 1999, the Chants have won five season-openers, three of which were sweeps.

**CHANTS SELECTED FOURTH IN PRESEASON POLL:** Coastal Carolina's men's tennis team was picked fourth and earned 57 points in the Big South preseason poll that was announced on Jan. 17. Defending tournament champion Radford was picked to finish first, receiving 96 points and 12 first-place votes.

**QUICK LOOK AT THE FALL:** Head Coach **Chris Powers** got a quick preview of the 2008 Chanticleers during the fall season as CCU participated in three invitationals and had one double dual.

**CCL-UNCW Collegiate Tennis Invitational (Sept. 7-8):** Sophomore **Dmitry Vlaskin** advanced to the Teal Flight finals, where he was scheduled to play UNC Wilmington's Michael Pereira. However, the finals were rained out due to Tropical Storm Gabrielle off the North Carolina coast.

**UNC Invitational (Sept. 21-23):** Doubles partners junior **Joseph Withers** and freshman **John Hairston** finished second in C doubles. Withers and Hairston advanced through the first two rounds before ultimately losing. Meanwhile, five Chants placed in the top eight in singles competition

**Hidden Double Dual (Sept. 28):** Coastal Carolina and Francis Marion split the day, each team winning one match. Francis Marion won the morning's match 6-4, while CCU took the afternoon's match 6-3, marking the Chants' first win over the Patriots since 1992. Sophomore **Dmitry Vlaskin** and freshman **Carlo Checchia** were all undefeated.

**University of South Carolina Invitational (Oct. 12-14):** Freshman **Carlo Checchia** advanced to the B-4 finals and came just short of the individual title after taking eventual champion Alan Donald to three sets. Meanwhile, junior **Joseph Withers** and freshman **Omar El Bouzkouri** marched their way through B-2 doubles with 8-2 wins over their first two opponents in order to advance to the finals. The pair lost 8-5 in the finals.

**FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH:** With only two upperclassmen, most of CCU's 2008 tennis roster is made up of underclassmen. The team has one senior (**David Mellis**), one junior (**Joseph Withers**), three sophomores (**Ernesto Ramos**, **Plamen Tzvetkov** and **Dmitry Vlaskin**) and three freshmen (**Carlo Checchia**, **Omar El Bouzkouri** and **John Hairston**).

**THEY'RE BAAA-AAAACK:** With four seniors on last year's team, senior **David Mellis**, junior **Joseph Withers** and sophomore **Plamen Tzvetkov** are the only returners to the 2008 squad.

**COASTAL BOUND:** Coastal's roster features two transfer students, sophomores **Ernesto Ramos** (Jacksonville) and **Dmitry Vlaskin** (Arkansas).

**IT'S ALL ACADEMIC:** CCU received its eighth straight ITA All-Academic Team selection in 2007. In order to be considered for the award, teams must have a 3.2 GPA or higher. Last year, the Chants posted a 3.6 team GPA. Individually, Coastal had six players named ITA Scholar-Athletes, which requires student-athletes to have at least a 3.5 GPA.

**REDDING AND TZVETKOV NET ALL-BIG SOUTH HONORS:** **Richard Redding** and **Plamen Tzvetkov** were one of four doubles teams to receive All-Big South honors in 2007. The pair went 16-8 overall and 5-1 in Big South action.

**REDDING NAMED SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:** **Richard Redding** became the fourth different player and CCU's seventh Big South Scholar-Athlete of the Year last season. Redding ended his career with a 3.926 cumulative GPA, 49 career singles victories and 43 career doubles victories.

**CHANTS RECORD BACK-TO-BACK WINNING SEASONS:** CCU put together its first consecutive winning seasons for the first time since 1994-1996. The Chants were 15-8 in 2006 and 14-11 in 2007. In its last string of consecutive winning seasons, CCU was 16-2 in 1994, 9-6 in 1995 and 9-6 in 1996.

# 2008 COASTAL CAROLINA MEN'S TENNIS STATISTICS (THROUGH MARCH 24, 2008)

Overall: 7-9    Conference: 1-2    Region: 0-0    Home: 6-5    Away: 1-4    Neutral: 0-0  
vs National ranked: 0-2    vs Regional ranked: 0-0

SINGLES	Overall	Dual	Tour	Conf	1	2	3	4	5	6	Nat'l	Reg'l	Strk	Last10
CHECCHIA, Carlo	6-6	6-6	0-0	0-1	---	---	1-0	1-1	2-3	2-2	0-0	0-0	L2	4-6
EL BOUZKOURI, Omar	3-3	3-3	0-0	0-1	---	---	---	---	---	3-3	0-0	0-0	L1	3-3
HAIRSTON, John	5-2	5-2	0-0	1-1	---	0-1	0-1	1-0	3-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	L2	5-2
MELLIS, David	6-5	6-5	0-0	2-1	---	1-0	4-3	1-2	---	---	0-0	0-0	L2	6-4
RAMOS, Ernesto	8-8	8-8	0-0	0-3	4-5	4-2	0-1	---	---	---	0-2	0-0	L2	4-6
ROSS-DA SILVA, Cx	2-2	2-2	0-0	0-0	---	---	---	1-1	---	1-1	0-0	0-0	L2	2-2
TZVETKOV, Plamen	6-6	6-6	0-0	1-1	---	---	2-3	3-2	1-1	---	0-0	0-0	L1	4-6
VLASKIN, Dmitry	10-5	10-5	0-0	2-1	3-4	7-1	---	---	---	---	0-0	0-0	W2	5-5
WITHERS, JOSEPH	7-6	7-6	0-0	1-2	---	---	1-0	2-1	3-3	1-2	0-0	0-0	L3	4-6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>53-43</b>	<b>53-43</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>7-11</b>	<b>7-9</b>	<b>12-4</b>	<b>8-8</b>	<b>9-7</b>	<b>9-7</b>	<b>8-8</b>	<b>0-3</b>	<b>0-0</b>		
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>.552</b>	<b>.552</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>.389</b>	<b>.438</b>	<b>.750</b>	<b>.500</b>	<b>.562</b>	<b>.562</b>	<b>.500</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>.000</b>		

DOUBLES	Overall	Dual	Tour	Conf	1	2	3	Nat'l	Reg'l	Streak	Last10
RAMOS, Ernesto/TZVETKOV, Plamen	7-8	7-8	0-0	1-2	7-7	0-1	---	0-1	0-0	L 2	5-5
HAIRSTON, John/WITHERS, JOSEPH	10-4	10-4	0-0	2-1	1-0	2-0	7-4	0-0	0-0	W 1	6-4
CHECCHIA, Carlo/VLASKIN, Dmitry	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	---	---	1-1	0-0	0-0	W 1	1-1
ROSS-DA SILVA, Cx/VLASKIN, Dmitry	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	---	---	1-0	0-0	0-0	W 1	1-0
TZVETKOV, Plamen/VLASKIN, Dmitry	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	---	---	0-0	0-0	W 1	1-0
CHECCHIA, Carlo/HAIRSTON, John	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	---	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	L 1	1-1
EL BOUZKOURI, Omar/ROSS-DA SILVA, C	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	---	---	1-0	0-0	0-0	W 1	1-0
MELLIS, David/VLASKIN, Dmitry	6-6	6-6	0-0	2-1	---	6-6	---	0-0	0-0	L 2	5-5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28-20</b>	<b>28-20</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>5-4</b>	<b>9-7</b>	<b>9-7</b>	<b>10-6</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>0-0</b>		
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>.583</b>	<b>.583</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>.556</b>	<b>.562</b>	<b>.562</b>	<b>.625</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>.000</b>		

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	Conf	Nation	Region
02-02-08	MOUNT OLIVE	W 7-0	1-0-0	0-0-0		
02-02-08	MOUNT OLIVE	W 6-1	2-0-0	0-0-0		
02-05-08	QUEENS-CHARLOTTE	W 7-0	3-0-0	0-0-0		
02-09-08	WINSTON-SALEM STATE	W 7-0	4-0-0	0-0-0		
02-09-08	CAMPBELL	L 2-5	4-1-0	0-0-0		
02-12-08	at Wofford	L 3-4	4-2-0	0-0-0		
02-14-08	at UNC Wilmington	L 3-4	4-3-0	0-0-0		
02-15-08	#71 TENNESSEE TECH	L 2-5	4-4-0	0-0-0		
*02-17-08	RADFORD	L 1-6	4-5-0	0-1-0		
02-23-08	GARDNER-WEBB	L 3-4	4-6-0	0-1-0		
*02-24-08	LIBERTY	W 6-1	5-6-0	1-1-0		
02-29-08	at Richmond	W 7-0	6-6-0	1-1-0		
03-01-08	at East Carolina	L 1-6	6-7-0	1-1-0		
03-13-08	BOSTON UNIVERSITY	W 7-0	7-7-0	1-1-0		
03-19-08	#2 OHIO STATE	L 0-7	7-8-0	1-1-0		
*03-20-08	at Charleston Southern	L 1-6	7-9-0	1-2-0		

\* Big South Match  
x inactive player