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Yale Women's Tennis 3rd in Ivy League, High as #41 Nationally

The Yale Women's Tennis team finished 14-6 overall, 5-2 in the Ivy League and tied for third place in the conference. The Bulldogs played an extremely competitive national schedule this year with opponents like #10 Tennessee, #18 Michigan, #19 Vanderbilt and #22 SMU. All six of Yale's losses were against



nationally ranked teams (four of them in the top 20).

In February, the Bulldogs won the ECAC Team Championship by beating Dartmouth 5-2 in the

semi-finals and then Princeton 4-3 in the championship match. By the end of March Yale was nationally ranked #41, the highest of all Ivy League teams, and looked poised to defend their 2008 Ivy Championship.

However, the Brown Bears pulled off an enormous upset in the first weekend of Ivy League play by defeating the Bulldogs 4-3. The following weekend, Yale bounced back and beat Princeton for the second time 4-3 and defeated Penn 6-1 the following day.

Yale continued its streak with two 7-0 wins over Columbia and Cornell the next weekend at home. On Senior Day, the Bulldogs defeated Dartmouth 6-1 with only Harvard left to play. A

win against the Crimson would've solidified a second straight Ivy Championship and NCAA Tournament berth for the Bulldogs. However, the Crimson proved too tough to beat and defeated Yale 5-2.

The Bulldogs missed receiving an at-large NCAA Tournament selection by four spots.

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- ECAC Champions
- Ranked as high as #41 in the country
- Undefeated at home for the second season in a row
- Four All-Ivy singles and two doubles selections

Bulldogs Win ECAC Championship

The Yale Bulldogs won its first ECAC Team Championship in February by defeating #2 seed Princeton 4-3 in the final match.

The event was comprised of seven of eight Ivy League teams (Penn elected not to play) and Yale was seeded #1 by the coaches based on last years results and returning players.



After receiving a bye in the first round, the Bulldogs defeated Dartmouth 6-1 in the semi-

finals. The following day Yale defeated Princeton in a thrilling match. After winning the doubles point Yale battled to win three singles matches and clinched the victory 7-6 in the third set at #2 singles. The win marked Yale's second victory this season over a nationally ranked opponent.

Yale Women's Tennis Fan Club

Final Ivy Standings

T1.	Princeton	6-1
T1.	Harvard	6-1
T3.	Yale	5-2
T3.	Brown	5-2
T5.	Dartmouth	2-5
T5.	Cornell	2-5
T5.	Penn	2-5
8.	Columbia	0-7

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Yale To Host ITA National Indoor Championships

The ITA National Indoor Championships will be held at Yale University's new Cullman-Heyman Tennis Center, November 5-8th.

This tournament is one of the premiere individual Division I collegiate events of the year. The top 32 singles players and 16 doubles teams (men and women) will compete for the title. As the host institution, Yale will receive two singles and one doubles wild card for the men's and women's events.

"We are thrilled for Yale to be selected as the host institution for the ITA National Indoor Collegiate Championships, and we are honored that our new Cullman-Heyman Tennis Center has been deemed a worthy venue for such a prestigious event. We look forward to welcoming the top players in the nation and to putting on a truly memorable tournament this fall." said Danielle McNamara, Head Women's Tennis Coach and Alex Dorato, Cary Leeds Coach of Men's Tennis.

More details on the event will be posted on the Yale website in the near future.

If you're interested in being a volunteer for the event, please contact Danielle McNamara:

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**IVY LEAGUE
TEAMS IN THE
NATIONAL
RANKINGS**

**Princeton #42
Yale #51
Brown #62
Harvard #65**

Incoming Recruiting Class Ranked #10 in the Country

The women's tennis recruiting class is one of Yale's strongest in recent program history. The class is comprised of three incoming freshman and one transfer student from Cornell, who will enter Yale as a sophomore. Tennisrecruiting.net ranked Yale's recruiting class #10 in the nation.

bronze balls on her junior tennis resume. In 2004, she won the Girl's 14 National Clay Courts and in 2005 she finished in 3rd place at the Girl's 16 National Clay Courts. Sarah has also had tremendous doubles results, coming in 3rd place in the 2007 Winter Nationals as well as the 2006 and 2003 National Hard Courts. She was ranked as high as #1 in the country in singles in her junior tennis career and will bring a wealth of experience and competitiveness to our team next year.

includes wins over two of Yale's top six singles players this year.

Jenna Ritz – Thousand Oaks, CA. Jenna will bring a tremendous amount of doubles experience to the team this year. She has had much success in recent ITA summer doubles events in California as well as junior tournaments. Her strong serve and groundstrokes will make her a big addition to our line up.

#30 Elizabeth Epstein – Chicago, IL. Elizabeth is the 2008 Illinois state singles champion and has been ranked as high as #17 in the country in the Girl's 18's. She was a member of the 2008 Jr. Fed Cup Championship team and represented the Midwest section. Elizabeth has won a number of national singles and doubles tournament as well as G4 ITF in Israel in 2008.

#71 Stephanie Kent – Washington Dt, CT. Stephanie is a transfer student from Cornell University, where she just finished her freshman year. She rotated between #1 and #2 singles and #2 doubles for the Big Red. Stephanie posted a 21-13 overall singles record, which

44 Sarah Guzick – Greer, SC. Sarah has one gold ball and four



All Ivy Selections and Team Awards Handed Out

Senior Janet Kim was named First Team All Ivy for the fourth straight year after being chosen as a unanimous selection by the league's coaches. Junior Jessie Rhee and Freshman Vicky Brook both earned Second Team All-Ivy selections and Sophomore Lindsay Clark earned an honorable mention selection.

Two Yale doubles teams earned Second Team All-Ivy selections. The doubles team of Kim and Rhee was named after posting a 5-2 Ivy League record at the #1 and #2 doubles spots. The duo of Brook and Clark went 4-3 in the Ivy League while switching between #1 and #2.

At the team's annual year end banquet Sarah Lederhandler '10 was named Captain of the 2009-

2010 team. Additionally, Janet Kim was voted the team's **MVP** by her teammates, Captain Lilian Nguyen was chosen for the team's **Special Contribution Award** and Vicky Brook was awarded **Most Improved**.

1st Team All-Ivy Singles: Janet Kim '09

2nd Team All-Ivy Singles: Jessie Rhee '10

Vicky Brook '12

Honorable Mention Singles: Lindsay Clark '11

2nd Team All-Ivy Doubles: Janet Kim/Jessie Rhee

Vicky Brook/Lindsay Clark

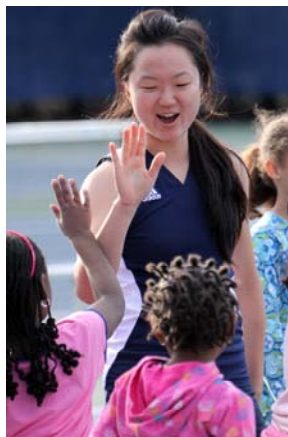
Youth Tennis Day a Huge Success

The Yale Women's Tennis team designated their April 17th home match vs. Dartmouth its first annual Youth Tennis Day at Yale. Over 75 kids from all over Connecticut attended the match and participated in a free clinic taught by the Yale players and coaches themselves.

"We would like to thank all of the youth program coordinators who helped in making Youth Day a huge success. Without them spreading the word, providing transportation and chaperoning the kids we couldn't have made it all happen." said Head Coach Danielle McNamara.

Youth Tennis Day was one of the Blue Aces (Yale Women's Tennis fan club) events organized to promote college tennis to kids and families in the New Haven area. In it's inaugural season,

Blue Aces had over 300 people become members and support the team. The team is optimistic that the fan club will continue to grow.



Jessie Rhee '10 with kids at Youth Day clinic

"One of our goals is to make our matches as fan friendly and interactive as possible. Hopefully once we get people through the doors the first time they'll want to keep coming back" said McNamara.

After hearing Brian Boland, the Head Coach of the Virginia men's tennis team talk about how he's built up an incredible fan base McNamara was truly inspired.

"He told us how last year there were 1,200 fans at the Virginia-Michigan match. That's amazing! Our goal is to pack the Cullman-Heyman Tennis Center filled with spectators and

make a Yale Tennis match something very special" she said.



Sarah Lederhandler '10 Elected Captain of the 2009-2010 team

FACT:

This season was the fourth year in a row that a freshman on the tennis team went undefeated in Ivy League play

(Vicky Brook at #3 singles).



Senior Janet Kim earned her fourth consecutive 1st Team All Ivy selection. She was the 2008 Ivy League Player of the Year.

We're on the web!
www.yaleblueaces.com

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Blue Aces is a fan club dedicated to supporting the Yale Women's Tennis Team. It's free to join and membership gives you the opportunity to win great prizes at all of the team's home events, free food at designated matches, and many other great perks.

Check our website

<http://www.yaleblueaces.com> for updated information and postings on all promotions and events.

We look forward to seeing you at the courts in the fall at one of the many tournaments we'll be hosting at the Cullman-Heyman Tennis Center.

If you're interested in volunteering with the Blue Aces, please e-mail Danielle at:

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2009-2010 Women's Tennis Schedule

Fall Schedule

Sept. 18-20 Maryland Invitational (College Park, MD)
Sept. 25-27 Cissie Leary (Philadelphia, PA)
Oct. 3-5 ITA All-American Pre-Qualifying (Los Angeles, CA)
Oct. 10-12 USTA Collegiate Invitational (Flushing Meadows, NY)
Oct. 23-27 ITA East Regionals (Yale)
Nov. 5-8 ITA National Indoor Championships (Yale)

Spring Schedule

Jan. 23	@ Boston College	March 9	@ South Florida (Tampa, FL)
Jan. 24	@ Boston University	March 13	@ Florida Int'l (Miami, FL)
Jan. 29-31	ITA Kickoff Weekend (Location TBD)	March 19	Quinnipiac 6:00pm
Feb. 5	UMASS 6:00pm	March 27	Brown 12:00pm
Feb. 7	Memphis 12:00pm	April 2	Penn 2:00pm
Feb. 12-14	ECAC or National Indoors	April 3	Princeton 12:00pm
Feb. 20	William & Mary 12:00pm	April 9	@ Columbia 2:00pm
Feb. 21	Vanderbilt 12:00pm	April 10	@ Cornell 12:00pm
March 7	Western Michigan 12:00pm	April 16	Harvard 2:00pm
		April 19	@ Dartmouth 12:00pm

Special Thanks to all of those who volunteered with the Blue Aces this season:

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