

Head Coach Matt Anger

13th Season

Twelve years have passed since Matt Anger took the helm of the UW men's tennis program, and in that time he has established the program as a perennial national power. Not only has Washington consistently improved in winning records and national rankings since his arrival, the Huskies have advanced to the NCAA tournament every season since, including five Sweet 16 appearances in the last

six years. Anger, the 2005 Pac-10 Coach of the Year, has guided Washington to its top finishes in the Pac-10 in consecutive years: finishing tied for third in 2006 and to its first conference title in 2005. In the process, he has become the program's all-time winningest coach with 203 victories. Anger also mentored Washington's first three-time All-American and first national champion since 1924 in 2005 graduate Alex Vlaski. Vlaski won the 2003 ITA All-American Championship singles crown, becoming the first Husky to win a national title since Wallace Scott won the National Collegiate singles champion crown in 1924.

As Husky Head Coach

How did Anger top his remarkable 20-5 season in 2005 that saw his team win a share of their first Pac-10 title and earn him Pac-10 Coach of the Year? Anger nearly duplicated the feat in 2006 by leading the Huskies to a 20-6 season, tying for third in the conference and made the Sweet 16 for the fifth time in six years. The back-to-back 20-win seasons marked the first time since 1985 and 1986 that the UW has surpassed 20 wins in consecutive years. He currently has 203 career wins, the most in UW history, and holds the third-highest winning percentage in Husky history (.686).

Anger has firmly placed the Huskies among the upper echelon of the Pac-10 Conference. His teams finished 2005 and 2006 the highest in the standings since the conference merged in 1998. The Huskies beat perennial powers USC and UCLA last year for the first time in the same season in UW history.

The UW went 12-6 against ranked foes in 2006 and advanced to the Sweet 16 for the fifth time in six years. The Huskies also boasted three first team All-Pac-10 Academic team members and had a 3.3 GPA as a team.

In 2005, the Huskies not only won a share of the Pac-10 title with UCLA, but they hosted a regional for the first time. Washington took advantage of playing in front of its home crowd picking up victories over Oral Roberts and USC to advance to its fourth NCAA Sweet 16 in five seasons. UW then fell victim to a 4-0 defeat at the hands of second-seeded Virginia. The Huskies finished the year ranked 14th - had a season-high ranking of No. 11 - and recorded a 20-5 overall record, 6-1 in conference matches.

The 2004 season saw the Huskies fall just short of the Round of 16 with a loss to Pac-10 rival Stanford in the Regional Final. UW finished the season 15-9 and placed fourth in the conference with a 4-3 conference clip. Ranked as high as 10th, UW culminated the year with a No. 26 national ranking.

In 2003, Anger led Washington to its third-straight NCAA Sweet 16 appearance, its best start to a season ever with a 14-0 record and its second-highest national team ranking ever with a No. 7 billing during the year. The Huskies' NCAA Tourney run was halted by No. 1 Illinois in the Round of 16 (4-2), a squad that went on to win the NCAA crown. The Huskies finished out the year with an 18-6 overall record, marking the third-straight year UW compiled at least 18 wins. Washington also ended with a final national ranking of No. 12.

In 2002. Anger guided the Huskies to their second-straight trip to the Round of 16 at the NCAA tournament, after UW advanced to the Sweet 16 for just the first time in school history the previous season. UW's run through the tourney saw the Huskies pull one of the biggest upsets in school history, knocking fifth-seeded Stanford out of the second round in Palo Alto. UW finished with an overall record of 19-7 and a No. 25 final ITA ranking.

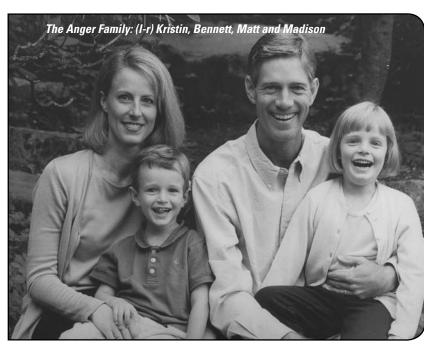
Anger inherited a program that had finished in the final-season rankings just once, at No. 48 in 1994, yet he led Washington to a national ranking in each of his 12 years as head coach. He has also guided the Huskies to winning records in each season, with 2001, 2005, and 2006's win total of 20 the most since 1986. The Huskies have posted 20 or more wins eight times in school history.

During his career with Washington, Anger has mentored four of UW's six All-Americans including Eric Drew, Robert Kendrick, Matt Hanlin and Alex Vlaski (UW's first three-time All-American). For good measure, UW has had seven All-America honors awarded in Anger's last eight seasons.

Playing Career

A talented player in his own right as a junior, collegian and professional, Anger entered the coaching ranks at Washington as an assistant during the 1993 season. He helped coach the Huskies to a 12-9 record that year, as well as to a Pac-10 Northern Division championship. He then went to Southern Cal for the 1994 season, where he served as an assistant to longtime head coach Dick Leach. That year, the Trojans posted a 22-3 record and won the NCAA team championship, defeating Stanford in the finals.

Anger played collegiate tennis at USC from 1982-84 and was a three-time All-American, while leading the team to a top-five finish three consecutive years. In 1983, he was a Pac-10 singles finalist and helped lead the Trojans





to a third-place NCAA finish. The next season, Anger won the Pac-10 doubles championship, was a Pac-10 singles semifinalist, and helped USC win the conference team title. The previously No. 1 Trojans were upset by Georgia in the NCAA quarterfinals that year.

At the conclusion of his junior season, Anger entered the pro ranks and played on the pro tour for eight years (1984-91). He earned his highest ATP singles ranking of No. 23 in the world in 1986. Anger enjoyed consistent success in the Grand Slams. Starting with the Australian Open in 1985 through Wimbledon in 1987, no American won more Grand Slam singles matches. In that span, Anger reached the round of 16 at both the U.S. Open and Wimbledon in 1986, advanced to the third round of the Australian Open in 1985 and 1987, and also Wimbledon in 1987. Anger won three Grand Prix titles in his career, highlighted by winning the 1985 Altech Open Super Series Grand Prix event, defeating Brad Gilbert in the finals and collecting the \$42,000 winner's check. Anger made it to the World Championship of Tennis (WCT) finals in Dallas in 1986 and also qualified for the year-end Nabisco Grand Prix bonus poll (world's top 64) for three consecutive years (1985-87). During his career, he enjoyed professional singles or doubles victories over Pete Sampras, John McEnroe, Boris Becker and Mats Wilander.

Anger is the son of Don and Noel, who along with her mother and grandmother, graduated from the University of Washington. A native of Pleasanton. Calif., Anger was named a prep All-American at Amador Valley High under his father. He was the national 16-and-under singles champion in 1979. In 1981. Anger won the Junior Wimbledon singles title and was ranked No. 1 in the world by *Tennis Magazine*. He and his father competed together and were listed fifth in the 1991 national Father-Son rankings. Anger was inducted into the Tri-Valley Sports Hall of Fame in 1994 and the USTA Northern California Tennis Hall of Fame in 2005.

Administrative Duties

Since joining the coaching ranks. Anger has taken an active role in the administration of the sport at all levels. He previously served on the ITA Board of Directors, along with the ITA Operating Committee, and was on the NCAA Men's Tennis Championships subcommittee for the 1997 and 1998 seasons, serving as chair in 1998. He also served on the ITA Region 8 Committee from 1995 to 1998 and again in 2004, chairing that group in 1997 and 1998. Anger has been instrumental in implementing several positive changes to the tennis community, including the first integrated Pacific-10 schedule in 1998, the renovation and expansion of the Quillian Stadium on the UW campus, and promoting Washington as host of the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championship in 1999, 2001, 2004 and 2006.

Anger and his wife, Kristin, reside in Clyde Hill. Kristin graduated from the University of Washington Law School in 1995. They are the parents of a daughter, Madison, born Sept. 26, 1997, and a son, Bennett, born Feb. 26, 2000.

ANGER'S COACHING HIGHLIGHTS

COACHES

- Led UW to the NCAA tournament 12 straight years (1995-06)
- Led UW to five NCAA Sweet 16 appearances (2001-03, 2005-06)
- Led UW to three quarterfinal finishes in the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championships
- All-time winningest coach in Husky history (203 wins)
- 2005 Pac-10 Coach of the Year
- Coached UW to its highest ITA ranking ever of sixth in 2001
- Coached UW to its highest final ITA ranking of 12th in 2003
- Coached four All-Americans
- Assistant coach on the 1994 USC NCAA championship team
- Has coached six college players that went on to be ranked in the top 200 in the world on the ATP tour

ANGER'S PLAYING HIGHLIGHTS

- Inducted into USTA Northern California Tennis Hall of Fame in 2005
- Earned an ATP singles ranking of No. 23
- Best Grand Slam finishes were the round of 16 at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, and the third round at the Australian Open three times
- Winner of three Grand Prix titles
- Three-time All-American at Southern Cal (1982-84)
- Won the Junior Wimbledon singles title in 1981
- Ranked as the No. 1 junior in the world by **Tennis Magazine**

ANGER'S COACHING RECORD

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1995 1996	12-11 16-8	NCAA Region 8 first round NCAA Region 8 first round	No. 40 No. 43
1997	16-8	NCAA Region 8 semifinals	No. 44
1998	15-7	NCAA Region 8 finals	No. 17
1999 2000	17-9 15-9	NCAA second round NCAA first round	No. 25 No. 33
2001	20-8	NCAA Round of 16	No. 17
2002	19-7	NCAA Round of 16	No. 25
2003	18-6 15-9	NCAA Round of 16	No. 12
2004 2005	20-5	NCAA second round NCAA Round of 16	No. 26 No. 14
2006	20-6	NCAA Round of 16	No. 18

203-93 (.686)



Matt Anger with 2003 ITA All-American Singles Champion Alex Vlaski





Associate Head Coach Chris Russell

3rd Season

Chris Russell begins his third season as the Huskies' associate head coach. Russell came to Seattle after serving as the head coach for men's tennis at Oregon for nine seasons from 1996-2004.

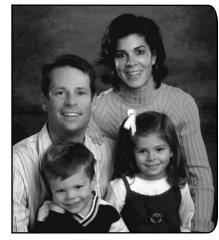
The Huskies have advanced to the Sweet 16 in both of his previous seasons as the Huskies' assistant. In his first season in purple and gold, Russell helped guide the Huskies to one of their best seasons in program history as UW advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 for the fourth time in five years and won a share of its first-ever Pac-10 title in 2005.

As head coach at Oregon, Russell built the Ducks into a nationally respected program, leading Oregon to NCAA tournament appearances in 2000 and 2004. Russell was named Pac-10 Coach of the Year in 2000 after guiding the Ducks to a 12-10 record and an NCAA tourney trip. He also mentored 2000 All-American Guillermo Carter and

returning All-American Sven Swinnen. Russell finished his tenure at Oregon with an 83-117 record.

Before going to Eugene, Russell was the head coach at his alma mater, UC Santa Barbara. He coached the men's squad from 1988-89 and the women's team from 1991-94, giving him 15 total years of head coaching experience. Russell received Coach of the Year honors in the Big West conference each season he was at UCSB, and earned West Region Coach of the Year accolades from the ITA in 1994. Russell had an overall head coaching record of 78-43 at UCSB, leading the Gaucho men to a 20-8 record in 1988-89 and the women to a four-year record of 58-35.

As a player, Russell was a four-year starter on the Gaucho tennis team from 1981-85. He worked as an undergraduate assistant coach in 1985-86 at UCSB and received his bachelor of arts degree in liberal studies, with a minor in coaching, in 1986. Russell and his wife Allison, a Seattle native, have two children, Kylie (6) and Logan (4).



The Russell family: (clockwise) Chris, Allison, Kylie, and Logan

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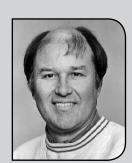
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