



# PAC-10 NEWS

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## PAC-10 MEN'S TENNIS ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS ANNOUNCED

*STANFORD'S CLAYTON NAMED PLAYER OF THE YEAR AND NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR  
USC'S FARAH AND VAN'T HOF NAMED DOUBLES TEAM OF THE YEAR  
ARIZONA STATE'S BELKEN NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR*

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. - In a vote by the Conference coaches, STANFORD freshman **Alex Clayton** has been named the Pac-10 Men's Tennis Player of the Year as well as Newcomer of the Year. NCAA Doubles Champions **Robert Farah** and **Kaes Van't Hof** of USC have been named Doubles Team of the Year and ARIZONA STATE'S **Lou Belken** was named Coach of the Year.

**Clayton**, from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is the first player to garner both Player of the Year honors as well as Newcomer of the Year. The stellar freshman finished with a 30-9 overall record, including 19-8 against nationally-ranked opponents en route to becoming the Conference's highest ranked player this season, finishing at No. 7 after a run to the semifinals of the NCAA Tournament and a loss to eventual national champion Somdev Devvarman of Virginia.

**Farah**, from Cali, Columbia and **Van't Hof**, a Newport Beach, Calif. native captured the 2008 Pac-10 Doubles Championship as well as the NCAA Championship, becoming the first USC doubles team since 1989 to win a national championship in doubles. The pair entered the NCAA Championships as the No. 2 seed and defeated the top-seeded team of Jonas Berg and Erling Tveit of Mississippi in the title match. The pair finished the season with a record of 39-3, including a 26-match winning streak that carried them through both titles.

**Belken** guided the Sun Devils, comprised mainly of underclassmen, to their first NCAA Tournament berth since 2004 as ASU finished the season with a 15-5 record and a top-25 ranking. The doubles pair of Matt Brooklyn and T.J. Bellama finished runner-up to Van't Hof and Farah for the Pac-10 Doubles Championship and sophomore Andres Arango was one of the surprises of the season as he debuted for the Sun Devils and achieved a ranking of No. 69 in the nation to finish the season.

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## **2008 Pac-10 Men's Tennis All-Conference**

### **First Team**

Matt Brooklyn, So., ASU  
Alex Clayton, Fr., STAN  
Mathieu Dehaine, Sr., UCLA  
Robert Farah, So., USC  
Harel Sruogo, Sr., UCLA  
Kaes Van't Hof, Sr., USC

### **Second Team**

Andres Arango, So., ASU  
Claudio Christen, Sr., ARIZ  
Patrik Fischer, Jr., WASH  
Jaak Poldma, Fr., USC  
Holden Seguso, Fr., UCLA  
Kallim Stewart, Sr., CAL

### **Honorable Mention**

Matt Bruch, Jr., STAN  
Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan, Fr., WASH  
Gary Sacks, So., USC  
Marcos Verdasco, So., ORE  
Richard Wire, So., STAN

### **Pac-10 Player of the Year**

Alex Clayton, Fr., STAN

### **Pac-10 Doubles Team of the Year**

Kaes Van't Hof, Sr., and Robert Farah, So., USC

### **Pac-10 Freshman/Newcomer of the Year**

Alex Clayton, Fr., STAN

### **Pac-10 Coach of the Year**

Lou Belken, ASU