



Head Coach Jill Hultquist

2nd Season

Jill Hultquist begins her second season at the helm of the Washington women's tennis program in 2006-07.

Hultquist, a former standout on the pro tour and in the collegiate ranks, returned to Washington after serving as an assistant coach with the Huskies from

1997-2002.

This is the first collegiate head coaching position for Hultquist, who is the fourth head coach in program history.

The Huskies were 3-17 in Hultquist's first season at the helm for the Dawgs. The team was ravished by injuries and roster subtractions, leaving Hultquist to scramble some afternoons just to fill a lineup. Despite the rough first season, big things are expected from Hultquist and her team.

"Jill was an accomplished player, is an exceptional teacher and as a previous member of our staff demonstrated leadership and coaching skills that are a perfect match for the University of Washington," Washington Athletics Director Todd Turner said at the time of her hiring. "We're very pleased to have her leading our women's tennis program."

Hultquist was an assistant under Patty McCain at Washington for five years and played an integral role in guiding the program to new heights. During her first tenure at UW, Hultquist helped lead the Huskies to five consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances including a school record trip to the NCAA Quarterfinals in 2001. In fact, it was Hultquist who served as the acting head coach for the team during its Elite Eight run, as McCain was unable to travel to Stone Mountain, Ga., due to the impending birth of her first child. That run included a Sweet 16 victory over fifth-ranked Tennessee.

Hultquist was named the National Assistant Coach of the Year by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association in 2001, an honor she shared with Georgia's Debbie Beck. She was also selected as the ITA Northwest Region Assistant Coach of the Year in both 2000 and 2001.

"We are thrilled to welcome Jill and her family back into the coaching circle at the University of Washington," Senior Associate Athletic

Director Marie Tuite said. "Her previous experience at Washington as an assistant head coach under Patty McCain, clearly prepared Jill for this new challenge. She was an exceptional collegiate and professional tennis player and her competitiveness and spirit will serve her well as head coach of the Huskies. We are convinced that under Jill's leadership and guidance, our women's tennis program will continue to excel at the national level."

"It's a great honor to come back to the University of Washington," Hultquist said. "When I left the program it was a very hard decision for me because I loved the job so much and to come back now as the head coach, I'm looking forward to the opportunity to build a great team. My initial goal is to bring the Huskies back into the Top-10. They slipped out a bit and I'd like to bring them back in."

Among the players Hultquist mentored in her previous tenure at Washington were all four All-Americans in school history: Claire Carter, Kristina Kraszweski, Dea Sumantri and Darija Klaic. Carter, Washington's only four-time All-American, was a member of Hultquist's staff serving as her assistant coach in 2006.

Before joining the coaching ranks at Washington, Hultquist played professionally on the WTA Tour from 1987-1997, winning more than 20 doubles titles. She ranked as high as sixth in the world in doubles and 64th in the world in singles. Hultquist teamed with McCain on the doubles circuit, and among their victories was a win over Steffi Graf and Gabriela Sabatini in the semifinals of the 1988 U.S. Open. They also advanced to the finals of the 1989 Australian Open.



As an assistant coach with Washington for five years, Hultquist helped lead the Huskies to their first ever trip to the NCAA Elite Eight in 2001.



Jill (Hetherington) Hultquist was a four-time All-American at the University of Florida from 1983-1987.

Hultquist reached the mixed doubles finals of the French Open in 1995 and competed in the Olympic Games for Canada in 1984, 1988 and 1996. She and Patricia Hy-Boulais advanced to the quarterfinals in Atlanta before falling to eventual bronze medalists Jana Novotna and Helena Sulcova of the Czech Republic.

Hultquist garnered a number of achievements during her years on

Also a standout collegian, Hultquist earned four All-America certificates at the University of Florida, while studying psychology from 1983-1987. She was inducted into the University of Florida Hall of Fame in the spring of 1999 and the Canadian Tennis Hall of Fame in 2001. She ended up earning her bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Washington in 2000.

Hultquist was already a star on the junior tennis circuit before joining the collegiate ranks. In fact, she and McCain were roommates as juniors and seniors in high school at the Nick Bollettieri Tennis Academy in Bradenton, Fla.

A native of Toronto, Canada, Hultquist and her husband Rich have two children, Jack (4 1/2) and Maggie (3). The family resides in Renton, Wash.

HULTQUIST'S COACHING HIGHLIGHTS

- Assistant coach at Washington from 1997-2002
- Helped lead the Huskies to five consecutive NCAA appearances
- Guided 2001 team to first-ever trip to the NCAA Quarterfinals
- Named 2001 ITA National Assistant Coach of the Year
- Selected 2000 and 2001 ITA Northwest Region Assistant Coach of the Year
- Coached UW four-time All-American Claire Carter and three-time All-American Kristina Kraszweski

HULTQUIST'S PLAYING HIGHLIGHTS

- Played professionally on the WTA tour from 1987 to 1997
- Won more than 20 doubles titles on the WTA tour
- Ranked as high as sixth in the world in doubles and 64th in the world in singles
- Played doubles on the WTA tour with former UW head coach Patty McCain, picking up a win over Steffi Graf and Gabriela Sabatini in the 1988 U.S. Open semifinals
- With McCain, advanced to the finals of the 1988 U.S. Open and the 1989 Australian Open
- Also advanced to the mixed doubles final at the 1996 French Open
- Three-time Canadian Olympian (1984, 1988, 1996)
- Earned WTA Tour Sportsmanship Award
- Earned Tennis Canada Sportsmanship Award
- 1988 Player of the Year in Canada
- Inducted into the Tennis Canada Hall of Fame
- Four-time All-American at Florida
- 1999 University of Florida Hall of Fame Inductee



The Hultquist family: (l-r) Jack, Jill, Rich and Maggie.



Assistant Coach Fernando Sanchez

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Fernando Sanchez officially joined Jill Hultquist's staff July 24, 2006.

Sanchez was a standout men's tennis player for Virginia Commonwealth University from 2000-2002. Sanchez's best year was 2000 when he compiled a 26-3 singles record and 18-5 doubles record. He was ranked as high as No. 64 in the nation that year and helped the Rams to the NCAA Championship Finals where they fell to Stanford. Sanchez earned Rookie of the Year for VCU that season and earned First Team All-Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Singles and Doubles honors.

Sanchez has been serving as Junior Academy Director in Texas, responsible for training the top players in the Lone Star State since February of 2005. Prior to that, Sanchez was an assistant coach at VCU for both the men and women's tennis teams from 2002-2003. While assisting at his alma mater, the Rams won the CAA Championship on both the men and women's side.

Sanchez has also dabbled in the professional ranks, most recently playing for the Houston Wranglers in the World Team Cup, teaming with Jan-Michael Gambill, Stefi Graf and Mardy Fish. Sanchez has also sparred with some of the best tennis players in the world, helping train Boris Becker, Anke Huber and Marc Kevin Goelner for Grand Slam tournaments.

"He was an outstanding college tennis player," said Hultquist. "He is very excited about getting back into college coaching after working with the women's tennis team at VCU when they were ranked in the Top-20 nationally."

Sanchez graduated from VCU in December of 2003, majoring in biomedical engineering and minoring in mathematics and physics.



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