

strate pushed the hosts into the lead, 2-1, on decisive wins on courts two and four, respectively. In his USC debut at the No. 2 position, Frye looked plenty comfortable as he ripped his way to a 6-0, 6-4 win over Guy Den Ouden to level things early. Weststrate hopped to next, dispatching Pepperdine's #90 Corrado Summaria 6-0 6-3, and USC was up 2-1. Pepperdine would nab a straight-set win on court six next, however, as Pietro Fellin felled USC freshman Sean Holt 6-3, 6-3 to snarl it up 2-2. As three-setters raged on courts three and five, USC's #19 Riley Smith gave USC a lift with a 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5) win on court one over Adrian Oetzbach, netting a 3-2 USC lead. But was short-lived, as #19 Mor Bulis took a 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 loss to Daniel De Jonge on court three, and it was locked up a 3-3. That turned all eyes onto court five, where USC's Jake Sands was looking to notch a comeback against Robert Shelton. Sands had forced a third, but Shelton dug back in and closed out the win over USC with a 7-6 (7), 5-7, 6-3 decision.

SCOUTING UTAH

The Utes enter the week with a 10-4 overall record after beating Utah State 4-0 and Montana 5-0 in their most recent competition. Utah will face UCLA on Friday before coming to take on the Trojans. The Utes have no players ranked nationally in singles or doubles. In a series dating back to 1962, USC is 35-1 all-time against Utah. The teams did not get to face off last year due to the cancellation of all competition in March. The last meeting was in 2019, with USC beating Utah 4-2 in Salt Lake City.

BY THE NUMBERS

USC's winningest player to date is newcomer **Lodewijk Weststrate**, who has churned out 15 singles wins in his freshman campaign as a Trojan so far. Next in line with 10 singles wins is **Stefan Dostanic**, and **Riley Smith** has collected nine. In doubles, USC's top pairs have gone a combined 14-1 in dual-match play. Top-ranked **Daniel Cukierman** and **Riley Smith** are currently 8-1 at the No. 1 spot on the year, while **Stefan Dostanic** and **Bradley Frye** boast a 6-0 mark to date from court two.

STARTING ON TOP

USC entered the new year with authority, boasting a sweep of the first ITA national rankings as the No. 1 team with the No. 1 singles player and No. 1 doubles pair. As the Trojans prepared to start up their 2021 campaign, USC head coach Brett Masi had his team at the top, while senior **Daniel Cukierman** stood tall as the nation's No. 1 singles player while also pairing up with returning senior **Riley Smith** for the No. 1 doubles rank. When 2020 competition was suspended back in March due to the coronavirus pandemic, USC was coming off a big victory at the ITA National Team Indoor Championships. The Trojans were No. 1 in the nation, and Cukierman was the No. 1 singles player.

CUKIERMAN CATCHES PAC-12 HONORS

Senior **Daniel Cukierman** picked up the first weekly prize of the year from the Pac-12 in securing his third career selection as Pac-12 Player of the Week on Feb. 4. Cukierman was perfect in singles and doubles as the Trojans tallied two dual-match wins to improve to 3-0 on the year. Most notably, top-ranked Cukierman came through with a three-set comeback win in singles to beat UCLA's #10 Keegan Smith in the ITA Kickoff Weekend championship match, clinching victory for the Trojans to punch up USC's 13th straight title at the event and ensuring USC would make a 13th straight trip to ITA National Team Indoor Championship. USC won the national title at that event last year. Also against the Bruins, Cukierman paired with fellow senior Riley Smith — together ranked as the No. 1 doubles team in the nation — for a win on court one before coming through with the singles clincher later. Later in the week, USC took on LMU and served up a sweep of the Lions thanks in part to wins from Cukierman in doubles and singles again.

DOSTANIC DRAWS FIRST PAC-12 PICK

USC sophomore **Stefan Dostanic** snagged his first Pac-12 Player of the Week honors on February 23 after another smooth doubles win and a singles victory for the Trojans. He's the second USC player to win the award this season, joining Daniel Cukierman as an honoree. This week, Dostanic came up with the first doubles and singles wins of the day for the No. 8 Trojans in their 4-0 victory over visiting No. 14 Oklahoma State. Dostanic and doubles partner Bradley Frye stayed perfect in doubles action with their 6-2 win at the No. 2 spot to get USC off on a winning note against the Cowboys. Ranked No. 104 in the nation in singles, Dostanic later topped Oklahoma State's No. 86 Henrik Korsgaard in straight sets 6-1, 6-3 to make it a 2-0 Trojan lead en route to USC's sweep at Marks Stadium. Dostanic has lost just one doubles match and two singles matches this season.

LAST SEASON

The coronavirus pandemic put a stop to activities around the world, including all NCAA competition. When the 2020 season was suspended, the USC men's tennis team was standing tall as the top-ranked team in the nation for the fifth consecutive week — the Trojans' longest run at No. 1 since 2012. At 13-1 overall and recently crowned as the ITA National Indoor Champions, USC was looking like a solid frontrunner for the 2020 NCAA Championship under the direction of first-year head coach Brett Masi. Masi had taken over the reins of the Trojan tennis program in August 2019, leading a talented USC roster that featured a strong blend of veterans and youth. Senior All-Americans Brandon Holt and Riley Smith were joined by former team manager Rae Lan to round out USC's 2020 senior class. The savvy Daniel Cukierman stood tall as USC's lone junior on the roster, and he'd work his way to rank No. 1 in the nation in singles by the close of competition. USC's sophomore class featured Mor Bulis, Bradley Frye and Jake Sands, who were all coming off of solid first seasons as Trojans. Bulis shined particularly bright in the fall and cracked the top-10 singles rankings at No. 9 in the land at the same time that his fellow Israeli teammate Cukierman stepped to No. 1. USC's two newcomers were feisty freshmen Stefan Dostanic and Ryder Jackson. Both would show their mettle in the fall, and both became mainstays in the dual-match lineup that saw the Trojans take over the nation. •

2021 Oracle/ITA National Team Top-25 Rankings (March 10, 2021)			
Rank	School	Record	Previous Rank
1.	North Carolina (12)	10-0	1
2.	Baylor	16-2	2
3.	Virginia	10-2	4
4.	Tennessee	15-2	3
5.	TCU	8-3	5
6.	Texas	11-3	6
7.	Florida	10-1	10
8.	Ohio State	8-1	7
9.	Illinois	8-2	9
10.	USC	10-4	8
11.	Wake Forest	13-4	12
12.	Texas A&M	9-3	11
13.	Michigan	4-1	13
14.	South Carolina	8-4	16
15.	NC State	6-4	15
16.	Arizona	14-1	18
17.	Arizona State	11-2	21
18.	UCLA	4-2	17
19.	Ole Miss	5-5	24
20.	Georgia	6-4	14
21.	UCF	5-2	19
22.	Kentucky	13-3	20
23.	Pepperdine	4-4	27
24.	Mississippi State	10-4	23
25.	Oklahoma State	4-3	26

2021 Dual Match Results (10-4, 0-0 Pac-12)

ITA KICK-OFF WEEKEND

#1 USC 4, UNLV 0

Jan. 24, 2021 | Marks Stadium (Los Angeles, Calif.)

DOUBLES

Not played

SINGLES

- (1) #1 Daniel Cukierman (USC) vs. Alex Kobelt (UNLV) - 6-3, 3-3 susp.
 - (2) #19 Riley Smith (USC) vs. Eric Samuelsson (UNLV) - 6-2, 6-5 susp.
 - (3) #104 Stefan Dostanic (USC) def. Jordan Sauer (UNLV) - 6-3, 6-1
 - (4) Bradley Frye (USC) def. Milos Dabic (UNLV) - 6-2, 6-0
 - (5) #79 Ryder Jackson (USC) def. Anton Ornberg (UNLV) - 6-2, 6-1*
 - (6) Lodewijk Weststrate (USC) def. Clayton Alenik (UNLV) - 6-2, 6-0
- Order of finish: 4, 3, 6, 5*

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

#1 USC 4, #18 UCLA 1

Jan. 25, 2021 | Marks Stadium (Los Angeles, Calif.)

DOUBLES

- (1) #1 Cukierman/R. Smith (USC) def. Feit/Smith (UCLA) - 6-3
 - (2) Bellamy/Wild (UCLA) def. Frye/C. Smith (USC) - 6-4
 - (3) Goldberg/Tsolakyan (UCLA) def. Dostanic/Jackson (USC) - 7-5
- Order of finish: 1, 2, 3

UCLA wins doubles point.

SINGLES

- (1) #1 Daniel Cukierman (USC) def. #10. Keegan Smith (UCLA) - 4-6, 6-2, 6-1*
 - (2) #19 Riley Smith (USC) def. Ben Goldberg (UCLA) - 6-3, 6-3
 - (3) #104 Stefan Dostanic def. #109 Sam Feit (UCLA) - 6-2, 7-5
 - (4) Bradley Frye (USC) vs. Roscoe Bellamy (UCLA) - 6-3, 4-6, 2-1 susp.
 - (5) #79 Ryder Jackson (USC) vs. Mathew Tsolakyan (UCLA) - 6-2, 4-6, 2-3 susp.
 - (6) Lodewijk Weststrate (USC) def. Eric Hahn (UCLA) - 6-3, 6-0
- Order of finish: 6, 2, 3, 1*

#1 USC 7, LMU 0

Jan. 29, 2021 | Marks Stadium (Los Angeles, Calif.)

DOUBLES

- (1) #1 Cukierman/R. Smith (USC) def. Moreno/Nava (LMU) - 7-5
 - (2) #50 Bulis/Dostanic (USC) def. Otico/Torlic (LMU) - 6-4
 - (3) Holt/C. Smith (USC) vs. Di Giulio/Prost (LMU) - 4-5 susp.
- Order of finish: 2, 3

USC wins doubles point.

SINGLES

- (1) #1 Daniel Cukierman (USC) def. Diego Nava (LMU) - 6-1, 6-3
 - (2) #19 Riley Smith (USC) def. Daniel Moreno (LMU) - 6-4, 6-4*
 - (3) #104 Stefan Dostanic def. John Bryan Otico (LMU) - 7-5, 6-4
 - (4) Lodewijk Weststrate (USC) def. Emin Torlic (LMU) - 6-2, 6-1
 - (5) Jake Sands (USC) def. Austin Di Giulio (LMU) - 6-3, 6-3
 - (6) Colter Smith (USC) def. Ethan Prost (LMU) - 4-6, 6-3, 1-0 (10-1)
- Order of finish: 1, 4, 2*, 5, 6, 3

#1 USC 7, Saint Mary's 0

Feb. 5, 2021 | Marks Stadium (Los Angeles, Calif.)

DOUBLES

- (1) Cukierman/Dostanic (USC) def. Reckow/Watt (SMC) - 6-3
 - (2) Smith/Smith (USC) def. Kesaris/Roensdorf (SMC) - 6-2
 - (3) Bulis/Weststrate (USC) vs. Bot/Divkovic (SMC) - 5-3 susp.
- Order of finish: 2, 1

USC wins doubles point.

SINGLES

- (1) #1 Daniel Cukierman (USC) def. James Watt (SMC) - 7-5, 6-4
- (2) #104 Stefan Dostanic (USC) def. Fabian Roensdorf (SMC) - 6-1, 6-1*
- (3) #26 Mor Bulis (USC) def. Karlo Divkovic (SMC) - 4-6, 6-2, 1-0 (10-2)
- (4) Lodewijk Weststrate (USC) def. Sebastian Grijalva (SMC) - 6-0, 6-0

- (5) Jake Sands (USC) def. Matis Bot (SMC) - 6-1, 6-0
 - (6) Colter Smith (USC) def. Boris Reckow (SMC) - 7-5, 6-3
- Order of finish: 4, 5, 2*, 1, 3, 6

#1 USC 7, UC Irvine 0

Feb. 5, 2021 | Marks Stadium (Los Angeles, Calif.)

DOUBLES

- (1) Frye/R. Smith (USC) def. Hoffman/Man Son Hi (UCI) - 7-5
 - (2) #50 Bulis/Dostanic (USC) def. Peneff/Smart (UCI) - 7-5
 - (3) C. Smith/Weststrate (USC) def. Sah/Star (UCI) - 6-4
- Order of finish: 3, 2, 1

USC wins doubles point.

SINGLES

- (1) #19 Riley Smith (USC) def. Bjorn Hoffman (UCI) - 6-3, 6-4
 - (2) #104 Stefan Dostanic (USC) def. Jeremy Merville (UCI) - 6-3, 6-1
 - (3) #26 Mor Bulis (USC) def. Mark Peneff (UCI) - 6-1, 6-4
 - (4) Bradley Frye (USC) def. Thomas Smart (UCI) - 6-2, 6-1
 - (5) Lodewijk Weststrate (USC) def. Matthew Sah (UCI) - 6-0, 6-3*
 - (6) Jake Sands (USC) def. Ali Amari (UCI) - 6-3, 6-2
- Order of finish: 4, 2, 5*, 6, 1, 3

#1 USC 7, San Diego State 0

Feb. 7, 2021 | Marks Stadium (Los Angeles, Calif.)

SINGLES

- (1) Bulis/R. Smith (USC) vs. Pollanen/Seeman (SDSU) - 5-5 susp.
 - (2) Dostanic/Frye (USC) def. Martinez/Gonzalez Almazan (SDSU) - 6-4
 - (3) C. Smith/Weststrate(USC) def. Blair/Rikkonen (SDSU) - 6-1
- Order of finish: 3, 2

USC wins doubles point.

SINGLES

- (1) #19 Riley Smith (USC) def. Johannes Seeman (SDSU) - 6-2, 6-4
 - (2) #104 Stefan Dostanic (USC) def. Aaro Pollanen (SDSU) - 6-3, 6-0
 - (3) Mor Bulis (USC) def. Ignacio Martinez (SDSU) - 6-2, 6-2*
 - (4) Lodewijk Weststrate (USC) def. Roni Rikkonen (SDSU) - 6-2, 6-3
 - (5) Jake Sands (USC) def. Judson Blair (SDSU) - 6-1, 6-3
 - (6) Colter Smith (USC) — win by default
- Order of finish: 6, 2, 3*, 5, 4, 1

#1 USC 4, #19 Kentucky 3

Feb. 10, 2021 | Dodds Tennis Center (Champaign, Ill.)

SINGLES

- (1) #1 Cukierman/R. Smith (USC) def. Bourgois/Diallo (UK) - 6-1
 - (2) Hurrion/Zemel (UK) def. Bulis/Jackson (USC) - 6-4
 - (3) Draxl/Leblanc (UK) def. Frye/C. Smith (USC) - 6-3
- Order of finish: 1, 2, 3

Kentucky wins doubles point

SINGLES

- (1) #45 Liam Draxl (UK) def. #1 Daniel Cukierman (USC) - 6-3, 3-6, 6-3
 - (2) #19 Riley Smith (USC) def. Gabriel Diallo (UK) - 4-6, 6-2, 6-4*
 - (3) #26 Mor Bulis (USC) def. Millen Hurrion (UK) - 6-3, 7-5
 - (4) Lodewijk Weststrate (USC) def. #123 Joshua Lapadat (UK) - 6-1, 3-6, 6-2
 - (5) César Bourgois (UK) def. Bradley Frye (USC) - 2-6, 7-6 (6), 7-5
 - (6) Jake Sands (USC) def. Yasha Zemel (UK) - 6-2, 6-3
- Order of finish: 6, 3, 4, 1, 2*, 5

CLINCHERS

Riley Smith.....	3
	(LMU, SMC, UK)
Stefan Dostanic.....	2
	(UCI, OKST)
Mor Bulis.....	1
	(SDSU)
Daniel Cukierman.....	2
	(UCLA, TCU)

Ryder Jackson.....	1
	(UNLV)
Lodewijk Weststrate.....	1
	(UCLA)

TROJAN DOUBLES

Record when...
 doubles point won: 7-2
 doubles point lost: 2-2

Note: Doubles not played vs. UNLV

2021 USC MEN'S TENNIS ROSTER

NAME	HT	YR	EXP.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE
Mor Bulis	6-1	JR	2V	Petach Tikva, Israel	Tichon Ben Gurion
Daniel Cukierman	5-10	SR	3V	Tel Aviv, Israel	Ironi Daled HS
Stefan Dostanic	6-2	SO	1V	Irvine, Calif.	Woodbridge HS
Bradley Frye	6-0	JR	2V	Overland Park, Kansas	Barstow School
Ryder Jackson	6-1	SO	1V	Nicasio, Calif.	Saint Ignatius College Prep
Sean Holt	5-11	FR	HS	Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.	Palos Verdes HS
Jake Sands	5-10	JR	2V	Los Angeles, Calif.	Palisades HS
Colter Smith	6-1	RS	FR	Long Beach, Calif.	Los Alamitos HS
Riley Smith	6-7	RS	SR	Long Beach, Calif.	Los Alamitos HS
Lodewijk Weststrate	6-0	FR	HS	Voorschoten, Netherlands	Leonardo College

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Daniel **CUKIERMAN**
KOO-ker-mun

MOR BULIS
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STEFAN DOSTANIC
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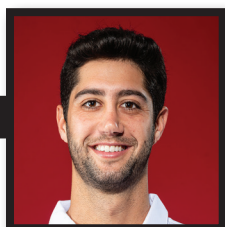
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MAY-see

HEAD COACH: Brett Masi (2nd season), Cal Poly 2001

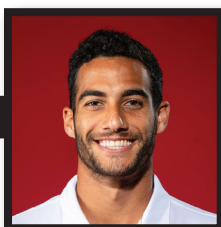
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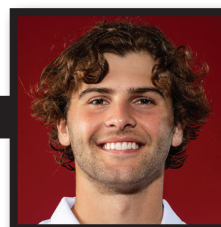
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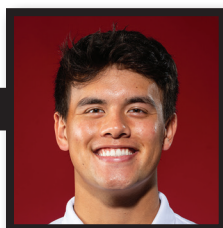
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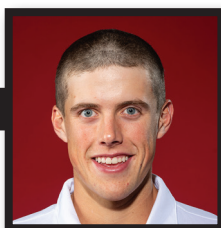
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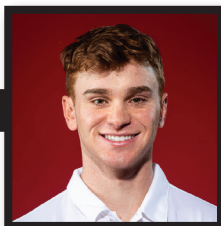
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