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NINETEEN TOP AMERICANS NAMED TO 2011 USTA COLLEGIATE TEAM

NCAA Champion Steve Johnson and USTA/ITA National Indoor Champion Maria Sanchez Headline Men's and Women's Teams

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., June 27, 2011 -- The USTA announced today that 19 of the nation's top men's and women's collegiate tennis players have been named to the 2011 USTA Collegiate Team, administered by the USTA and the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA).

The USTA Summer Team is an elite training program for the top American collegiate tennis players. The program began in 1996 and is funded by the USTA. It is designed to provide college players with valuable exposure to the USTA Pro Circuit in a team-oriented environment during the year.

In addition to competing on the USTA Pro Circuit, USTA Player Development is hosting two Pro Tour Transition camps – one for men, one for women – for the selected players. The men's camp was held June 9-15 on clay courts in Boca Raton, Fla., while the women's camp will be conducted July 2-8 on hard courts in Boca Raton. Additional training opportunities for top American Collegiate players will also occur over the summer in Boca Raton and Carson, Calif.

The following players have been selected to this year's team:

Men's Team
Sekou Bangoura, Florida (SO, Bradenton, Fla.)
Chase Buchanan, Ohio State (JR, New Albany, Ohio)
Alex Domijan, Virginia (FR, Wesley Chapel, Fla.)
Steve Johnson, USC (JR, Orange, Calif.)
Evan King, Michigan (SO, Chicago)
Bradley Klahn, Stanford (JR, Poway, Calif.)
Austin Krajicek, Texas A&M (SR, Brandon, Fla.)
Dennis Nevolo, Illinois (JR, Gurnee, Ill.)
Eric Quigley, Kentucky (JR, Pewee Valley, Ky.)
Tennys Sandgren, Tennessee (SO, Gallatin, Tenn.)
Ray Sarmiento, USC (FR, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.)
Michael Shabaz, Virginia (SR, Fairfax, Va.)
Rhyne Williams, Tennessee (SO, Knoxville, Tenn.)

Women's Team
Kristie Ahn, Stanford (FR, Upper Saddle River, N.J.)
Hilary Barte, Stanford (SR, Chatsworth, Calif.)
Lauren Embree, Florida (SO, Marco Island, Fla.)
Nicole Gibbs, Stanford (FR, Manhattan Beach, Calif.)
Maria Sanchez, Southern California (SR, Modesto, Calif.)
Allie Will, Florida (SO, Boca Raton, Fla.)

For the third consecutive year, each team will have two coaches. **Jamea Jackson**, Assistant Coach of Women's Tennis at Oklahoma State University and **Audra Cohen**, the newly named Head Coach of Women's Tennis at University of North Florida, will coach the women's team, while **Ryan Sachire**, Associate Head Coach of Men's Tennis at the University of Notre Dame, and **Bo Hodge**, Assistant Coach of Men's Tennis at the University of Alabama, will be coaching the men's team. Hodge and Jackson also coached the men's and women's teams in 2010.

Team members were selected based on their performance at the NCAA Championships, the ITA All-Americans and the National Indoor Championships. Players' results from the USTA Pro

Circuit, ATP or WTA events were also considered. All nineteen of the players selected received 2011 ITA All-American honors.

The women's team includes three of the top four ranked players from the final national singles rankings: Barte, who finished No. 2 overall after winning the Riviera/ITA All-American singles title, No. 3 Sanchez, who won the USTA/ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships, and No. 4 Allie Will, who helped lead Florida to the NCAA women's title. Embree finished No. 9 overall and was named the NCAA tournament's Most Outstanding Player, and Ahn was named ITA National Rookie of the Year. Barte will make her fourth consecutive appearance on the team, Sanchez will make her third appearance, and both Embree and Will were members of the 2010 team.

Johnson captured the NCAA Division I Championships and helped lead the Trojans to their third consecutive NCAA team title, while Williams won the USTA/ITA National Indoor Intercollegiate Championships. Krajicek – the 2008 USTA Boys' 18s National Champion – won the NCAA men's doubles title, and Domijan won the ITA/D'Novo All-American Championships and was named ITA National Rookie of the Year. Johnson, Shabaz, Williams and Domijan ended the year as the top four players in the ITA rankings. Johnson, Klahn and Krajicek were named to the team for the third consecutive year, while Bangoura, Buchanan, King, Quigley, Sandgren and Williams will all make their second consecutive appearance on the team.

Current pros who were members of prior USTA Summer Collegiate Teams include: **James Blake**, **Bob** and **Mike Bryan**, **John Isner**, **Amer Delic**, **Jesse Levine**, **Irina Falconi**, and **Jesse Witten**.

For the second consecutive fall, the USTA will serve as title sponsor and host of the USTA/ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships, held at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center's new indoor tennis facility. The USTA will also serve as the title sponsor of the USTA/ITA National Small College Championships, the USTA/ITA National Collegiate Wheelchair Championships and 88 USTA/ITA Regional Tournaments. In all, close to 10,000 players from nearly 600 schools participate annually in the ITA Regional Championships, which encompass 24 host sites from the Division I level and 64 from the small college divisions nationwide.

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