

## **RANCE BROWN**

Assistant Head Coach Rance Brown begins his 12<sup>th</sup> season on the UCLA women's tennis coaching staff. He served as an assistant to Bill Zaima during the 1996 season, and has been Stella Sampras Webster's top assistant for 11 seasons. Rance was selected as the 2000 ITA National Assistant Coach of the Year and was promoted to the position of assistant head coach effective at the beginning of the 2007-2008 season. It was in this season that UCLA won its first NCAA National Championship by defeating Cal-Berkeley 4-0.

During Brown's tenure in Westwood, UCLA has continually been among the top teams in the nation. Besides winning the 2008 National Championship and finishing # 1 for the first time in history, the Bruins also finished runner-up at the NCAA Championships twice. The Bruins have made the NCAA Tournament in each of his 11 seasons as an assistant. Brown has especially excelled in the area of recruiting, bringing in a number of highly ranked junior players to the program in the last several years.

After winning the 2008 NCAA National Championship, Brown was selected by the USTA (United States Tennis Association) as the head traveling coach of the ITA College All-Star team for the 2008 summer tour. Brown also helped coach NCAA Champion Keri Phebus, who recently became the first women's tennis player inducted into the UCLA Athletics Hall of Fame. Brown was recently named the ITA West Region Assistant Coach of the Year, marking the third time in his career that he has earned that distinction (1999, 2000, and 2007.)

In addition to his efforts with the UCLA program, for the last 20 years Brown has headed up one of the most successful junior tennis programs in the country, serving as Director of Tennis at the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel and Tennis Club in Orange County. During that time, he has worked with some of the top junior boys and girls in California. More than 50 of Coach Brown's players have gone on to receive Division I tennis scholarships, capturing more than a dozen USTA National titles during their careers.

