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2009 PAC-10 MEN'S TENNIS ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS ANNOUNCED

*USC'S FARAH NAMED SINGLES PLAYER OF THE YEAR
USC'S FARAH AND JOHNSON NAMED DOUBLES TEAM OF THE YEAR
STANFORD'S KLAHN NAMED FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR
ARIZONA'S BERKOWITZ NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR*

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. - USC junior **Robert Farah** has been named the Pac-10 Men's Tennis Singles Player of the Year, while Farah and freshman teammate **Steve Johnson** have been named Pac-10 Doubles Team of the Year. STANFORD'S **Bradley Klahn** has earned the Conference's Freshman of the Year honors and ARIZONA'S **Tad Berkowitz** was named Coach of the Year. The awards are determined by a vote of the league's coaches.

Farah, a native of Cali, Colombia, becomes the first USC player to garner Pac-10 Singles Player of the Year accolades since 1994, and the sixth Trojan overall to earn the honor. The junior is the Conference's highest-ranked singles player, currently holding the No. 8 spot on the ITA's top-125. He has compiled a 26-6 overall record and was 12-3 in dual matches this season. The junior has won at least 22 singles matches in each of his three seasons at USC. In January, Farah defeated the 2008 Pac-10 Player of the Year, Stanford's Alex Clayton, to capture the Sherwood Cup Championship in Thousand, Oaks, Calif. During the season, he was sidelined for six matches due to injury, but returned to win both his singles and doubles matches against Arizona on Apr. 10. For his efforts he was named Pac-10 Player of the Week for the second time in his career. Farah has earned the Conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Singles Championship, where he will be the eighth overall seed in the tournament.

Farah and **Johnson**, an Orange, Calif. native, are the second straight Trojan duo to be named Pac-10 Doubles Team of the Year, as Farah won the honor last season with Kaes Van't Hof. The tandem has posted a 29-9 overall record this season and were 15-5 in dual match play, including a perfect 4-0 in Pac-10 contests. They won the ITA West Regional Championship in October and reached the finals of the ITA National Indoor Championships in January. The pair are currently the fourth-ranked doubles team in the nation as they head into the NCAA Tournament. The Pac-10's automatic qualifiers, Farah and Johnson are one of the top-8 seeds in the 2009 NCAA Doubles draw.

Klahn is the fifth Cardinal to earn Pac-10 Freshman of the Year honors since the awards inception in 2000. The Poway, Calif., native has racked up an impressive 33-7 overall record, 18-4 dual record, in his debut at Stanford. The rookie is currently ranked No. 34 in the ITA top-125 and is 18-6 versus nationally ranked opponents this season. Klahn made a name for himself at the Pac-10 Championships in Ojai, Calif., winning both the Singles and Doubles titles. He defeated five opponents in straight sets to win his first Pac-10 singles crown. He is one of five Pac-10 players to earn an at-large bid into the 2009 NCAA Tournament. Klahn and doubles partner Ryan Thacher are 10-3 overall and 5-0 against ranked opponents. The pair will be one of six alternates for the upcoming NCAA Doubles Championships.

Berkowitz, a Tampa Bay, Fla., native, has guided the Wildcats to their first NCAA Tournament berth since 2006 as Arizona finished the regular season with a 17-5 record and a top-25 ranking. In his fourth season at the helm of the program, the Wildcats posted a 14-1 record in Tucson, including a win over Stanford on Apr. 3. It was just the third Arizona victory over the Cardinal in 63 tries. Sophomore Jay Goldman has posted an 11-6 record playing in the No. 1 singles position. Goldman currently holds a No. 61 national ranking and has been selected as one of eight alternates for the 2009 NCAA Singles Championship.

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2009 Pac-10 Men's Tennis All-Conference

First Team

Haythem Abid, Jr., UCLA
Alex Clayton, So., STAN
Robert Farah, Jr., USC
Steve Johnson, Fr., USC
Bradley Klahn, Fr., STAN
Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan, So., WASH
Pedro Zerbini, So., CAL

Second Team

Matt Brooklyn, Jr., UCLA
Patrik Fischer, Sr., WASH
Jay Goldman, So., ARIZ
Michael Look, Sr., UCLA
Jaak Poldma, So., USC
Ryan Thacher, Fr., STAN

Honorable Mention

Alexander Cornelissen, Jr., ORE
Martin Kildahl, So., WASH
Abdullah Magdas, Sr., USC
Nick Meister, So., UCLA
Holden Seguso, So., UCLA
Harel Sruogo, Sr., UCLA

Pac-10 Singles Player of the Year

Robert Farah, Jr., USC

Pac-10 Doubles Team of the Year

Robert Farah, Jr./Steve Johnson, Fr., USC

Pac-10 Freshman of the Year

Bradley Klahn, STAN

Pac-10 Coach of the Year

Tad Berkowitz, ARIZ