



**Mark JEFFREY**  
 Men's Head Coach, Fourth Season  
 Third Season as Head Coach  
 Mississippi State, 1992

**Mark Jeffrey** assumed coaching duties with the University of Louisiana tennis program in the 2007-08 season as associate head coach in charge of men's tennis. He was later elevated to head coach of the men's program prior to the start of the 2008-09 season.

Jeffrey was attracted to the position for several

reasons.

"I think the climate and the environment is great for tennis," he said. "The average temperature is seasonally warm all year round...we are a sport that follows the sun.

"The second is definitely the warm friendly Cajun spirit and hospitality that defines Lafayette. And lastly, the location to nationally ranked teams is very important. We are less than three hours drive from five to six nationally ranked teams."

Jeffrey began his coaching career on the WTA Tour working with Catherine Barclay, a former Junior Wimbledon doubles champion. During their time together, Barclay improved her ranking from No. 180 in the world to a Top 50 ranking on the Professional Women's Tour.

He then worked at the Hong Kong Sports Institute where he worked solely with the National Junior Team. He traveled to the Australian, U.S. and Wimbledon Juniors helping John Hui move from a Top 200 ranking into the ITF Top 40.

Jeffrey served as head coach of both the men's and women's teams at William Carey College. He led the men's team to a national ranking of No. 4 and guided the women's team to No. 14. He has coached six All-Americans.

Jeffrey's playing career is equally as impressive. He garnered All-America honors at Mississippi State and was an All-SEC selection three times. Jeffrey also consistently ranked in the Top 20 nationally in singles and Top 5 in doubles. He is listed as one of the top three winningest players in MSU men's tennis history. In 2005, Jeffrey was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame.

As a professional, Jeffrey has played in the U.S. and Australian Opens, while also qualifying for the Australian Indoors. Jeffrey achieved a weekly high ranking in the Top 350 in singles and Top 300 in doubles on the ATP Tour.

He has career wins over Johnathon Stark, Darren Cahill, Mark Kratzman, Ellis Ferreira, Murphy Jensen, Byron Talbot, Shelby Cannon, Al Parker, Cyril Suk and David McPherson - all were ranked in the world's Top 20 in doubles.

Jeffrey earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in marketing and a master's of science in sports administration from Mississippi State.

Originally from Sydney, Australia, he is a naturalized U.S. citizen and resides in Lafayette.

## JEFFREY AT A GLANCE

Name	Mark Jeffrey
Hometown	Sydney, Australia
Alma Mater	Mississippi State, 1992 (Bachelor's) Mississippi State, 1996 (Master's)
Years at UL	Four (2008-11)
Years as Head Coach	Third (2009-11)
Record as Head Coach	27-18 (Two seasons)
Record on Cajun Courts	11-2 (Two seasons)





## Gregory HARKINS

Women's Head Coach  
 First Season  
 Georgia State, 1982

Louisiana's Ragin' Cajuns hired Gregory Harkins as the new women's tennis coach on January 10, 2011

Harkins comes to Louisiana after serving as the assistant coach for both the men's and women's teams at the College of Charleston since 2008.

In 2010, he helped lead the Cougars women's team to the Southern Conference tournament title with a record of 20-10 and a 10-0 mark in conference play. It was also the second straight year that the women claimed a tournament title and a NCAA bid.

Both squads were the league's regular season SoCon champions in 2010 after cracking the top-60 NCAA rankings for the first time in school history.

Before the start of the 2010 season, three members of the women's team were individually ranked in the ITA preseason poll and a doubles team for the Cougars was ranked as high as No. 37, earning an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

The tennis program also maintained high academic standards while under Harkins' direction. The men's and women's team finished with a GPA above 3.0 in 2010. The women's team achieved the highest GPA in the athletics program and earned All-American Honors from the ITA. The men posted the second highest GPA out of the men's athletic programs.

Harkins joined the Cougars' coaching staff following a two and a half year stint as the Director of Junior Development at the Family Circle Tennis Center in Charleston. There, he set up structured programs for juniors from 3-18 years of age, gave private lessons to both juniors and adults and worked tournament operations at the numerous tournaments the Family Circle Tennis Center holds each year.

Before his appointment at the Family Circle Tennis Center, Harkins was the Assistant Professional at the Tennis Corporation of America Sporting Club at Windy Hill in Atlanta, Ga. from 2002-05. There, he performed coaching and teaching duties for all levels and gave private and group lessons.

Harkins earned varsity letters during his playing career at Georgia State University, graduating in 1992. He was also the State of Georgia's number one ranked doubles player.



## HARKINS AT A GLANCE

Name	Gregory Harkins
Hometown	Atlanta, Ga.
Alma Mater	Georgia State, 1982
Years at UL	First Season (2011)

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