



# RICE MEN'S TENNIS

## 2016 NCAA NOTEBOOK

FT. WORTH REGIONAL: May 13-14 2016  
Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center / TCU

First Round: May 13: #28 Rice vs. #36 LSU 10 a.m. (Central) Second Round May 14 1 p.m.

### OWLS RETURN TO NCAA ACTION AS C-USA CHAMPIONS

Efe Ustundag's 26th ranked Rice Owls return to NCAA action for the first time since 2011 but the 11th time in school history when they participate in the Ft. Worth Regional, May 13-14. The Owls (23-7) open action with a rematch with #36 LSU at 10 a.m. on Friday. The winner will face the winner of host and national #4 seed TCU and Jackson State at 1 p.m. on Saturday for the right to advance to the NCAA Championship in Tulsa, Oklahoma May 20-24.

### CAREER RECORDS

The Owls have a 6-10 record in the NCAA team championship and have a 5-5 mark in the round of 64. They are 6-10 vs. LSU, including a thrilling 4-3 win at the George R. Brown Tennis Center on January 31. They are 1-1 vs. the Tigers in NCAA team competition, all in Baton Rouge. Rice won 4-0 in the 2004 regional final to earn the schools only advancement to the Sweet 16 since the NCAA adopted the current format in 1977. Rice is 10-29 vs. TCU, including a 4-1 loss in Ft. Worth on April 1. The Owls won the only previous meeting in the NCAA championship, taking a 4-3 win in Austin in 2008. Rice has never faced Jackson St.

### MORE ON THE OWLS

The Owls 23 wins this year are their most since the 2004 squad finished 24-4 on their way to a trip to the Sweet 16. It's the fourth time since 1980 that Rice has topped 20 dual wins (21-9 in 2001, 20-8 in 2003 and 24-4 in 2004). The Owls current No. 26 ranking is their highest heading into an NCAA tournament since the 2008 squad was ranked 22nd prior to the tourney and finished 24th.

### OWLS AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year	Location	Opponent (Round)	Result
2001#	Durham, NC	Auburn (64)	L, 4-1
2003#	Austin, TX	South Carolina (64)	W, 4-2
		Texas (32)	L, 4-3
2004*	Baton Rouge, LA	South Alabama (64)	W, 4-1
		LSU (32)	W, 4-0
	Tulsa, OK	Baylor (16)	L, 4-1
2005#	Waco, TX	Texas (64)	L, 4-3
2006#	Austin, TX	Louisiana-Laf (64)	W, 4-1
		Texas (32)	L, 4-0
2007#	Waco, TX	Texas A&M (64)	L, 4-2
2008#	Austin, TX	TCU (64)	W, 4-3
		Texas (32)	L, 4-0
2009#	Baton Rouge, LA	LSU (64)	L, 4-0
2010*	Waco, TX	Washington (64)	W, 4-3
		Baylor (32)	L, 4-0
2011#	Waco, TX	Texas Tech (64)	L, 4-3

\*Automatic bid

#At-large bid

### POSTSEASON HONORS

After capturing Rice's first C-USA title since 2010, Rice men's tennis head coach Efe Ustundag was named Conference USA Men's Tennis Coach of the Year while Jake Hansen was tabbed C-USA Freshman of the Year and Jamie Malik and Adam Gustafsson earned Double of the Championship honors in voting by conference coaches. Gustafsson and Tommy Bennett were named All C-USA first team, while Hansen, Malik and David Warren were named to the second team. Bennett and Warren, who are currently ranked 28th in the nation, earned first team honors in doubles. Gustafsson and Malik were named to the second team.

### TOURNAMENT TESTED

Rice played 12 times against teams who earned berths in the NCAA, posting a 5-7 record. The Owls defeated LSU, SMU, Texas Tech, Tulane and UT-Arlington while dropping matches vs. Lamar, Northwestern, San Diego, Stanford, TCU, Texas and Texas A&M.

### DOUBLES POINT

Rice has won 23 of 30 doubles points this season, including the last six consecutive, and the Owls are 22-1 when winning the point and 1-6 when losing two of three doubles. They dropped the doubles point before rallying to beat LSU and saw Stanford rally to win after the Owls took the opening point.



### 2016 DUAL RESULTS

Date	Team	Result	Rank
1/15	ABILENE CHRISTIAN	W, 6-1	#58
1/15	PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	W, 7-0	#58
1/24	MARYLAND-BC	W, 6-1	#56
1/28	UT ARLINGTON	W, 4-0	#56
1/31	#30 LSU	W, 4-3	#56
2/5	@#60 Cornell	W, 4-1	#50
2/6	#21 Northwestern&	L, 1-4	#50
2/14	LOUISIANA	W, 4-0	#50
2/14	INCARNATE WORD	W, 4-0	#50
2/20	#41 PRINCETON	W, 4-3	#49
2/21	#26 TEXAS	L, 0-4	#49
2/27	UAB	W, 4-0	#30
2/27	SOUTHERN MISS	W, 4-0	#30
2/28	UTSA	W, 4-0	#30
3/1	@#31 San Diego	L, 0-4	#29
3/3	#37 Stanford%	L, 1-4	#29
3/12	NEW ORLEANS	W, 4-0	#33
3/12	UT RGV	W, 4-0	#33
3/20	@#9 Texas A&M	L, 0-4	#38
3/26	#44 DRAKE	W, 4-0	#40
3/26	#74 WILLIAM & MARY	W, 4-1	#40
3/27	#9 TEXAS TECH	W, 4-3	#40
4/1	@#2 TCU	L, 1-4	#26
4/9	@#68 Lamar University	L, 1-4	#28
4/10	#25 SMU	W, 4-2	#28
4/14	TEXAS A&M-C C	W, 4-0	#26
4/17	#28 TULANE	W, 4-3	#26
4/22	UTSA^	W, 4-0	#26
4/23	UAB^	W, 4-1	#26
4/24	#45 ODU^	W, 4-2	#26

&Ithaca, NY

%-La Jolla, CA

^ - C-USA Championship (Houston, TX)

**BOLD: NCAA Quaifiers**

### RICE QUICK FACTS

#### TENNIS STAFF

**Head Coach** (Alma Mater, Year)

Efe Ustundag (Rice, 1999)

Record at Rice (Seasons) 56-48 (4)

Career Record (Seasons) 56-48 (4)

**Assistant Head Coach** (Alma Mater, Year)

Younes Limam (Texas Tech, 2008)

Years at Rice : 4

#### TEAM INFORMATION

2016 Record 23-7

2016 C-USA Record (Finish) 3-0

2016 C-USA Tournament Finish: 3-0 (Champions)

Home 19-1/Away 1-4/ Neutral 3-2

Nationally Ranked 8-7

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# 2016 RICE MEN'S TENNIS ROSTER

NAME	HT.	YEAR	EX	HOMETOWN (HS/PREV SCHOOL)
Tommy Bennett	5-11	JR	2L	Lewes, England (Reed's School)
Jake Hansen	5-7	FR	HS	Houston, Texas (IMG Academy)
Emanuel Llamas	6-1	FR	HS	El Paso, Texas (MODG School)
Adam Gustafsson	5-7	SR	3L	Jonkoping, Sweden (Sandagymnasiet)
Jamie Malik	6-0	SO	1L	Maidenhead, England (Reed's School)
Henrik Munch	6-1	JR	2L	Geneva, Switzerland (International School of Geneva)
David Warren	6-3	JR	2L	Houston, Texas (The Kinkaid School)
Zach Yablon	6-2.5	JR	2L	New York, New York (Columbia Prep)

## THE LINEUP

### 1. JAMIE MALIK, SO.

Finished 7-12 on the year, primarily playing at No. 1 (5-9)... Top win of the year came in a 6-2, 7-6 (6) win over #48 Hunter Johnson of SMU... C-USA Men's Tennis Athlete of the Week for January 19 after an unbeaten opening weekend... Combined with Adam Gustafsson to go 5-5 in doubles and earn Outstanding Doubles of the C-USA Championship... Malik and Adam Gustafsson delivered three standout doubles performances to spark the Owls in each round of the C-USA Championship... Dropped only four games over three matches, including a 6-0 win in the title match to finish first... Top win was a 7-6 (12) win over Texas Tech's #57 Alex Sendegeya/Bjorn Thomson to secure the doubles in 4-3 win over #9 Tech, Rice's first win over a top ten opponent since 2006.

SINGLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
2015	10-12	-	7-6	3-6	-	-	-
2016	7-12	5-9	1-3	1-0	-	-	-
TOTAL	17-24	5-9	8-9	4-6	-	-	-

DOUBLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3
2015	8-10	-	8-9	0-1
2016	12-8	1-0	11-8	-
TOTAL	20-18	1-0	19-17	0-1

### 2. TOMMY BENNETT, JR.

Returned to action after sitting out 2015 with an injury and led the Owls to their first C-USA title since 2010... Finished 9-9 in singles (2-3 at No. 1; 7-6 at No. 2) and vaulted into the national top 30 in doubles with David Warren... First doubles team to qualify for NCAA's since 2008... 16-5 overall in doubles, 7-2 with Warren... Named C-USA Men's Tennis Athlete of the Week on February 2 for his match-clinching victory over LSU's 78th ranked Justin Butsch to give the Owls a 4-3 win... Teamed with Warren to win consecutive doubles matches vs. teams ranked 41st, 24th and 17th.

SINGLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
2013	14-7	-	-	6-3	7-3	1-1	-
2014	8-6	4-4	3-2	1-0	-	-	-
2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2016	9-9	2-3	7-6	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	31-22	6-7	10-8	7-3	7-3	1-1	-

DOUBLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3
2013	6-12	3-10	3-2	-
2014	4-9	2-6	2-3	-
2015	-	-	-	-
2016	16-5	8-2	8-3	-
TOTAL	26-26	13-18	13-8	-

### 3. ADAM GUSTAFSSON, SR.

Finished with a 12-7 mark in singles, primarily at No. 3... Twice named C-USA Men's Tennis Athlete of the Week, first after sweeping all three singles matches at C-USA Showcase and then after a 6-2, 6-3 win over No. 54 Guillermo Nuñez of TCU... Top doubles win w/Gustafsson was a 7-6 (12) win over Texas Tech's #57 Alex Sendegeya/Bjorn Thomson to secure the doubles point in 4-3 win over #9 Tech, Rice's first win over a top ten opponent since 2006.

SINGLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
2013	12-11	-	9-8	2-3	1-0	-	-
2014	11-9	-	3-6	7-2	1-1	-	-
2015	12-8	-	0-1	2-4	10-3	-	-
2016	12-7	1-1	5-1	6-5	-	-	-
TOTAL	47-35	1-1	17-16	17-14	12-4	-	-

DOUBLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3
2013	6-12	3-10	3-2	-
2014	7-6	1-2	-	6-4
2015	11-7	-	0-1	11-6
2016	10-11	5-6	5-5	-
TOTAL	34-36	9-18	8-8	17-10

### 4. JAKE HANSEN, FR.

Named C-USA Freshman of the Year after finishing third on the team with a 13-3 mark in singles, including a 10-3 record at No. 4... Provided six clinch points including the final point in a 4-3 win over No. 9 Texas Tech, Rice's first win over a top 10 opponent since 2006... Unbeaten in his last six matches... Combined with fellow freshman Emanuel Llamas to go 20-7 in doubles, including a 5-0 mark vs. C-USA schools.

SINGLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
2016	13-3	-	-	2-0	10-3	1-0	-
TOTAL	13-3	-	-	2-0	10-3	1-0	-

DOUBLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3
2016	20-7	-	1-0	19-7
TOTAL	20-7	-	1-0	19-7

### 5. DAVID WARREN, JR.

Capped off a stellar season in which he led the Owls with a 17-2 record by clinching the 2016 C-USA title match... 4-0 vs. C-USA opponents... Clinched four matches including a 4-2 win over #25 SMU... C-USA Men's Tennis Athlete of the Week for April 12 after his singles win over SMU and a pair of wins over ranked opponents in doubles... Was 8-1 in tiebreakers, including 2-0 in third set tiebreakers... Vaulted into the national top 30 in doubles with David Warren... 16-5 overall in doubles, 7-2 with Gustafsson... Duo won consecutive doubles matches vs. teams ranked 41st, 24th and 17th in consecutive matches. when Owls clinched doubles point.

SINGLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
2014	7-11	-	-	1-0	4-3	2-8	-
2015	16-6	-	-	-	0-1	16-5	-
2016	17-2	-	-	2-0	8-1	7-1	-
TOTAL	40-19	-	-	3-0	12-5	25-14	-

DOUBLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3
2014	5-11	2-6	3-4	0-1
2015	8-6	8-6	-	-
2016	12-8	12-8	-	-
TOTAL	25-25	22-20	3-4	0-1

### 6. EMANUEL LLAMAS, FR.

Second on the team with 14 wins in singles, with a 14-7 record... Led the team with seven clinch points, including a third set tiebreaker to down No. 28 Tulane 4-3... Was 6-0 vs. C-USA opponents... Combined with fellow freshman Jake Hansen to go 20-7 in doubles, including a 5-0 mark vs. C-USA schools.

SINGLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
2016	14-7	-	-	-	2-0	5-0	7-7
TOTAL	14-7	-	-	-	2-0	5-0	7-7

DOUBLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3
2016	20-7	-	3-0	17-7
TOTAL	20-7	-	3-0	17-7