



VIRGINIA & THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

- UVA has earned a spot in the tournament field 23 times
- UVA has hosted regionals 11 times and super regionals twice
- Virginia has advanced to the Round of 16 nine times
- The Cavaliers' best finish has been four runs of the quarterfinals (2014, 2016, 2022, 2024)

1993 NCAA Championships (Gainesville, Fla.)
May 12 Brigham Young 5, Virginia 3

1994 NCAA Championships (Gainesville, Fla.)
May 13 Wake Forest 5, Virginia 4

1996 NCAA Regional (Syracuse, N.Y.)
May 3 Virginia 5, Penn 1
May 4 William & Mary 5, Virginia 0

1997 NCAA Regional (Providence, R.I.)
May 9 Harvard 5, Virginia 0

1998 NCAA Regional (Blacksburg, Va.)
May 15 VCU 5, Virginia 0

2001 NCAA Regional (Evanston, Ill.)
May 9 Kentucky 4, Virginia 0

2003 NCAA Regional (Knoxville, Tenn.)
May 10 Virginia 4, Ohio State 0
May 11 Tennessee 4, Virginia 1

2006 NCAA Regional (Durham, N.C.)
May 12 Virginia 4, Alabama 3
May 13 Duke 4, Virginia 0

2007 NCAA Regional (Clemson, S.C.)
May 11 Virginia 4, VCU 2
May 12 Clemson 4, Virginia 1

2009 NCAA Regional (Durham, N.C.)
May 8 Virginia 4, VCU 0
May 9 Duke 4, Virginia 1

2010 NCAA Regional (Charlottesville)
May 14 Virginia 4, Princeton 3
May 15 Duke 4, Virginia 1

2011 NCAA Regional (Charlottesville)
May 14 Virginia 4, Army 0
May 15 Virginia 4, NC State 2
NCAA Championships (Palo Alto, Calif.)
May 20 UCLA 4, Virginia 1

2012 NCAA Regional (Charlottesville)
May 11 Virginia 4, Fairleigh Dickinson 0
May 12 Virginia 4, Tennessee 1
NCAA Championships (Athens, Ga.)
May 17 Duke 4, Virginia 1

2013 NCAA Regional (Charlottesville)
May 11 Virginia 4, Fairleigh Dickinson 0
May 12 Virginia 4, Texas 3
NCAA Championship (Champaign, Ill.)
May 17 Texas A&M 5, Virginia 0

- In 2019, a Super Regional was added, with Round of 16 matches being played at a host site and the finals site being reserved for quarterfinals, semifinals and the finals
- In 2021, because of COVID-19 issues, the Super Regional format was suspended for a year and Round of 16 matches were played at the finals site

2014 NCAA Regional (Charlottesville)
May 9 Virginia 4, Youngstown State 0
May 10 Virginia 4, Kentucky 1
NCAA Championship (Athens, Ga.)
May 15 Virginia 4, Baylor 1
May 17 Stanford 4, Virginia 2

2015 NCAA Regional (Charlottesville)
May 9 Virginia 4, VCU 0
May 10 Virginia 4, South Carolina 2
NCAA Championship (Waco, Texas)
May 15 Baylor 4, Virginia 3

2016 NCAA Regional (Charlottesville)
May 13 Virginia 7, Fairleigh Dickinson 0
May 14 Virginia 4, LSU 2
NCAA Championship (Tulsa, Okla.)
May 19 Virginia 4, North Carolina 2
May 21 Vanderbilt 4, Virginia 2

2018 NCAA Regional (Columbia, S.C.)
May 11 Virginia 4, VCU 2
May 12 South Carolina 4, Virginia 0

2019 NCAA Regional (Columbia, S.C.)
May 3 Virginia 4, Old Dominion 2
May 4 South Carolina 4, Virginia 1

2020 Tournament Canceled due to COVID-19

2021 NCAA Regional (Charlottesville, Va.)
May 7 Virginia 4, LIU 0
May 8 Virginia 4, Tennessee 2
NCAA Championships (Orlando, Fla.)
May 16 Georgia 4, Virginia 1

2022 NCAA Regional (Charlottesville, Va.)
May 7 Virginia 4, Youngstown State 0
May 8 Virginia 4, Princeton 0
NCAA Super Regional (Charlottesville, Va.)
May 14 Virginia 4, Oklahoma State 1
NCAA Championships (Champaign, Ill.)
May 20 Texas 4, Virginia 2

2023 NCAA Regional (Charlottesville, Va.)
May 5 Virginia 4, LIU 0
May 6 Virginia 4, Princeton 0
NCAA Super Regional (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
May 13 Michigan 4, Virginia 2

2024 NCAA Regional (Charlottesville, Va.)
May 4 Virginia 4, LIU 0
May 5 Virginia 4, Princeton 0
NCAA Super Regional (Charlottesville, Va.)
May 11 Virginia 4, Vanderbilt 1
NCAA Championships (Stillwater, Okla.)
May 17 Texas A&M 4, Virginia 1



NCAA HISTORY - SINGLES

1987 Irene Usiskin R64 Jane Holdren (TRINITY) L, 0-6, 6-2, 6-2	2015 Julia Elbaba [6] R64 Emma Bektas (MICH) W, 6-2, 1-6, 6-3 R32 Chanelle Van Nguyen (UCLA) L, 6-2, 6-0 Stephanie Nauta R64 [1] Robin Anderson (UCLA) L, 6-1, 6-3 Danielle Collins (9-16) R64 Taylor Davidson (STAN) W 6-3, 6-3 R32 Ronit Yurovsky (MICH) W 4-6, 6-0, 6-3 R16 Jennifer Brady (UCLA) W 6-1, 7-5 QF [7] Jamie Loeb (UNC) L 6-3, 1-6, 6-4	2023 Natasha Subhash R64 Daria Kuczer (TENN) W, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 R32 [9-16] Fangran Tian (STAN) L, 6-4, 6-0 Julia Adams R64 Layne Sleeth (OKLA) L, 6-2, 6-3
1993 Jen Callen R64 Lindsey Nimmo (ILL) L, 4-6, 6-1, 6-1	2016 Danielle Collins [2] NCAA SINGLES CHAMPION R64 Anna Shkudun (SU) W, 6-2, 6-0 R32 Jessie Aney (UNC) W, 6-3, 6-2 R16 Arianne Hartono (OLE MISS) W, 6-4, 6-0 QF [9-16] Jasmine Lee (MISS ST) W, 7-5, 6-3 SF [7] Luisa Stefani (FRESNO ST.) W, 7-6 (7), 6-4 F [1] Hayley Carter (UNC) W, 6-3, 6-2 Julia Elbaba [9-16] R64 Aldila Sutjiadi (UK) W, 6-2, 6-4 R32 Georgiana Patrasc (MISS ST) W, 6-2, 6-3 R16 [1] Hayley Carter (UNC) L, 6-2, 6-2	2024 Annabelle Xu R64 [9-16] Sofia Cabezas (TENN) W, 6-1, 6-4 R32 Vic Allen (FSU) W, 6-3, 6-3 R16 [1] Mary Stoiana (TAMU) L, 6-2, 6-2 Hibah Shaikh R 64 [9-16] Irina Cantos Siemers (OSU) L, 6-3, 6-3
1994 Jen Callen R64 [3] Angela Lettiere (UGA) L, 6-4, 6-0	2018 Rosie Johanson R64 [9-16] Stacey Fung (UW) L, 6-4, 6-4	2024-25 Annabelle Xu R64 Elise Wagle (UCLA) W, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-1 R32 [9-16] Samantha Broadus (Pepp) L, 6-3, 7-5 Sara Ziodato R64 Lily Jones (MICH) L, 6-4, 6-4 Elaine Chervinsky R64 [9-16] Emilija Tverijonaite (ASU) W, 7-5, 6-2 R32 [9-16] Alexis Blokhina (STAN) 6-3, 7-5 R16 [1] Mary Stoian (TAMU) 6-3, 6-0 QF DJ Bennett (AUB) 7-5, 5-7, 6-0
1995 Alison Cohen R64 [6] Pam Nelson (CAL) L, 6-1, 6-1	2019 Meghan Kelley R64 Ashley Lahey (PEPP) L, 6-3, 6-0	
1996 Alison Cohen R64 Paige Yaroshuk (UCLA) L, 6-4, 6-0	2021 Emma Navarro [3] NCAA SINGLES CHAMPION R64 Hailey Giavara (Cal) W, 7-6 (3), 6-2 R32 Ilze Hattingh (ASU) W, 1-6, 7-5, 6-0 R16 Meg Kowalski (UGA) W, 6-1, 6-1 QF Paris Corley (LSU) W, 6-2, 6-1 SF [1] Sara Daavettila (UNC) W, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 F [2] E Perez-Somarriba (MIA) W, 6-3, 6-1 Natasha Subhash [9-16] R64 Valeriya Zeleva (UCF) W, 5-7, 6-4, 6-1 R32 Alexa Graham (UNC) L, 7-6 (6), 6-0, 6-1	
2003 Jennifer Tuchband R64 [9-16] Sarah Riske (VU) L, 6-3, 7-6	2022 Emma Navarro [1] R64 Margarita Skriabina (TT) W, 6-0, 6-0 R32 Carol Lee (GT) W, 6-4, 7-6 (2) R16 Abigail Rencheli (NCST) L, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 Natasha Subhash R64 [8] Carson Branstine W, 7-5, 6-2 R32 Carmen Corley (OK) W, 6-3, 7-5 R16 Paola Diaz-Delgado (VCU) L, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 Elaine Chervinsky R64 Thasaporn Naklo (IOWA ST) L, 6-4, 6-4	
2010 Lindsey Hardenbergh R64 Fani Chifchieva (Auburn) L, 6-4, 6-2		
2011 Lindsey Hardenbergh R64 Alex Cercone (Florida) W, 6-2, 7-6(6) R32 Connie Hsu (Penn) W, 6-4, 6-4 R16 Nina Secerbegovic (BU) L, 6-3, 6-2 Emily Fraser R64 [6] Allie Will (Florida) L, 6-3, 6-0		
2012 Lindsey Hardenbergh R64 Anett Schutting (CAL) W, 6-1, 6-4 R32 [2] Beatrice Capra (DUKE) L, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1 Emily Fraser R64 [3] Nicole Gibbs (STAN) L, 6-0, 6-2		
2013 Julia Elbaba [9-16] R64 Brynn Boren (TENN) W, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 R32 Caroline Price (UNC) L, 6-2, 6-1		
2014 Danielle Collins NCAA SINGLES CHAMPION R64 Veronica Corning (NU) W, 7-5, 6-2 R32 [9-16] Annet Shutting (CAL) W, 6-3, 6-3 R16 [2] Robin Anderson (UCLA) W, 6-1, 6-4 QF [7] Hayley Carter (UNC) W, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 SF Ester Goldfeld (DUKE) W, 6-3, 7-6(3) F Lynn Chi (CAL) W, 6-2, 7-5 Julia Elbaba [4] R64 Krista Hardebeck (STAN) L, 6-2, 6-2 Stephanie Nauta R64 [3] Kristie Ahn (STAN) L, 6-3, 6-0		

NCAA HISTORY - DOUBLES



1994

Alison Cohen/Ly-Lan Schofield

R32 Bernal/Sammaritano (UA) W, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3

R16 [3] Jensen/Koves (Kansas) L, 5-7, 6-1, 6-4

1995

Alison Cohen/Jen Fiers

R32 Crabtree/Lord (Notre Dame) L, 7-5, 6-4

1996

Alison Cohen/Jen Fiers

R32 Landsdorp/Propstra (ASU) L, 6-4, 6-2

2003

Jennifer Tuchband/Henriette Williams

R32 [1] Barnikow/Burdette (STAN) L, 6-3, 6-4

2006

Kristen James/Lori Stern

R32 [5-8] Sainz/Winterhalter (FSU) L, 6-0, 6-2

2011

Emily Fraser/Hana Tomljanovic

R32 Pulido/Ramos (USC) W, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3

R16 Gullickson/Fuller (Georgia) L, 6-4, 6-4

Lindsey Hardenbergh/Erin Vierra

R32 [2] Will/Cercone (Florida) L, 7-5, 6-7(3), 6-3

2012

Emily Fraser/Lindsey Hardenbergh

R32 Nichols/Smith (TCU) W, 6-2, 7-6(3)

R16 Pluskota/Szekely (Tenn) L, 7-6(3), 7-6(2)

2013

Stephanie Nauta/Li Xi

R32 Guillermo/Issara (PEPP) L, 6-2, 6-1

2014

Julia Elbaba/Rachel Pierson [5-8]

R32 Boren/Katz (USC) L, 6-3, 7-6(10-8)

2016

Danielle Collins/Meghan Kelley

R32 Austin/Marker (Arizona) W, 6-3, 7-5

R16 Ahmed/Ahmed (Fresno St.) L, 6-4, 6-2

2018

Rosie Johanson/Meghan Kelley

R32 Miroshnichenko/Voracek (LM) L, 2-6, 6-4, 0-1

2019

Meghan Kelley/Sofia Munera

R32 Fahey/Minor (Michigan) L, 1-6, 2-6

2021

Natasha Subhash/Sofia Munera

R32 Okalova/Ploner (TULSA) W, 6-3, 4-6, 1-0 (10)

R16 Zein/Kessler (Fla.) W, 6-2, 6-4

QF [4] Jones/Scotty L, 6-3, 6-3

Rosie Johanson/Emma Navarro

R32 [5/8] Giavara/Ivanov (Cal) 4-6, 7-6 (2), 1-0 (7)

R16 Corley/Corely (OK) W, 6-4, 6-2

QF Goldsmith/Makarova (TAMU) W, 6-3, 6-1

SF Collins/Sun (Tex) L, 4-6, 7-5, 1-0 (8)

2022

[3] Emma Navarro/Hibah Shaikh

R32 Turkovic/Spaka (ASU) W, 6-4, 7-5

R16 Tjen/Broadus (PEPP) L, 6-1, 6-2

2023

Melodie Collard/Julia Adams

R32 Honer/Reuter (UCSB) W, 6-4, 6-3

R16 Miller/Rajecki (NCST) W, 7-6, 7-6

QF Duong/Heuser (Ill.) W, 6-1, 6-3

SF Crawley/Tanguilig (UNC) L, 6-4, 7-6 (3)

2024

[5-8] Melodie Collard/Elaine Chervinsky

R32 Cabezas/Tomase (Tenn.) L, 6-2, 6-2

2024-25

Melodie Collard/Elaine Chervinsky

NCAA DOUBLES CHAMPIONS

R32 Carter/Jacobs (WASH) W, 7-5, 2-6, 1-0 (7)

R16 Grant/Mert (UGA) W, 6-2, 4-6, 1-0 (7)

QF [5-8] Tanguilig/Maltby (UNC) W, 6-0, 0-6, 1-0 (7)

SF Gailis/Dudeney (FLA) W, 1-6, 6-3, 1-0 (8)

F [5-8] Center/Fakih (UCLA) W, 4-6, 6-3, 1-0 (5)

Martina Genis Salas/Annabelle Xu

R32 [3] Sayfedinova/Hlahola (TT) W, 6-4, 6-0

R16 Hrastar/Bennet (AUB) L, 7-6 (5), 6-4



NCAA INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

DANIELLE COLLINS 2014 NCAA SINGLES CHAMPION

Danielle Collins defeated Cal's Lynn Chi 6-2, 7-5 to win the NCAA Singles championship on Sunday, May 26, 2014 at the Dan Magill Tennis Complex on the campus of the University of Georgia, winning the first NCAA individual title in program history.

"I'm really happy I was able to win this title for our program, players and coaches," Collins said. "Obviously, we had an historic year as a team, but this was a big bonus to have an historic year individually. I took it one match at a time and really didn't think about the end result. I just listened to my coaches and we got this done together today."

Collins cruised to a 6-2 win in the first set and battled back from a 3-1 deficit in the second set to become the program's first individual NCAA singles champion. No. 32 Collins (37-10) went 6-0 during her historic run to the championship, defeating No. 43 Veronica Corning of Northwestern, No. 18 Annet Schutting of Cal, No. 2 Robin Anderson of UCLA, No. 7 Hayley Carter of North Carolina, No. 27 Ester Goldfeld of Duke and No. 24 Chi.

Collins, who was the first Virginia women's player in school history to advance past the NCAA round of 16, earned Virginia's fourth All-America singles honor, joining Lindsey Hardenbergh (2011) and Julia Elbaba (2013-14). Collins' 37 singles wins rank second all-time at UVa in a single-season.



DANIELLE COLLINS 2016 NCAA SINGLES CHAMPION

Danielle Collins claimed her second NCAA title on Monday, May 30, 2016, defeating top-seeded Hayley Carter of North Carolina 6-3, 6-2 at the Case Tennis Center in Tulsa, Okla.

Collins (38-4), the No. 2 seed in the tournament, picked up her second NCAA title in three years with the straight-set victory. Collins also claimed the 2014 NCAA Women's Singles Championship as a sophomore.

"I think mentally it was a lot tougher to win this one but I did it and I don't really know how at this point (if it feels sweeter) as it's kind of a blur," Collins said. "It's pretty sweet to go out winning a national championship again to end my career. I'm just very fortunate."

The run to the title saw Collins defeat No. 61 Anna Shkudun of Syracuse, No. 57 Jessie Aney of North Carolina, No. 33 Arianne Hartono of Ole Miss, No. 13 Jasmine Lee of Mississippi State and No. 6 Luisa Stefani of Pepperdine before downing the top-ranked Carter in the finals.

Collins is only the seventh woman to win two NCAA singles titles in a career and the first from the Atlantic Coast Conference to accomplish the feat. Six other women, five of them from Stanford, have all won two NCAA singles titles in their career. Collins joins an elite group that includes: Patty Fendick (Stanford - 1986, 1987), Sandra Birch (Stanford - 1989, 1991), Lisa Raymond (Florida - 1992, 1993), Laura Granville (Stanford - 2000, 01), Amber Liu (Stanford - 2003, 2004) and Nicole Gibbs (Stanford - 2012, 2013).

It was the fourth time Collins and Carter battled this season. Carter claimed the first meeting in Charlottesville during the regular-season matchup, while the two prior postseason matchups went unfinished. The pair met in the ACC Tournament semifinals and the NCAA Tournament Round of 16 matches.

"Hayley (Carter) is such a tough competitor and she gets every ball back and never gives up," Collins said. "So a lot of the matches that we've played in the past have been really close, she's beaten me a couple times and I've beaten her a couple times so I knew it was going to be a really tough match and I was going to have to play my absolute best to beat her. She wasn't going to give me any free points so going out there I had to focus and concentrate so hard every point, especially with how many balls she was getting back. I just really had to tap into my focus a lot differently than maybe I would've had to in other matches just because of how tough she really is."

The first set was a back-and-forth of momentum swings as Collins grabbed the first three games only to see Carter fight back and win three consecutive games to tie the set. Collins then closed things out, grabbing the three final games to take the first set 6-3.

Collins got the first break of the second set and then used another on the way to a 5-1 lead on Carter. The top-seeded player wouldn't go quietly, however, holding serve to cut the lead to 5-2 and threatening to break Collins in the eighth game of the set.

The Cavalier senior battled back to deuce in the game before holding serve to grab the win with a 6-2 victory in the second set, securing the title.

EMMA NAVARRO 2021 NCAA SINGLES CHAMPION

Emma Navarro won the 2021 NCAA Women's Tennis Singles Championship on Friday, May 28, 2021 at the USTA National Campus in Orlando, Fla.

Navarro (25-1) took down defending champion Estrella Perez-Somarriba of Miami 6-3, 6-1 in a match that lasted 75 minutes.

"I think what's so special about winning this is the team of girls and coaches that have been behind me this whole season," Navarro said. "It makes it really special, having them out there supporting me, and they've been with me every step of the way. So, to do it for them is really cool."

Perez-Somarriba picked up an early break and took a 2-0 lead in the first set, but Navarro charged back, winning the first frame 6-3. Both players traded three-straight breaks to open the second set, but Navarro held serving at 2-1 and then charged through the final three games to wrap up the title.

"I set out today to be super aggressive and dictate with my forehand and I think I was able to do that," Navarro said. "I finished a lot of points in my backhand. A big thing for me is, as my coach and I say, getting outside the box, so using my back again down the line and using drop shots and coming to the net, that sort of thing that I don't do as naturally. I set out to do a lot of that today and I think that worked well."

This was the second meeting of the year between the two players. Perez-Somarriba is the only player to have defeated Navarro this year, winning a three-setter in Coral Gables during UVA and Miami's dual match on April 4.

"I was up 6-1, 2-0 the last time we played and she ended up coming back winning in a third set, so I knew she was gonna fight, and she definitely did today. I think I was able to dictate with my forehand and finish a lot of points with my backhand, and I was able to execute better than I was last time, which is always a good feeling when you have a game plan and you can follow through with it. Credit to her. She fought hard and had a great tournament."

Perez-Somarriba (24-3) was the No. 2 seed in the championship but is currently No. 1 in the ITA singles rankings. Navarro was the No. 3 seed and is currently third in the ITA rankings. This was Perez-Somarriba's third appearance in the NCAA title game with two finalist finishes and her 2019 championship.

Navarro is the second player in program history to win the NCAA Singles championship, joining Danielle Collins who did so in 2014 and 2016.

Navarro was also a semifinalist in the doubles tournament, the only player in the field this year to make the semifinals in both championships. She and her partner Rosie Johanson (Vancouver, Canada) are the first players in program history to advance that far in doubles.

Navarro is the first freshman to win an NCAA Singles Championship since Mallory Cecil of Duke in 2009. She is the eighth player to win it in her rookie season.

As an American player winning the NCAA Singles Championship, she will traditionally be awarded a wildcard into the main draw of the 2021 US Open, being held Aug. 30- Sept. 12 at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Queens, N.Y.



Navarro in the NCAA Singles Championship

R64: Emma Navarro (UVA) def. Hailey Giavara (Cal) 7-6 (3), 6-2

R32: Emma Navarro (UVA) def. Ilze Hattingh (ASU) 1-6, 7-5, 6-0

R16: Emma Navarro (UVA) def. Meg Kowalski (UGA) 6-1, 6-1

QF: Emma Navarro (UVA) def. Paris Corley (LSU) 6-2, 6-1

SF: Emma Navarro (UVA) def. [1] Sara Daavettila (UNC) 6-4, 2-6, 6-2

F: Emma Navarro (UVA) def. [2] E Perez-Somarriba (MIA) 6-3, 6-1

MELODIE COLLARD & ELAINE CHERVINSKY 2024-25 NCAA DOUBLES CHAMPION

Seniors Elaine Chervinsky and Melodie Collard defeated UCLA's all-freshman team of Olivia Center and Kate Fakih 4-6, 6-3, 10-5 in the final to win the first NCAA Doubles title in program history.

In the first year that the NCAA Individual championships have been contested in the fall instead of after the team championship in the spring, the Virginia tandem won all five of their matches in the tournament in third-set 10-point super tiebreakers.

The UVA duo opened the 32-team draw with a 7-5, 2-6, 10-7 against No. 17 Reece Carter and Alexia Jacobs of Washington. After logging a 6-2, 4-6, 10-7 against Georgia's Guillermina Grant and Aysegul Mert, they defeated 5-8 seed Carson Tanguilig and Susanna Maltby of UNC to advance to the semifinals.

In Saturday's semifinals against Rachel Gailis and Alicia Dudeney of Florida, Chervinsky and Collard dropped the first set then battled back with a 6-3 win in the second set to force the tiebreaker. The Cavaliers fell behind 5-0 in the breaker before roaring back to take an 8-7 lead. Gailis and Dudeney tied it at eight-all before Chervinsky and Collard took the final two points to win the match and clinch a spot in the final.

In Sunday's final, Collard and Chervinsky went down an early break in the first set, but broke back to go back on serve at 4-5, but then Center and Fakih broke back to take the first set 6-4. Chervinsky and Collard took the second set 6-3 to force the decider. Virginia had the early momentum, going up 4-0 in the breaker, but UCLA won two points ahead of the changeover to make it 4-2. UCLA staved off one match point at 9-4, but double-faulted on the second match point, ending the match.

"We've worked so hard for this," Chervinsky said. "We've had such an amazing week and such a fun week that I think I need some time to let it sink in. But the fact that we earned this as a team just makes it so much better. So much sweeter. And it's a full team effort. It wasn't just us on the court. It was our coach, Pichi [Gina Suarez-Malaguti]. It was Coach Sara [O'Leary]. Carlos [Benatzky]. Everyone out there. Our teammates in the stands, and my father in the stands. So it's a huge team effort. Our teammates and all of our supporters keep texting us after every match. It's just so amazing to feel that no matter what have happened today, we would have been still supported by everyone. So, we were so we're so happy that we can bring this home."

Collard and Chervinsky were ranked No. 3 in the preseason doubles rankings but were not seeded in the tournament. Center and Faikh were a 5-8 seed.

Collard and Chervinsky were the first UVA team to ever advance to the NCAA Doubles final. Collard advanced to the semifinals in 2023 with her partner Julia Adams. Chervinsky and Collard fell in the opening round in last season's championship.

"I'm still shocked by it," Collard said. "I knew we were a really strong team. We've showed a lot during the last season, so I really believed in our chance, but as I keep saying, doubles is up to nothing. Even though I had so much trust in us, and I knew that if we played our best in this, our chances of winning were there. But just because, sometimes everything's there, but still doesn't happen. Everything needs to come in place, with a little bit of luck. Everything needs to happen. I'm just really, really happy, but for sure it's not something that I was like 'Oh yeah, yeah, we got it.' I'm really proud of this."



Chervinsky/Collard in the NCAA Doubles Championship

R32: #3 Melodie Collard/Elaine Chervinsky (VA) def. #17 Reece Carter/Alexia Jacobs (WASH) 7-5, 2-6, 1-0 (7)

R16: #3 Melodie Collard/Elaine Chervinsky (VA) def. Guillermina Grant/Aysegul Mert (UGA) 6-2, 4-6, 1-0 (7)

QF: #3 Melodie Collard/Elaine Chervinsky (VA) def. [5-8] Carson Tanguilig/Susanna Maltby (UNC) 6-0, 0-6, 1-0 (7)

SF: #3 Melodie Collard/Elaine Chervinsky (VA) def. Rachel Gailis/Alicia Dudeney (UF) 1-6, 6-3, 1-0 (8)

F: #3 Melodie Collard/Elaine Chervinsky (VA) def. [5-8] Olivia Center/Kate Fakih (UCLA) 4-6, 6-3, 1-0 (5)



MARY SLAUGHTER 1953 SINGLES & DOUBLES CHAMPION

Before there was an NCAA Women's Tennis Championship, there was a national tournament known as the National Women's Collegiate Tennis Championship. The tournament was first held in 1922 as a one-off tournament before becoming an annual event in 1929. From 1929-1953, it was held at the Longwood Cricket Club in Chestnut Hill, Mass. Beginning in 1954, the National Women's Collegiate Tennis Championships moved to St. Louis. Through 1957 the tournament was sponsored by Washington University, but in 1958 the USLTA began its sponsorship. (As a gesture of support, the USLTA made Wimbledon finalist Darlene Hard available for the 1958 tournament). Beginning in 1964 the USLTA began moving the championships to different sites. There were two separate national tournaments, one run by the USTA and another by the AIAW from 1977 through 1982.

Virginia's Mary Slaughter won both the singles and doubles titles in 1953, becoming the first national champion in Virginia program history. In singles, she defeated Edith Ann Sullivan of Framingham Teacher's College 6-4, 6-3 in the final. In doubles, she partnered with Ruth Jeffry of Bouve College, a nursing school in Boston. The tandem topped Susan Bralower of Rollins and Priscilla Couch of Vassar 6-1, 6-4 in the final.

The University of Virginia did not admit its first class of undergraduate women until 1970, but since she was the daughter of Professor Edward "Butch" Slaughter, she was able to attend the university alongside other daughters of professors. UVA tennis coach Carl "Red" Rohmann, one of her father's good friends, allowed her to play on the men's team.

In 1952-53, Slaughter played against and alongside men on the UVA freshman team. In 1953-54, she became the first woman to play a varsity sport at UVA – and the first to earn a varsity letter, as she earned a spot on the varsity squad. Her letterwinner's sweater is on display at the Boar's Head Sports Club.



In 1954, she played No. 4 in Virginia's singles lineup. Charlie Jones played No. 5 singles, "and then he and I played doubles together," Slaughter said. "We were third doubles, and I don't think we were ever beaten. [The pairing] just worked. It wouldn't have worked for a lot of men, but he was such a good sport about it."

After the 1954 season, the Atlantic Coast Conference instituted a rule that prohibited women from competing on men's teams, so she could not continue playing at UVA. She transferred to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro – then known as the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina – from which she graduated in 1956 with a degree in physical education.

