

## **Brian Clark's Biography**

Brian Clark begins his first year as the head coach of both the men and women's tennis teams at USC Lancaster. Clark comes to USCL with a lifetime of tennis experience, both as a player and coach.

Clark grew up in the tennis rich Atlanta area where he played against many of the best players, both in the southeast and in the country. He was a consistent top ranked player in both Georgia and in the southeast. He qualified for the Boy's 14s national hard court tournament in San Antonio in 1992. He also competed in four zonals events during his junior career. After playing junior tournaments, team tennis, and high school tennis, he went on to play four years at Wofford College. While there, Wofford went to the Division I level and became a member of the Southern Conference. Clark was a four-year starter and ended his career playing both number one singles and doubles.

After graduating from Wofford, he became the assistant men's tennis coach at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee from 2000-2002. Rhodes was one of the top teams in its conference and it made the Division III national tournament in 2002. From 2002-2006, Clark was the head pro at Wildewood Country Club in Columbia, SC, where he worked with many juniors and adults. In the spring of 2006, he coached the boy's varsity tennis team at Heathwood Hall Episcopal School in Columbia. In his only season coaching the team he led them to the state playoffs. In 2006, Clark became the director of tennis at Spring Valley Country Club in Columbia. He was at Spring Valley until he started at USC Lancaster in the spring of 2008.

Clark earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Wofford College in 2000. While in Memphis, he earned a master's degree in Sports Marketing from the University of Memphis. He has been married for five years to the former Miss Erika Wicker of Laurens, SC. They are parents of a newborn baby girl named Stella. They have two dogs, a Yorkshire terrier named Wilson and a beagle named Belle. When Clark is not coaching, he enjoys playing tennis, exercising, reading, and spending time with his family.