

## **Mark Keil**

Born: June 3, 1967, Mountain View, California

High School: Highland High School

College: University of South Florida

### **High School**

- 1983 State runner-up in 4A singles losing to Mike Velasquez.
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- 1985 Won the State 4A singles title ... 27-0.
- 1985 New Mexico Junior Player of the Year (NNMDTA). NHACA/Prince High School All-American.
- 1985 Won the gold medal in doubles at the National Sports Festival in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 1985 Top 100 USTA 18 and under singles, and #8 in doubles.
- 1986 #1 ranked singles amateur USTA National Amateur Circuit Tour.
- Earned a scholarship to play at the University of South Florida.
- 1986 Won the gold medal in doubles at the National Amateur Hard-Court Championship in Cleveland, Ohio.
- 1986 Won the gold medal in singles at the E.F. Hutton National Amateur Championships in Erie, Pennsylvania.

### **College**

- 1986 #1 player for the University of South Florida
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- 1986 & 1987 All Conference Singles and Doubles Sunbelt Conference
- Led USF to two Sun Belt Conference titles.

### **Professional**

- 1988 After two years of college, he embarked on a pro tennis career, eventually becoming a doubles specialist. He would play until 2001.
- Earned \$749,587 in prize money in ATP and overall, one million dollars in prize including German Club Bundesliga tennis playing career.
- Only New Mexican to qualify for the ATP Pension plan.
- Career record: Singles - 4-8 ... highest ranking in the world: #167 on July 22, 1991; Doubles – 157-205 ... highest ranking: No. 32 on October 2, 1995.
- Only New Mexican to ever win a round in “singles” at a Grand Slam event- Australian Open 93.
- Only New Mexico tennis player to play singles at Wimbledon, which he did in 1991 and 1993.
- Part of five doubles ATP titles and eight runners up.
- Grand Slam doubles results:

- Australian Open ... lost in the third round in 1992 and 1996.
- Wimbledon ... lost in the second round in 1993, 1994, and 1996.
- U.S Open ... lost in the third round in 1994 and 1996.
- Grand Slam mix doubles results:
  - Australian Open ... lost in the second round in 1996.
  - Wimbledon ... lost in the third round in 1996.
- Wins over Stefan Edberg, Boris Becker, Gustavo Kuerten, Andre Agassi, Rick Leach, Mikael Pernfors, Mats Wilander, Tommy Haas, and Mark Philippoussis, all in doubles.
- After 8 years on the ATP tour, he coached at two colleges and operated a tennis academy in Hawaii, Kazakhstan, and China.
- With doubles partner Geoff Grant, they produced a tennis documentary in 2004 entitled "The Journeyman". This documentary was about Mark's day-to-day life as an ATP touring professional. Recently, Mark produced another tennis documentary entitled "Journeyman 2".
- Mark was labelled as "the worst player ever to beat Pete Sampras" But in 1991 at Queens Club (warm up tournament to Wimbledon) Mark, ranked #220 beat #8 ranked, Pete Sampras in a very hard-fought match. Quite an achievement to beat Pete Sampras back in the day.
- 1998 Played for the Idaho Sneakers, a tennis team in the World Team League.
- 2003 Volunteer assistant coach on the UCLA Bruin tennis staff.
- 2001-2020- Coached for 20 years in various locations around the world. Coached in Kazakhstan at a tennis Academy.