PLAYER PROFILE

Name:	**Leonardo Penasa**
Training Location:	Trento, Italy
Age:	19
Date of Birth:	9/11/2007
Graduating school:	July 2026
Height / Weight:	
Plays:	Right-handed
UTR Singles Current:	11.45
UTR Doubles Current:	**12.73**
BestNational Ranking:	**2.4**
ATP Double Ranking:	**#2009 ATP (6 ATP Points)**
NCAA Eligibility ID:	TBC
GPA:	**2.8-2.9**
SAT:	**TBA**
TOEFL:	**TBA**
Target Degree:	Business
Budget:	Searching for a Full/Part scholarship
Parent:	

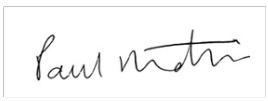
INTRODUCTION

Dear Coach,

We are pleased to present Leonarda Penasa to you for a place in your team from Spring 2027. Leonardo has had an impressive Junior career in Italy having been in a top 8 ranking in Italy throughout. He is currently sitting at 11.5 UTR in Singles and 12.5 in Doubles with 6 ATP points. His last two years of tennis have been limited to some dental issues and a wrist injury, all of which have been resolved but have impacted his ability to play. We would position his current level around 12.5 UTR.

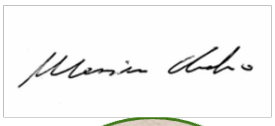
Leonardo has a strong character and is ready to push his tennis as far as possible during a College career. We believe he has the potential to be a high impact player in College and will work well with his teammates to help the team succeed.

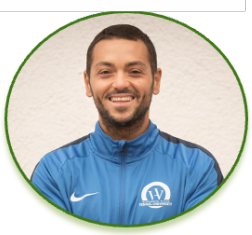
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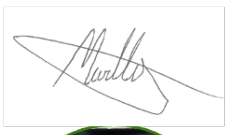


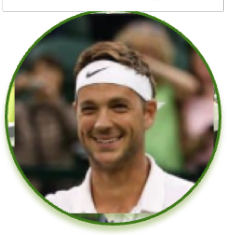
Paul Martin (Director)
BBA, University of Texas, '95-99
MBA, Cambridge University, '03
Top 30 ITF, All-American, All-Big 12





Claudio Messina (Director)
Laurea, University of Urbino
Italian Federation Coach
Touring Coach, ITF/ATP





Marcus Willis (Associate)
Professional Player
Ranked #83 ATP Doubles

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

KEY TENNIS RESULTS

Best Singles & Double Results from 2023 to Current

Most Recent Results

ITF M25 LESA 2026 Doubles

Leonardo Penasa / Tobia Costanzo Baragiola Mordini def. Rahmani (UTR 13.71) / Rapagnetta (UTR 13.91) 6-4 3-6 10-7

Catini (UTR 13.15) / Matta (UTR 11.13) def. Leonardo Penasa/ Tobia Costanzo Baragiola Mordini 6-1 3-6 8-10

ITF M25 BOLZANO 2026 Doubles

Leonardo Penasa / Christian Bacher def. Amarandei (UTR 12.39) / Scomparin (UTR 13.39) 7-5 6-1

Taddia (UTR 12.09)/ Vaccari (UTR 12.88, Texas Tech) def. Leonardo Penasa / Christian Bacher 2-6 5-7

Pre-Quali Internazionali BNL Rungg 2026 Singles

Marco Bortolotti (former TOP 100 ATP Double, UTR 12.xx) def. Penasa 6-2 6-4

SINGLE (most relevant matches are reported)

Team Competition SERIE B2 2024

Penasa def. Luca Marco Bergonzi (UTR 11.xx Catawba College) 5-7, 6-3, 6-4

National Tournament OPEN FIE 2023

Penasa def. Daniel Lechner (UTR 12.xx) 6-0, 6-1

National Tournament "63° COPPA CITTA DI TRENTO - OPEN 2023"

Christian Fellin (UTR 12) 6-4, 6-3

Junior TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS - TREVISO 2023

Mattia Cappellari (UTR 12.xx) 6-4, 6-3

Open National Tournament 2023

Penasa def. Stefan Vedovelli (UTR 12.46, University of Mississippi) 6-3, 6-0

Team Competition SERIE B2 2023

Penasa def. Lukas Jastraunig (Best ATP singles ranking: No. 494) 6-2 6-0

Team Competition SERIE B2 2024

Penasa def. David Pérez Sanz (Best ATP singles ranking: No. 216) 6-1 6-0

DOUBLES (most relevant matches are reported)

ITALIAN U15 CHAMPIONSHIPS - FINAL 2022

Leonardo Penasa / Riccardo Pasi def. Alessandro Mondazzi (current UTR 12.60) / Matteo Sciahbasi (current UTR 13.xx) 6-7 7-5 15-13

ITALIAN U15 CHAMPIONSHIPS - QUARTERFINAL 2022

Leonardo Penasa / Riccardo Pasi def. Pierluigi Basile (current UTR 14.05/ Andrea De Marchi (current UTR 13.81) 1-6 6-3 10-8

TENNIS EUROPE U16 TOLENTINO - QUARTERFINAL 2022

Leonardo Penasa / Riccardo Pasi def. Tobia Costanzo Baragiola Mordini (current UTR 13.14) / William Mirarchi (current 12.76, Georgia Southern) 6-4 3-6 10-7

Team Competition SERIE B2 2023

Leonardo Penasa / Stefan Vedovelli def. Giuseppe La Vela (UTR 13.67) / Menegazzo 6-4 6-4

Team Competition SERIE B2 2023

Leonardo Penasa / Mattia Bernardi def. Luca Narcisi / Tomas Maximiliano Lipovsek Puches 3-6 6-3 10-7

Team Competition SERIE B2 2024

Leonardo Penasa / Cristian Cauzzi def. Lukas Jastraunig (former #494 ATP) / Jeremy Gschwendtner 6-3 6-1

Team Competition SERIE A2 PLAY-OUT 2025

Leonardo Penasa / Davide Ferrarolli def. Federico Maccari (Highest ATP #854) / Edoardo Zanada (UTR 13.08) 6-3 2-6 10-5

KEY ACADEMIC RESULTS

Qualification Level	Grades & Subject
Secondary Education – **Scuola Paritaria Collegio Arcivescovile** **Ended July 2026**	Transcripts are available – GPA 2,7 ○ **"Grade A" in** Drawing & History Art, Sport Science ○ **"Grade B+"** in Latin Language, Civics, Computer Science ○ **"Grade B"** in Italian Language, Filosophy, Physics, Natural Sciences ○ **"Grade C"** in English, Hystory, ○ **"Grade F"** in Math*
Secondary Education – **Liceo Scientifico Paritario G.Paolo II** **Ending July 2025**	Transcripts are available – GPA 2,9 ○ **"Grade B+"** in English, History, Sport Science, Civics ○ **"Grade B"** in Italian Language, Latin Language, Physics, Natural Sciences ○ **"Grade C"** in Filosophy, Drawing & History Art, Math, Natural Sciences
SAT	**TBA**

*The F in math in last year does not affect his Gpa NCAA rules elegibilty for following reasons:

- **NCAA Core Credit Requirement Met:** NCAA Division I requires a minimum of **3 years of Core Mathematics**. Leonardo successfully completed 4 consecutive years of math prior to this exam (achieving high marks of 9, 8, 7, and a passing grade in his previous years), fully satisfying the required core credits.
- **Proof of Graduation Secured:** Despite the single subject mark, the school officially declared him **"IDONEO" (Eligible/Passed)**, allowing him to take and pass the final State Exam. He officially graduated with a **Maturità Diploma (Liceo Scientifico)** on June 30, 2026, with a score of 64/100, fulfilling the NCAA graduation requirement.
- **GPA Remains Above the Threshold:** Because his grades in the first four years were highly competitive (mostly 7s, 8s, and 9s), his cumulative NCAA Core GPA remains comfortably above the **2.30 Division I minimum requirement**.

KEY TENNIS INFORMATION

STYLE OF PLAY

In Leonardo's own words:

"I have been playing tennis since I was seven years old. My favourite player has always been Roger Federer, mainly because of his elegance and the way he played the game. I have always been inspired by his ability to combine aggressive tennis with variety, creativity and great movement around the court.

I would describe myself as a very offensive player. I like to take control of the points, dictate the game from the baseline and create opportunities to move forward and finish points at the net. I particularly enjoy changing the rhythm of the match and using different shots and variations to keep my opponent uncomfortable. My favourite shots are my backhand down the line and my return of serve, which I consider two of the strongest parts of my game.

I also really enjoy playing doubles. I like the different tactical aspects of doubles and the opportunity to play more aggressively, move forward and finish points at the net. My preferred surface is hard court rather than clay. I feel that my game suits a faster and more consistent surface, where I can use my aggressive style, take the ball early and look to control the points.

I believe that improving my physical condition, especially my movement and strength in the gym, will be very important for the next stage of my development. For the long term, my main goal is to reach the highest level that my abilities allow. After two very difficult years, both mentally and physically, I am motivated to put myself back into competition and see how far I can go. The difficulties and injuries I have experienced have given me even more motivation to work hard, both on and off the court, and to make the most of my potential.

TOURNAMENT EXPERIENCE & PLANS

Leonardo started playing tennis at the age of seven and began competing at a high level from a young age. His junior international experience was limited by injuries, which prevented him from playing as many ITF Junior tournaments as he would have liked.

One of his biggest achievements as a junior was winning the Italian U15 Doubles Championships. Following this result, he was selected by the Italian Tennis Federation and included among the leading players of his 2007 age group nationally. From the age of 15 to 18, Leonardo competed in Serie A1, the highest level of Italian club tennis, representing an Italian club and gaining valuable experience against strong national and international-level players. He achieved good results during his time competing in the league. Due to physical and financial limitations, the majority of his competitive experience took place at national level rather than on the international ITF circuit. More recently, Leonardo has started to return to international competition and has already earned 6 ATP doubles points, giving him his first ATP ranking points.

After two challenging years affected by injuries and physical and mental difficulties, Leonardo's main objective for the coming years is to play as many competitive matches as possible and rebuild his confidence and level of tennis. He wants to use competition as an opportunity to raise his standard, gain experience and continue developing as a player.

The injuries and setbacks he has experienced have limited his opportunities in the past, but they have

also given him an additional motivation to make the most of every opportunity. His goal is now to work consistently both on and off the court, improve his physical condition and compete at the highest level he is capable of reaching.

PERSONAL REFERENCES

Giovanni Oradini, former Mississippi State University SA, Highest ATP #352 in Single and #232 in Double

My name is Giovanni Oradini, and I am a professional tennis player and former student-athlete at Mississippi State University. During my professional career, I have reached a career-high ranking of No. 352 ATP in singles and 232 ATP in doubles as well as an NCAA singles ranking of No.5 in singles and No. 3 in doubles.

I am very pleased to recommend Leonardo Penasa for the opportunity to pursue his academic and athletic careerat a university in the United States. I have known Leonardo for approximately ten years, and during this time Ihave had the opportunity to know him both on and off the tennis court. We have also been teammates in Serie A1 in Italy, the highest level of team tennis in the country.

Having experienced the U.S. college tennis system as a student-athlete at Mississippi State University, I believe I can appreciate the qualities required to successfully combine high-level competitive tennis with the demands of university life. Over the years, I have had the opportunity to observe Leonardo's development as a tennis player and as a person, and I have been consistently impressed by his determination, dedication, and ambition. Leonardo is a highly motivated young man who is eager to achieve great goals both in tennis and academically. He has the desire to challenge himself, continue improving, and make the most of every opportunity available to him. I am confident that his commitment and willingness to work hard will allow him to contribute positively to a college tennis program.

Beyond his athletic qualities, I am sure Leonardo would be an excellent addition to any roster in terms of his relationships with teammates and coaches. He is a respectful, team-oriented individual who understands the importance of creating a positive environment and supporting those around him. At the same time, he brings a strong competitive spirit and the desire to compete at a high level, qualities that I believe would make him a valuable member of a college tennis team.

I strongly recommend Leonardo Penasa for admission and consideration as a student-athlete. I am confident that he will approach this new chapter with the same determination and enthusiasm that he has shown throughout the years I have known him.

Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

Sincerely,
Giovanni Oradini
Oradinigio@gmail.com
Former Mississippi State University Student-Athlete

LEOANARDO 'S PERSONAL STATEMENT

I have been playing tennis since I was seven years old, and over the years tennis has become much more than just a sport for me. It has shaped many important parts of my life and has given me opportunities, friendships and experiences that I will always carry with me.

I spent many years training at ATA Battisti in Trento, where I had the opportunity to train alongside players such as Mattia Bernardi, Stefan Vedovelli and many other strong players. Training in that environment taught me the importance of working hard every day, competing with the people around me and constantly trying to improve. I also had the opportunity to attend several Italian Tennis Federation training camps, where I could compare myself with some excellent players, including Pierluigi Basile, Francesco Maestrelli, Andrea De Marchi and many others.

These experiences helped me understand what a high level of tennis requires and motivated me to continue working towards my goals.

From a young age, I have tried to combine tennis with my education. I have always considered my studies an important part of my development, even when it meant having to make sacrifices and organize my life around tennis. Since I was 14 years old, I have lived away from home because of the distance between my home, my tennis club and my school. Growing up away from my family at such a young age was not always easy, but it taught me to become more independent, responsible and organized.

Today, I still train six times a week and dedicate a large part of my time to tennis while continuing my studies. I have always tried to give my best both on and off the court, understanding that becoming a better player also means becoming a better person.

From October to December, I will be training at Vavassori Academy in Milan in order to prepare myself as well as possible for my college experience. This period will be an important opportunity for me to work on my tennis, improve my physical condition and get ready for the new challenges that await me. I am very motivated to make the most of this experience and to arrive at college prepared both physically and mentally.

Tennis has given me a great deal on a personal and human level. A large part of my education and many of my closest friendships have come through tennis. Some of the people who have had the biggest influence on me are people I met through the sport, and I am very grateful for that. Tennis has taught me how to deal with both success and difficult moments, how to work as part of a team and how to keep going when things do not go as planned.

I would describe myself as a very outgoing, friendly and determined person. I enjoy being around other people, meeting new people and creating a positive atmosphere within a team. At the same time, I know that I have many things I can improve about myself. I believe that this is one of the reasons why the Leonardo Penasa college experience is so important to me. Being in a new country, living in a different environment, combining high-level tennis with university studies and being part of a team will challenge me in many different ways.

I see college as much more than the next step in my tennis career. I believe it can be an opportunity to grow in every aspect of my life, become more independent, learn from the people around me and

discover what I am capable of achieving. My goal is to take every opportunity seriously, work hard every day and make the most of both the tennis and academic experience.

Tennis has already given me so much, and now I am excited to see where the next chapter can take me.

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