

2012 MIAC Men's Tennis Awards

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ST. PAUL, Minn. -- The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced the 2012 MIAC Men's Tennis Awards Tuesday, which included the All-Conference and All-MIAC Sportsmanship Teams, and the top individual player and coach awards were claimed by conference champion Gustavus Adolphus College and Saint John's University.

Saint John's University senior Ian Hansen (Dawson, Minn./Dawson-Boyd) was presented the 2012 Arthur Ashe Award. The award annually recognizes a senior tennis student-athlete with outstanding sportsmanship and exemplary athletic, academic and humanitarian accomplishments.



Though Hansen was selected for his many achievements beyond the court, he was extremely impressive for the Johnnies as a senior, adding both singles and doubles All-Conference honors to his Arthur Ashe Award. Hansen was 14-4 in singles play overall and 8-1 in MIAC competition, primarily in SJU's No. 2 spot. As a doubles tandem with teammate Fabricio Moncada, Hansen was 7-3 in the Johnnies' top spot and 4-2 in conference play.

Gustavus head coach Tommy Valentini was honored with the 2012 MIAC Steve Wilkinson Coach-of-the-Year award. Valentini guided the Gusties to their third MIAC regular season championship in as many years as the team's head coach with a perfect 9-0 conference record, and his squad added the 2012 MIAC Playoffs title this weekend with a pair of victories.

The Gusties received the MIAC's automatic bid to the 2012 NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Tournament, and will open postseason play Saturday after a first-round bye. Gustavus has a total of 10 All-Conference selections, five players apiece on the singles and doubles teams. This is Valentini's first MIAC coaching award, named for the former Gustavus coach that Valentini both played for and coached under before succeeding him in 2010.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC announced the sixth annual All-MIAC Sportsmanship team for men's tennis. Members of the All-MIAC Sportsmanship team are selected by their coaches and teammates as individuals who demonstrate ideals of positive sportsmanship both on and off the field of competition.

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Arthur Ashe Award - Ian Hansen, Saint John's (Sr., Dawson, Minn./Dawson-Boyd)

MIAC Steve Wilkinson Coach-of-the-Year - Tommy Valentini, Gustavus (Third Season)

2012 MIAC Men's Tennis All-Conference - Singles

Name	School	Year	Hometown/High School
Andy Catania	St. Olaf	Jr.	Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.
Juan Luis Chu	Gustavus	So.	Lima, Peru/Newton College
Dan Cooper	St. Thomas	Sr.	Madison, Wis./West
David Croonquist	Hamline	Jr.	North Oaks, Minn./Mounds View
Amrik Donkena	Gustavus	Jr.	Rochester, Minn./Mayo
Max Edwards	Macalester	Jr.	Rochester, Minn./Mayo
Evan Elderbrock	Macalester	Sr.	Madison, Wis./West
Knute Gundersen	St. Olaf	Sr.	Bayside, Wis./University School of Milwaukee
Ian Hansen	Saint John's	Sr.	Dawson, Minn./Dawson-Boyd
Austin Jiang	Carleton	Jr.	Green Bay, Wis./Bay Port
Tyler Johnson	Gustavus	Jr.	West Bend, Wis./West Bend East
Joey MacGibbon	Gustavus	So.	Apple Valley, Minn.
Brian McCarthy	St. Thomas	Jr.	Edina, Minn./Benilde-St. Margaret
Fabricio Moncada	Saint John's	Jr.	Managua, Nicaragua/Lincoln Int'l Academy
Bernard Mitambo	Hamline	Sr.	Cameroon/DeLaSalle
Stephen Nolan	St. Olaf	Fr.	Newcastle, Australia/St. Francis Xavier's
Mya Smith-Dennis	Gustavus	So.	Savage, Minn./Burnsville
John Wight	St. Olaf	Sr.	Edina, Minn./St. Paul Academy

2012 MIAC Men's Tennis All-Conference - Doubles

Name	School	Year	Hometown/High School
Jon Aranda	Carleton	Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif./Loyola
Andy Catania	St. Olaf	Jr.	Dobbs Ferry, N.Y./Dobbs Ferry
Juan Luis Chu	Gustavus	So.	Lima, Peru/Newton College
Patrick Clark	Gustavus	Sr.	Glen Ellyn, Ill./Glenbard South

Dan Cooper	St. Thomas	Sr.	Madison, Wis./West
Paul Cooper	Carleton	Jr.	Burr Ridge, Ill./Hinsdale Central
Amrik Donkena	Gustavus	Jr.	Rochester, Minn./Mayo
Ian Hansen	Saint John's	Sr.	Dawson, Minn./Dawson-Boyd
Michael Lunka	Saint Mary's	Jr.	Eagan, Minn./Henry Sibley
Andrew Lutz	Hamline	Jr.	Pine City, Minn.
Brian McCarthy	St. Thomas	Jr.	Edina, Minn./Benilde-St. Margaret
Bernard Mitambo	Hamline	Sr.	Cameroon/DeLaSalle
Fabricio Moncada	Saint John's	Jr.	Managua, Nicaragua/Lincoln Int'l Academy
Tucker Morris	Bethel	Jr.	Arden Hills, Minn./Mounds View
Daniel Pomeranc	Gustavus	Sr.	Sao Paulo, Brazil/Lyce Pasteur
Reggie Ronning	Bethel	Jr.	Alexandria, Minn./Jefferson
Mya Smith-Dennis	Gustavus	So.	Savage, Minn./Burnsville
Bobby Steingraeber	Saint Mary's	Jr.	LaCrosse, Wis./Aquinas
John Wight	St. Olaf	Sr.	Edina, Minn./St. Paul Academy

2012 All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team

Bethel- Tucker Morris (Jr., Arden Hills, Minn./Mounds View)

Carleton - Austin Jiang (Jr., Green Bay, Wis./ Bay Port)

Concordia - Will Granrud (Sr., Minneapolis, Minn./St. Anthony Village)

Gustavus - Patrick Clark (Sr., Glen Ellyn, Ill./Glenbard South)

Hamline - Brenden Fitzpatrick (Sr., White Bear Lake, Minn.)

Macalester - Max Edwards (Jr., Rochester, Minn./Mayo)

Saint John's- Ian Hansen (Sr., Dawson, Minn./Dawson-Boyd)

Saint Mary's - Justin Loeffler (Sr., Winona, Minn./Winona Cotter)

St. Olaf - John Wight (Sr., Edina, Minn./St. Paul Academy)

St. Thomas- Allen Michael Muench (Fr., Lower Mound, Texas/FMHS)