

2013 MIAC Men's Tennis Awards

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ST. PAUL, Minn. -- The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced the 2013 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 Bethel University and Saint Mary's University.

Bethel University senior **Tucker Morris** (Arden Hills, Minn./Mounds View) was presented the 2013 Arthur Ashe Award. The award annually recognizes a senior tennis student-athlete with outstanding sportsmanship and exemplary athletic, academic and humanitarian accomplishments.

Though Morris was selected for his many achievements beyond the court, he was extremely impressive for the Royals as a senior, adding both singles and doubles All-Conference honors to his Arthur Ashe Award. Morris had an outstanding season to lead the Royals in 2013. He was 10-5 overall in singles play, including a 5-3 conference record, with all of his matches coming in the top spot in the Bethel singles lineup. He also teamed up to go 10-3 overall (5-3 MIAC) with teammate Reggie Ronning in Bethel's No. 1 doubles slot as well.

Saint Mary's Head **Coach Jeff Halberg** was honored with the 2013 MIAC Steve Wilkinson Coach-of-the-Year award. Halberg led Saint Mary's to a tremendous season in 2013 with a 17-7 overall record, and a sixth-place finish in the conference with a 4-5 MIAC mark. Halberg guided his team into the 2013 MIAC Playoffs, and the Cardinals featured two All-Conference singles players and two doubles selections as well. SMU's appearance in the MIAC Playoffs was its first since the league adopted its current six-team format in 2007.

Gustavus Adolphus College won both the conference regular-season title and the MIAC playoff championship and, as a result, the Gusties received the MIAC's automatic bid to the 201e NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Tournament. The league champs were well-represented on the All-Conference teams with a MIAC-leading total of four singles selections, and four doubles selections for a total of eight. St. Thomas led the MIAC with six doubles selections and nine total selections.

Regular-season and Playoff runner-up Carleton had six total All-MIAC honorees. Saint Mary's and Bethel had four total selections. St. Olaf and Saint John's had three apiece and Macalester had a pair of All-Conference players. There were 12 seniors, five juniors and one sophomore on the upper-class-laden singles squad, and there were 13 seniors, three juniors, three sophomores and two freshmen on the doubles team.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC announced the seventh 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 - Tucker Morris, Bethel University (Sr., Arden Hills, Minn./Mounds View)

MIAC Steve Wilkinson Coach-of-the-Year - Jeff Halberg, Saint Mary's (15th season)

2013 MIAC Men's Tennis All-Conference - Singles

Name	School	Year	Hometown/High School
Mitchell Blackey	St. Thomas	Sr.	Edina, Minn.
Alexander Chin	Carleton	Sr.	Hingham, Mass.
Paul Cooper	Carleton	Sr.	Burr Ridge, Ill./Hinsdale Central
Marcel Gyswyt	Gustavus	Jr.	Golden Valley, Minn./Hopkins
Grant Leisner	Gustavus	Jr.	Andover, Minn./Anoka
Michael Lunka	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Eagan, Minn./Henry Sibley
Joey MacGibbon	Gustavus	Jr.	Apple Valley, Minn.
Brain McCarthy	St. Thomas	Sr.	Edina, Minn./Benilde-St. Margaret
Fabricio Moncada	Saint John's	Sr.	Managua, Nicaragua/Lincoln International Academy
Tucker Morris	Bethel	Sr.	Arden Hills, Minn./ Mounds View

Stephen Nolan	St. Olaf	So.	Newcastle, Australia/St. Francis Xavier's
Brendan O'Connell	St. Thomas	Sr.	Elk River, Minn.
Willie Paul	Saint John's	Sr.	Duluth, Minn./Marshall
Sam Puff	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Eden Prarie, Minn./Holy Family Catholic
Reggie Ronning	Bethel	Sr.	Alexandria, Minn./Jefferson
Mya Smith-Dennis	Gustavus	Jr.	Savage, Minn./Burnsville
Max Soghikian	Macalester	Jr.	Piedmont, Calif.
Stephen Tyndel	Macalester	Sr.	Toronto, Ont./City Academy

2013 MIAC Men's Tennis All-Conference - Doubles

Name	School	Year	Hometown/High School
Motasem Al-Houni	Gustavus	So.	Tripoli, Libya/International School
Mithcell Blackey	St. Thomas	Sr.	Edina, Minn
Andy Catania	St. Olaf	Sr.	Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.
Alexander Chin	Carleton	Sr.	Hingham, Mass.
Paul Cooper	Carleton	Sr.	Burr Ridge, Ill./Hinsdale Central
Austin Jiang	Carleton	Sr.	Green Bay, Wis./Bay Port
Tyler Johnson	Gustavus	Sr.	West Bend, Wis./West Bend East
Grant Leisner	Gustavus	Jr.	Andover, Minn./Anoka
Miachael Lunka	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Eagan, Minn./Henry Sibley
Brian McCarthy	St. Thomas	Sr.	Edina, Minn./Benilde-St. Margaret
Fabricio Moncada	Saint John's	Sr.	Managua, Nicaragua/Lincoln International Academy
Tucker Morris	Bethel	Sr.	Arden Hills, Minn./Mounds View
Allen-Michael Muench	St. Thomas	So.	Flower Mound, Texas
Christian Nagy	Carleton	Fy.	Fairway, Kans./Pembroke Hill School
Stephen Nolan	St. Olaf	So.	Newcastle, Australia/St. Francis Xavier's
Brendan O'Connell	St. Thomas	Sr.	Elk River, Minn.
Brady Radermacher	St. Thomas	Fy.	Eagan, Minn.
Reggie Ronning	Bethel	Sr.	Alexandria, Minn./Jefferson
Steven Skanse	St. Thomas	Jr.	Eden Prarie, Minn.
Mya Smith-Dennis	Gustavus	Jr.	Savage, Minn./Burnsville
Bobby Steingraeber	Saint Mary's	Sr.	La Crosse, Wis./La Crosse Aquinas

2013 All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team

Bethel- Kirby Ronning (Jr., Blaine, Minn./Spring Lake Park)

Carleton - Andrew Hwang (So., Brookfield, WIs./University School)

Concordia - Devin Larson (Sr., Baxter, Minn./Brainerd)

Gustavus - Tyler Johnson (Sr., West Bend, Wis.)

Hamline - Dylan Sperry (Jr., Scandia, Minn./Forest Lake)

Macalester - Brian Utz (Fy., Rochester, Minn./Lourdes)

Saint John's - Zach Shriwise (Overland Park, Kan./Blue Valley West)

Saint Mary's - Andrew Rangitsch (Sr., Oakdale, Minn./North St. Paul)

St. Olaf - Ryan Abdella (Sr., Northfield, Minn.)

St. Thomas - Brad Radermacher (Fy., Eagan, Minn.)