

Conference-champion Gustavus headlines 2014 MIAC Men's Tennis Awards

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ST. PAUL, Minn. -- The top performers from another outstanding men's tennis season in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) were recognized Wednesday for their performances. Conference-champion Gustavus swept the top two individual honors to headline the release of the 2014 MIAC Men's Tennis Awards.

The 2014 Arthur Ashe Award was given to Gustavus senior Bryan Miles (Wausau, Wis./East). The award annually recognizes a senior tennis student-athlete with outstanding sportsmanship and exemplary athletic, academic and humanitarian accomplishments.

While Miles' selection as the Ashe Award winner was greatly influenced by his outstanding off-the-court resume', he also played a big role in the Gusties' MIAC Championship on the court as well. Miles compiled a 6-2 overall singles record with a perfect 4-0 mark in conference play, and he was undefeated in doubles play at 6-0, with a 3-0 MIAC record. To demonstrate his versatility and value to the team, Miles played at all three doubles spots and every singles spot but No. 3 throughout the 2014 season.

The regular-season conference title was the 26th in a row for Gustavus, and Gustie Head Coach Tommy Valentini was also honored by his peers as the MIAC Steve Wilkinson Men's Tennis Coach-of-the-Year as a result of his team's successful season. This is Valentini's second MIAC coaching honor in his five years as head coach.

This season, Valentini guided the Gusties to a perfect 9-0 record in conference play, and the team also won its fourth-straight MIAC Playoff title. Valentini is now a perfect 45-0 in MIAC regular-season matches, and 9-1 in the MIAC playoffs. His team will enter the 2014 NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Tournament with a 28-5 overall record, which is their best overall record in his five years as head coach. Valentini coached three players to All-Conference honors this season.

The 2014 MIAC Men's Tennis All-Conference Singles and Doubles teams were also recognized. The All-Conference team is selected based on performance during conference dual matches, with the top 18 players (including ties) recognized for both singles and doubles. A player must play in five conferences matches at any position to be eligible for the honor.

St. Thomas led the way with nine All-MIAC selections with five singles and four doubles players honored. St. Olaf had four of each for a total of eight, Macalester had four doubles and two singles honorees for a total of six and Bethel had five total selections (three singles, two doubles). Carleton has two of each for a total of four honorees, and Gustavus (one singles, two doubles) and Saint John's (three singles) had three players honored each.

The 2014 All-Conference teams were heavy on underclassmen with 14 juniors and 12 freshmen honored. There were seven juniors on both the singles and doubles teams, with five freshmen honored on the singles squad, and seven doubles honorees. There were only four seniors recognized - two on each team - and seven juniors (five singles, two doubles).

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC announced the eighth 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.



2014 MIAC MEN'S TENNIS AWARDS

Arthur Ashe Award: Bryan Miles, Gustavus (Sr., Wausau, Wis. / East)

Steve Wilkinson Coach-of-the-Year: Tommy Valentini, Gustavus (Fifth season)

2014 MIAC MEN'S TENNIS ALL-CONFERENCE SINGLES TEAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Motasem Al-Houni	Gustavus	Jr.	Tripoli, Libya / International
Burke Anderson	St. Thomas	Fy.	Lino Lakes, Minn. / Centennial
Ben Carlson	St. Olaf	So.	Hastings, Minn.
Nico Gibb	St. Olaf	Jr.	Stillwater, Minn.
Mauricio Gonzalez	Carleton	Jr.	La Paz, Bolivia / American Cooperative
Jack Hansen	Saint John's	So.	Dawson, Minn. / Dawson-Boyd
Matt Kavanagh	St. Thomas	Fy.	Milwaukee, Wis. / Whitefish Bay

Kolin Kiekhoefer	Bethel	Fy.	Woodbury, Minn. / New Life Academy
Joey Kronzer	St. Olaf	So.	Duluth, Minn. / Marshall
Joe Laue	Saint John's	Sr.	St. Louis Park, Minn. / Academy of Holy Angels
Christian Nagy	Carleton	So.	Fairway, Kan. / Pembroke Hill
Stephen Nolan	St. Olaf	Jr.	Newcastle, Australia / St. Francis Xavier's
Jordan Otto	Saint John's	Jr.	Rice, Minn. / St. Cloud Cathedral
Luke Palmquist	Bethel	So.	South Saint Paul, Minn.
Brady Radermacher	St. Thomas	So.	Eagan, Minn.
Matt Schull	Bethel	Fy.	Eagan, Minn. / Henry Sibley
Max Soghikian	Macalester	Sr.	Piedmont, Calif.
Brian Utz	Macalester	So.	Rochester, Minn. / Lourdes
Scott Wall	St. Thomas	Fy.	De Pere, Wis. / Notre Dame Academy

2014 MIAC MEN'S TENNIS ALL-CONFERENCE DOUBLES TEAM

Name	School	Year	Hometown/Previous School
Burke Anderson	St. Thomas	Fy.	Lino Lakes, Minn. / Centennial
Matt Christensen	St. Olaf	Jr.	Bankok, Thailand / New Int'l School of Thailand
Keenan Gladd-Brown	St. Olaf	So.	Las Vegas, Nev. / Windemere Prep
Marcel Gyswyt	Gustavus	Sr.	Golden Valley, Minn. / Hopkins
Erik Johnson	Carleton	So	Grand Forks, N.D. / Red River
Matt Kavanagh	St. Thomas	Fy	Milwaukee, Wis. / Whitefish Bay
Kolin Kiekhoefer	Bethel	Fy.	Woodbury, Minn. / New Life Academy
Joey Kronzer	St. Olaf	So.	Duluth, Minn. / Marshall
Alasdair McClintic	Macalester	Fy.	Geneva, Switzerland / Phillips Academy
Wilson Merrell	Macalester	So.	Poughkipsie, N.Y. / Arlington
Christian Nagy	Carleton	So.	Fairway, Kan. / Pembroke Hill
Stephen Nolan	St. Olaf	Jr.	Newcastle, Australia / St. Francis Xavier's
Brady Radermacher	St. Thomas	So.	Eagan, Minn.
Andres Saenz Hoyo	Gustavus	Fy.	Cancun, Mexico
Matt Schull	Bethel	Fy.	Eagan, Minn. / Henry Sibley
Max Soghikian	Macalester	Sr.	Piedmont, Calif.
Brian Utz	Macalester	So.	Rochester, Minn. / Lourdes
Scott Wall	St. Thomas	Fy.	De Pere, Wis. / Notre Dame Academy

2014 MEN'S TENNIS ALL-MIAC SPORTSMANSHIP TEAM

Bethel - Kirby Ronning (Sr., Blaine, Minn. / Spring Lake Park)
 Carleton - Nelson Wolf (Sr., Fairbault, Minn. / Shattuck-St. Mary's)
 Concordia - Sam Smith (Fy., Minneapolis, Minn. / Washburn)
 Gustavus - Juan Luis Chu (Sr., Lima, Peru / Newton)
 Hamline - Brandon Kuether (Fy., Fridley, Minn. / Columbia Heights)
 Macalester - Brian Utz (So., Rochester, Minn. / Lourdes)
 Saint John's - Alex Wiegmann (Sr., Sunburg, Minn. / New London-Spicer)
 Saint Mary's - Warren Lawrenz (So., Rochester, Minn. / Stewartville)
 St. Olaf - Matt Christensen (Jr., Bangkok, Thailand / New Int'l School of Thailand)
 St. Thomas - Brady Radermacher (So., Eagan, Minn.)