

Carleton's Hwang, Co-Coaches-of-Year headline MIAC Men's Tennis Awards

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. -- The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) just concluded a tremendous season on the tennis court and, Tuesday, the top performers from 2015 were recognized with the announcement of the MIAC Men's Tennis Awards.

Carleton senior standout Andrew Hwang headlined the awards announcement as the recipient of the 2015 MIAC Men's Tennis Arthur Ashe Award. The Steve Wilkinson Coach-of-the-Year award was shared by three coaches that all led their teams to tremendous seasons in 2015, as Macalester's Jason Muhl, St. Olaf's Scott Nesbit and Carleton's Stephan Zweifel were all tabbed to share the award by their peers. In addition, the 2015 MIAC All-Conference Singles and Doubles teams were announced, as was the All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team.



Hwang's (Sr., Brookfield, Wis. / University School) selection as the Arthur Ashe Award winner was a result of his outstanding career both on and off the court. The award annually recognizes a senior tennis student-athlete with outstanding sportsmanship and exemplary athletic, academic and humanitarian accomplishments.

This season, Hwang led Carleton to a 23-3 overall record and an 8-1 MIAC mark to finish second in both the regular season and MIAC Playoffs. Hwang received both Singles and Doubles All-Conference honors and finished the season 16-4 in singles play (7-1 MIAC) and 13-8 in doubles matches (5-3 MIAC). In addition, Hwang is also a tremendous student and has completed several successful internships, including one that resulted in a full-time job at Facebook, which he will begin following graduation.

The three Coach-of-the-Year co-winners are all MIAC coaching veterans, with Nesbit celebrating his 25th season leading the Oles, Zweifel in year No. 17 at Carleton and Muhl completing his 11th season at Macalester. This is the fifth MIAC Coach-of-the-Year honor for Zweifel (2002-04, 2008). It's the fourth MIAC honor for Nesbit, who was also named Men's Coach-of-the-Year in 1994, and he won the women's honor twice (1991, 1998). It marks the second time Muhl has earned the men's coaching honor (2010) and he also received MIAC Women's Coach-of-the-Year honors in 2008.

Zweifel coached the Knights to a 23-3 overall record, which set a new school record for wins. His team finished 8-1 in conference play and took second in both the MIAC regular-season standings and MIAC Playoffs. Nesbit and Muhl also guided their teams to MIAC Playoff appearances this season, as the Scots finished 9-9 overall and 4-5 in the MIAC and reached the conference quarterfinal match, and the Oles went 8-5 overall and 7-2 in conference play to finish in third place and earn a spot in the MIAC semifinals.

The MIAC Men's Tennis All-Conference Singles and Doubles teams were determined using a point system for conference wins at each position, with the top 18 - including ties - recognized. This season, the All-Conference Singles Team includes 21 players and the Doubles Team includes 20 student-athletes. There were 12 student-athletes that earned both singles and doubles honors in 2015.

The Singles Team includes four seniors, five juniors, seven sophomores and five freshmen. MIAC champion Gustavus led the way with four All-Conference singles players, followed by St. Thomas, St. Olaf and Macalester with three apiece. Carleton, Saint John's and Bethel each had two players recognized, and Concordia and Saint Mary's had one singles player honored apiece.

The Doubles Team features four seniors, eight juniors, five sophomores and three freshmen. Gustavus again led the way with four All-Conference Doubles selections, and Carleton, St. Olaf, St. Thomas, Macalester, Saint Mary's, Saint John's, Bethel and Hamline all had two doubles players recognized apiece.

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

2015 MIAC MEN'S TENNIS AWARDS

Arthur Ashe Award: Andrew Hwang, Carleton (Sr., Brookfield, Wis. / University School)

Steve Wilkinson Co-Coach-of-the-Year: Jason Muhl, Macalester (11th season)

Steve Wilkinson Co-Coach-of-the-Year: Scott Nesbit, St. Olaf (25th season)

Steve Wilkinson Co-Coach-of-the-Year: Stephan Zweifel, Carleton (17th season)

2015 MIAC MEN'S TENNIS ALL-CONFERENCE SINGLES TEAM

Name	School	Year	Hometown/Previous School

Mohanad Al-Houni	Gustavus	Fr.	Tripoli, Libya / International
Motasem Al-Houni	Gustavus	Sr.	Tripoli, Libya / International
Burke Anderson	St. Thomas	So.	Lino Lakes, Minn. / Centennial
Ben Carlson	St. Olaf	Jr.	Hastings, Minn.
Josh Doyle	Macalester	Fr.	Cologne, Germany / Friedrich Wilhelm Gymnasium
Luke Elifson	St. Thomas	So.	Minneapolis, Minn. / South
Brad Entwistle	Gustavus	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. / O'Gorman
Jack Hansen	Saint John's	Jr.	Dawson, Minn. / Dawson-Boyd
Andrew Hwang	Carleton	Sr.	Brookfield, Wis. / University School
Kolin Kiekhoefer	Bethel	So.	Woodbury, Minn. / New Life Academy
Joey Kronzer	St. Olaf	Jr.	Duluth, Minn. / Marshall
Tim Larson	Saint John's	Fr.	Bloomington, Minn. / Jefferson
Patton McClelland	Carleton	So.	Rock Hill, S.C. / Charlotte Latin
Stephen Nolan	St. Olaf	Sr.	Newcastle, Australia / St. Francis Xavier's
Andres Saenz	Gustavus	So.	Cancun, Mexico
Matt Schull	Bethel	So.	Eagan, Minn. / Henry Sibley
Aidan Tirpack	Macalester	Fr.	Mill Valley, Calif. / Tamalpais
Issac Toivonen	Concordia	Fr.	Red Wing, Minn.
Brian Utz	Macalester	Jr.	Rochester, Minn. / Lourdes
Scott Wall	St. Thomas	So.	De Pere, Wis. / Notre Dame Academy
Tim Wolford	Saint Mary's	Jr.	Maple Grove, Minn.

2015 MIAC MEN'S TENNIS ALL-CONFERENCE DOUBLES TEAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Mohanad Al-Houni	Gustavus	Fr.	Tripoli, Libya / International
Motasem Al-Houni	Gustavus	Sr.	Tripoli, Libya / International
Josh Doyle	Macalester	Fr.	Cologne, Germany / Friedrich Wilhelm Gymnasium
Luke Elifson	St. Thomas	So.	Minneapolis, Minn. / South
Brad Entwistle	Gustavus	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. / O'Gorman
Andrew Hwang	Carleton	Sr.	Brookfield, Wis. / University School
Cody Jahrig	Hamline	So.	Missoula, Mont.
Erik Johnson	Carleton	Jr.	Grand Forks, N.D. / Red River
Collin Kaczorowski	Saint Mary's	Jr.	Suamico, Wis. / Bay Port
Joey Kronzer	St. Olaf	Jr.	Duluth, Minn. / Marshall
Ben Lahren	Saint John's	Jr.	Wausau, Wis. / West
Tim Larson	Saint John's	Fr.	Bloomington, Minn. / Jefferson
Wilson Merrell	Macalester	Jr.	Poughkeepsie, N.Y. / Arlington
Stephen Nolan	St. Olaf	Sr.	Newcastle, Australia / St. Francis Xavier's
Luke Palmquist	Bethel	Jr.	South Saint Paul, Minn.
Brady Radermacher	St. Thomas	Jr.	Eagan, Minn.
Andres Saenz	Gustavus	So.	Cancun, Mexico
Matt Schull	Bethel	So.	Eagan, Minn. / Henry Sibley
Tim Wolford	Saint Mary's	Jr.	Maple Grove, Minn.
David Yanagita	Hamline	So.	Minneapolis, Minn.

2015 MEN'S TENNIS ALL-MIAC SPORTSMANSHIP TEAM

Bethel - Kent Schaller (So., Colorado Springs, Colo. / Air Academy)
 Carleton - Mauricio Gonzalez (Sr., La Paz, Bolivia / American Cooperative)
 Concordia - Isaac Toivonen (Fr., Red Wing, Minn.)
 Gustavus - Brad Entwistle (Sr., Sioux Falls, S.D. / O'Gorman)
 Hamline - Brandon Kuether (So., Fridley, Minn.)
 Macalester - Sam Naden (Sr., Middleton, Wis.)
 Saint John's - Andrew Nagel (Jr., Maple Grove, Minn.)
 Saint Mary's - Brenden Amiotte (Fr., Rapid City, S.D. / Saint Thomas More)
 St. Olaf - Matt Christensen (Sr., Bangkok, Thailand / New Int'l Sch of Thailand)
 St. Thomas - Scott Wall (So., De Pere, Wisc. / Notre Dame Academy)

