MIAC announces 2022 Men's Tennis awards

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced the 2022 MIAC Men's Tennis Awards on Tuesday, including the Arthur Ashe Award, Coach of the Year, All-Conference and honorable mention selections, and All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team.

Gustavus senior **Nick Aney** was selected as the 2022 MIAC Arthur Ashe Award winner. The award annually recognizes a senior men's tennis student-athlete who exhibits outstanding sportsmanship and exemplary athletic, academic, and humanitarian accomplishments. MIAC coaches also celebrated Saint John's **Jack Bowe** with Steve Wilkinson Men's Tennis Coach of the Year honors for the third time in his 25-year career.



Aney (Sr. | Rochester, Minn. | Century) has compiled a singles record of 40-28 and a doubles record of 57-27 during his time at Gustavus. He qualified for the 2021 NCAA singles and doubles championships, as well as the 2021 ITA Cup, and has gone on to become an NCAA doubles semi-finalist as well as a two-time ITA All-American in doubles, with a career high doubles national ranking of No. 3.

"[Nick] is one of the fiercest competitors and best sportsmen that I have ever coached," Gustavus head coach Tommy Valentini said. "He brings a beautiful blend of maturity, perspective, and intensity to bring out the best in himself and his entire team during competition."

In addition to his prowess on the court, Aney has also assembled one of the most decorated lists of academic awards and accomplishments of any student-athlete in Gustavus' history. His current GPA is 3.99 with a double major in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. He is also the co-founder and co-president of the Gustavus Pre-Dental Club and has been a first-term seminar peer mentor and academic leader in guiding first-year students transitioning to college. He has volunteered at Good Samaritan Dental Clinic and at the Channel One Food Bank in his hometown of Rochester, Minn., and while at Gustavus, has been a leading participant in the Big Partner/Little Partner program where he meets weekly in fun and engaging activities with youth in the St. Peter community.

"I have thrived in a culture where living out the values of giving full effort, having a positive attitude, and displaying exemplary sportsmanship is what defines our success," Aney said. "Our team has been fortunate to accomplish a lot on the court over the past four years, but what I am most proud of is becoming the leader of a team that I care so deeply for and that has had such a profound impact on who I am as a person."

Aney is the Gusties' sixth MIAC Arthur Ashe Award recipient since 1999.

MIAC coaches also selected Jack Bowe as the 2022 MIAC Steve Wilkinson Men's Tennis Coach of the Year honors.

Bowe (25th season) led the Johnnies to a 6-3 record and a MIAC Playoff berth for the eleventh time in program history in 2022. Bowe is now a three-time recipient of the MIAC Men's Tennis Coach of the Year award, having been previously recognized in 2003 and 2019. He also won MIAC Women's Tennis Coach of the Year honors while at Saint Benedict in 1993.

The 2022 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 conference matches at any position to be eligible for the honor. Coaches also voted on honorable mention selections.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC announced the 15th 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.

2022 MIAC Men's Tennis Awards

2022 MIAC Men's Tennis Arthur Ashe Award

NameInstitutionClassHometown | High SchoolNick AneyGustavusSr.Rochester, Minn. | Century

2022 MIAC Steve Wilkinson Men's Tennis Coach of the Year

Name Institution Previous Selections

Jack Bowe Saint John's 2003 | 2019

2022 MIAC Men's Tennis All-Conference Singles Team

Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
Jonas Abeleda	St. Scholastica	Fy.	Sydney, Australia St. Aloysius' College	
Erik Beckers	Bethel	Sr.	Bloomington, Minn. Jefferson	2019 2021
Jack Bergmeyer	Gustavus	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. Southeast	2021
Lorenzo Cazzamali	St. Olaf	So.	Whitefish Bay, Wis. University School of Milwaukee	
Jordan Doi	Macalester	Fy.	Mililani, Hawaii	
Peyton Fischer	Saint John's	Jr.	Spicer, Minn. Willmar	
Yuv Kataria	Carleton	So.	Kolkata, India Weil Academy & College Prep	2021
Karsten Knutsen	Macalester	Sr.	Minneapolis, Minn. Riverfield Country Day	
Anton Korolev	Macalester	Jr.	Moscow, Russia Weil	
Jacob Lukkarila	Bethel	Jr.	Becker, Minn.	
Wil McDowell	Saint John's	Jr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. O'Gorman	2021
Alexander Poland	Macalester	Sr.	Madison, Wis. West	
Jason Reilly	Bethel	Sr.	Andover, Kan. Central	2021
Tarm Rojanasoonthon	Carleton	Fy.	Bangkok, Thailand Chulalongkorn	
Xander Roti	Carleton	Sr.	Locust Valley, N.Y. Friends Academy	2019 2021
Alec Sargent	Macalester	Fy.	Rochester, Minn. Century	
Matthew Sullivan	Macalester	Jr.	Tacoma, Wash. Weil	
Luke Wyly	Bethel	Jr.	Lakeville, Minn. South	

2022 MIAC Men's Tennis All-Conference Doubles Team

Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
Nick Aney	Gustavus	Sr.	Rochester, Minn. Century	2019 2021
Erik Beckers	Bethel	Sr.	Bloomington, Minn. Jefferson	2021
Alex Budde	Gustavus	Jr.	Menomonee Falls, Wis.	2021
Hunter Fischer	Saint John's	Jr.	Spicer, Minn. Willmar	
Peyton Fischer	Saint John's	Jr.	Spicer, Minn. Willmar	
Yuv Kataria	Carleton	So.	Kolkata, India Weil Academy & College Prep	2021
Bence Kisgeczi	Carleton	Sr.	Budapest, Hungary Szent Istvan	
Max Loesch	St. Olaf	So.	Minneapolis, Minn. Washburn	
Jacob Lukkarila	Bethel	Jr.	Becker, Minn.	
Wil McDowell	Saint John's	Jr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. O'Gorman	2021
Jason Reilly	Bethel	Sr.	Andover, Kan. Central	2019 2021
Alec Sargent	Macalester	Fy.	Rochester, Minn. Century	
Henry Smith	St. Olaf	Jr.	Minneapolis, Minn. Washburn	
Matthew Sullivan	Macalester	Jr.	Tacoma, Wash. Weil	2021
Sam Thompson	Hamline	So.	Apple Valley, Minn.	2021 (HM)

Aniketh Vipparla	Carleton	So.	Cary, N.C. Green Hope	
Aswath Viswanathan	Carleton	Jr.	Lincolnshire, Ill. Adlai E. Stevenson	2021
Ryan Will	Saint John's	Fy.	Northfield, Minn.	
Luke Wyly	Bethel	Jr.	Lakeville, Minn. South	

2022 MIAC Men's Tennis Honorable Mention Singles

Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
Nick Aney	Gustavus	Sr.	Rochester, Minn. Century	2019 (HM) 2021 (HM)
Alex Budde	Gustavus	Jr.	Menomonee Falls, Wis.	2021 (HM)
Rafael Costa	Gustavus	Fy.	Sao Paulo, Brazil Collegio Franciscano Pio XII	
Jake Peters	Concordia	Sr.	Glenwood, Minn. Minnewaska Area	
Indraneel Raut	Gustavus	Sr.	Oshkosh, Wis. West	2019 (HM) 2021 (AC)
Sam Thompson	Hamline	So.	Apple Valley, Minn.	

2022 MIAC Men's Tennis Honorable Mention Doubles

Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
Drew Elofson	Gustavus	Sr.	St. Peter, Minn.	
Daniel Fouchier	Gustavus	Jr.	Nootdorp, Netherlands International School of Dusseldorf	2021 (AC)
Tim Roback	St. Olaf	Sr.	Northfield, Minn.	
Nazeer Robinson	Hamline	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo. Parkway North	2021 (HM)
Marco Siviero	Gustavus	Fy.	San Miguel de Oeste, Brazil Goliath Academy	
Sourabh Terakanambi	Gustavus	Jr.	Apple Valley, Minn. Eastview	

2022 MIAC Men's Tennis All-Sportsmanship Team

Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
Jacob Lukkarila	Bethel	Jr.	Becker, Minn.
Xander Roti	Carleton	Sr.	Locust Valley, N.Y. Friends Academy
Jake Peters	Concordia	Sr.	Glenwood, Minn. Minnewaska Area
Joel Hug	Gustavus	Sr.	Bangkok, Thailand Heritage Academy
Sam Thompson	Hamline	So.	Apple Valley, Minn.
Alex Poland	Macalester	Sr.	Madison, Wis. West
Wil McDowell	Saint John's	Jr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. O'Gorman
Brandon Kurilla	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Hastings, Minn.
Tim Roback	St. Olaf	Sr.	Northfield, Minn.
Jonas Abeleda	St. Scholastica	Fy.	Sydney, Australia St. Aloysius' College