

2013 MIAC Men's Tennis Preview and Preseason Coaches' Poll

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ST. PAUL, Minn. -- The story of the 2012 MIAC Men's Tennis season was the continued reign of Gustavus atop the conference standings. This season, the Gusties will field another strong team that eyes a significant milestone - their 25th-straight conference title - and the main question surrounding the league is whether or not any of the contenders are poised to stand between history and **Tommy Valentini's** talented team.

It was 1988 the last time a team other than Gustavus hoisted the MIAC Men's Tennis Championship trophy, and since St. Thomas won that title, it's been all Gusties on top of the conference. However, Carleton did break through and capture the 2010 MIAC Playoff Championship - the one time Gustavus hasn't won in the six years of the tournament - so the rest of the league does have a recent example to draw optimism from.

A year ago, the top four in the standings sorted out cleanly, with Gustavus going a perfect 9-0 in the league to capture the title amid a 22-8 overall record and another trip to the NCAA Tournament. Carleton was second at 8-1 (21-5 overall), St. Olaf was third at 7-2 (15-4 overall) and St. Thomas went 11-6 overall, and 6-3 in conference play to finish fourth in the standings.

Things were grouped much closer in the bottom half of the 2012 standings. Macalester (9-11) and Saint John's (6-12) tied for fifth at 4-5, and claimed the final two spots in the six-team MIAC Playoff field. Saint Mary's (9-12), Bethel (4-11) and Hamline (7-10) all tied for seventh with 2-7 conference records, and Concordia rounded out the standings with a 1-8 conference mark, and an overall record of 5-11.

It's the Gusties, again

With 24-straight MIAC titles under their collective belt, and lots of talent back in the lineup, it's no surprise Valentini's Gustavus team was the unanimous choice to capture the 2013 conference crown, and make it a quarter-century since another school claimed the league's top men's tennis prize. The Gusties finished first in the 2013 MIAC Men's Tennis Preseason Coaches' Poll receiving nine first-place votes and 81 points - a perfect score since coaches cannot vote for their own team.

After that, the coaches were in relative agreement on each of the top four teams, as the poll looks quite similar to the 2012 standings, though the teams are in a different order. St. Olaf received the other first-place vote and 73 points to finish second, and replace its cross-town rival Carleton as Gustavus' chief competition for the crown. St. Thomas received 64 points in the poll to finish third, and the Knights finished fourth with a total of 55 points. All four - according to the coaches' prognostications - are all expected to repeat as MIAC Playoff teams.

However, like the standings in 2012, things get much tighter the rest of the way. Saint John's edged Macalester by just three points for fifth - 47 to 44 - as both were expected to round out the six-team postseason field once again. Saint Mary's and Bethel were also in close contention for seventh, with the Cardinals receiving 29 points to the Royals' 26. Hamline also held a three-point edge over Concordia for ninth, as the Pipers had 17 points with 14 for the Cobbers.

What's new?

There will be two new faces in the MIAC this year, as two teams made coaching changes following last season. Bethel head coach **Dan Morton** retired following the 2012 season, so the Royals hired **Drew Fernilius** to lead their tennis programs going forward. He was a two-time All-American during his playing days at St. Thomas, and returns to the MIAC after coaching at Robbinsdale Armstrong High School. Concordia also made a coaching change, as interim head coach **Andrea Rognlien** replaces **Troy Hanestad** as the leader of the Cobber program. Rognlien just completed a stellar All-MIAC career for the Concordia women's team, and takes over both teams for the 2013 season a year after winning the MIAC's prestigious Chris Evert Award.

The two new coaches mark the first time a MIAC school has made a coaching change in four years, when Valentini was hired at Gustavus to replace legendary former coach **Steve Wilkinson**. Other than that, all MIAC head coaches have been at their post for at least six years, with St. Olaf's **Scott Nesbit** serving as the longest-tenured with 25 years coaching the Oles.

Who's back?

Part of the reason Gustavus enters as a heavy favorite for its 25th-straight MIAC title is the returning talent at the top of the depth chart. The Gusties have two of the league's top players back to anchor its singles and doubles lineup in 2013, starting with senior **Amrik Donkena**, who was the team's No. 1 singles player a year ago. He is a three-time All-MIAC performer and teamed with junior **Mya Smith-Dennis** to earn All-American doubles honors. Smith-Dennis also returns - a 2012 All-MIAC selection - and another reason Gustavus will be so tough to beat again in 2013.

Nesbit has a pair of All-MIAC performers back in his St. Olaf lineup this season as well as the Oles will try to challenge Gustavus for the league crown. Senior **Andy Catania** earned All-MIAC honors in both singles and doubles competition a year ago, while sophomore **Stephen Nolan** had a breakout freshman campaign, earning All-MIAC singles honors.

St. Thomas has a pair of talented seniors back to lead its quest for another MIAC Playoff appearance. **Brian McCarthy** was an All-MIAC selection in 2012, and he'll be joined by classmate **Brendan O'Connell** to lead the Tommies. Carleton is also led by a pair of decorated fourth-year stars. Senior **Austin Jiang** is a three-time All-MIAC singles honoree, and a two-time All-MIAC doubles selection, while **Paul Cooper** is looking for his fourth-straight All-MIAC doubles honor, and his second career All-MIAC singles award.

Saint John's has the tough task of replacing graduated star **Ian Hansen**, but returns three-time All-MIAC selection **Fabricio Moncada** as

its team leader in 2013. Senior **Willie Paul** was 6-1 in MIAC singles play a year ago for the Johnnies, and will be counted on again as well. Macalester senior **Max Edwards** returns to lead the Scots after garnering All-MIAC honors a year ago, and fellow senior **Max Soghikian** posted a team best 16-6 record in singles play in 2012.

Saint Mary's hopes 2013 is a year of improvement thanks to its talent and experience with a pair of senior stars back to lead the way. **Michael Lunka** was an All-MIAC selection in both singles and doubles, and **Bobby Steingraeber** is also back after an All-Conference singles campaign as a junior. In his first season as Bethel coach, Fernelius should have a good foundation to build on, with No. 1 singles **player Tucker Morris** back for his senior season, and fellow senior **Reggie Ronning** also back in the lineup.

A pair of upperclassmen return to lead Hamline in 2013, starting with senior **David Croonquist**, who was an All-MIAC selection a year ago. Junior **Derek Lutz** is also back after posting a winning doubles record in 2012. Concordia will be led by seniors **Peter Dahlberg**, **Devin Larson** and **Brian Olson** this season with Rognlien serving as interim head coach.

Circle these dates

The 2013 season officially opens on Feb. 2, with four teams in action in nonconference play. The first conference match will be held Feb. 9, and a handful of conference matches will be played throughout February and March. However, the conference season is mostly played in April, and that's when several of the marquee matchups will take place.

Saint John's and Macalester - expected to both be in Playoff contention - actually play a huge match right off the bat, as their Feb. 9 showdown in Sartell, Minn., is the first MIAC match on the schedule. Saint Mary's and Bethel will meet in Arden Hills on April 4 at 4:30 p.m. in an intriguing matchup of teams looking to move up into postseason contention, and Hamline and Concordia will square off on April 13. Hamline hosts that match at 10:30 a.m.

The predicted top four teams in the standings could all still be in title contention or jockeying for Playoff position into the season's final weekend, so it's fitting all four will be in action vs. one another, and there could be a lot on the line. Gustavus and St. Olaf could face off with the title on the line on April 27. Gustavus will host that huge meeting on its campus at 10 a.m. Meanwhile, Carleton and St. Thomas will meet the next day - April 28 - on the Tommies' home court at 11 a.m. to close the regular season.

The following weekend will be the 2013 MIAC Men's Tennis Playoffs, which will be hosted by Gustavus in St. Peter, Minn. , on May 3-4. The two quarterfinal matches will be played Friday, May 3, at noon, with both the semifinal (9 a.m.) and championship (2:30 p.m.) matches set for Saturday, May 4. As always, the top two seeds receive a bye into the semifinals, and the winner of the tournament will receive the MIAC's automatic bid to the 2013 NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Tournament.

A closer look

The rest of the 2013 MIAC Men's Tennis Preview contains more details and information about each team to provide a closer look at each MIAC squad as the season draws near. Scroll down to see complete results from the 2013 MIAC Men's Tennis Preseason Coaches' Poll, Playoff information, helpful links and team-by-team previews along with links to each team's men's tennis home page. This season, the team previews - provided by each school's sports information director - received a facelift to give fans a more user-friendly way to prepare for the upcoming season.

Continue to visit the MIAC Web site throughout the season for updated scores, standings, stats and more, and for additional updates and interaction connect to the MIAC on its social media pages, including [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

2013 MIAC Men's Tennis Preseason Coaches' Poll

Coaches voted for every team in the conference except their own team. Points were assigned for each vote (nine for first, eight for second, etc.) Teams are ranked in order of highest point total to lowest with vote totals listed and first-place votes shown in parentheses.

2013 MIAC Men's Tennis Preseason Coaches' Poll		
Rank	Institution	Total
1	Gustavus (9)	81
2	Carleton (1)	73
3	St. Thomas	64
4	St. Olaf	55
5	Saint John's	47
6	Macalester	44
7	Saint Mary's	29
8	Bethel	26
9	Hamline	17
10	Concordia	14

2013 MIAC Men's Tennis Playoffs

The 2013 MIAC Playoffs will feature the top six teams in the conference standings playing in a single-elimination postseason tournament, with all matches played at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn. The top two seeds receive first-round byes, with the other four squaring off in the quarterfinals. The two quarterfinal games will be held Friday, May 3 with the winners advancing to the second and final day of the tournament, as both the semifinals and championship will take place on Saturday, May 4. The winner will receive the MIAC's automatic bid to the 2012-13 NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Tournament.

MIAC Men's Tennis Links

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BETHEL | [Royals' men's tennis home page](#) |

Head coach

- Drew Fernelius (First season)

A Year Ago

- 2-7 MIAC (T-7th place) | 4-11 Overall

Top Returners

- Tucker Morris (Sr., | #1 singles, 7-6 record, #1/2 doubles, 8-6 record, All-Conference Doubles)
- Reggie Ronning (Sr., | #3 singles, 5-9 record, #1 doubles, 5-7 record, All-Conference Doubles)

Key Losses

- Kent Nichols (Captain, #2 singles, 5-9 record, #1/2 doubles, 3-12 record)
- Bryce Johnson (#4 singles, 7-7 record, #3 doubles, 5-8 record)

By the Numbers

- 6: The number of matches played in one day by Tucker Morris this fall at the USTA/ITA Regional Championships where he came back to take runner-up in the consolation bracket. For the tournament he had a 7-2 record.
- 5: Five of the six Royals who competed at the USTA/ITA Regional Championships this past fall won their first round matches.
- 30: Senior Tucker Morris has 30 career victories heading into his final season with the Royals. His career record stands at 30-17 in singles matches.

Did You Know?

- First year head coach Drew Fernelius was a two-time NCAA Tennis All-American at the University of St. Thomas in the early '90's. He was also a Minnesota State High School champion at New London-Spicer High School.

Off the Court

- The Royals #1 singles player, Tucker Morris, is scheduled to graduate from Bethel in May and will also graduate from the ROTC program at the University of Minnesota. The program is one of three in the country that commissions officers into the United States Army. Included in the four year program is tri-weekly physical training and military science classes, labs and field training exercises throughout the year as well as a Capstone training and evaluation event that takes place over 29 days in the summer that Morris completed in Fort Lewis, Wash. Upon graduation he will be commissioned into the Army as a Second Lieutenant and will wait to find out where the next session of training will be held, which could be anywhere in the country or the world.
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CARLETON | [Knights' men's tennis home page](#) |

Head coach

- Stephan Zweifel (17th season)
- A Year Ago**
- 8-1 MIAC (Second place) | 21-5 Overall

In the 2012 Postseason

- 2012 MIAC Playoffs - Defeated St. Olaf (5-2) in semifinals, lost to Gustavus (5-0) in championship

Top Returners

- Austin Jiang (Sr., | All-MIAC in singles for 2010, 2011 & 2012; All-MIAC in doubles in 2010 & 2011; 16-5 overall record in singles, including 6-1 MIAC matches; 11-8 overall in doubles, including 5-2 in MIAC matches)
- Paul Cooper (Sr., | All-MIAC in doubles in 2010, 2011 & 2012; All-MIAC in singles in 2011; 14-5 overall record in singles, including 6-1 MIAC matches; 14-8 overall in doubles, including 4-4 in MIAC matches)

Key Losses

- Peter Dunn (All-MIAC in 2009, 2010 & 2011)
- Dan Vollman (All-MIAC in 2009, 2010 & 2011)
- Jon Aranda (All-MIAC in doubles in 2011 & 2012)

By the Numbers

- 10: The Knights have finished among the conference's top two teams for 10 consecutive seasons.
- 21: Last spring, Carleton tied the team record for victories in a season by going 21-5 which equaled the mark established in 2006 and 2008.

Did You Know?

- Head Coach Stephan Zweifel is a four-time conference coach of the year and likely has the most interesting post-match quotes of any collegiate tennis coach. They are definitely worth a read.

Off the Court

- For the ninth time over the last 11 seasons, the Carleton men's tennis team was cited for academic excellence by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA). Over that same time period, the other nine MIAC men's programs have earned the award a combined 11 times. Additionally, two Knights were among the 11 MIAC male student-athletes chosen as ITA Scholar-Athletes.



CONCORDIA | [Cobbers' men's tennis home page](#) |

Head coach

- Andrea Rognlien (First Season, Interim Head Coach)

A Year Ago

- 1-8 MIAC (10th Place) | 4-11 Overall

Top Returners

- Peter Dahlberg (Sr., Blaine, Minn./Spring Lake Park HS) | #4/5/6 Singles 3-6 record; #3 doubles 0-5
- Devin Larson (Sr., Baxter, Minn./Brainerd HS) | #1/2 Singles 5-10 record; #1 doubles 2-13; 2011 MIAC All-Conference in doubles
- Brian Olson (Sr., West Fargo, N.D.) | #1/2 Singles 2-14 record; #1 doubles 2-13

Key Losses

- Chad Smith (Grand Forks, N.D.) | Four-year starter

By the Numbers

- 21: Concordia senior Devin Larson has 21 career wins
- 51: Cobber senior Brian Olson has played in 51 career matches for Concordia

Did You Know?

- Concordia will open the season on their annual spring break trip to Florida on Feb. 28-Mar.3
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GUSTAVUS | [Gusties' men's tennis home page](#) |

Head coach

- Tommy Valentini (Fourth season)

A Year Ago

- 9-0 MIAC (First place) | 22-8 Overall

In the 2012 Postseason

- 2012 MIAC Playoff Champion - Defeated St. Thomas (5-1) in semifinals, Carleton (5-0) in championship.
- 2012 NCAA Division III Playoffs - Defeated UW-Whitewater (5-1) in opening round, fell to Washington University (0-5) in second round.

Top Returners

- Amrik Donkena (Sr., Rochester, Minn.) | Gustavus' No. 1 singles and doubles player...Went 19-10 in singles and 31-5 in doubles last season...Three-time All-Conference performer in both singles and doubles...Alongside Mya Smith-Dennis, Donkena placed second in the 2012 NCAA Doubles Tournament, earning All-America marks...Won singles and doubles titles at 2011 USTA/ITA Midwest Regional.
- Mya Smith-Dennis (Jr., Savage, Minn.) | Gustavus' No. 2 singles and No. 2 doubles player...Went 22-7 in singles and 33-6 in doubles last season...2012 All-Conference performer in singles and doubles...Alongside Amrik Donkena, placed second in the 2012 NCAA Doubles Tournament, earning All-America honors...Won singles championship at 2012 USTA/ITA Midwest Regional, placed runner up in doubles tournament.

Key Losses

- Daniel Pomeranc (Sao Paulo, Brazil) | Went 20-10 in doubles last season...2012 All-Conference doubles...Two-time All-Conference in singles.

By the Numbers

- 31-5: The doubles record of Amrik Donkena and Mya Smith-Dennis last season. The pair is currently 5-3 entering the spring season.
- 24: The number of consecutive MIAC titles the Gustavus men's tennis team has won.
- 6: The number of Gustavus players who recorded more than 15 wins in both singles and doubles play last season.

Did You Know?

- Amrik Donkena and Mya Smith-Dennis became the first Gustavus tennis players to finish runner-up at the NCAA Doubles Championship since Andy Bryan and Charlie Paukert did so in 2008.

Off the Court

- In 2011-12, the Gustavus men's tennis was the top college fundraising team in the American Cancer Society's Midwest Division for the Relay for Life, raising over \$16,000. Much of money raised was donated in honor of former head coach Steve Wilkinson and his wife Barbara, both of whom continue their courageous fights against cancer. Senior Ryan Hallsten, a cancer survivor, was the relay team captain and a keynote speaker at the St. Peter Relay for Life held at Gustavus.



HAMLIN | [Pipers' men's tennis home page](#) |

Head coach

- Jon Henning (Sixth season)

A Year Ago

- 2-7 MIAC (T-7th place) | 7-10 Overall

Top Returners

- David Croonquist (Sr., North Oaks, Minn.) -- All-MIAC Singles player. Went 7-6 playing No. 1 singles
- Derek Lutz (Jr. Pine City, Minn.) -- 9-8 in doubles playing with four different partners

Key Losses

- Bernard Mitambo – 6-1 at No.2 singles and 7-0 at No. 3 singles; All-MIAC in singles and doubles
- Andrew Lutz – All-MIAC Doubles

By the Numbers

- 15: David Croonquist's place in the ITA regional ratings last year
- 3: Pipers who made the All-MIAC team last year

- 5-3: David Croonquist and Robert Becker's record as a doubles team in non-conference action

Did You Know?

- Dr. Benjamin Lewis, who coached Hamline's tennis teams from 1958-64 (and was here for two of the school's three MIAC crowns in the sport), was inducted into Hamline's Hall of Fame last October



MACALESTER | [Scots' men's tennis home page](#) |

Head coach

- Jason Muhl (Eighth season)

A Year Ago

- 4-5 MIAC (T-5th place) | 9-11 Overall

Top Returners

- Max Edwards (Sr., All-MIAC, 13-5 record at No. 4 singles, 6-3 in MIAC, 14-6 in doubles)
- Steve Tyndel (Sr, 9-11 at No. 3 singles, 5-4 in MIAC, 9-12 at No. 2 doubles)
- Max Soghikian (Sr., posted team-best 16-6 record at fifth and sixth singles, 14-6 in doubles play)

Key Losses

- Chris Fowler (No. 1 singles, 4-3 at No. 2 doubles in MIAC)
- Evan Elderbrock (All-MIAC, 10-10 at No. 3, 5-4 in conference)
- Lewis Wilcox (No. 5 singles and No. 1 doubles)

By the Numbers

- #18: This will be the 18th consecutive year Macalester has played matches over Spring Break in Hilton Head, South Carolina.
- #33: Max Edwards heads into his senior campaign with 33 career collegiate wins.
- 5 to 4: Macalester won two straight 5-4 decisions at the end of April over Saint Mary's and Saint John's to make the MIAC playoffs last spring.

Did You Know?

- Former Macalester tennis player Ro Sobalvarro (Class of 1980) was the U.S. Olympic women's epee coach and led his team to the bronze medal in the team competition at last summer's London Olympics. Sobalvarro led his epee team to a 31-30 overtime win over Russia in the bronze medal match.

Off the Court

- Macalester had nine men's tennis players bring in Academic All-MIAC honors in 2012.

SAINT JOHN'S | [Johnnies' men's tennis home page](#) |

Head coach

- Jack Bowe (16th season)

A Year Ago

- 4-5 MIAC (T-5th place) | 6-12 Overall

In the 2012 Postseason

- MIAC Playoffs - Lost to St. Olaf (6-3)

Top Returners

- Fabricio Moncada (Sr. | Two-time USTA/ITA Midwest Regional runner-up, three-time All-MIAC selection in singles competition, enters this spring with a 42-16 career record)
- Willie Paul (Sr. | 9-8 singles record, 6-1 in MIAC play)
- Connor Rust (Jr. | 5-11 singles record, 4-4 in MIAC play)

Key Losses

- Ian Hansen (2012 All-MIAC in both singles and doubles competition, 14-5 in singles play as a senior to finish his career with a 46-31 record)

By the Numbers

- 2: Senior Fabricio Moncada finished second at the USTA/ITA Midwest Regional this fall for the second consecutive season.
- 5: Junior Alex Wiegmann lost his semifinal match of the Midwest Open to the eventual champion, Gustavus Adolphus' David Brown, to post a 5-1 record. He entered the tournament with a 0-5 career record in singles competition as a Johnnie.
- 5-4: The Johnnies were 0-5 in matches decided by a 5-4 score last spring, including three in conference play (to Macalester, St. Olaf and St. Thomas). The other two were to non-Division III programs (St. Cloud State and South Dakota State).



Did You Know?

- SJU hopes to build a new six-court outdoor complex adjacent to the new baseball stadium and soccer field this summer.

Off the Court

- Ian Hansen, the Johnnies' representative on the All-MIAC Sportsmanship team, was also presented with the 2012 Arthur Ashe Award. The award "annually recognizes a senior tennis student-athlete with outstanding sportsmanship and exemplary athletic, academic and humanitarian accomplishments." Hansen graduated in May 13 with an Economics degree (Pre-Medicine emphasis).
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SAINT MARY'S | [Cardinals' men's tennis home page](#) |

Head coach

- Jeff Halberg (15th season)
- A Year Ago
- 2-7 MIAC (T-7th place) | 9-12 Overall

Top Returners

- Michael Lunka (6-0, 190, Sr. | 11-10 at No. 1 singles, 19-2 at No. 1 doubles, First-Team All-MIAC in singles and doubles)
- Bobby Steingraeber (5-11, 155, Sr. | 5-16 in singles, 19-2 at No. 1 doubles, First-Team All-MIAC in doubles)
- Sam Puff (5-8, 145, Sr. | 12-9 in singles, 10-11 in doubles)

Key Losses

- Justin Loeffler (6-13 in singles, 11-9 in doubles)

By The Numbers

- 9: Sam Puff put together a season- and collegiate career-high nine-match singles winning streak in 2012. Puff led the team with 12 singles wins, one more than Michael Lunka.
- 13: Michael Lunka and Bobby Steingraeber opened the season winning their first 13 matches at No. 1 doubles.
- 19: Michael Lunka and Bobby Steingraeber closed out the season with a single-season school record 19 doubles wins, breaking the 18-win record previously held by Mark Leeder in 2005.

Did You Know?

- Michael Lunka played all 21 Cardinal matches at No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles.

Off The Court

- Justin Loeffler (Winona, Minn.) and Andrew Rangitsch (Oakdale, Minn.) represented the SMU men's tennis team on the Academic All-MIAC squad in 2012.
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ST. OLAF | [Oles' men's tennis home page](#) |

Head coach

- Scott Nesbit (25th season)

A Year Ago

- 7-2 MIAC (Third place) | 15-4 Overall

In the 2012 Postseason

- 2012 MIAC Playoffs- Defeated (6) Saint John's 6-3, lost to (2) Carleton 5-2 in Semifinals

Top Returners

- Stephen Nolan (So., Newcastle, Australia)- All-MIAC for singles, 15-4 singles record, 6-3 in MIAC singles play, 9-6 in doubles with Knute Gundersen
- Andy Catania (Sr., Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.)- All-MIAC for both singles and doubles, made quarterfinals of ITA Men's Tennis Midwest Regional Championships, 13-3 in singles play, 6-2 in MIAC singles play, 10-5 at first doubles with John Wight, including 4-3 in MIAC
- Charlie Reinertsen (Sr., Kohler, Wis.)- 12-7 in singles play, 7-2 in MIAC singles action

Key Losses

- Knute Gundersen- All-MIAC for singles, 9-9 in singles, 6-3 in MIAC singles play, 9-6 in doubles with Stephen Nolan

- John Wight- Two-time All-MIAC for singles, All-MIAC for doubles, 10-6 overall in singles, 4-3 in MIAC singles
- Jon Foss- 14-4 overall in singles, 6-3 in MIAC singles play, 5-4 in doubles with Jack Dutton

By the Numbers

- 1: St. Olaf will play only one outdoor home match this year.
- 12: Stephen Nolan won 12 straight matches during March and April last year.
- 7: The ten players on the Ole roster come from seven different states or countries, including Thailand and Australia.

Did You Know?

- The third place finish in the MIAC last year was the highest finish by an Ole team since the 2001-02 squad finished third in the conference.

Off the Court

- St. Olaf earned 2012 ITA All-Academic Team honors and four Oles were ITA Scholar-Athlete award winners. To earn the team honor, teams need to carry a combined 3.20 GPA and individuals need at least a 3.50 GPA for the individual award.



ST. THOMAS | [Tommies' men's tennis home page](#) |

Head coach

- Terry Peck (23rd season)

A Year Ago

- 6-3 MIAC | 11-6 Overall

In the 2012 Postseason

- 2012 NCAA Division III Playoffs - Defeated Macalester (5-2), Lost to Gustavus (5-1)

Top Returners

- Brian McCarthy, SR, All-MIAC
- Brendan O'Connell, SR,
- Mitchell Blackey, SR,

Key Losses

- Dan Cooper, Grad, All-MIAC, four-year starter, 43 singles wins, 43 doubles wins on career
- Henry Mandell, Grad, 2-year starter

By the Numbers

- 6: 2012 ranking in Northwest Section 18-under boys' tennis for Brady Radermacher
- 21: Doubles victories, last two seasons, for No. 1 player Brian McCarthy
- 32: Number of career doubles wins for senior Brendan O'Connell

Did You Know?

- Allen-Michael Muench, who hails from Flower Mound, Texas, won 12 doubles matches and four singles matches last season as a freshman

Off the Court

- The 2012 Tommies had four players receive ITA academic honors with cumulative grade-point averages of 3.50 or better