

2014 MIAC Men's Tennis Preview and Preseason Coaches' Poll

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2014 MIAC Men's Tennis Conference Preview

ST. PAUL, Minn. -- A quarter century atop the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) standings came to fruition in 2013, as the Gustavus men's tennis team claimed its 25th-straight regular-season title. The Gusties, who also added the MIAC Playoff championship to an outstanding season, return as the favorites in 2014, with the rest of the conference contenders hoping to finally put an end to Gustavus' reign.

Head Coach Tommy Valentini guided the Gusties to a perfect 9-0 campaign in conference play (23-10 overall), and two more wins en route to the Playoff title. In fact, Gustavus was so dominant it won every conference regular-season match in a 9-0 sweep, save for an 8-1 win over runner-up Carleton. The Knights were a solid second in the conference in 2013, with an 8-1 regular season conference record (14-6 overall) and another runner-up finish in the MIAC Playoffs.

St. Thomas (7-2 MIAC, 11-6 overall) gave the conference a strong trio of teams at the top of the standings. St. Olaf (5-4 MIAC, 6-7 overall) and Saint John's (5-4 MIAC, 8-12 overall) tied for fourth place with records above .500 in conference play, and Saint Mary's finished 17-7 overall and rounded out the 2013 MIAC Playoffs field with a 4-5 MIAC record and a sixth-place finish.

Just missing out on the postseason fun was Macalester (3-6 MIAC, 8-8 overall) and Bethel (3-6 MIAC, 6-10 overall), as the two tied for seventh place just one game out of the Playoff field. Concordia went 1-8 in conference play and 4-13 overall to finish ninth, and Hamline was 3-16 overall (0-9 MIAC) to round out the 2013 conference standings.

As the page turns to the 2014 season, Gustavus enters again as the prohibitive favorite, but top challengers Carleton and St. Thomas hope to continue closing the gap, with the eventual goal of ending the Gusties' incredible streak of MIAC titles. St. Olaf and Saint John's should again be in the mix for both MIAC Playoff and title contention, with Macalester and Bethel hoping to move up into the postseason field, and Saint Mary's also looking for a return trip to the Playoffs. Hamline and Concordia both enter 2014 with an eye on improving and climbing the conference standings.

GUSTIES GET NO. 1 SPOT

After 25-straight titles, it's no surprise to see Valentini's team atop the MIAC Men's Tennis Preseason Coaches' Poll, and that's exactly where the Gusties landed in the 2014 edition. Gustavus was again the unanimous choice to win the conference's regular-season title, receiving nine first-place votes and 81 points in a poll where coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team.

The top three actually stayed intact from a year ago, as Carleton received the other first-place vote, and came in as the runner-up with 73 points. St. Thomas received 65 points to finish third in the coaches' preseason prediction. St. Olaf was picked for another top-four finish with 53 points, edging out Saint John's (45 points) and Macalester (42 points), as coaches predicted the Oles, Johnnies and Scots would round out the six-team MIAC Playoff field.

The Bethel men were just on the outside of the predicted postseason field, coming in seventh in the poll with 38 points. Saint Mary's edged Hamline for eighth place in the poll, as the Cardinals received 23 points and the Pipers got 20. Concordia received 10 points and rounded out the 10th and final spot of the coaches' poll.

WHAT'S NEW?

There is one major change to the MIAC tennis landscape for 2014 - a new format for the MIAC Tennis Playoffs. Instead of a two-day tournament held on Gustavus' home courts, the tournament will now be a high-seed host event spread out over five days. The change will allow the top seeds to earn the right to host postseason matches on campus (or on their home courts), along with a day of rest between matches to benefit the student-athletes' well-being.

On the coaching front, there is one new face in the MIAC. Concordia hired Steve Futchko in the offseason to coach both the Cobber men and women. Prior to his new gig in Moorhead, Futchko served as the Director of Tennis for the Upland (Calif.) Tennis Club. Ironically, he was a standout player for Concordia University in Irvine, Calif.

The rest of the MIAC coaches all return to their posts, with the longest-tenured coach, St. Olaf's Scott Nesbit, celebrating his 25th season with the Oles. St. Thomas' Terry Peck begins his 24th season, and Saint John's Jack Bowe, Saint Mary's Jeff Halberg and Carleton's Stephan Zweifel have all spent at least 15 seasons with their squads.

WHO'S BACK?

In their quest for title No. 26, Gustavus must replace graduated star Amrik Donkena, but Valentini still has plenty of star power back. Senior Mya Smith-Dennis will again be among the MIAC's best after ITA All-America honors in both singles and doubles play in 2013. Fellow



seniors Grant Leisner and Joey MacGibbon are also All-Conference returners that help make the Gusties the prohibitive favorites.

The Knights got hit hard by graduation, losing Paul Cooper, Alex Chin and Austin Jiang, who were all multiple-time All-MIAC selections. Senior McCoy Becker returns to lead Zweifel's squad, and junior Andrew Hwang brings back his eight singles victories, and sophomore Christian Nagy could have a breakout season after receiving All-MIAC doubles honors as a freshman.

The Tommies also waved goodbye to All-MIAC duo Brendan O'Connell and Brian McCarthy, but Peck has plenty of talent back in his lineup, starting with senior Steven Skanse. Junior Brendan Hollidge was 8-3 in singles play as a sophomore, and Brady Radermacher is back after receiving All-MIAC doubles honors as a freshman in 2013.

Nesbit's milestone 25th season comes with high expectations for the Oles, despite the loss of Andy Catania to graduation. Junior Stephen Nolan is back to lead the St. Olaf lineup after splitting time at No. 1 and No. 2 singles a year ago. Sophomore Joey Kronzer bounced between No. 3 and 4 singles as a freshman and could be poised for a big second season.

The Johnnies graduated four-time All-MIAC star Fabricio Moncada, but Bowe will count on seniors Joe Laue and Connor Rust as well as the emerging talented sophomore Jack Hansen to keep SJU in the MIAC Playoff hunt in 2014. Macalester Head Coach Jason Muhl hopes to guide the Scots up the standings and into the Playoffs this season, with All-MIAC senior Max Soghikian and talented sophomore Brian Utz leading the way.

Now in his second season, Bethel Head Coach Drew Fernelius must replace 2013 MIAC Arthur Ashe Award winner Tucker Morris and All-MIAC teammate Reggie Ronning, but he has a solid upperclass core back with seniors Steve Schull and Kirby Ronning and junior Luke Palmquist. Saint Mary's was one of 2013's pleasant surprises, and despite losing Michel Lunka and Bobby Steingraeber to graduation, Halberg hopes to reload in 2014. Senior Gavin Smith will team with talented sophomores Collin Kaczorowski and Warren Lawrence to try and guide the Cardinals back to the Playoffs.

Hamline graduated No. 1 singles star David Croonquist, but a senior-laden squad hopes to guide Head Coach Jon Henning's Pipers upward and into the Playoff picture. Seniors Tyler Antill, Derek Lutz and Dylan Sperry give Hamline a talented trio to lead the way. In his debut season, Futchko will have a young team on his hands at Concordia, with a roster of freshmen and sophomores. Zach Zitour and Zach Biggar occupied the Cobbers' No. 5 and 6 singles spots, and teamed up at No. 3 doubles a year ago, and could be poised for bigger roles in 2014.

CIRCLE THESE DATES

The first big MIAC men's tennis date arrived Feb. 1, as the 2014 season officially opened with four of the conference's teams making their season debuts. Saturday (Feb. 8) is another big early-season date, with seven league teams in action, and the first MIAC match of the season as Hamline visits Concordia for a 2:30 p.m. match. The conference opener is a big match for both teams trying to get started on a positive note in 2014.

The majority of the conference schedule will be played in April, with the regular season concluding on Sunday, April 27. The new-look MIAC men's tennis playoffs will begin with two quarterfinal matches on April 30. The two winners will advance to take on the No. 1 and 2 seeds in the semifinals on May 2, and the championship match will be played on the home court of the highest remaining seed on Sunday, May 4.

St. Thomas and St. Olaf will square off in a match that could carry big MIAC Playoff seeding implications on March 8 as the two rivals will meet at the University of Minnesota's Baseline Tennis Center in a 6:30 p.m. match. On April 5, Saint Mary's will host Bethel at 4 p.m. at the Winona Tennis Center in a match of teams both hoping to earn a MIAC Playoff spot in 2014. Another such match features Saint John's traveling to Macalester on April 11 for a 5 p.m. with a potential postseason bid or seed on the line. Finally, the conference's top two front-runners will square off in a marquee match on April 26, as Gustavus hosts Carleton at noon on the season's second-to-last day.

A CLOSER LOOK

The rest of the 2014 MIAC Men's Tennis Preview contains complete results from the 2014 Preseason Coaches' Poll, MIAC Playoff details, helpful links and a preview for each team submitted by their sports information director. The new MIAC web site - www.miacathletics.com - will be an outstanding source for MIAC men's tennis news, schedules, scores, stats and more throughout the 2014 season.

Visit the [MIAC scoreboard](#) on game days to follow all the action, and download the [MIAC mobile app](#) to have all the information with you anywhere you travel. Also, connect to the conference on its [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) pages for updates and interaction all season long.

2014 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.

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6	Macalester	42
7	Bethel	38
8	Saint Mary's	23
9	Hamline	20
10	Concordia	10

2014 MIAC Men's Tennis Playoffs

The 2014 MIAC Tennis Playoffs received quite a makeover in the offseason. Instead of a two-day, single-site tournament, the Playoffs will now be spread out over five days with the top seeds hosting each round. The field will include the top six teams in the conference standings, squaring off in a single-elimination tournament. Teams seeded No. 3 through No. 6 will square off on April 30 in the quarterfinals, with the winners meeting the top two seeds in the semifinals on May 2. The championship match will be held May 4 on the home court of the top remaining seed. The winner will receive the MIAC's automatic bid to the 2014 NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Tournament.


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BETHEL

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

Head coach

- Drew Fernelius (Second season)

A Year Ago

- 3-6 MIAC (Seventh place) | 6-11 Overall

Top Returners

- Steve Schull (No. 3 singles/No. 3 doubles, Sr. | 4-4 doubles record in MIAC matches)
- Kirby Ronning (No. 4 singles/No. 3 doubles, Sr. | 7-7 overall record in doubles matches)
- Luke Palmquist (No. 5 singles/No. 2 doubles, Jr. | won five doubles matches and four singles matches)

Key Losses

- Tucker Morris (No. 1 singles/No. 1 doubles | MIAC Arthur Ashe Award Winner, All-Conference)
- Reggie Ronning (No. 2 singles/No. 1 doubles | All-Conference)
- David Leafblad (No. 6 singles/No. 3 doubles | 3-5 in MIAC singles play)

By the Numbers

- 23: The Royals will have to replace 23 singles wins from their 2013 seniors in No. 1 and No. 2 singles players Tucker Morris and Reggie Ronning and No. 6 David Leafblad.
- 3: The Royals will have three freshman in their lineup this season as Matt Schull, Kolin Kiekhoefer and Kent Schaller will look to make an impact.
- 6: Bethel will play six matches during spring break in Orlando, Florida from March 16-20.

Did You Know?

- Freshman Matt Schull joins his brother Steve this season with the Royals and will likely play No. 1 singles. The brothers hail from Eagan, Minnesota and Henry Sibley High School.

Off the Court

- Senior Steve Schull will miss the season opening match for Bethel as he interviews for medical school at Lo Ma Linda University School of Medicine in California. Schull will also be spending time shadowing Dr. Greg Terman at the University of Washington and interviewing at other medical schools throughout the spring. Schull carries a 3.75 GPA at Bethel.

CARLETON | [Knights' men's tennis home page](#) |

Head coach



- Stephan Zweifel (16th season)

A Year Ago

- 8-1 MIAC (Second place) | 15-6 Overall

In the 2013 Postseason

- MIAC Playoffs — defeated St. Thomas 5-4 in semifinals, lost to Gustavus 8-1 in finals

Top Returners

- Christian Nagy (So. | 2013 All-MIAC in doubles)
- Andrew Hwang (Jr. | had 8 wins in singles play and spent the 2013 season playing first doubles)
- McCoy Becker (Sr. | his 9 singles wins ranked third on roster)

Key Losses

- Paul Cooper (Four-time All-MIAC in doubles, two-time All-MIAC in singles)
- Alex Chin (Two-time All-MIAC in singles and doubles)
- Austin Jiang (three-time All-MIAC in singles and doubles)

By the Numbers

- 2: The Knights only return two wins in #1 or #2 singles from last year. Both of those victories came from Andrew Hwang at #2 singles.
- 11: Carleton has finished among the conference's top two teams for 11 consecutive seasons.
- 20: The Knights have totaled 20+ wins in six of the last nine seasons.

Did You Know?

- Since the 2001-02 campaign, Carleton has posted a 224-66 record.

Off the Court

- A team-record 9 players earned ITA Academic Awards for the 2012-13 season, while Carleton earned its 10th ITA All-Academic Team Award since 2002.

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



Head coach

- Steve Futchko (First season)

A Year Ago

- 1-8 MIAC (Ninth place) | 4-13 Overall

Top Returners

- Zach Zitur (So. | Team leader in singles wins in 2013)
- Zach Biggar (So. | Fourth on the team in singles wins in 2013)

Key Losses

- Brian Olson (No.1 singles player & No. 1 doubles player)
- Devin Larson (No.2 singles player & No.1 doubles player)

By the Numbers

- 11: Concordia has 11 players on this year's roster – the most since 2010
- 5: The Cobbers have five freshmen on this year's roster

Did You Know?

- Concordia men's head coach Steve Futchko graduated from Concordia University in California.



GUSTAVUS | [Gusties' men's tennis home page](#) |

Head coach

- Tommy Valentini (Fifth season)

A Year Ago

- 9-0 MIAC (First place) | 23-10 Overall

In the 2013 Postseason

- Defeated Saint John's 5-0 in the MIAC Semifinals...Won MIAC Playoff Championship with an 8-1 win over Carleton.
- After earning a first round bye, Gustavus defeated UW-Whitewater 5-3 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament...The Gusties saw their season come to an end with a 5-2 loss to Trinity University in the third round.

Top Returners

- Mya Smith-Dennis (Sr., Savage, Minn.) | Led the Gusties in both singles and doubles wins last season, completing the year with overall records of 20-13 in singles and 23-8 in doubles...Earned a spot on the 2013 ITA All-America Team as a singles and doubles player...Along

with Amrik Donkena, advanced to the quarterfinal round of the NCAA Doubles Tournament...Earned all-conference accolades in both singles and doubles last season.

- Grant Leisner (Sr., Anoka, Minn.) | Went 16-11 overall in singles and 23-10 in doubles last season...Earned all-conference marks in singles and doubles.
- Joey MacGibbon (Sr., Apple Valley, Minn.) | Earned all-conference honors as a singles player for the second straight year in 2013...Finished the season 16-11 in singles and 14-8 in doubles.

Key Losses

- Amrik Donkena (Rochester, Minn.) | Four-year staple of the top of Gustavus's lineup...Earned ITA All-America honors in both singles in doubles in 2012 and doubles in 2013...Alongside Mya Smith-Dennis, made a run to the championship match of the 2012 NCAA Doubles Tournament, finishing the year ranked No. 2 in NCAA Division III according to the final ITA Men's National Poll...Finished his career 67-39 in singles and 85-30 in doubles.

By the Numbers

- 18: Gustavus's preseason ranking on the ITA Division III National Men's Poll.
- 22-10: Tyler Johnson and Grant Leisner's doubles record in 2013. The pair played all of their doubles matches together.
- 14-0: Gustavus's record in home matches last season.

Did You Know?

- The clock struck midnight for former Gustavus men's tennis standout Eric Butorac '03 and his Partner Raven Klaasen of South Africa last Saturday when the pair fell to No. 14 seeded Lukasz Kubot (POL) and Robert Lindstedt (SWE) by the score of 6-3, 6-3 in doubles championship of the 2014 Australian Open. Entering the tournament the 48th ranked doubles player on the professional tour, Butorac's Cinderella run started to become a reality when he secured the biggest upset of his professional career over top-seeded Bob and Mike Bryan (USA) in straight sets 7-6 (11-9), 6-4 in the third round. After taking down the defending Australian Open champions, Butorac and Klaasen won their quarterfinal match against the No. 12 seeded duo of Treat Huey (PHI) and Dominic Inglot (GBR) in three sets (6-7, 7-6, 6-4). On Thursday, Butorac and Klaasen advanced to the championship match with a straight set 6-2, 6-4 victory over No. 8 Daniel Nestor (CAN) and Nenad Zimonjic (SRB). Using their power and taking advantage of a serve that proved to be unbreakable, Kubot and Lindstedt topped the American-South African pair in straight sets 6-3, 6-3 on Saturday night to claim the doubles title. It was the best finish at a Grand Slam for Butorac who turned pro in 2003 and is now 32 years old.

Off the Court

- The 2013 Gustavus Adolphus men's tennis team was named an All-Academic Team by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA). To be eligible for the award, a team must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or above (on a 4.00 scale). To go along with the team honor Gustavus received, a total of 14 Gusties were named ITA Scholar Athletes.



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

Head coach

- Jon Henning (Seventh season)

A Year Ago

- 0-9 MIAC (10th place) | 3-16 Overall

Top Returners

- Tyler Antil (Sr., Singles)
- Derek Lutz (Sr., Singles/Doubles)
- Dylan Sperry (Sr., Singles/Doubles)

Key Losses

- David Croonquist (9-5, No. 1 singles, Former AOW)
- Nathan Tretsven (4-11, No. 2 singles)

By the Numbers

- 0: juniors on 12 player roster
- 3: ITA Academic All-Americans in 2013 (Dylan Sperry, Sam Peterson, Ben Ekstein)
- 4: players in top six singles from 2013 returning in 2014

Did You Know?

- Cody Jahrig, a freshman from Missoula, MT, played in the doubles finals of the Montana state tournament in 2013. His school, Hellgate, won the 2012 team title and was second in 2013.

Off the Court

- For the first time in school, Hamline's men's team earned ITA Academic All-American status.

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

Head coach

- Jason Muhl (Ninth season)

A Year Ago

- 3-6 MIAC (Seventh place) | 8-8 Overall



Top Returners

- Brian Utz (So. | 8-9 at No. 1 doubles; 7-10 at first doubles)
- Max Soghikian (Sr | All-MIAC; 6-3 in MIAC at No. 4 singles)
- Sam Naden (6-8 at sixth singles)

Key Losses

- Max Edwards (9-8 in singles – first and second; 4-5 in MIAC singles)
- Stephen Tyndel (11-5 at second and third singles; All-MIAC)

By the Numbers

- 3: Macalester had three players make academic all-conference honors last year
- 7: Macalester's roster is represented by players from seven states and one foreign country
- 60: Macalester was 60-41 in singles play a season ago. Max Soghikian was the team's top winner with a 12-4 record at No. 4.

Did You Know?

- The Scots have started their spring campaign with a week's worth of competition at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, for two decades.

Off the Court

- The Scots had three players represented on the Academic All-MIAC squad last year.

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



Head coach

- Jack Bowe (17th season)

A Year Ago

- 5-4 MIAC (T-4th place) | 8-13 Overall

In the 2013 Postseason

- MIAC postseason results (Quarterfinals – def. St. Olaf, 5-2; Semifinals – lost Gustavus, 0-5)

Top Returners

- Jack Hansen (So. | 8-13 singles record (4-5 MIAC)/13-11 doubles record (5-4 MIAC) as a freshman in 2013)
- Joe Laue (Sr. | 4-17 singles record (3-6 MIAC)/4-4 doubles record (3-1 MIAC) in 2013)
- Connor Rust (Sr. | 4-14 singles record (1-6 MIAC)/5-15 doubles record (3-4 MIAC) in 2013)

Key Losses

- Fabricio Moncada (Four-time All-MIAC honoree in singles play; two-time All-MIAC honoree in doubles play; finished the 2013 season with a 20-6 overall singles record (8-1 MIAC record) and a 9-15 doubles record (4-5 MIAC record)
- Willie Paul (2013 All-MIAC honoree in singles play, finished the 2013 season with a 10-10 singles record (8-1 MIAC) and an 8-9 doubles record (3-4 MIAC)
- Zach Shriwise (Ended the 2013 season with an 8-10 singles record (5-4 MIAC) and a 9-9 doubles record (5-4 MIAC)

By the Numbers

- 3: Like the Charlestown Chiefs in the movie "Slapshot," SJU has been blessed with three Hansen brothers, including sophomore, Jack. Older brothers, Dutch '10 and Ian '12, both earned a pair of All-MIAC honors in their four years at SJU. Ian also earned the MIAC's Arthur Ashe Award in 2012.
- 30-24: SJU posted a 30-24 record in singles competition, in MIAC play, for the second consecutive season in 2013.
- 7: Last year's 5-2 win over St. Olaf in the MIAC Quarterfinals, the Johnnies' first MIAC Tournament victory since 2006, snapped a seven-match losing streak to the Oles spanning five years (March 1, 2008).

Did You Know?

- Two current SJU tennis student-athletes compete despite physical ailments that can affect their performance on the court. Hansen is a Type I, insulin-dependent diabetic, while Rust suffers from severe asthma. A recent graduate, Willie Paul '13, competed for three seasons (2011-13) with a pacemaker in his heart.

Off the Court

- Rust earned his second consecutive Academic All-MIAC honor in 2013.

SAINT MARY'S | [Cardinals' men's tennis home page](#) |

Head coach

- Jeff Halberg (16th season)

A Year Ago

- 4-5 MIAC (Sixth place) | 17-7 Overall



In The Postseason

- MIAC Tournament: vs. St. Thomas (L, 5-0)

Top Returners

- Collin Kaczorowski (5-6, 125, So. | 20-4 in singles, 16-7 in doubles | Owns SMU single-season record with 20 singles wins |
- Gavin Smith (5-10, 175, Sr. | 12-11 in singles, 8-12 in doubles | Lone senior on 2014 squad)
- Warren Lawrence (5-9, 135, So. | 7-0 in singles, 6-1 in doubles)

Key Losses

- Michael Lunka (4-8 at No. 1 singles, 18-7 at No. 1 doubles | career record-holder in doubles wins with 64 | Three-time First-Team All-MIAC in singles and doubles)
- Bobby Steingraeber (13-9 in singles, 20-7 at No. 1 doubles | Single-season record holder in doubles wins with 20 | Second in career doubles wins with 62 | Three-time First-Team All-MIAC in doubles)
- Sam Puff (15-6 in singles, 8-12 in doubles | Career-high 15 singles wins in 2013; Second in career singles wins with 50 | 2013 First-Team All-MIAC)

By The Numbers

- 13: With their 9-0 victory over North Central on April 20, the Cardinals improved to 13-1 in nonconference play last season. SMU's 6-3, spring trip-opening loss to Ursinus was its lone non-league loss of the 2013 season.
- 17: The Cardinals' 17 overall wins were the most under head coach Jeff Halberg. SMU's sixth-place regular-season finish also equaled their highest conference finish under Halberg, who was named MIAC Coach of the Year.
- 20: Collin Kaczorowski (Suamico, Wis.) set a single-season school record with his 20th singles win — a straight-set victory at No. 5 singles against Macalester on April 27.

Did You Know?

- SMU made its first-ever appearance in the six-team MIAC Tournament, which began in 2007

Off The Court

- Andrew Rangitsch (Oakdale, Minn.) represented the SMU men's tennis team on the Academic All-MIAC squad in 2012, while head coach Jeff Halberg was named MIAC Coach of the Year.



ST. OLAF | [Oles' men's tennis home page](#) |

Head coach

- Scott Nesbit (25th season)

A Year Ago

- 5-4 MIAC (T-4th place) | 6-7 Overall

In the 2013 Postseason

- MIAC postseason results - Lost in Quarterfinal round to SJU, 5-2

Top Returners

- Stephen Nolan (Jr. | 4-5 at No. 1, 3-1 at No. 2)
- Joey Kronzer (So. | Went 5-8 in 2013, including 2-3 at No. 3 and 3-4 at No. 4)

Key Losses

- Andy Catania (was 5-8, including 5-4 at the No. 2 singles spot)

By the Numbers

- 8: St. Olaf opens the season with eight on the road, including three in Florida in late March.



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

Head coach

- Terry Peck (24th season)

A Year Ago

- 11-5 MIAC (Third place) | 7-2 Overall

In the 2013 Postseason

- MIAC postseason results (1-1, lost in MIAC semifinals)

Top Returners

- Steven Skanse, SR, 13-3 in doubles last season
- Brady Radermacher, SO, 11-5 in doubles, 9-7 in singles in 2013; All-MIAC doubles
- Brendan Hollidge, JR, 8-3 in singles last season

Key Losses

- Brendan O'Connell, Grad, 43 career doubles wins, All-MIAC
- Brian McCarthy, Grad, 32 career doubles wins, All-MIAC
- Mitchell Blackey, Grad, 11-6 doubles, 10-7 singles last season

By the Numbers

- 4: Number of players returning from team's top 8 of last season
- 11: Number of MIAC second- or third-place finishes for UST men's tennis in last 16 seasons
- 4: Number of Tommie freshmen expected to make immediate contributions, led by Scott Wall of DePere, Wis., and Burke Anderson of Centennial High

Did You Know?

- UST's lone senior, Steven Skanse of Eden Prairie, has a family legacy in MIAC tennis. His father, Rich, and sister Lauren played for Gustavus. Rich Skanse (Class of '84) was a four-time MIAC champ and an NCAA doubles champ and is now in the Gustavus Athletics Hall of Fame.

Off the Court

- Tommie head coach Terry Peck is on pace to surpass 550 college men's or women's victories this spring. In 18 years with the women's team and 23 seasons with the men, he has a combined 547-208 record.

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