

# Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference



## 2022-23 MIAC Tennis Season Preview

Tennis

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**BLOOMINGTON, Minn.** – Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) tennis programs will be back on the court this season with a new opportunity available to them: the ability to play conference matches in the fall segment of the year.

MIAC membership approved a two-year trial to allow conference matches to be played in the fall if agreed upon by both institutions. Previously, the MIAC portion of the tennis schedule was played in the spring segment only, ahead of the NCAA Championships in May. Given the uncertainty of spring weather in Minnesota, the ability to shift matches to the fall is intended to provide increased opportunities for student-athletes to play matches outside and on campus.

Two men's conference matches - Carleton at Hamline (9/25) and Carleton at St. Scholastica (10/9) - and three women's conference matches - Carleton at Hamline (9/17), Carleton at Concordia (10/1), and Hamline at St. Olaf (10/8) - are currently slated to be played this fall during the trial run. MIAC teams are also permitted to play non-conference matches at their discretion throughout the fall, and several will compete in the annual Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Midwest Regional and ITA Cup tournaments. Gustavus is scheduled to host the Women's ITA Midwest Regional from September 23-26, and the Men's ITA Midwest Regional from September 30-October 3. The ITA Cup - formerly known as "Small College Nationals" - will be held at the Rome Tennis Center in Rome Ga. on October 13-16. Singles and doubles finalists from the Midwest Regional will receive automatic entry into the ITA Cup.

The majority of conference matches will be played in the spring of 2023, beginning with the Carleton at Saint Mary's men's match on January 29. The 2022-23 regular season will run through Saturday, April 22, and the conference playoffs will get underway the following week. The MIAC Men's Tennis Quarterfinals will take place on Tuesday, April 25, with the Women's Quarterfinals occurring on Wednesday, April 26. The Men's Semifinals will then be Thursday, April 27 followed by the Women's Semifinals the next day. Both the Men's and Women's Playoff championship matches are set for Saturday, April 29. The winner of the MIAC Playoffs will receive the conference's automatic bids to the 2023 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Championships. The 2023 NCAA Division III Championships are scheduled for May 14-22, 2023 at the USTA National Campus in Orlando, Fla.

## 2021-22 FINAL STANDINGS

### MIAC Men's Tennis

\*#%Gustavus (25-11, 9-0)

Carleton (15-6, 8-1)

Macalester (11-7, 7-2)

Saint John's (10-7, 6-3)

Bethel (11-9, 5-4)

St. Olaf (6-7, 4-5)

St. Scholastica (5-10, 3-6)

Hamline (6-13, 2-7)

Saint Mary's (6-15, 1-8)

Concordia (1-16, 0-9)

### MIAC Women's Tennis

\*Gustavus (19-7, 10-0)

#%Carleton (16-2, 9-1)

St. Catherine (12-4, 8-2)

St. Olaf (8-6, 6-4)

Bethel (11-11, 6-4)

Saint Benedict (9-9, 5-5)

Saint Mary's (11-8, 4-6)

St. Scholastica (8-8, 4-6)

Macalester (5-12, 2-8)

Concordia (7-12, 1-9)

Hamline (2-17, 0-10)

\*MIAC Regular Season Champion

#MIAC Playoff Champion

%NCAA Championship Participant

## RULE CHANGES

The Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Division III Operating Committee has instituted a [mandatory, no-ad scoring pilot for all of D-III tennis for the 2022-23 season](#). No-ad tennis matches are played as follows: If each player/team has won three points, the score is "Deuce" and a deciding point shall be played. The receiver(s) shall choose whether

to receive the service from the right half or the left half of the court. In doubles, the players of the receiving team cannot change positions to receive this deciding point. The player/team who wins the deciding point wins the game.

The ITA Operating Committee will also move forward with alternate 7-point scoring format pilots at select dual match tournaments in the spring. Specific details have not been finalized yet. A summary of other ITA rule changes and clarifications for the 2022-23 season can be found [here](#), pending each conference's approval.

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#### **NEW MIAC WEBSITE & APP**

The MIAC launched a [refreshed website](#) and new [mobile app](#) over the summer through a new multi-year partnership with SIDEARM Sports. The updated website design is intended to be more user-friendly and interactive for student-athletes, parents, alumni, and fans, featuring easy access to stories, schedules, results, standings, and championship information. The new mobile app is free to fans and can be downloaded on both the [Apple App Store](#) and the [Google Play Store](#) for Android devices. The MIAC's previous "Front Row" app will be retired and no longer update as of the 2022-23 academic year.

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#### **AWARD WATCH**

The 2022-23 MIAC Tennis All-Conference honors will be announced following the conclusion of the regular season in the spring. All-Conference designation is awarded on the basis of a player's win-loss record in MIAC dual meets only. The top 18 players according to points accrued in both singles and doubles will receive All-Conference. A men's tennis player must participate in a minimum of five conference matches at any position and a women's tennis player must participate in a minimum of six conference matches at any position to be eligible for All-Conference. In addition to All-Conference, MIAC coaches will also vote on honorable mention distinction and individual recipients for Singles Player, Doubles Team, Rookie, and Coach of the Year awards, as well as the senior athlete character awards (Chris Evert Award for women's tennis and Arthur Ashe Award for men's tennis). To be eligible for Rookie of the Year honors, a student-athlete must be a true college first-year student (not a transfer from another institution or an academic sophomore/junior/senior who has not used eligibility).

Throughout the regular season, the MIAC will recognize top individual performances with the MIAC Tennis Athlete of the Week awards. Tennis Athlete of the Week awards will be issued throughout the academic year when at least three MIAC teams have competed in a given week and nominations for outstanding performances have been submitted.

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#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**First Non-Conference Match Date:** Saturday, September 10

**First Conference Match Date:** Sunday, September 25

**MIAC Playoffs:** Tuesday, April 25 (Men's Quarterfinals), Wednesday, April 26 (Women's Quarterfinals), Thursday, April 27 (Men's Semifinals), Friday, April 28 (Women's Semifinals), Saturday, April 29 (Championships)

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