Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference



2024-25 MIAC Tennis Season Preview

Tennis

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – After a two-year trial run, the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) approved a change in policy to allow conference matches to be played in the fall segment of the season.

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. Previously, the MIAC portion of the tennis schedule was played in the spring segment only, ahead of the NCAA Championships in May.

A handful of men's and women's conference matches are now slated to be played this fall, at the discretion of head coaches and their institutions. MIAC teams are also permitted to play non-conference matches 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 both the Men's and Women's ITA Midwest Regionals this fall. The <u>Women's Regional</u> is scheduled for September 20-23, with the <u>Men's Regional</u> to follow on September 27-30. The <u>ITA Cup</u> - formerly known as the "Small College Nationals" - will be held at the Rome Tennis Center in Rome Ga. on October 10-13. 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 2025. The 2024-25 regular season will run through Sunday, April 27, and the conference playoffs will get underway days later. The MIAC Men's Tennis Quarterfinals will take place on Tuesday, April 29, with the Women's Quarterfinals occurring on Wednesday, April 30. The Men's Semifinals will be Thursday, May 1 followed by the Women's Semifinals the next day. Both the Men's and Women's Playoff championship matches are set for Saturday, May 3. The will receive the conference's automatic bids to the 2025 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Championships. The 2025 NCAA Division III Championships are scheduled for May 19-27, 2025 at the Biszantz Family Tennis Center in Claremont, California.

2023-24 FINAL STANDINGS

MIAC Men's Tennis Gustavus (23-8, 9-0)*#% Carleton (15-6, 8-1) St. Scholastica (11-9, 7-2) Macalester (9-11, 5-4) St. Olaf (6-12, 4-5) Saint John's (5-10, 4-5) Bethel (11-9, 4-5) Hamline (13-7, 3-6) Concordia (3-14, 1-8) Saint Mary's (5-14, 0-9)

MIAC Regular Season Champion #MIAC Playoff Champion %NCAA Championship Participant MIAC Women's Tennis Carleton (18-1, 10-0)#% Gustavus (16-11, 9-1) Bethel (18-4, 7-3) Macalester (11-7, 6-4) St. Catherine (12-6, 6-4) Saint Benedict (7-10, 5-5) St. Olaf (11-7, 5-5) St. Scholastica (10-10, 4-6) Saint Mary's (9-10, 2-8) Concordia (4-18, 1-9) Hamline (10-12, 0-10)

The Gustavus tandem of **Gage Gohl** and **Tyler Haddorff** will also come into the 2024-25 season with additional hardware, having won the 2024 doubles national championship over Sewanee in May.

RULE CHANGES

The Division III Men's & Women's Tennis Committees have agreed to implement a one-year seven-point dual match scoring pilot for the 2025 NCAA Division III Men's & Women's Tennis Championships. The goal of the pilot is to gather more data regarding the impact of the format change on dual matches and the Division III student-athlete

experience. All non-conference and postseason matches will use the seven-point format; however, MIAC coaches have voted to continue using the nine-point format for regular-season conference matches only, as coaches feel the format better promotes doubles play and Division III philosophy for student-athlete experience.

MIAC APP

The MIAC debuted its refreshed mobile app last summer in partnership with SIDEARM Sports. The app is free to fans and can be downloaded on both the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store for Android devices.

AWARD WATCH

The 2024-25 MIAC Tennis All-Conference honors will be announced following the conclusion of the regular season. 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, 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.

LOOKING AHEAD

First Non-Conference Match Date: Sunday, September 22 First Conference Match Date: Sunday, September 22

MIAC Playoffs: Tuesday, April 29 (Men's Quarterfinals), Wednesday, April 30 (Women's Quarterfinals), Thursday, May 1 (Men's Semifinals), Friday, May 2 (Women's

Semifinals), Saturday, May 3 (Championships)

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