

2004 MIAC Men's Tennis Tournament

Championship Bracket

First Round Matches		
#7 St. Olaf defeated # 10 Macalester 6-3		
# 8 Concordia defeated. #9 Bethel 8-1		
Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Finals
#1 Gustavus defeated #8 Concordia (B) 8-1	#1 Gustavus defeated #4 St. Thomas (B) 6-0	Championship Match Gustavus defeated Carleton 8-1 Third Place Match St. Thomas defeated St. John's 5-3
#4 St. Thomas defeated. #5 Hamline (B) 9-0		
#3 St. John's defeated #6 St. Mary's (G) 7-2	#2 Carleton defeated #3 St. John's (G) 8-1	
#2 Carleton defeated. #7 St. Olaf (G) 7-2		

Consolation Bracket

Fifth Place Semifinal	Fifth Place Final
#8 Concordia defeated #5 Hamline (B) 5-4	#7 St. Olaf defeated #8 Concordia 5-4
#7 St. Olaf defeated #6 St. Mary's (G) 6-3	
Seventh Place Final	Ninth Place Final
#5 Hamline defeated #6 St. Mary's 5-2	#9 Bethel defeated #10 Macalester 6-3

Gustavus Claims 16th Consecutive MIAC Championship with 8-1 Win Over Carleton, St. Thomas Finishes Third with 5-3 Win over St. John's

ST. PETER, Minn. -The top-seeded Gustavus men's tennis team defeated #2 seed Carleton 8-1 to win its 16th consecutive MIAC Championship and 31st in the past 34 years. Saint Thomas edged Saint John's 5-3 in the third place match. The final two matches were played indoors at the Swanson Tennis Center (on the Gustavus campus) due to a steady rain that began falling about 4:00 pm.

The Gusties, who are rated #3 nationally and #1 in the Midwest Region, will now move to NCAA Tournament play next weekend. Gustavus (26-6) will host a four-team regional next Saturday and Sunday. The complete tournament field will be announced on Monday afternoon. Carleton (20-3), which finished second in the tournament and during the regular season, will also receive strong consideration for a NCAA Tournament bid.

The third and fifth place matches were thrillers. St. Thomas won all three doubles matches in tiebreakers to take a 3-0, but St. John's won the #2, #3 and #4 singles matches to pull within 4-3. St. Thomas clinched the match when Brian Thomas (Jr, Winona, Minn.) defeated Mike Solum (Sr., Edina, Minn.) 6-4, 6-1 at #1 singles to clinch the match. St. Olaf, which finished tied for seventh place in the regular season, defeated Concordia-Moorhead 5-4 to place fifth in the tournament. Dan Cohen (Sr., St. Paul, Minn.) defeated Erik Giga (Sr., Owatonna, Minn.) 5-7, 7-6 (4), 11-9 in the superbreaker at #3 singles for the deciding match point.

During the tournament two conference awards were announced. Carleton Coach Stephan Zweifel was named MIAC Coach of the Year and Carleton senior Mike Ottum (Green Bay, Wisc.) received the Arthur Ashe Award for scholarship, citizenship, sportsmanship and tennis ability.

Match results from the final day

Championship Match - Gustavus 8 Carleton 1

Third Place Match - St. Thomas 5 St. John's 3

Fifth Place Match - St. Olaf 5 Concordia 4

Seventh Place Match - Hamline 5 St. Mary's 2

Ninth Place Match - Bethel 6 Macalester 3