

2015 MIAC Women's Tennis Preview and Preseason Coaches' Poll

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2015 MIAC Women's Tennis Conference Preview

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. -- After a couple decades rules by a women's tennis dynasty, the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) is now firmly in a new era of parity. The 2015 season begins with a number of teams legitimately aspiring to win the conference championship, and the battle for the title and the MIAC Playoff championship certainly has the potential to be one of the best in recent memory.

Gustavus ruled the MIAC, winning the title each season from 1992 to 2011, but Carleton interrupted that incredible run by claiming conference regular-season championships in 2012 and last season (2014), with St. Catherine winning it all in 2013. The Knights have been the league's best postseason team in that stretch, winning each of the last three MIAC Playoff titles, and St. Thomas has also joined that trio as a contender in recent years.

Last season, the Knights emerged unscathed in league play, as Luciano Battaglini's team went 19-3 overall and 10-0 in the MIAC to capture a second title in three years, and a third-straight Playoff crown. The Gusties (16-6) and Tommies (15-4) were tied for second at 8-2 in MIAC play, with the 2013 champion Wildcats (13-8) right behind at 7-3. Saint Benedict (9-10) and St. Olaf (7-5) also finished over .500 in the conference at 6-4 each, and rounded out the six-team MIAC Playoff field.

Saint Mary's was 10-8 overall, and just missed out on a postseason bid with a 4-6 MIAC record to finish seventh. Bethel (5-12) was a game behind the Cardinals in the standings at 3-7. Macalester (4-13) finished 2-8, Hamline (6-15) was 1-9 and Concordia (0-19 overall, 0-10 MIAC) rounded out the standings. In all, the MIAC had four teams with at least 13 wins, six teams finished over .500 overall, and another was just a game below even.

The MIAC Playoffs were an entertaining representation of the parity at the top, as the tournament moved to a high-seed host format last season. The home teams advanced in the quarterfinals - including St. Catherine's thrilling 5-4 win over St. Olaf. No. 1- seeded Carleton and No. 2 Gustavus both won semifinal matches, and dueled in an incredible championship match that the Knights won, 5-3.

As great as last season was, the teams could just be getting started. The top four again expect to be in the title hunt, and the rest of the league is also trending upward and hoping to deepen the pool of contenders for postseason bids and even the conference championship. The season is already under way, and it won't take long for the memorable matches and highlight volleys to begin adding up.

PARITY ATOP PRESEASON POLL

Even the MIAC coaches had a tough time picking a favorite this season, as the top three teams are separated by a single point in the 2015 MIAC Women's Tennis Preseason Coaches' Poll. St. Thomas, Carleton and Gustavus split the first-place votes - four each for the Tommies and Knights and three for the Gusties - and created a three-team log jam atop the poll. St. Thomas received 91 points to establish itself as the favorite to claim its first MIAC title since 1991, with Carleton and Gustavus tied for second just a point back at 90.

Outside the top three, St. Catherine and St. Olaf were tabbed to round out the top five and also have a say in the MIAC title race, as the Wildcats received 70 points to come in fourth and St. Olaf was just three points back in fifth with 67 points. Saint Benedict received 57 points to finish sixth and round out the coaches' predicted Playoff field.

Bethel and Macalester both enter the season with Playoff aspirations, but their standing was also too close to call as they each received 37 points from the coaches to share seventh place. Saint Mary's was just three points behind that duo in with 34 points to come in ninth, and Hamline (18) and Concordia (14) finished the preseason prognostications.

FAMILIAR COACHING FACES RETURN

All was quiet on the coaching front this season, as all 11 head coaches will return to their respective programs in 2015, including a trio who have served more than 20 years at their current post. St. Olaf's Scott Nesbit leads the way in his 27th season leading the Oles, with Gustavus' Jon Carlson starting his milestone 25th season coaching the Gusties, and St. Thomas' Terry Peck begins season No. 23 with the Tommies.

Jeff Halberg begins his 17th season leading the Saint Mary's women's tennis team and Macalester's Jason Muhl is also in double-digits in season No. 11. Saint Benedict's Scott Larson begins his ninth season, Battaglini begins his eighth season coaching Carleton and St. Catherine's Ben Hageseth and Hamline's Jon Henning both start season No. 7. Bethel's Drew Fernelius opens his third season leading the Royals, and Concordia's Steve Futchko starts his second season in Moorhead.



WHO TO WATCH FOR

Though St. Thomas hasn't gotten involved in the recent MIAC championship round-robin, 2015 could be the year Peck's team breaks through and gets in on the act. The Tommies have been a talented but young team in recent years, and now that experience has led to a loaded lineup. Senior Kara Lefsrud and junior Bridget Noack were ITA All-American doubles players last season, and junior Shelby Henderson gives UST another returning All-MIAC standout to give Peck a host of gifted upperclassmen this season.

Carleton is on the verge of becoming the next MIAC women's tennis dynasty, and the Knights have plenty of reasons to feel good about their chances on a third MIAC title in four years in 2015. The team graduated All-MIAC staples Anne Lombardi, Molly Hemes and Katherine Greenberg, but Battaglini welcomes back a trio of extremely talented juniors. Mikalya Becich and Claire Spender were both All-MIAC singles and doubles selections in 2013 and 2014, and Joyce Yu joined them on the All-MIAC doubles team last season.

Gustavus had its streak of 20 MIAC titles snapped in 2012, but Carlson has a tremendous team back that pushed Carleton to the brink last season in the postseason title match, so the Gusties could be poised to reclaim their spot at the top. Senior Laurel Krebsbach and sophomore Michaela Schulz were both All-MIAC singles and doubles selections, and junior Lizzy Stanczyk was an All-Conference doubles pick, and they'll lead a team that returns nearly every key contributor from a year ago.

St. Catherine has the tall task of replacing graduated Victoria Bravo, who was a two-time All-MIAC singles and double player and an individual NCAA Tournament participant, but a trio of All-Conference leaders all return to keep the Wildcats in the title picture. Senior Maria Koval and juniors Kylie Ketcho and Mikinzee Salo have all earned multiple All-MIAC honors in their careers. St. Olaf returns All-MIAC duo Alisa Hall and Kristi Kroker, and hopes for junior Bailey Kent to continue her progression as the Oles eye a return to the MIAC Playoffs.

Saint Benedict graduated a pair of All-MIAC players, but are set up for another season in Playoff contention thanks to the return of All-Conference singles and doubles sophomore Laura Finn and All-MIAC doubles selection Daley Rugar. Bethel hopes to take another step forward - this time into the postseason - with three of its top five players back in seniors Kristin Vivian and Abby Kreklau and sophomore Kourtney Jakubic.

Macalester graduated a trio of key players from its lineup, and will look to junior Katelyn Glenna, who played both No. 1 singles and doubles a year ago, to lead a new crop of Scots upward in the MIAC standings. Saint Mary's graduated No. 1 player Grace Zachman, but will lean on a pair of standout sophomores - Haley Jorgensen and Megan Vandenberg - who had breakout performances as rookies in 2014.

Hamline returns its full team intact and has high hopes to use that experience to move up in the MIAC standings. Sophomore Jordan Danielson, senior Shamara Duwearatchi and junior Emily Butler are all back to lead a seasoned Pipers' lineup. Concordia is already off to a better start than a year ago, as they won last weekend to snap a 35-match losing streak, and the Cobbers hope that is just the start of positive news in Futchko's second season. No. 1 singles player Brittany Glatt, No. 3 Jade Haseltine and No. 4 Morgan Sawatzke are all back in Moorhead to help Concordia turn things around.

CIRCLE THESE DATES

Fortunately, fans don't have to wait for the fun to begin, as the MIAC opened with its first matches of the season last Sunday (Feb. 1). Conference matches began right away, with some MIAC matches hosted in indoor facilities in February and March, with the bulk of the conference schedule played outdoors in April. The regular season concludes on Sunday, April 26, and the MIAC Playoffs will again be a high-seed host event with quarterfinals on Wednesday, April 29, semifinals on Friday, May 1, and the championship match on Sunday, May 3.

The top three teams atop the preseason poll will all square off in a round-robin that could very well decide the MIAC title over the season's final two weeks. It starts with Carleton at St. Thomas on April 11 at 1 a.m. Then the Knights host Gustavus on April 18 at 2 p.m., and it concludes with Gustavus visiting St. Thomas on April 25 at 4 p.m. St. Thomas will be home against both foes, while Gustavus will hit the road twice and Carleton will have one of each in the potential season-defining stretch.

The first huge MIAC showdown will take place in February, as St. Catherine will visit St. Olaf with the match played indoors in Owatonna, Minn., to reprise their thrilling MIAC Playoff quarterfinal match from a year ago. The Wildcats and Oles square off on Feb. 28 at 3:30 p.m. Another match with postseason implications will take place on April 11 when Bethel visits Saint Benedict at 10 a.m.

One of the most important matches in March will be played at Macalester, as the Scots will host Saint Mary's on March 28 at 2 p.m. in a meeting of teams hoping to move up into MIAC Playoff contention. Also, Concordia will visit Hamline at noon on April 11 in a key match for both teams, as each hope to start a trend of upward movement in 2015.

A CLOSER LOOK

The rest of the 2015 MIAC Women's Tennis Preview contains complete results from the 2015 Preseason Coaches' Poll, MIAC Playoff details, helpful links and a preview for each team submitted by their sports information director. The MIAC web site - www.miacathletics.com - will be an outstanding source for MIAC women's tennis news, schedules, scores, stats and more throughout the 2015 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](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#) pages for updates and interaction all season long.

2015 MIAC Women's Tennis Preseason Coaches' Poll

Coaches voted for every team in the conference except their own team. Points were assigned for each vote (10 for first, nine 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.

2015 MIAC Women's Tennis Preseason Coaches' Poll

Rank	Institution	Total
1.	St. Thomas (4)	91
T2.	Carleton (4)	90
T2.	Gustavus (3)	90
4.	St. Catherine	70
5.	St. Olaf	67
6.	Saint Benedict	57
T7.	Bethel	37
T7.	Macalester	37
9.	Saint Mary's	34
10.	Hamline	18
11.	Concordia	14

2015 MIAC Women's Tennis Playoffs

The 2015 MIAC Tennis Playoffs will mark the second-straight season of the new tournament format, which has top seeds hosting each round over the course of the five-day Playoffs. 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 29 in the quarterfinals, with the winners meeting the top two seeds in the semifinals on May 1. The championship match will be held May 3 on the home court of the top remaining seed. The winner will receive the MIAC's automatic bid to the 2015 NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Tournament.

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



Head coach

- Drew Fernelius (Third season)

A Year Ago

- 3-7 MIAC (8th place) | 5-12 Overall

Top Returners

- Kristin Vivian (No. 2 Singles/No. 1 Doubles, Sr. | 8-9 No. 2 singles record)
- Abby Kreklau (No. 4 Singles/No. 2 Doubles, Sr. | 5-11 No. 4 singles record)
- Kourtney Jakubic (No. 5/6 Singles/No. 3 Doubles, So. | 11-6 Singles record, 7-2 at No. 5 singles)

Key Losses

- Abby Edin (No. 1 Singles | 5-4 MIAC No. 1 Singles record)
- Amanda Johnson (No. 3 Singles/No. 1/2 Doubles | 7-10 No. 3 Singles record)

By the Numbers

- 2-1: The Royals went 2-1 in match play against some of the top teams from the WIAC this fall. The main competition season for WIAC schools takes place in the fall and the Royals competed very well despite not always having their complete lineup in victories over UW-Stevens Point and UW-Stout and a loss to UW-Oshkosh.
- 6: The key to the Royals victory this fall over UW-Stout, given the absence of Bethel's top three players, was the contribution of six freshmen. Mattie Kidder, Madeline Simpson, Abby Palmquist, Abigail Anderson, Rachel Riley and Hannah Quinn all contributed.
- 3: The Royals closed the 2014 season with three straight victories over Hamline (9-0), Macalester (7-2) and Concordia (9-0).

Did You Know?

- Seniors Abby Kreklau and Kristin Vivian along with junior Larissa Voss all took advantage of Bethel's J-term to study abroad during the month of January. Kreklau and Vivian went to Europe while Voss went to Ecuador.

Off the Court

- The Royals team Christmas party consisted of both the men's and women's teams volunteering at Feed My Starving Children together.



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

Head coach

- Luciano Battaglini (Eighth season)

A Year Ago

- 10-0 MIAC (MIAC champions) | 19-3 Overall

In the 2014 Postseason

- MIAC postseason results — defeated St. Catherine, 5-2, in semifinals; defeated Gustavus, 5-3, in finals
- NCAA postseason results — defeated Westminster College (Pa.), 5-0, in first round; lost to Univ. of Chicago, 5-2, in second round

Top Returners

- Mikayla Becich (Jr. | All-MIAC for singles and doubles in both 2013 and 2014; in singles, she owns a career 30-9 dual record overall and is 14-2 in MIAC matches; for doubles, she is averaging 13 victories a season and at least 7 MIAC wins per year)
- Claire Spencer (Jr. | All-MIAC for singles in both 2013 and 2014, going 32-12 overall and 18-2 in MIAC matches over that span)
- Joyce Yu (Jr. | All-MIAC after going 12-6 at first doubles in 2014; also went 15-4 in singles play last season)

Key Losses

- Anne Lombardi (All-MIAC in singles for 2011, 2012, and 2013; All-MIAC in doubles for 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014)
- Molly Hemes (All-MIAC in singles for 2012, 2013, and 2014; also All-MIAC in doubles for 2012)
- Katherine Greenberg (All-MIAC in singles for 2014; All-MIAC in doubles for 2012)

By the Numbers

- 3: Carleton has reached the NCAA Championships in each of the last three seasons
- 29: Carleton is 29-1 in MIAC matches over the last three seasons
- 26: The Knights enter the regular season ranked No. 5 in the central region by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association and No. 26 in the nation.

Did You Know?

- The Knights' 2014 recruiting class was ranked No. 20 in Division III by TennisRecruiting.net. This is the third time in the last five years that Carleton brought in a top-20 group.

Off the Court

- The team was recognized as a member of the All-Academic Team by ITA for the 13th consecutive season. The award recognizes teams with a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or higher. Carleton is the only MIAC tennis program—male or female—to receive this award every year since its inception in 2002.



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

Head coach

- Steve Futchko (Second season)

A Year Ago

- 0-10 MIAC (11th place) | 0-19 Overall

Top Returners

- Brittany Glatt (Jr. | Team's No.1 singles player in 2014)
- Jade Haseltine (So. | Team's No.3 singles player in 2014)
- Morgan Sawatzke (Jr. | Team's No.4 singles player in 2014)

By the Numbers

- 4: The Cobbers are now practicing at the multi-court Courts Plus Tennis Center which is less than five miles away from campus.
- 35: Concordia has lost 35 straight matches.
- 3,750: Concordia will travel a total distance of 3,750 miles for their Spring Break trip when they train in California at the end of February.

Did You Know?

- Cobber junior Brittany Glatt has three sisters and they all play tennis as well.

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

Head coach

- Jon Carlson (25th season)



A Year Ago

- 8-2 MIAC (2nd place) | 16-6 Overall

In the 2014 Postseason

- Defeated St. Thomas 5-1 in MIAC semifinals. Fell to Carleton College 5-3 in finals.

Top Returners

- Michaela Schulz (So., Elk River, Minn.) | 2014 All-Conference singles and doubles honoree... Went 13-7 at No. 1 singles and 17-3 in doubles (13-3 at No. 1, 4-0 at No. 2).

• Laurel Krebsbach (Sr., North Oaks, Minn.) | 2014 All-Conference singles and doubles honoree... Went 15-4 at No. 2 singles last season... Went 14-6 at No. 1 doubles.

• Lizzy Stanczyk (Jr., Plymouth, Wis.) | 2014 All-Conference doubles honoree... Went a combined 16-4 at No. 3, 4 and 5 singles in 2014... Was 15-6 in doubles, including an 11-3 mark at the No. 2 position.

By the Numbers

• .849/.984: Percentage of singles and doubles matches, respectively, that Gustavus returners played in last season. The Gusties return to the court with five-of-six singles players and all six doubles players from last season's playoff lineup.

• 2: The number of Gustavus semifinalists in the 2014 USTA/ITA Midwest Regional played this last fall. Michaela Schulz won four matches before being defeated by UW-La Crosse's Bridget Bellissimo in the semifinal 6-1, 3-6, 7-6 (4), while Krebsbach also won four matches before being defeated by top-seeded and eventual champion Megan Humphrey's of UW-Whitewater 6-4, 6-2.

• 6: Number of regular season conference matches the Gusties have lost since 1989. During that 26-year span, Gustavus has amassed a record of 251-6 in MIAC play.

Did You Know?

• Gustavus was one of 86 NCAA Division III teams from across the country to earn All-Academic Team honors from the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA). To go along with the team honor, a total of six Gustie student-athletes including Bailey Abeysekera, Sofia Huitron, Laurel Krebsbach, Samantha Silcox and Lizzy Stanczyk who were each named ITA Scholar Athletes.

Off the Court

• First-year players Katie Aney, Ally Baker, Avery Bather and Taylor Shortly all took part in a Gustavus January-Term class entitled "First Edition: Gustavus Show Choir." The class, made up of approximately 75 first-year Gustavus students, met daily throughout the month of January to rehearse three group numbers that were performed in a finale concert on Thursday, January 29. The concert also featured four individual solo pieces, two of which were sung by Baker and Bather.



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

Head coach

- Jon Henning (Seventh season)

A Year Ago

- 1-9 MIAC (10th place) | 6-15 Overall

Top Returners

- Jordan Danielson, So., 7-12 in Nos. 2-3 singles, played with four partners at Nos. 1-2 doubles
- Shamara Duwearatchi, Sr., 8-13 in singles last year (three year regular)
- Emily Butler, Jr., 3-18 at No. 1 or 2 singles

Key Losses

- None

By the Numbers

- 1 senior on 2015 roster
- 6: wins last year were the most by a HU women's tennis team since 2007
- 67: returnees from 2014 team – all of whom saw regular action.

Did You Know?

• Jordan Danielson is a busy person these days. In addition to playing tennis, she also dives for the HU women's swimming team.

Off the Court

• The 2014 women's tennis team earned ITA Academic All-American status. It was the fifth year in a row a Hamline women's tennis team had done this.

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

Head coach

- Jason Muhl (11th season)

A Year Ago

- 2-8 MIAC (9th place) | 5-13 Overall



Top Returners

- Katelyn Glenna (Jr., 6-10 overall last year, 3-7 in MIAC at No. 1 singles, 7-5 in overall at No. 1 doubles)

Key Losses

- Carmen Whitehead (7-5 at no. 2 singles and 7-5 at no. 1 doubles last season)
- Kayleigh Roach (0-2 at no. 6 singles and competed in doubles at every meet last season)
- Sarah Couser (0-5 at no. 5/6 singles last season and member of no. 3 doubles team)

By the Numbers

- 4: Macalester had four players make academic all-conference honors a year ago.
- 9: Macalester's roster is represented by players from nine different states
- 20: This will be the 20th consecutive year Macalester has played matches at Hilton Head, South Carolina

Did You Know?

- Head Coach Jason Muhl, who enters his 11th season as the women's tennis head coach, was named MIAC women's coach of the year in 2008 after guiding Macalester to a school-best 15-5 record. Aside from coaching at Macalester, Jason spends his days as a full-time elementary teacher.

Off the Court

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

SAINT BENEDICT | [Blazers women's tennis home page](#) |



Head coach

- Scott Larsen (Ninth season)

A Year Ago

- 6-4 MIAC (T-5th place) | 13-10 Overall

In the 2014 Postseason

- Lost in first round of MIAC tournament

Top Returners

- Daley Rupar (Jr. | All-MIAC Doubles)
- Laura Finn (So. | All-MIAC Singles, Doubles)

Key Losses

- Jamie Hoffman (All-MIAC doubles)
- Ellie Black (All-MIAC doubles)

By the Numbers

- 4: CSB picked up four straight wins to end the regular season and earn a spot in the 2014 MIAC Tournament.
- 2: The number of outdoor home matches CSB played in 2013-14.
- 4: Four members of the CSB tennis team studied abroad in the fall and return for the 2015 spring season.

Did You Know?

- Head coach Scott Larsen was named the MIAC Coach of the Year for the second time in his career last season. He is eight wins away from 100 victories with the Blazers.

Off the Court

- The Blazer tennis team lead the CSB athletic department with a 3.604 team GPA in 2013-14.

ST. CATHERINE | [Wildcats' women's tennis home page](#) |



Head coach

- Ben Hageseth (Seventh season)

A Year Ago

- 7-3 MIAC (4th place) | 13-8 Overall

In the 2014 Postseason

- No. 4 seed, defeated St. Olaf 5-4 in quarterfinal; lost to Carleton 5-2 in semifinal
- Victoria Bravo selected as individual for NCAA Championships; lost 6-0, 6-3 in first round to Deena Li Kam Wa of Millsaps

Top Returners

- Maria Koval (Sr. | All-MIAC Singles (2012, 2013, 2014); All-MIAC Doubles ((2012, 2013, 2014); No. 5 all-time singles wins at SCU; No. 6 all-time doubles wins at SCU)
- Kylie Ketcho (Jr. | All-MIAC Singles (2014); All-MIAC Doubles (2013, 2014))

- Minkinzee Salo (Jr. | All-MIAC Singles (2014); All-MIAC Doubles (2014); No. 9 all-time doubles wins at SCU)

Key Losses

- Victoria Bravo (NCAA Championship participant (2014); All-MIAC Singles (2013, 2014); All-MIAC Doubles (2013, 2014); undefeated at No. 1 singles vs. MIAC opponents; 30-5 career singles record; 26-6 career doubles record)

By the Numbers

- 4: The Wildcats have made four-consecutive MIAC postseason appearances and won their first match in that time span with a 5-4 quarterfinal victory over St. Olaf in 2014.
- 24: The Wildcats went 24-6 in MIAC doubles matches last season which was the second best winning percentage (.800) behind MIAC Champion Carleton.
- 32: Angie Lorenzen and Minkinzee Salo both are 32-5 in career doubles matches in just two seasons each which is No. 9 all-time at St. Kate's. In 2013, they played together and went 14-1 at No. 3 doubles – including an undefeated 10-0 MIAC record.

Did You Know?

- The Wildcats will begin the season ranked No. 18 in the ITA Central Region poll. The team has not dropped out of the ITA regional rankings since they first entered the poll at No. 6 on March 14, 2013 during the Wildcats' MIAC Championship season. Kylie Ketcho and Minkinzee Salo are also ranked No. 12 for doubles in the preseason poll.

Off the Court

- The Wildcats earned the 2014 ITA Academic Award. Megan Buysse, Maria Koval and Minkinzee Salo also earned Academic All-MIAC honors for 2013-14.



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

Head coach

- Jeff Halberg (17th season)

A Year Ago

- 4-6 MIAC (7th) | 10-8 Overall

Top Returners

- Haley Jorgensen (5-9, So., Fallon, Nev. | 13-7 in singles, 4-2 in doubles; 13 singles wins were second on the team in 2014)
- Megan Vandenberg (5-7, So., De Pere, Wis. | 14-6 in singles, 11-9 in doubles; 14 singles wins led the team in 2014)

Key Losses

- Grace Zachman (Four-year letterwinner | Played all but one singles match at No. 1, while recording six of her 10 doubles wins at No. 1.)

By The Numbers

- 4: Saint Mary's collected four 5-4 victories in 2014 — with Haley Jorgensen (Fallon, Nev.) collecting the decisive win at No. 6 singles in two of them. Both of Jorgensen's match-clinching wins went the maximum three sets.
- 6: The Cardinals finished 6-2 against non-MIAC opponents in 2014 and are now 14-4 in nonconference matches over the past two seasons.
- 7: Seven of the Cardinals' 10 wins in 2014 came on their home court — Saint Mary's finished 3-3 away from the Winona Tennis Center.

Did You Know?

- Megan Vandenberg (De Pere, Wis.) opened her regular-season freshman campaign with wins in each of her first seven collegiate singles matches.

Off The Court

- The Cardinals boasted three players—Leanna Cleveland (La Crosse, Wis.), Lindsey Reinisch (Hastings, Minn.), and Grace Zachman (Elk River, Minn.)—on the Academic All-MIAC Team.



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

Head coach

- Scott Nesbit (27th season)

A Year Ago

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

In the 2014 Postseason

- Lost in quarterfinals to St. Catherine 5-4.

Top Returners

- Alisa Hall (Junior | Two time MIAC all-conference singles team, and MIAC all-conference double team in 2013-14. Finished 10-6 in first singles play, and 9-5 in doubles play with Maya MacGibbon.)
- Kristi Kroker (Senior | MIAC all-conference as a sophomore with a 11-7 record. In 2013-14, finished with a 6-5 record in singles play, and 8-5 in doubles play with partner Caitlin Owsley)

- Bailey Kent (Junior | Finished with a 6-3 record in singles play, and 4-4 in doubles play last year. As a freshman, she posted a 6-2 record in singles and a 6-6 record in doubles play)

Key Losses

- Lizzie Carlson (11-2 singles record in 2013-14, played fifth singles for the Oles in the MIAC tournament. Finished St. Olaf career with a singles record of 25-14)
- Caitlin Owsley (Key doubles victory in MIAC tournament with partner Kristi Kroker; the duo was 7-3 on the year. ITA All-Academic winner)

By the Numbers

- 3: Number of Oles who were honored with the ITA All-Academic award. The award is given to upperclassmen who are varsity letter winners and maintain a GPA above 3.5.
- 6: Consecutive years of seasons the Oles have finished with a winning record.

Did You Know?

- The Oles have won their last 6 season opening matches.

Off the Court

- The team has a wide variety of academic interests, ranging from Math to English majors.



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

Head Coach

- Terry Peck (23rd season)

A Year Ago

- 8-2 MIAC (T-2nd place) | 15-4 Overall

In the 2014 Postseason

- 1-1 in MIAC playoffs, lost in semifinals

Top Returners

- Shelby Henderson (JR, All-MIAC; Career: 23-12 singles, 23-14 doubles)
- Kara Lefsrud (SR, Doubles ITA All-America; Career: 41-11 singles, 44-12 doubles)
- Bridget Noack (JR, Doubles ITA All-America; Career: 26-6 singles, 31-7 doubles)

Key Losses

- Rachel Wright (GRAD, Career: 43-24 singles, 27-19 doubles)
- Anna Wright (GRAD, 22-12 singles, 20-5 doubles)

By the Numbers

- 29: Dual meet wins, in 39 contests, for the Tommies over last two seasons
- 574: Career wins in college tennis (men and women) for Terry Peck over last 23 years
- 3: Freshmen in 2015 Tommies' lineup

Did You Know?

- The Tommies' top five singles players for 2015 hail from Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Off the Court

- The Tommies 14-player roster has a 3.41 grade-point average, including five players at 3.70 or better grade point averages.

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