

TENNIS

at Linfield College

FINANCIAL AID

Our goal is to find talented student-athletes who excel in the classroom and on the tennis court. We want players to attend Linfield for the academic benefits and the small-college tennis experience. If being part of a winning program, striving for excellence in everything you do, and pursuing a national championship sound exciting, then NCAA Division III athletics at Linfield College may be right for you. Financial aid is awarded to all students based upon academic ability, extracurricular involvement and leadership talents and achievements, not athletic talent.

Many scholarship opportunities are available to incoming freshmen, including Trustee Scholarships, Competitive Scholarships, Faculty Scholarships, Merit Awards, and Leadership Awards.

FACILITIES

Linfield tennis players enjoy some of the finest facilities among area small colleges. Six outdoor courts, complete with night lighting, were put into use in 1994 adjacent to historic Maxwell Field and the Linfield athletics complex.

Steps away from the outdoor courts is the multi-purpose Rutschman Fieldhouse, housing three indoor courts.

There's never a risk of wet weather forcing the postponement of a match or practice. Players can train year round, either outdoors, or inside using the fieldhouse's 26,600-square-foot rubberized surface that plays like a fast hard court.

PHILOSOPHY

Linfield tennis is based upon balancing and developing all aspects of the student-athlete. We develop confidence in our strokes by drilling, build our competitive spirit by playing a rigorous schedule of tournaments and dual matches, and gain confidence in our bodies through conditioning and weight training. Most importantly, we enhance our enjoyment of the game by being part of a team and working toward a common goal and sharing the ups and downs of the journey with a group of dedicated teammates.

Players and teams that are successful give it their all until nothing is left. The only way to lose is if we don't give our best effort. We want to find our limits and then expand them. Our goal is to have players graduate with a wealth of experience about trust, teamwork, integrity, and resilience in responding to adversity, friendship, dedication, commitment, poise, and individual and collective responsibility and success.



MEN'S COACH CARL SWANSON

Success on the court has followed Carl Swanson throughout his playing and coaching career. Swanson is in his ninth year in charge of the Linfield men's tennis program.

As a player, he was a highly ranked junior in the Pacific Northwest, led South Eugene High School to back-to-back state tennis titles, earned All-America honors at Pomona College, and maintains a top 10 national doubles ranking.

Since 1999, Swanson has over 200 wins as a college coach, and his teams and players have earned a bounty of honors and awards. He has coached six Northwest Conference championship teams and more than 25 of his players have earned all-NWC honors. Swanson's athletes have been named NWC Player of the Year four times, two players have earned All-America honors, and many players have been singled out for numerous all-academic awards. Four of his players have been recognized for college, NWC, and national sportsmanship and leadership awards.

Swanson serves as Greek Life Advisor at Linfield, overseeing activities and events of the college's eight fraternities and sororities.



WOMEN'S COACH AMY DAMES SMITH

Sixth-year coach Amy Dames Smith directs a women's tennis program with an enviable tradition. Since joining the coaching staff, Dames Smith has coached four ITA All-Americans and two Northwest Conference Players of the Year while guiding Linfield to the best record in program history and four straight conference championships.

The Linfield women's tennis program has finished no worse than second in the NWC in each of the last 10 seasons and has not lost a conference match since the 2002 season, a streak of 99 consecutive matches.

A 1999 graduate of the University of Portland, Dames Smith was the Pilots' most inspirational player as a senior and received the most improved player award as a sophomore in 1997.

While in college, she played independently in USTA tournaments and was ranked as high as seventh in the Open Division of the Pacific Northwest Region.

Dames Smith began her coaching career as assistant girls tennis coach at Evergreen High School in Vancouver, Wash. She also has worked at Eastmoreland Racquet Club in Portland. Over the summers, she has taught tennis fundamentals at Steve Vaughan's Tennis Camp in Bend.

Dames Smith also serves as NCAA Compliance Officer at Linfield and teaches physical education courses. In the summer months, she coordinates the McMinnville Parks and Recreation District's tennis program.



ABOUT LINFIELD COLLEGE

- Linfield is a private, independent comprehensive undergraduate institution, nationally recognized for its strong teaching faculty, outstanding academic programs and distinctive international emphasis. Linfield is one of the oldest colleges on the West Coast, tracing its roots to an institution established in 1849.
- Linfield enrolls 2,674 students and offers 43 majors and three undergraduate degrees through the McMinnville Campus, the Portland Campus and the Adult Degree Program.
- The college offers a challenging and exciting academic program that features a broad liberal arts core and an atmosphere in which there is genuine concern for individuals and their progress.

ABOUT THE TENNIS PROGRAM

- Linfield has been the most successful tennis program in the Northwest Conference the past seven years. The men have won two NWC titles in that span; the women have won the last six championships.
- The Wildcat women have won 99 consecutive NWC matches since 2002. The men are 83-18 in NWC matches since 2001 and have placed no worse than third at the NWC championship tournament.
- Linfield players and coaches have been recognized numerous times over the past seven years, winning multiple Player of the Year, Coach of the Year, and Sportsman of the Year awards.
- Linfield athletes routinely strive for high grade point averages and are consistent recipients of national and conference academic all-star honors.

