

ITA honors women's tennis for academic work

Six individuals tabbed an ITA Scholar Athlete

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SKILLMAN, N.J. – The Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) recently announced its 2012 Women's Academic Awards and the Middle Tennessee women's tennis team is prominently featured. The Blue Raiders, who completed their first season under head coach Shelley Godwin in 2011-12, collected the most total awards by the organization in school history.



“This is an outstanding achievement for our team and caps off one of the best years for women's tennis in all aspects of our program,” Godwin said. “These awards represent how hard the team has worked in the classroom and I am extremely proud of their efforts.”

For the first time since the academic awards began in 2002, Middle Tennessee was included amongst the ITA All-Academic Teams. All in all, 107 schools received the accolade this season, which requires squads to have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher with all eligible team members who played at least one varsity match included.

The Blue Raiders were one of four Sun Belt programs on the list, joining Arkansas State, Louisiana and North Texas.

Six individuals also received ITA Scholar Athlete honors, the most in a single season in program history. Prior to this year, Middle Tennessee only had two players (Marietta Bigus and Alex Dachos) on the elite list since 2002, as both earned the spot in 2011.

Bigus and Dachos were selected again, their second-straight plaudit, and were joined by Taylor Coffey, Nayara Moraes, Flavia Nagayama and Carla Nava.

In order to be an ITA Scholar Athlete, a player must be a letterwinner with a least a 3.50 GPA for the academic year and enrolled at his or her present school for at least two semesters.

The Blue Raiders completed their most successful on-court campaign since 2000, finishing with a 15-7 record, earning a bye at the Sun Belt Championships for the first time and reaching the league tournament semifinals as the No. 3 seed.

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