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Seated (l-r): Head Coach David Vest, Asst. Coach Lahiru Jayasuriya, Ariana Gracia-Medrano, Georgia Vanos, Heidi Mahoney, Alexandra Becka, Verena Baernwick, Asst. Coach Karla Zaldo.
Standing (l-r): Louis Orioux, Greg Johnstone, Daniel Arbib, Kim Kachel, Adam Storti, Damian Storti, Jacob McLeod, Tomi Simola, Ian Smith, Alejandro Hernandez. **Not pictured:** Sheenagh Stewart.

MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY

QUICK FACTS

Location: Morehead, Ky.
Founded: 1887
Enrollment: 9,390
Nickname: Eagles
Colors: Blue & Gold
Conference: Ohio Valley (NCAA Division I)
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Letterwinners Returning/Lost:
Men: 5/2 Women: 5/2
2003 Records: Men: 12-13 Women: 14-11
2003 Conference Records/Rank:
Men: 3-3/5th Women: 5-3/3rd
2003 OVC Tournament Finish:
Men: 5th Women: 3rd

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ON THE COVER

This year's cover features Ariana Gracia-Medrano and Daniel Arbib.



The 2003-04 coaching staff (l-r): Assistant coaches Lahiru Jayasuriya and Karla Zaldo, and head coach David Vest.



MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY

In 116 years, the sweep of history has carried Morehead State University and its predecessor institution, the Morehead Normal School, from one makeshift classroom to the high-tech world of Internet-based classes and a radio telescope which reaches from a campus hillside literally to the stars.

One student appeared on the first day of class in October, 1887, in a little rented cottage where the Adron Doran University Center now stands. Tens of thousands of students have come from the foothills and mountains, the river towns and the hillside farms of Eastern Kentucky and beyond to seek the means to a better life in this beautiful, forested valley. Our first president, Frank Button, and his widowed mother Phebe, literally spent their lives bringing "a light to the mountains" by founding a church-sponsored school to train teachers. The institutions came under state control in 1922 and achieved university status in 1966.

Today, Morehead State University has more than 9,000 students from 100 Kentucky counties, 42 states, and 37 nations. They are enrolled on campus, and extended campus centers in Ashland, Jackson, Mt. Sterling, Prestonsburg, West Liberty, and several other locations in East Kentucky, as well as across the globe through the World Wide Web. MSU has the state's best computer-student ratio in its computer laboratories and the campus is ranked among the safest in the nation.

Nearly 50,000 persons have received degrees from MSU. Nearly 80 degree programs are available on the two-year, four-year and graduate levels through four colleges (Caudill College of Humanities, College of Business, College of Education, and College of Science and Technology) and the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy. Two-thirds of the faculty hold doctoral degrees.

MSU supports its missions of teaching, applied research and public service through an annual budget of more than \$92 million. Additionally, grants and contracts from external sources for research, service and academic/student support projects generate more than \$15 million each year. Private donations to the University, mainly through the MSU Foundation Inc., have exceeded two million.

Morehead State was the first institution in Kentucky to offer a complete degree program, the Master of Business Administration (MBA), to completion through the World Wide Web. In addition, the University hosts graduate-level programs for nurse practitioners and physicians assistants through the University of Kentucky. The University is acquiring a satellite tracking system in partnership with NASA in the ongoing development of the new Space Science Center.

Also, the University has the statewide mission of preparing adult educators through the newly-established Adult Education Academy for Professional Development. Preserving the region's cultural heritage is the primary responsibility of MSU's Kentucky Folk Art Center and Kentucky Center for Traditional Music.

The nearly 500-acre main campus within the city limits of Morehead includes more than 50 major structures with a total replacement value of more than \$150 million. Beyond the city, the University's real estate holdings include the 320-acre Derricksong Agricultural Complex and a nine-hole public golf course. The instructional plant includes 120 classrooms and 112 laboratories. Housing facilities include space for approximately 3,400 single students and 138 student families.

Dr. Ronald G. Eaglin took office July 1, 1992, as the 12th president of the University. He previously served as chancellor of the Coastal Carolina University and vice chancellor of the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg. Dr. Eaglin currently serves on the Division I Board of Directors of the NCAA and is the senior state university president in Kentucky.

The University is located in the foothills of the Daniel Boone National Forest in Rowan County, midway between Lexington, KY., and Huntington, W.Va., on Interstate 64.

MSU is a charter member of the Ohio Valley Conference in NCAA Division I and sponsors 18 intercollegiate sports for men and women. They include football, basketball, baseball, cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field, rifle, golf and tennis for men, and volleyball, soccer, basketball, softball, cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field, rifle and tennis for women. The football Eagles compete in the Pioneer Football League. Our coed cheerleading squad has won 13 national championships and the all-girl squad has four national titles.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATEMENT

Morehead State University is committed to providing equal educational opportunities to all persons regardless of race, color, national origin, age, religion, sex, or disability in its educational programs, services, activities, employment policies, and admission of students to any program of study. In this regard the University conforms to all the laws, statutes, and regulations concerning equal employment opportunities and affirmative action. This includes: Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Executive Orders 11246 and 11375, Equal Pay Act of 1963, Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Kentucky Revised Statutes 207.130 to 207.240. (Vocational educational programs at Morehead State University supported by federal funds include industrial education, vocational agriculture, business education, home economics education and the associate degree program in nursing.) Any inquires should be addressed to: Francene L. Botts-Butler, Affirmative Action Officer, Morehead State University, 314 Allie Young Hall, Morehead, KY 40351. Telephone: (606) 783-2085.



DR. RONALD G. EAGLIN, PRESIDENT



Dr. Ronald G. Eaglin, an outspoken proponent of student success strategies in college administration, has served since July 1, 1992, as the 12th president of Morehead State University.

A native of St. Louis, Mo., President Eaglin came to Kentucky from the chancellorship of Coastal South Carolina University in Conway, S.C. Previously, he was vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg. Earlier, he was the southeast regional director of the American College Testing Program (ACT).

A former chair of Kentucky's Conference of University Presidents, Dr. Eaglin holds a bachelor's degree in biology and mathematics from Southeast Missouri State University, a master's degree in student personnel administration from Southern Illinois University and a doctoral degree in educational psychology from the University of Utah.

President Eaglin's expertise in student retention has been highlighted in a research report he wrote for the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AACU) on the role of campus chief executives in helping students be successful in college. Dr. Eaglin initiated a study of the teacher education program on the MSU campus that led to a review and improvement of the University's program.

In addition, he was involved in the formation of a "P-16+ Regional Council" which is based at MSU and brings together representatives from the public and private colleges in the area, school superintendents, local government leaders, members of state agencies, and CEOs of regional businesses and industry.

The University's CEO has made presentations across the country on student retention and the role of the President in accomplishing this goal. Involved with numerous publications on this topic, he edited the book "Five Habits of Successful Students" published by the International Organization for Student Success.

Dr. Eaglin was a member of the AACU Board of Directors and had the distinction of representing two different institutions on the NCAA Presidents Commission. He currently serves on the NCAA Board of Directors for Division I and as president of the Ohio Valley Conference. His consulting work in student personnel and academic matters has taken him overseas to Cyprus, China and Ireland, and to numerous campuses across the country.

President Eaglin is active in economic development matters in East Kentucky, serving presently by appointment of former Gov. Paul Patton on the Kentucky Appalachian Commission and Education Pays Task Force. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Eaglin and his wife, Bonnie, have four children and five grandchildren.

CHIP SMITH, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Joseph C. (Chip) Smith Jr., enters his second year as the Director of Athletics at Morehead State University. The former Director of Athletics at Eastern Kentucky University became the eighth director of athletics at MSU in August of 2002.

A highly organized professional with extensive knowledge in NCAA Division I athletic programs, Smith has nearly 20 years experience in athletics administration with a background in the internal and external workings of inter-collegiate athletics. Smith recognizes the importance of building strong relationships within the University, and has made a commitment to providing a quality-academically-oriented athletics program for the University.

Prior to Morehead State, Smith served as associate athletics director at Eastern Kentucky, before being named director of the program in 2001. He supervised the administrative and coaching staffs, created the position of assistant compliance coordinator as well as an assistant athletic director for development to strengthen student-athlete relations and fund-raising efforts.

He initiated the Coaches Council to improve communications with the coaching staff, and also coordinated the development and implementation of the athletic Web site, and supervised the completion of several team and support facilities, including the athletic-academic center.

Smith came to ECU from Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va. where he was the Associate Athletics Director. His responsibilities encompassed all sport administration and compliance. During his tenure, VMI hosted several championships. He was also the Assistant Athletics Director for three years.

Prior to VMI, Smith's career includes positions at Universities of North Carolina at Charlotte and Chapel Hill, and the Durham Bulls minor league baseball team. Smith received his bachelor's degree from UNC Chapel Hill, where he was a letterman for the Tar Heel football squad and a member of the 1974 Sun Bowl and 1976 Peach Bowl teams. After a brief time teaching and coaching high school athletic teams, Smith returned to Chapel Hill to earn a Master of Arts degree in Athletics Administration and has been named as a Distinguished Alumnus of that program.

A native of Siler City, N.C., Smith and his wife, Gale, have a daughter, Chesley (17), and a son, Cort (13).





BRIAN HUTCHINSON, ASSOCIATE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Brian Hutchinson begins his fourth year as Associate Athletic Director. His duties will include serving as an administrator for volleyball and three other sports, athletic training, managing day-to-day operations of the department and its annual budget, and he also acts as the ticket manager.

Hutchinson previously served as Development Director for two years, before assuming the position of Director of Development and Marketing. Prior to that, he served 18 months as a regional development officer for the University and six months as a staff assistant in the University's Office of Development and Alumni Relations. In the 2000-01 year, he served an internship with the Ohio Valley Conference office, assisting with the league's baseball championships and earned a master's degree in sports administration.

A 1996 cum laude graduate of Morehead State University, Hutchinson earned a Bachelor of Business Administration. During his senior year, the Louisa, Ky., native served as the Student Government Association President and was a student representative to the MSU Board of Regents.

Hutchinson was also instrumental with the development of the 2001-06 strategic plan and CHOICES GRANT. He has also been the departmental manager for the renovation of the University Softball Field, and the installation of both the Jayne Stadium and Davis Soccer Field scoreboards.

Hutchinson and his wife, Elizabeth, have two sons, Benjamin and Riley, and they reside in Morehead.



JIM WELLS, COMPLIANCE AND ED. SERVICES DIRECTOR

Jim Wells, whose more than two decades of involvement with Morehead State University athletics range from serving as an undergraduate student manager of the Eagle baseball squad to serving as sports information director to coaching the Eagle softball team, is MSU's Compliance and Educational Services Director. He spent six years as Compliance Coordinator and five years as Academic/Athletic Counselor. Wells retired from full-time status on August 31, 2000 and is now serving on a part-time basis.

Wells has also served MSU as a publications assistant. Among his assignments was managing editor of MSU's alumni periodical, the Morehead STATEment. A two-time graduate of MSU, Wells is in charge of monitoring the University's compliance with NCAA and Ohio Valley Conference rules and legislation as well as the academic progress of Eagle athletes. An avid golfer and former manager of the University golf course, Wells is a life-long resident of Morehead.



VALERIE OUSLEY, ATHLETIC ACADEMIC COORDINATOR

A 15-year employee of the University, Valerie Ousley joined the staff in January in the newly-created position of Athletic Academic Coordinator. Her responsibilities include directing and operating the Eagle Academic Success Center, supervising study hall and computer labs, managing the CHAMPS/Life Skills program, developing academic programs, and nominating student-athletes for NCAA and OVC awards.

Ousley spent the last two years as a Data Base/Research Analyst for Institutional Research and Computer Applications, where she served as a problem-solver and wrote documentation for the University's AIMS system and Web site. Prior to that, she spent 13 years as the receivables manager in the Office of Accounting and Budgetary Control. There, she oversaw the billing and collection of student accounts, and helped write University policies and procedures. She also spent one year working for the IRS as an auditor.

At MSU, she has helped develop academic and financial policies, and served on numerous committees. She has performed various administrative functions and responsibilities, including working with MSU's off-campus centers. A University fellow and a member of the MSU Visionary Society, Ousley has taught classes in accounting, marketing and management.

A native of Martin, Ky., Ousley earned two degrees from MSU. She received a bachelor of business administration in accounting in 1987 and then a master's of business administration a year later.

Away from the University, Ousley and her daughter, Stevann, an MSU Student, rescue and rehabilitate abused animals on their farm in Owingsville, Ky.

COACHING STAFF

DAVID VEST, HEAD COACH



In his third year of coaching the Morehead State University's men's and women's tennis programs is former Eagle player David Vest. The Ohio Valley Conference 2002 Women's Coach of the Year led the Eagles with a 24-26 record and to a fifth-place finish in 2003. He guided the Lady Eagles to a record of 24-25 and into third place at the conference tournament last year.

Before taking the position of head coach for both the Eagles and Lady Eagles, Vest served as a volunteer assistant with both the teams.

The West Liberty, Ky., native, graduated from MSU in 1999, after he spent four years as a member of the Eagle tennis team and was honored as the squad's Most Improved Player in 1998. In his final year with the Eagles, he played primarily No. 6 singles and No. 3 doubles. Earlier in his career, he spent time at No. 3 singles and No. 2 doubles.

Vest also excelled academically. He was named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll three years. In addition, he was a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He graduated with a degree in government and is currently completing his master's degree at MSU in sports administration.

LAHIRU JAYASURIYA, ASSISTANT COACH



After graduating from Morehead State in December 2002, Lahiru Jayasuriya joined the Eagle tennis coaching staff as a graduate assistant, while pursuing a master's degree in sports administration. After completing a four-year tennis career for MSU, Jayasuriya was the student assistant for the men's team in the Fall of 2002.

A steady performer and leader on the squad, Jayasuriya rotated between Nos. 2 and 4 in singles throughout his career. He was named the team's MVP in 2001 and the Most Improved Player in 2000. Jayasuriya graduated with a management major, and was honored on the MSU Dean's List six times and earned OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll accolades in 2001 and 2002.

He also represented the team as a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

A native of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, Jayasuriya attended Ananda College prior to coming to MSU. He won the Sri Lanka Junior National Championships his four years prior to competing for the Eagles.

KARLA ZALDO, ASSISTANT COACH



Karla Zaldo is in her first year as an assistant for Eagle tennis. She graduated with a business administration/economics major and was a Lady Eagle from 1999-2002. In addition to volunteering with the tennis team, Zaldo is pursuing her master's degree in sports administration and is serving as a graduate assistant in the Department of Accounting, Economics and Finance.

During her four-year tennis career at MSU, Zaldo played at the No. 1 singles position as a freshman and sophomore, and remained among the top four her final two years. She ended her college tennis career with a total singles record of 47-44 and a doubles mark of 50-46.

In 1999, Zaldo was named the MVP after posting the best record in the squad. She not only performed on the tennis court but also in the classroom being named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll in 2000-01.

A native of Mexico City, Mexico, Zaldo attended Liceo Iberomexicano before choosing to further her education at Morehead State University.

As player on the junior circuit, Zaldo was ranked in the top 20 in singles and top 10 in doubles in her native land. She won a silver medal in doubles and a bronze medal in singles at the 1996 Junior Olympics.



2004 SEASON OUTLOOK

Some fresh new faces will make up the Eagle and Lady Eagle squads this 2004 spring season. With six new players, and one of the largest recruiting classes in recent years, third-year head coach David Vest is excited about the possible contributions his first-year players could make, and is ready to get the season started on the right foot.

"Last year's men's team definitely needed some rebuilding after losing our top two players (Bennie Schmid and Marek Pawelec), and I felt we really needed some added depth for this upcoming season," said Vest. "New players come at an expense though, and in our case this happens to be inexperience on the college scene. Hopefully, we will mature as the season goes on, and earn the valuable match experience needed for when the Ohio Valley Conference tourney rolls around."

Vest was much more optimistic about his Lady Eagle squad. "As for the women, we return the bulk of our starting lineup, so I am confident that another year of maturity will really help us out this January." The Lady Eagles are coming off their best season in 18 years, which saw them finish third in both the OVC regular season and tournament. They also broke the MSU women's tennis record for most wins in a season.

On the men's side, Coach Vest hopes to exceed the 12-13 mark, which his Eagles have garnered in each of the last two seasons. He noted that a semifinal OVC tournament berth is a pre-season goal, but only part of what he hopes to accomplish. "With this group being so young, you just never know how they will come together as a team," said Vest. The Eagles will field 10 players this spring, but with only one junior and one senior on the roster. "I do think that this group, despite so many freshmen and sophomores, has the talent and potential to achieve more than just finish among the final four teams in Nashville on that third weekend in April."

Among those that will be expected to make big contributions this 2004 season are Australian natives, and second-year players, **Kim Kachel** and **Danny Arbib**. "I was really impressed with these guys last spring, not only because they managed a great singles and doubles record, but because they exhibited the experience not common for freshmen, especially since they only joined the team in the spring semester." Kachel recorded a 12-11 singles mark and a 10-9 doubles mark, while Arbib, a unanimous all-OVC selection last year managed 18-7 and 12-12 records in singles and doubles, respectively. "These two guys will be looked upon to perform once again this spring, and more importantly, they will need to serve as role models for the new guys, to show them that first-year success is within their reach," stated Vest.

In his final season with the Eagles, **Alejandro Hernandez** is the lone senior on the team. Another unanimous all-OVC selection this past spring, Hernandez had his best season at MSU in 2003, after posting an 11-5 singles record at the Nos. 4 and 5 spots, and finishing third on the team in win percentage. He excelled in the doubles lineup as well, gathering a team-best 13-6 mark. "Alejandro really stepped it up last year, both in singles and doubles," noted Vest. "He really caught me off guard with his success because he did not begin to hit stride until about midway through the season, and then he proceeded to carry it all the way to the OVC tourney. I am looking forward for a big senior season out of him this year, and a much needed leadership role." Hernandez, who hails from Puebla, Mexico, is the last MSU player to be recruited by former head coach Nik Devore.

Ian Smith, a sophomore from Markham, Ontario, Canada, and junior **Tomi Simola** of Valkeakoski, Finland, will round out those returning from last year's team. Both spent time in the singles and doubles starting lineups in 2003, and will be looked upon to provide experience and versatility in those positions again this year.

A host of newcomers make up the other half of this year's team. Representing the countries of Australia, Canada and England, the five first-year Eagles will each compete for a spot in the starting lineup, whether in singles or doubles. "Each one of our recruits will make immediate contributions to this year's team," Vest said. "Not all of them will play singles, and not all of them will play doubles, but I do look for them all to become contributors at some point in the season."

St. Albans, England, native, **Greg Johnstone** heads this talented group of first-year players. Highly-recruited by numerous top-75 Division I programs, Johnstone figures to play near the top of the lineup in both singles and doubles. "Greg is probably one of the most sought after recruits that we have been able to land here at MSU since Benjamin Schmid several years ago. We are fortunate to have him join us, especially considering the schools that made offers to him," Vest stated. "Even though he is new to the college system, he has already had success in the fall season, and we just hope that he works hard at getting better and using his talent more effectively day in and day out." Johnstone chose MSU over such programs as Louisville, Colorado and Georgia State.

Two top players from Canada also elected to further their tennis careers at MSU. Vancouver, British Columbia, representative **Louis Orioux**, along with Windsor, Ontario, native **Jacob McLeod**, are two players that Coach Vest regards highly, not only for their on-court presence, but also for their efforts in the classroom. "I am very proud to have Louis and Jake join us this year," remarked Vest. "They both have a great work ethic on and off the court, and in my opinion, they have the complete student-athlete package. When recruiting these guys, I thought it was up in the air as to whether I would be able to lure them here. Both had very good offers from prestigious institutions, so we are fortunate to have these guys represent us here at MSU." Orioux and McLeod were both 4.0 students upon completion of their high school requirements.



For the fourth time in nine years, MSU will have a pair of family members competing for the tennis teams. **Damian** and **Adam Storti** join the likes of Igor and Carlo Santana (1995-1996), Douglas and Tendai Chingoka (1996-1998), and Eduardo and Marisa Richelle (1999-2001) as MSU squad members who also happened to be siblings. "When you think about how many brother/brother or brother/sister pairings we have had here at MSU, it almost seems impossible," said Vest. "In any case though, I am glad to have added Damian and Adam, because they make up a very good doubles team, and we really lacked depth in our doubles lineup last year. Doubles was a big priority of mine when recruiting for this season's team." While the two brothers figure to be a strong doubles pairing, they also have the talent and ability to be contenders for the singles' lineup. Both transfer students, Damian and Adam were part of the North Greenville College squad that last year won the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) national championship.

This year features to be equally successful for the Lady Eagles, who are coming off their best season in nearly two decades. "Having lost only one player from last year's top six, I really think this team can go further than the third-place finish we achieved last year," Vest noted. They have the experience that the men do not have, and I would take that over talent any day."

Katrin Schwarz, who anchored last year's team at the No. 1 singles and doubles spots elected to stay home in Germany this year to finish her graduation requirements. "We will really miss Katrin in our lineup this year," said Vest. "Any time you lose a player who finished 16-6, no matter where they played in the lineup, you are going to miss them. We just have to move on, press forward and use last year's experience as a guide for what we can do this year."

The lone senior, **Sheenagh Stewart**, who made a remarkable turnaround from an overall singles and doubles record of 11-33 in 2002, to a 29-11 overall record in 2003, leads the way for this year's team. The native of Sydney, Australia, took home the team's 2003 Most Improved Player award given at the MSU All-Sports Banquet in May. "I have never seen such a turnaround over the course of 10 months in my nine years associated with college tennis," Vest said of Stewart. "I would never have imagined that after her first year at MSU, she would have made the strides she has. We are really going to need her to perform that way again come January if we want to reach our goal of competing in the finals of the OVC Championship in April." Stewart led the Lady Eagles in both singles and doubles winning percentage at .761 and .667, respectively. Her year-end singles win percentage also led the OVC.

Verena Baernwick, another bright spot on last year's team, also returns for her junior season at MSU. The team's representative from Ingelheim, Germany, figures to play near the top of the singles lineup this spring. Coach Vest noted that her 15 singles wins and 14 doubles wins last year were truly impressive for an individual who arrived in the country only three days before the first match of the season. "For Verena to have missed the first two and a half weeks of the spring semester, she really showed a lot of poise from the very beginning," Vest remarked. "I knew after her win at Western Kentucky, that having only practiced one day, she could end up playing a vital role on our team with her on-court drive and determination." Baernwick's 29 wins last spring tied her with Stewart and Schwarz atop MSU's all-time list for most wins in a season.

Ariana Gracia-Medrano (Mexico City, Mexico), **Alexandra Becka** (Sydney, Australia), and **Georgia Vanos** (Sydney, Australia) round out the returnees from last year. Gracia-Medrano, who last season once again gained 12 singles wins at the Nos. 5 and 6 spots, will be looked upon to anchor those areas once more. "The best way to describe Ariana is that she can always find a way to win matches at a crucial spot in the lineup, giving us much needed depth and versatility," Vest admitted.

Much like last year, Australians Becka and Vanos will both be looked upon to add depth in both the singles and doubles department. Becka was voted to the All-OVC team as a freshman in 2002. Joining the team in the spring as the lone female newcomer is freshman **Heidi Mahoney** from Sioux City, Iowa. A raw, but talented athlete, she will provide depth in both the singles and doubles lineups. Administratively, former four-year Eagle starters **Lahiru Jayasuriya** and **Karla Zaldo** will work alongside Vest as assistant coaches. "Lahiru and Karla bring a level of collegiate success that is perfect for our program. They know what it takes to achieve at a high level, and they know the effort each individual needs to put in to win as a team. Hopefully, this will rub off on our men's and women's squads," expressed Vest.

With a host of newcomers, and a talented group of returnees, Coach Vest looks for this season to be a test of whether or not hard work can propel a young team into the top levels of the conference, and whether an experienced squad can live up to last year's solid finish and success. All of the necessary tools are within the reach of the men's and women's squads to have successful spring seasons, with the ultimate goal of taking home two OVC titles also definitely attainable.

"Our goal of winning an OVC title is something that we strive for year in and year out," said Vest. "This year, we have a group of men who have loads of talent, and a group of women who tasted a bit of success last year. I think these two traits will put us in position to experience the joy of holding the trophy at the conclusion of the OVC tourney."



ROSTERS

MEN

Name	CL	Hometown	Previous School Attended
Daniel Arbib	SO	N. Caulfield, Vic., Australia	Brighton Grammar
Alejandro Hernandez	SR	Puebla, Mexico	Instituto D'Amicis
Greg Johnstone	FR	St. Albans, Herts, England	Beaumont/Cheam
Kim Kachel	SO	Park Orchard, Vic., Australia	Wesley Secondary
Jacob McLeod	FR	Windsor, Ontario, Canada	Kennedy Collegiate
Louis Orioux	FR	Vancouver, B.C., Canada	St. George's School
Tomi Simola	JR	Valkeaskoski, Finland	Valkeakosken Lukio
Ian Smith	SO	Markham, Ontario, Canada	Brother Andre Catholic
Adam Storti	FR/TR	Melbourne, Vic., Australia	North Greenville College
Damian Storti	SO/TR	Melbourne, Vic., Australia	North Greenville College

WOMEN

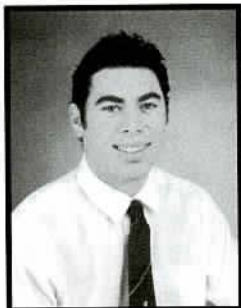
Name	CL	Hometown	Previous School Attended
Verena Baernwick	JR	Ingelheim, Germany	Reutlingen Business University
Alexandra Becka	JR	Rose Bay, NSW, Australia	Kincoppal-Rose Bay
Ariana Gracia-Medrano	JR	Mexico City, Mexico	Centro Universatario Mexico
Heidi Mahoney	FR	Sioux City, Iowa	East High School
Sheenagh Stewart	SR/TR	Killara, NSW, Australia	Brigham Young University
Georgia Vanos	SO	St. Ives, NSW, Australia	Ravenswood School

COACHES

Head Coach David Vest (Morehead St. Univ. '00) 3rd year
Assistant Coach Lahiru Jayasuriya (Morehead St. Univ. '02) 2nd year
Assistant Coach Karla Zaldo (Morehead St. Univ. '02) 1st year

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Brighton Grammar



ARBIB

Earned All-OVC Honors in 2003...Played predominantly at the No. 4 singles spot, where he notched an 11-2 record and went undefeated at the 2003 OVC tournament...Split time with Marek Pawelec and Alejandro Hernandez at No. 2 doubles...Arbib earned a spot on the MSU Dean's List last spring...He originally signed in the Spring of 2002, but elected to stay home and take part in the Australian future and satellite tours during the fall months... Formerly a top-30 junior in the Under 18's in Australia, the left-hander owns a wealth of high school competition experience, as well as national and International Tennis Federation (ITF) tournament play...In just three years of high school, Arbib amassed a singles record of 28-2 and a doubles record of 54-6...In national and ITF tournament play, he has wins over current NCAA competitors from such schools as Indiana State, Oklahoma State, Georgia Southern and Southern Illinois...Arbib is a sport management major.

ALEJANDRO HERNANDEZ

5-7, Sr., Puebla, Mexico
Instituto D' Amicis

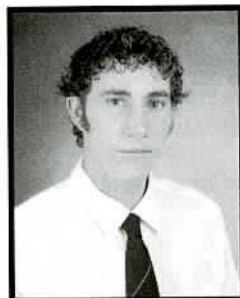


HERNANDEZ

Garnered All-OVC honors in the 2003 season and was tabbed as the team's Most Improved Player... Split time at No. 5 singles gaining a 7-3 record, while also playing at No. 6...Rotated between No. 2 doubles with Daniel Arbib and No. 3 doubles with Tomi Simola during his junior season...Hernandez and Simola had the fourth most wins amongst the conference's No. 3 doubles teams...Used primarily at No. 6 singles in his sophomore season with the team, posting an 11-5 record...Shared duties at No. 1 doubles with Benjamin Schmid and at No. 2 doubles with Tomi Simola in 2002...Hernandez has been named to the Dean's List several semesters at MSU and was chosen to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll last year...An outstanding doubles player, who was ranked in the top five in Mexico...Ranked No. 36 in singles in Mexico in 1999...Finalist in both singles and doubles at regionals, finishing third at the sectionals, and was the sectional doubles champion... Finalist at the state championships that same year...Hernandez is an advertising major.

GREG JOHNSTONE

6-1, Fr., St. Albans, England
Beaumont/Cheam



JOHNSTONE

Joined the Eagle squad in the Fall of 2004...Ranked within the top 12 singles players in the 18 & Under division in England...Held a high Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) ranking for most of 2003, which put him among the top 30 juniors in the country...Has been an age-group national player since his 14 & Under years...Reached the main draw of the 18 & Under nationals in both singles and doubles in 2001 and 2002...Has played numerous ITF events throughout England and the United Arab Emirates...Participated in several junior and senior national tournaments...Played for high school tennis powerhouse, Cheam High School, which finished second at the British School National Championship...In 2002, he was a gold medallist at the London Youth Games...Chose MSU over Georgia State, Colorado, North Carolina and Louisville...A 4.0 student in high school...Johnstone is a media and communication major.



KIM KACHEL

6-3, So., Park Orchard, Vic., Australia
Wesley Secondary



KACHEL

Rejoined the Eagles for the 2004 Spring campaign, after playing in the Spring semester of 2003... Elected to stay at home for the Fall 2002 semester...Played the majority of his matches at No. 3 singles with an overall record of 11-12...Played at No. 1 doubles with Benjamin Schmid...Named to the MSU Dean's List last spring...Kachel is a former top-30 junior in Australia...An experienced player at the national and international level with wins on the satellite tours...In the months leading to his arrival at MSU, he competed as an amateur on the Uncle Toby's Professional Tour...Kim's father, Chris, is a former touring pro and head coach at the Australian Institute of Sport...As a pro, Kim's father had wins over Arthur Ashe and several top Australian players, and as a coach has trained some of Australia's finest, including Lleyton Hewitt, Mark Philippoussis and Jelena Dokic...Kachel is undecided on his major.

JACOB McLEOD

6-2, Fr., Windsor, Ontario, Canada
Kennedy Collegiate

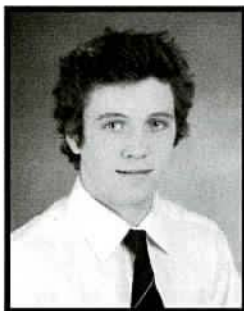


McLEOD

McLeod joined the Eagles for the 2003-2004 campaign...In 2002, he was ranked within the top 15 singles and top 12 doubles in Ontario, and was in the top 25 in singles in Canada... Finished in the top 15 of the 2002 Under-18 Indoor Nationals...Won the Ontario school doubles crowns in 2001 and 2002...McLeod was a semifinalist in doubles at the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Midwest Regionals...Kennedy Collegiate won the county team title...Also competed in track and field in high school and was among the top eight in the 3000m in the county...He chose Morehead State over Michigan State, Western Michigan and Maryland...McLeod is a biology major.

LOUIS ORIEUX

5-10, Fr., Vancouver, B.C., Canada
St. George's School



ORIEUX

Orioux is a Fall 2003 entrant who brings to MSU experience in both the U.S. and Canada...He earned a spot on the Dean's List in his first semester at MSU...Ranked in the top three in British Columbia for most of 2002 and 2003 in singles, and was among the top 15 players in Canada...Spent time as a member of the top doubles team in British Columbia in the winter of 2003, while pairing with Ben Hatchwell, who plays for Tennessee-Martin...In 2002, Orioux won the province's junior championship, as well as the 18 & Under Washington State Junior Championship...He also competed for the USTA Pacific Northwest Section 16 & Under Zonal Team...That team finished third at the USTA Nationals...Orioux elected to attend Morehead State over Portland State, Idaho, Montana State and Toledo... Orioux is undecided on his major.



TOMI SIMOLA

6-1, Jr., Valkeakoski, Finland
Valkeakosken Lukio



SIMOLA

In 2003, Simola split time at the Nos. 5 & 6 singles spots totalling an overall record of 8-7...In doubles, he paired with Alejandro Hernandez and also competed with Marek Pawelec at the No. 3 spot...Simola and Hernandez had the fourth-most wins among the conference's No. 3 doubles teams...In his first season, he played at every spot in the singles lineup...Not only does Simola perform on the court but also in the classroom, where he has made several appearances on the Dean's List...Named second-team academic all-district and to the DVC Commissioner's Honor Roll last spring...He finished ninth at the high school championships in Finland...Ranked in the top 15 in juniors and the top 150 in the men's open division in Finland...Simola plays on the highest level of club tennis (Division I) in his homeland...Simola is a business/economics major.

IAN SMITH

5-9, So., Markham, Ontario, Canada
Brother Andre Catholic



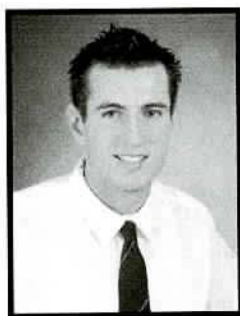
SMITH

Smith joined the Eagle squad in the Fall semester of 2002...In his first season at MSU, he played all but one position on the singles' ladder...In doubles, Smith paired with several teammates, but played most frequently with Marek Pawelec at No. 3...Serves as a team representative to the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)...He has been named to the MSU Dean's List in each semester and earned a spot on the DVC Commissioner's Honor Roll last spring...Smith has played extensively throughout Ontario...He has been ranked in the top 25 in Ontario for singles in the 18 & Under division...Smith has competed in several duathlons and triathlons, placing second in the Toronto World Cup Under 19's triathlon and took top honors in the Mill Duathlon Under 19's...Graduated from Brother Andre Catholic High School with honors...Smith is an outstanding student with numerous academic awards, and was a five-time honor roll recipient in high school...His sister, Lana, plays tennis at Cameron University...Smith is a psychology major.



ADAM STORTI

6-5, Fr., Melbourne, Vic., Australia
North Greenville College

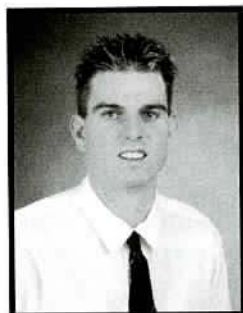


A. STORTI

Storti and his older brother, Damian, joined the Morehead State squad in the Fall semester as a transfer from North Greenville College...Named to the MSU Dean's List in the fall semester...Storti redshirted the 2002-2003 season...He was a former top-25 national singles player in Australia...Storti has numerous wins over current players at Division I universities...Storti is undecided on his major.

DAMIAN STORTI

6-5, So., Melbourne, Vic., Australia
North Greenville College



D. STORTI

Storti joins his brother, Adam, coming from North Greenville College...Earned a spot on the MSU Dean's List in the fall semester...He spent time at No. 1 doubles at North Greenville, as well as playing in the top three of the singles lineup...His North Greenville team won the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) national championship last spring and was nationally ranked in Division II...Prior to North Greenville, Storti spent three months training at the Bollettieri Tennis Academy in Bradenton, Fla...A former top-30 ranked player nationally in Australia...He did not compete in the Fall 2003 campaign because of an injury...Storti is a physical education and health major.

VERENA BAERNWICK

5-7, Jr., Ingelheim, Germany
Valparaiso University



BAERNWICK

Just missing out on all-conference honors, Baernwick spent time at the Nos. 2 & 3 singles spots on the team in her first year playing for the Lady Eagles...Notched a 15-9 overall singles record...In doubles, she paired with Sheenagh Stewart at the No. 2 spot...Selected to the MSU Dean's List in each of the last two semesters...Arrived at MSU from Valparaiso University, where she was an exchange student in the 2002 Fall semester...Prior to that, she studied for two years at the Reutlingen International School for Business in Germany...An extensive German club tennis player, Baernwick has competed for Ingelheim in the Oberliga (the third-highest league in Germany) since 1994...In the past, she also has made appearances for the Reutlingen team in the Bundesliga (the highest league in Germany)...Baernwick joined the Lady Eagles with nearly 10 years of national tournament experience under her belt...She held the German women's ranking of 201 in 1999...Baernwick is a management and marketing major.

ALEXANDRA BECKA

5-9, Jr., Rose Bay, NSW, Australia
Kincoppal-Rose Bay



BECKA

During her second year as a Lady Eagle, Becka split time between the Nos. 2 & 3 singles spots in the lineup...Played at the No. 1 doubles spot with partner Katrin Schwarz and had the most wins in the conference among the No. 1 doubles teams...In her first season, Becka earned All-OVC honors...Named to the Dean's list each semester at MSU and was selected to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll in 2003...Ranked in the top 20 in juniors for the 18 & Under division in Australia...Trained at the John Newcombe Tennis Academy in New Braunfels, Texas, for three months prior to coming to MSU, where she played in the top four on the Academy's team...Earned her high school's Sportsman of the Year honor in 2000...While serving as the Head of Sport and Tennis Captain for her high school, Becka was the Tildesley Shield Doubles champion...Her team won the overall Tildesley Shield title from 1998 through 2000...Becka also was a member of the national school team champion in 1999 and 2000...Becka is a sports management major.

ARIANA GRACIA-MEDRANO

5-3, Jr., Mexico City, Mexico
Centro Universitario Mexico



GRACIA-MEDRANO

During her second season of playing for the Morehead State University Lady Eagles, Gracia-Medrano shared her time at the Nos. 5 & No. 6 singles spots... Finished off with a 12-11 overall singles record...In doubles, she played with Georgia Vanos at No. 3...In her first season, she was named the team's Most Improved Player and had a 12-8 singles record, the second-best mark on the team, primarily at No. 6...Finished the year with the third-best record among the OVC's No. 6 singles players and joined Karla Zaldo in posting the fifth-best winning percentage among the league's No. 3 doubles teams...Gracia-Medrano has been named to the Dean's List on numerous occasions during her time at MSU and was chosen to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll last spring...She was a top 25-ranked junior in the 18 & Under age division in Mexico City...She played in the top division for her club team, participating in numerous national tournaments and had several top-10 finishes...Gracia-Medrano is an industrial technology major.

HEIDI MAHONEY

5-8, Fr., Sioux City, Iowa
East High School



MAHONEY

Mahoney joins the team this semester as a walk-on...Played five sports at East High School in Sioux City, Iowa, including tennis, soccer, volleyball, cross-country, and track and field...Placed second in singles in the conference tournament in 2002...Mahoney was a member of the National Council on Youth Leadership and earned a spot on the honor roll at East...Mahoney was also involved in the 4-H Club, student action volunteers and the Mayor's Youth Commission while in high school...Her sister, Anne, is a member of the swim team at Coe College...Mahoney is a pre-law major.

SHEENAGH STEWART

5-8, Sr., Killara, NSW, Australia
Brigham Young University



STEWART

During the 2002-2003 season, Stewart played predominantly at the No. 4 singles spot and achieved an overall singles record of 15-5...Stewart had one of the best singles records of all No. 4 singles players in the conference...In doubles, she paired with Verena Baernwick at the No. 2 spot and they had an outstanding record of 12-6...Stewart was named the team's Most Improved Player and to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll in 2003...A transfer to MSU from Brigham Young in the Spring of 2002...During her tenure at BYU, her team won the Mountain West Conference and advanced to the NCAA Championships...She graduated from Monte Saint Angela High School where she was tennis captain and won the school's Athlete Award in 2000...Her team won the Catholic School Girl's Title...Stewart was a top 20-ranked junior in the 18 & Under age group in Australia...Played in the Australian Open Juniors Tournament in 2000...Sister, Bryanne, has been ranked as high as 135 for singles and 97 for doubles in the world on the professional women's tennis tour (WTA)...Stewart is an advertising major and has a minor in philosophy.

GEORGIA VANOS

5-6, So., St. Ives, NSW, Australia
Ravenswood School



VANOS

Vanos played her first full season for MSU in 2003 after coming back from a shoulder injury in which she received a medical redshirt for the 2002 Spring semester...Vanos played the majority of her matches at the No. 5 singles spot...In doubles, she paired with Ariana Gracia-Medrano as the No. 3 doubles pair for the Lady Eagles...Vanos also performs well in the classroom, having been named to the Dean's List each semester at Morehead State and was recognized on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll for 2003...Serves as one of the team's Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) representatives...The left-hander graduated from Ravenswood School for Girls...There, she was the school's doubles champion and a finalist in singles...Vanos served as tennis captain at Ravenswood...Her team finished in third place at the Tildesley Shield Championships in 2001...The winner of the Strathfield School Girls Tournament and overall team finalist in the same event...Vanos represented the Independent Girls School Sports Association (IGSSA) team from New South Wales...Vanos is a sport management major with a minor in pre-law.



2003 SPRING RESULTS AND STATISTICS

MEN'S OVERALL RECORD: 12-13

HOME: 5-3 AWAY: 5-5
 NEUTRAL: 2-5 OVC: 3-3 (Fifth)
 OVC Tournament: 2-1 (Fifth-Place Finish)

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT RECORDS	
1/22	at Kentucky (9)	L, 0-6	0-1
1/23	vs. Southeastern Louisiana#	L, 1-6	0-2
2/1	at Western Kentucky	W, 4-2	1-2
2/8	vs. Dayton\$	L, 3-4	1-3
2/8	vs. Murray State\$	L, 3-4	1-4
2/9	at Eastern Kentucky	W, 4-3	2-4
2/21	at Chattanooga	L, 2-5	2-5
2/22	at Wofford	cancelled	---
2/23	at Georgia Southern	cancelled	---
3/8	IUPUI	W, 4-3	3-5
3/9	vs. Evansville	W, 4-3	4-5
3/15	vs. Jacksonville State&	L, 1-6	4-6
3/15	at Lipscomb	W, 7-0	5-6
3/16	at Austin Peay*	W, 6-1	6-6/1-0
3/22	vs. Tennessee Tech*	L, 3-4	6-7/1-1
3/23	at Tennessee State*	W, 7-0	7-7/2-1
3/25	at Jacksonville	L, 1-6	7-8
3/27	at Bethune-Cookman	cancelled	---
3/28	at Stetson	L, 1-6	7-9
4/2	vs. Cumberland College	L, 2-5	7-10
4/5	vs. IPFW	W, 6-1	8-10
4/6	vs. Tennessee-Martin*	W, 7-0	9-10/3-1
4/12	at Eastern Illinois*	L, 2-5	9-11/3-2
4/15	vs. Northern Kentucky	W, 7-0	10-11
4/16	vs. Eastern Kentucky*	L, 3-4	10-12/3-3
4/25	vs. Eastern Kentucky!	L, 3-4	10-13
4/26	vs. Tennessee State!	W, 4-0	11-13
4/27	vs. Tennessee-Martin!	W, 4-1	12-13

WOMEN'S OVERALL RECORD: 14-11

HOME: 5-2 AWAY: 6-6
 NEUTRAL: 3-3 OVC 5-3 (Third)
 OVC Tournament: 2-1 (Third-Place Finish)

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT RECORDS	
2/1	at Western Kentucky	L, 2-4	0-1
2/21	at Chattanooga	L, 0-7	0-2
2/22	at Wofford	cancelled	---
2/23	at Georgia Southern	cancelled	---
2/28	vs. East Tennessee State\$	L, 3-4	0-3
3/2	at Eastern Kentucky	W, 6-1	1-3
3/15	vs. Jacksonville State%	L, 2-5	1-4
3/15	at Lipscomb	W, 5-2	2-4
3/16	at Austin Peay*	W, 7-0	3-4/1-0
3/22	Tennessee Tech*	L, 1-6	3-5/1-1
3/23	at Tennessee State*	W, 6-1	4-5/2-1
3/25	at Jacksonville	L, 0-7	4-6
3/27	at Bethune-Cookman	W, 7-0	5-6
3/28	at Stetson	L, 0-7	5-7
4/2	vs. Cumberland College	W, 6-1	6-7
4/4	at Marshall (62)	L, 0-4	6-8
4/5	IPFW	W, 7-0	7-8
4/5	Dayton	W, 5-2	8-8
4/6	Tennessee-Martin*	L, 2-5	8-9/2-2
4/11	at Murray State*	L, 2-5	8-10/2-3
4/12	at Eastern Illinois*	W, 5-2	9-10/3-3
4/12	vs. Southeast Missouri*&	W, 7-0	10-10/4-3
4/15	vs. Northern Kentucky	W, 7-0	11-10
4/16	vs. Eastern Kentucky*	W, 4-2	12-10
4/25	vs. Tennessee-Martin!	W, 4-2	13-10
4/26	vs. Murray State!	L, 2-4	13-11
4/27	vs. Eastern Illinois!	W, 4-2	14-11

* Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) match
 # University of Kentucky @ Lexington, Ky.
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SINGLES

Name	Overall	OVC
Daniel Arbib	18-7	5-1
Benjamin Schmid	17-7	5-1
Alejandro Hernandez	11-5	4-1
Tomi Simola	8-7	2-1
Kim Kachel	11-12	3-3
Marek Pawelec	7-16	2-4
Ian Smith	3-13	2-1
Total	75-67	23-12

SINGLES

Name	Overall	OVC
Sheenagh Stewart	15-5	5-2
Katrin Schwarz	16-6	7-1
Verena Baernwick	15-9	6-2
Ariana Gracia-Medrano	12-11	5-3
Alex Buck	4-3	2-0
Alexandra Becka	7-15	3-5
Georgia Vanos	6-14	1-5
Deatra Walter	1-0	---
Total	76-63	29-18

DOUBLES

Team	Overall	OVC
Arbib/Hernandez	6-2	3-0
Simola/Hernandez	6-4	1-0
Schmid/Kachel	10-9	4-2
Pawelec/Arbib	6-8	3-0
Pawelec/Simola	2-3	0-2
Pawelec/Smith	1-4	0-1
Hernandez/Smith	1-0	1-0
Schmid/Smith	1-0	---
Simola/Smith	1-0	---
Arbib/Smith	0-2	---
Total	34-32	11-5

DOUBLES

Team	Overall	OVC
Baernwick/Stewart	12-6	3-3
Becka/Schwarz	13-7	4-3
Gracia-Medrano/Vanos	5-10	2-3
Baernwick/Gracia-Medrano	2-1	1-0
Stewart/Gracia-Medrano	1-0	---
Becka/Vanos	1-0	---
Buck/Walter	1-0	---
Vanos/Buck	1-3	1-0
Schwarz/Baernwick	0-1	---
Becka/Baernwick	0-1	---
Becka/Gracia-Medrano	0-1	---
Total	36-30	11-9



ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Morehead State has at its disposal modern and well-equipped facilities for the use of its athletic teams. Included among these are Jayne Stadium, the Academic-Athletic Center, the George A. Sadler Tennis Courts, John "Sonny" Allen Field, Wetherby Gymnasium and the University Softball Field, to name a few. Among the facilities used for purposes other than competition is the Phil Simms Weight Training Facility, a building dedicated by the former Morehead State and New York Giants football star, which allows MSU student-athletes every opportunity to enhance their strength and conditioning. In addition, there is a spacious athletic training facility in Jayne Stadium complete with all of the resources needed to enhance the training of MSU student-athletes and allowing them to rehabilitate and recover from injuries quickly and safely.

ATHLETIC TRAINING



One of the major support services offered to the athletes at Morehead State is the main athletic training center located at Jayne Stadium. This facility provides a wide range of options for the treatment and rehabilitation of sports injuries. It contains four whirlpools, four electric stimulators, two ultrasound units and nine treatment tables, along with a wide range of exercise and rehabilitation equipment. Morehead State also staffs two remote athletic training rooms located at the AAC and Wetherby Gym. The athletic training staff includes the head athletic trainer Richard Fletcher, ATC; assistant athletic trainer

Jamey Carver, ATC; and graduate assistant athletic trainers, Sara Larson, ATC; Jennifer Miller, ATC; and BJ Geasa, ATC. In addition, several students provide ancillary support. Other vitally important members of the medical staff include, orthopedic surgeons Tom Fossett MD, Pat Serey MD, Jim Rollins MD and Anup Chatta MD; team dentist, Jim Bendixen DMD, and team optometrist, Thomas McHugh OD. The athletic training staff also utilizes the University health clinic located on campus in Allie Young Hall. The University Clinic staffs four Certified Physicians Assistants and contracts with a local clinic to provide coverage during the afternoon by Family Practice Physicians. In addition, Saint Claire Regional Medical Center, located in Morehead, is a full-spectrum medical service provider.

GEORGE A. SADLER TENNIS COURTS

Located just north of Jayne Stadium and the Wellness Center, the George A. Sadler Courts are home of the men's and women's tennis teams at Morehead State. For the tennis player, the facility offers 12 hard courts, a windscreen and lighting for night tennis. For the spectator, there is a seating area which gives you a view of every court and a restroom facility located nearby. George A. Sadler Courts are open to students, faculty and staff and the general public for use. However, the courts are reserved daily from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and whenever there is a home tennis match scheduled.



THE OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

Entering its 56th year, the Ohio Valley Conference embarks on a new era while continuing to build on the success that has made it the nation's eighth-oldest NCAA Division I conference. In 2003, the OVC extends its geographical footprint into Alabama for the first time, expanding the league's membership to a record 11 institutions with the addition of Jacksonville State University and Samford University.

The OVC's proud past dates back to 1948, but seeds for the new league were actually planted in 1941. It was then that Roy Stewart, the athletics director at Murray State, Charles (Turkey) Hughes, the athletics director at Eastern Kentucky, and Kelly Thompson, the public relations director at Western Kentucky, first breached the idea of forming a new conference. Discussions were put on hold by World War II, but reemerged Feb. 27-28, 1948 at the Kentucky Hotel in Louisville as the three original institutions combined with Morehead State, Louisville and Evansville to form the OVC.

In the 1950's, the OVC became a pioneer on a much more significant scale socially. During times of racial segregation, league member Morehead State became one of the first non-traditionally black mid-southern institutions to accept a black student. In 1958, Marshall Banks earned athletically-related aid at Morehead, which signed a second black athlete, Howard Murphy, a year later. In 1961, Murphy earned all-conference recognition as a halfback in football. With racial barriers broken, the rest of the institutions in the league began to provide educational and athletic opportunities to African-Americans. In the late 1970's, women's athletics began somewhat of a rebirth on the national scene as the NCAA began sponsoring and marketing women's sports. Recognizing the need to provide increased opportunities for female athletes, the OVC established women's championships in the sports of basketball, tennis and track in 1977, with cross country and volleyball added over the next four years. Those sports were initially governed by the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, but the overall strength of women's program in the league was demonstrated by the automatic bids the OVC instantly received when the NCAA became the governing body in 1982.

Through the early years of the league, administrators wrestled with fan behavior due to the close proximity of the conference members and the intense rivalries which developed. Just as it did years ago, the OVC took the leadership role on what has become a national issue. In 1995, the OVC implemented a first-of-its-kind "Sportmanship Statement", a policy which promotes principles of fair play, ethical conduct and respect for one's opponent. The statement has become a model for others to follow across the nation, and has answered the challenge of the NCAA Presidents Commission to improve sportsmanship in collegiate athletics. Over its 55 years, OVC teams have garnered national championships and bowl games in football, along with national team or individual titles in the sports of rifle, cross country, track and golf. The OVC has also produced several Olympic athletes, while some of the greatest players in professional sports were educated at OVC institutions. The list includes former greats such as basketball's Clem Haskins (Western Kentucky) and two-sport star Steve Hamilton (Morehead State) to present-day standouts like basketball players Carlos Rogers (Tennessee State), Popeye Jones (Murray State) and Bubba Wells (Austin Peay), football players Tim Lester (Eastern Kentucky), Chris Watson (Eastern Illinois) and Brent Alexander (Tennessee State), baseball players Kirk Reuter (Murray State) and Willie Blair (Morehead State) and professional golfer Jeff Sluman (Tennessee Tech).

The playing field isn't the only place where OVC athletes are working hard. The league also recognizes excellence in the classroom. The prestigious OVC Academic Achievement Banner is awarded annually to the league school whose athletes produce the highest grade point average when compared to the general student body. Also, six Scholar-Athlete Awards are presented yearly to male and female athletes, while others are commended for their academic success by being Medal of Honor recipients or named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll. Additionally, the Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award, in honor of the former Morehead State student-athlete, coach and athletics director, is presented annually to a junior or senior student-athlete with significant athletic contributions who best exemplifies the characteristics of sportsmanship and citizenship.

The vision of leadership demonstrated by the founding fathers in 1948 remains alive today as the Ohio Valley Conference prepares for the future. One example is in regard to the current trend in collegiate athletics administration for increased involvement of university presidents in setting policies and making rules. The presidents of OVC institutions, however, have always governed the Conference, long before presidential governance became a national theme.

The Ohio Valley Conference sponsors the following sports: baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, tennis, and indoor and outdoor track and field for men, and basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field, and volleyball for women. In addition, the OVC also sponsors a combined men's and women's sport of rifle.

Over the last decade, the league has grown, not only in the number of athletics opportunities it provides for students, but in terms of the number of institutions in the conference. In 2003, Jacksonville State University and Samford University became the newest members of the OVC, joining Southeast Missouri State University (1991), the University of Tennessee at Martin (1992) and Eastern Illinois University (1996) as the league's most recent additions. Other current representatives include charter members Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University and Murray State University, along with Austin Peay State University, Tennessee State University and Tennessee Technological University.

Members of the OVC office staff include Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher, Commissioner; Ron English, Associate Commissioner for Operations; Kim Melcher, Assistant Commissioner for Media Relations; Ryan Altizer, Director of External Affairs and Football Media Relations; Donyale Canada, Director of Championships; Lee Moses, Director of Institutional Services; Heather Brown, Media Relations Assistant; and Linda Wesson, Administrative Assistant.



THE OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE



ALL-OVC SELECTIONS

Men (Singles)

- 1979- Martin Watts
- 1980- Julian Thomas
- 1982- Leighton Jones
- 1983- Paul Hope
- 1984- Panos Kambadellis
- 1993- Martin Jansson
- 1996- Fabio Souza
- 1997- Fabio Souza
- 1999- Christoph Poehler
- 2000- Christoph Poehler
- 2001- Benjamin Schmid
- 2002- Benjamin Schmid
- 2003- Benjamin Schmid
- Alejandro Hernandez**
- Daniel Arbib**

Women (Singles)

- 1981- Liz Oosthuizen
- Jennie Circle
- 1982- Sally-Anne Birch
- Liz Oosthuizen
- 1983- Alison Hill
- Sally-Anne Birch
- Helen Haddon
- Pam Reeves
- 1984- Sally-Anne Birch
- Vanessa Adams
- 1985- Sally-Anne Birch
- 1986- Kate McKay
- 1997- Ditte Hougaard
- 2000- Isabelle Soucy
- 2001- Julie Ryan
- 2002- **Alexandra Becka**
- 2003- Katrin Schwarz

Men (Doubles)

- 1979- Martin Watts/
Eric Nyberg
- 1980- Rich Leslie/
Martin Watts
- Nick Lee/
Phil King
- 1982- Martin Watts/
Phil King

Women (Doubles)

- 1981- Liz Oosthuizen/
Charmaine Oliver
- Alison Hill/
Jennie Circle
- 1982- Alison Hill/
Jennie Circle
- 1983- Helen Curtis/
Pam Reeves
- 1984- Helen Haddon/
Vanessa Adams
- 1985- Helen Curtis/
Sally-Anne Birch
- Angela Longo/
Kate McKay

Note: Winners in each flight were selected to the All-OVC team from 1958-92. Beginning in 1993, the All-OVC team was selected by the head coaches.

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

- Second Team - Benjamin Schmid (2003)
- First Team - Christoph Poehler (2000)

2002-03 ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

- First Team - Benjamin Schmid
- Second Team - **Tomi Simola**

2002-03 OVC COMMISSIONER'S HONOR ROLL

- Alexandra Becka**
- Ariana Gracia-Medrano**
- Alejandro Hernandez**
- Benjamin Schmid
- Tomi Simola**
- Ian Smith**
- Sheenagh Stewart**
- Georgia Vanos**
- Deatra Walters

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OVC WOMEN'S COACHES OF THE YEAR

- 1981 - Bev Mayhew
- 1983 - Bev Mayhew
- 1985 - Bev Mayhew
- 2002 - David Vest**

OVC TENNIS TEAM CHAMPIONS

- Women's Champion: 1981, 1983, 1985
- Women's Runner-up: 1982, 1984
- Men's Runner-up: 1979, 1984



MSU SPORTS INFORMATION DEPARTMENT



**RANDY STACY,
SPORTS INFORMATION
DIRECTOR**

Randy Stacy begins his 17th season as the Sports Information Director, after serving 16 months in the MSU Development Office.

Stacy, a 1977 graduate of Morehead State University, is the former assistant sports information director at the University of Kentucky.

Stacy served as men's sports information director at MSU for a brief time in 1977 before assuming a full-time position at Tennessee Tech.

The native of Carr Creek, Ky., and graduate of Carr Creek High School (now Knott County Central), also served as a graduate assistant in the Office of Public Information and was a news and sports reporter at WMKY radio while at MSU.

Stacy is a member of College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), the Morehead Optimist Club and Elliottville Baptist Church. He and his wife, Jeanetta, have two sons. They reside in Morehead.



**BRAD LAUX,
ASSISTANT SPORTS
INFORMATION
DIRECTOR**

Laux is in his sixth year as the assistant sports information director at MSU and 13th overall in the field. He will serve as the

contact for several sports, including women's basketball, volleyball, soccer and softball.

Prior to arriving at MSU, Laux, a native of Springfield, Va., spent three years as a graduate assistant at Tennessee and three years as an intern at George Mason.

He received his master's from UT in Sports Administration in 1998. He also worked at UNC Greensboro, where he graduated in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in public relations, and for the U.S. Taekwondo Union at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

His experience includes serving in SID capacities at the 1994 World Cup and the 1996 Olympic Games. He and his wife, Ginny, reside in Morehead, Ky.



**BRENDA KISSINGER,
SID SECRETARY
SPECIALIST**

Brenda is in her 18th year as secretary in the sports information office and assists with all facets of the department's operations.

She previously spent five years as secretary to former MSU athletic director G.E. "Sonny" Moran.

Kissinger has four children, Melissa, Bill, J.R. and Rick, and four grandchildren, Jonathan, Joshua, Jaclyn and Ashley. She resides in Olive Hill, Ky.

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DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Thurs.	Jan. 22	@ Kentucky (M)	6:00 p.m.
Fri.	Jan. 23	Appalachian State (M)	5:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Jan. 29	Southeastern Louisiana (W)	6:00 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 31	@ Dayton (W/M)	1:00/3:00 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 14	@ Evansville (W/M)	5:00 p.m.
Fri.	Feb. 20	@ ECU vs. Indianapolis (M)	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 21	Wright State (W/M)	12:00/3:00 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 28	@ ECU vs. Southeast Missouri St.* (W)	1:00 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 28	@ IUPUI (M)	3:00 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 6	@ Samford* (W/M)	12:00 p.m.
Sun.	Mar. 7	@ Jacksonville State* (W/M)	11:00 a.m.
Tues.	Mar. 9	@ Louisville (M)	2:00 p.m.
Fri.	Mar. 12	Toledo (M)	1:00 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 13	Lindsey Wilson (W/M)	1:00 p.m.
Tues.	Mar. 16	@ Eastern Kentucky* (W/M)	1:00/3:00 p.m.
Fri.	Mar. 19	Eastern Illinois* (W/M)	12:00 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 20	Austin Peay* (W/M)	11:00 a.m.
Mon.	Mar. 22	@ Lipscomb (W/M)	2:30 p.m.
Tues.	Mar. 23	@ Belmont (W/M)	2:00 p.m.
Wed.	Mar. 24	@ Tennessee-Martin* (W/M)	2:00 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 27	@ Georgetown College (W/M)	2:30 p.m.
Wed.	Mar. 31	@ Tennessee Tech* (W/M)	2:00 p.m.
Fri.	Apr. 2	Tennessee State* (W/M)	3:00 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 3	Murray State* (W/M)	11:00 a.m.
Wed.	Apr. 7	Cumberland College (W/M)	2:00 p.m.
Sun.	Apr. 11	Western Kentucky (W/M)	2:00 p.m.
Mon.	Apr. 12	Northern Kentucky (W/M)	3:00 p.m.
Fri.-Sun.	Apr. 16-18	@ OVC Tournament Centennial Sportsplex, Nashville, TN	TBA

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M=Men; W=Women

* OVC Match

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