Entering their second season as a member of the Freedom Conference, the Misericordia University women’s tennis team looks to build on the best season in their five-year history.

The Cougars set a school-record for wins a year ago (14-5 overall and 6-1 in the Freedom), including an eight-match win streak.

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Junior Courtney Otto returns after earning Team MVP honors a year ago. She was a second-team All-Freedom selection after finishing 11-7 in singles play, including a 6-1 league record.

Seniors Abby Searfoss and Maura Haupt also return along with juniors Ashley Mangabang, Sam Scalpone, Jen Spott and Ellyn Wingert.

Searfoss was a first-team All-Freedom selection while Haupt and Mangabang were named second-team. Verret advanced to the MAC semifinals at sixth singles while Haupt and Otto teamed to reach the semis at second doubles and had the second-best doubles record on the team.

Mangabang and Otto tied for the team lead with 11 wins and second and fourth singles, respectively. Haupt had 10 wins at third singles and Searfoss had nine wins in the number one position.

Sophomore Lauren Verret rounds out the returning players while freshman Jamie Tramontana is the lone newcomer.

Verret and Ellyn Wingert combined for 14 wins at sixth singles.

Joanlanne is looking for the team to continue to grow the Misericordia tennis tradition. “We’ve gotten better with each season and have developed into a very good team in a few short years,” said Joanlanne. “Our goals for this year are to keep getting better and to continue our winning tradition.”
MISERICORDIA BELONGS TO NCAAC, MAC, ECAC

Misericordia University belongs to the NCAA Division III, Freedom Conference/Middle Atlantic States Athletics Corporation (MAC) and the Eastern College Athletic Conference.

MU is in its second full season of competition in the Freedom/MAC after 16 years as a member of the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference. Misericordia began ECAC and NCAA competition in 1992.

The Freedom/MAC sponsors competition in 11 men’s sports: baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, indoor track & field, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, tennis and outdoor track & field; and 11 women’s sports: basketball, cross country, field hockey, indoor track & field, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, outdoor track & field and volleyball.

With approximately 430 members and 150,000 student-athletes competing annually, Division III is the largest of the NAIA’s three divisions.

Division III institutions place high priority on the overall quality of the educational experience and the successful completion of all students’ academic programs.

Formed in 1938, the ECAC is the nation’s largest athletic conference with more than 300 members in Divisions I, II and III from Maine to North Carolina.

ATHLETICS FACILITIES

The athletic facilities at Misericordia University are highlighted by the Anderson Sports-Health Center and the Anderson Outdoor Athletic Complex.

Since 1993, the Anderson Center has provided a home for the Cougars basketball, volleyball and swim teams.

The building houses the athletic department offices, campus health center and nursing, physical therapy and occupational therapy classrooms and laboratories.

The center features a six-lane swimming pool, indoor track, racquetball courts, fitness center and an aerobics/dance studio. The Anderson Sports-Health Center attracts more than 75,000 visitors annually for recreational use.

Mangelsdorf Field at the Anderson Athletic Complex was constructed in 2002 and serves as a home for the soccer, field hockey, lacrosse and track & field programs.

The complex features a synthetic grass field and a six-lane synthetic track which allow MU’s student-athletes to remain active even when weather conditions are less than ideal.

Named for the late Dr. Robert S. and Geraldine Ruth Daley Anderson, the Anderson Sports-Health Center, Anderson Athletic Complex and Anderson Fields are tributes to their commitment to Misericordia University.

Mangelsdorf Field honors the dedication of Jack and Dorothy Mangelsdorf to MU and the region.

The Misericordia tennis complex was built in 2004 as part of a gift by the M&T Foundation.

MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY IN BRIEF

Misericordia University is a liberal arts based, co-educational Catholic institution serving both residential and commuting students.

Founded in 1924, Misericordia is the oldest four-year institution in Luzerne County and made the transition to University status in 2007.

Sponsored by the Religious Sisters of Mercy, MU is one of 18 Mercy institutions in the United States.

Misericordia welcomes individuals from all faiths and offers a variety of liberal arts and professional programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

MU offers 30 majors in three academic colleges: Arts and Sciences; Health Sciences; and Professional Studies and Social Sciences.

The University is dedicated to the values of the Sisters of Mercy: mercy, service, justice and hospitality. These values can be found throughout the University, from programs of study to service projects.

The hallmark of MU is a dedicated faculty and a high quality core liberal arts and sciences curriculum.

In addition to their diploma, MU students can participate in the school’s Guarantee of Placement Program. The GPP is a promise that, within six months of graduation, students will have a position in their career of choice or be enrolled in graduate school, or the University will provide a paid internship in the student’s field of study.

With a total enrollment of 2,501 students, Misericordia offers the benefits of a small university with the scope of a larger institution.

Classroom size is purposefully small to ensure personalized attention and our 12:1 student/faculty ratio allows students and faculty to truly know one another.

In addition to academic pursuits, MU students participate in a wide range of athletic, recreational, spiritual, social and cultural activities with more than two dozen clubs organizations on campus.

MU sponsors 22 varsity sports including men’s soccer, cross country, basketball, swimming, golf, lacrosse, indoor and outdoor track & field, baseball and tennis; and women’s soccer, volleyball, field hockey, cross-country, tennis, basketball, swimming, softball, lacrosse, indoor and outdoor track & field and cheerleading.

Women’s golf will begin varsity play in 2011.


In 2009-10, the Cougars won conference championships in men’s soccer and women’s swimming.

Misericordia won 29 PAC championships and made the PAC playoffs in field hockey, volleyball, men’s and women’s soccer, women’s tennis, men’s and women’s basketball, women’s lacrosse, baseball and softball in 2007-08.

Located in Dallas, PA, MU’s 123-acre campus has a suburban atmosphere and is only nine miles from Wilkes-Barre and two hours from New York City and Philadelphia.

ALLISON JOANLANNE
Head Coach

The only coach in the history of the Misericordia tennis programs, Allison Joanlanne is in her sixth season as women’s tennis coach and her third season as the men’s tennis coach.

In 2008, she led the women’s team to their best season ever at 13-2 while improving her career mark to 49-19.

The Cougars reached the Freedom Conference championship match in their first season in the league. MU has enjoyed a winning record in each of their first five varsity seasons.

Joanlanne spent four years as a professional tennis instructor at the Premier Athletic Club in Cortland Manor, New York and previously worked as a tennis instructor for the Department of Parks and Recreation in New York City.

She holds a bachelor of science degree in sports management from Old Dominion University where she earned a tennis scholarship. Joanlanne was named the Old Dominion team MVP and won the Sun Belt Conference Doubles championship in 1987. She is a member of the United States Tennis Association and is certified as a Professional Tennis Registry Instructor.

On the Cover: Maura Haupt, Abby Searfoss

2009 SCHEDULE

Date Opponent Time
Sept. 1 Cabrini.............................................4:00
Sept. 5 Marywood........................................1:00
Sept. 9 at Keystone....................................4:00
Sept. 19 * at FDU-Florham........................1:00
Sept. 24 * Eastern.....................................3:30
Sept. 26 at Arcadia.....................................1:00
Sept. 29 * at King’s.................................3:30
Oct. 3 # DeSales........................................1:00
Oct. 4 Mt. St. Mary....................................1:00
Oct. 7 * Wilkes.........................................3:30
Oct. 17 * at Manhattanville.......................1:00
Oct. 24 MASCAC Individual Championships......
* Freedom Conference Opponent
# Homecoming/Hall of Fame Weekend

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DAVE MARTIN
Athletic Director

Dave Martin is in his sixth year as director of athletics at Misericordia University.

In his first five years, the Cougars won nine conference championships and earned six NCAA tournament berths.

In addition, he guided the Cougars through the transition from the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference to the Freedom Conference and Middle Atlantic States Athletics Corporation (MAC).

At MU, he has also overseen the addition of men’s tennis and women’s golf as varsity sports at MU.

Martin previously spent 14 seasons as head men’s basketball coach at Misericordia and served as associate athletic director and coordinator of athletic recruiting.

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