

LRU'S Brennan Named Pre-Season All-SAC

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Lenoir-Rhyne's Tommy Brennan has been named to the 2012 All-South Atlantic Conference Men's Tennis Preseason Second Team, league officials announced this afternoon. Brennan, a sophomore from Miami, Fla., was Lenoir-Rhyne's

No. 1 player last season and finished the year with six wins in singles play including three against league competition.

Brennan also teamed with senior Aroon Khatter (Pune, INDIA) to win eight matches at first doubles in 2011 including four against South Atlantic Conference foes.

Wingate, last year's team champion, barely edge Anderson in the 2012 SAC Preseason Coaches Poll for first place. The Bulldogs tallied five first-place votes compared to the Trojans' four and held a 94-92 advantage in total points. Lenoir-Rhyne was picked 10th overall.

The Lenoir-Rhyne Men's Tennis Team opens the 2012 season against West Alabama at home on Saturday, February 4, at 9:00 a.m. All L-R home matches will take place at Hickory High School.

The top six teams in the league standings at the end of the regular season will qualify for the 2012 Food Lion South Atlantic Conference Men's Tennis Tournament Championship. The tournament takes place at the Rock Hill Tennis Center in Rock Hill, S.C., from April 19-22.

2012 South Atlantic Conference Men's Tennis Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Wingate 94 (5)
2. Anderson 92 (4)
3. Lincoln Memorial 79
4. Brevard 55
- 5t. Mars Hill 54 (1)
- 5t. Newberry 54
- 5t. Tusculum 54
8. Catawba 32
9. Carson-Newman 26

10. Lenoir-Rhyne 10

2012 All-South Atlantic Conference Men's Tennis Preseason Teams

First Team

Stan Atema, Anderson
Deni Mehagic, Anderson
Sam MacNeil, Brevard
Philipp Hoffmann, Lincoln Memorial
Vinicius Botelho, Newberry
Matthew Lichtenstein, Wingate
Drew Owen, Wingate
Flavio Rathsam, Wingate

Second Team

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Beau Wills, Brevard

Thomas Mitchell, Catawba

Tommy Brennan, Lenoir-Rhyne

Tom Goossens, Lincoln Memorial

Enrico Patriarca, Mars Hill

Lucas Simm, Mars Hill

Michael Saunders, Newberry

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