

BREAKPOINT

The Official Newsletter of the Bucknell Men's Tennis Program

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NOTES FROM COACH

Bruce Myers

All I can say it was quite an amazing first season for me at Bucknell University. From an academic standpoint, the team exceeded my expectations (which is not easy to do) by having the highest GPA in the fall, spring and overall of all men's athletic programs and earned ITA ALL-Academic team standards

(team GPA over 3.25 for year) for the second consecutive year. We had five ITA All-Academic team members (GPA over 3.5 for entire year), a first-team All-Patriot League player (Dan Wright), double-digit victories, an upset over #3 seeded Lehigh in the conference tournament, and, most importantly, our lone senior Bryan Adams had to decide between multiple job offers before deciding to work for the Federal Housing Agency in Washington, DC.

Our 29 team matches in the spring was the most ever by a Bucknell team and finishing the season winning nine of our last 16 matches showed that each player bought into my system. We played the most difficult schedule in the Patriot League (highest RPI in the conference) and opened our season against the eventual NCAA runner-up, the University of North Carolina. Easily, the most amazing thing about our spring season was, the simple fact that of our 29 dual matches, only two were played on campus in Lewisburg, PA. Because of the unpredictability of our weather, coupled with the unfortunate reality that we do not have access to an indoor tennis facility anywhere in Central PA, we were forced to sometimes travel more than two hours to play "home matches" at Camp Hill, PA, Hershey PA (twice), Penn State and Lancaster. Very unfortunate considering that the crowd at our two on campus matches was amazing and almost was able to witness a huge upset of Navy.

What was simply wonderful was the amount of support we received from alumni when we traveled for matches. My players were able to connect with alumni such as Peter Ochroch in Philadelphia, Bob Christianson - who actually officiated one of our matches in California, we met Garrett Neff while at the Indian Wells tennis tournament, Taylor Clark at Bloomsburg (as well

as Coach Hammer) along with others at our Hofstra and UNC matches. It is wonderful how former players keep tabs on the current team.

Still working on finalizing the 2017-18 schedule. We are going to certainly elevate the program through raising the quality of the opponents of the non-conference portion of our schedule. We have spring 2018 matches secured with Penn State, Michigan State, University of Miami and Pepperdine University and have matches scheduled against all eight Patriot League schools. While we will certainly miss the leadership (and big match wins) from our senior captain Bryan Adams, we have four rising seniors who will play an important role in the leadership of the program and with

three incoming freshmen, I can honestly say that we should be in contention for the first Patriot League title since 1999.

We have also tentatively scheduled a Bucknell Tennis Alumni Weekend for September 2-3, 2017. We would love to hear any feedback regarding this weekend (as it is a Holiday weekend) and if you are able to attend. We are working on incorporating more tennis playing than in the past, along with the usual off-court festivities that surround this

weekend. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time with any questions, feedback or thoughts as my email address is listed below as well as on our website.

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Sincerely,
Bruce Myers
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Save the Date

September 2-3, 2017

Bucknell Tennis Alumni Weekend

Watch for email updates and registration information.

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The Cannes Film Festival

Student-athlete, Max Kane, Summer Internship

The Cannes Film Festival is an international market where rights to films - and some television shows - are bought. People from the entertainment industry attend this 11-day invitation-only event for various reasons. Some people are attempting to fund an upcoming project and hope to meet producers that can help them create their vision. Others look to promote films they have already completed. Some festival-goers attend the festival simply as cinephiles. For the vast majority of attendees, however, the Cannes

Film Festival is a business trip.

I worked for the American Pavilion - also known as AmPav - which is located inside the festival and on the beach of the French Riviera. AmPav acts as the festival's headquarters for the American film community in Cannes. The American Pavilion is a large multi-roomed tent where paid members can attend social events and talks, network, eat, drink, and relax.

Throughout the festival, the Pavilion holds roundtable events where film industry professionals generously donate an hour of their

time to speak to students working in the Pavilion. These talks are entirely discussion-based where students have the opportunity to sit at the same table as the entertainment insiders and pick their brains. I participated in discussions with oscar-winning director and writer Barry Jenkins, iconic filmmaker Spike Lee, entertainment lawyer Craig Emanuel, renowned film critic Gil Robertson, packaging agent Peter Trinh and the head programmer of the Sundance Film Festival Trevor Groth. I attended as many roundtable events as possible in



order to gain an idea of what area of the film industry I want to pursue.

I completed my internship in the Roger Ebert Conference Center within the Pavilion. During my two weeks in the Conference Center, I helped produce a series of panel

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Catching up with Scott Stieler '87

Bring us up to date - current job, family, etc.

I own and manage a local Real Estate Investment Co. in Lewisburg, PA. I returned to Lewisburg in 2003 after living in Michigan, Atlanta, Europe and New Jersey where I worked in corporate jobs. I also own a restaurant on Market Street in town called Brasserie Louis. Stop by when you're in town for a nice meal or just a beer.

How has your Bucknell men's tennis experience benefited you personally and professionally?

Tennis has been a great part of my life, helping to keep me physically fit, mentally sharp and more relaxed. It's introduced me to great people who have sometimes become good friends.

What was your most memorable moment as a student-athlete at Bucknell University?

1. Trips to St Augustine over Spring Break with Coach Craig Reynolds and getting thrashed by the Florida Schools. 2. Watching Captain Ochroch throw his racket over the fence at an East Stroudsburg match. 3. Losing the individual Second Singles Championship match at Towson after having a match point. 4. Winning The East Coast Conference Championship and then the Colonial League Championship my junior and senior years when I was Captain.

Do you remain in contact with any of your teammates or former players?

Yes, I still see players from my years and am constantly meeting more from before or after my time. Since college I've played tennis with Mike Murphy, Pete Ochroch, Ed Hess, Steve Cottrell, Steve Haas and others. I've played on winning USTA teams with Mike Murphy and have won a prestigious doubles championship with Steve Haas. I hope to play with Mike Driscoll later this summer who seems to be returning to the game after many years. I've attended a tennis reunion in Las Vegas. Alumni tennis weekends at Bucknell and, since I live locally, I interact regularly with the men's and women's teams.

Are you still involved with tennis? Are you still involved with Bucknell?

I still play tennis on USTA 4.5 teams and am a member of West Branch Indoor Tennis Club, the Williamsport Clay Courts Club and Susquehanna Valley Country Club. I helped found the Bucknell Club of Atlanta, served two terms on the Bucknell Alumni Board of Directors and am on the Delta Upsilon Fraternity Alumni Board.

What advice would you give to current Bison tennis players?

The amount of time you have for tennis will ebb and flow throughout your life but stick with it. Accept your game at its varying levels. Tennis offers so many personal health benefits, opens doors and introduces you to wonderful new people and places. ■

talks, celebrity appearances, film screenings, parties, and special events, all while ensuring that American Pavilion members and attendees were comfortable and had a positive experience. Notable speakers I assisted included Spike Lee, Paul Dano, Karen Allen, Faye Dunaway, Greg Kinnear and Kyle Mooney. I helped with the screening of Karen Allen's new short film *A Tree. A Rock. A Cloud* as well as assisted in the production of a Planned Parenthood fundraiser at the Pavilion.

When I was not working, I made a huge effort to attend as many panel talks and roundtable discussions as possible. I also attended 18 film screenings, 6 of which were exclusive red carpet world premieres. Towards the end of the festival, I was given the opportunity to screen one of my own short films - *For Dad* - at the American Pavilion for a student short film exhibition. Once my film was shown, I was brought up for a Q&A with the audience.

One of my goals of attending the Cannes Film Festival was to meet people who could give me opportunities that otherwise would have been impossible for me. I had to go out of my comfort zone to speak and network with established men and women in the film industry. By the end of the festival, I was offered an internship position at Series-Fest - a festival in Denver where television pilots are screened and acquired by television companies. I was also given the option to work on the set of Bethany



American Pavilion tent.



Dinner with co-workers before the red carpet screening.



Le Marché Du Film - the international marketplace where films are negotiated and sold.

Jacobson's feature film *The Electric Virgin*. I plan on pursuing both of these jobs later in the summer.

I left Cannes with a newfound level of passion and admiration for film. Being immersed in one of the most prestigious festivals in the world taught me more about the industry than I ever could have learned at home. I garnered a huge amount of inspiration for upcoming projects that I hope to write and direct. I will use the motivation I gained in France to produce as much material as possible during my last year at Bucknell. My dream is to return to Cannes as a filmmaker or businessman and I am prepared to put in the hard work to make that happen. ■



Roundtable discussion with Ben Braun, Manager of Acquisitions and Distribution at Submarine Entertainment.

Welcome Class of 2021

Meet our incoming freshmen



Adrien Crastes

Why Bucknell?

Bucknell has the perfect balance between high level academics and high level sports teams. It will enable me to pursue my tennis aspirations while competing at a high level, as well as thriving in the classroom. Bucknell has a rural, secluded campus, which is in my opinion positive since it assures a very close knit community, as well as little distractions. Coming from a small school, I enjoy being in a smaller community, and Bucknell having as little as 3500 students means I will know most people by my senior year.

Interests outside of tennis?

I play a lot of piano, it is my escape. I have been playing piano since I was 3 years old and it has enabled me to "find myself". I am also interested in investing.

Career goals and aspirations?

After graduating from Bucknell and potentially doing a masters degree, I would like to work with my dad in his asset management company. My dream is to create the subsidiary of his company in the US. Since an early age I have been fascinated with the concept of investing and making money with money, and it is something I would love to do for a living. However, I know that I have a lot to learn in the classroom and as a person. Values are extremely important in this job and I believe that a sport like tennis is helping and will help me build these values: resilience, fortitude, serenity, perseverance, etc...



Max Garramone

Why Bucknell?

My dad graduated from Bucknell so being able to attend it has always been a dream for me. Bucknell's superior academics and athletics caught my attention while searching for schools. It was a perfect fit for me because of the small size, and challenging economics program.

Interests outside of tennis?

I have always had a passion for photography, and water sports.

Career goals and aspirations?

I want to major in economics with a minor in math, and move to New York to work on Wall Street.

Where do you see our team in 2017-2018 season?

I see our team having one of the best seasons yet.

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Highest Men's Athletic Program
GPA Fall 2016

ITA All-Acadmic Team 2017

Second Consecutive Award

5 ITA All-American Individual Awards

Timber Erskine, Max Kane

Daniel Wright, Andrei Vitiuc, Ben Garber

3.39

Highest Men's
Athletic Program
GPA Spring 2017

3.41

Overall Highest
Men's Athletic
Program 2016-2017

2017-2018 Schedule



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sept. 8-10, 2017	Bucknell Invitational	Home	all day
Sept. 15-17, 2017	Purdue Invitational	West Lafayette, IN	all day
Sept. 22-24, 2017	Binghamton Invitational	Binghamton, NY	all day
Oct. 12-14, 2017	Temple Invitational	Philadelphia, PA	all day
Nov. 3-5, 2017	Cleveland State Invite	Cleveland, OH	all day
January 21, 2018	Penn State University	State College, PA	
January 27, 2018	NJIT/Monmouth/FDU	Jersey City, NJ	
January 28, 2018	NJIT/Monmouth/FDU	Jersey City, NJ	
February 3, 2018	LaSalle University	Hershey, PA	
February 11, 2018	University of Miami	Miami, FL	
February 16, 2018	St. Francis PA	Loretto, PA	
February 17, 2018	Butler University	Cleveland, OH	10:00 am
February 17, 2018	Youngstown State Univ.	Youngstown, OH	4:00 pm
February 18, 2018	Cleveland State University	Cleveland, OH	10:00 am
February 24, 2018	St. Joseph's University	Philadelphia, PA	
February 24, 2018	Temple University	Philadelphia, PA	
February 25, 2018	University of Delaware	Newark, DE	
March 2, 2018	Sienna University	Lewisburg, PA	2:00 pm
March 3, 2018	Colgate University	Lewisburg, PA	
March 4, 2018	Drexel University	Philadelphia, PA	
March 11, 2018	UC San Diego	San Diego, CA	
March 12, 2018	UC Riverside	Riverside, CA	
March 14, 2018	Pepperdine University	Malibu, CA	
March 16, 2018	Point Loma University	Point Loma, CA	
March 18, 2018	Michigan State University	State College, PA	4:00 pm
March 21, 2018	Mount St. Mary's Univ.	Emmitsburg, MD	
March 24, 2018	Army	West Point, NY	
March 25, 2018	Holy Cross	West Point, NY	
April 4, 2018	Lafayette	Easton, PA	
April 7, 2018	St. Francis NY	New York, NY	
April 11, 2018	Lehigh University	Bethlehem, PA	3:30 pm
April 14, 2018	Navy	Annapolis, MD	
April 15, 2018	Loyola University	Baltimore, MD	
April 16, 2018	Bloomsburg University	Bloomsburg, PA	
April 22, 2018	Boston University	Lewisburg, PA	10:00 am
April 27, 2018	Patriot League Championships	Hamilton, NY	all day

Freshmen

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Drew
Krantz

Why Bucknell?

I chose Bucknell University because I wanted to play Division I tennis in the Patriot League. My cousin played tennis for Lehigh and I wanted to follow in his footsteps. I instantly fell in love with Bucknell when I walked onto campus. I felt the sense of community and happiness throughout and I knew that Bucknell was for me. Upon my visit I bonded with the team and professors and I couldn't wait to apply Early Decision.

Interests outside of tennis?

Outside of tennis I enjoy spending time with family and friends. I love traveling abroad and experiencing new and unusual cultures. I play a lot of golf in my free time and I also enjoy snowboarding in the winter.

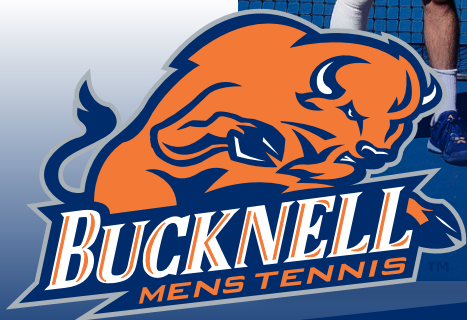
Career Goals and Aspirations?

I am planning on eventually traveling internationally in the business industry.

Where you see our team in the 2017-18 season?

In the 2017-2018 season I see the team improving its record from last year and becoming one of the top teams in the Patriot League. We showed how strong we could be with our finish last year at the Patriot League tournament and I am expecting another great performance in the 2017-2018 season. I see our team bonding over our spring break trip to Miami and setting the goal of becoming Patriot League Champions. ■

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Take a Sneak Peek at our 2017-2018 Schedule on page 4!

**Our Student-Athletes are
keeping busy this summer.**

Timber Erskine - Equity Sales
Trading at Sandler O'Neill

Andrei Vitiuc - Marketing Intern at
Sport Evolution Group in Romania,
working in conjunction with the
Romanian Soccer Federation in
Bucharest

Max Kane - Internship at Cannes
Film Festival. **See page 2 for
details.**

Dan Wright - Working for
Takasago as a Business/
Administrative intern.

Ben Gerber - Working at the
Gotham Comedy Club, Marketing
Department.



Congratulations to Dan Wright - First team All-Patriot
as well as Academic All-Patriot League.



Congratulations to graduating senior Bryan
Adams who was hired by the Federal Housing
Finance Agency Department of Bank
Regulation as a Risk Modeling Analyst.

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