



24 Conference Championships

Utah has claimed 24 conference championships in its rich tennis history. The Utes won their first conference championship in 1928 as a member of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference under head coach Theron Parmelee.

Utah went on to rack up nine more conference championships under Parmelee, playing in the RMAC and later in the Skyline Conference.

Utah then joined the Western Athletic Conference in 1963 and under the leadership of head coach Harry James, won two WAC crowns in its first three years of affiliation: 1963 and '65. The Utes' next WAC championship came in 1977 and sparked more than a decade of conference dominance as the Utes collected 11 conference titles between 1977 and 1990, including a run of six consecutive crowns from 1979-84.

In his first four years at the helm for Utah, current head coach F.D. Robbins led the Utes to three WAC championships: 1987, '89 and '90.

Utah's 2008 Mountain West Conference championship marked its first title as a member of the MWC. The Utes went 5-1 in league play and clinched the conference title with a 4-3 victory against arch rival BYU.

It was Utah's 24th league title overall and the Utes' fourth under Robbins.



The 2008 Utes clinched the MWC Championship on the home court of arch-rival BYU with a 4-3 win over the Cougars in Provo, Utah.

Utah's Conference Championships Since 1963

<u>Year</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Conference</u>
1963	Western Athletic	1983	Western Athletic
1965	Western Athletic	1984	Western Athletic
1977	Western Athletic	1986	Western Athletic
1979	Western Athletic	1987	Western Athletic
1980	Western Athletic	1989	Western Athletic
1981	Western Athletic	1990	Western Athletic
1982	Western Athletic	2008	Mountain West

NCAA Champion Greg Holmes

Greg Holmes became Utah's first NCAA champion in 1983. As the No. 1 seed, he captured the NCAA Singles Championship in Athens, Ga. en route to earning All-America honors.

Holmes was the last player to ever win an NCAA title using a wooden racquet. His Kramer Autograph racquet is still displayed in the ITA Collegiate Tennis Hall of Fame along with those of every other NCAA champion.

Holmes lost only one set during his six-match championship run.

Holmes' Title Track

Rd. of 64: def. Tarek El Sakka (SW Louisiana), 7-6 (4), 6-2

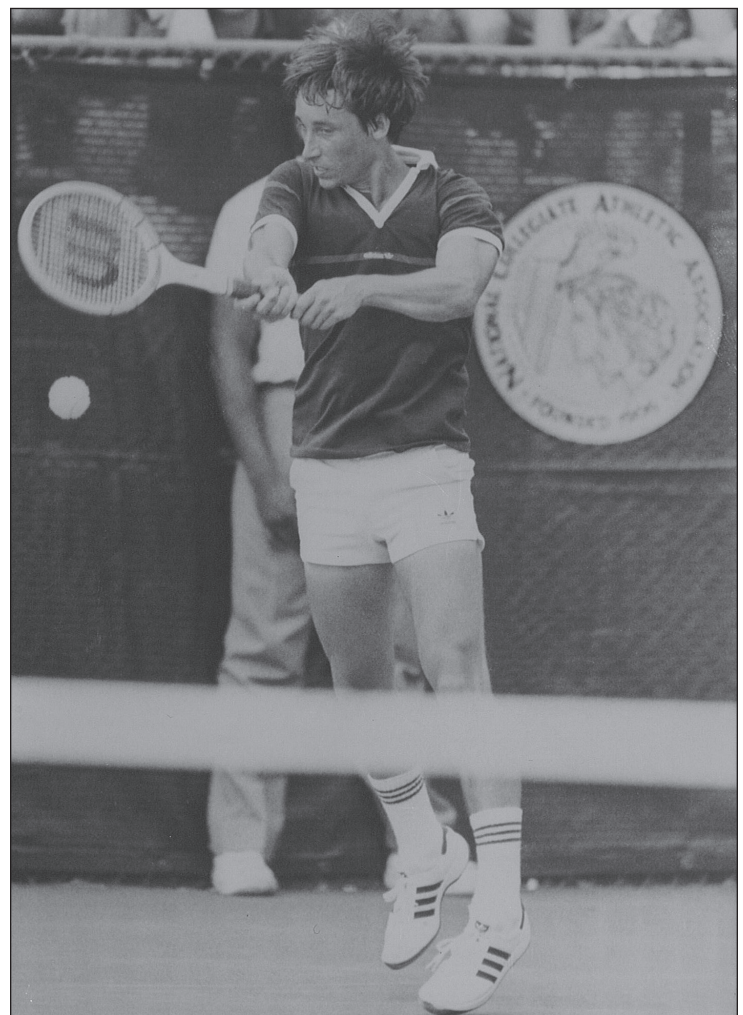
Rd. of 32: def. John Letts (Stanford), 6-0, 6-3

Rd. of 16: def. Tom Warneke (Trinity), 6-4, 6-4

Quarterfinals: def. Peter Doohan (Arkansas), 6-1, 6-1

Semifinals: def. David Pate (TCU), 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (9)

Championship: def. Fredrik Pahlett (Minnesota), 6-3, 6-2



Holmes during his championship effort in Athens, Ga. Photo courtesy of Dan Magill, curator, ITA Hall of Fame.



Utah's ITA All-Americans

Utah men's tennis has had eight different players, including current head coach F.D. Robbins, earn 12 ITA All-American awards. Utah's first All-American was Jim Osbourne, a two-time selection in 1965 and '66. The last Ute to reach All-America status was Christian Svensson, selected in 1997.

<u>All-American Utes</u>	<u>Year</u>
Jim Osbourne	1965, 1966
F.D. Robbins	1969, 1970
Dan Bleckinger	1969, 1970
Kent Crawford	1976, 1977
Jeff Robbins	1981
Greg Holmes	1983
Christian Schultes	1986
Christian Svensson	1997

To earn the elite distinction, a player must satisfy at least one of the following criteria. These standards for selection, along with some minor refinements, have been in place since 1979.

Singles

- Top 16 seed at the NCAA Tournament
- Reach the Round of 16 at the NCAA Tournament
- Finish in the Top 20 in the final ITA Rankings

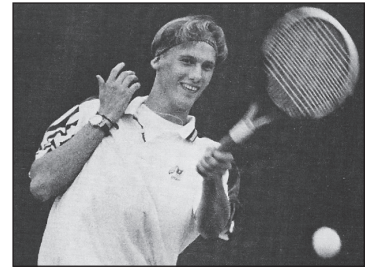
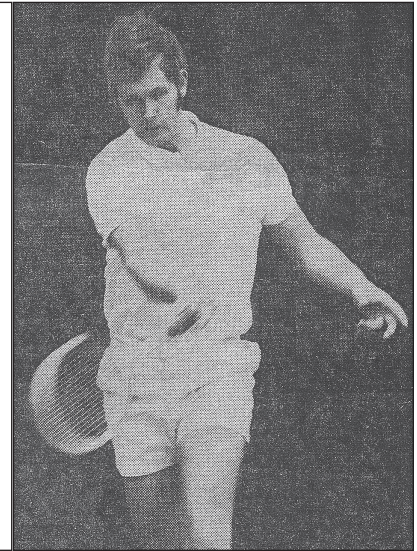
Doubles

- Top 8 seed at the NCAA Tournament
- Reach the Quarterfinals at the NCAA Tournament
- Finish in the Top 10 in the final ITA Rankings

Left: Current head coach F.D. Robbins became the second Ute ever to earn All-America accolades in 1969. He then earned his second straight honor in 1970.

Below left: Greg Holmes (bottom left) was named an All-American in 1983 after winning the NCAA Singles Championship.

Below right: Christian Svensson earned All-America status in 1997 by advancing to the quarterfinals at the NCAA Singles Championships.



Utes In The ITA Hall of Fame



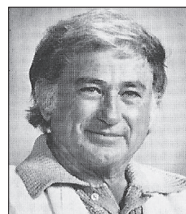
Left to right: Skip Sedevic; former Ute All-American and current head coach F.D. Robbins; Arthur Ashe Award winner and current assistant coach Roeland Brateanu; ITA Tennis Hall of Fame member Jim Osbourne. Photo taken at the first annual Utah men's tennis alumni reunion in 2008.

The ITA Collegiate Tennis Hall of Fame is located at the Dan Magill Tennis Complex in Athens, Ga., and is home to the most extensive collection of college tennis history and memorabilia in the nation. Utah has had three members of its tennis program inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Harry James, Utah's head coach from 1961-1986 and a winner of 10 conference championships, was enshrined with the class of 1987. During his tenure, the Utes won 10 WAC championships and had seven players earn a total of 11 All-America honors.

Jim Osbourne, enshrined with the class of 2005, who is recognized for his achievements both as a player at Utah and a coach at BYU. Osbourne was an All-American under James in 1965 and 1966.

Utah's third inductee, Greg Holmes, is a Utah tennis All-American and 1983 NCAA singles champion as a No. 1 seed under James and then assistant coach F.D. Robbins.



Harry James
Inducted 1987



Jim Osbourne
Inducted 2005



Greg Holmes
Inducted 2009



All-Conference Performers

Since 1981, Utah has had at least 42 different players earn 93 All-Conference accolades while playing in the WAC and the MWC. Following are Utah's confirmed all-conference award winners.

Mountain West Conference

2010	Phillip Eilers Singles & Doubles
	Alex Golding..... Doubles
2009	Wes Hancock Singles & Doubles
	Phillip Eilers Singles & Doubles
2008	Zach Ganger..... Singles & Doubles
	Miron Mann..... Singles & Doubles
2007	Zach Ganger..... Singles & Doubles
	Miron Mann..... Singles & Doubles
2006	Zach Ganger..... Singles & Doubles
	Nick Coutts..... Doubles
2005	Tomasz Grzyb..... Singles
	Zach Ganger..... Doubles
	Miron Mann..... Doubles
2004	Roeland Brateanu Singles & Doubles
	Miron Mann..... Doubles
2003	Daniel Lohff Singles
	Roeland Brateanu Doubles
	Nick Coutts..... Doubles
2002	Dave Mercier Singles & Doubles
	Corrie Scheepers..... Singles
	Nick Yip Doubles
2001	Dave Mercier Singles
2000	Dave Mercier Doubles
	Trevor Ferguson Doubles

Western Athletic Conference

1999	Ben Coates..... Singles & Doubles
	Phil Rodrigue Doubles
1997	Christian Svensson..... Singles & Doubles
	Ben Coates..... Doubles
1996	Christian Svensson..... N/A
	Magnus Hjalmarson..... N/A
1995	Christian Svensson..... N/A
	Brian Conner..... N/A
1994	Toby Curtis..... N/A
	Magnus Hjalmarson..... N/A
1993	Toby Curtis..... N/A
	Jeff Weichers N/A
1991	Chris Entzel N/A
	Ed Peregrino N/A
1990	Johan Hoegstedt..... Singles
	Chris Entzel Singles & Doubles
	Brendan Bowyer Singles & Doubles
1989	Chris Entzel Singles & Doubles
	Martin Tenlen Singles
	Brendan Bowyer Singles & Doubles
	Eric Chin..... Singles & Doubles
	Johan Hoegstedt..... Doubles
1988	Chris Entzel Singles & Doubles
	Jari Koho Singles
	Brendan Bowyer Doubles

1987	Brian Monson Singles & Doubles
	Jari Koho Singles
	Brendan Bowyer Doubles
1986	Andy Olyphant..... Singles & Doubles
	Antti Eranne..... Singles
	Brian Monson Singles
	Jari Koho Singles & Doubles
	Jenno Morson..... Doubles
	Christian Schultes Doubles
1985	Paul Lobban Singles & Doubles
	Brian Monson Singles
	Christian Schultes Doubles
	Greg Menges Doubles
	Hans Fredborg Doubles
1981	Jeff Robbins Singles & Doubles
	John Tsumas Singles
	Jeff Wallace..... Singles
	Alan Barg Singles
	Beto Beloise..... Singles
	Ed Heath Singles & Doubles

Player and Coach of the Year Awards

2010	Phillip Eilers MWC Player of the Year
2008	Zach Ganger..... MWC Player of the Year
2007	Graeme Cox ITA Region VII Asst. Coach of the Year
1997	Christian Svensson..... ITA Region VII Player of the Year
1992	Lindsay Rawstorne..... WAC Player of the Year
1990	F.D. Robbins WAC Coach of the Year
1989	F.D. Robbins WAC Coach of the Year
	Eric Chin..... WAC Sportsmanship Award
1986	Harry James WAC Coach of the Year
	Andy Olyphant..... WAC Player of the Year
1985	Paul Lobban WAC Player of the Year



Utah head coach F.D. Robbins (center) received the 2008 Don Reddish Award, an annual honor bestowed upon a deserving Utah head coach, as voted on by representatives of the Utah Athletics staff. It was presented to Robbins at the Utah vs. UNLV football game on Sept. 6. Robbins is flanked by Mr. Reddish (left) and Associate A.D. Doug Knuth (right).



ITA Scholar Athlete Award Winners



Timmy Allin
2007, '08, '09, '10



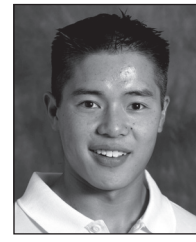
Stephen Jacobs
2008, '09, '10



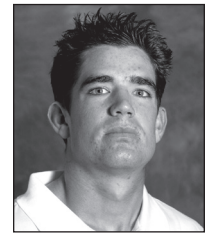
Alex Golding
2010



Mike Bullard
2003, '04



Kaison Chaichanna
2002, '03



Tyler Poulson
2002, '03

Utah has had 14 players combine for a total of 25 ITA Scholar-Athlete awards, including six multiple award winners. Last year, three Utes met the stringent academic standards as Timmy Allin became four-time honoree, while Stephen Jacobs was recognized for the third time and Alex Golding became a first-time honoree. Winners not pictured include Brandon Owen (1997), Trevor Ferguson (1999), Thomas Grzyb (2003), and Othman Zerouali-Ouariti (2008, '09).

In order to earn ITA Scholar-Athlete status a player must meet the following criteria: 1.) be a varsity letter winner, 2.) have a grade point average of at least 3.50 (on a 4.00 scale) for the current academic year, and 3.) have been enrolled at their present school for at least 2 semesters (including freshman through senior year).

ITA Team Academic Award

The ITA All-Academic Team award is open to any ITA program that has a cumulative team grade point average of 3.20 or above (on a 4.00 scale).

Utah has won the All-Academic Team award five times, successfully balancing a commitment to academic success with winning tennis.



1996-97
3.33 GPA



1999-2000
3.09 GPA



2001-02
3.19 GPA



2002-03
3.37 GPA



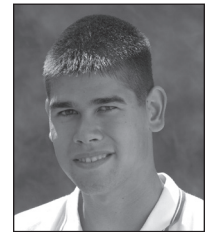
2009-10
3.37 GPA



Philippe Rodgrigue
1999



Corrie Scheepers
2001, '02



Nik Yip
2001, 02

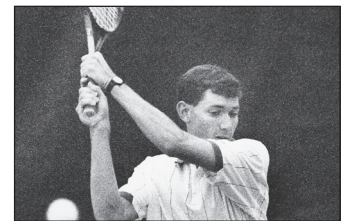
ITA/Arthur Ashe Jr. Sportsmanship Award

The ITA/Arthur Ashe Leadership and Sportsmanship Award recognizes outstanding individuals in all divisions at the regional and national level. In August, the national winners are honored during a special ceremony hosted by the USTA during Arthur Ashe Kids' Day inside Ashe Stadium during the U.S. Open. This award which dates back to 1984, goes to NCAA Divisions I, II and III, NAIA and JuCo men's and women's players who have exhibited outstanding sportsmanship and leadership as well as scholastic, extracurricular and tennis achievements.

Utah has had three players honored with this award: Graeme Cox (1992), Brandon Owen (1997) and current assistant coach Roeland Brateanu (2004).



Graeme Cox
1992



Brandon Owen
1997



Roeland Brateanu
2004