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Dear Boilermakers,

Less than two weeks remain before we start our 2012 dual match campaign. For the first time in seven years your Boilermakers will start the season as a nationally ranked team. Over the last few seasons we have been in and out of the rankings but January 11, 2005 was the last time the Boilers opened the season in the national rankings. During the 2010-2011 campaign, Purdue was ranked for 12 weeks in the national rankings as well as earned a spot in the ITA final ranking of the season for the first time since 2007 and had their highest finish since 2004 at #64. With one of the toughest schedules our team has faced and a nationally ranking in hand, our young squad has a great opportunity this season to make the move into the national elite.

Boiler Up!
Coach Gajdzik

JANUARY PREVIEW

22ND @ # 68 DEPAUL

After a two years break we have renewed a home and away series with DePaul University. With both teams nationally ranked, the 2012 season inaugural dual match has important ranking implications for the Boilers. We hope to see our Chicago based alumni at Lakewood Country Club at 1 pm on Sunday January 22nd to support the team.

28TH @ # 11 TEXAS A&M

29TH @ # 16 MISSISSIPPI STATE OR # 61 PRINCETON

Five days later we will travel to Texas to compete in the National Indoor Kick Off weekend. Our first invitation to this event has us squaring off with #11 Texas A&M Aggies on Saturday January 28th at 2 pm in College Station. The other pair in this four team regional consists of # 16 Mississippi State and # 61 Princeton. The winners of the first rounds will play on Sunday at 2 pm for a berth to the sweet sixteen held in Charlottesville, VA in February. The consolation match will be played at 11 am.

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MARK KOVACS DEBUTS IN SINGLES NATIONAL RANKINGS



After a stellar freshman campaign that was capped with 37 total wins (22 singles and 15 doubles), Mark has established himself as one of the best players in the Big Ten. He along with fellow freshman Szymon Tatarczyk were the first All-Big Ten selections for Purdue since 2004. Mark not only was an ITA Scholar-Athlete, member of the ITA All-Academic Team, and part of the team that was the President's Cup recipient, he was also chosen by his teammates as the Most Improved Player in 2010-2011 season.

The start to his sophomore campaign was delayed due to the flu which caused him to miss two tournaments early in the season leaving him with only two to play in. With a strong performance in the ITA All-American tournament and after reaching the last sixteen in the ITA Regional Tourney, Mark is now 4-2 overall and 2-2 against ranked opponents this season. His two lone losses came from the #5 and #18 players in the nation and his wins include nationally ranked players from #7 Stanford University and #4 University of Tennessee. The 2012 inaugural ranking that takes the best 5 wins under consideration tabs Mark as the 105 best player in the nation. The next singles ranking comes out Feb 14.

Last year now junior, Krisztian Krocsko opened the dual season as the 125 ranked player and Krocsko/Tatarczyk debuted at 37 in doubles rankings.

TEAM BANQUET

Our team banquet is open to the public and is set for May 5th at the Buchanan Club suite in Ross Ade. RSVP your tickets with Coach Lenfert at bdlenfert@purdue.edu or by calling 765-494-7568.

GOLDEN HAMMER AWARD

We are in the process of collecting nominations for the 3rd annual Golden Hammer Award. This award will be presented to a person who exemplifies what it means to be a true supporter and through his/her actions plays a pivotal role in the team's success. If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please email their name and a short narrative.

2009 *Jamie Gordon Class of '99*

2010 *Thomas Hoover Class of '82*

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