



QUICK FACTS

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2007-08 ROSTER

| NAME | Yr. | Ht. | Wt. | Hometown/Last School |
|----------------------|-----|------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| Lawrence Carpio | Fr. | 6-0 | 175 | Naperville, IL/Neuqua Valley |
| Kristopher Celtnieks | Sr. | 6-4 | 185 | Indiana, PA/Indiana Area |
| Andrew Choi | Fr. | 5-11 | 157 | Alpharetta, GA/Marist School |
| Eduardo Saavedra | Jr. | 6-0 | 190 | Cali, Columbia/Colegio Berchmans |
| Nathan Spunda | JR | 5-8 | 140 | Venlo, The Netherlands/Lees-McRae |
| Pavlos Stephanides | SO | 6-1 | 175 | Nea Makri, Greece/Bellport (NY) |
| Zach Tobias | SR | 5-5 | 160 | Clinton, MD/Ursinus College |
| Ricardo Velazquez | JR | 5-9 | 165 | Oranjestad, Aruba/Lees-McRae |

Head Coach: Steve Mauro - 3rd season

Assistant Coach: Joseph Mirabile - 1st season

2007-08 SCHEDULE

| Day | Date | Opponent..... | Time |
|------------|-------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| Oct. 5-7 | Fri.-Sun. | at Bolittari-Triebly Tennis Open | All Day |
| Oct. 12-14 | Fri.-Sun. | at South Carolina Invitational | All Day |
| Oct. 18-21 | Thurs.-Sun. | at ITA Championships | All Day |

| | | | |
|---------|----------|---|----------|
| Jan. 18 | Friday | at William & Mary..... | 3:00 PM |
| Jan. 19 | Saturday | vs. East Tennessee State (at VCU) | TBA |
| Jan. 19 | Saturday | vs. James Madison (at VCU) | TBA |
| Jan. 20 | Sunday | at Richmond..... | TBA |
| Jan. 26 | Saturday | SAINT FRANCIS (NY) (CTC)..... | 6:00 PM |
| Feb. 2 | Saturday | at Rhode Island | 7:30 PM |
| Feb. 8 | Friday | at Old Dominion | 7:00 PM |
| Feb. 10 | Sunday | at Penn..... | 11:00 AM |
| Feb. 15 | Friday | DAYTON (AA) | 5:00 PM |
| Feb. 17 | Sunday | GEORGE WASHINGTON (CTC)..... | 7:00 PM |
| Feb. 22 | Friday | at Fairfield | 7:30 PM |
| Feb. 23 | Saturday | at Saint Peter's | 1:30 PM |
| Mar. 2 | Sunday | DREXEL (CTC) | 7:30 PM |
| Mar. 9 | Sunday | BINGHAMTON (CTC)..... | 7:30 PM |
| Mar. 14 | Friday | DUQUESNE..... | 5:00 PM |
| Mar. 15 | Saturday | FORDHAM | 11:00 AM |
| Mar. 18 | Tuesday | LA SALLE | 3:30 PM |
| Mar. 25 | Tuesday | at Saint Joseph's | 2:30 PM |
| Mar. 28 | Friday | XAVIER | 5:00 PM |
| Apr. 1 | Tuesday | at Villanova..... | 2:30 PM |

*All times Eastern and subject to change. Home matches in CAPS;
 All matches at the Temple Pavilion, unless otherwise noted.
 (CTC) - Cheltenham Tennis Center; (AA) - Arthur Ashe Tennis Center.*

www.OWLSPORTS.com



Despite coming off a 9-13 campaign, the return of key veterans and the addition of some very talented newcomers has coach **Steve Mauro** optimistic about the Owls prospects for the 2008 season.

Mauro, entering his third season as head coach of the Cherry and White, is hoping the Owls can once again rise above the .500 mark. In Mauro's first season on North Broad Street, he guided the Owls to a 17-8 record, good for a third place finish in the Atlantic 10.

To get back to that mark, the Owls mix of experience and young talent will need to gel quickly. But following a fall campaign that saw the Owls compete against some of the top teams in the nation, Mauro sees no reason why Temple cannot repeat that success.

"We have a lot of experience and talent on this squad that will hopefully lead to a successful year," Mauro said.

Part of Mauro's optimism comes from the return of a trio of experienced players that know what it takes to be successful in the Atlantic 10.

Senior **Zach Tobias**, junior **Eduardo Saavedra** and sophomore **Pavlos Stephanides** headline a talented roster that hopes to bring a winning record back to Temple.

Tobias, the most experienced player on

the team, finished last season 11-11 in singles play at the #2, #3 and #4 positions. Mauro expects Tobias to take on an even greater leadership role as the lone senior on the squad this season.

Saavedra returns as one of the team's top doubles players, posting an 8-6 mark while playing with six different players. He finished the season at 6-5 in singles playing at the #2 and #5 positions.

Stephanides, one of the most talented players on the team according to Mauro, will be looked upon to make the leap in his sophomore season. During his freshman campaign, Stephanides went 10-17 in singles action, playing out of the #1, #3, #4 and #5 positions. He also finished 5-9 in doubles play, pairing with Tobias, Saavedra and Robert Spencer.

The Cherry and White received some bad news early in the preseason when it was announced that junior **Nathan Spunda**, still not fully recovered from injury, would redshirt the season. An Atlantic 10 All-Conference selection, Spunda recorded a team-high 19 singles victories last season. He finished the season 19-9 overall playing from the #1 positions and posted a 7-3 mark in A-10 matches.

Rounding out the veteran players is senior **Kristopher Celtnieks**. Celtnieks went 0-4 in singles during the 2007 season.

The new players are a talented bunch that will be needed to contribute immediately if the Owls are to remain competitive throughout the season. Leading the way is freshman **Andrew Choi**. He comes to Temple as the Dekalb County (GA) Player of the Year and was ranked #11 ranked under-18 player in the state of Georgia. Choi has already made quite an impression for the Owls, leading all players with three singles victories in the fall.

"Andrew was a big surprise for us. He came in here and we really didn't know what to expect. After watching him in the fall and in practice, we are expecting him to have a great season for us," said Mauro.

Also arriving at North Broad are junior **Ricardo Velazquez** and freshmen **Lawrence Carpio**. Velazquez, a member of the Aruban national team, comes to Temple after transferring from Lees-McRae College. Last season at Lees-McRae, Velazquez posted a 13-7 record in singles play. Freshmen Caprio comes in with some outstanding credentials. At Neququa Valley High School (Ill.), he was named high school athlete of the year threes and was ranked #28 in USTA Men's 18s as a senior.

With veteran depth and young talent, all the elements are in place for the Owls to bring a winning record back to Temple.





Steve Mauro **Head Coach/3rd season**

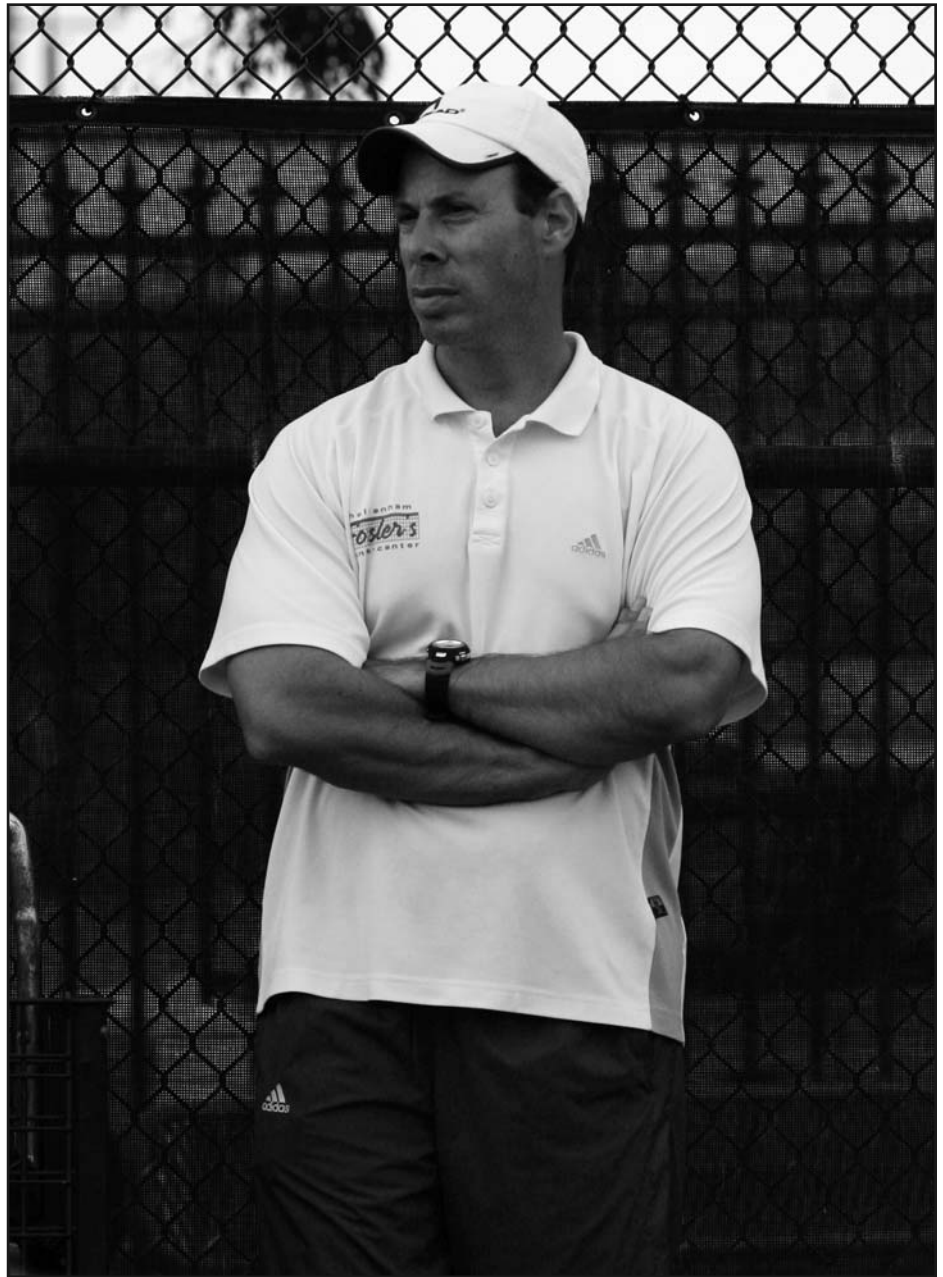
Steve Mauro is in his third season as the Temple University men's tennis coach. He had served the previous two seasons as the head men's tennis coach at Ursinus College (2004-05).

In his first year at the helm, Mauro revitalized the Owl tennis program, guiding the squad to a 17-8 record and a third-place finish at the Atlantic 10 Tournament. It marked a 14-win turnaround from the previous season and the conference finish was the highest by a Temple team since the 2000 season.

Mauro brings an extensive tennis background in both playing and teaching tennis to North Broad Street. He is certified by the United States Professional Tennis registry and has been involved with many of the United States Tennis Association's tennis programs. He also serves as a full-time professional tennis instructor at Fossler Cheltenham Tennis Center in Elkins Park, Pa. There, he teaches a diverse group of students including sectionally and nationally ranked juniors.

An active member of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, Mauro sits on the advisory staff for Head-Penn Racquet Sports. He has also served as the Director of Tennis at Talamore Country Club as well as the Head Tennis Professional at the Horsham Tennis Club in Horsham, Pa.

Mauro and his wife, Polly, reside in Collegeville with their two children, Kurt and Derek.



Joe Mirabile **Assistant Coach/1st season**

Joe Mirabile is in his first season as assistant coach for the men's tennis team at Temple University

A native of Lower Gwynedd, PA,

Mirabile was a four year varsity tennis player for the University of Pennsylvania. During his senior season, Penn won its first Ivy League Championship in 50 years and garnered a top 60 national ranking.

At Germantown Academy, Mirabile played #1 singles and was inter-ac champion in 2002 and inter-ac runner-up in

2001. In 2002, he was named Tennis Athlete of the Year by the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Mirabile was ranked #1 in USTA Middlestates in the 18 and under age bracket in 2002 and in the top 50 nationally.

He is currently a law and business student, JD/MBA, at Temple University.



Lawrence Carpio

Freshman
6-0 • 175
Naperville, IL
Neuqua Valley

FALL 2007: Did not compete due to injury...**HIGH SCHOOL:** Ranked #28 in USTA Men's 18s while a senior at Neuqua Valley...Three-time Neuqua Valley high school athlete of the year...Attained Top 800 World Ranking as a freshman...**PERSONAL:** Pre-med major.



Andrew Choi

Freshman
5-11 • 160
Alpharetta, GA
Marist School

FALL 2007: Made his debut for the Cherry and White...Went 3-4 in singles play...Finished 1-1 in doubles...**HIGH SCHOOL:** Dekalb County Tennis Player of the Year... Ranked as high as #168 in USTA 18s, #11 in state of Georgia...MVP of Marist tennis team....Member of 2005 4A state champions...*Atlanta Journal Constitution* All-Area First Team selection.



Kristopher Celtnieks

Senior
6-4 • 185
Indiana, PA
Indiana

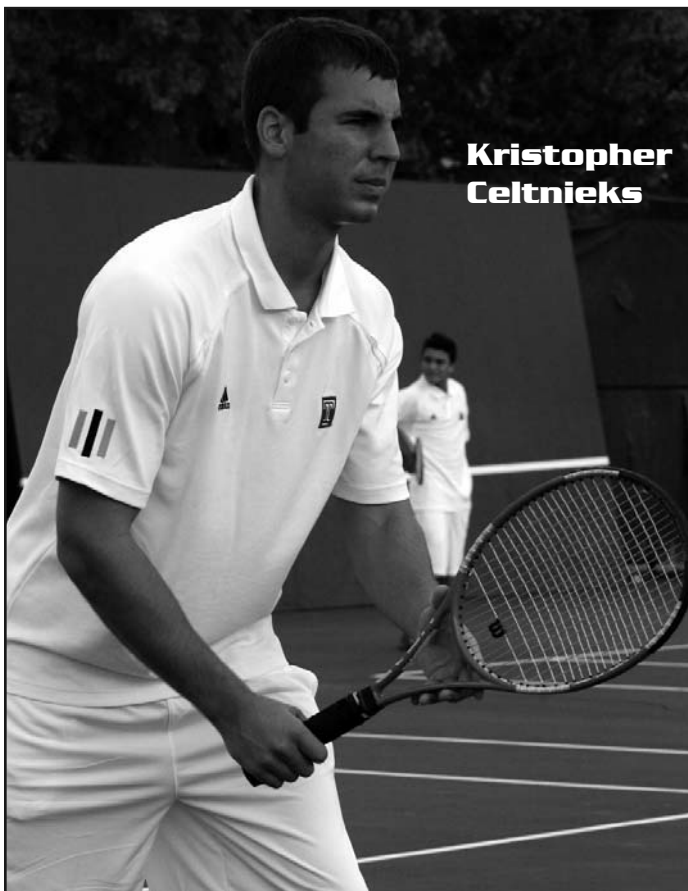
FALL 2007: Did not compete in any matches...**2006-07:** Finished 0-4 in singles play...**2005-06:** 6-5 overall in singles...**2004-05:** Posted a 3-5 singles record, mostly from the sixth spot (3-3)...**HIGH SCHOOL:** Finished third in career wins at Indiana Area High School...Team captain...WPIAL Doubles qualifier.



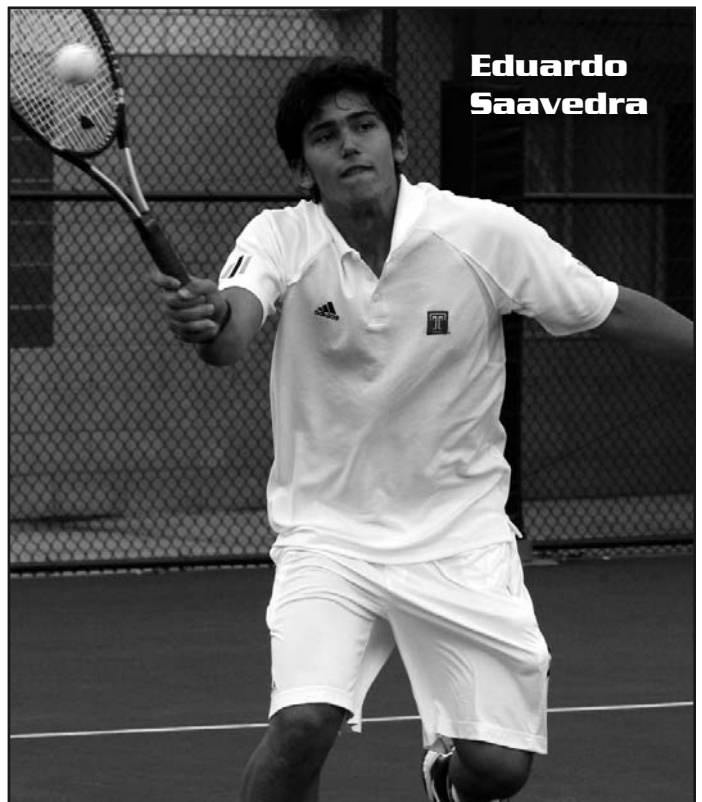
Eduardo Saavedra

Junior
6-0 • 190
Cali, Columbia
Colegio Berchmans

FALL 2007: Finished 2-2 in the fall singles play...Went 1-3 in doubles action while competing with Ricardo Velazquez...**2006-07:** Finished the season at 6-5 in singles playing at the #2 and #5 positions...Went 4-4 in dual action and 3-1 in A-10 conference play...Finished 8-6 in doubles play, partnering with six different players...**2005-06:** Posted a 15-6 record in singles...Went 1-0 in doubles when partnered with Zach Tobias.



**Kristopher
Celtnieks**



**Eduardo
Saavedra**



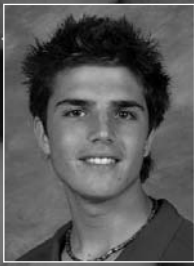
PLAYER PROFILES



Nathan Spunda

Junior
5-8 • 140
Venlo, The Netherlands
Blariacum College/Lees-McRae

Will redshirt the 2007-08 season...**2006-07:** Named to the Atlantic 10 All-Conference team...Recorded a team-high 19 singles victories on the season...Finished the season 19-9 overall, including 7-3 in A-10 matches...Went 15-5 from the #1 spot...Finished the season 5-7 in doubles action at the #2 position...**2005-06 (at Lees-McRae):** Won the Fall CVAC Championships at number one singles...**PERSONAL:** Native of the Netherlands.



Pavlos Stephanides

Sophomore
6-1 • 175
Nea Makri, Greece
Bellport (NY)

FALL 2007: Finished the fall campaign at 0-2 in singles action...**2006-07:** Finished 10-17 in singles action, playing out of the #1, #3, #4 and #5 positions...Finished 7-14 in dual meets and 3-7 in conference...Finished 5-9 in doubles play, pairing with Zach Tobias, Eduardo Saavedra and Robert Spencer...**HIGH SCHOOL:** Ranked #31 in the USTA Eastern Section 18s as a senior at Bellport High School in Brookhaven, NY...Was undefeated in singles and won league championship...Reached quarterfinals in county tournament...Spent first three seasons in home country of Greece...Ranked as high as 17th in the nation in 16s before coming to the United States...**PERSONAL:** Majoring in business.



Zach Tobias

Senior
5-5 • 160
Clinton, MD
Ursinus College

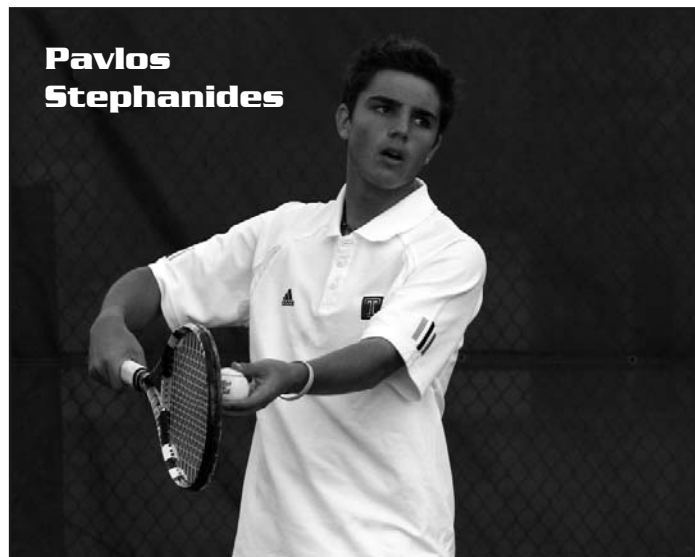
2007-08: Went 1-8 in singles play during the Fall campaign...Was 1-2 in doubles play, partnering with Andrew Choi and Pavlos Stephanides...**2006-07:** Went 11-11 in singles play for the season...Played out of the #2, #3 and #4 positions...**2005-06:** Was 14-6 in singles...Went 4-1 with Matt Stuble in doubles...**2004-05 (at Ursinus):** Posted a 9-10 record at number one singles and went 9-8 at number two doubles...**HIGH SCHOOL:** 16-0 single record as a senior...League MVP...lettered all four years.



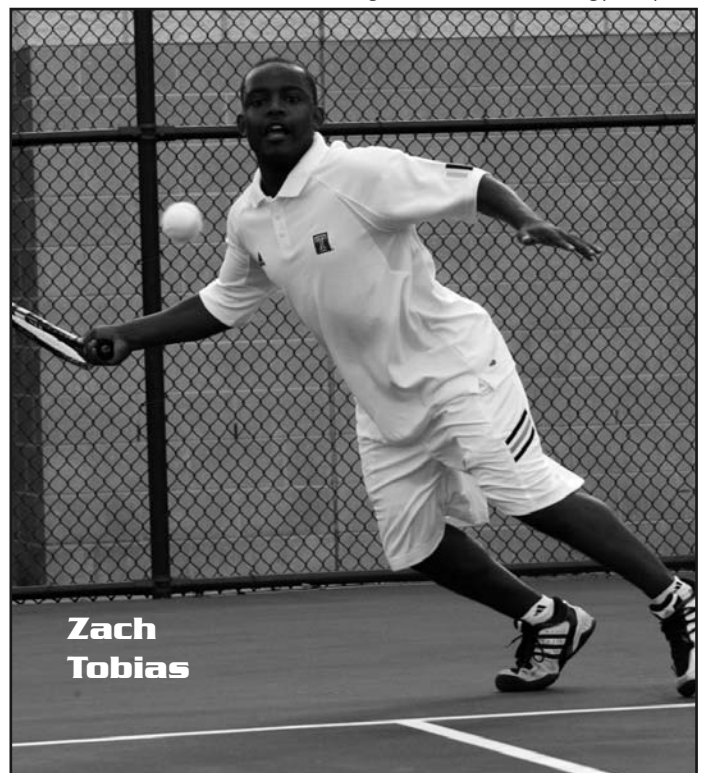
Ricardo Velazquez

Junior
5-9 • 165
Oranjestad, Aruba
Sagemont Upper/Lees-McRae

FALL 2007: Finished the all campaign at 0-8 in singles play....Finished 1-3 in doubles action while partnering with Eduardo Saavedra...**2005-06 (at Lees-McRae):** Team MVP and captain at Lees-McRae....Posted a 13-7 record with the team last season...Ranked #642 by the ITF...**PERSONAL:** Toured with the Aruba's National Team while in high school...Kinesiology major.



Pavlos Stephanides



Zach Tobias



2006-07

FINAL RESULTS

9-13 Record

10th Place - Atlantic 10 Championships

| | | |
|---------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Jan. 20 | vs. East Tennessee State |L, 0-5 |
| Jan. 20 | vs. Charlotte |L, 0-5 |
| Jan. 21 | vs. George Mason |W, 5-0 |
| Jan. 27 | ST. FRANCIS (NY) |W, 7-0 |
| Feb. 3 | at Swarthmore |W, 7-0 |
| Feb. 10 | at Carnegie Mellon |L, 3-6 |
| Feb. 11 | at Duquesne |L, 2-5 |
| Feb. 17 | RICHMOND |L, 2-5 |
| Feb. 18 | RHODE ISLAND |W, 5-1 |
| Feb. 24 | NIJT |W, 6-1 |
| Mar. 6 | at St. Thomas (FL) |W, 6-0 |
| Mar. 7 | at Lynn |L, 1-8 |
| Mar. 8 | at Florida Atlantic |L, 0-7 |
| Mar. 21 | LA SALLE |W, 4-0 |
| Mar. 22 | VILLANOVA |W, 4-2 |
| Mar. 24 | at Dayton |L, 2-5 |
| Mar. 25 | at Xavier |L, 0-7 |
| Mar. 29 | SAINT JOSEPH'S |L, 3-4 |
| Mar. 31 | at Old Dominion |L, 0-6 |
| Apr. 1 | vs. Longwood |L, 2-4 |
| Apr. 5 | vs. Saint Louis* |L, 3-4 |
| Apr. 6 | vs. La Salle* |W, 6-0 |

* Atlantic 10 Tournament

ATLANTIC 10 HONORS

MOST OUTSTANDING ROOKIE

1997 Pero Pivcevic

COACH OF THE YEAR

1998 Drew Sorrentino

ATLANTIC 10 CHAMPIONS

- 1987 Joe Lizardo, #4S
Terry Godman, #6S
- 1986 Paolo Toffolo, #1S
Paolo Toffolo/
Francisco Mehech, #3D
- 1985 Gerald Kaiser, #3S
Desmond McBride, #5S
Stephen Ondish, #6S
Desmond McBride/
Gary Mc Geehan, #2D
Drew Sorrentino/
Paolo Toffolo, #3D

- 2007 Daniel Davis
Nathan Spunda
- 2006 Milan Juricka
- 2004 Tyler Wynne
- 2001 Krishane Pillay
- 2000 Pero Pivcevic
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- 1998 Pero Pivcevic
Fazal Syed
- 1997 Pero Pivcevic
Fazal Syed
- 1996 Fazal Syed
- 1994 Sal Procacci
Sal Procacci/
John Simone
(doubles)
- 1993 Dado Pivcec
- 1992 Dado Pivcec

MOST OUTSTANDING PERFORMER

1995 Sal Procacci

ATLANTIC 10 FINISHES

| | | | | | |
|------|-----------|------|----------|------|------------|
| 2007 |10th | 1999 |3rd | 1991 |T-3rd |
| 2006 |3rd | 1998 |2nd | 1990 |4th |
| 2005 |— | 1997 |2nd | 1989 |2nd |
| 2004 |7th | 1996 |4th | 1988 |2nd |
| 2003 |8th | 1995 |3rd | 1987 |3rd |
| 2002 |9th | 1994 |3rd | 1986 |3rd |
| 2001 |8th | 1993 |3rd | 1985 |1st |
| 2000 |2nd | 1992 |2nd | 1984 |3rd |

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Singles

| PLAYER | Overall | Tourn. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|----------------------|---------|--------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nathan Spunda | 19-9 | 4-3 | 15-5 | 0-1 | | | | |
| Daniel Davis | 8-4 | 0-0 | | 8-4 | | | | |
| Zach Tobias | 11-11 | 2-1 | | 2-3 | 6-4 | 1-3 | | |
| Pavlos Stephanides | 10-17 | 3-3 | 0-2 | | 1-4 | 6-6 | 0-2 | |
| Gonzola de Villa | 12-8 | 4-4 | | | 0-1 | 3-0 | 4-3 | 1-0 |
| Philip Gegenheimer | 9-9 | 5-4 | | 2-0 | 1-4 | | | 1-1 |
| Eduardo Saavedra | 6-5 | 2-1 | | 0-1 | | | 2-1 | 2-2 |
| Aymeric de Conde | 3-3 | 0-0 | | | | | 0-2 | 3-1 |
| Kristopher Celtnieks | 0-4 | 0-0 | | | | 0-1 | 0-2 | 0-1 |
| Matt Struble | 3-5 | 2-5 | | 1-0 | | | | |
| Robert Spencer | 0-6 | 0-0 | | | | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-3 |

Doubles

| TEAMS | Totals | Tour. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|----------------------|--------|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| Spunda/Struble | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | | |
| Gegenheimer/Saavedra | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | | |
| Saavedra/Stephanides | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | | |
| Saavedra/Tobias | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-1 | |
| Celtnieks/Spencer | 1-0 | 0-0 | | 1-0 | |
| Gegenheimer/Struble | 6-2 | 6-2 | | | |
| de Villa/Saavedra | 0-4 | 0-2 | 0-2 | | |
| Stephanides/Tobias | 1-4 | 0-1 | 1-3 | | |
| Davis/Saavedra | 5-3 | 0-0 | 2-2 | | 3-1 |
| Spunda/Tobias | 3-5 | 0-0 | | 3-5 | |
| Spencer/Stephanides | 3-5 | 0-0 | 0-1 | | 3-4 |
| Celtnieks/Saavedra | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | | |
| Davis/Spunda | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | | |
| Gegenheimer/Spunda | 2-2 | 0-0 | | 2-2 | |
| de Conde/Saavedra | 1-0 | 0-0 | | | 1-0 |

RECORD BOOK

Most Wins, Season:
20: 1988-89, 1986-87, 1984-85

Most Losses, Season:
15: 1993-94, 1995-96

Highest Winning Pct., Season:
.929, 13-1, 1975-76, 1979-80

Most Consecutive Wins:
14 in 1975-76

Most Consecutive Losses:
26, 1953-56