



Carleton College

WOMEN'S

TENNIS



The Knights huddle before a recent match.

Carleton's women's tennis program enjoys a pattern of success on the court, while maintaining the needed balance for student-athletes to be successful in a rigorous academic setting. The Knights participate in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC), which consists of 13 NCAA Division III private institutions. Competition is strong, with several teams consistently earning regional and national rankings. Carleton regularly finishes in the MIAC top three and has gone to the NCAA Championships three times in the history of the program.



“Carleton is a perfect place for a great college experience. Our rich academic tradition combined with a balanced tennis schedule gives each student-athlete the opportunity to succeed in the classroom as well as compete in one of the best tennis conferences in the country. Every student-athlete has the opportunity to graduate in four years, spend a term studying abroad, and complete several internships before graduation. Carleton will prepare you for life after college.”

LUCIANO BATTAGLINI
Head Coach





MEET THE COACH

Luciano Battaglini was hired as Carleton's head women's tennis coach in August 2007 after four seasons as the assistant women's tennis coach at the University of Minnesota.

A native of Brasilia, Brazil, Battaglini joined the Brazilian national team as a teenager and traveled the world competing in professional tournaments. He then played for Oklahoma Christian University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and was an ITA All-American and ITA Scholar-Athlete.

While he was pursuing a master's degree at Oklahoma State University, Battaglini was the school's assistant women's tennis coach. The team won the Big 12 conference championship and finished 25th in the country—its best season. Battaglini has been coaching ever since.

"I came to Carleton not only to coach tennis, but also to teach," says Battaglini. "As a professor of physical education, I want to create more awareness about the importance of daily exercise."

On the tennis court, Battaglini demands excellence. "My goal is to set a professional tone," he says. "I expect the team to be on time and organized, to communicate well, and to be tolerant. These are life lessons—tennis is just a vehicle through which to learn them.

"I am an energetic, demanding, and understanding coach. Trust, respect, and responsibility are key to a successful relationship between a coach and athlete. A coach can influence an athlete in many ways, but true champions are self-motivated individuals who are willing to work hard on their own when nobody is watching."

SCHEDULE

The tennis season starts in late January/early February and the schedule concludes with the NCAA Championships in May, however, the team practices throughout the academic year.

Fall term (nontraditional season): Three to five weeks of practice. In late September/early October, the team competes in the ITA regional tournament. This individual tournament is a qualifier event for the ITA Small College Championships, which are held in mid-October.

Winter and spring terms (mid-January to the end of April): Practice four to five times per week from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesdays are a scheduled day off as are either Saturday or Sunday, depending on the match schedules.



Sarah Wehrly '08 (left) and Hannah Clemons '09 celebrate during a spring doubles match.

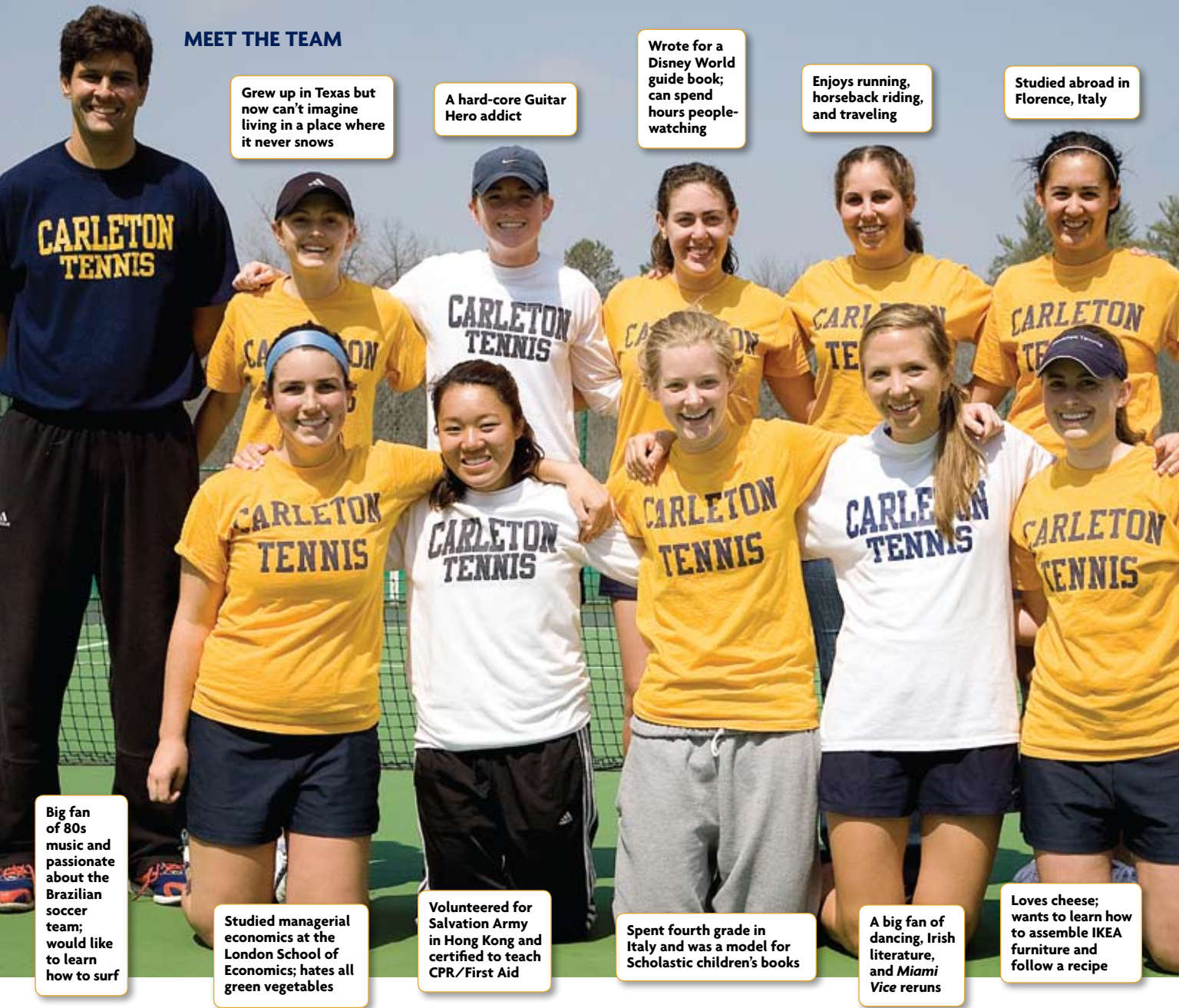
SPRING BREAK

For the past several years, the women's and men's tennis teams have traveled to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, to compete during spring break. Team members stay in beautiful houses located a few blocks from the tennis courts and the ocean.

Spring break usually is held in late March and Carleton competes against several nationally ranked teams during that week. In addition to the competition, the Knights have time to relax and enjoy the ocean.

The student-athletes say that this is a great week to compete, spend time with teammates and coaches, and relax before the last academic term of the year.

MEET THE TEAM



Grew up in Texas but now can't imagine living in a place where it never snows

A hard-core Guitar Hero addict

Wrote for a Disney World guide book; can spend hours people-watching

Enjoys running, horseback riding, and traveling

Studied abroad in Florence, Italy

Big fan of 80s music and passionate about the Brazilian soccer team; would like to learn how to surf

Studied managerial economics at the London School of Economics; hates all green vegetables

Volunteered for Salvation Army in Hong Kong and certified to teach CPR/First Aid

Spent fourth grade in Italy and was a model for Scholastic children's books

A big fan of dancing, Irish literature, and *Miami Vice* reruns

Loves cheese; wants to learn how to assemble IKEA furniture and follow a recipe

"I chose Carleton because I immediately felt comfortable here. It's big enough that I get to meet all kinds of people and have lots of new experiences, but small enough that I never feel lost in the crowd. I work hard in the classroom, but I love what

I'm learning. People are friendly and the professors go out of their way to make sure I thrive in their classes. The tennis program is a lot of fun, but competitive at the same time. Carleton fits me perfectly."

HANNAH CLEMONS '10
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Leawood, Kansas



Life Time Fitness



Bell Field



Recreation Center

FACILITIES

The Carleton tennis program utilizes several excellent facilities on and off campus.

During the winter months, competition matches are held at **Life Time Fitness**, a 12-court tennis center in nearby Lakeville, Minnesota. Opened in 2007, this flagship facility also is used by the Knights for occasional evening practices.

The **Recreation Center**, an on-campus fitness facility, opened in 2000 and provides four indoor courts. The Rec Center also features a workout room, a 200-meter indoor track, an aerobics and dance studio, racquetball and squash courts, a rock-climbing wall, and other support facilities.

During the spring term, 12 outdoor on-campus courts are available to the team used for practices during the winter. The Knights most frequently use the six courts located on Carleton's **Bell Field**, a picturesque setting for numerous MIAC Championship tournaments and the 1993 NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Championship.

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