

OUR TENNIS PROFESSIONALS



Brian Eisner

#1 Singles player, MSU
Winner of 18 Big Ten Tennis Championships as
Head Coach of U-M Men's Tennis, 1970-2000
2011 U-M Hall of Honor Inductee



Marty Maehr

Conference Champion and All-American,
St. Olaf College 1984



Paul Ripley

State Champion, Pioneer HS
Conference Champion, Ball State University
1992-1995



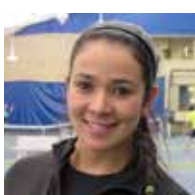
Sam Bensaïd

Competed at the professional level in
European tournaments both on hard court,
clay and grass courts.



Dean Boodakian

Colby-Sawyer College Varsity Tennis Team,
2013-2017
North Atlantic Conference
First Team Singles & Doubles, 2017
DIII NCAA Tournament appearances, 2013-3017



Maria Nivia

Ranked top 5 Jr. Player, Colombia
Western Michigan University, 2008-2012

Our instructors are accomplished players, and are committed to bringing out the best in all of our students. They are widely recognized as some of the best teachers in the Midwest. Our Tournament Training Programs are open to non-members as well as members, and provide the perfect opportunity to develop your tennis skills.

BACKGROUND

For the past 46 years, Liberty Athletic Club has been the premier tennis facility in Ann Arbor. Founder, President and former Head Coach of the University of Michigan's Men's tennis program, Brian Eisner has assembled a team of coaches who are unmatched in experience, character and dedication. This team has developed a wide range of players- from young beginners to high school athletes, local tournament participants to Midwest Champions, and college players to professionals. The Liberty coaching staff has contributed largely to many team State Championships at Pioneer High School and Green Hills High School. In addition, we have developed players at Saline, Dexter, Chelsea, Ann Arbor Skyline, Gabriel Richard and schools in the Detroit Metro area.

We are proud of the many Liberty players who have gone on to successful tennis careers in college. They include:

Michael Kosta
Greenhills H.S. / Huron H.S., University of Illinois

Emily Marker
Pioneer H.S. / University of Maryland

Kevin Hayward
Pioneer H.S. / Western Michigan University
MAC Player of the Year, 2009

Colin Mark-Griffin
Pioneer H.S. / two-time team National Champion at
University of California Santa Cruz

Scott Swanson
Pioneer H.S. / All American Depauw University

Andy Gauthier
Pioneer H.S. / Cornell University

Jennifer Ho
Saline H.S. / Colgate University

Jason Kerst
Skyline H.S. / Univeristy of Iowa

Ian Yi
Pioneer H.S. / Kalamazoo College



TOURNAMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS 2019



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TOURNAMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS

Liberty's Junior Tournament Training Programs offer a four-tiered approach designed to prepare young players to enjoy competitive tennis and to improve their skills through tournament play. These programs have a 4:1 student-to-instructor ratio which personalizes instruction for maximum individual development. Video stroke analysis combined with stroke technique, situational skill development and match play are covered. These programs are open to members and non-members.

WHICH GROUP SHOULD MY CHILD BE IN?

If you have any questions about our Tennis Programs, or which group is the best fit for your child, please contact Paul Ripley at 734-665-3738, ext. 116 or paul.ripley@libertyathletic.net.

PARENTS & PLAYERS

Please visit our website and download the Southeastern Michigan Junior Player Handbook. It will help you prepare for the process of becoming the very best tennis player you can be.

REGISTRATION

If you already know which group is appropriate for your child, please register through the Concierge at 734.665.3738, ext. 134.

TECHNIQUE GROUP *(Red/Maize Groups)*

Mondays & Wednesdays ~ 9:30am-11:30am
Dates: June 17 - August 21
Cost per day: \$35 Member / \$40 Non Member

Goals

- Introduce players to the fun of competitive play
- Develop fundamental stroke technique and strategy, utilizing situational playing and both singles and doubles match play
- Prepare and encourage players to compete in the Ann Arbor City Tournament, or any other introductory tournament

Player Prerequisites

- Must have basic rallying skills with both forehand and backhand, and be conscious of stroke technique
- Must be able to keep score and serve diagonally across the court
- Must be comfortable at the net and have basic knowledge of doubles positions

TOURNAMENT INTRO *(Maize/Silver Groups)*

Tuesdays & Thursdays ~ 9:30am-11:30am
Dates: June 18 - August 22 (Excludes 7/4)
Cost per day: \$35 Member / \$40 Non Member

Goals

- Develop and maintain stroke integrity and consistency in "live ball" rallying situations
- Develop offensive and defensive skills
- Point construction and strategy to prepare for local USTA tournaments

Player Prerequisites

- Must be able to sustain rally and work on skills in "live ball" rallying situation
- Must be comfortable with hitting and dealing with power and depth, and to work on offensive and defensive skills

Register early so we can maintain our 4:1 student-to-instructor ratio!

TOURNAMENT PREP & MATCH PLAY *(Silver/Blue Groups)*

Mondays & Wednesdays ~ 1:30pm-3:30pm
Dates: June 17 - August 21
Cost per day: \$35 Member / \$40 Non Member

Goals

- Emphasis on refining and implementing consistent stroke technique and strategy through competitive singles and doubles match play
- Develop a player's ability to incorporate offensive and defensive skills
- Prepare players for tournament and/or high school play
- Enter at least two USTA summer tournaments

Player Prerequisites

- Ability to hit groundstrokes with both top spin and under spin. Volley and serve with a continental grip
- Be comfortable competing in singles and doubles, and have a willingness to work hard

TOURNAMENT EXCELLENCE & MATCH PLAY *(Blue Group)*

Tuesdays & Thursdays ~ 3:30pm-5:30pm
Dates: June 18 - August 22 (Excludes 7/4)
Cost per day: \$35 Member / \$40 Non Member

Goals

- A competitive, play oriented group designed to develop consistency, strength and stamina within match play situations
- Emphasis on constructing and finishing points, implementing and creating effective playing strategies
- Developing and refining offensive weapons and corresponding defensive skills necessary to hold up under intense mental and physical pressure
- Improve players' tournament results and/or prepare them for success on their high school varsity tennis teams
- Maximize strength, quickness and durability

Player Prerequisites

- Be comfortable hitting with spin on ground strokes, volleys and serves
- Have the ability to control play either with consistency, strategy and mental fortitude, and/or big shot capability
- Enjoy the competitive process and not be intimidated
- Have the dedication and capacity to work hard to improve play