

Lloyd Nordstrom Tennis Center

Located just north of Husky Stadium, the Lloyd Nordstrom Tennis Center is one of the Northwest's most modern indoor tennis facilities. The doors of the indoor facility at the University of Washington were opened with dedication ceremonies on June 1, 1989.

The tennis center, sporting six courts, was made possible by a \$2.5 million donation from the family of the late Lloyd Nordstrom. Mr. Nordstrom played on the Husky varsity tennis team from 1930–1932 and was noted for his love of the game and his loyalty to the University. Illsley Nordstrom, his wife, said, "My family is proud to honor the memory of Lloyd W. Nordstrom with the presentation of this indoor tennis center to the University of Washington . . . we feel he would be honored and delighted."

All six courts at the Center have been renamed by Husky tennis donors. In 1999, Court Two was renamed Sosnowy Court in honor of the family that donated the first fully endowed scholarship for women's tennis. LaGayle and John Sosnowy established the Sosnowy Family Endowed Tennis Scholarship in recognition of their daughter and former Husky, Kori Sosnowy.

Then later in the summer, the Sosnowy's dedicated Court One to UW's former athletic director, naming it Barbara Hedges Court. John, LaGayle and Kori Sosnowy also established the Barbara Hedges Endowed Women's Tennis Scholarship.

The Sosnowy's also dedicated Court Three to UW senior associate athletic director, Marie Tuite. They also established the Marie Tuite Endowed Women's Tennis Scholarship.

Court Four was named the Sedlock Family Court in recognition of the Thomas J. Sedlock Endowed Men's Tennis Scholarship established by Tom and Greta Sedlock.



Court Five was named "Sidney Pinch Court" in August 1990, in recognition of the \$100,000 donation made by Pinch to the Washington tennis program. Pinch, a long-time Seattle businessman and Tyee Club member, made the donation to fund, in perpetuity, one tennis scholarship each year.

The last court to be named was Court Six in 2003, named for Neal Dempsey in recognition of the Neal Dempsey Endowed Scholarship.

In addition to the six courts, the complex includes seating for up to 278 spectators, locker rooms, a snack bar and space for other support activities.

The Lloyd Nordstrom Tennis Center aids the Huskies in recruiting the nation's top competitors to Seattle. Prior to the opening of the tennis center, Husky tennis teams rented indoor courts for use during periods of cold and inclement weather.

In September of 1989, the Nordstrom Center was selected by the USTA's Technical Committee as one of the outstanding tennis facilities for 1989.

The USTA Facility Awards Program, now in its 21st year, was established to stimulate high standards in the construction industry and then to recognize facilities which make such a positive statement about the vitality of the game.

The tennis facility is used primarily as a competition and practice site for the Husky varsity men's and women's tennis teams. The center has also been made available to UW students, staff and faculty as scheduling permits.

Bill Quillian has long been associated with tennis at the University of Washington, as a player, a coach and a member of the Husky Hall of Fame. His legacy was honored years ago when the University of Washington tennis courts were named in his memory. The Husky tennis teams make their outdoor home on those courts.

Quillian began his stellar tennis career at Washington in 1952 and advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Doubles Championship as a freshman with Don Fly. That duo had won the U.S. National Juniors Championship in 1951. Quillian also earned a berth in the NCAA Singles Championships all four years, finishing runner-up in 1955. He is the only Husky to have represented the United States in the Davis Cup, doing so in 1958.

As coach, Quillian compiled a 63-39 record from 1966 to 1973. His winning percentage of .618 ranks fourth and his win total ranks fifth among all Husky tennis coaches.

