

## FACILITIES • 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."

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. In 2008, a new construction project was undertaken to renovate and expand the lockerrooms, opening up twice the previous available area.

The Center regularly hosts some of the most prestigious tournaments in all of college tennis. The ITA Men's National Team Indoor Championships have been contested at the Nordstrom on five occasions, most recently in 2008, and will return once again in 2011. Based on the final 2008 ITA rankings, each of the top eight men's teams in the nation were competing at the Nordstrom for the National Team Indoor title. The Nordstrom has also twice hosted the individual ITA Regional Championships in the fall, and was the regular home for the Pac-10 Indoor Championships.

All six courts at the Center have been renamed to honor 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 Sosnowys 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 Sosnowys 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 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.

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 Flye. 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.

Contrary to popular belief, the sun does shine on Seattle, and the Huskies spend several months out of the year on the six outdoor courts that provide views of Lake Washington and the Olympic Mountains to the west. The courts are right in the hub of the University's athletic activity, centered between the Bank of America Arena, the Intramural Athletics building, and the Conibear Shellhouse which houses student-athlete academic services. Also adjacent are the Nordstrom Tennis Center and the Sports Performance Center.

Three NCAA first and second round Regionals have been played on the courts. The women hosted NCAA Regionals in 2001 and 2004, and the men hosted in 2005. Both teams have put the home court advantage to good use, going a combined 6-0 in the three Seattle Regionals to advance to the NCAA round of 16 each year.

During the summer of 2008, new theater seating was installed on the west side of the stands, giving fans a comfortable place from which to view all six courts at once.

