Boilermakers,

It’s summer time in Boilermaker country so let’s take a look back at our past season and learn about a few updates from around the program. With quite a fair amount of news to share, I will divide this newsletter into two parts. Be on the lookout for Part 2 in the upcoming weeks.

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Boiler Up!
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**SEASON REVIEW**

**Athletically**

- Team overall record 17-10, Big Ten regular season record 5-6, beat the defending Big Ten Champion Minnesota on their home courts to advance to the quarterfinal in the Big Ten Tournament
- Home record 10-4, road record 6-5, neutral 1-1, indoor 15-8, outdoor 2-2
- Highest team ranking #39
- Final team Ranking #50
- Qualified for the 2017 ITA National Indoor Championships
- Gergely Madarasz (20-4, 8-1) qualified for the NCAA Singles Championships. Third player in program history to qualify and first since 2001.
- Two players ranked in the ITA singles rankings – Benjamin Ugarte and Gergely Madarasz – first since 2001. Gergely is the highest ranked Boilermaker since 2005-2006 season.
- Benjamin Ugarte beat the #10 player in the country
- Benjamin Ugarte earned Big Ten Tennis Athlete of the week honors
- Two All-Big Ten Selections: Gergely Madarasz - unanimous 1st team, Benjamin Ugarte - 2nd team
- Ricky Medinilla won a career high 25 singles matches this season
- Team invitation to participate in the Collegiate Oracle Challenge in Indian Wells - one of the most prestigious tournaments outside of the NCAA Championships
- Signed the #34 recruiting class in the nation

**Academically**

- Eight Academic All-Big Ten selections
- Gergely Madarasz recipient of the Big Ten Distinguished Scholar Award
- Fall 2015 Team GPA 3.42
- Spring 2015 Team GPA 3.34
- Cumulative Team GPA of 3.31
- Three ITA Scholar Athlete Awards: Matt Bougy, Lucas Dages, Gergely Madarasz (overall GPA of 3.5 or higher)
- Third consecutive ITA All-Academic Team Award (6th team selection since 2010; cumulative team GPA of 3.20 or above)
Close to 2000 spectators watched the Boilermakers compete at Schwartz Tennis Center this season. It was great to see the Greater Lafayette community and the Purdue University Greeks get behind the team. Their support made a difference during several home matches. Over 250 fans in attendance created an electric atmosphere during a decisive 4-1 win over Indiana on March 8. Our February 20 match against Marquette saw the biggest crowd of the season with 271 people in attendance. Boilermakers won 6-1 that day.

Our 3rd Annual Greek Challenge was the closest one to date with Kappa Delta and Delta Gamma tied in the standings until the very last match of the season. In the end the KD’s had the edge and claimed the title. Our team hosted the Kappa Deltas for a trophy ceremony during the annual team banquet in front of a packed Buchanan Club at Ross Ade Stadium. We would like to thank all the participants for their support and we hope to see you back at Schwartz in the upcoming season.
It was a historic season for Gergely Madarasz. He has been on campus since January 2015 but could not compete due to NCAA rules until this semester. Once given the opportunity to play, he has made the most of it. With an overall record of 20-3 and 8-1 at the number one spot in Big Ten play, he has become the third Boilermaker in the program history to qualify for the NCAA singles tournament. Other accolades in his first semester include:

- Unanimous First Team All-Big Ten selection
- Academic All-Big Ten
- ITA Scholar-Athlete
- ITA All-Academic Team
- Team Most Valuable Player Award
- Big Ten Distinguished Scholar Award

It has been a busy summer for the Industrial Management major and soon to be senior Ricardo Medinilla. During the first two weeks of June he competed in two ITF future tournaments in Mexico reaching the round of 16 both times. Each week he had to win three matches in the qualifying tournament to reach the main draw. His run included five wins against players with current ATP World rankings, and a stunning upset of a top-500 player in the world. He is currently holding a 33-13 singles record for the year. Boiler Up!