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## Men's Tennis Announces All-Decade Team for 2000-2009

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The Roadrunners won their first NJCAA National Championship in 2010 but the program began its improvement in the first decade of the 21st century. On Saturday October 9th the Roadrunners saluted the best of that decade during the first annual Roadrunner Doubles Tournament, a fundraiser for the men's tennis program.

During the years 2000-2009 the program won its first and second NJCAA Region XIX Championships and competed as a team in the NJCAA National Tournament four times. The Roadrunners had eight NJCAA All-Americans in the decade and one individual national champion, the first in Roadrunner history in men's tennis.



Members of the 2000-2009 All-Decade Team with GCC Coaches from that time period.

Below are the **2000-2009 All-Decade** selections....

#3 Doubles - Mike Sullivan and Kyle Stay...All-Americans in 2007, they advanced to the national final match at second doubles. Stay's overhead winner at Mercer County Park in the NJCAA Region XIX Tournament clinched the first regional title in Roadrunner history

#2 Doubles - Dimitri Athans and Brian Crispin...All-Americans in 2007 also, these two teamed up to reach the national final match at #1 singles. Crispin's blistering serves matched with Athans leadership and all-court game made them a formidable team

#1 Doubles - Ryan Finnie and Dimitri Athans...All-Americans in 2006 at number one doubles this team showed that the Roadrunners could compete at the national level. Finnie is arguably the greatest doubles player in Roadrunner history with the incredible finesse around the net and a killer instinct he helped develop Athans into an outstanding doubles player as well.

#6 Singles - Nick Shepherd...the first individual National Champion in men's tennis in 2009 Shepherd broke through at the national tournament for the first time. In four matches at #6 singles in the national tournament his serve was not broken and he did not lose a set playing the best tennis of his career at the most important time. His victory pushed the Roadrunner program forward again and proved that a national championship was a real possibility for the program.

#5 Singles - Andy Hughes...a top player from the early part of the decade Hughes was the best player under former GCC coach RC Goetter. Hughes skills allowed him to continue his tennis career at NCAA Division I Lasalle University.

#4 Singles - Mike Sullivan...one of the most talented players in Roadrunner history but Sullivan played the number two position under two-time All-American Athans. Sullivan advanced to the semifinals at the number two position and the finals and the number two doubles position in a the national tournament in 2007 helping the Roadrunners to a fourth place finish. He earned the most points of any member of that team at the national tournament that year and was named to the All-American team. Sullivan continued his tennis career on scholarship at the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

#3 Singles - Andrew Cossaboom...a two-time NJCAA Region XIX Singles Champion Cossaboom laid the groundwork for the success at the end of the decade. Cossaboom's consistency helped him defeat the best of the best in the region and to date is the only Roadrunner to repeat as region champion at the number one singles position. Cossaboom continued his tennis career at NCAA Division III tennis powerhouse College of New Jersey.

#2 Singles - Steve Suboleski...the best singles player of this decade Suboleski reached the national final match at #1 singles in 2009. Suboleski's run was a terrific achievement and earned him All-American status for the season. In his sophomore season, Suboleski would lead the Roadrunners to their first NJCAA National Championship. He has since accepted a scholarship to play at Monmouth University.

#1 Singles - Dimitri Athans...the Player of the Decade had an outstanding two-year career and was the only two-time All-American for the Roadrunners during this era. A tremendous mover on the court, he added power and an all-court game during his sophomore year. Athans went on to play two very successful seasons at the New Jersey Institute of Technology at the NCAA Division I level. Athans was a captain of the NJIT team and led them to a 20 win season as a senior, the best in school history.

Captain - Paul Albright...Albright's leadership helped the program advance to a national powerhouse. In his two seasons at GCC, the Roadrunners won their first NJCAA Region XIX Championship and placed fourth at the NJCAA National Championships twice. Albright has continued to help the Roadrunners as an assistant coach and the program's lead recruiter.

Coach - Brian Rowan...Rowan has moved the program onto the national stage since taking over the program in 2005. Under his coaching in this decade the team earned their first and second NJCAA Region XIX Championships, finished fourth at the NJCAA National Championships three times, had thier first NJCAA Individual National Champion, and had 8 players earn All-American honors.

Thank you to everyone who helped put this team and the Roadrunner Doubles Tournament together!