

# 2002 Season Preview

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## **Lady Blues**

For the first time in four seasons, the Washburn Blues will have someone new at the No. 1 singles spot. Four-time MIAA Singles Champion Marissa Moment and four-time team MVP has moved on and now taking her place is No. 2 singles player Aisha Butt.

Butt finished last season 24-2 winning the No. 2 singles championship. She teamed with Moment to compile a 24-7 mark playing the No. 1 doubles spot.

Also returning for the Lady Blues No. 3 player from last season Erin Underwood. Underwood finished 20-7 and teamed with Lindsey Sullivan to capture the No. 2 doubles championship.

"We are going to be solid from the top to the bottom this season," third-season head coach Jennifer Hastert (formally Subbert) said. "We have more depth than we have had in years past."

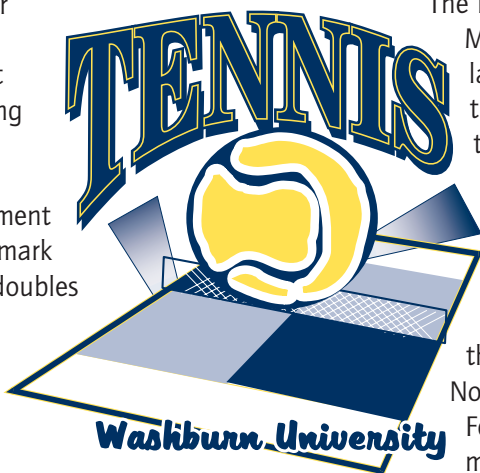
The Lady Blues tennis team are off to a 4-1 start this season wrapping up the fall schedule. More impressive is the 24-6 singles record. Leading the charge is Butt. She has 5-2 mark and No. 2 singles Underwood. She is 6-1 this season. The duo teamed up for doubles in the fall and they went to

the Semifinals of the Midwest Regional as the No. 6 seed falling to the No. 2 seed.

Adding to the mix are freshmen Kris Castillo and Catlin Day.

Day is 4-2 so far this season and Castillo is off to a 5-1 mark in their first season on the Lady Blues. The freshman duo has combined for a 2-3 doubles record.

The Lady Blues fell in MIAA Tournament last season finishing third, after winning the championship in 2000.



## **Ichabods**

The Ichabod tennis team finished the fall slate 2-1 and No. 1 singles player Fernando Sierra made it all the way

to the Midwest Regional Semifinals before retiring with dehydration. Sierra is a returning all-American who will lead the Ichabods in action in the spring. He currently has a 6-1 singles record. He enters the spring season ranked No. 2 in the Midwest Region and No. 12 in the nation. He finished the 2001 campaign with a 21-3 record and a 20-4 mark in doubles play.

Also returning is No. 2 Rafael Valdez, who finished 4-1 in the fall season.

"The bottom half of the singles line-up is up for grabs," Hastert said. "We are deeper than what we have been and that should help us as the season goes along."



## **Aisha Butt**

**Senior • Clay Center, Kan.**

**Kansas State University**

**At Washburn as a junior in 2001:** Recorded a stellar 24-2 mark holding down the No. 2 singles spot and won her second MIAA crown at No. 2 singles. She teamed with Marissa Moment and finished second at No. 1 doubles compiling a 24-7 record.

**At Washburn as a sophomore in 2000:** Finished the season 17-1 playing at the No. 2 singles spot for the majority of the season and won the No. 2 Championship at the MIAA Conference Tournament. Finished the season 17-3 playing No. 1 doubles with Marissa Moment and finished second in the MIAA in that flight.

**Background:** A transfer to Washburn from Kansas State. At Clay Center Community High School, Aisha was a three-time singles champion and finished second place her freshman season. The only match she lost in her entire prep career was the finals her freshman campaign.

**Personal:** Born April 10, 1978. Daughter of Muhammed and Susan Butt. Majoring in Physical Education.



# Lady Blues Profiles



## **Holly Munro**

**Sophomore • Topeka, Kan.**

**Highland Park High School**

**As a freshman in 2001:** Finished third at No. 5 singles recording an 18-11 record. In doubles play with Carrie Wadley, she compiled a 15-12 mark finishing third at No. 3 doubles.

**Background:** Was No. 1 in singles and doubles for a Scotties team that took home the Centennial league title. Was named to the all-city team. She placed seventh at state as a junior and senior. She was a four-year honor roll student at Highland Park.

**Personal:** Born March 14, 1982. Daughter of Michael and Jane Munro. Twin sister Heather a freshman for the Lady Blues. Undecided on a major.





## ***Lindsay Sullivan***

***Sophomore • St. Louis, Mo.***

***Lutheran South High School***

***As a freshman in 2001:*** Finished the season with a 15-10 record playing primarily No. 4 singles. In doubles play she teamed with Erin Underwood at No. 2, taking the MIAA Championship compiling a 23-6 record.

***Background:*** Was part of a duo that won the 1A-3A Missouri state title in doubles in 1999. As captain of the team. She was named MVP and received the sportsmanship award.

***Personal:*** Born October 22, 1981. Daughter of Paul and Pamela Sullivan. Majoring in criminology.





# **Lady Blues Profiles**



## **Erin Underwood**

**Sophomore • Topeka, Kan.**

**Washburn Rural High School**

**As a freshman in 2001:** Recorded a 20-7 singles mark playing primarily at the No. 3 spot. In doubles at No. 2, teamed with Lindsay Sullivan to compile a 23-6 mark and the flight championship at the MIAA Tournament.

**Background:** Placed a career-best tenth at state as a senior for Rural Coach Kevin Hedberg. Was named to the all-city team as a senior. Excelled on the courts as well, ranking in the top 10 percent of her class with a 4.1 GPA.

**Personal:** Born July 7, 1982. Daughter of David and Luanne Underwood. Majoring in Physical Therapy and sports medicine.





## ***Carrie Wadley***

***Sophomore • Topeka, Kan.***

***Shawnee Heights High School***

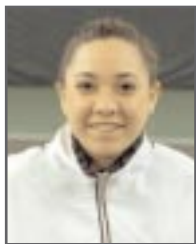
***As a freshman in 2001:*** Recorded a 19-7 record playing mainly at No. 6 singles finishing fourth at the MIAA Championship Tournament. In doubles, she teamed with Holly Munro at No. 3 doubles to place third compiling a 15-12 record.

***Background:*** A four-year letter winner at Shawnee Heights. Was a first team selection to the all-city and all-league teams as a senior. She placed third at the 5A state tournament.

***Personal:*** Born January 23, 1982. Daughter of Gary and Joan Wadley. Majoring in nursing.



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## **Kris Castillo**

**Freshman • San Antonio, Texas**

**James Madison High School**

**Background:** Played No. 1 singles for high school squad and team captain her senior year. She was the team MVP her sophomore and senior seasons and a super-championship player. She finished third in the district tournament. Was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, treasurer of the Criminal Justice

Club and an honor roll student with a 3.4 GPA. She was also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

**Personal:** Born Aug. 13, 1983. Daughter of Ruben and Sulvia Castillo. Undecided on major.



## **Caitlin Day**

**Freshman • Topeka, Kan.**

**Topeka West High School**

**Background:** Day qualified all four years for state finishing as high as third in singles play. She won the Topeka city tournament three years in a row and honored with all-city and all-league titles. She was also a member of the honor roll every semester.

**Personal:** Born Aug. 11, 1983. Daughter of Gwen Beegle and Robert Day. Undecided on major.



## **Heather Munro**

**Sophomore • Topeka, Kan.**

**Highland Park High School / Johnson County CC**

**Background:** At Johnson County, she played No. 3 singles and No. 6 doubles for the Lady Cavaliers who finished fourth in the NJCAA national tournament. The team also won the team title in the Region VI Tournament and the Jayhawk Conference title. At No. 3 doubles she posted a 11-7 record which was third highest win total

in school history reaching the quarterfinals at the national tournament. In singles she was 4-6 at No. 6.

At Highland Park, was an all-city selection, finishing first at No. 2 singles and placing fourth in regionals.

**Personal:** Born March 14, 1982. Daughter of Michael and Jane Munro. Twin sister Holly a freshman for the Lady Blues. Undecided on a major.



## ***Anthony Buccolo***

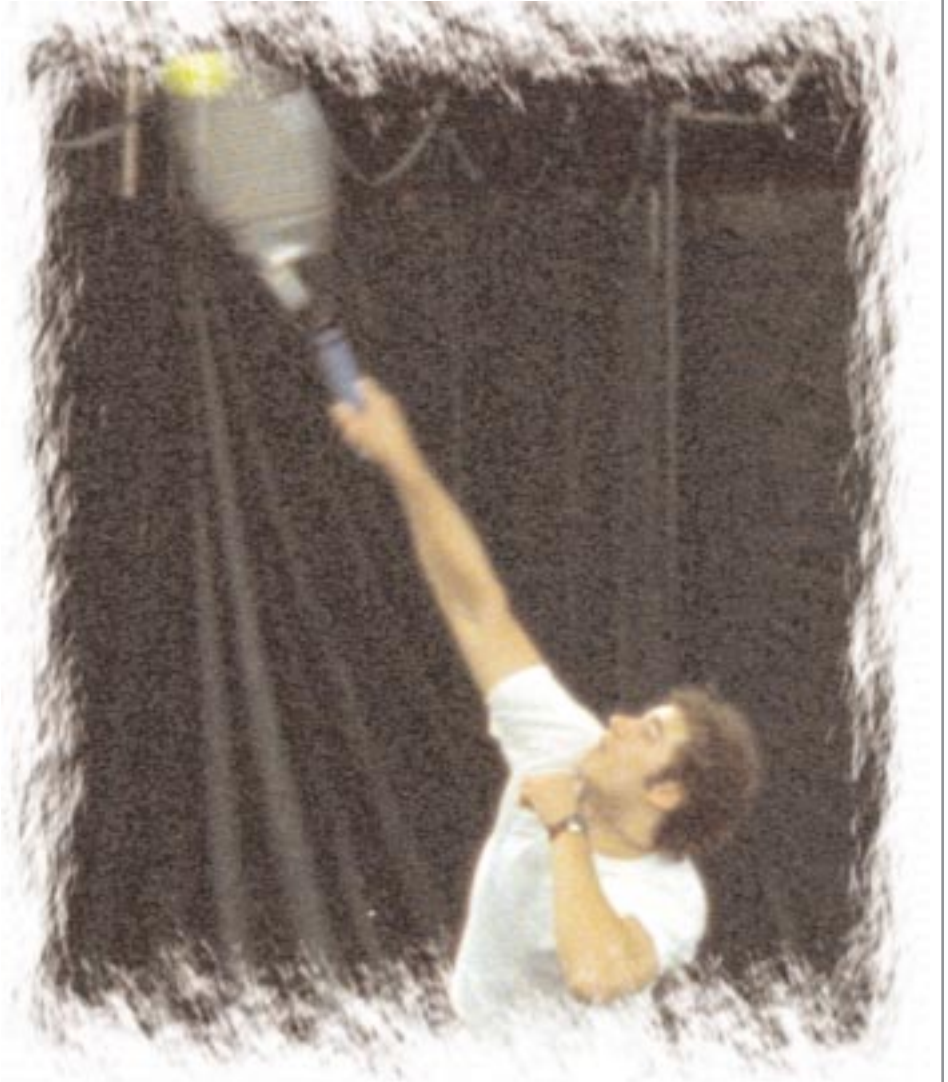
***Sophomore • Pittsburg, Kan.***

***Pittsburg High School***

***As a freshman in 2001:*** Finished 4-13 at No. 6 singles compiling a 10-12 record in doubles play at No. 3 doubles.

***Background:*** Was a 5A state qualifier for Pittsburg in 1999. Took first place in doubles at the Wichita Collegiate Invitational last season.

***Personal:*** Born Sept. 20, 1981. Son of David and Marie Buccolo. Undecided on major.





# Ichabod Profiles



## **Brandon Dunstan**

**Senior • Eldon, Mo.**

**School of the Osage**

**At Washburn as a junior in 2001:** Finished with a 7-14 record at No. 4 singles and a 10-12 record in doubles primarily playing No. 2 doubles.

**At Washburn as a sophomore in 2000:** Tallied a 15-6 singles mark playing at the No. 5 singles slot en route to being named UMB Bank MVP and a third place finish at the MIAA Tournament. In doubles, compiled a 5-5 doubles record at No. 3 and finished fourth at the MIAA Tournament.

**At Washburn as a freshman in 1999:** Finished with a 6-1 singles record playing the No. 6 slot.

**Background:** A 1998 graduate of School of the Osage High School where he was a state qualifier in singles and placed fourth in the state tournament in doubles. Personal: Born Jan. 8, 1980. Son of Jerry and Sara Dunstan. Undecided on major.





## **Will Heidebrecht**

**Senior • McPherson, Kan.**

**McPherson High School**

**As a junior at Washburn in 2001:** Recorded a 4-17 record at Nos. 4 and 5 singles and an 8-15 record in doubles splitting time between the Nos. 2 and 3 spots. He finished fourth at No. 5 at the MIAA Championship Tournament.

**As a sophomore at Washburn in 2000:** Finished the season 5-5 playing the spring season at No. 6 singles and finished fourth at the MIAA Tournament. In doubles, teamed with Brandon Dunstan to record a 5-5 mark and a fourth place finish at the conference tournament. Also a member of the MIAA

Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll.

**As a freshman at Washburn in**

**1999:** Practiced but did not play.

**Background:** A 1998 graduate of McPherson HS. Captured 5A state doubles championship with a perfect 26-0 record. Placed sixth place in state as a sophomore and seventh as a junior in singles.

**Personal:** Born Nov. 15, 1979. Son of Mark and Dianna Heidebrecht. Undecided on major.



# Ichabod Profiles



## **Fernando Sierra**

**Senior • Monterrey, Mexico**

**University of Kansas**

**As a junior in 2001:** Finished the season 23-3 playing No. 1 singles winning the MIAA tournament at that position. In doubles he teamed with Adam Wood to finish second at No. 1 doubles finishing second at the conference tournament with an overall record of 20-4. Was named all-American after finishing the season

ranked No. 12 in the nation and was ranked No. 2 in the Midwest Region.

### **Background:**

Returns to the courts this season after a two year layoff. He spent his first two seasons hitting third in singles and second in doubles for the Jayhawks.

### **Personal:**

Born Feb. 5, 1977. Son of Fernando Sierra, Sr. and Maria Ortiz de Sierra. Majoring in business.





## **Desmond Tan**

**Senior • Singapore, Singapore  
Serangoon Secondary School**

*At Washburn as a junior in 2001:* Finished 7-15 at No. 3 singles placing third at the MIAA Championship Tournament. Recorded a 8-14 playing No. 2 doubles.

*At Washburn as a sophomore in 2000:* Was 8-10 in singles playing at the No. 4 singles slot and finished fourth place at the conference tournament. In doubles, recorded a 15-16 mark and a third place finish at the MIAA Tournament.

*At Washburn as a freshman in 1999:* Finished with a 14-10 mark at the No. 4 singles spot and a second place finish at the MIAA Tournament. Teamed with

Richard Quirion at No. 2 doubles compiling an 8-10.

**Background:** A 1998 graduate of Serangoon Secondary. Trained with Singapore Asian Games tennis team in 1997. Also trained with Singapore Davis Cup team in 1998. Played tennis and soccer at Serangoon Secondary.

**Personal:** Born Aug. 15, 1976. Son of Richard and Florence Tan. Majoring in physical education.





# **Ichabod Profiles**



## **Steven Roundtree**

**Freshman • Corpus Christi, Texas**

**New Braufels High School**

**Background:** Lived at the John Newcomb Tennis Academy his junior and senior seasons in high school winning the superchampionship division in Texas.

**Personal:** Born May 26, 1983. Son of Robert and Diane Roundtree. Majoring in business.



## **Rafeal Valdez**

**Sophomore • Culiacan, Mexico**

**Pratt Community College**

**Background:** Was named the team MVP and finished 24th in the National Junior College Association rankings at Pratt Community College while being ranked No. 18 in doubles. As a team the Beavers were ranked No. 26 in the nation on the junior college circuit.

**Personal:** Born March 6, 1981. Son of Rafael Valdez and Elvira Sanchez. Undecided on major.



## **Nathan Hurd**

**Freshman • Columbus, Kan.**

**Pittsburg High School**

**Background:** Placed fifth at the 5A state doubles tournament and finished first at the Wichita Invitational tournament in doubles.

**Personal:** Born Nov. 23, 1981. Son of Eric and Nancy Hurd. Majoring in business.



## **Blake Edwards**

**Freshman • Columbia, Mo.**

**Hickman High School**

**Background:** Will redshirt this season. At Hickman High School, he was a two-time state qualifier, finishing in seventh in doubles as a junior. Was the district champion at No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles following his junior and senior seasons.

**Personal:** Born July 30, 1982. Son of Bryce and Lisa Edwards. Majoring in physical education.