



Jennifer Hastert

Washburn '96

Washburn head men's and women's tennis coach

96-27-1 (.778) Lady Blues record, 6th season

56-52 (.515) Ichabods record, 6th season

152-79-1 (.657) combined record

Washburn tennis head coach Jennifer Hastert enters her sixth full-season in charge of the Washburn tennis program.

In her five seasons at Washburn, she has led the women's team to two MIAA Championships and five women's NCAA Tournament appearances with an 96-27-1 dual record. She has led the men's team to two NCAA tournament appearances. In 2005, Hastert was named women's MIAA and North Central Coach of the Year after she coached the team to their first-ever NCAA National Tournament appearance.

The Ichabods also reached the NCAA National Tournament, making Washburn one of only four schools to have both its men's and women's teams reach the Sweet 16.

Hastert, played at Washburn from 1991 to 1993 and 1995 to 1996, and had a stellar Washburn career finishing with three All-America awards and four MIAA Championships. In her three campaigns at Washburn, she finished 64-9 in singles and 59-11 in doubles.

Following her freshman season, Hastert was named

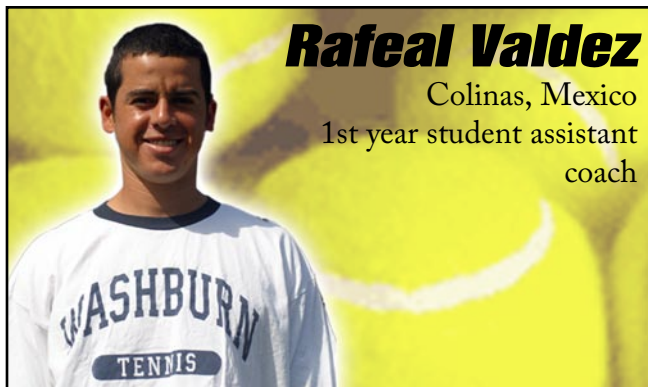
NCAA Division II All-America and the Volvo Midwest Tennis Rookie of the Year. Her sophomore season, she finished in second at No. 1 singles and third at No. 1 doubles during the MIAA Championship Tournament and her second All-America distinction.

After transferring to Drake University her junior season, she returned to Washburn for her senior year during the 1995-96 season after sitting out a season. Hastert returned to win the MIAA No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles championships.

During her playing career, she was ranked as high as No. 4 in the nation in singles and No. 7 in doubles with partner Jill Bernhardt. Hastert's postseason awards included a NCAA Division II All-America honor and two-time MIAA Player of the Week.

Prior to her coaching appointment, Hastert worked at Hallbrook Country Club in Leawood, Kan., as the associate junior development professional directing junior and adult clinics since 1998.

Hastert and her husband Steven live in Topeka with their son, Noah, who was born Dec. 16, 2003.



Rafeal Valdez

Colinas, Mexico

1st year student assistant coach

Rafeal Valdez begins his first year as a student assistant for the Washburn tennis teams after wrapping up his three-year career for the Ichabods.

Valdez finished his singles career with a 45-19 overall record and recorded a 47-29 doubles record. He was named second team all-MIAA in singles and honorable mention as a junior.

His senior season, Valdez was named second all-MIAA in both singles and doubles as well as the Ichabods Most Valuable Player.



Sydney Bwalya

Mufulira, Zambia

1st year student assistant coach

Sydney Bwalya begins his first year as a student assistant for the Washburn tennis teams after wrapping up his two-year career for the Ichabods.

Bwalya finished his Washburn career with a 35-10 singles record and a 35-15 in doubles action.

He was an honorable mention all-MIAA pick as a junior and he was a second team all-MIAA pick as a senior in singles play.