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Ivan Kovalev Named Horizon League Men's Tennis Player Of The Year

Junior becomes school's first-ever men's tennis player of the year, earns All-Horizon League honors with Paul Glendenning.

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Indianapolis, Ind.- The best season in over 20 years for the University of Illinois at Chicago men's tennis team was recognized at the annual Horizon League Tennis Awards Banquet on Friday night, as two Flames received All-Horizon League recognition and junior [Ivan Kovalev](#) (Almaty, Kazakhstan/School N55) became the first-ever UIC player to be named the Horizon League Player of the Year.

Kovalev was a dominating presence in his first season with the Flames, playing No. 1 singles the entire year to post an 18-8 mark. Kovalev finished out the regular season with six consecutive victories, wins in 13 of his last 15 matches and a perfect 5-0 Horizon League record.

Kovalev also won All-Horizon League First Team accolades.


Joining Kovalev as an All-Horizon League honoree is junior [Paul Glendenning](#) (Rockford, Ill./Guilford), who made the league's second team for the second straight season. Glendenning went 9-9 overall in singles play, winning five of his last six matches, while posting a spotless 5-0 doubles mark against league foes to up his overall record to a 15-7.

The Flames posted the most team dual match wins since 1983, going 12-7 overall and 3-2 in Horizon League action.

All awards were determined by the voting of Horizon League head coaches.

Third-seeded UIC meets sixth-seeded Cleveland State in the opening round of the 2005 Horizon League Men's Tennis Championship tournament on Saturday at 11 a.m. at North Central High in Indianapolis, Ind.

2005 Horizon League Men's Tennis Awards

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Junior Ivan Kovalev was recognized by the Horizon League for his outstanding 2005 campaign with Player of the Year and All-League First

2005 All-Horizon League First Team

James Low, Butler, SO
Andy Bartish, Butler, JR
Ivan Kovalev, UIC, JR
Tyler Dorn, UW-Green Bay, SR
Quincy Jones, Wright State, SR
Tom Barth, Youngstown State, SO

2005 All-Horizon League Second Team

Parker Ross, Butler, JR
Eric Winn, Cleveland State, SR
Jay Tee, Cleveland St., JR
Paul Glendenning, UIC, JR
Jarrett Cascino, UW-Green Bay, JR
Lance Koetter, Wright State, FR

2005 Horizon League Player of the Year: [Ivan Kovalev, UIC, JR](#)

2005 Horizon League Newcomer of the Year: Lance Koetter, Wright State, FR

2005 Horizon League Coach of the Year: Jason Suscha, Butler

Team accolades.

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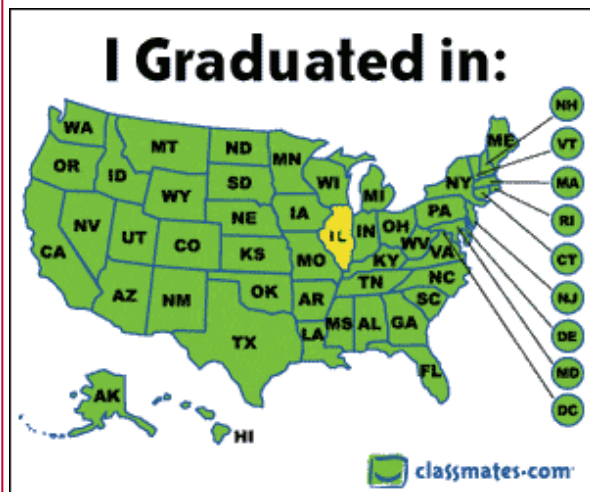
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