



NEWSLETTER

OLD DOMINION MONARCHS



MAY 2015

2015 SEASON IN REVIEW



Despite having six freshmen out of nine total players on the roster, 2015 was anything but a rebuilding year for the Monarchs. The team finished 16-3, its best record in recent memory, and we only plan to get stronger in the coming years. Here are some of the highlights from this past season.

- **TEXAS TRIP**

With just one match under their belts, the Monarchs mounted two impressive comebacks over C-USA champions UTSA and nationally-ranked Rice. Against UTSA, ODU dropped the doubles point before winning five of six singles matches, including a 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 clincher from Adam Moundir at #2 and a Carlos Lopez Villa victory over #42 Tomas Stillman at the #1 spot. Against Rice, the Monarchs lost the doubles point and lost the first set in five of six singles matches, but battled back for a gritty 4-2 victory.

- **SOUTH ALABAMA**

After losing to South Alabama just five days earlier, ODU got revenge at home in Norfolk. The Monarchs claimed the doubles point with wins at #1 and #2 and got wins from Moundir, Zvonimir Podvinski, and Theophile Lanthiez to clinch the match and knock off another nationally-ranked team.

- **WILLIAM & MARY**

In a yearly tradition that always promises a great match, ODU traveled to Williamsburg for the final match of the regular season. After a 5+ hour battle, the Monarchs walked away with a 4-3 victory with two upperclassmen, Lopez Villa and Podvinski, leading the charge in a couple of 3-setters.

- **NATIONAL RANKINGS**

ODU entered the national rankings early in the season and never looked back, reaching a peak of #48 and putting the program back on the national radar. Carlos Lopez Villa reached as high as #43 in the ITA singles rankings. And the doubles team of Adam Moundir and Michael Weindl is poised to enter the rankings next year with their solid play.

- **POSTSEASON AWARDS**

Monarch student-athletes received five Conference USA postseason awards:

All-Conference USA First Team Singles: Lopez Villa

Freshman of the Year: Moundir

All-Conference USA Second Team Singles: Moundir

All-Conference USA Second Team Doubles:

Moundir/Weindl, Lopez Villa/Jover Maestre

THANK YOU, CARLOS!



Few student-athletes have had as big an impact at ODU as Carlos Lopez Villa. It's impossible to quantify what Carlos has done for ODU Men's Tennis. He leaves a lasting legacy that will continue to impact the program for years to come. A few of his many accomplishments include:

- 53-5 record at #1 singles over the last 3 years
- 7 All-Conference selections
- USTA/ITA Regional Champion – 2013
- High national singles ranking of #30
- High national doubles ranking of #23
- Arthur Ashe, Jr. Leadership and Sportsmanship Award Winner – 2014
- Named to C-USA All-Academic Team 3 times
- Double major (Economics/Finance) with a 3.79 GPA

ACADEMIC SUCCESS



Monarch Tennis is all about achieving greatness, and that extends to the classroom as well. Despite a tough athletic schedule and significant travel, ODU Men's Tennis achieved a 3.2 GPA for the spring semester, with over 55% of the team earning Dean's List honors with at least a 3.4 GPA.

JUNIOR MONARCH TENNIS CLUB



ODU Men's Tennis's Junior Monarch Tennis Club continued to grow this past semester. We offered two free clinics for local kids and drew well over 100 participants for a single clinic. The program will most certainly be back in the fall and we hope to be able to continue to grow tennis in the greater Norfolk area.

Our Monarch Retriever program was also a huge success, as many of our Junior Monarchs participated as ball kids during our home matches and in the C-USA tournament.

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MEET NEXT YEAR'S SENIORS



Zvonimir "Z" Podvinski

Plays: **Right-Handed**
Hometown: **Zagreb, Croatia**
Favorite "Other" Sport: **Golf**
Favorite Athlete: **Ivica Kostelic (skiing)**
Favorite Food: **Barbeque**
Other Interests: **Watches, Stocks**

Darragh Glavin

Plays: **Left-Handed**
Hometown: **Kildare, Ireland**
Favorite "Other" Sport: **Soccer**
Favorite Athlete: **Roger Federer**
Favorite Food: **Chicken**
Other Interests: **Sports, Biking, Movies**

UNSUNG HEROES

The success of ODU Men's Tennis is truly a team effort, and one that goes well beyond the roster and coaching staff. We'd like to take a moment to thank all of the people whose hard work and support helps our program tremendously.

- **Dr. April Brecht**, Director of the Jacobson Athletic Academic Center and team academic advisor
- **Folkes-Stevens Tennis Center staff**
- **Rick French** and the Athletic Operations crew
- **Grant Gardner**, Assistant Director of Athletic Communications
- **Mike Gibbs**, Academic/Compliance Coordinator
- **Jon Hartman**, G.A. Athletic Trainer
- **Junior Monarch Club members and families**
- **Jason Mitchell**, Assistant Athletic Trainer
- **Alex Parr**, Associate Director of Sports Performance
- **Josh Smith**, Assistant Director of Compliance
- All of our **fans, donors, and supporters!**
- Too many more to name

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