



Ohio Valley Conference Tennis Championships Coming to Evansville

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Evansville, IN - The Evansville Sports Corporation (ESC), in partnership with the Evansville Tennis Center is bringing the Ohio Valley Conference Men's & Women's Tennis Championships to Evansville on April 23-25, 2021. The Championships will be held at the outdoor courts at Wesselman Tennis Center with the Evansville Tennis Center serving as a backup indoor location in case of inclement weather.

While this will mark the first time the OVC Men's and Women's Tennis Championships have been held in Evansville, this will be the 72nd contest of the men's championship (it was first held in 1949), while the women's championship will be held for the 46th time (it was first held in 1977). In 2019, the Tennessee Tech men claimed its fourth-straight title while the Austin Peay women capped a perfect season to win its first title since 2010. The 2020 Championships were cancelled due to the public health emergency. The top four men's and women's teams will compete for the conference championship at the conclusion of the 2021 conference season.

"The OVC Tennis Championships build on a strong partnership established between the OVC Conference and the City of Evansville," said Steve Schaefer, Deputy Mayor and Chairman of the ESC Board of Directors.

OVC Commissioner Beth DeBauche reiterated the strength of the partnership between the City of Evansville and the conference as initially established through the OVC Basketball Championships. "We are excited to bring our tennis championships to the Wesselmann Tennis Center and come back to the Evansville Community that has been so supportive of our OVC Championships in the past."

The Evansville Sports Corporation bid on and secured the OVC Basketball Championships in 2018, 2019 and 2020. The OVC Basketball Championships had been held in Nashville, TN the previous 24 years. The basketball championships are committed to Evansville through 2023 while the tennis championships are a one-year commitment.

Wesselman Tennis Center and the Evansville Tennis Center already hold several US Tennis Association championships each year. Eric Marvin, President of the ESC said, "Wesselman and the Evansville Tennis Center are high-level, tournament quality facilities that are tremendous assets for our community. We are excited to work with the team at the Evansville Tennis Center to showcase high-level tennis competition and bring more people to our community as we continue to reopen Evansville for events. We are committed to follow strict health and safety protocols to ensure the safety of all."

For additional information regarding the Evansville Sports Corporation, visit evansvillesports.org or contact Eric Marvin at emarvin@evansvillesports.org or (812) 434-7699.

The Evansville Sports Corporation is a 501(c)3 Not-for-Profit with the mission of enhancing Southwestern Indiana's economy, image and quality of life through the attraction, promotion and development of high profile, signature sporting events.

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