

Kalamazoo College honors the Ackers 1959...



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bobbin' around

George Ackers today stepped into the tennis picture at Kalamazoo College. . . . The 20-year-old former Northern Illinois athlete takes over as the head net coach this week at the local MIAA school as the second semester gets under way, although he accepted the position last November. . . . He has been teaching and coaching at Rich Township High School in Park Forest, Ill. in his senior year at Northern and shared in the IAC doubles championship, was taken on a tour of the K-College campus and had his duties outlined by Athletic Director Ross (Red) Anderson. . . . He will teach in the physical education department and serve as an assistant coach in football (he was a guard at Northern Illinois). . . . When the school year ends, George will keep right on traveling down a tennis trail. . . . He will manage the Stowe Stadium courts in the summer and direct the varied activities of the Kalamazoo Tennis Club. . . . And he will work with the Department of Recreation effort to create city-wide interest in the National Championships have been staged



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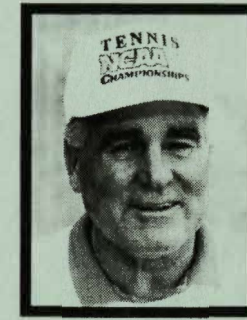
George Acker

Men's Tennis Coach Kalamazoo College

- George Acker will retire this year after 35 years as Hornet men's tennis coach.
- His teams have won 35 consecutive Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) championships.
- Kalamazoo's current streak of 55 straight MIAA championships is a feat unmatched by any high school, collegiate, or professional team in America.
- Acker's teams have posted a 209-1 career dual-meet record against MIAA opponents, with a 534-231-2 overall mark.
- His teams have finished lower than fifth just once in the 17-year history of the NCAA Division III men's tennis tournament.
- His teams have won six NCAA Division III men's tennis championships, more than any other institution. Kalamazoo College also leads Division III in singles champions with five.
- His teams have produced 35 all-Americans, 19 MIAA Most Valuable Players, and 13 MIAA Stowe Sportsmanship Award winners.
- A professor of physical education, he has been named NCAA Division III Coach of the Year twice and was named the Division III Coach of the Decade for the 1980s.

GEORGE ACKER'S TEAMS AT THE NCAA DIVISION III TOURNAMENT

1976 National Champion	1985 Second Place
1977 Fourth Place	1986 National Champion
1978 National Champion	1987 National Champion
1979 Ninth Place	1988 Fifth Place
1980 Third Place	1989 Third Place
1981 Third Place	1990 Third Place
1982 Second Place	1991 National Champion
1983 Third Place	1992 National Champion
1984 Fourth Place	1993 <i>May 17-24 at Kalamazoo College</i>



SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1993

Reception · 5:30 p.m.

Buffet Dinner · 6:00 p.m.



INTRODUCTIONS

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Jack Moss, Master of Ceremonies

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Peter McNelis '87
Chris Bussert '78
Ray Comeau '63
Al Hosner
Jim Burda '87
Bill Japinga '60
Lewis Miller '93
Timon Corwin '86

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This 'n that

...It seems like yesterday when George Acker took the Kalamazoo College tennis coaching reins from the late Allen B. (Doc) Stowe and today he's celebrating his 35th straight MIAA championship season and looking ahead to a seventh NCAA Division III national crown. Like fine wine, Acker, who retires next month, improves with age.

