

# Liza Wischer

Liza could not be with us today but is being represented by her family and Tom Wynne. Liza Wischer grew up in Grand Forks, the daughter of Jane and Brian Wischer. She learned the game of tennis at a young age and quickly earned a reputation for her hard work ethic, integrity, and “never give up” attitude. Her list of accomplishments can fill a book. The Wischers, a family of four children, William, Brynne, Liza, and Gregory, grew up as a tennis family. They were taught and trained by Tom and Tim Wynne at Center Court Fitness in Grand Forks. William, Brynne, and Gregory also became very accomplished players. They all had very successful high school tennis careers winning numerous State titles and played college tennis with Wills at Concordia College, Brynne at the University of North Dakota, and Gregory at Boise State University. The family could always be seen at local, regional, and national events with mom and/or dad there cheering on their own children and every other player they knew.

Liza had a decorated junior career being consistently ranked in at the top 3 in every age division in the USTA Northern Section. From 2002 to 2007 at Red River High School Liza earned 6 varsity letters and was a 6-time EDC and State Singles champion. Her 6 singles titles are the most singles titles in State history and she is the youngest to win a State Singles title. Liza had a perfect 129-0 records while playing for the Riders. She led the Red River Roughriders to 6 consecutive EDC and State Team Championships. She was the GF Herald Athlete of the Year in 2007, the North Dakota State Senior Athlete of the Year in 2007, and a two-time finalist for the GF Herald Sports Person of the Year. Liza also earned the NDAPSSA Special Achievement Award in 2007. She was inducted into the Red River Athletic Hall of Fame in 2019.

Liza graduated an honor student from Red River and left Grand Forks to attend Iowa State University. The success followed her to this Big 12, Division 1 school

where she was awarded the Team MVP in 2009, earned the Hardest Worker awards in 2008, 2009, and 2011. She was awarded the Iowa State Scholar Athlete Award in 2010 and 2011.

Tim Wynne, one of Liza's coaches and people who nominated Liza for this award, said "Liza was always the first to practice and the last to leave. She worked so hard and when I coached her at Red River, by the time I got down to her court to watch, the match usually was about over." Terry Paukert, who also nominated Liza, said "That her high school record is perfect and she earned it all through hard work and dedication."

Liza graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Communication Studies and a Master's Degree in Higher Education. She resides in Tuscaloosa, Alabama with her husband, Brian Edmiston and is expecting her first child in late January.