

## Tom Wynne Grand Forks

A Grand Forks native, Tom Wynne was a four-year tennis letter winner at the University of North Dakota. He was the North Central Conference's No. 1 singles champion in 1976, and was runner-up in 1975 and 1977. He also qualified for the NCAA national tournament in 1977. After graduating in 1978, Wynne became UND's men's and women's tennis coach from 1978-81. He coached the 1979 UND men's team to its first NCC title in 42 years. Wynne played professional tennis on the Marlboro Tour in France for three months in 1980.

Wynne served as an assistant coach for five seasons, leading UND to conference titles in 1984 and 1985. Wynne was then named head coach of both men's and women's teams in 1986, a position he held until 1990, when the tennis programs were discontinued. When women's tennis returned to UND in 1998, Wynne was named head coach. Wynne guided UND to North Central Conference championships in 2004, 2006, and 2008, and NCAA Division II postseason appearances in each of the program's final seven seasons of D-II competition. He was named the North Central Conference Tennis Coach of the Year three different years, and after UND moved up to Division I in 2008, he was the Great West Conference Tennis Coach of the Year in 2010. He also coached the men's team at UND when it was reinstated in 2012.

Wynne is a tennis professional at Choice Health and Fitness in Grand Forks. He served as head pro and pro-shop manager for 10 years and still works part-time. He has been a tennis professional for over 40 years and has volunteered many hours serving the facility and community alongside his college teams through annual free tennis drills to help the local food shelf and other free drills to gather school supplies for kids in need. Tom also served a number of years on the Northwest Coaches Association. Wynne has been playing the sport for over 45 years and is a 35-year member of the USTPA.

In 2000 Tom and his brother, Tim, were named winners of the Ward C. Burton Junior Development Award for their work with the local junior Tennis program by USTA Northern. Tom has also won the USPTA Junior Development Award (2006) and USTA Northern Frank Voight Tennis Professional of the Year in 2008. Later in 2008, the Grand Forks Herald named both Wynne brothers as its Sportspersons of the Year. Tom was inducted into the University of North Dakota Hall of Fame in 1999.