

“A lightning rod of energy and fierce competitor,” Minot High School tennis player **Raman Jayapathy** was a North Dakota high school state singles champion (1979) after having placed 5<sup>th</sup> in 1978 and 5<sup>th</sup> in doubles in 1977. He was also a two-time All-American honoree (1984, 1985) during the Golden Era of Gustavus tennis in the early 1980s. He was a key contributor on teams that posted four top-five finishes at the NCAA Championships including fifth place in 1981, first in 1982, second in 1984, and fifth in 1985.

During his second season on the squad, Jayapathy helped the Gusties capture the 1982 NCAA championship, edging host Kalamazoo College. In 1984, Jayapathy and doubles partner Riley Horan compiled a record of 20-13 and advanced to the finals of the NCAA Doubles Championship before falling to the top-seeded team from UC-San Diego. In 1985, he compiled a singles mark of 19-9 and advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Singles Championship before losing to the defending national champion.

During his standout career, Jayapathy compiled a record of 72-33 in singles and 67-25 in doubles. He won three MIAC singles titles (#6 in 1981, #4 in 1984, and #2 in 1985) and one MIAC doubles title (#3 in 1985) and was a member of four MIAC championship teams (1981, 1982, 1984, 1985).

After graduating in 1985 with a major in political science, and minor in business and psychology, Jayapathy played professional tennis from Fall of 1985 to 1987, where he was world ranked in doubles in the ATP.

He is a teaching professional and active member of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Northern Section from 1992-2023. From 1997 through 2002 he was the Chairperson for the Junior and Junior High Performance Section Committee of the USTA Northern Section and on the Board of Directors of the Northern Section from 1999 through 2002. He was also nominated and received a position on the National USTA Adult Programming Committee but did not accept the position. In 2000, Raman received the Frank Voigt Pro of the Year from the USTA Northern Section. Also, in 1999, Raman and his Doubles partner, Mike Husebo, played in the USTA Northern Section Open Doubles and money tournaments. They lost only one match that year and were ranked #1.

Raman is a member of the USPTA since 1996. He played USPTA national tournaments where, in 2009, he was ranked 5th nationally in the Men's 45 and over Doubles and in 2013, he was again ranked 5th nationally in the Men's 45 Doubles. Raman and his partners won the National Indoor 45 and over Doubles Tournaments in those respective years.

From 2003 to 2018, Jayapathy was the Director of Tennis at Bearpath Golf and Country Club in Eden Prairie, Minn.

Since 1992, Jayapathy has organized men's tennis programs at Flagship Athletic Club in Eden Prairie. Also taught Sectional and National ranked juniors too. He taught and coached a player through juniors, college, and his pro career where he became world ranked.

He earned his law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1990 and has been in private practice since 1992, specializing in corporate, business, and estate law. Since 2020, Raman became General Counsel of an international tech company. Raman lives in Eden Prairie, Minnesota.

In 2019 he was inducted into the Gustavus Adolphus College Hall of Fame.

For more information on Raman, visit

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