

Foreword

The 2001-02 academic year marks the 120th season of National Collegiate Championships sponsored by the nation's colleges and universities.

This historic series began in the spring of 1883 when Joseph Clark of Harvard captured the first singles title of the National Collegiate Tennis Championships. The NCAA, now with more than 900 member institutions eligible for competition, began to administer collegiate athletics championships in 1921, when the Association sponsored its first outdoor track and field championships. The National Collegiate Tennis Championships became a part of the NCAA series in 1938.

Along with a history of men's winter championships, this book chronicles the results of the past 20 years of women's winter championships. This winter, four NCAA championships celebrate milestone anniversaries: National Collegiate Men's Gymnastics (60th), Division I Men's Ice Hockey (55th), Division I Women's Indoor Track and Field (20th) and Division II Wrestling (40th).

National Collegiate Championships competition has a rich tradition of excellence. Each of the championships serves as a stimulus for the development of the particular sport, and the series itself highlights the overall intercollegiate athletics programs of the nation's colleges and universities.

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