

BIDYUT KUMAR GOSWAMI---- A LEGEND  
IN THE WORLD OF COLLEGE TENNIS



Bid Goswami grew up in Guwahati and he did his schooling at Don Bosco High School, Panbazar from where he passed his H.S.L.C. examination, his Pre- University from Cotton College, and then earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business from St. Xavier's College of Calcutta University in 1973. Sri Goswami competed for St.Xavier's in tennis from 1970 - 73.

In the 1970s, Bidyut was a regular in the Indian Tennis Circuit as well as in the International tournaments, having performed well and winning a couple of titles within and outside the country. After leaving the tour, Goswami became a Club Professional and served as the Director of Tennis at the Westchester Country Club in Rye, New York from 1977 - 2012.

A former touring professional, Bidyut Goswami joined Columbia University, New York as the Head Coach of the Columbia University Men's Tennis Team in November, 1982.

Over the last 37 years, Goswami has laid the foundation for the future success of Columbia Tennis, continuously placing the Lions ( as the Columbia University team is known) in the national rankings season after season. The winningest coach in the history of Columbia tennis with a 493-196 record, Goswami has led the Lions to an outstanding 13 Ivy League titles, including five- straight Conference Championship from 2013-18.

NAMED WILSON/ITA NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR.

The Columbia's 37th- year Head Coach of the Men's Tennis, Bidyut Goswami has been named the 2019 WILSON/ ITA NATIONAL MEN'S TENNIS COACH OF THE YEAR. The Intercollegiate Tennis Association announced on Sunday afternoon the 19th of May, at Orlando, Florida.

Goswami becomes the first in Columbia's history to earn the ITA NATIONAL COACH of the Year honours.

BIDYUT GOSWAMI ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT AS COLUMBIA MEN'S TENNIS COACH.

A legend in the world of college tennis, Columbia Tennis Alumni and Friends Head Coach Bidyut Goswami will retire from his post following the conclusion of the 2019 season after an illustrious 37 - year career, Peter Piling , Campbell Family Director of Intercollegiate Athletics announced.

Upon his retirement, Columbia's Men's Tennis Head Position will be renamed the BIDYUT K. GOSWAMI HEAD COACH OF MEN'S TENNIS as an endowment was established in his name in 2007.

" Bid Goswami is synonymous with Columbia University and Columbia Men's Tennis, " Piling said. " He is a genuine, humble leader who has always been focused on helping his student- athletes achieve more than they ever thought they were capable of accomplishing both on and off the court. To compete consistently on a national level while displaying the highest level of academic success is truly remarkable. We owe him a heartfelt thank you for his lifetime contribution to our tennis programme."

Bidyut will be succeeded by current assistant head coach Howard Endelman ' 87CC. Endelman will take over the reins after nine seasons on the Columbia coaching staff under Goswami. As associate head coach, Endelman has played a huge role in the Lion's recent success. A four- year student athlete for the Lions from 1984- 87 , Endelman was a standout player, helping the team to two Ivy League titles.

" As a member of Bid's first recruiting class, it has been an honour to play for, work and now succeed a true legend, mentor and close friend", said Endelman. " To borrow one of Bid's famous phrases, he has left his ' footprints in the sands of time ' at Columbia by impacting the lives of so many of us in such a meaningful, significant and special way. "

" For more than three decades Bid has been the heart and soul of Men's Tennis team at Columbia University ", former Columbia University Trustee Philip Milstein said. " His outstanding record of accomplishments is remarkable, along with his special qualities as a role model, teacher and leader. In every way, Bid has created a Columbia Tennis community that will live on through the hundreds of young men who played for him and now are part of the family. "

" On behalf of the entire Ivy League, I congratulate Bid on his impending retirement following an illustrious career, " said Executive Director of the Ivy League Robin Harris.

" Throughout his 37- year career, Bid fostered a programme culture that was rooted in Ivy League ideals, featuring achievements on the court and in the classroom while preparing his student-athletes for life long success. I wish him the very best in retirement and thank him for his commitment to Columbia, the Ivy League and Collegiate Athletics. "

In all Goswami has guided Columbia to 13 NCAA Tournament appearances, advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournaments three times and achieved the first top-five national ranking in programme and Ivy League history. Goswami was named the first ever IVY LEAGUE MEN'S TENNIS COACH of the YEAR in 2015.

Additionally, Goswami led the Lions to the Sweet 16 of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association ( ITA) Indoor Tennis Championship four times. Columbia is the only Ivy League school to ever reach the Sweet 16 round in the history of the tournament. His 13 Ivy League titles rank as the second highest total won by a Head Coach in Columbia Athletic history behind fencing coach George Kolombatovich, who won 17 Men's titles and eight women's championship in 33 years from 1977 - 2010.

Bidyut Goswami has also selected many a player from India to join Columbia University due to their proficiency in tennis and academics which include Rohit Reddy, Navroj Udwardia, Salil Seshadri and Rohan Saikia. The only student athlete from Assam to join Columbia University was Rohan Saikia from Jorhat who graduated from the University in 2004, played four years for the team from 2000 to 2004 and was Captain in 2003- 2004.

" It has been my absolute privilege and honour to serve as Columbia University's Men's Tennis Coach these last 37 years ", wrote Bidyut Goswami. " I am confident our programme is in a very healthy and strong position now, so it feels this is the perfect time for me to retire. How apropos then-- and most exciting for me-- that my first recruit, Howard Endelman, will take over the helm for Lions tennis. "

Bidyut Kumar Goswami and his wife, Anne, reside in South Salem, New York. Thier son, Blaise is a graduate of Princeton University and their daughter, Linnae, a 2009 graduate of Columbia College, is a former captain of the Lion's Women's Tennis Team.

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