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LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Two members of the No. 1-ranked Armstrong Atlantic State University men's tennis team picked up national honors from the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) on Tuesday. Sophomore **Georgi Rumenov** was named the ITA Division II National Player to Watch while freshman Sven Lalic was named the ITA Division II Rookie of the Year.

Rumenov was a four-time Peach Belt Player of the Week honoree on the way to being named the Peach Belt Player of the Year. The Barcelona native is currently ranked No. 1 in both singles and doubles in the Campbell/ITA Division II Men's Rankings. He has a record of 20-1 in singles play and 24-1 in doubles action on the season. Rumenov is the second Armstrong player to earn ITA National Player to Watch honors, joining Davor Zink (2006).

Lalic, meanwhile, was named the Peach Belt Freshman of the Year along with being selected to the Peach Belt All-Conference Second Team for both singles and doubles. The Banja Luka, Bosnia, native has an undefeated record in dual singles action, dropping only one set the entire spring. He has also been ranked in the top 30 in both singles and doubles nationally this season. Lalic is the third Armstrong player to earn ITA DII National Rookie of the Year honors, along with Phillip Schertel (1992) and teammate and current senior Eudaldo Bonet (2009).

Both players also earned their respective ITA Southeast Regional honors, along with head coach Simon Earnshaw, who was the Southeast Region Coach of the Year, and teammate Mikk Irdoja, who was the Southeast Region Senior of the Year.

Click [here](#) to view the complete list of ITA DII National Award Winners for 2012.

The top-ranked Pirates open up action at the NCAA Division II Tennis Championships on Wednesday, facing Queens (NY) at 2:00 p.m. at the Top Gun Tennis Academy in Louisville, Ky.



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