

## HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TENNIS

## Columbus Academy mourns death of star Madison

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Columbus Academy boys tennis coach Marc Wurtzman fondly recalls Jack Madison's determination and leadership - in the sport and in everyday life.

The 2021 graduate capped his prep career by competing in the Division II individual and team state tournaments as a senior and continued his playing career at Colorado College, where he was a sophomore.

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sleep Jan. 2.

"He always put a smile on your face," Wurtzman said. "Everybody loved Jack. Players from other teams loved Jack. Jack will never be forgotten. He will be remembered

by all his friends, family and coaches and everybody in the Academy community."

Madison teamed with Arie Tuckerman, his cousin, to finish second in state doubles in 2019 and 2021. Competing in singles, Madison helped lead Academy

to a third-place finish in the team state tournament in his senior season. Madison played the second half of the season with a hernia, which forced him to serve underhand. He underwent surgery after the season.

"He played a season in pain and just battled through it for the team," Wurtzman said.

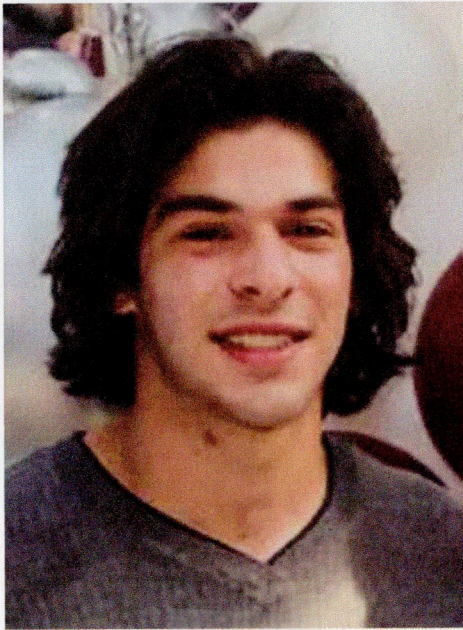
In a news release from Colorado College, tennis coach Anthony Weber said: "Jack was one of the most friendly and respectful student-athletes we have had in our program. We will miss his selflessness and positive influence. Our

thoughts go out to his friends and family as they cope with this tragic news."

Madison's sister, Marissa, is a 2017 graduate of Columbus School for Girls, where she was a two-time state qualifier in tennis. She went on to play at Babson College in Wellesley, Massachusetts, before graduating in 2021.

Contributions in Madison's memory can be made to the Jack Madison Fund for Students in Need, c/o Columbus Academy, 4300 Cherry Bottom Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230. A fund in Madison's name also is being set up to help support underserved youth play tennis.

# Jack Lewin Madison



Jack Lewin Madison, age 20, passed away peacefully in his sleep on January 2, 2023. Preceded in death by his grandfather, Milton Lewin and grandmother, Lois (Harry) Greenblott. He is survived by his parents, Andrew and Carrie Madison; sister, Marissa Madison; grandfather, David (Papa) Madison; grandmother, Elaine (Meme) Lewin; Uncle Adam and Aunt Stephanie Lewin and cousins Lola, Mila and Gage; Aunt Connie and Uncle Craig Tuckerman and cousins, Georgia, Arie and Charlie; Uncle Tim Madison (Aunt Jenny) and children, Jonah, Grace, Natalie, Canaan and Tess; Aunt Patti and Uncle Alan Masarek and cousins, Jared and Jordan (Eric) Keller (and children, Madison and Reese), Uncle Ken and Aunt Lori Greenblott and children, Ian, Mia, Amy and Zoe; Uncle Stanley and Aunt Candy Greenblott and children, Austin and Adam; and many, many other relatives and friends. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, January 5 at Congregation Tifereth Israel, 1354 E. Broad St. Columbus Ohio. To view the service online click here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYyWz98IEBqxO7gNMXqOU8Q> Interment will follow at New Tifereth Israel Cemetery. Shiva will be observed at the home of Carrie and Andrew Madison on Thursday from 5-8 PM, Friday 2-5 PM and Sunday 1-4 PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Jack's memory may be made to The Jack Madison Fund for Students in Need c/o the Columbus Academy, 4300 Cherry Bottom Road, Gahanna, OH 43230. A fund in Jack's name is also being set up to help support underserved youth play tennis, or please donate to the charity of your choice. Jack was born in Bexley, Ohio, and was welcomed into the world with open and loving arms. He went to preschool at the Jewish Community Center and started Columbus Academy in Pre-K, where he was a "lifer". He was passionate about tennis, and had an extremely successful playing career where, with his cousin Arie Tuckerman, played in the State Doubles Finals two years in a row. At Academy, he developed a continued passion for painting; we'll cherish his paintings forever. Jack then attended Colorado College, where in his brief year and a half made dear friends for life. He went on to play tennis in college, but hernia complications kept him off the court, until this upcoming season where he was incredibly excited to play with his team. He told us recently that though he loved Colorado, his heart was in Columbus. He loved being with his family and friends when home. Jack planned to declare as a History Major and Journalism Minor, with the dream of coming back to his Alma Mater and teaching History. He loved to write about music, and was an Editor of the Catalyst, his college newspaper. He interviewed many musicians and renowned groups, and had multiple reviews published. He was excited to go on a family vacation to Siesta Key this week and "be with the family, sit on the balcony, watch the ocean, read and write." He loved playing the guitar and practiced daily. Jack also loved the outdoors and spent many nights by the campfire with his dear friends. This was written by Colorado College in the announcement of his passing. It describes him best. "Jack was fascinated by language and words; sound and music, and was crazy about art. He was a thoughtful writer, with his writing appearing in the Catalyst and through the SoCC Blog which he managed. Jack encouraged our community to reflect and think more deeply – not to mention to listen to new artists. He loved tennis and being part of the tennis team at CC. He engaged fully with campus life in a myriad of ways, embracing CC to the fullest. Jack was observant, super imaginative, creative, and independent minded. His humor, deep thinking, and generous spirit was a gift in his friendships and to all of us." Andy, Carrie, and Marissa, as well as all his family and friends, will forever miss Jack. He touched so many people with his warmth, humor, and love. We are so grateful for the time we had with him and will always carry his memory with honor. The Online guest book can be found at [www.epsteinmemorial.com](http://www.epsteinmemorial.com)

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