



# 2008 SUN DEVIL WOMEN'S TENNIS

Week 9 - March 17-24, 2008

Marquette and Arizona • Tempe, Ariz. • Mar. 18 & 22

## 2008 SEASON RESULTS

**Overall Record: 9-3**  
**Pac-10 Record: 1-0**

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME/W-L
Jan. 19	UC Davis	ASU Whiteman	W; 7-0
Jan. 21	NAU	ASU Whiteman	W; 6-1
Jan. 26	#24 Texas	ASU Whiteman	W; 4-3
Feb. 8	#32 FIU	ASU Whiteman	W; 7-0
Feb. 10	Houston	ASU Whiteman	W; 7-0
Feb. 16	#38 Long Beach St.	ASU Whiteman	W; 6-1
Feb. 22	No. 7 UCLA	ASU Whiteman	W; 4-3
Feb. 23	USC	ASU Whiteman	L; 5-2
Mar. 2	UC Santa Barbara	ASU Whiteman	W; 7-0
Mar. 7	@ Cal	Berkeley, Calif.	L; 5-2
Mar. 8	@ Stanford	Palo Alto, Calif.	L; 6-1
Mar. 14	@ Oregon*	Eugene, Ore.	W; 7-0
<b>Mar. 18</b>	<b>Marquette</b>	<b>ASU Whiteman</b>	<b>1:30pm</b>
<b>Mar. 22</b>	<b>Arizona</b>	<b>ASU Whiteman</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
Mar. 28	Stanford*	ASU Whiteman	1:00pm
Mar. 29	California*	ASU Whiteman	Noon
Apr. 4	@ Washington St*	Pullman, Wash.	Noon
April 5	@ Washington*	Seattle, Wash.	Noon
April 11	@ USC*	Los Angeles, Calif.	1:30pm
April 12	@ UCLA*	Los Angeles, Calif.	Noon
April 21	@ Arizona*	Tucson, Ariz.	1:00pm
Apr. 24-27	Pac-10's	Ojai, Calif.	All Day
May 9-11	NCAA Regionals	TBD	All Day
May 15-18	NCAA Sweet 16	Tulsa, Okla.	All Day
May 21-26	NCAA Finals	Tulsa, Okla.	All Day

## 2008 RECORDS

NAME	DUAL SINGLES	OVERALL SINGLES
L. Abdala	5-5	13-12
N. Abdala (#30)	7-3	18-11
Brown	7-1	11-2
Hein	5-4	14-9
Leitch	8-4	16-11
Martin	0-0	5-9
McKenna (#74)	10-2	24-6
Megale	3-1	9-7
Pilecka	6-1	13-9

NAME	DUAL DOUBLES	OVERALL DOUBLES
Abdala/Abdala (#36)	3-5	6-7
Leitch/Pilecka (#40)	8-2	8-3
Hein/McKenna	9-1	9-2

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## No. 14 Sun Devils to Host Marquette and Part One of the 'Duel in the Desert'

### THIS WEEK

The 14th-ranked Arizona State Women's Tennis Team (9-3) will return home again this week as they set to host the Marquette Golden Eagles and the Arizona Wildcats. The Sun Devils will face Marquette on Tuesday, March 18 at 1:30 p.m. and Arizona on Saturday, March 22, with both matches being held in Tempe at the Whiteman Tennis Center. Both times are Pacific.

Last time out saw the Sun Devils come out red-hot as they made quick work of the Oregon Ducks with a definitive 7-0 sweep to give ASU their ninth win on the season and their first Pac-10 win of the season.

### HOW THE EAGLES SOAR:

Marquette comes into the weekend with a 6-9 overall record, but don't let it fool you. as six of their nine losses are to ranked opponents. Their strength lies in their upperclassmen, which five of the ten roster members of the Golden Eagles are Juniors or Seniors. They are led by Maria Calbeto a senior from Guaynabo, P.R. who currently holds an 11-11 singles record, with a 3-0 record in the No. 1 spot. Freshman Christina Ruiz is also making noise with an 11-10 record with a 3-0 record in the No. 2 spot.

### STALKING THE 'CATS

The Sun Devils' in-state and longtime rival, the Arizona Wildcats also travel up to Tempe this weekend with a 7-8 overall record coming off of two losses against No. 4 Stanford (7-0) and No. 7 California (6-1). They are led by the 62nd ranked Danielle Steinberg, a junior from Tel-Aviv with a 15-7 overall singles record and a 10-5 record in the No. 1 spot.

### UP NEXT

The Sun Devils will remain home next week as they host Pac-10 powerhouses Stanford and California for Pac-10 standings on Friday, March 28 at 1:00 p.m. and Saturday the 29th at noon. All matches will be held in Tempe at the Whiteman Tennis Center.

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## QUICK FACTS

### 2008 Facts

2008 Overall Record: ..... 9-3  
 2008 Pac-10 Record/Standing: ..... 1-0/T-1st  
 2008 ITA Team Ranking: ..... #14

### 2007 Review

2007 Record: ..... 13-10  
 2007 Conference Record/Finish: ..... 3-3/4th  
 2007 Postseason Record: ..... 1-1  
 2007 Postseason Finish: ..... NCAA Second Round  
 2007 Final ITA Ranking: ..... No. 18  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: ..... 5/4

### Coaching

Head Coach: ..... Sheila McInerney, 24th year  
 Career Record: ..... 333-211  
 Record at ASU: ..... Same  
 Assistant Coach: ..... Josh Goffi, 2nd year  
 Volunteer Assistant Coach: ..... Oliver Ford, 13th year

### History

NCAA Appearances: ..... 22  
 Best Finish: ..... Elite Eight (Quarterfinals) - 8 times  
 ..... 86, 88, 92, 93, 95, 97, 00, 01

### School Information

Home Facility: ..... Whiteman Tennis Center (1,000)  
 Founded: ..... 1885  
 Enrollment: ..... 63,278  
 Conference: ..... Pacific-10  
 Nickname: ..... Sun Devils  
 Colors: ..... Maroon and Gold  
 President: ..... Dr. Michael Crow  
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## LEGENDS OF THE FALL

The Sun Devils had a very strong showing during their 2007 fall season, especially with such a young team making their collegiate debuts. They handled well as freshman, Kelcy McKenna was even able to jump into the rankings after going 11-3 through the fall to grab a #93 ranking before even playing in a duel match! After going 6-1 in singles through duel season as well, Kelcy has now jumped to No. 63!

## SISTER ACT

The Abdalas have taken their talent to a new level this year as they have stepped on the court to become a fierce force in doubles. They advanced to the Wilson/ITA Southern California Regional Championships in October on to fall just short to the fifth-ranked UCLA duo of Amanda Fink and Gabriela Niculescu.

## TO BE THE BEST...

As always, the Sun Devils will play one of the toughest schedules in the country, combining a strong non-conference slate with the always powerful Pac-10 Conference schedule.

## WHERE THEY STACK UP

In the ITA's first poll of 2008, the Sun Devils were ranked No. 19 as a team, which after six weeks of solid play they are currently ranked 13th. Last year, the Sun Devils finished ranked No. 18 in the country after posting an 13-10 overall record and advancing to the NCAA tournament. It marks the 37th straight poll that the Devils have been in the top 30.

## 2008 ROSTER

NAME	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.	HOMETOWN (LAST SCHOOL)
Laila Abdala	5-11	So.	1V	San Diego, California (Eastlake HS)
Nadia Abdala	6-1	Fr.	HS	San Diego, California (Eastlake HS)
Ashlee Brown	5-11	Fr.	HS	Darwin, Australia (NTEOC)
Micaela Hein	5-7	Fr.	HS	Mission Viejo, Calif. (San Joaquin HS)
Jessica Leitch	5-9	Sr.	3V	Dallas, Texas (Highland Park HS)
Amanda Martin	5-8	So.	1V	Tempe, Arizona (Xavier)
Kelcy McKenna	5-9	Fr.	HS	North Bend, Ore. (North Bend)
Lauren Megale	5-4	Fr.	HS	Boise, Ida. (Laurel Springs)
Wendy Pilecka	5-8	Sr.	3V	Pribram, Czech Republic (Gymnazium Pribram)

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## 2008 FILA ITA POLL

Rank	Avg	School
1		Northwestern
2		Georgia Tech
3		Florida
4		Stanford*
5		Baylor
6		Georgia
7		Cal*
8		USC*
9		Vanderbilt
10		UCLA*
11		North Carolina
12		Miami
13		Duke
14		<b>Arizona State*</b>
15		TCU
16		Florida State
17		Fresno State
18		Texas
19		Denver
20		Tennessee
21		LSU
22		Arkansas
23		Notre Dame
24		Kentucky
25		Pepperdine
26		Texas A&M
27		William & Mary
28		Indiana
29		Michigan
30		Wake Forest
31		Clemson
32		Long Beach
33		South Carolina
34		Washington State*
35		Ohio State
36		Iowa
37		Washington*
38		VCU
39		Auburn
40		Scramento St.
41		FIU
42		UNLV
43		Boise St.
44		South Florida
45		Saint Mary's

## AT THE HELM

Coach Sheila McInerney enters her 24th season at the helm of the Sun Devil program, the fourth longest tenure of any head coach at ASU, after leading last year's team to its 20th consecutive appearance in the NCAA tournament, a school record. In her 23 seasons, McInerney has led her team to 22 berths in the tournament. Prior to the last three year's tournament rounds, McInerney had led eight straight teams to the Sweet 16. She holds a career record of 346-221 and has posted three 20-win seasons in her career. ASU has finished in the top-10 of the nation an astounding 13 times under McInerney's tutelage.

\*\*Next ITA Rankings Due Out: Mar. 18th