

# 2008 SUN DEVIL WOMEN'S TENNIS

Week 11 - April 1-5, 2008

Washington St. & Washington • Pullman & Seattle, Wash. • Apr. 4 & 5

# 2008 SEASON RESULTS

# Overall Record: 12-4 Pac-10 Record: 2-1

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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
Mar. 18	Marquette	ASU Whiteman	W; 7-0
Mar. 22	Arizona	ASU Whiteman	W; 7-0
Mar. 28	Stanford*	ASU Whiteman	W; 4-3
Mar. 29	California*	ASU Whiteman	L; 5-2
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	8-6	16-13		
N. Abdala (#31)	9-5	19-13		
Brown	9-3	13-5		
Hein	7-5	16-10		
Leitch	9-5	17-12		
Martin	0-0	5-9		
McKenna (#26)	14-2	28-6		
Megale ` ´	4-1	10-7		
Pilecka	7-2	14-10		
Name	DUAL DOUBLES	OVERALL DOUBLES		

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Abdala/Abdala (#28)	5-6	8-8
Leitch/Pilecka (#45)	11-2	11-3
Hein/McKenna	12-1	12-2

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# No. 12 Sun Devils to Hit the Road to Washington to Face No. 41 WSU and No. 49 Washington

#### THIS WEEK

The 12th-ranked Arizona State Women's Tennis Team (12-4) will hit the road this weekend, heading to Washington to take on the Cougars and Huskies of Washington State and Washington.

Last time out saw the Sun Devils come out determined as they finished out their home regular season with their first win over No. 5 Stanford in 24 years with a gritty 4-3 victory. They faced the No. 6 Cal Golden Bears to wrap the weekend, but the Bears were took much as ASU fellI 5-2.

#### STALKING THE COUGARS

The Sun Devils travel up to Pullman this weekend to face the 41st-ranked Washington State Cougars who currently sit on an 11-8 overall record and an 0-3 Pac-10 record. Their big names include the 55th-ranked Ekaterina Burduli, a senior from Tel Aviv with a 23-8 overall singles record and a 12-6 duel record. Last season the Sun Devils shut out the Cougars 7-0 on the Sun Devils home courts.

## THE HOUNDS OF WASHINGTON

No. 49 Washington enters the weekend with a 10-8 record and are coming off tough losses to ranked opponents Michigan, Michigan State and conference foe, Oregon. Making a racket on the Husky line-up is 40th-ranked Venice Chan who comes in with a 19-7 overall record and 13-5 duel record. Also in the rankings is No. 119, Tara Simpson with a 19-8 overall and 13-5 duel record as well. Last season the Sun Devils opened Pac-10 play with a shut out the Huskies 7-0 on the Sun Devils home courts at Whiteman Tennis Center.

#### **UP NEXT**

The Sun Devils will remain on the road next week, and for the remainder of their regular season as they face Pac-10 powerhouses UCLA and USC for Pac-10 standings on Friday, April 11 at 1:30 p.m. and Saturday the 12th at noon. Matches will be held in L.A. and all times are Pacific.

# **QUICK FACTS** 2008 Facts 2008 Overall Record: ......12-4 **2008 ITA Team Ranking: .....#12** 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 Vice President for Athletics: .....Lisa Love Sports Information Department W. Tennis SID: .....Kerry Howe Howe's Email: ..... kerry.howe@asu.edu Howe's Office Phone: ......480-965-1237 Howe's Cell Phone: ......480-254-8345 SID Office Phone:......480-965-6592 SID Office Fax: ......480-965-5408 Web Site: .....www.thesundevils.com Mailing Address: ...... PO Box 872502 .....Tempe, AZ, 85287-2505

## PLAY ON, PLAYER

For the first time this season and in her career, and only the fourth time in program history, Kelcy McKenna was named Pac-10 Women's Tennis Player of the Week for the week of April 1. She was honored with the award after going 4-0 in singles and doubles against ranked opponents of the Cal and Stanford teams and being an integral part to the Sun Devils 4-3 win over the No. 5 Stanford Cardinal.

#### 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.

2008 Roster				
Name	Нт.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (Last School)
Laila Abdala	5-11	So.	<b>1</b> V	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.	<b>1</b> V	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)

# **2008 FILA ITA POLL**

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

## 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.

#### 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: Apr. 7th