



2008 SUN DEVIL WOMEN'S TENNIS

Week 15 - May 4-11, 2008

NCAA Tournament First & Second Rounds • Fresno, Calif. • May 9 & 10

2008 SEASON RESULTS

Overall Record: 14-7
Pac-10 Record: 5-4

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.	W; 5-2
April 5	@ Washington*	Seattle, Wash.	L; 4-3
April 11	@ USC*	Los Angeles, Calif.	L; 5-2
April 12	@ UCLA*	Los Angeles, Calif.	L; 7-0
April 19	@ Arizona*	Tucson, Ariz.	W; 6-1
Apr. 24-27	Pac-10's	Ojai, Calif.	All Day
May 9-11	NCAA Regionals	Fresno, Calif.	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	10-9	18-17
N. Abdala (#23)	11-8	24-17
Brown	11-6	17-8
Hein	9-8	21-14
Leitch	9-5	18-13
Martin	0-0	5-9
McKenna (#26)	17-4	32-9
Megale	4-1	12-9
Pilecka	9-5	20-14

NAME	DUAL DOUBLES	OVERALL DOUBLES
Abdala/Abdala (#30)	6-10	9-13
Leitch/Pilecka (#50)	11-2	13-4
Hein/McKenna	16-2	17-4

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No. 21 Sun Devils Head to NCAA First & Second Rounds in Fresno

THIS WEEK

The 21st-ranked Arizona State Women's Tennis Team (14-7, 5-4 Pac-10) will hit the road again this weekend to open the 2008 NCAA Tournament where they'll head to Fresno, Calif. to take on Sacramento State this Friday. Should the Sun Devils top the Hornets, they'd advance to the Second Round where they'll face the winner of Lamar and 16th-ranked Fresno State on Saturday.

Last time out saw the Sun Devils come out strong in the 2008 Pac-10 Tournament where after Day One they advanced five singles players to the quarterfinals and four singles and a doubles team to the semifinals. While the Sun Devils struggled in semifinals (in two matches through the tournament, Sun Devils faced each other facing elimination) senior Wendy Pilecka was able to battle to the finals of the Invitational Bracket, where she fell in the final day to the fourth-seeded Alex McGoodwin of UCLA.

STACKING UP THE COMPETITION:

No. 53 Sacramento State Hornets:

The Hornets will roll into this weekend's tournament as the 2008 Big Sky Champions and making their seventh NCAA Tournament appearance. They currently hold a 21-6 overall record on the year, with their last outing resulting in a defeat Northern Arizona, 4-0, in last Sunday's Big Sky Tournament championship match. The Hornets have won 10 of their last 12 matches with the only two losses coming at No. 3 Stanford and then-No. 6 Cal. Sacramento State is 2-7 against ranked opposition this year (the ITA ranks the top 75 teams) with every match but one coming on the road.

The marquee name on the roster is the 34th-ranked Katrina Zheltova a sophomore from Minsk, Belarus with a stellar 22-8 singles record.

No. 16 Fresno State Bulldogs:

The Fresno State Bulldogs are coming off winning their seventh-straight WAC Championship as they enter into this weekend's tournament with a 20-7 record overall, good enough for a 16th ranking in the nation and the opportunity to host the First and Second Rounds for the second-straight year. They have advanced to the Sweet 16 three of the past four seasons.

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QUICK FACTS

2008 Facts

2008 Overall Record: 14-7
 2008 Pac-10 Record/Standing: 5-4
 2008 ITA Team Ranking:#21

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: 23...21 consecutive
 Best Finish: Elite Eight (Quarterfinals) - 8 times
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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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The Bulldogs come in to this weekend with a solid 1-6 line-up that will yield no easy wins. Their leader in singles is Melanie Gloria, the defending three-time WAC Player of the Year, who is currently ranked 16th in singles. She pairs up with Tinesta Rowe as well on the doubles circuit as the second-ranked doubles duo in the nation. They have another force in doubles as well as Renata Kucerkova and Anastasia Petukhova are ranked No. 33 making for double trouble.

Lamar Lady Cards:

Lamar will make its first trip in programs' 32-year history to the NCAA tournament after putting together a season record of 22-2. The Lady Cards winning percentage of 91.6 percent is the best in school history.

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.

NOT BAD...FOR A FROSH

Freshman Kelcy McKenna has quickly made a name for herself in the college circuit as she's taken residence in the No. 2 spot for ASU and since has compiled a 31-8 overall record. Already in the rankings before duel season began, Kelcy has only bettered her stats week after week, even grabbing a Pac-10 POW award April 1. Currently Kelcy is on fire as she is 17-4 in duel play and had a winning streak of 15 consecutive singles and doubles match wins already this season.

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

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)

2008 FILA ITA POLL

Rank	Avg	School
1	80	Northwestern
2	70.73	Georgia
3	70	Georgia Tech
4	69.9	Stanford*
5	69.78	Baylor
6	67.45	Florida
7	67.23	UCLA*
8	62.93	Cal*
9	61	Duke
10	54.47	USC*
11	52.21	Vanderbilt
12	50.69	Miami
13	48.4	Clemson
14	43.43	UNC
15	43.42	Florida State
16	42.22	Fresno State
17	41.5	Arkansas
18	40.21	Pepperdine
T19	40	Pepperdine
T19	40	Texas
21	39.44	Arizona State*
22	38.41	Notre Dame
23	36.26	Kentucky
24	35.22	William & Mary
25	34.63	Tennessee
26	33.93	TCU
27	30.71	LSU
28	29.22	Denver
29	28.31	Auburn
30	25.88	Indiana
31	24.52	Texas A&M
32	24.19	South Carolina
33	21.42	VCU
34	20.46	North Carolina State
35	20.23	Ohio State
36	18.87	Illinois
37	18.41	UNLV
38	18.15	Washington*
39	16.99	Louisville
40	16	Tulsa
41	15.93	Long Beach St.
42	15.82	Washington State*
43	15.69	South Florida
44	15.56	Boise St.
45	15.44	FIU

ASU has been ranked in the top 30 in 51 consecutive ITA polls.

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. 26!

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.

WHERE THEY STACK UP

In the ITA's first poll of 2008, the Sun Devils were ranked No. 19 as a team, which after 15 weeks of solid play they are currently ranked 21st. 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 51st 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 which she's added on this year with their 21st consecutive appearance. In her 24 seasons, McInerney has led her team to 32 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 360-228 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.



2008 NCAA Division I Women's TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Event: Team Championship

