

2008 SUN DEVIL WOMEN'S TENNIS

Week 7 - March 3-10, 2008

No. 8 Cal & No. 6 Stanford • Berkeley & Palo Alto, Calif. • Mar. 7 & 8

2008 SEASON RESULTS

Overall Record: 8-1 Pac-10 Record: 0-0

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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.	1:30pm
Mar. 8	@ Stanford	Palo Alto, Calif.	Noon
Mar. 14	@ Oregon*	Eugene, Ore.	1:30pm
Mar. 18	Marquette	ASU Whiteman	1:30pm
Mar. 22	Arizona	ASU Whiteman	1:00pm
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	4-3	12-10
N. Abdala (#30)	6-1	17-9
Brown	7-0	11-1
Hein	4-3	13-8
Leitch	6-3	14-10
Martin	0-0	5-9
McKenna (#74)	8-1	22-5
Megale	3-1	9-7
Pilecka	4-0	11-8

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No. 13 Sun Devils to Travel to the Bay Area to Face No. 8 Cal and No. 6 Stanford

THIS WEEK

The 13th-ranked Arizona State Women's Tennis Team will hit the road for the first time this season as they travel to the Bay Area to face Pac-10 foes, the 8th-ranked Cal Bears and the 6th-ranked Stanford Cardinal. The Sun Devils will face Cal on Friday, March 7 in Berkeley at 1:30 p.m. and Stanford on Saturday, March 8 in Palo Alto at noon. Both times are Pacific.

Last time out saw the Sun Devils come out swinging as they made quick work of the visiting UC Santa Barbara Gauchos with a definitive 7-0 sweep to give ASU their eighth win on the season.

BEAR TRACKS:

The eighth-ranked Cal returns a vicious line-up in the 2008 season after going to the 2007 semifinals, which includes a full match of six ranked singles players; #15 Susie Babos, #32 Christina Visico, #47 Marina Coussou, #64 Claire Ilcinkas, #84 Bojana Bobusic and #106 Stephanie Kusano. In doubles, the Bears currently have two teams currently in the rankings (#42 Babos/ Kusano and #46 Ilcinkas/Coussou), both of which are lower than the two ASU ranked doubles teams.

Last year the Bears bested the Sun Devils, topping them three times, twice in the regular season, 4-3 and 7-0 before beating them again in the NCAA Second Round in Berkeley 4-2.

CALLING THE CARDINAL:

The sixth-ranked Stanford Cardinal is only two years from their last NCAA title in 2006, where they advanced to the semifinals before falling to No. 12 UCLA 4-2 for only their second loss on the season. They return seven of the 10 roster members and look strong enough to take it all under a head coach who in eight years has won five national championships and recorded only eight losses in 207 matches.

Last year ASU fell twice to Stanford, 4-3 and 5-2.

UP NEXT

The Sun Devils will remain on the road to take on yet another Pac-10 foe, Oregon next weekend, March 14 in Eugene, Ore.

QUICK FACTS 2008 Facts 2008 Overall Record: 8-1 **2008 Pac-10 Record/Standing:** 0-0/T-1st **2008 ITA Team Ranking:**#13 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 times86, 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 A7 85287-2505

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 Nicules-

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	Нт.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (Last School)	
Laila Abdala	5-11	So.	1 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.	1 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

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Rank	Avg	School
1		Northwestern
2		Georgia Tech
3		Georgia
4		Baylor
5		Florida
6		Stanford*
7		USC*
8		Cal*
9		UCLA*
10		Duke
11		Miami
12		Florida State
T13		Arizona State*
T13		North Carolina
15		Kentucky
16		Texas
17		Tennessee
18		Fresno State
19		Notre Dame
20		Vanderbuilt
21		LSU
22		TCU
23		Michigan
24		Denver
25		Texas A&M
26		William & Mary
27		Pepperdine
28		VCU
29		South Carolina
30		Arkansas
31		Ohio State
32		Sacramento St.
33		Indiana
34		Washington*
35		St. Mary's
36		Washington State*
37		Wake Forest
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39		UNLV
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40		Long Beach State
41		Auburn
42		Clemson
43		Virginia Tech
44		FIU
45		Minnesota

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. 9th