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Lobos Host Intrastate Match With NMSU

HIT THE COURTS: The 69th-ranked New Mexico men's tennis team continues its spring slate this week, as it hosts New Mexico State University, Saturday March 8. Match time is set for 3 p.m. at the Lobo Tennis Club and admission is free. After Saturday, the Lobos have only one home match remaining. The Lobos are 6-4 this spring season following a 6-1 win over Santa Clara University and a 6-1 loss to Region VII foe Boise State University. Results from the New Mexico State match will be available at GoLobos.com.

SCOUTING THE AGGIES: The Aggies are 7-4 this season after having defeated Montana State University last week in their last home match. New Mexico State is 6-0 at home this year, but 1-4 on the road. "It's always a good match with them," UNM head coach Alan Dils said. "We beat them there last year, 4-3, but we won't be taking them lightly. As a player, if you can't get up for this one, then something's wrong."

LOBOS TO WATCH: With 25 wins so far this year, UNM senior Bart Scott is eight wins away from becoming the third-winningest Lobo singles player in school history. In his career, Scott is 86-44 overall (.662 pct.) and the Lobos have 7 dual matches remaining, not including the Mountain West Conference tournament. Pepe Caballero holds the record with 96 wins with Takeshi Itoh just one win behind at 95.

Junior Divan Coetzee is ranked 114th in the latest ITA/Omni Hotels poll of March 5, while the doubles tandem of Brent Salazar and Ryan Stotland checks in at No. 51 for the Lobos.

NOTABLE FROM LAST WEEK:

- The Lobos have not lost two-straight matches this spring and have put together a pair of two-match winning streaks
- Three of New Mexico's four losses have been to teams ranked 58th or higher
- Four of the Lobos' wins (including a Valentine's Day massacre of Illinois State) have been 7-0 shut-outs
- With two wins last weekend, junior Divan Coetzee improved to 9-2 this fall in singles action. He has also won four straight matches and is 5-0 when playing at No. 1.
- The doubles tandem of Divan Coetzee and David Kowalski are now a perfect 5-0 this season with two wins last weekend.

LIMPING LOBOS: Two of New Mexico's star players are currently dealing with painful injuries. Senior Bart Scott hurt his knee during the Lobos' trip to Boise, Idaho and consequently did not play in the matches against Boise State and Santa Clara.

UNM sophomore Ryan Stotland is nursing a stress fracture incurred during the Lobos' road trip to Washington and Oregon earlier this season.

According to head coach Alan Dils, Scott should be ready for competition this weekend while Stotland still has a ways to go with his injury.

(BOISE STATE 6, #64 NEW MEXICO 1): The 64th-ranked UNM men's tennis team, looking two sweep its two-match road trip in Boise, Idaho, instead was beaten 6-1 by Region VII foe Boise State University Sunday afternoon.

This Weeks Match:

*New Mexico State
 3 p.m., March 8
 Lobo Tennis Club*

Next Match:

*No. 55 Brown University
 2 p.m., March 24
 Lobo Tennis Club*

UNM's Divan Coetzee, playing at No. 1, defeated BSU's Marcus Bernston, 6-2, 6-2, for New Mexico's lone point. David Kowalski battled hard at No. 2 but dropped a 6-2, 6-2 match to No. 68 Guillaume Bouvier.

The Lobos fell to 6-4 overall this season.

No. 64 New Mexico/Boise State University dual match results:

SINGLES:

1. **Divan Coetzee (UNM)** def. Marcus Bernston (BSU) 6-2 6-2
2. Guillaume Bouvier (BSU) def. **David Kowalski (UNM)** 6-2 6-2
3. Thomas Schoeck (BSU) def. **Brent Salazar (UNM)** 6-2 3-6 6-3
4. Mahmoud Rezk (BSU) def. **Jasmin Hodzic (UNM)** 6-3 6-1
5. Matias Silva (BSU) def. **Henry Gers (UNM)** 7-5 6-3
6. Nils Klemann (BSU) def. **Nick Ames (UNM)** 6-4 6-2

DOUBLES:

1. Bernston/Bouvier, BSU, def. **Salazar/Gers, UNM**, 8-5
2. Rezk/Schoeck, BSU, def. **Kowalski/Hodzic, UNM**, 9-8
3. Silva/Vaughan, BSU, def. **Coetzee/Ames, UNM**, 8-5

(#64 NEW MEXICO 6, SANTA CLARA 1): A pre-match car accident sidelined UNM senior Bart Scott with a knee injury, but it didn't derail his teammates' resolve as the 64th-ranked Lobos downed Santa Clara University 6-1 in Boise.

UNM head coach Alan Dils said the team's vehicle was ran into on the way to the match. All but Scott, the nation's 60th-ranked player, emerged without injury and Dils said Scott's status for tomorrow's match with Boise State University is uncertain.

But that did not keep New Mexico from having a stellar day on the court. The Lobos captured all singles matches, and dropped only the doubles point to move to 6-3 on the season.

Henry Gers and Brent Salazar lost 8-6 at the No. 1 doubles spot to SCU's Francisco Zepponi and Eric Chen and Divan Coetzee and Nick Ames dropped their No. 3 match to Frederico Mattioli and Taylor Bedillion, giving the Broncos the doubles point. But the Lobos rallied on the singles side, capturing all six points to take the easy victory.

The Lobos are back in action tomorrow with a match against Boise State. Match time is set for 1 p.m. and results can be found at GoLobos.com.

No. 64 New Mexico/Santa Clara dual match results:

DOUBLES

1. Francisco Zepponi/Eric Chen (SCU) d. **Henry Gers/David Salazar (UNM)** 8-6
2. **David Kowalski/Jasmin Hodzic (UNM)** d. Mike Bruggeman/Rick Ruso (SCU) 8-3
3. Frederico Mattioli/Taylor Bedillion (SCU) d. **Divan Coetzee/**

2003 MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE DUAL MATCH STANDINGS

CONFERENCE

TEAM (RANK)	W	L	PCT.
Air Force	0	0	.000
#BYU (66)	0	0	.000
New Mexico (69)	0	0	.000
#San Diego St. (30)	0	0	.000
Utah	0	0	.000
UNLV	0	0	.000

#indicates 2002 MWC regular-season

co-champions

OVERALL

TEAM(RANK)	W	L	PCT.
Air Force	11	1	.917
New Mexico (69)	6	4	.600
BYU(66)	5	4	.556
San Diego State(30)	4	6	.400
Utah	4	6	.400
UNLV	1	3	.250

NEW MEXICO VS. THE MWC

SCHOOL	WON	LOST	TIED	PCT.
Air Force	20	2	0	.910
SDSU	18	14	0	.563
UNLV	3	2	0	.600
BYU	18	21	1	.462
Utah	19	21	0	.475
Overall	78	59	1	.570

2003 Mountain West Conference Tennis Championships

Host: BYU
Provo, Utah
April 24-26, 2003

Mountain West Conference Men's Tennis information is available on the MWC's official

Nick Ames (UNM) 9-7

SINGLES

1. **No. 67 Coetzee (UNM)** d. Chen (SCU), 7-6, 6-4
2. **Kowalski (UNM)** d. Zepponi (SCU), 6-4, 6-1
3. **Salazar (UNM)** d. MAttiolo (SCU), 4-6, 7-6; 1-0 (10-6)
4. **Hodzic (UNM)** d. Bedillion (SCU), 6-4, 1-6; 7-5
5. **Gers (UNM)** d. Ruso (SCU), 7-6, 6-1
6. **Ames (UNM)** d. Bruggeman (SCU), 6-2, 6-2

(#58 TEXAS TECH 4, #61 NEW MEXICO 3): The UNM men's tennis team has had its way with Texas Tech University in recent years, winning three of the two teams' last four meetings. On Sunday, the Red Raiders narrowly defeated New Mexico, 4-3, to halt the Lobos' recent dominance.

With all doubles matches and five of six singles matches completed, the teams had battled to a 3-all tie. It came down to UNM freshman Henry Gers' battle with Tech's John Walker and Walker came out on top, 6-7, 7-6; 6-4 to help the Red Raiders pull out a rare win at the Lobo Tennis Club.

Earlier, Tech won two of three doubles matches to earn the doubles point, putting pressure on New Mexico to come through on the singles side. Divan Coetzee, playing at No. 1, David Kowalski (No. 3) and Brent Salazar (No. 4) all pulled out wins for the home team.

The 63rd-ranked Lobos moved to 5-3 overall, while the No. 58 Red Raiders improved to 4-1.

No. 63 New Mexico/No. 58 Texas Tech dual match results:

SINGLES

1. **No. 67 Divan Coetzee (UNM)** d. Diederick de Groot (TTU) 6-3, 6-2
2. Alfonso Perez (TTU) d. **No. 60 Bart Scott (UNM)** 6-4, 4-6, 7-5
3. **David Kowalski (UNM)** d. Esat Tanik (TTU) 4-6, 7-5; 6-1
4. **David Salazar (UNM)** d. Michael Innerebner (TTU) 7-5, 3-6; 6-3
5. Devin Wakeford (TTU) d. **Jasmin Hodzic (UNM)** 6-2, 6-3
6. John Walker (TTU) d. **Henry Gers (UNM)** 6-7, 7-6; 6-4

DOUBLES

1. deGroot/Wakeford (TTU) d. **Gers/Salazar (UNM)** 8-3
2. Tanik/Perez (TTU) d. **Hodzic/Scott (UNM)** 8-4
3. **Kowalski/Coetzee (UNM)** d. Jonathan John/Innerebner (TTU) 9-7

(#63 NEW MEXICO 7, ILLINOIS STATE 0): At the Lobo Tennis Club, No. 63 New Mexico stayed perfect at home, sweeping visiting Illinois State University, 7-0, for their fourth shutout of the season.

ISU's Djordje Uskokovic and Ben Pettinari defeated the Lobo tandem of Brent Salazar and Henry Gers, 9-8 at the No. 1 position, but it was all Lobos from there, as the home squad dominated all singles matches and earned the doubles point.

New Mexico moved to 3-0 at home, 5-2 overall, and will face No. 58 Texas Tech University Sunday at 1 p.m. Results will be available at GoLobos.com.

No. 63 New Mexico/Illinois State dual match results:

SINGLES

1. **No. 60 Bart Scott (UNM)** d. Djordje Uskokovic (ISU), 6-4, 7-6
2. **No. 67 Divan Coetzee (UNM)** d. Jason Smit (ISU), 6-1, 6-1
3. **David Kowalski (UNM)** d. Marek Blaskovic (ISU), 6-3, 7-5
4. **Brent Salazar (UNM)** d. Ben Pettinari (ISU), 6-1, 6-2
5. **Jasmin Hodzic (UNM)** d. Ben Rappucietti (ISU), 6-7, 6-4; 6-3
6. **Henry Gers (UNM)** d. Ciaren Foley (ISU), 6-1, 6-2

DOUBLES

1. Uskokovic/Pettinari (ISU) d. **Gers/Salazar (UNM)**, 9-8
2. **Scott/Hodzic (UNM)** d. Smit/Andy Martin (ISU), 8-4
3. **Coetzee/Kowalski (UNM)** d. Blaskovic/Foley (ISU), 8-4

(#51 TULSA 5, #61 NEW MEXICO 2): The Lobos had to settle for a split on their Oklahoma road trip, as they dropped a 5-2 match to the 51st-ranked Tulsa men's tennis team.

The Lobos won the doubles point, as Bart Scott and Jasmin Hodzic teamed at No. 2 for a win, while Divan Coetzee and David Kowalski won at the No. 3 spot.

But the Lobos were less succesful on the singles side, dropping five of six matches.

Hodzic defeated Aleksander Charpantidis at the number five spot, but that was the only win New Mexico (4-2) could muster. Bart Scott, ranked at No. 60 dropped a tight 6-3, 6-4 match to 43rd-ranked Alejandro Tejerina, in what was the closest singles match of the day.

No. 61 New Mexico/No. 51 Tulsa dual match results:

SINGLES

1. #43 Alejandro Tejerina (TU) def. **#60 Bart Scott (UNM)**, 6-3, 6-4
2. Dustin Taylor (TU) def. **#67 Divan Coetzee (UNM)**, 6-1, 6-4
3. Ryan Livesay (TU) def. **David Kowalski (UNM)**, 6-2, 6-3
4. Shunsuke Shimizu (TU) def. **Brent Salazar (UNM)**, 6-1, 6-2
5. **Jasmin Hodzic (UNM)** def. Aleksander Charpantidis (TU), 6-0, 6-3
6. Olof Sjolund (TU) def. **Nick Ames (UNM)**, 6-1, 6-3

Doubles

- 1, #19 Taylor/Livesay (TU) def. **Henry Gers/Salazar (UNM)**, 8-2
2. **Scott/Hodzic (UNM)** def. Sjolund/Shimizu (TU), 8-6
3. **Kowalski/Coetzee (UNM)** def. Tejerina/Charpantidis (TU), 8-2

(#61 NEW MEXICO 7, OKLAHOMA 0): The 61st-ranked UNM men's team stormed the state of Oklahoma Friday, February 7, trouncing the Oklahoma University Friday, 7-0.

The Lobos dominated the Sooners, taking all singles points and winning two of three doubles matches to earn a clean sweep.

With the win the Lobos moved to are now 4-2 overall this spring and three of their victories have come by a 7-0 margin.

New Mexico/Oklahoma dual match results:

SINGLES

1. **No. 67 Divan Coetzee (UNM)** d. Alexi Ivanov (OU), 6-3, 6-2
2. **No. 60 Bart Scott (UNM)** d. Chris Mitchell (OU), 6-1, 6-3
3. **David Kowalski (UNM)** d. Matt Ogle (OU), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2
4. **Brent Salazar (UNM)** d. Tommy Garrison (OU), 6-3, 7-6
5. **Jasmin Hodzic (UNM)** d. Alex Nomicos (OU) 5-7, 6-3; 1 (10-8)
6. **Nick Ames (UNM)** d. Sylvia Tanasoiu (OU), 6-3, 6-2

DOUBLES

1. Mitchell/Garrison (OU) d. **Henry Gers/Salazar (UNM)**, 8-6
2. **Scott/Hodzic (UNM)** d. Ogle/Brad Prigmore (OU), 8-3
3. **Coetzee/Kowalski (UNM)** d. Ivanov/Long (OU), 8-1

(#59 NEW MEXICO 5, #73 OREGON 2): The Lobos rebounded nicely from their loss at Washington to record their third victory of the year over Oregon.

The Lobos won four of six singles matches, then earned the doubles point to get past Oregon on its

home court.

New Mexico/Oregon Dual Match Results

SINGLES

1. **No. 60 (UNM) Bart Scott** d. (OU) Oded Teig, 6-1, 6-4
2. **No. 67 (UNM) Divan Coetzee** d. (OU) Sven Swinnen, 6-4, 6-4
3. (OU) Thomas Bieri d. **(UNM) Ryan Stotland**, 7-5, 2-6; 6-1
4. **(UNM) David Kowalski** d. (OU) Jason Menke 3-6, 6-1; 6-0
5. (OU) Arron Spencer d. **(UNM) Brent Salazar**, 6-2, 4-6; 6-2
6. **(UNM) Jasmin Hodzic** d. (OU) Chris King 6-4, 6-4

DOUBLES

1. Swinnen/Teig (OU) d. (UNM) **No. 59 Salazar/Stotland** 8-4
2. **Hodzic/Scott (UNM)** d. Menke/Spencer (OU) 9-7
3. **Coetzee/Kowalski (UNM)** d. Bieri/King (OU) 8-6

(#20 WASHINGTON 7, #59 NEW MEXICO 0): The 20th-ranked Washington men's tennis team (1-0) won all three doubles matches and all six singles matches to defeat No. 59 New Mexico (2-1) 7-0, Friday.

Alex Vlaski, playing in the No. 1 position against UNM's Bart Scott, won in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3. In the No. 2 position Husky Matt Hanlin downed Divan Coetzee 6-4, 6-3. Also winning in straight sets, Christoph Palmanshofer defeated Ryan Stotland 6-3, 6-2 in the No. 3 position.

In the No. 4 position UW's Dillon Ruby defeated David Kowalski 6-4, 6-2, Peter Scharler defeated Brent Salazar 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 in the No. 5 position and Nick Weiss downed Jasmin Hodzic 6-3, 1-6, 7-5 in the No. 6 position.

In doubles play, the Huskies duo of Vlaski & Strasberg posted a victory in the No. 1 position over Stotland & Salazar 8-5. In the No. 2 position UW's Hanlin & Ruby defeated Scott & Coetzee 8-3, and UW's Palmanshofer & Scharler downed Kowalski & Hodzic 8-4 in the No. 3 position.

New Mexico/Washington dual match results:

SINGLES

1. (5) Alex Vlaski (UW) def. **(60) Bart Scott (New Mexico)**, 6-3, 6-3
2. (11) Matt Hanlin (UW) def. **(67) Divan Coetzee (New Mexico)** 6-4, 6-3
3. Christoph Palmanshofer (UW) def. **Ryan Stotland (New Mexico)** 6-3, 6-2
4. Dillon Ruby (UW) def. **Kowalski (New Mexico)** 6-4, 6-2
5. Peter Scharler (UW) def. **Brent Salazar (New Mexico)** 6-2, 2-6, 6-2
6. Nick Weiss (UW) def. **Jamin Hodzic (New Mexico)** 6-3, 1-6, 7-5

DOUBLES

1. (18) Alex Vlaski & Ari Strasberg (UW) def. (59) **Ryan Stotland & Brent Salazar (New Mexico)** 8-5
2. Matt Hanlin & Dillon Ruby (UW) def. **Bart Scott & Divan Coetzee (New Mexico)** 8-3
3. C. Palmanshofer & Peter Scharler (UW) def. **David Kowalski & Jasmin Hodzic (New Mexico)** 8-4

(#59 NEW MEXICO 7, NORTHERN ARIZONA 0): The 59th-ranked UNM men's tennis team turned in its second commanding performance in as many days Sunday, January 19, blanking Northern Arizona 7-0 in the final day of the First State Bank/Comcast Invitational at the Lobo Tennis Club. The Lobos won every doubles and singles match despite close calls at No. 1 and No. 3 singles.

At the No. 1 position, junior Divan Coetzee, the 67th-ranked player in the nation, easily won the first set 6-1. But NAU's Thibault Schram settled himself down to take the second set 6-4. In the final set, Coetzee mixed finesse and power to finally put Schram away, 6-4.

At No. 3, sophomore David Kowalski dropped the first set 4-6 to Fredrik Jeppsson. But he rebounded to take the second set 6-3 and the third, 6-2.

Jasmin Hodzic, playing again at No. 6, surrendered only eight points in handily defeating Ronson Taylor, 6-0, 6-0. 60th-ranked senior Bart Scott beat Jeremy Coll 6-3, 6-0 at No. 2, Ryan Stotland took out Jonas Jegers, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3 and Brent Salazar needed a tiebreaker in the first set (7-6 [9-7]) before taking the second set 6-4 to defeat Daniel Lundstrom.

In doubles play, New Zealand native Henry Gers saw his first action as a Lobo, teaming with Kowalski to down Coll and Taylor 8-3. Coetzee and Scott beat Daniel Lundstrom and Schram at the No. 1 position, 8-5 and Salazar and Stotland continued on their roll in beating Jeppsson and Jegers, 8-4.

The Lobos have never lost to Northern Arizona in dual match play and own a 15-0 record against the Lumberjacks.

New Mexico/Northern Arizona dual match results

SINGLES:

1. **No. 67 (UNM) Divan Coetzee** d. Thibault Schram (NAU), 6-1, 4-6; 6-4
2. **No. 60 (UNM) Bart Scott** d. Jeremy Coll (NAU) 6-3, 6-0
3. **(UNM) David Kowalski** d. Fredrik Jeppsson (NAU) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2
4. **(UNM) Ryan Stotland** d. Jonas Jegers (NAU) 7-6 (7-3), 6-3
5. **(UNM) Brent Salazar** d. Daniel Lundstrom (NAU) 7-6 (9-7), 6-4
6. **(UNM) Jasmin Hodzic** d. Ronson Taylor (NAU) 6-0, 6-0

DOUBLES:

1. **(UNM) Coetzee/Scott** d. Lundstrom/Schram (NAU) 8-5
2. **No. 59 (UNM) Stotland/Salazar** d. Jeppsson/Jegers (NAU) 8-4
3. **(UNM) Kowalski/Henry Gers** d. Coll/Taylor (NAU) 8-3

(#59 NEW MEXICO 7, SAN FRANCISCO 0): In doubles action, the Lobos won two of three matches to earn the doubles point.

At the number one spot, the Lobo duo of senior Brent Salazar and sophomore Ryan Stotland proved too strong for the Dons' Joachim Lien and Mason Fuller.

Salazar and Stotland used a combination of bullet serves and rifle returns to retire Lien and Fuller, 8-5. Bart Scott and Divan Coetzee, playing at No. 2, made quick work of Jon Lippert and Axel Elvik, 8-2, while David Kowalski and Jasmin Hodzic were the only Lobo duo to come up short, though they weren't lacking in effort.

Kowalski and Hodzic held a commanding 6-3 lead before Lippert and Elvik earned three straight points to tie the score at 6-6. The two teams traded two games apiece to make the score 8-8, but the Dons prevailed in the tiebreaker, 7-4, to earn the 9-8 match victory.

The highlight of the singles action came at the No. 1 position, where Scott battled Lien for over two grueling hours before getting the 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (7-2) victory.

In the first set, Scott jumped out 2-0 before a persistent Lien battled back to go up 3-2. Scott seemed to have Lien on the ropes, leading 6-5, but Lien won the next game to force the tiebreaker. Scott won the tiebreaker to win the set and the see-saw battle continued in the second set.

Once again, Scott and Lien battled to a 6-6 tie. The two were tied 1-1 in the tiebreaker, but Lien double faulted to give Scott a lead he would not relinquish.

Meanwhile, Stotland also needed two tiebreakers to finally do away with Jorgen Arnesen at No. 2, 7-6 (7-5) and 7-6 (8-6). Sophomore David Kowalski easily beat Christian Dyvik, 6-0, 6-0 and Coetzee, Salazar and Hodzic each won in two sets to give the Lobos a clean sweep of the singles points.

New Mexico/San Francisco Dual Match Results:

DOUBLES

1. **No. 59 (UNM) Brent Salazar/Ryan Stotland** d. (USF) Joachim Lien/Mason Fuller, 8-5
2. **(UNM) Bart Scott/Divan Coetzee** d. (USF) Jon Lippert/Axel Elvik, 8-2

3.(USF) Pablo Pires de Almeida/Jorgen Arnesen d. (UNM) Jasmin Hodzic/David Kowalski, 9-8 (7-4)

SINGLES

- 1.No. 60 Scott d. Lien, 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (7-2)
- 2.No. 67Coetzee d. Pires de Almeida 6-2, 6-3
- 3.Stotland d. Arneson, 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (8-6)
- 4.Kowalski d. Dyvik, 6-0, 6-0
- 5.Salazar d. Fuller, 6-3, 7-6 (9-7)
- 6.Hodzic d. Elvik, 6-4, 6-4

UNM TENNIS HISTORY: This season marks the 74th in the history of the UNM men's tennis team. In the team's first season in 1908, the Lobos defeated New Mexico Mines in their one and only match of the year. Overall, the Lobos are 732-426-6.

LOBO LEADERS: Head coach **Alan Dils** begins his 7th season at the helm of Lobo men's tennis. He guided the Lobos to a 17-9 record last year and to a third place finish in the Mountain West Conference. Dils is 91-64 overall as head coach of the Lobos. He was named 2000 Mountain West Conference Coach of the Year after leading UNM to its first conference championship since 1995. Under Dils' tutelage, five Lobos have earned All-America status and four players have captured Rolex Regional Championships.

Prior to taking over as head coach, Dils was an assistant at UNM from 1990-96. During that stint, the Lobos compiled a 119-67 record. Dils has been associated with UNM for 17 years. He was a four-year letterman on the tennis team from 1984-1989 and he graduated from UNM in 1989.

Loren Dils is in his 7th year as assistant head coach for the Lobos. Dils earned his first coaching award in 2000, as he was recognized as Assistant Coach of the Year in Region VII.

Dils has helped coach four All-Americans during his tenure and has been associated with six conference championships. He has been involved with the Lobo program for 11 years.

PRESEASON RANKINGS: The New Mexico Lobos had a strong showing in the preseason ITA Tennis/Omni Hotels Collegiate Tennis rankings released January 13.

The team was ranked at number 59, the second highest ranking given to a Mountain West team. San Diego State was the highest ranked MWC team at No. 31, and BYU and UNLV followed New Mexico at No. 64 and No. 68, respectively.

Senior Bart Scott (pictured above, right) was ranked 60th, the second highest ranking given to a Mountain West singles player, while teammate Divan Coetzee followed at 67th. The Lobos had one doubles team in the rankings, the tandem of senior Brent Salazar and sophomore Ryan Stotland. The duo checked in at No. 59.

In the ITA Tennis Region VII rankings of December 10, the Lobos placed three singles players and two doubles teams in the top ten, including a number two ranking for Scott.

San Diego State's Oliver Maiberger is listed as the top player in the region, followed by Scott, and UNM's Divan Coetzee at number three. Sophomore sensation Ryan Stotland comes in ranked 10th after a number of high profile wins over the fall season. David Kowalski is ranked 17th in the singles poll.

In doubles rankings, the team of Brent Salazar and Stotland come in at number 4, while the Coetzee/Scott pairing earned a number 6 ranking. Close behind is the very young team of freshman Nick Ames and sophomore David Kowalski, which earned a number 11 ranking.

SCOTT STORMS NATIONALS: UNM senior Bart Scott participated in the Omni Hotels National Indoor Intercollegiate Championships in Dallas, Texas, November 8-10, an elite field of 32 of the best college tennis players in the nation.

Scott earned the right to participate based on his stellar performance at the Region VII Regional Championships October 23-27 in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he finished second to eventual champion Oliver Maiberger of San Diego State, the 8th-ranked player in the nation.

In Dallas, Scott drew a tough opponent right off the bat in Baylor's Benjamin Becker, the 5th ranked player in the nation. The two battled for three sets, with Becker ending up with a 4-6, 6-3; 6-4 defeat of Scott.

Not to be discouraged, Scott roared back in the consolation round with a defeat of Arkansas' Aleksey

Bubis, 6-4, 6-2.

With the win, the un-ranked Scott drew yet another top-10 player in Vanderbilt's Bobby Reynolds, who came into the tournament ranked 9th nationally. Once again, Scott battled hard, but dropped a 6-2, 6-4 match to Reynolds.

REGIONAL TEAM INDOORS: Since the Lobos performed so well as a team at the Region VII Regional Championships, the team competed in a Regional Team Indoor Event in Las Vegas to decide the team that would compete in a National Team Indoor Championship in February. Unfortunately, the Lobos dropped a very close and hard-fought match to Boise State, 4-3. The two teams split the six singles points, with Bart Scott, Divan Coetzee (pictured left) and Ryan Stotland each earning wins for the Lobos. But the Broncos took two of three matches in doubles play to earn the fourth and decisive point.

The tournament also featured Utah, BYU and San Diego State, with San Diego State coming out on top.

Regional Team Indoor Singles Results

1. Bart Scott (UNM) d. Marcus Bernston 6-2, 6-3
2. Divan Coetzee (UNM) d. Guillaume Bouvier 4-6, 6-4, 6-2
3. Thomas Schoeck (BSU) d. David Kowalski 6-2, 7-5
4. Ryan Stotland (UNM) d. Matias Silva 7-6, 6-4
5. Mahmoud Rezk (BSU) d. Brent Salazar 6-7, 6-2, 6-4
6. Beck Roghaar (BSU) d. Jasmin Hodzic 4-6, 7-5, 6-4

Regional Team Indoor Doubles Results

1. Bernston/Bouvier (BSU) d. Salazar/Stotland 8-3
2. Scott/Coetzee (UNM) d. Rezk/Roghaar 9-7
3. Schoek/Silva (BSU) d. Kowalski/Hodzic 8-5

The Lobos went on to face Brigham Young University and had better results against the Cougars, winning 4-2.

Stotland and Salazar each picked up singles wins and teamed for a doubles point, while the teams of Coetzee and Scott and Kowalski and Hodzic each picked up wins for the Lobos.

RIPPING THROUGH REGIONALS: At the Region VII Regional Championships in October, the Lobos had four seeded singles players and had all three of its doubles teams seeded as well. And the lofty rankings proved to not be a fluke, as each singles player and doubles team proved it belonged in the upper echelon of the region.

UNM senior Bart Scott, the field's No. 7 seed, beat No. 9 Valentino Pest of San Diego State, 6-3, 6-2, in the round of 16 then defeated No. 2 Guillaume Bouvier of Boise State, 6-4, 6-2 in the quarterfinal round, only to draw teammate Divan Coetzee in the semifinals. Coetzee had knocked off No. 13 Erik Nyman of BYU, Boise State's Beck Roghaar and San Diego State's Gabe Coren en route to the semis.

Scott's defeat of Coetzee, who was the highest-seeded Lobo at No. 5, propelled him to the finals and a matchup with top-seeded Oliver Maiberger of San Diego State, who is the eighth-best player in the nation according to the Omni Hotels/ITA rankings.

Maiberger needed three sets to defeat Scott (2-6, 6-4, 6-3), but for his efforts, Scott earned the right to compete in the 2002 Omni Hotels National Indoor Intercollegiate Championships, November 7-10 in Dallas, Texas.

The biggest surprise for the Lobos at regionals might have been the performance of sophomore Ryan Stotland. The unseeded Stotland knocked off three seeded player in three days: No. 4 Felix Hardt of San Diego State (6-3, 7-6), No. 14 Matias Silva of Boise State and No. 19 Federico Ueltschi of Montana State (4-6, 6-3, 6-1). In the quarterfinal round, Stotland finally met his match in teammate Coetzee, who finally felled the sophomore, 5-7, 6-2; 6-0.

"It was a great statement from Ryan," UNM head coach Alan Dils said. "He proved that he could play with anybody in the nation."

In other singles action, sophomore David Kowalski (No. 15 seed) made it to the round of 16, out of the initial draw of 128, before being ousted by Bouvier, the nation's 70th-ranked player. The young Kowalski was valiant in battle, though, losing the first set 6-4, then roaring back to win the second set 7-5. In the final set, he gave Bouvier all he could handle, but Bouvier prevailed, 7-6 (8-6).

Also, freshman Nick Ames earned valuable experience by winning his opening round match over Northern Arizona's Patrick Aubone (6-4, 7-5) before bowing out to No. 20 Eric Pittman of Air Force. Senior Brent Salazar also won his first round match, a 6-1, 6-0 trouncing of Eastern Washington's Shane Caskey, then was bounced out of the main draw by Air Force's Tyler McClung (6-3, 6-4).

In doubles action, Stotland and Salazar went in as the field's No. 6 seeded team and they didn't disappoint.

The highlight of their run to the semifinals was their 8-3 defeat of the top-seeded team of Maiberger and Ryan Redondo of San Diego State in the quarterfinal round. Maiberger and Redondo are ranked as the 3rd-best doubles team in the nation, according to the Omni Hotels/ITA Rankings of Sept. 11, 2002. Prior to that, the duo disposed of Denver's Najc Smole and Viktor Zetterholm, the No. 12 seeded team, and BYU's Jeff Olsen and Alonzo Medina. Then in the semifinals, the Lobo twosome fought hard, but were eventually defeated 8-5 by the No. 4 team of Marcus Bernston and Guillaume Bouvier of Boise State. Two other UNM doubles teams were granted seeds, the pairing of Coetzee and Scott (No.5) and the young tandem of Ames and Kowalski (No. 11).

Coetzee and Scott advanced to the quarterfinal round before meeting up with Bernston and Bouvier, while Ames and Kowalski fell one round short of the quarterfinals, dropping an 8-4 decision to New Mexico State's Luis Avila and Mark Roberts, the field's No. 7 team, in the round of 16.

THE BALLOON BATTLE: The Lobos once again dominated the annual Balloon Fiesta Invitational, held at the Lobo Tennis Club October 11-13. For the second consecutive year, a Lobo won the main singles draw title and this year, the Lobos added a doubles title as well.

In 2001, freshman phenom David Kowalski won the main singles draw. This year Scott followed in his footsteps, earning the singles title with a win over Colorado's Justin Hunter. Stotland and Salazar took the doubles crown with a defeat of teammates Jasmin Hodzic and Scott.

The strong Balloon Fiesta field featured regional opponents Air Force, Denver, Northern Arizona, New Mexico State and Texas A&M among others, and arguably prepared the Lobos for their torrid run through regionals.

"Every year this tournament continues to draw some of the best players," Dils said. "I'm happy that we were able to do well against such excellent talent."

TEARING THROUGH TEXAS: UNM junior Divan Coetzee and senior Bart Scott both made impressive runs, both singularly and as a doubles team, at the HEB Baylor Intercollegiate tennis tournament in September.

Coetzee was seeded eighth in the singles draw and advanced to the quarterfinals before falling to top-seeded Benjamin Becker of Baylor. Coetzee pushed Becker, a member of Baylor's 2001-02 team that finished the spring season ranked No. 7 in the nation, to match point, but the three-set match ended in the hands of Becker, 6-7, 7-5; 6-0.

Meanwhile, Coetzee and Scott were a formidable doubles team as well.

The Lobo tandem tore through the early rounds to advance to the final match of the main doubles draw against Jim Haney and Peter Stroer of Texas. Unfortunately, their run was halted in the finals, as Stroer Association's final Top-75 from the 2002 spring season, including No. 7 Baylor, No. 15 Texas, No. 16 Texas A&M, No. 24 Arkansas, No. 27 Wake Forest, No. 30 SMU, No. 56 Colorado, No. 57 Texas Tech, and No. 62 New Mexico, as well as other regional teams.

ALL-AMERICAN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT: Also in September, several Lobos competed in both the Icy Hot/Intercollegiate All-American Qualifying main draw (Coetzee) and the Icy/Hot Intercollegiate All-American Pre-Qualifying main draw (Scott and Kowalski) in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Coetzee earned a berth in the All-American Qualifying main draw by virtue of being the number two returning player in Region VII. He won one match and lost two while in Tennessee.

Scott and Kowalski had an impressive run of their own through the main draw of the pre-qualifying tourney.

The two advanced to the round of 16 before being defeated, 8-5, by Benjamin Becker and Benedikt Dorsch of Baylor.

Scott, meanwhile, also advanced to the round of 16 in the main singles draw. Scott dropped a tough 6-3, 6-3 match to Paolo Carvalho of the University of Louisville, finishing just one win shy of being able to participate in the All-American Qualifying tournament.

2003 New Mexico Men's Tennis Scoreboard

Overall Record: 5-3

Home: 3-1

Away: 2-2

Neutral: 0-0

Versus MWC: 0-0

<u>DATE</u>	<u>RESULT</u>	<u>LOBO RECORD</u>	<u>STREAK</u>
Jan. 18	(#59)New Mexico 7, San Francisco 0	1-0	W, 1
Jan. 19	(#59)New Mexico 7, Northern Arizona 0	2-0	W,2
Jan. 24	(#20) Washington 7, (#59)New Mexico 0	2-1	L, 1
Jan. 26	(#59) New Mexico 5, (#73) Oregon 2	3-1	W, 1
Feb. 7	(#61) New Mexico 7, Oklahoma 0	4-1	W, 2
Feb. 9	(#51) Tulsa 5, (#61) New Mexico 2	4-2	L, 1
Feb. 14	(#63) New Mexico 7, Illinois State 0	5-2	W, 1
Feb. 16	(#58)Texas Tech 4, (#63) New Mexico 3	5-3	L, 1
Feb. 22	(#64) New Mexico 6, Santa Clara 1	6-3	W, 1
Feb. 23	Boise State 6, (#64) New Mexico 1	6-4	L, 1



SINGLES RESULTS...

PLAYER	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	FALL	SPRING (DUAL)	TOTALS
Nick Ames						1-2	11-6	1-2	12-8
Divan Coetzee	5-0	4-2					16-6	9-2	25-8
Eric Conklin							5-7		5-7
Henry Gers					1-1	1-1	0-0	2-2	2-2
Anders Hanisch							4-5		4-5
Jasmin Hodzic				1-1	2-1	4-2	8-7	7-4	15-11
David Kowalski		2-0	4-2	1-2			6-5	6-5	13-10
Brent Salazar			1-1	3-1	2-3		3-9	6-5	10-11
Bart Scott	4-2	2-1					19-7	6-3	25-10
Ryan Stotland			1-2	2-0			14-5	3-2	17-7

DOUBLES RESULTS...

PLAYER	#1	#2	#3	FALL	SPRING (DUAL)	TOTALS
Salazar/Stotland	1-3	1-0			2-3	2-3
Hodzic/Scott		3-2			3-2	3-2
Coetzee/Kowalski			5-0		5-0	5-0
Coetzee/Scott	1-0	1-1			2-1	2-1
Kowalski/Hodzic		1-1	0-2		1-3	1-3
Kowalski/Gers			1-0		1-0	1-0
Salazar/Gers	0-6				0-6	0-6
Coetzee/Ames			1-1		1-1	1-1



MEN'S TENNIS 2003 SCHEDULE

Mar. 8	NMSU	3 p.m.	Albuquerque
Mar. 24	Brown	2 p.m.	Albuquerque
Mar. 28	UNLV	TBA	San Diego, Calif.
Mar. 29	@San Diego State	TBA	San Diego, Calif.
Apr. 11	Utah	10 a.m.	@Colorado Springs, Colo.
Apr. 12	BYU	2 p.m.	@Colorado Springs
Apr. 13	@Air Force	10 a.m.	@Colorado Springs
Apr. 24-26	MWC Championships	TBA	Provo, Utah

HOME MATCHES IN BOLD



2002-03 NEW MEXICO MEN'S TENNIS ROSTER

<i>NAME</i>	<i>CL-EXP</i>	<i>HT.</i>	<i>WT.</i>	<i>HOMETOWN (LAST SCHOOL)</i>
Nick Ames	Fr-HS	5-9	150	Winchester, England
Divan Coetzee	Jr-1L	5-11	160	Clanwilliam, South Africa (Missouri-Kansas City)
Eric Conklin	Fr-HS	6-4	175	Albuquerque, N.M. (Albuquerque High School)
Henry Gers	Fr-HS	6-1	175	Auckland, New Zealand (Maclean's College)
Anders Hanisch	Fr-RS	5-8	145	Albuquerque, N.M. (La Cueva HS)
Jasmin Hodzic	Jr-2L	6-5	195	Cupertino, Calif. (Palmer Academy)
David Kowalski	So-1L	5-9	158	Carlsbad, N.M. (Carlsbad HS)
Brent Salazar	Sr-3L	6-1	195	Aurora, Colo. (Overland HS)
Bart Scott	Sr-3L	6-0	171	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Mitchell HS)
Ryan Stotland	So-1L	6-1	171	Boise, Idaho (Borah HS)

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