



• 2000-01 New Mexico Women's Golf •

WOMEN'S GOLF HEADS INTO POSTSEASON ACTION AT NCAA EAST REGIONAL

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Update -- The University of New Mexico women's golf team head to Chapel Hill, N.C. and the NCAA East Regional, May 10-12 in hopes of claiming an invitation to the 2001 NCAA Women's Golf Championships, May 22-25. North Carolina will host the East Regional.

Three regions, West, Central and East, will determine participants in the 2001 NCAA Championships. Each region will send eight teams and two individuals not affiliated with those teams to the national championship.

Stetson University will host the 2001 NCAA Championship, May 22-25, in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla. The Mission Inn Golf & Tennis Resort will host the tournament.

Course/Format -- The Finley Golf Course in Chapel Hill will host the NCAA Regional. The course plays to a par 72 on 6,211 yards.

Tournament format includes 18-holes each day to comprise a 54-hole tournament. The four top scores of each round will count towards the team total.

Tee times begin at 7:30 a.m. (EST) off tees No. 1 and No. 10. The last tee time of the day will be at 1:20 p.m.

NCAA East Regional Field -- Participating teams and individuals in the 2001 East Region are as follows: Auburn, Campbell, Charleston Southern, Duke, Florida State, Georgia, Jackson State, Kansas State, Louisville, Michigan, New Mexico, North Carolina, Northwestern, Pepperdine, San Diego State, San Jose State, South Carolina, South Florida, TCU, Vanderbilt, and Wake Forest. Individuals are Michelle Simpson (Florida International) and Stephanie George (Radford).

Regional Results -- Results will be available on the UNC website at www.TarHeelBlue.com at the conclusion of each round.

2001 MWC Championships -- Sunriver, Ore. -- The University of New Mexico women's golf team captured its second straight conference title by a 26-shot margin at the 2001 Mountain West Conference Women's Golf Championships held in Sunriver, Ore., Apr. 23-25.

New Mexico shot a third round 283, setting a new MWC Championships tournament single round low. For the tournament, the Lobos three-round score of 861 (+9) was also a MWC record. This is the 11th conference title for the New Mexico women's golf program since it began conference competition in 1978.

Individually for the Lobos, senior **Ryley Webb** took individual medalist honors by one-shot (209-210) over teammate **Elisa Kase**. Webb shot a third round 69 (-2) to capture her first tournament title as a Lobo. Kase shot even par (71) to place second.

Junior **Claudia Ferrini** finished in fourth place carding a third-round 70 (-1) finishing with a tournament score of 217 (+4). Freshman **Kristi Larsen** finished 13th with a tournament score of 227 (+14) followed by teammate **Kellyn Newman**, also a freshman, who placed tied for 14th with a tournament score of 228 (+15).

Head coach **Jackie Booth** was named **2001 MWC Coach of the Year**, Kristi Larsen was named **2001 MWC Freshman of the Year** and three Lobos were named to the All-Conference Team including Larsen, Webb and Kase.

New Mexico was the only school to have more than one athlete on the all-conference team.

Kase named MWC Golfer of the Week -- Senior Elisa Kase was named the Mountain West Conference Women's Golfer of the Week (Mar. 26-30) for her efforts at the UCLA Bruin Classic.

Kase had her best finish this season (tied for 10th place) at the Classic and her second best performance of her Lobo career (tied for 3rd at the 2000 MWC Championships). She finished tied for 10th among 105 competitors scoring one of her lowest rounds - 72 (Stanford Intercollegiate and UCLA Bruin Classic) in helping the Lobos to its best finish of the Spring season (6th place) at the UCLA Bruin Classic.

Rankings -- In the latest Golfweek poll (released May 2) New Mexico in team rankings dropped one spot from No. 25 to No. 26 despite their conference title. In MasterCard Collegiate Rankings (also released May 2) the Lobos climb one spot from No. 31 to No. 30.

Individually for the Lobos senior Ryley Webb earned her highest individual ranking of the season at No. 79. Freshman Kristi Larsen is ranked No. 113 followed by junior Claudia Ferrini at No. 142. Senior Elisa Kase is No. 146 while freshman Kellyn Newman comes in at No. 679. All individual rankings are from Golfweek.

Regional Travel Squad -- The Lobo lineup includes seniors Ryley Webb, and Elisa Kase. Junior Claudia Ferrini and freshman Kristi Larsen and Kellyn Newman round out the Lobo squad.

Head Coach Jackie Booth -- For her efforts with the Lobo women's golf program this season Jackie Booth was named the 2001 MWC Coach of the Year. Earlier this year Booth was named the 2001 LPGA Central Section Coach of the Year as presented by Spaulding, the second such honor while at New Mexico.

In her fourth year at the helm of the New Mexico women's golf program Booth has coached the Lobos to two consecutive MWC Championships. This season Lobo golfers claimed MWC postseason honors including Freshman of the Year (Kristi Larsen), and three all-conference honors (Webb, Kase, Larsen).

During her tenure at UNM Booth has coached the MWC co-woman's golfer of the year, two NCAA All-Americans (second team and honorable mention), four all-conference athletes, three National Golf Coaches Association Scholar Athletes and three all-conference scholar athletes.

Accolades keep pouring in for UNM's Booth. In 1998 she was named 1998 LPGA National Coach of the Year as presented by Spaulding and has been named Central Section coach of the year twice since becoming the head coach at UNM.

Booth has taken the Lobos to the 1998 NCAA Women's Golf Championships and participated in the NCAA West Regionals every year.

2000-01 NEW MEXICO ROSTER

Name	Ht.	Class/Exp.	Hometown
Claudia Ferrini	5-5	Jr/2L	Lima, Peru (Newton College)
Britney Holt	5-5	Sr/3L	Spokane, Wash. (Mead HS)
Elisa Kase	5-7	Sr/2L	Albuquerque, N.M. (La Cueva HS)
Kristi Larsen	5-6	Fr/HS	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral HS)
Kellyn Newman	5-4	Fr/HS	Mesa, Ariz. (Dobson HS)
Ryley Webb	5-8	Sr/3L	Bracebridge, Ontario, Canada (Lakers HS)

Head Coach: Jackie Booth (4th Year)

Assistant Coach: Angie Hopkins (3rd Year)

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GolfWeek/Sagarin Women's Team Rankings • Top 30 Released May 2, 2001

1. Duke
2. Arizona
3. Southern California
4. Stanford
5. Auburn
6. Georgia
7. Tennessee
8. New Mexico State
9. Texas
10. Tulsa
11. Pepperdine
12. LSU
13. Arizona State
14. Oklahoma State
15. TCU
16. Northwestern
17. Wake Forest
18. Ohio State
19. Purdue
20. Michigan State
21. Vanderbilt
22. UCLA
23. Oklahoma
24. Washington
25. California
- 26. New Mexico**
27. Kent State
28. South Carolina
29. Alabama
30. Furman

2000-01 INDIVIDUAL SCOREBOARD

CLAUDIA FERRINI • JR. • LIMA, PERU

27 rounds...2,073 strokes...76.8 avg.

Lowest Round = 69 (Rainbow Wahine Golf Classic), Best Finish = T2nd place (Rainbow Wahine Golf Classic)

Dick McGuire Invite	75-75-78 = 228	T20th
Edean Ihlanfeldt Invite	83-81-77 = 241	T47th
Stanford Intercollegiate	73-82-81 = 236	T57th
Rainbow Wahine Golf Classic	78-77-69 = 224	T2nd
TRW Regional Challenge	80-82-76 = 238	T64th
Arizona Wildcat Invite	78-77-78 = 233	T52nd
UCLA Bruin Classic	74-76-77 = 227	T27th
Ping/ASU Invitational	78-77-74 = 229	T40th
2001 MWC Championships	76-71-70 = 217	4th

ELISA KASE • SR. • ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

27 rounds...2,077 strokes...76.9 avg.

Lowest Round = 68 (MWC Championships), Best Finish = 2nd (MWC Championships)

Dick McGuire Invite	81-81-82 = 244	T79th
Edean Ihlanfeldt Invite	81-84-79 = 244	57th
Stanford Intercollegiate	76-72-79 = 227	T24th
Rainbow Wahine Golf Classic	81-77-77 = 235	T28th
TRW Regional Challenge	78-80-79 = 237	T58th
Arizona Wildcat Invitational	78-78-80 = 236	T59th
UCLA Bruin Classic	72-73-76 = 221	T10th
Ping/ASU Invitational	77-71-75 = 223	T15th
2001 MWC Championships	71-68-71 = 210	2nd

KRISTI LARSEN • FR. • SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.

27 rounds...2,061 strokes...76.3 avg.

Lowest Round = 72 (Twice), Best Finish = T9th place (Rainbow Wahine Golf Classic)

Dick McGuire Invite	76-74-77 = 227	T17th
Edean Ihlanfeldt Invite	80-84-73 = 237	T37th
Stanford Intercollegiate	75-76-75 = 226	T19th
Rainbow Wahine Golf Classic	76-80-72 = 228	T9th
TRW Regional Challenge	78-78-81 = 237	T58th
Arizona Wildcat Invite	82-74-73 = 229	T31st
UCLA Bruin Classic	73-77-74 = 224	T19th
Ping/ASU Invitational	75-72-79 = 226	T28th
2001 MWC Championships	77-75-73 = 227	13th

KELLYN NEWMAN • FR. • MESA, ARIZ.

15 rounds...1,224 strokes...81.6 avg.

Lowest Round = 74 (MWC Championships), Best Finish = T14th place (MWC Championships)

Stanford Intercollegiate	83-85-88 = 256	97th
Arizona Wildcat Invitational (i)	83-82-83 = 248	T83rd
UCLA Bruin Classic (i)	85-81-81 = 247	T99th
Ping/ASU Invitational	78-84-83 = 245	T76th
2001 MWC Championships	75-79-74 = 228	T14th

RYLEY WEBB • SR. • ONTARIO, CANADA

27 rounds...2,044 strokes...75.7 avg.

Lowest Round = 69 (twice @ MWC Championships), Best Finish = 1st place (MWC Championships)

Dick McGuire Invite	77-72-75 = 224	T6th
Edean Ihlanfeldt Invite	79-76-71 = 226	13th
Stanford Intercollegiate	82-79-74 = 235	T54th
Rainbow Wahine Golf Classic	78-72-81 = 231	T14th
TRW Regional Challenge	71-80-83 = 234	T49th
Arizona Wildcat Invite	76-74-72 = 222	T14th
UCLA Bruin Classic	77-77-80 = 234	T61st
Ping/ASU Invitational	79-75-75 = 229	T40th
2001 MWC Championships	71-69-69 = 209	1st

SCHEDULE/RESULTS

• Sept. 21-23 •

Comcast/Dick McGuire Invitational

Team Total - 306-298-309 = 913

(4th out of 18 teams)

Oct. 9-11

Edean Ihlanfeldt Invitational

Team Total - 323-323-296 = 942

(9th out of 17 teams)

Oct. 20-22

Stanford-Pepsi Women's Invitational

Team Total - 306-309-309 = 924

(10th out of 18 teams)

Oct. 31-Nov. 1

Rainbow Wahine- Sammons Park Invitational

Team Total - 307-303-294 = 904

(2nd out of 14 teams)

Spring Schedule

Feb. 12-14

TRW Regional Challenge

Team Total - 307-319-319 = 945

(17th out of 18 teams)

Feb. 19-21

Arizona Wildcat Invitational

Team Total - 313-303-303 = 919

(12th out of 16 teams)

March 12-13

Pioneer Electronics-UCLA Bruin Classic

Team Total - 296-303-307 = 906

(6th out of 18 teams)

Apr. 6-8

Ping/ASU Invitational

Team Total - 309-295-303 = 907

(8th out of 18 teams)

Apr. 23-25

Mountain West Conference Championships

Team Total - 293-285-283 = 861

(1st out of 5 teams)

May 10-12

NCAA West Regional

Oregon State University

Trysting Tree Golf Course • Corvallis, Ore.

May 22-25

NCAA Division I

Women's Golf Championship

Stetson University

Mission Inn Golf & Tennis Resort

Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla.



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Elisa Kase

Senior • Albuquerque, N.M. (La Cueva HS)



One of New Mexico's best golfers, Albuquerque's Elisa Kase finished second to her teammate at the 2001 Mountain West Championships...was one of three Lobos named All-Conference this season...has come on of late scoring top-15 finishes in her last three tournaments - second at MWCs, tied for 10th at the 2001 UCLA Bruin Classic and tied for 15th at the 2001 Ping/ASU Invitational...has a solid swing and is a great sand player...**ASA SENIOR**...played in every tournament this year and has a 76.9 stroke average heading into the 2001 NCAA East Regional...scored a season low 68 in the second round of the MWC Championships to set a new conference championships record low...was named MWC Women's Golfer of the Week (Mar. 26-30) for her efforts at the UCLA Bruin Classic where Kase finished tied for 10th...this was the only honor for the Lobos this season...**ASA JUNIOR**...played in eight tournaments for the Lobos finishing with a 77.2 stroke average...scored a career-low 69 at the 2000 MWC Championships...finished in a tie for third place at the MWC's, team season best, and a collegiate best finish for Kase...scored a career tournament low of 225 at the '00 Ping/ASU Invitational...**AS A SOPHOMORE**...came on strong at the end of the season helping UNM qualify for the NCAA West Regionals...participated in seven tournaments with her best performance coming at the Ping/ASU Invitational and the '99 WAC Championships where she placed tied for 13th...season low round of 73 was carded at the Ping/ASU Invite...finished with a 78.3 stroke average...during the off-season scored medalist honors including the U.S. Amateur qualifying tournament at Inverness Country Club in Englewood, Colo...**HIGH SCHOOL**...played high school golf at Albuquerque La Cueva...won the Albuquerque City championships in 1994, '96 and '97...won the New Mexico State Championship in 1997...was named *Gardenswartz Sports/Albuquerque Tribune* Golf Player of the Year three years ('94, '96 and '97)...**PERSONAL**...born in Tokyo, Japan...daughter of Michiko and Kenzo...has two sisters, Tomoko and Miyuki, and one brother, Tsuyoshi...enjoys playing sports and listening to music...favorite food is Japanese...favorite athlete is Ernie Els...**MAJOR**...University Studies.



Ryley Webb

Senior • Bracebridge, Ontario (Muskoka Lakes HS)

Finishing her collegiate career this season is Bracebridge, Ontario native Ryley Webb...Webb has established herself as one of UNM's best women's golfers and has set the new standard in Lobo record books...Webb holds the UNM freshman (75.8) and junior (74.6) stroke average records and is tied with former Lobo great Caroline Keggi (1984-87 • 75.8) for the career mark...Webb has participated in every tournament since becoming a Lobo, a total of 41 to date...took third at the Canadian Nationals this past summer...Webb is long off the tee and is great with the wedge..**AS A SENIOR**...captured the 2001 MWC Championships individual medalist honors for her first victory as a Lobo...beat teammate Elisa Kase by one-stroke (209-210)...was the ninth Lobo golfer to capture the conference individual championship...is the first Lobo to be named both All-Conference and All-Academic her entire career at UNM...is currently ranked No. 79 in the latest GolfWeek poll, her highest ranking this season...has been listed in the top-100 of collegiate golfers the entire season...stroke average this season is 75.7...career stroke average is 75.8 (to date)...best round of 69 was scored twice at the MWCs...has five top-15 finishes this season (MWC, McGuire, Edean Ihlanfeldt, Rainbow Wahine and the Arizona Wildcat Invite)...**ASA JUNIOR**...was named the 2000 MWC Co-Woman's Golfer of the Year...for the third year was named all-conference...led the Lobos to the 2000 MWC Championship title...finished tied for fifth at the MWC's...had five top-10 finishes last season...tied a career-low round of 68 at UNM's McGuire Invitational...earned MWC Women's Golfer of the Week two consecutive weeks in a row (the only player to do so)...scored a career tournament low of 216 at the Stanford Intercollegiate...named honorable mention All-America by the NGCA...was one of three Lobos named to the MWC all-academic team (her third straight honor)...was named to the Anderson School of Management Honor Roll...**AS A SOPHOMORE**...for the second year in a row as named first team all-WAC...finished with a season stroke average of 77.3, lowest on the team...was named a WAC scholar athlete...**AS A FRESHMAN**...was named '98 WAC Freshman of the Year - the fourth such honor for the New Mexico women's golf program...was named first team all-WAC...finished in sixth place at the '98 NCAA Women's Golf Championships, the best finish for a UNM freshman at nationals...carded a career low round of 68 at the NCAA's...best tournament finish for Webb was a tie for second place at the '98 WAC Championships...set a new UNM freshman scoring average of 75.8, which was a 16 year old record held by Theresa Schreck (1981-82)...**HIGH SCHOOL**...attended Muskoka Lakes HS where she lettered in golf all four years...also lettered in track...coached by Louise Major...named Athlete of the Year in Bracebridge...**PERSONAL**...born August 28, 1978 in Bracebridge...daughter of Jennifer and Ron...favorite food is peanut butter...enjoys going to the movies, friends and watching TV...favorite athlete is Fred Couples...has one brother Brennan, who played golf for East Tennessee State University...**MAJOR**...General Management.



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Claudia Ferrini

Junior • Lima, Peru (Newton College)



A solid, consistent golfer, Claudia Ferrini, from Lima, Peru, has competed in every tournament this season...had a great off-season capturing tournament medalist honors at the Peruvian National Championship...strengths include consistently hitting fairways and greens, plus being a great sand player...**ASA JUNIOR**...had a great performance at the MWC Championship finishing in fourth place for her second top-5 finish of the season (tied for 2nd at the Rainbow Wahine Invite)...has a season stroke average of 76.8, a career stroke average of 78.0...shot a collegiate career low of 69 at the Rainbow Wahine Fall Golf Classic where Ferrini had her best finish while at UNM placing tied for second with a tournament score of 224... **AS A SOPHOMORE**...was named to the 2000 MWC all-conference team, the first such honor for Ferrini...collegiate career best finish at the MWC Championships where she placed tied for fifth with teammate Ryley Webb...had a career low-round (71) and tournament score of 224 at the Ping/ASU Invite...finished with a 77 season and 78.6 career stroke average...**AS A FRESHMAN**...Ferrini participated in seven tournaments in her first year at UNM...finished with a stroke average of 81...scored a season low round of 76 at the '98 Bama Fall Preview...best finish was also at the Bama Fall Preview where Ferrini placed tied for 29th...**HIGH SCHOOL**...was the South American champion in 1996 and '97...graduated from Newton College in Lima...**PERSONAL**...born in Lima...is the daughter of Beatriz and Fernando...has one sister, Fabiana, and one brother, Fernando...enjoys going to the movies...favorite food is Italian...favorite athlete is Pete Sampras...**MAJOR**...Economics.



Kristi Larsen

Freshman • Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral HS)

Larsen was named the 2001 MWC Freshman of the year, the fifth such honor for a UNM women's golfer ... Kristi Larsen hails from Scottsdale, Ariz... is currently ranked No. 113 by *GolfWeek* and has been ranked in the top-120 of collegiate golfers all season...**AS A FRESHMAN**...one of three Lobos to be named All-Conference this season...season stroke average is 76.3...scored a season low of 72 twice this season, at the Rainbow Wahine Golf Classic and the Ping/ASU Invitational...her best finish to date is placing tied for ninth at the Rainbow Wahine Golf Classic (228)...scored five top-20 finishes this season (McGuire, Stanford Intercollegiate, Rainbow Wahine, UCLA Bruin Classic and the 2001 MWC Championships)...**HIGH SCHOOL**...four-year letterwinner in golf at Chaparral High School...won two-consecutive (1999 & 2000) Arizona state high school individual titles...team was state champions her senior year...was three-time team most valuable player...named first team all-city and all-state three-years running (1998-2000)...named the *Scottsdale Tribune* Female Golfer of the Year in '99 and '00...was on the Honor Roll...played her freshman year at Albuquerque's Cibola High School...qualified for the 1999 Women's Amateur...took tournament medalist honors at the AJGA Kansas City Championship...finished in sixth place at the '99 Arizona Silverbelle tournament...placed in the top five in the 2000 AJGA Arizona Junior Classic...totals seven top-10 AJGA finishes including the Lucent Technology Girls Championship...**PERSONAL**...born in Hackensack, N.J...is the daughter of Mike and Denise Jeffries, and Kent and Sharon Larsen...has three siblings, Charity, Angie and Cory...stepfather Mike played basketball for Oklahoma State...step-sister, Angie Jeffries, currently plays volleyball and is on the track team (pole vault) at Missouri-Kansas City...enjoys jet skiing, snow skiing, fishing, drawing and going to the movies ...enjoys lobster and deviled eggs ...favorite athlete is Annika Sorenstam ...chose UNM over Oklahoma State, Pepperdine and Oregon State...major is undecided.

Kellyn Newman

Freshman • Mesa, Ariz. (Dobson HS)



A dedicated player, Kellyn Newman has earned a spot on the Lobos travel roster...Newman is from Mesa, Ariz...**AS A FRESHMAN**...had her best tournament as a Lobo placing tied for 14th at the 2001 MWC Championship...carded a 228 with a third-round low round of 74 (a season low for Newman)...has competed in five tournaments this season for the Lobos, primarily as an individual...season stroke average is 81.6, but is averaging 78.8 through the last two tournaments...**HIGH SCHOOL**...lettered in golf at track at Dobson High School...was co-captain two-years running for her golf team...team was state 5A runner up her senior year...was named to the East Region team as a senior...was the gymnastics state champion in the beam, floor and vault...was the regional champion in vault...was in the National Honor Society and named an AIA Scholar Athlete...won the Mesa City Championship this summer...also won the Arizona Ping Junior Masters...**PERSONAL**...born in Mesa, Ariz...is the daughter of Ken and Denise Newman...has one sister, Torri...enjoys shopping, going to the movies and hanging out with friends...favorite food is mexican...favorite athlete is Sergio Garcia...enjoys country music...undecided about a major.