

TEXAS TECH

MEN'S TENNIS 2008

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RED RAIDERS HOST AGGIES IN CONFERENCE OPENER

Easter Sunday will feature a battle between two top-25 teams as No. 21 Texas Tech returns to the McLeod Tennis Center to take on No. 19 Texas A&M to begin Big 12 action. The Red Raiders enter the weekend with an impressive 15-2 record, after a nine match win streak was snapped by No. 8 Tulsa in the finals of the Blue-Gray Tennis Classic.

LAST TIME OUT

Facing 12 ranked opponents already this season, Tech's most impressive series of wins came last weekend at the prestigious Blue-Gray Tennis Classic held in Montgomery, Ala. The Raiders began the weekend on Thursday as they squeaked by Wisconsin, 4-3, then edged their first top-20 ranked foe Virginia Commonwealth, 4-2. In the semi-finals Tech rolled past Auburn after sweeping the doubles point and three-straight singles wins, moving into the finals against the No. 8 Tulsa. The Golden Hurricanes proved too much for Tech as they were handed their second loss of the season, falling 4-0.

IN THE RANKINGS

The Red Raiders began the season ranked among the top 30 teams in the nation according to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association/FILA poll. The team has consistently maintained their position in the top 40, falling only to No. 41 in mid-February after a devastating 4-3 loss to TCU. Tech bounced back, however, with nine straight wins, eight over ranked teams, to put them back in the top-25. After an impressive 3-1 run in Alabama, the Raiders has moved up four spots to their current highest ranking of the season at No. 21.

For the first time in program history Tech has placed two in the ITA top-50 doubles teams, boasting the No. 10 and 11 doubles teams in the pre-season poll. The duo of Bojan Szumanski and Christian Rojmar began the season in the top-10 and have moved up seven spots to their current ranking of No. 3. The junior duo of Sinisa Markovic and Michael Breler have also had an impressive run after making it to the finals of the ITA Fall Regional. The two have worked their way back into the rankings, currently up 14 spots from last week to No. 28.

Tech has also had two singles players fall in the mix as Ilya Babinciuc was No. 82 in mid-February, and Szumanski continues to hold his spot among the top-50, presently No. 33.

• 2008 Schedule •

1/26	Texas-Pan American	W, 7-0
2/1	Lamar	W, 6-0
2/1	Abilene Christian	W, 5-1
2/8	#75 UNLV	W, 5-2
2/9	#73 San Diego	W, 5-2
2/16	Arkansas-Little Rock	W, 5-3
2/17	#63 Texas Christian	L, 4-3
2/23	#57 New Mexico	W, 7-0
2/24	New Mexico State	W, 6-1
2/29	#62 Middle Tenn. State	W, 4-2
	#58 New Mexico	W, 4-1
3/1	#64 Texas A&M-CC	W, 4-2
3/8	#37 Denver	W, 5-2
3/13	#64 Wisconsin	W, 4-3
3/14	#19 VCU	W, 4-2
3/15	#28 Auburn	W, 4-0
3/16	#8 Tulsa	L, 4-0
3/23	Texas A&M*	1 pm
4/4	Oklahoma*	6 pm
4/6	Oklahoma State*	1 pm
4/12	Texas*	1 pm
4/13	Nebraska*	1 pm
4/19	Baylor*	6 pm
4/24-27	Big 12 Tournament	TBA
5/9-11	NCAA 1st & 2nd Rounds	TBA
5/16	NCAA Championships	TBA

* indicates Big 12 Conference match

2008 MISCELLANEOUS RESULTS

Home.....	4-0
Road.....	11-2
Neutral Sites.....	8-1
Indoor.....	1-0
Outdoor.....	14-2
Big 12.....	0-0
Ranked.....	10-2
Top 50.....	3-1
Top 25.....	1-1
Top 10.....	0-1
Doubles Point Victories.....	8-4

• 2008 ROSTER •

Ilya Babinciuc (ill-yuh bab-in-chew-ich)	SR	Zaporozhie, Ukraine/Prometeu
Michael Breler (bray-ler)	JR	Malmö, Sweden/Korrespondensgymnasiet
Joe Hatstrup	FR	Plano, Texas/Plano West
Ethan Horn	FR	Austin, Texas/Westwood
Milos Kustudija (mee-low-sh kus-tood-E-a)	JR	Novi Sad, Serbia
Sinisa Markovic (sin-ish-a mark-o-vich)	JR	Banja Luka, Bosnia/Nicola Tesla
Lenoir Ramos	SR	Brasilia, Brazil/Colegio Ateneu
Jeremy Reed	FR	Lubbock, Texas/Coronado
Christian Rojmar (roy-mar)	JR	Stockholm, Sweden/De Lagardiegymnaset
Bojan Szumanski (boy-on shoe-man-ski)	SR	Opole, Poland/Z.L.O.im.Stefana Wyszynskiego
James Wilson	JR	Boerne, Texas/St. Stephen's Episcopal
Jay Wofford	JR	Lubbock, Texas/Coronado H.S.

#19 Texas A&M

March 23, 2008 @ 1 p.m.

THE AGGIES TRAVEL TO WEST TEXAS WITH THE 36-5 SERIES ADVANTAGE OVER THE RED RAIDERS, WINNING LAST SEASON IN COLLEGE STATION 5-2. A&M IS 8-5 ON THE SEASON, WITH ALL FIVE LOSSES TO TOP-25 TEAMS.

LEADING THE AGGIES IN SINGLES IS JUNIOR CONNOR POLLOCK WHO IS CURRENTLY RANKED NO. 23. POLLOCK ALSO DOUBLES WITH AUSTIN KRAJICEK AT NO. 1, AND THE TWO ARE RANKED 41 IN THE NATION.



THE BIG 12 CONFERENCE

This Sunday's match kicks off the first Big 12 match of 2008. Every year some of the elite men's tennis programs in the nation consistently hail from Big 12 Conference. Six of the seven men's programs fall into the latest ITA rankings, with the same six all participating in last year's NCAA Tournament. The seven programs include No. 4 Texas, No. 16 Baylor, No. 19 Texas A&M, No. 21 Texas Tech, No. 24 Oklahoma State, No. 62 Oklahoma, and Nebraska. For weekly Big 12 updates, visit www.big12sports.com.

THE LINE-UP

With the makings of one of the strongest line-ups in program history, Head Coach Tim Siegel has found himself able to put together winning combinations in both doubles and singles.

Singles

Leading his team for the second year in singles is senior Bojan Szumanski. Szumanski is ranked 33 in the latest ITA poll, posting a record of 11-4 this spring. Moving into the No. 2 singles spot this season is junior Sinisa Markovic, who last season went undefeated in the Big 12 at No. 3. Filling No. 3 is newcomer hard-hitter Lenoir Ramos, who joined the team this spring from Brazil.

Senior-transfer Ilya Babinciuc also brings experience to this year's roster at No. 4 by contributing big wins already this season. Holding down the bottom two positions this season are juniors Christian Rojmar and Michael Breler. Rojmar recently snabbed his first career Big 12 Player of the Week honor with a singles record of 14-2 and two back-to-back clinching victories at the Blue-Gray to advance Tech to the finals. Breler rounds off the line-up as one of the most solid players at No. 6 after a 13-0 win streak in duals, suffering his only loss last weekend to VCU's Sebastian Ripoll.

Doubles

In doubles Szumanski and junior Rojmar also lead their team at No. 1 singles with an 8-3 record, but are most notable as the No. 3-ranked duo in the nation. The No. 28-ranked pair of Markovic and Breler continue to dominate at No. 2, also with a record of 8-3 in duals. Capping off No. 3 is the senior duo of Babinciuc and Ramos, who are 2-1 in doubles.

• GENERAL INFORMATION •

Name of School Texas Tech
 City/Zip Lubbock, TX 79409
 Founded 1923
 Enrollment 29,000
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 Alma Mater/Year Arkansas, 1986
 Record at school (yrs.) 209-168 (16)
 Career record (yrs.) 237-191 (18)
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 Asst. Coach (Alma Mater/Year) Marcelo Ferreira
 Georgia College & State, 2006

• TEAM INFORMATION •

Overall record last year 14-10
 Conference record/finish 2-4/4th
 Final Ranking last year (poll) 33 (ITA)
 Letterwinners returning/lost 7/4
 Newcomers 5

Live stats

Live stats will be available via UCLA's team Web site at www.texastech.com.

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VS.
#19 Texas A&M
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