



Texas Tech Red Raider Soccer

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2008 Schedule/Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
8/22	Lamar	W, 4-0
8/29	Colorado*	7 p.m.
8/31	at Texas-San Antonio	Noon
9/5	at Middle Tennessee	6:30 p.m.
9/7	vs. Alabama A&M	11 a.m.
9/12	Arizona	7 p.m.
9/14	Northwestern State	Noon
9/18	Oral Roberts	7 p.m.
9/26	at Oklahoma State*	7 p.m.
9/28	Oklahoma*	1 p.m.
10/3	at Kansas*	4 p.m.
10/5	at Missouri*	1 p.m.
10/10	Baylor*	7 p.m.
10/12	Texas*	1 p.m.
10/17	at Iowa State*	7 p.m.
10/19	at Nebraska*	1 p.m.
10/24	Texas A&M*	7 p.m.
10/26	TCU	1 p.m.
11/5-9	Big 12 Championship	TBA
11/14-16	NCAA First & Second Rounds	TBA
11/21-23	NCAA Third Round	TBA
11/28-30	NCAA Fourth Round	TBA
12/5-7	NCAA College Cup	TBA



Texas Tech Red Raiders (1-0-0; 0-0-0) vs. Colorado Buffaloes (0-1-1; 0-0-0)
 7 p.m. · John Walker Soccer Complex
 Live Stats: texastech.com
 All-Time Series: Colorado Leads 9-2-1

Texas Tech Red Raiders (1-0-0; 0-0-0) at UTSA Roadrunners (1-1-0; 0-0-0)
 Noon · UTSA Recreational Sports Complex
 Live Stats: goutsa.com
 All-Time Series: Tech Leads 2-0-0

STARTING OFF...

After opening its season against Lamar last weekend, the Texas Tech soccer team begins Big 12 Conference play Fri., Aug. 29, at home against Colorado before re-joining its non-conference slate for a Sunday match at Texas-San Antonio.

SCOUTING COLORADO

The Buffaloes enter Friday's contest sitting at 0-1-1 on the season, having tied Florida, 1-1, in its their season opener before falling to Denver, 1-0, last Sunday. The Red Raiders broke an eight-match losing streak to the Buffaloes last season as Tech prevailed, 1-0, in Boulder to open the conference season. Colorado returns nine starters off a 2007 squad that finished 5-5 in the Big 12 and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Championship. Forward Nikki Marshall is the Buffs' leading returning scorer as the junior connected on nine goals last season. Colorado is led by Bill Hempen, who enters his ninth season as the Buffs' head coach with a record of 79-51-19.

SCOUTING UTSA

The Roadrunners opened their 2008 season in Houston defeating the University of Houston, 1-0, in double overtime before falling to Rice, 5-1, last Sunday. The Red Raiders defeated UTSA, 4-1, last season in Lubbock in only the second meeting between the two schools. The Roadrunners return nine letterwinners, all of them starters, off last season's squad that finished 9-9-2 overall and finished second in the Southland Conference. UTSA is led by third-year head coach Steve Ballard, who is 17-18-4 in his two seasons with the Roadrunners.

KEEP AN EYE ON...JUNIOR ZHALEH REZAI

Entering her third season at Tech, forward Zhaleh Rezaie added her ninth career goal last Friday as it was also the first in the history of the John Walker Soccer Complex. Rezaie's six shot attempts against Lamar moved her into a tie for seventh all-time with Amy Rutstein on the school's career list. Rezaie also provided her third career assist to Brittney Harrison late in the match.

GOOD FRIENDS HEMPEN AND STONE REUNITE

Long-time friends and coaching foes Bill Hempen and Tom Stone will be reunited in Friday's match. Hempen, a groomsman in Stone's wedding, will be looking to even the all-time series after Tech defeated Colorado, 1-0, last season in the duo's first match-up on the collegiate scene. Stone also serves as Godfather to Hampen's daughter, Emma.



Zhaleh Rezaie



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2008 BIG 12 STANDINGS

	<u>Big 12</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Texas A&M	0-0-0	0	2-0-0
Kansas	0-0-0	0	1-0-0
Oklahoma State	0-0-0	0	1-0-0
Texas	0-0-0	0	1-0-0
Texas Tech	0-0-0	0	1-0-0
Iowa State	0-0-0	0	0-0-0
Baylor	0-0-0	0	0-1-0
Missouri	0-0-0	0	0-1-0
Nebraska	0-0-0	0	0-1-0
Oklahoma	0-0-0	0	0-1-0
Colorado	0-0-0	0	0-1-1

This week in the Big 12...

Thursday, Aug. 28

Texas at Kentucky 6 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 29

UC Riverside at Nebraska 5:30 p.m.

North Carolina at Texas A&M 6 p.m.

Auburn at Missouri..... 6:30 p.m.

Central Michigan at Oklahoma 7 p.m.

Oklahoma State at Oral Roberts ... 7 p.m.

Colorado at Texas Tech 7 p.m.

Iowa State at Illinois..... 7:30 p.m.

Baylor at New Mexico..... 8 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 31

Texas at Louisville Noon

Nebraska at Florida Noon

Texas Tech at Texas-San Antonio.... Noon

Auburn at Kansas 1 p.m.

Ball State at Oklahoma..... 1 p.m.

Presbyterian at Baylor 1 p.m.

Indiana at Texas A&M..... 1:30 p.m.

San Francisco at Colorado 2 p.m.

OPPONENT COMPARISON



Record	1-0-0	0-1-1	1-1-0
Conference	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Non-Conference	1-0-0	0-1-1	1-1-0
Goals	4	1	2
Assists	3	0	2
Shots	24	46	30
Shots-on-goal	11	15	9
Corner Kicks	14	13	7
Fouls	10	16	22
Saves	0	3	11
Shutouts	1	0	1

THE JOHN WALKER SOCCER COMPLEX

Tech's newest facility on campus, the John Walker Soccer Complex, officially opened in Tech's season-opening 4-0 victory over Lamar. Named after Tech alum and donor John B. Walker, the stadium is not expected to be completed until Sept. 12, when the Red Raiders face Arizona. Complete with seating for around 1,400 fans, an awning and a pressbox, the John Walker Soccer Complex will quickly become one of the nicest soccer facilities in the country. Prior to the 2009 season, the Red Raiders will move into a new field house that will be equipped with state-of-the-art locker rooms, coaches' offices, a players' lounge and athletic training facilities. The John Walker Soccer Complex is located on 10th Street off the Texas Tech Parkway, which is west of University Medical Center.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Red Raiders will travel to Murfreesboro, Tenn., next weekend to battle Middle Tennessee State and Alabama A&M in the Middle Tennessee Classic before returning home for a three-match homestand beginning Sept. 12 against Arizona, Sept. 14 versus Northwestern State and Sept. 18 against Oral Roberts.

TECH IN CONFERENCE OPENERS

The Red Raiders are 3-10 all-time in conference openers and 1-4 in openers at home. Tech defeated Colorado last year in its conference opener in Boulder. The last time the Red Raiders won a home conference opener was in 1996 also against the Buffaloes.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

<u>No.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>CL-EXP</u>	<u>HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL</u>
0	Colleen Pitts	GK	5-9	Jr-2L	Dallas, Texas/Ursuline Academy of Dallas
1	Tina Rincon	GK	5-6	Sr-3L	Carrollton, Texas/Creekview
3	Shannon Sims	MF	5-6	Sr-3L	Plano, Texas/Plano East
4	Brittney Harrison	D	5-7	Jr-2L	Plano, Texas/Plano
5	Megan Hoffert	MF	5-4	Jr-2L	Albuquerque, New Mexico/La Cueva
6	Chessa Purser	F	5-6	Sr-3L	Cypress, Texas/CyFair
7	Jennifer Kammerer	D	5-8	Jr-2L	Plano, Texas/Plano
8	Madison Terry	MF	5-5	Fr-HS	Rowlett, Texas/Rowlett
9	Karen De Leon	MF	5-10	So-1L	Las Cruces, New Mexico/Mayfield
10	Zhaleh Rezaie	F	5-7	Jr-3L	Plano, Texas/Plano West
11	Lauren Clary	D	5-8	Fr-HS	Sunnyvale, Texas/North Mesquite
12	Taylor Lytle	MF	5-1	Fr-RS	Las Cruces, New Mexico/Las Cruces
13	Katie Hinds	F	5-9	So-1L	Waxahachie, Texas/Waxahachie
14	Sarabeth Clopton	D	6-0	Jr-2L	Garland, Texas/Garland
16	Leanne Mihelich	F	5-8	So-TR	Duncanville, Texas/Arkansas-Little Rock
17	Emmie Bennett	MF	5-7	Jr-2L	Carrollton, Texas/Creekview
18	Lauren Yelinek	MF	5-7	Fr-HS	Ludlow, Mass./Minnechaug Regional
19	Lexi Castellano	D	5-7	Fr-HS	Arlington, Texas/Martin
20	Maegan Wilber	MF	5-11	Jr-2L	Tijeras, New Mexico/Albuquerque Academy
21	Maggie Fete	MF	5-9	Fr-HS	Warren, N.J./Watchung Hills Regional
22	Kendyl Mygatt	F	5-6	Fr-HS	Marietta, Ga./Woodward Academy
23	Dawn Ward	F	5-8	Fr-HS	Midland, Texas/Midland
24	Hope Hanson	D	5-9	Fr-HS	Apex, N.C./Middle Creek
25	Halie Cdebaca	MF	5-9	So-1L	Lubbock, Texas/Monterey
26	Erin Villareal	D	5-7	Fr-HS	Plano, Texas/Frisco Centennial
27	Kacy Hardie	MF	5-9	Fr-HS	Atlanta, Ga./The Lovett School
28	Jordan Johnson	F	5-5	Fr-HS	Marietta, Ga./Marietta
33	Casey McCall	D	5-6	Fr-HS	Frisco, Texas/Justin Wakeland

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach

Tom Stone - Second Season

Assistant Coaches

Aaron Gordon - Second Season

Ashley Gordon - Second Season

Volunteer Assistant

Kelly Schmedes - Fourth Season



TEXAS TECH'S RECORD WHEN...

Overall	1-0-0
Non-Conference	1-0-0
Conference	0-0-0
Home	1-0-0
Away	0-0-0
Neutral	0-0-0
Friday	1-0-0
Sunday	0-0-0
Winning At Halftime	1-0-0
Tied At Halftime	0-0-0
Losing At Halftime.....	0-0-0
Overtime	0-0-0
Against Top 25 Teams	0-0-0
Against Top 10 Teams	0-0-0
August	1-0-0
September.....	0-0-0
October.....	0-0-0
November.....	0-0-0
Wearing White	0-0-0
Wearing Red.....	1-0-0
Team Scores only one goal	0-0-0
Team Scores at least two goals.....	0-0-0
Team Scores three or more goals	1-0-0
Allowing one goal	0-0-0
Allowing two goals.....	0-0-0
Allowing three or more goals	0-0-0
Having More Shots.....	1-0-0
Having Less Shots.....	0-0-0
Tied Shots	0-0-0
Having More Corner Kicks.....	1-0-0
Having Less Corner Kicks	0-0-0
Tied With Corner Kicks.....	0-0-0
Having More Saves	0-0-0
Having Less Saves.....	1-0-0
Being Tied With Saves.....	0-0-0

HARRISON OPENS SEASON WITH BIG GAME

Red Raider junior defender Brittney Harrison continues to show why she is one of the top players in the country. The Plano, Texas, native connected on two goals in last Friday's season opener against Lamar, with both coming within less than a two minute stretch. Harrison now has 14 goals over her Tech career, which is tied for seventh on the school's all-time list.

RINCON AMONG CAREER LEADERS

Senior goalkeeper Tina Rincon enters her final season chasing several records on the school's all-time career chart. Rincon is currently third on the career saves list with 217, trailing both Megan Knauss (266) and Brittney Peese (329). Her nine career shutouts only trails Stephanie Carter (11) and Peese (10.5).

LYTLE HAS STRONG RETURN TO THE FIELD

In her first match of her Tech career, redshirt freshman Taylor Lytle showed little sign of rust after missing the 2007 campaign following knee surgery. The Las Cruces, New Mexico, native quickly provided the assist on the match's opening goal and played a total of 64 minutes against Lamar. A NSCAA All-American in high school, Lytle also made her first career start against the Cardinals.

RED RAIDERS SELECTED SEVENTH IN PRESEASON CONFERENCE POLL

If the Texas Tech soccer team is going to finish in the top half of the Big 12 for the second-consecutive season, it will once again have to defy the odds as the Red Raiders were selected to finish seventh among the league's 11 participating schools in a preseason poll of conference coaches. The Red Raiders were predicted to finish 11th in 2007 before finishing fifth and advancing to the Big 12 Championship for the first time since 1999. Texas led the poll with 94 points, while Texas A&M and Missouri completed the top three with 93 and 77 points, respectively.

RINCON, SIMS NAMED TEAM CAPTAINS

Prior to the season, the Red Raiders voted seniors Shannon Sims and Tina Rincon to serve as the team's captains. Sims, a midfielder from Plano, Texas, started all 17 matches last season, while Rincon added to her already impressive career numbers, adding 97 saves and five shutouts in 2007. Rincon is third all-time in career saves and shutouts with 217 and eight, respectively.

NSCAA/Addidas Aug. 26

1. USC
2. North Carolina
3. UCLA
4. Notre Dame
5. Florida State
6. Portland
7. Virginia
8. Texas
9. Penn State
10. Stanford
11. West Virginia
12. Connecticut
13. Texas A&M
14. Tennessee
15. Boston College
16. Duke
17. California
18. Illinois
19. Georgia
20. Wake Forest
21. Santa Clara
22. Florida
23. Oklahoma State
24. San Diego
25. Purdue

Soccer Times Aug. 25

1. USC
2. UCLA
3. North Carolina
4. Florida State
5. Notre Dame
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25. BYU

Soccer America Aug. 25

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Soccer Buzz Aug. 25

1. UCLA
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17. Georgia
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20. Duke
21. Texas A&M
22. Connecticut
23. Oklahoma State
24. California
25. Louisville

NATIONAL POLLS

NSCAA/Addidas Central Region Aug. 26

1. Texas
2. Texas A&M
3. Oklahoma State
4. Denver
5. Kansas
6. Colorado
7. Missouri
8. LSU
9. Memphis
10. Colorado College

Soccer Buzz Central Region Aug. 25

1. Texas
2. Tennessee
3. Texas A&M
4. Oklahoma State
5. LSU
6. Kansas
7. Denver
8. Memphis
9. Missouri
10. Colorado
11. Rice
12. Colorado College
13. Texas Tech
14. SMU
15. TCU



2008 RED RAIDER SOCCER

2008 TEXAS TECH SOCCER

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Location..... Lubbock, Texas
 Founded 1923
 Enrollment 28,260
 Nickname..... Red Raiders
 Colors Scarlet and Black
 Stadium John Walker Soccer Complex
 Capacity..... TBA
 Affiliation NCAA Division I
 Conference Big 12
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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach..... Tom Stone
 Record at Tech 7-8-2 (1 season)
 Career Record Same
 Assistant Coaches..... Aaron Gordon
 Ashley Gordon
 Volunteer Assistant Kelly Schmedes
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PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year 1994
 All-Time Record 87-161-12
 No. Years in NCAA Championship ... None
 Best Conference Finish 4th (1996)

TEAM INFORMATION

2007 Overall Record..... 7-8-2
 Conference Record (Finish) 5-4-1 (5th)
 Home Record 4-2-0
 Away Record 3-4-2
 Neutral Sites Record 0-2-0
 Final Rankings..... None
 Starters Returning/Lost..... 9/2
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 15/6
 Newcomers..... 12

MIHELICH JOINS THE RED RAIDERS

Sophomore Leanne Mihelich joins the Red Raiders this season after transferring from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Mihelich led the Trojans as a freshman in both goals with nine and points with 22. She will miss the first several weeks of the season with a foot injury.

STONE ADDS 12 FRESHMEN FOR SECOND SEASON

In his first recruiting class, head coach Tom Stone found much needed depth to an already talented Tech roster, adding 10 freshman - Lexi Castellano, Maggie Fete, Hope Hanson, Kacy Hardie, Casey McCall, Kendyl Mygatt, Madison Terry, Erin Villareal, Dawn Ward and Lauren Yelinek - on signing day last February. Both Lauren Clary and Jordan Johnson walked-on to the team during preseason practices.

DE LEON, WARD OUT FOR SEASON

Both sophomore Karen De Leon and freshman Dawn Ward will miss the entire 2008 season with injuries. De Leon, one of Tech's top freshman a year ago, connected on two goals and provided two assists in 2007, while Ward was the top prospect in the 2008 recruiting class.

TECH TO HOST TEN MATCHES IN 2008

The Red Raiders will find a more favorable schedule in 2008 as Tech will host 10 home matches. Tech will also lose its "Lone Ranger" status from a year ago where the Red Raiders had to play a Big 12 opponent on both Fridays and Sundays, while each other conference opponent had an open date within its schedule. On top of five non-conference home matches, Tech also hosts national-powers and in-state rivals Texas (Oct. 12) and Texas A&M (Oct. 24). Four of Tech's five road conference matches are against Big 12 North opponents, Kansas (Oct. 3), Missouri (Oct. 5), Iowa State (Oct. 17) and Nebraska (Oct. 19).

REZAIIE HOPES TO CONTINUE STRONG FINISH

No other Red Raider possibly ended the 2007 season hotter than junior Zhaleh Rezaie. Expected to be an offensive threat throughout the season, Rezaie got out to a slow start last season connecting on only one goal entering the Iowa State match, Tech's 11th total of the season. Rezaie would score goals in consecutive matches against Iowa State and Nebraska, before ending the season with a career-high two goals against Missouri in the Big 12 Championship quarterfinals. Rezaie finished with six total goals last season.