

LADY RAIDER TENNIS



LADY RAIDERS KICK OFF BIG 12 ACTION

Coming off splitting a pair of matches in their conference opener, Texas Tech will return home to host the 2007 Big 12 defending Champions, No. 3 Baylor. Match time is set for noon on Sat., March 22, at the McLeod Tennis Center.

NON-CONFERENCE DUALS

The Lady Raiders posted a 7-5 record during their pre-conference schedule, facing six nationally ranked non-conference opponents. Tech notched in two upsets over ranked teams with wins over Nevada at home and SMU in Dallas. In addition, Tech narrowly missed two more wins losing 4-3 to Arizona and No. 37 BYU on the road.

BIG 12 CONFERENCE - STRONGER THAN EVER

Showcasing some of the premier athletes in college tennis today, the Big 12 Conference continues to have some of the top women's tennis programs in the country. Five teams are currently ranked in the ITA top 75, including No. 3 Baylor, No. 17 Texas, No. 27 Texas A&M, No. 61 Nebraska, and No. 67 Colorado.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Leading the team this year is senior Janet Durham. Durham's noted strength is in doubles where she played the No. 1 spot last season with teammate Samantha van der Drift posting a record of 12-6 at No. 1, 7-5 in Big 12 play. She currently is number one in Tech's all-time record book in career doubles victories with 82, passing former teammate Lakann Wagley on March 1st against SMU. She also falls into six other categories, including No. 2 in career victories with 70, No. 1 in single-season doubles victories with 28 in 2006. Durham has posted a 18-8 overall record during the fall and spring, including a 2-0 record at No. 2 and 7-3 in the No. 4 singles position.

THE LINE-UP

Playing in the No. 1 singles spot for the squad is sophomore Samantha van der Drift. The DeZilk, Holland native enters her second season at No. 1 for the Raiders, and will also play in the No. 1 doubles spot with teammate Janet Durham. Filling the No. 2 and No. 3 positions this season is a pair of exceptional freshmen, Lubbock-native Kelsy Garland and Simone Templeton, respectively. The two will also play in the No. 3 doubles spot this weekend where they currently hold down a 2-0 record.

Rounding out the bottom half of the line-up includes a series of veteran stand-outs. Both senior Janet Durham and sophomore Kerryn Potgieter lead their team in singles with a 9-3 record on the season, and play the four and five positions for Tech, respectively. Finishing off the line-up in singles will be sophomore Maria Jose Andres, while Potgieter doubles with Brenna Jackson at No. 2 for the first time this season.

GROCE BRINGS HONORS TO TECH



At the helm for the Lady Raiders is Coach Cari Groce, who enters her fifth season as head coach of the women's tennis program at Tech. After spending 12 years coaching at Washington State, Groce holds a career record of 204-178, 54-42 at Tech, Groce's resume reflects her devotion to the game of tennis, both on and off the court. She was named the 2006 Professional Tennis Registry Coach of the Year and received the 2007 USTA/ITA Community Service Award for the Texas section.

With a good mixture of veterans and newcomers, Coach Groce is excited to see what this season has in store for her team. "I think we have come through the first half of the season putting things together well, playing hard, and fighting in each match."

• 2007-2008 ROSTER •

Maria Jose Andres (ma-ree-a ho-say on-dress)	SO	San Luis Potosi, Mexico/Instituto Lomas del Real
Ingrid Ballus (ball-yoo)	FR	Barcelona, Spain/Lycees Francais
Kyla Coleman	SO	Levelland, Texas/Levelland
Janet Durham (dur-um)	SR	Corpus Christi, Texas/Flour Bluff
Kelsy Garland	FR	Lubbock, Texas/Coronado
Brenna Jackson	SR	Wichita Falls, Texas/Rider
Kerryn Potgieter (pot-gee-ter)	SO	Pietermaritzburg, South Africa/Epworth
Laura Ring	FR	Friendswood, Texas/Pendleton
Leah Roberts	FR	Wrexham, United Kingdom/Yale at Wrexham
Simone Templeton	FR	Austin, Texas/Oregon
Samantha van der Drift	JR	DeZilk, Holland/Sint Joris

• 2008 SCHEDULE •

1/22	Texas State	W, 7-0
1/25	Texas-Pan American	W, 7-0
1/27	Air Force	W, 6-1
2/1	#39 Arizona	L, 4-3
2/2	San Diego	W, 4-0
2/8	North Texas	W, 6-1
2/9	#68 Nevada	W, 4-3
2/15	#49 Boise State	L, 5-2
2/16	#58 BYU	L, 4-3
3/1	#62 SMU	W, 5-2
3/2	#31 TCU	L, 7-0
3/14	#58 Nebraska*	L, 6-1
3/15	Iowa State*	W, 5-2
3/22	#5 Baylor*	NOON
3/28	Missouri*	5 PM
3/30	Colorado*	12 PM
4/4	Kansas State*	1 PM
4/6	Kansas*	11 PM
4/11	Oklahoma State*	5 PM
4/13	Oklahoma*	12 PM
4/18	Texas A&M*	5 PM
4/20	Texas*	Noon
4/24-27	Big 12 Tournament	
5/11-13	NCAA 1st & 2nd Rounds	
5/17-20	NCAA Championships	

*indicates Big 12 Conference match

• SCOUTING THE OPPONENT •

○ #3 BAYLOR BEARS ○ MARCH 22, 2008 - NOON

Boasting one of the top women's tennis programs in the country, head coach Joey Scrivano and his Lady Bears travel to the South Plains. Baylor is 15-1 in dual matches this spring, 2-0 in conference, and is let by four nationally-ranked singles players and two ranked doubles teams.

Last year Tech was swept, 7-0, in Waco, Texas, on the Bears home courts. The Lady Bears ended 2007 with an impressive campaign clinching the Big 12 season and tournament Championships, and advancing to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament.

Baylor's singles line-up begins with No. 23 Zuzana Zemenova at No. 1, No. 26 Taylor Ormond at No. 2, No. 11 Lenka Broosova at No. 3, No. 62 Jana Bielikova at No. 4, Jelena Stanivuk at No. 5, and Karolina Filipiak rounding out No. 6. In doubles the No. 4-ranked team of Broosova and Zemenova play at No. 1, No. 54 Ormond and Stanivuk fill No. 2, and Chmellarova and Filipiak are at No. 3.



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○ **COACHING STAFF** ○

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 Alma Mater/Year Four-year Letterwinner at
 Nebraska
 Oklahoma State, 1988
 Record at school (yrs.) 54-42 (5 yrs.)
 Career record (yrs.) 204-178 (18 yrs.)
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 Asst. Coach (Alma Mater/Year) Todd Petty
 Midwestern State

○ **TEAM INFORMATION** ○

Overall record last year 11-11
 Conference record/finish 4-7/t7th
 Final Ranking last year (poll) NR
 Letterwinners returning/lost 5/6
 Newcomers 6

said Groce. "Our players are able to hold their composure in tough matches, and I know they will do well in conference matches."

In reference to the team as a whole, Groce commented, "I am a very fortunate coach this year because we have a great group this year. We have a great fan-base, especially with our parents who come and follow us on the road because they are very supportive of the team and the program. The team is an amazing group of ladies and works hard for the school, the fans, and the coaching staff everyday."

Quick Facts:

- 2007 USTA/ITA Community Service Award-Texas Section
- 2006 PTR Coach of the Year
- ITA Board of Directors
- Former PAC-10 and ITA Northwest Region Women's Coach of the Year (2001-02)



NEW ASSISTANT COACH

Head Coach Cari Groce added a new face to her coaching staff this season, Assistant Coach Todd Petty. Petty joined the team in November replacing former Tech letterwinner Irina Tereshchenko.

"I grew up in Texas and am familiar with Texas Tech tennis," commented Petty on choosing the position. "Over the year's I've seen a lot of potential and growth in the program. I look forward to working with Coach Groce and learning from her and her experience with the sport. I think Tech is in a great conference and this is a great starting point and great opportunity for me."

During his collegiate career, Petty garnered several post-season honors. He was named to the Southland All-Conference team in both 1999 and 2000 at Texas-San Antonio. After transferring to Midwestern State he was named to the 2002 Lone Star Conference All-Academic team and named an ITA Academic All-American.

Petty came to Lubbock after serving as the head coach at Rider High School in Wichita Falls, Texas. At Rider Coach Petty mentored several students to state qualifying berths, including in 2003 when three Rider tennis players qualified for the 4-A state tournament. In addition, his teams have finished in the top five in the state of Texas from 2004-2006, with the 2006 team placing third. The Rider tennis program has grown to have 70 participants, the largest it has ever been.

While in school, he also served as a graduate assistant for Midwestern State where he was involved in recruiting, coaching, and traveling with the men's and women's tennis programs. In 2003 and 2004, the men's tennis team qualified for the NCAA Tournament.

MATCH DAY

Match time is set for 5 p.m. All matches are scheduled to be played at the McLeod Tennis Center located next to UMC Hospital on Indiana Ave. Changes will be made accordingly in such cases as bad weather, and matches will move indoors to the Lubbock Country Club located off of I-27 near the Lubbock International Airport. Notification of all changes will be available on-line at www.texastech.com.

Live updates will be available for every home and road match on-line, as well as final results posted on the women's page in the post-game release. For more information and to view live updates, please visit the women's tennis page at www.texastech.com.

● **MATCH DAY EVENTS** ●

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