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2007-08 Men's Golf

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2007 Fall Schedule

Sept. 10-11 Saint Mary's Invitational
Poppy Hills G.C. - Pebble Beach, Calif.
T3rd of 18, 295-296-292=883

Sept. 17-18 Texas Cup Intercollegiate
University of Texas G.C. - Austin, Texas
T1st of 11, 296-286=582

Oct. 1-2 UT Arlington/Waterchase Invitational
Waterchase G.C. • Fort Worth, Texas
1st of 15, 282-275-294=851

Oct. 15-16 Squire Creek Invitational
Squire Creek C.C. - Choudrant, La.
9th of 18, 294-300-287=882

Oct. 29-30 Herb Wimberly Intercollegiate
University G.C. • Las Cruces, N.M.
Host - New Mexico State

Nov. 5-7 Hawai'i Fall Intercollegiate
Turtle Bay Resort • Turtle Bay, Hawai'i
Host - Hawai'i

2008 Spring Schedule

Feb. 25-26 Rio Pinar Intercollegiate
Rio Pinar G.C. • Orlando, Fla.
Host: Central Florida

March 10-11 Callaway Golf Invitational
The Farms G.C. • Ranch Santa Fe, Calif.
Host: U. of San Diego

March 14-15 Border Olympics
Laredo C.C. • Laredo, Texas
Host - U. of Houston

March 31 -April 1 Diet Pepsi/Shocker Classic
Wichita C.C. • Wichita, Kan.
Host - Wichita State

April 14-16 SLC Championships
Gray Plantation G.C. • Lake Charles, La.
Host - Southland Conference

May 17-19 NCAA Central Regionals
Scarlet Course • Columbus, Ohio
Host - Ohio State

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Herb Wimberly Intercollegiate

Dates: Monday, October 29 - 36 holes **Tee Off:** 9 a.m. shotgun (CT)
Tuesday, October 30 - 18 holes **Tee Off:** 9:30 a.m. start
Course: The New Mexico State Golf Course
Par: 72
Yardage: 7,040 yards (slope 144/rating 74.1)
Greens: Bermuda
Fairways: 419 Bermuda grass
Host: New Mexico State

Participating Teams (Oct. 23, 2007, ranking according to Golfweek.com): Ball State (120), Cal Poly (169), Kansas State (97), Louisiana-Monroe (208), Loyola-Marymount (87), Miami-Ohio (133), Nebraska (153), Nevada (106), New Mexico State (108), Northern Colorado (na), Rice (181), South Alabama (69), Texas Tech (19), Towson (245), UT Arlington (54), UTEP (121), Washington State (156).

UT Arlington's Probable Line-Up

Player	Yr.	Hometown	Avg.	Rd.	Str.	Par	(-)Par	Season Season	
								Low	Best Finish
Zack Reeves	Sr.	Arlington, Texas	74.27	11	817	1	1	69	T9
Michael Van deVenter	So.	Centurion, South Africa	72.64	11	799	1	4	68	T2
Bryce Easton	So.	Durban, South Africa	73.09	11	804	1	4	68	T3
Bobby Massa	So.	Irving, Texas	73.45	11	808	1	2	68	T5
Michae Douthit	Sr.	Palestine, Texas	73.00	3	219	0	1	70	T14

Key Reserves

Player	Yr.	Hometown	Avg.	Rd.	Str.	Par	(-)Par	Season Season	
								Low	Best Finish
Zack Fischer	Fr.	Texarkana, Texas	74.54	11	820	0	2	70	T8

This Week

The UT Arlington men's golf team will try to bounce back from a ninth-place finish at the Squire Creek Intercollegiate two weeks ago when they travel to Las Cruces, N.M., to compete in the Herb Wimberly Intercollegiate, beginning on Monday.

Host New Mexico State won last year's tournament with a 13-under-par 851 total. Nebraska's Brady Schnell fired rounds of 67-70-69=206 to win the tournament by two strokes over NMSU's Freddy Esparza.

UT Arlington will be playing in their seventh Herb Wimberly Tournament. The Mavs won the event in 1998 with a 36-hole total of two under par 574.

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2006 Fall Results

- Sept. 11-12 Scenic City Invitational
The Honors G.C. • Ooltewah, Tenn.
8th of 17, 303-303-315—921
- Sept. 25-26 Mattaponi Springs Shootout
Mattaponi Springs G.C. • Ruther Glen, Va.
13th of 15, 299-291-299—889
- Oct. 2-3 Wolf Pack Classic
Wolf Run G.C. • Reno, Nev.
11th of 18, 290-288-300—878
- Oct. 15-16 Squire Creek Invitational
Squire Creek G.C. • Ruston, La.
10th of 18, 300
- Nov. 6-8 Hawai'i Fall Intercollegiate
Kaneohe Klipper G.C. • Kaneohe, Hawai'i
9th of 16, 295-294-303-892

2007 Spring Results

- Feb. 19-20, 2007 Rio Pinar Intercollegiate
Rio Pinar G.C. • Orlando, Fla.
5th of 18, 295-296-288=879
- March 5-6 Callaway Golf Invitational
The Farms G.C. • Ranch Santa Fe, Calif.
t7th of 15, 288-293-302=883
- March 15-17 Border Olympics
Laredo C.C. • Laredo, Texas
4th of 15, 281-289-289=859
- April 2-3 Diet Pepsi/Shocker Classic
Wichita C.C. • Wichita, Kan.
1st of 16, 287-292-312=891
- April 16-18 SLC Championships
Comanche Trace G.C. • Kerrville, Texas
Host - Southland Conference
- May 17-19 NCAA Central Regionals
Rich Harvest Farms • Sugar Grove, Ill.
Host - Northern Illinois

Mavericks Making History

This year's UT Arlington men's golf team is making history. Thanks to winning back-to-back tournament for the first time since 2004-05, the Mavericks were ranked in the top 20 for the first time in the program's history during the golfweek.com poll for Oct. 15, 2007. The Mavericks have won two tournaments this fall - sharing the Texas Cup title with New Orleans and claiming the UT Arlington Fall Classic with a 22-stroke win over Central Oklahoma. The margin of victory is the third largest in school history and UT Arlington set a school record with a 54-hole score of 851, eclipsing the old mark by three strokes. The second round score of 13-under-par 275 was the lowest team round in program history breaking the old mark of 279 at the UTSA Invitational in 2001.

Last Time Out

UT Arlington finished ninth at the Squire Creek Intercollegiate Tournament in Choudrant, La., on Oct. 16.

National Rankings

UTA has four golfers ranked among the top 300 players in the nation, through standing released Oct. 10, 2007. Sophomore **Bryce Easton** is 151st with a 71.31 stroke per round average. **Michael van de Venter** is ranked 153rd with a 71.36. Sophomore **Bobby Massa** has a 71.97 average and is ranked 228th while senior transfer **Buddy Wilkins** is 293rd with a 72.35.

Keeping the Momentum

After 10 top-five finishes in 13 tournaments during the 2005-06 season and four top-five finishes in 2006-07, UT Arlington has posted three top-five finishes to begin the 2007 fall season.

All-Time Leaders

Senior **Zack Reeves**' career stroke average of 73.61 ranks third at UT Arlington. He will tie former Maverick standout Tyrone Mordt's (2002-06) record of 45 events for the most tournaments played in a career with seven more tournaments. He will set the career rounds (135) played mark with 27 more rounds heading into Squire Creek. Former Mav Shad Muth's 73.48 career stroke average over 72 rounds is the all-time best at UT Arlington. Freshman **Zack Fischer** (Texarkana, Texas) has made a strong early showing with a 74.54 stroke average. The freshman single-season record in 73.53 by Luke Main in 2000-01. Sophomore **Michael van de Venter** has a 72.64 average through four tournaments. Sophomore **Bryce Easton** is next at 73.09. The sophomore single-season mark is 73.50 by Greg Gregory in 1992-93.

Reeves Earns Spotlight

UTA junior **Zack Reeves** (Arlington, Texas) was named the national golfer of the week by GolfWeek.com after winning the Squire Creek Intercollegiate Tournament on Oct. 17-18, 2005. A two-time all-Southland Conference golfer, Reeves became the 16th UTA golfer to win a golf tournament when he captured the 2005 Squire Creek Intercollegiate Invitational with rounds of 67-74-70=211.



Golf Week Features Mavs

GolfWeek magazine senior writer Ron Balicki featured the UTA Golf program during the week of Feb. 7, 2005, on golfweek.com. The "Around Campus" segment is entitled "Mavs move into new territory." It marks the first time in program history that the Mavericks have been featured in the prestigious magazine or their web site.

Home Grown

Eight of the 12-member UTA golf team hails from Texas. **Marc Campbell** (Southlake), **Michael Douthit** (Palestine), **Zack Fischer** (Texarkana, Texas), **Bobby Massa** (Irving, Texas), **Zack Reeves** (Arlington), **Michael Mullin** (Austin) **Jamey Taylor** (Friendswood, Texas) and **Kevin Varrichio** (Arlington, Texas) are all native Texans.

Mavs Welcome Newcomers

Texas state golf tournament qualifiers **Zack Fischer** and **Jamey Taylor** and junior college standout **Buddy Wilkins** have signed a National Letter of Intent to play men's golf at UT Arlington. "I feel this class is equal to or better than last year's class which was ranked the fourth best freshmen class in the country," said Rees. "Buddy Wilkins brings immediate experience and maturity to a very young team. He is used to performing at a high level. He is used to winning and we need that type of mind set

Top 10 Single-Season Scoring Averages

Name	Year	Avg.
1. Zack Reeves	present	72.55
2. Tyrone Mordt	04-05	72.69
3. Adam Babb	99-00	72.75
4. Anthony Estorga	02-03	72.90
5. Harry Singh	97-98	73.31
Shad Muth	00-01	73.33

Team 54-Hole Tournament Low Scores

1. UTA Fall Classic	2007	851
2. Baylor Invitational	2001	854
3. Cleveland Golf Championships	2002	854
4. Moe O'Brien Invite	1998	855
5. S. Alabama/ Fall Beach Classic	2003	858
6. Long Beach Invite	2000	859
Oregon State/ Northwest Collegiate Classic	2001	859
Oregon State/ Northwest Collegiate Classic	2005	859
Squire Creek	2005	859
Border Olympics	2007	859

Quick Facts

Location	Arlington, Texas
Enrollment	24,825
Founded	1895
Nickname	Mavericks
Colors	Royal blue and white
Conference	Southland
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
President	James Spaniolo
Athletics Director	Pete Carlon
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Head Coach	Jay Rees
Alma Mater	Emporia State '89, ninth season

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Releases & Results

All UTA notes and statistics are available via the UTA website at: utamavs.com

instilled (in our program)."

Fischer won the Texas State Junior Championship this summer with a 54-hole total of 208 (68-70-70). He, ranked among the top 10 junior golfers in Texas, led the Texarkana Texas High School boys golf team to the Region II-4A Team title with a 71 to finish tied for third at the rain-shortened region tournament. He won the District 11-4A tournament.

He has won 14 tournaments since 2004, including the Texas Legends Junior Tour Championship with a 72-73-69=214 on Nov. 26, 2006.

"(Fischer) is one of the top 10 junior players in Texas. He has been under the radar, since we started the recruiting process he has continued to gain confidence and improve. His team will have a chance to win the state 4A state championship. He easily could vie for medalist honors at the state championship. He has a great attitude, is a very good student and a hard worker. He is a person with a winning mind set, someone who expects to win."

Taylor is a four-time first-team all District 18-4A and won the Region I Tournament at Friendswood High School. He has captained the FHS team for the past three seasons and was named the team's player of the year in 2005-07. He finished second at the District 18-4A Tournament (73-70-143) to advance to the Region I Tournament. He was named first team all-Houston Golf Association in 2004-06, a 2006 HGA Junior Classic champion, 2006 Greater Houston City Junior Championship runner up, and fifth place at the 2006 Texas Legends Junior Texas State Championship.

Both Taylor and Fischer competed at the UIL Class 4A State Golf Championship where they finished in the top 10.

Wilkins transfers from Arkansas-Fort Smith and will be a senior for the 2007-08 season. He ranks 13th in the nation for the 2007 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II individual rankings with a 72.333 stroke average. He won the UAFA Lions Classic Tournament with a 76-69=145 and the Univ. of Arkansas Community College-Morrilton Tournament with a round of 69 in the rain-shortened event on Oct. 31. He also won the Harding Bison Fall Golf Classic last fall with a 70-72-142 on Sept. 27, 2006.

Wilkins transferred from the University of Arkansas in 2005. He played his prep career at Glenbard (Ill.) West High School where he won the regional tournament his senior season with a 69.

Head Coach Jay Rees

The 2005 Southland Conference Golf Coach of the Year, **Jay Rees** is in his ninth season at UTA. Rees has built the golf program into one of the top programs in the region and the nation. On a roster primarily of Texas golfers, UTA has been ranked in the top 50 nationally consistently over the past three seasons. He led UTA to its third SLC title in 11 seasons in 2005.

Rees is the sixth golf coach in UTA history dating back to 1963. He guided the Mavericks to the NCAA Regional Tournament in 2002 and 2005.

A native of Emporia, Kan., Rees spent three years at Texas Lutheran University, where he helped lead both the Bulldog men's and women's teams to national prominence. After taking over TLU's men's squad in September, 1996, the team made three straight appearances in the NAIA national tournament, where the Bulldogs finished seventh in the nation in 1997, fourth in 1998 and sixth in 1999. TLU's women's golf team began play on the varsity level in 1997-98, and under Rees' guidance, finished ninth overall in the NAIA's national championship tournament in its first season before finishing second in 1999. In addition, TLU's Elizabeth Hoffman won the individual national championship that season. Following each of his last two years at TLU, Rees was named the District's Coach of the Year.

He was the assistant men's and women's golf coach at Arizona State University from 1994-1995, where the Lady Sun Devils claimed the 1995 national championship. He went to ASU after one year as an assistant for the men's team at Louisiana State University in 1993-94.



2007-08 Texas-Arlington Men's Golf Team

Player	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/Last School
Marc Campbell	6-1	Sr./3L	Southlake, Texas (Southlake Carroll)
Michael Douthit	5-10	Sr./2L	Palestine, Texas (High)
Donald Dowie	6-3	So./SQ	Pretoria, South Africa (Pretoria Boys)
Bryce Easton	6-2	So./1L	Durban, South Africa (Westville Boys)
Zack Fischer	5-10	Fr./HS	Texarkana, Texas (High)
Bobby Massa	6-3	So./1L	Irving, Texas (High)
Michael Mullin	6-2	Jr./2L	Austin, Texas (Westlake)
Zack Reeves	5-10	Sr./3L	Arlington, Texas (Mansfield)
Jamey Taylor	6-0	Fr./HS	Friendswood, Texas (High)
Michael Van deVenter	5-9	So./1L	Centurion, South Africa (Affies)
Kevin Varrichio	5-10	So./1L	Arlington, Texas (Lamar)
Buddy Wilkins	5-10	Sr./TR	Glen Ellyn, Ill. (Glenbard West)

Head Coach: Jay Rees (ninth year at UT Arlington, Emporia (Kan.) State, '89)



Overall Statistics

Name	Tourn.	Rnds	Strokes	Avg. 18	Avg. 54	Best 18	Best 54	Top 10	Top 20	Best
Zack Fischer	4	11	820	74.54	223.63	70	218	2	2	T8
Bobby Massa	4	11	808	73.45	220.36	68	215	1	1	T5
Bryce Easton	4	11	804	73.09	219.27	68	215	2	2	T3
Michael van de Venter	4	11	799	72.64	217.89	68	212	2	3	T2
Zack Reeves	4	11	817	74.27	222.82	69	216	1	1	T9
Buddy Wilkins	2	5	366	73.20	219.60	68	221	1	2	T8
Kevin Varrichio	2	6	445	74.17	222.49	72	218	0	1	T12
Michael Douthit	1	3	219	73.00	219.00	70	219	0	1	T14
Marc Campbell	1	3	225	75.00	225.00	72	225	0	0	T42
Donald Dowie	1	3	225	75.00	225.00	74	225	0	0	T42
Michael Mullin	1	3	239	79.67	239.00	76	239	0	0	80
TEAM	4	78	5,767	295.74	887.23	275	851	9	13	T2

Team Results

Tournament/Location	Course	Score	Finish	UTA Leader
Saint Mary's Invitational <i>Pebble Beach, Calif.</i>	Poppy Hills GC	295-296-292=883	T3rd of 18	Fischer (T8)
Texas Cup Intercollegiate <i>Austin, Texas</i>	Univ. of Texas GC	296-286=582	T1st of 11	Easton (T3)
UT Arlington Fall Classic <i>Fort Worth, Texas</i>	Waterchase GC	282-275-294=851	1st of 15	van de Venter (T2)
Squire Creek Intercollegiate <i>Choudrant, La.</i>	Squire Creek GC	294-300-287=882	9th of 18	van de Venter (T19)
Herb Wimberley Intercollegiate <i>Las Cruces, N.M.</i>	University Club GC			
2007 Turtle Bay Intercollegiate <i>Turtle Bay, Hawaii</i>	Turtle Bay Resort			
UCF/Rio Pinar Intercollegiate <i>Orlando, Fla.</i>	Rio Pinar CC			
Callaway Golf Invitational <i>Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.</i>	The Farms GC			
Border Olympics <i>Laredo, Texas</i>	Laredo CC			
Diet Pepsi/Shocker Classic <i>Wichita, Kan.</i>	Wichita CC			
Southland Conference Championship <i>Lake Charles, La.</i>	Gray Plantation GC			

Individual results

Saint Mary's Invitational

T-8	Zack Fischer	73-74-71=218
T-28	Bryce Easton	77-73-73=223
T-28	Bobby Massa	78-74-71=223
T-33	Michael van de Venter	73-75-77=225
T-47	Zack Reeves	72-75-81=228

Texas Cup

T-3	Bryce Easton	75-68=143
7	Michael van de Venter	73-71=144
T-8	Buddy Wilkins*	73-72=145
T-11	Bobby Massa	75-72=147
T-13	Zack Reeves	73-75=148
T-38	Zack Fischer	75-80=155

UTA Fall Classic

T-2	Michael van de Venter	68-70-74=212
T-5	Bobby Massa	73-68-74=215
T-5	Bryce Easton	70-75-70=215
T-9	Zack Reeves	71-69-76=216
T-21	Buddy Wilkins	73-68-80=221
T-12	Zack Fischer*	70-73-75=218
T-12	Kevin Varrichio*	73-72-73=218
T-14	Michael Douthit*	74-70-75=219
T-42	Marc Campbell*	75-72-78=225
T-42	Donald Dowie*	74-74-77=225
80	Michael Mullin*	76-84-79=239

Squire Creek Intercollegiate Invitational

T-19	Michael van de Venter	75-72-71=218
T-45	Bryce Easton	71-79-73=223
T-45	Bobby Massa	75-77-71=223
T-56	Zack Reeves	73-77-75=225
T-66	Kevin Varrichio	80-75-72=227
T-73	Zack Fischer*	74-78-77=229

* Competed as a medalist