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2008 ALL-SOUTHLAND WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAMS ANNOUNCED

FRISCO, Texas - After helping Southeastern Louisiana to a perfect Southland Conference record and the regular-season title for the third-straight year, Emilija Arnaudovska was named Women's Tennis Player of the Year for a second-consecutive season, today.

Arnaudovska went 11-0 at No. 1 singles this year, as she becomes the first back-to-back winner since UT Arlington's Lisa Jackson won two-straight in 2000 and 2001.

UT Arlington's Diana Negreanu is the Newcomer of the Year, posting a 7-3 record at No. 3 singles, as she becomes the third Maverick to win the honor, joining Carolin Schappacher in 2002 and Gwendolyn Behrendt in 2001.

Freshman of the Year honors went to Lamar's Mariaryeni Gutierrez, who finished 10-0 at No. 2 singles. She becomes the first Cardinal to win Freshman of the Year honors.

Southeastern Louisiana's Jason Hayes won his third-straight Coach of the Year honor.

The Lions dominated the All-SLC first-team. In addition to Arnaudovska, Jana Simurkova, Bonnie Phillips and Nina Knaws all earned first-team honors at No. 4, No. 5 and No. 6 respectively. Phillips earns her third-straight first-team honor, while Simurkova wins her second-straight. Knaws also earns second first-team honor, as she was a first teamer in 2006.

Lamar's Gutierrez and Kaltrina Harbuzi rounded out the first-team at No. 2 and No. 3 singles. Harbuzi finished 9-1 at No. 3 singles.

First-team doubles honors went to Sam Houston State's Irina Sotnikova and Peta Taylor, who went 9-1 at No. 1.

Southeastern Louisiana's Emilija Arnaudovska and Iva Velkovska and Jana Simurkova and Bonnie Phillips were the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles teams on the first-team, as both went 8-0.

Northwestern State placed two players on the second-team, Bianca Schultz at No. 4 and Daniela Posada at No. 5. Schultz went 9-1, while Posada finished 10-1 for the Demons.

Also on the second-team is UT Arlington's Monika Hadvigerova at No. 2, Southeastern Louisiana's Breda Kovac at No. 3 and Lamar's Manami Kuroda at No. 6. Hadvigerova finished 8-1, Kovac went 9-2 and Kuroda posted a 5-0 mark this season.

Lamar's Andrea Martinez and Mariaryeni Gutierrez went 9-1 at No. 1 doubles to earn second-team honors, while Salina Aranda and Kaltrina Harbuzi finished 6-3 at No. 3 to also earn second-team honors.

Rounding out the doubles team is Northwestern State's Kathrin Lange and Bianca Schultz, posting a 7-2 mark at No. 2.



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FIRST TEAM SINGLES

No. 1	Emilija Arnaudovska	Southeastern La.	Sr.	Skopje, Macedonia
No. 2	Mariaryani Gutierrez	Lamar	Fr.	San Antonio, Venezuela
No. 3	Kaltrina Harbuzi	Lamar	So.	Schneverdingen, Germany
No. 4	Jana Simurkova	Southeastern La.	Sr.	Trencin, Slovak Republic
No. 5	Bonnie Phillips	Southeastern La.	Sr.	Mount Maunganui, N.Z.
No. 6	Nina Knavs	Southeastern La.	Sr.	Ljubljana, Slovenia

FIRST TEAM DOUBLES

No. 1	Irina Sotnikova	Sam Houston State	Jr.	Riga, Latvia
	Peta Taylor	Sam Houston State	Jr.	Ardross, Australia
No. 2	Emilija Arnaudovska	Southeastern La.	Sr.	Skopje, Macedonia
	Iva Velkovska	Southeastern La.	Jr.	Skopje, Macedonia
No. 3	Jana Simurkova	Southeastern La.	Sr.	Trencin, Slovak Republic
	Bonnie Phillips	Southeastern La.	Sr.	Mount Maunganui, N.Z.

SECOND TEAM SINGLES

No. 1	Karen Scida	UTSA	Jr.	Tucuman, Argentina
No. 2	Monika Hadvigerova	UT Arlington	Fr.	Bratislava, Slovakia
No. 3	Breda Kovac	Southeastern La.	Sr.	Ljubljana, Slovenia
No. 4	Bianca Schultz	Northwestern State	Fr.	Wiesenstiasse, Germany
No. 5	Daniela Posada	Northwestern State	Jr.	Cali, Colombia
No. 6	Manami Kuroda	Lamar	So.	Tokyo, Japan

SECOND TEAM DOUBLES

No. 1	Andrea Martinez	Lamar	Sr.	Durango, Mexico
	Mariaryeni Gutierrez	Lamar	Fr.	San Antonio, Venezuela
No. 2	Kathrin Lange	Northwestern State	Fr.	Emmingen, Germany
	Bianca Schultz	Northwestern State	Fr.	Wiesenstiasse, Germany
No. 3	Salina Aranda	Lamar	Fr.	Kirbyville, Texas
	Kaltrina Harbuzi	Lamar	So.	Schneverdingen, Germany

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Emilija Arnaudovska, Southeastern La.

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: Mariaryeni Gutierrez, Lamar

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR: Diana Negreanu, UT Arlington

COACH OF THE YEAR: Jason Hayes, Southeastern La.

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