



Wyoming Soccer Quick Facts

Location: Laramie, Wyoming
Enrollment: 13,476
Conference: Mountain West
Nickname/School Colors: Cowgirls/Brown and Gold
Home Field: Louis S. Madrid Sports Complex (1,500)
Head Coach: Danny Sanchez (UConn '91)
Current Record at Wyoming: 25-28-7 (Three Seasons)
Current Career Record: 351-90-26 (Seventeen Years)
Assistant Coach: Jason Green (Ottawa '03)
Assistant Coach: Don Trentham (Columbia College '99)
Volunteer Assistant Coach: Darren Toohey (Hope College '98)
2010 Record: 7-10-3
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 10/8
Starters Returning/Lost: 6/5
Newcomers: 12
Program's Current All-Time Record: 95-185-24 (16 years)
Official Website: www.wyomingathletics.com

2011 Season Schedule

Overall: (12-6-4) MW: (3-1-2) Home: (5-2-3) Away: (5-1-1) Neutral: (0-2)

Date	Opponent	Time
Sat., Aug. 13	Denver (exh.)	L 3-1
Fri., Aug. 19	vs. Oregon#	L 2-0
Sun., Aug. 21	vs. Montana#	L 2-1
Fri., Aug. 26	at Utah Valley	W 2-0
Sun., Aug. 28	at Colorado	W 1-0
Fri., Sept. 2	at Washington State	L 3-0
Sun., Sept. 4	at Eastern Washington	W 2-1
Fri., Sept. 9	Cleveland State	L 2-1 (2OT)
Sun., Sept. 11	Weber State	W 1-0
Fri., Sept. 16	Drake	T 1-1 (2OT)
Sun., Sept. 18	Colorado State-Pueblo	W 3-1
Fri., Sept. 23	South Dakota	W 3-1
Sun., Sept. 25	Creighton	T 0-0 (2OT)
Fri., Sept. 30	Boise State*	W 1-0
Sun., Oct. 2	Northern Colorado	W 2-1 (2OT)
Fri., Oct. 14	at New Mexico*	T 1-1 (2OT)
Sun., Oct. 16	at TCU*	W 3-1
Fri., Oct. 21	San Diego State*	L 1-0
Sun., Oct. 23	UNLV*	T 0-0 (2OT)
Sat., Oct. 29	at Air Force*	W 5-1
Nov. 2	MWC Quarterfinal-TCU	W 2-1 (OT)
Nov. 4	MWC-Semifinal-SDSU	W 1-0
Nov. 6	MWC Final-New Mexico	L 2-0

* Indicates Mountain West Match

Indicates match played at neutral site

Home Matches in **BOLD**/All Match Times Mountain

Recap Of The MW Championship

MW Final versus New Mexico: Nov. 6: Playing in the programs first-ever Mountain West Championship game the Wyoming Cowgirl soccer team (12-6-4 overall) fell, 2-0, to the New Mexico Lobos (11-4-4 overall) on Sunday at Lobo Soccer Complex. The loss concludes the Cowgirls most historic season in team history, winning their first two MW tournament games and posting a season best 12 wins.

The first half of play was mostly controlled by New Mexico scoring on the first shot of the game. Nineteen seconds into the game, Jael Fanning crossed the ball into the Cowgirl goal box and it went just over the top of UW defender Jenny Johnson's foot and Natalie Jenks put her head to the ball putting it past the outstretched hands of keeper Courtney Merkle. The Jenks goal was the fastest goal scored in MW Tournament history. Following the goal UNM put three more shots on goal forcing Merkle to keep the ball out. Wyoming's Sydney Jones took its first shot on goal in the 14th minute with UNM keeper Kelli Cornell making the save. New Mexico put the next two shots on frame, but Merkle had the answer and kept the ball out. In the 27th minute, Friday's semifinal hero Carmen Blume took a shot from the top of the New Mexico penalty area, but it sailed wide of the net. Senior Allison Masumiya took Wyoming's next shot in the 37th minute with Cornell keeping the ball out. The Lobos were able to get off two more shots in the half, but neither threatened the UW net. At halftime the Cowgirls trailed the Lobos 1-0.

"It was a very disappointing to give up the early goal," Cowgirl head coach Danny Sanchez said. "I was pleased with how we responded after giving the goal."

The Cowgirls started the second half looking for the early equalizer. Masumiya took UW's first shot of the half three minutes in, but the ball was blocked by a UNM defender. New Mexico's Jennifer Williams put its first shot on goal in 50th minute with Merkle making the save. Two minutes later, UW's Sara Paul took a shot from inside the UNM box, but the ball sailed wide of the net. In the 56th minute, New Mexico put its next shot on goal, but Merkle made the play saving the ball. On the counter-attack, Ellen McCormick put a shot on frame for the Cowgirls with Cornell making the play to keep the ball out. In the next 20 minutes New Mexico took three shots, forcing Merkle to make a save on two. The Cowgirls next chances to score came in the 81st minute when Liz O'Reilly put a shot on goal that was saved by Cornell and Ashlyn Mazur put her head to the ball that

went wide of the UNM net. Wyoming's final chance to score came in the 89th minute. Following a UNM foul the Cowgirls pushed all 11 players forward including Merkle and Sydney Jones took the free kick. Jones' free kick was blocked just outside of the UNM box and the rebound went to Lobo Williams who scored an open net goal in the 90th minute. The goal was the final play of the game giving the Lobos the MW Tournament Championship 2-0 over the Cowgirls.

"I thought we really played a lot better in the second half today," Sanchez added. "I am really proud of our effort today we battled well."

The Lobos outshot the Cowgirls 15-9 and put five more shots on goal at 10-5. Cowgirl Courtney Merkle had another excellent game making eight saves and allowing two goals, with the final goal coming from an open net score. Jones and Masumiya led UW in shots with two each.

The loss concludes Wyoming soccer's best season in school history setting numerous records and earning major conference accolades. The Cowgirls set a season high win total of 12, breaking the previous high of 10 in 2003. The 2011 squad also set the best winning percentage in school history of 63 percent. Paul earned the Cowgirls first ever MW Freshman of the Year honors. Sanchez earned Wyoming soccer's second MW Coach of the Year honor and the first of his career. Also adding to the Cowgirls impressive season was Masumiya and Paul earning First Team All-MW honors and senior Kayla Davis earning Second Team All-MW. Goalkeeper Courtney Merkle set the Cowgirl single season record for goal-against average allowing 0.79 goals per game. Paul and Davis scored the third-most game-winning goals in a single season for the Cowgirls with three each.

"Overall I am very proud of this team," Sanchez added. "They really bought into everything we threw at them. We will miss our three seniors, but are excited for the future of Wyoming soccer."

MW Semifinal versus SDSU: Nov. 4: The Wyoming Cowgirl soccer team (12-5-4 overall) advanced to its first-ever MW Championship final with a 1-0 defeat of the San Diego State Aztecs (10-7-3 overall). Cowgirl Carmen Blume scored the game-winning goal in the 83rd minute with a header to the corner of the Aztec net.

"This team has a lot of fight and I think Wyoming fans would be proud of how we played," UW head coach Danny Sanchez said. "Any game can go either way in this tournament and today showed that. I am just really proud of how this team has fought all season."

The Aztecs started the game taking five shots in the first 19 minutes. Aztec Cat Walker put their first shot on goal in the 15th minute, but Cowgirl keeper Courtney Merkle made an excellent play on the ball keeping it out of the UW net. SDSU kept the pressure on the Cowgirls when Sophie Metz put another shot at the UW goal forcing Merkle to make another save. In the 20th minute, Lucie McDowell took UW's first shot of the game, but it went wide of the SDSU net. On the counter attack San Diego's Kelsey Booth took a shot that went wide of the Cowgirl net. Both teams battled for possession for the next 10 minutes before SDSU put another shot at the UW goal, but the ball sailed wide. Ellen McCormick put UW's next shot on goal in the 37th minute, but Aztec keeper Rachel Boaz made the save. In a primarily defensive game, neither team was able to manage another shot in the first half and the teams went to halftime tied 0-0.

In the second half SDSU stayed on the attack taking two shots in the first 10 minutes, but neither threatened the UW goal. McCormick put UW's first shot on goal in the 66th minute, but Boaz made the save. Two minutes later SDSU's Sophie Metz put a shot at the UW goal that sailed high of the net. Kasey Curtis took UW's next shot in the 72nd minute that hit the crossbar of the SDSU goal and bounced over the top of the frame. One minute later, Cowgirl Kristen Howard put her head to the ball putting her shot on frame, but it also was saved by Boaz. Neither team took another shot until 10 minutes later when the Cowgirls used an SDSU breakdown to break the tie. In the 83rd minute, McDowell crossed a ball into the SDSU goal box and Blume put her head to the ball putting it in the back of the SDSU net. The Blume goal gave the Cowgirls a 1-0 lead and she was assisted by McDowell and McCormick. For the next seven minutes the Cowgirl defense stiffened, but SDSU took two shots forcing Merkle to make a game-saving play. Her save in the 87th minute sealed the 1-0 Cowgirl victory.

"I thought we gained a lot of confidence in the second half," Sanchez said. "We were able to possess the ball more in the second half and that really helped our confidence. (On the goal) Lucie made a great service and Carmen came through with a really quality finish. We really defended well the last seven minutes to come away with the victory."

The 1-0 victory advances Wyoming soccer to its first-ever MW Championship Final. Although the Cowgirls were outshot 12-6 by the Aztecs they put one more shot on goal (4-3). Blume scored her third goal of the season and her first game-winner. McCormick led UW in shots with two and assisted on Blume's game-winning goal. Merkle made three saves in the game including the game-saving play in the 87th minute.

MW Quarterfinal versus TCU: Nov. 7: The Wyoming Cowgirl soccer team (11-5-4 overall, 3-1-2 Mountain West) won their first-ever postseason tournament game in a 2-1 double-overtime victory, defeating the TCU Horned Frogs (7-11-1 overall, 1-5 MW), 2-1. Cowgirl Liz O'Reilly scored the game-winning goal for UW in the 102nd minute. The Cowgirls advance to the second round of the MW Championship to take on the San Diego State Aztecs.

"We are very pleased to advance," Cowgirl head coach Danny Sanchez said. "Wyoming had never won a postseason game before this and that is one less talking point for us now. I am really proud of how we gutted this out today."

The Horned Frogs started the game as the aggressor taking three shots in the first 18 minutes. TCU's Jordan Calhoon and Shelby Campbell put two of those early shots on goal, but Cowgirl keeper Courtney Merkle made the play keeping both shots out. The Cowgirls answered the early TCU pressure with a goal on their first shot of the game in the 19th minute. After a collision involving TCU keeper Alicen Wright in the goal box, Sara Paul gathered the loose ball and kicked

it into the back of the Frog net for UW's first goal of the day and Paul's eighth of the season. On the counter attack TCU Brooke Kviz took a shot that sailed wide of the UW net. Cowgirl Jenny Johnson took a shot one minute later that went wide of the TCU net. Five minutes later Paul put UW's next shot on frame with Wright making the play keeping the ball out. In the 30th minute, TCU's Natalie Werner put in the equalizing goal for the Frogs. After a clearance off a TCU free kick. Werner took a shot from 15 yards out that went past Merkle, tying the game at one goal apiece. TCU kept the pressure on putting two more shots on goal in the next four minutes, but Merkle had the answer keeping both out. At halftime the Cowgirls and the Horned Frogs remained tied 1-1.

"Lucie (McDowell) put in a great service and it was a great effort by Kayla to keep the ball alive and Sara tucked it away very nicely," Sanchez said about the Paul goal.

The second half started with both teams applying pressure on each other's goal. Cowgirl Kayla Davis took the first shot for UW in the 48th minute with the ball sailing wide of the TCU net. TCU's Alex Mechalske put the Horned Frogs first shot of the half on goal, forcing Merkle to make a save. O'Reilly put UW's first shot on goal one minute after the Mechalske shot, but Wright made the save for the Frogs. In the 61st minute Cowgirls Paul and McDowell took two shots with one blocked by the TCU defense and the other saved by Wright. Ashlyn Mazur and Allison Masumiya took UW's next shots in the 65th and 66th minutes. Mazur put her head to the ball, but it sailed high of the TCU net and Masumiya's shot was blocked by the Frog defense. The Cowgirls did not allow another shot until the 73rd minute when TCU's Calhoon put a shot on frame that was saved by Merkle. The final two shots of the half came from UW's Paul who put them both on frame with Wright saving them both. Paul's shots in the 80th minute were the last two shots of the second half for either side and the 90-minute regulation ended with UW and TCU tied at one goal each. The regulation tie forced sudden death overtime.

In the first overtime period, the Horned Frogs took two shots to the Cowgirls' one. In the 94th minute, McDowell took a shot from the top of the TCU box, but the ball sailed high of the Frog net. TCU's Kristen Halverson and Natalie Werner put two shots on goal that forced Merkle to make two game-saving plays. The first overtime period ended with the teams still tied at 1-1.

The second overtime period featured the dramatic finish between UW and TCU. McDowell took UW's first shot just 36 seconds (101st minute) in, but again the ball went wide of the TCU net. Less than one minute later after a quick throw-in by Davis, O'Reilly received the ball and made an excellent move past the TCU defense, booting the ball low and past the outstretched hand of Wright giving the Cowgirls the dramatic 2-1 victory.

"On the throw-in, Kayla made a very heads up play getting the ball in quickly to Liz," Sanchez said. "Liz made a great individual effort and scored a great goal. I think that in sudden-death overtimes that is what it takes to win the game is one great individual effort and Liz showed that."

The Cowgirls outshot the Frogs 14-13, but lost the shots on goal battle, 7-9. One day after being named MW Freshman of the Year, Paul scored her eighth goal of the season. O'Reilly scored her fourth goal of the season and her second game-winning goal. Merkle had another excellent day in the UW goal making eight saves, including two game-saving plays in the first overtime period. The victory is Wyoming soccer's first ever in the postseason. The victory also brings their win total to 11 games, which is an all-time single season high for the Cowgirls.

2011 MW All-Tournament Team

With the conclusion of the MW Championship Tournament the participating coaches selected an All-MW Tournament Team with three Cowgirls earning the honors. Senior midfielder Masumiya and juniors Ashlyn Mazur and Sydney Jones were honored by the MW coaches. All three players are defenders or primarily play defense. The Cowgirl defense allowed a goal-against average of 1.00, with one shutout in the tournament.

2011 Mountain West Women's Soccer All-Tournament Team:

Kelli Cornell, Jr., GK, New Mexico

Natalie Jenks, Jr., F, New Mexico

Roxie McFarland, Sr., D, New Mexico

Jennifer Williams, Sr., F, New Mexico

Marisa Fraticelli, Jr., MF, San Diego State

Rachael McGlinchy, Jr., D, San Diego State

Macy Jo Harrison, RS Jr., MF, UNLV

Katherine Orellana, Sr., F, UNLV

Sydney Jones, Jr., D, Wyoming

Allison Masumiya, Sr., D, Wyoming

Ashlyn Mazur, Jr., D, Wyoming

Most Valuable Player: Jennifer Williams, Sr., F, New Mexico

"Ashlyn and Syd were rock solid during the tournament and Allison did a ton of work in the midfield for us," Cowgirl head coach Danny Sanchez said. "We are very pleased that they were recognized at the MW Tournament."

A Statistical Recap Of The 2011 Season

The Cowgirls concluded the season with 12 wins, passing the 2003 Cowgirls for the most single-season wins in school history. On their way to 12 wins the Cowgirls also recorded the best winning percentage in school history of 63 percent. In the middle of the season the Cowgirls posted a nine match unbeaten streak, which is the best such streak in school history. Upon the completion of the conference season the Cowgirls ranked second in seven major statistical categories including points, goals, shots, goals per game, assists, goals allowed and goal-against average. Offensively UW ranked second in each of the following categories; in points (78), goals (27), goals per game (1.42), shots (273) and assists (24). In the defensive categories the Cowgirls ranked second in goals allowed with 21 and goal-against average allowing just 0.83 goals per game. As a team the Cowgirls outscored their opponents 30-21 and outshot their opponents 302-281. They outscored teams in both the first period (10-9) and second period (18-11) of games this season.

Individually three Cowgirls finished the season with double-digit points including Sara Paul, Kayla Davis and Liz O'Reilly. Paul led UW in scoring with 21 points, scoring eight goals and assisting on five others. She also took 66 shots on the season, which is tied for second most for a Cowgirl in a single season. Paul's eight goals also ties her for the fourth most in a single season. Davis was second in scoring with 14 points, scoring four goals and assisting on six others. Paul and Davis scored the third-most game-winning goals in a single season for the Cowgirls with three each. O'Reilly finished the season with 12 points, scoring four and assisting on four. Junior Carmen Blume and freshman Lucie McDowell each scored three goals in 2011. Blume assisted on one other goal and scored one game-winning goal in the MW semifinal against San Diego State. McDowell assisted on three other goals including assisting on Blume's game winner against SDSU. Goalkeeper Courtney Merkle put herself in the UW record books for the second time in three seasons, recording a goal-against average (GAA) of 0.78, which is best in school history. She played in 20 games, allowing 16 goals and making 87 saves, while recording a save percentage of 0.845.

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The Automated ScoreBook For Soccer
Wyoming Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 06, 2011)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	12-6-4	5-2-3	5-2-1	2-2
CONFERENCE	3-1-2	1-1-1	2-0-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	9-5-2	4-1-2	3-2	2-2

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.	##	Player	gp	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	sogsog%	gw	pk-att
Aug 21	vs Montana	L 1-2	0	20	Sara Paul	22	8	5	21	66	.12	36 .54	3	0-0
8/19/2011	vs Oregon	L 0-2	0	7	Ellen McCormick	22	1	1	3	41	.02	19 .46	0	0-0
8/28/11	at Colorado	W 1-0	874	15	Kayla Davis	22	4	6	14	32	.12	13 .40	3	0-0
Sep 2	at Washington State	L 0-3	866	3	Liz O'Reilly	22	4	4	12	29	.13	19 .65	2	0-1
Sep 4	at Eastern Washington	W 2-1	150	18	Sydney Jones	22	0	2	2	26	.00	14 .53	0	0-0
8/26/2011	at Utah Valley	W 2-0	318	25	Lucie McDowell	22	3	3	9	25	.12	9 .36	0	0-0
Sep 09	CLEVELAND STATE	Lo2 1-2	423	8	Carmen Blume	22	3	1	7	20	.15	8 .40	1	0-0
Sep 11	WEBER STATE	W 1-0	301	21	Sheree Small	22	2	1	5	13	.15	4 .30	0	0-0
Sep 16	DRAKE BULLDOGS	To2 1-1	344	11	Allison Masumiya	22	2	3	7	12	.16	6 .50	1	2-2
Sep 18	COLO STATE-PUEBLO	W 3-1	346	29	Kasey Curtis	22	1	0	2	11	.09	8 .72	0	0-0
Sep 25	CREIGHTON BLUEJAYS	To2 0-0	365	5	Ashlyn Mazur	20	0	0	0	8	.00	2 .25	0	0-0
Sep 23	SOUTH DAKOTA	W 3-1	427	16	Kristin Howard	16	0	0	0	6	.00	3 .50	0	0-0
* Sep 30	BOISE STATE	W 1-0	580	4	Loren Mahoney	13	1	1	3	4	.25	2 .50	1	0-0
Oct 2	NORTHERN COLORADO	Wo2 2-1	290	9	Jenny Johnson	22	0	0	0	4	.00	1 .25	0	0-0
* Oct 14	at New Mexico	To2 1-1	2961	10	Andrea Baytaluke	13	1	0	2	2	.50	2 1.00	0	0-0
* Oct 16	at TCU	W 3-1	1308	19	Nicole Rice	9	0	0	0	2	.00	1 .50	0	0-0
* Oct 21	SAN DIEGO ST	L 0-1	374	23	Hayley Charlton	18	0	0	0	1	.00	0 .00	0	0-0
* Oct 23	UNLV	To2 0-0	369	12	Olivia Mohtadi	1	0	0	0	0	.00	0 .00	0	0-0
* Oct 29	at Air Force	W 5-1	287	14	Julie Vande Berg	8	0	0	0	0	.00	0 .00	0	0-0
Nov 02	vs TCU	Wo2 2-1	0	30	Carmen McDermott	4	0	0	0	0	.00	0 .00	0	0-0
Nov 04	vs San Diego St	W 1-0	0	24	Abbey Armijo	5	0	0	0	0	.00	0 .00	0	0-0
Nov 06	at New Mexico	L 0-2	714		Total	22	30	27	87	302	.09	147 .48	11	2-3
					Opponents	22	21	18	60	281	.07	124 .44	6	2-2

TEAM STATISTICS	WY	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	30-302	21-281
Goals scored per game	1.36	0.95
Shot pct.	.099	.075
Shots on goal-Attempts	147-302	124-281
SOG pct.	.487	.441
Shots/Game	13.7	12.8
CORNER KICKS	103	89
PENALTY KICKS	2-3	2-2
PENALTIES		
Yellow cards	17	21
Red cards	0	3
ATTENDANCE		
Total	3819	7478
Dates/Avg Per Date	10/382	8/935
Neutral Site #/Avg	4/0	

##	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Save	Pct	W-L-T	Sho
0	Courtney Merkle	20	1856:01	16	0.78	87	.845	4-3-1	5
33	Meagan Burke	3	180:00	2	1.00	3	.600	0-0-0	0
30	Carmen McDermot	3	245:00	3	1.10	9	.750	0-0-0	1
	Total	22	2281:01	21	0.83	103	.831	4-3-1	6
	Opponents	22	2281:01	30	1.18	117	.796	3-4-1	5

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Wyoming	10	18	0	2	30
Opponents	9	11	0	1	21

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Wyoming	136	142	11	13	302
Opponents	131	133	10	7	281

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Wyoming	46	47	6	4	103
Opponents	50	60	4	3	117

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Wyoming	39	57	3	4	103
Opponents	41	44	1	3	89

Fouls by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Wyoming	85	94	6	5	190
Opponents	85	113	3	6	207