

UW Women's Tennis Quick Facts

Location: Laramie, Wyoming
Founded: 1886
Enrollment: 13,476
Nickname: Cowgirls
Colors: Brown & Gold
Home Court: UW Tennis Complex
Affiliation: NCAA Division I
Conference: Mountain West Conference
President: Tom Buchanan (State Univ. of New York, '73)
Athletics Director: Tom Burman (Wyoming, '88)
Sr. Associate AD-Internal Affairs/SWA: Molly Moore (Washington State, '99)
Faculty Representative: Alyson Hagy
Athletic Department Phone: 307-766-2292
Ticket Office Phone: 307-766-4850 or 800-922-9461
Interim Head Coach: Dean Clower
Alma Mater: Lamar, '06
Record at Wyoming: 12-7 (.632), First Year
Conf. Record at Wyoming: 5-2 (.714), First Year
Career Record: Same
Conference Record: Same
Tennis Office Phone: 307-766-4331
Best Time to Reach Head Coach: Contact SID
2010-11 Record: 14-9 (.609)
2010-11 Conf. Record/Finish: 3-5 (.375)/6th in the MWC
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 4/4
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/3
Newcomers: 5
First Year of Tennis: 1996-97
All-Time Record/Years: 134-204 (.396), 15 years
All-Time MWC Record: 16-72 (.182), 12 years
All-Time WAC Record: 5-15 (.250), Three years
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2011-12 Wyoming Cowgirl Tennis Schedule

Fall 2011

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Fri.-Sun.	Colorado Invitational	Boulder, CO	non-scoring
Sept. 23-25			
Sat.-Sun.	ITA All-America Chmps.	Los Angeles, CA	non-scoring
Oct. 1-9			
Fri.-Sun.	UCSB Tennis Classic	Santa Barbara, CA	non-scoring
Oct. 7-9			
Wed.-Sun.	ITA Mountain Regional	Las Vegas, NV	non-scoring
Oct. 12-16			
Thurs.-Sun.	ITA Natl. Indoor Chmps.	Flushing, NY	non-scoring
Nov. 3-6			
Fri.-Sun.	Utah Invitational	Salt Lake City, UT	non-scoring
Nov. 4-6			

Spring 2012

Date	Opponent	Site	Time/Results
Sun., Jan. 22	Northern Colorado	Laramie, WY	cancelled
Sat., Jan. 28	#73 UT-Arlington^	Waco, TX	W 6-1
Sun., Jan. 29	#5 Baylor^	Waco, TX	L 1-6
Fri., Feb. 3	Eastern Michigan	Lincoln, NE	W 6-1
Sat., Feb. 4	#29 Nebraska	Lincoln, NE	L 1-6
Fri., Feb. 10	#39 Long Beach State	Long Beach, CA	W 4-3
Sat., Feb. 11	#56 UC Irvine	Irvine, CA	L 3-4
Sun., Feb. 12	Loyola Marymount	Los Angeles, CA	W 5-2
Fri., Feb. 17	#42 Utah	Salt Lake City, UT	L 0-7
Sun., Feb. 19	Idaho	Laramie, WY	W 5-2
Fri., March 2	Denver	Laramie, WY	W 5-2
Sat., March 3	Wichita State	Laramie, WY	W 5-2
Wed., March 14	Montana State	Honolulu, HI	W 7-0
Thurs., March 15	#19 Notre Dame	Honolulu, HI	L 0-7
Sat., March 17	#58 Hawaii	Honolulu, HI	L 1-6
Sat., March 24	#67 UNLV*	San Diego, CA	W 4-3
Sun., March 25	San Diego State*	San Diego, CA	L 2-5
Sat., March 31	Boise State*	Ft. Collins, CO	W 4-3
Sat., April 7	#41 TCU*	Laramie, WY	L 2-5
Sun., April 8	New Mexico*	Laramie, WY	W 6-1
Sat., April 14	Colorado State*	Ft. Collins, CO	W 7-0
Sat., April 21	Air Force Academy*	Colorado Springs, CO	W 5-2
Thurs., April 26	Air Force Academy\$	San Diego, CA	11:00 a.m.
Thurs.-Sun.	NCAA First/Second Rds.	TBD	TBD
May 10-13			

All times listed are Mountain Time ^matches part of ITA Kick-Off Weekend
 All matches and times are Subject to Change Home Matches in Bold
 *Indicates MW match
 \$Indicates MW Tournament match

Date: April 24, 2012

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Cowgirl Tennis 2011-12 Season Record 13-8, MWC Record 5-2

Coming up for the Cowgirls: Wyoming will open up the first round of the Mountain West Championships on Thursday, April 26, in San Diego, Calif. The Cowgirls finished the regular season tied for second but with tiebreakers enter the tournament as the fourth seed. They will face the Air Force Academy Falcons who finished 4-3 in league action to earn the fifth seed. The match is set for 11:00 a.m. MT.

About Air Force: The Falcons enter the championships with a record of 17-7 overall and 3-4 in conference play this year. Wyoming holds the all-time series record 14-6. The last time the two teams met was April 21, 2012 as the Cowgirls defeated the Falcons, 5-2, in Colorado Springs.

Last Time Out: The 60th ranked Wyoming Tennis team (13-8 overall, 5-2 MW) completed Mountain West play with a 5-2 victory over the Air Force Academy Falcons, on Saturday afternoon, in Colorado Springs.

Wyoming jumped out early as they took two out of three doubles matches to earn the first point of the day. The team of Silviya Zhelyazkova and Jessica Parizher won the first match of the day over Christine Molina and Tiffany Tran, 8-4. They were followed by the 55th ranked team of Simona Synkova and Veronica Popovici who defeated Melissa Cecil and Tahlia Smoke, 8-6. The final team in action was Alexandra Kovacs and Sasa Nemcova who lost to Hannah Dake and Natasha Rizvi, 8-4.

The Cowgirls carried that momentum over into singles action with wins at the number one, three, five and six positions. Parizher earned the second point of the day with a win over Dake, 6-0, 6-2. Popovici followed with a 6-0, 6-2 victory over Cecil while Kovacs notched the match for Wyoming by defeating Smoke 6-4, 6-2. Zhelyazkova was the other Cowgirl to earn a win, 6-3, 3-6, 1-0 (7) against Rizvi.

Cowgirls plus Popovici and Synkova continue to hold spots in Campbell's/ITA National Rankings: The Wyoming Cowgirl Tennis program along with two individuals are currently ranked in the Campbell's/ITA National Rankings which came out on April 24.

Wyoming as a team received a national ranking of 62nd among 323 schools that participate in Division I women's tennis. They moved down two spots from a week ago. With a ranking of 56th on March 27, it was the highest ranking ever held by a Cowgirl tennis team in school history.

The UW doubles team of Simona Synkova and Veronica Popovici are currently 51st overall after entering the spring season as the 44th ranked doubles team in the country. They have a current record of 20-9 overall and 11-8 in dual play. They spent the week of March 31 in the 45th spot after defeating the number one team of Frilling and Matthews of Notre Dame.

The next set of rankings for team, singles and doubles will come out on Tuesday, April 31.

Clower Takes Over As Interim Head Coach:

Dean Clower is in his fourth season with the Cowgirl tennis program and will be the interim head coach for the spring of 2012. He came to Wyoming after two seasons as an assistant coach at Lamar University (Beaumont, Texas). His duties included assisting with practice sessions, on the court training of both singles and doubles teams, creating and maintaining data bases for prospective players, along with ensuring compliance with recruitment regulations. Prior to that, he spent one season as a volunteer assistant with the program and an adjunct professor for kinesiology.

He also has worked as an assistant teaching pro at The Greens Country Club in Oklahoma City (2002, 2004, 2007). Clower trained juniors players and was responsible for tournament travel and preparation for competition, while providing private and group lessons to juniors and adults. Prior to that, he worked at the Indian Springs Country Club in Broken Arrow, Okla.

Clower began his collegiate career as a student-athlete at Cowley County Community College in Arkansas City, Kansas. He was a two-year team captain and was ranked fifth in the nation in doubles as a freshman and sophomore. Clower then moved on to a two-year career at Lamar University. He finished with a season-best 14-7 record in singles play and 9-9 in doubles at the number one spot as a junior. During his senior season, he posted a 9-10 overall record, 12-6 in doubles-play and a 48th ranking in NCAA Division I. He became the first player in school history to accomplish that feat.

A native of Broken Arrow, Okla., Clower earned a bachelor's of arts degree in general studies with a minor in history and kinesiology from Lamar University in 2006.

2011-12 Women's Tennis Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>Hometown (Previous School)</u>
Alma Espinosa	5'6"	Fr.	HS	Panama City, Panama (St. Mary's School)
Christa Gecheva	5'7"	Fr.	HS	London, England (Ricards Lodge HS)
Maddy Graham	5'6"	Fr.	HS	Casper, Wyo. (Kelly Walsh HS)
Alexandra Kovacs	5'4"	Jr.	1L	Esztergom, Hungary (Harsányi János Főiskola)
Saša Nemcová	5'7"	Jr.	1L	Bratislava, Slovakia (Comenius University)
Jessica Parizher	5'5"	Fr.	HS	Studio City, Calif. (Chaminade College Prep)
Veronica Popvici	5'8"	So.	HS	Piatra Neamt, Romania (High School #1 Suceava)
Simona Synkova	5'7"	Jr.	1L	Bratislava, Slovakia (Bratislavská College)
Silviya Zhelyazkova	5'7"	Fr.	HS	Plovdiv, Bulgaria (Paisii Hilendarski)

Interim Head Coach: Dean Clower (Lamar, '06), Fourth Year

SINGLES RECORDS

	Overall	Tournament	Dual
Alma Espinosa	7-7	6-7	1-0
Christa Gecheva	5-6	4-5	1-1
Alexandra Kovacs	13-19	4-7	9-12
Saša Nemcová	19-14	9-3	10-11
Jessica Parizher	20-14	6-8	14-6
Veronica Popovici	19-13	10-2	9-11
Simona Synkova	20-13	8-4	12-9
Silviya Zhelyazkova	12-8	0-0	12-8

DOUBLES RECORDS

	Overall	Tourn.	Dual
Espinosa/Gecheva	2-1	1-1	1-0
Espinosa/Parizher	0-1	0-1	0-0
Gecheva/Nemcova	7-3	5-1	2-2
Gecheva/Synkova	1-2	1-2	0-0
Kovacs/Nemcova	13-9	3-3	10-6
Kovacs/Parizher	3-5	2-3	1-2
Kovacs/Synkova	1-0	0-0	1-0
Parizher/Popovici	1-2	1-2	0-0
Parizher/Zhelyazkova	9-8	0-0	9-8
Popovici/Synkova	20-9	9-1	11-8

CONFERENCE SINGLES RECORDS

	Overall	Dual
Alma Espinosa	0-0	0-0
Christa Gecheva	0-0	0-0
Alexandra Kovacs	3-4	3-4
Saša Nemcová	4-3	4-3
Jessica Parizher	5-2	5-2
Veronica Popovici	3-4	3-4
Simona Synkova	5-2	5-2
Silviya Zhelyazkova	5-2	5-2

CONFERENCE DOUBLES RECORDS

	Overall	Dual
Kovacs/Nemcova	4-3	4-3
Parizher/Zhelyazkova	5-2	5-2
Popovici/Synkova	4-3	4-3