

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
Head Coach: Kati Gyulai
Alma Mater: Wyoming, '03
Record at Wyoming: 36-33 (.522), Three Years
Conf. Record at Wyoming: 9-15 (.375), Three Years
Career Record: 65-50 (.565), Five Years
Conference Record: 9-15 (.375), Three Years
Assistant Coach: Dean Clower (Lamar, '06), Third Year
Tennis Office Phone: 307-766-5065
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: 7/3
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1
Newcomers: 2
First Year of Tennis: 1996-97
All-Time Record/Years: 134-204 (.396), 15 years
All-Time MWC Record: 16-72 (.181), 12 years
All-Time WAC Record: 5-15 (.250), Three years
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2010-11 Wyoming Cowgirl Tennis Schedule

Fall 2010

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Thurs.-Sat. Sept. 16-18	BYU Invite	Provo, UT	Non-scoring
Fri.-Sun. Oct. 1-3	Air Force Invitational	Colorado Springs, CO	Non-scoring
Sat.-Sun. Oct. 7-10	ITA All-America Chmps.	Pacific Palisades, CA	Non-scoring
Wed.-Sun. Oct. 13-17	Mtn. Regional Tournament	Las Vegas, NV	Non-scoring
Fri.-Sun. Nov. 5-7	Lobo Invitational	Albuquerque, N.M.	Non-scoring

Spring 2011

Date	Opponent	Site	Time/Results
Fri., Jan. 21	Mesa State	Cheyenne, WY	W 6-0
Sun., Jan. 23	Northern Colorado	Greeley, CO	W 7-0
Fri., Feb. 4	#33 Nebraska	Lincoln, NE	L 1-6
Sat., Feb. 5	Illinois State	Lincoln, NE	W 7-0
Fri., Feb. 11	UC Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara, CA	L 1-6
Sat., Feb. 12	San Francisco	Santa Barbara, CA	W 5-2
Sun., Feb. 13	#65 UC Irvine	Irvine, CA	W 4-3
Sat., Feb. 26	#56 Wichita State	Wichita, KS	L 2-4
Sun., Feb. 27	UT-Arlington	Wichita, KS	W 5-2
Sat., March 5	Eastern Washington	Laramie, WY	W 7-0
Tues., March 15	Massachusetts	Delray Beach, FL	W 6-1
Wed., March 16	Florida Atlantic	Boca Raton, FL	W 7-0
Sun., March 27	Weber State	Laramie, WY	W 7-0
Thurs., March 31	#47 San Diego State*	Las Vegas, NV	L 3-4
Fri., April 1	#52 UNLV*	Las Vegas, NV	L 1-6
Sat., April 9	BYU*	Provo, UT	L 2-5
Sun., April 10	#59 Utah*	Salt Lake City, UT	L 3-4
Fri., April 15	New Mexico*	Colorado Springs, CO	W 7-0
Sat., April 16	#73 TCU*	Colorado Springs, CO	L 1-6
Fri., April 22	Colorado State*	Laramie, WY	W 7-0
Sun., April 24	Air Force*	Laramie, WY	W 6-1
Thurs., April 28	#49 San Diego State#	Ft. Collins, CO	W 4-3
Fri., April 29	#55 Utah	Ft. Collins, CO	L 0-4
Fri.-Sun. May 13-15	NCAA First/Second Rounds	TBD	TBD

*Indicates MWC Match

#Indicates MWC Tournament Match

Date: May 2, 2011

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Cowgirl Tennis 2010-11 Season Record 14-9, MWC Record 3-5

Last Time Out: In the quarterfinal round of the 2011 MWC Tennis Championships, the Wyoming Tennis team (14-8 overall, 3-5 MWC) pulled out an exciting 4-3 victory over the 50th ranked San Diego State Aztecs (15-10 overall, 6-2 MWC), on Thursday morning in Ft. Collins. It's the first time since the 2009 season the Cowgirls have won a conference tournament match. Wyoming started off things on a high note as they would win the all three double matches to take the first point of the day. Rebecca Berger and Alexandra Kovacs defeated Julia Wais and Alicia Aguilar, 8-6, followed by Simona Synkova and Kim van Ginkel over the Roxanne and Sierra Ellison, 8-4. The team of Carly Van Hollen and Veronica Popovici closed it out an 8-4 victory over Julia Trunk and Emma Cioffi. It was a battle in singles play and it would come down to the final two matches to see who would come away with the victory. Wyoming's van Ginkel won the first match of the day with a 6-4, 6-1 victory over Emma Cioffi. SDSU earned their first point of the day as Sierra Ellison defeated Berger, 6-3, 6-3. Wins by Julia Wais over Alexandra Kovacs, 6-3, 6-2, and Roxanne Ellison against Sasa Nemcova, 6-2, 6-4, would give the Aztecs a 3-2 advantage. It would come down to the final two matches of the day with Simona Synkova and Veronica Popovici. In her match against Alicia Aguilar, Synkova lost in the opening set, 6-4, but came back to win the second set, 6-3. It was a tough battle in the third set between the two players as Synkova would pull out the third set, 7-6, (5), to win the match, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (5). Popovici would need three sets in her match against Julia Trunk as well. After falling in the first set, 6-2, Popovici rebounded with a 6-4 win in the second set. The momentum carried over into the third set as she pulled out a 2-6, 6-4, 6-3 win to give the Cowgirls a 4-3 victory.

The Wyoming Tennis team (14-9 overall, 3-5 MWC) closed out their season with a 4-0 loss to the 55th ranked and second seeded Utah Utes (15-9 overall, 7-1 MWC) in the semifinal round of the 2011 MWC Tennis Championships, on Friday morning in Ft. Collins. The match was very close to begin as it went down to the wire in doubles play. Rebecca Berger and Alexandra Kovacs would get the first win for the Cowgirls with an 8-3 victory over Evgenia Kryuchkova and Lexi Provanca. Utah answered back with Lucia Kovarcikova and Sarah Pham defeating Carly Van Hollen and Veronica Popovici, 8-4. It came down to the number one team of Simona Synkova and Kim van Ginkel to see who would win the doubles points. Despite a battle down to the end, the team of Anastasia Putilina and Paige Miles went on to win the match, 9-7, to give Utah the first point of the day. Singles action was delayed approximately 90 minutes due to high winds. When play resumed, the Utes really came out as the aggressor and the Cowgirls couldn't gain any momentum. Alexandra Kovacs lost at the number two position to Evgenia Kryuchkova, 6-0, 6-1, while Paige Miles defeated Rebecca Berger, 7-5, 6-2, to give the Utes a 3-0 advantage. Despite a good effort from the Cowgirls, Utah would earn their fourth point as Simona Synkova fell to Sarah Pham, 7-6, 6-4. In other action, Veronica Popovici split sets with #89 Anastasia Putilina, 3-6, 6-4, and was down 3-2 in the third. Lucia Kovarcikova was up on Kim van Ginkel, 6-3, 6-5, and Sasa Nemcova and Lexi Provanca, were 2-6, 6-5 in the second set. Wyoming finishes their season 14-9 overall and 3-5 in Mountain West Conference play. The 14 wins ties for the most wins in school history which was set last season. It also marks the first in the programs history they've had back to back winning seasons.

Wyoming Tennis Doubles Team Selected In Preseason Rankings: The doubles team of Simona Synkova and Kim van Ginkel earned a spot in the pre-season Campbell/ITA doubles rankings which was announced by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. The ranking qualified them to compete in the Riviera/ITA Women's All-America Championships, Oct. 2-10, in Pacific Palisades, Calif. Synkova and van Ginkel entered the fall season as the 32nd ranked doubles team in the country.

Last season, the duo finished the year 59th nationally, while placing fourth amongst teams in the Mountain Region. They finished the season with a record of 11-7 overall and 4-4 in the league, which helped them earn All-Mountain West Conference honors. Their victories all came at the number one position.

Wyoming Tennis Ranked: The Wyoming Cowgirl Tennis team returned to the Campbell/ITA rankings and received their highest ranking ever in school history as it was released on Tuesday, March 22. Wyoming as a team received a national ranking of 68th among 323 schools that participate in Division I women's tennis. Its' the highest ranking for the Cowgirls ever who entered the spring season in the 75th spot and were 73rd on February 14.

Gyulai Begins Third Season With Program:

Kati Gyulai (Kà Tee U-la-ee) enters her third season as the head women's tennis coach at the University of Wyoming. She was named to the position on Sept. 9, 2008 and became just the fourth head women's tennis coach in Cowgirl history.

It was a highly successful season in Gyulai's second year with the program. The team almost doubled their number of wins from the year before as they went 14-8 overall and 5-3 in the MWC to place third. The 14 overall wins and five conference victories were the most ever in school history, plus the third place finish was the highest a Wyoming team had ever placed in league play. They defeated three conference foes for the first time in school history as well with wins over BYU, New Mexico and San Diego State. Three Cowgirls garnered post season honors in 2010. Alexandra Kovacs was named First Team All-MWC in singles, while the team of Simona Synkova and Kim van Ginkel earned All-Conference honors in doubles. Three Cowgirls also earned MWC Player of the Week honors, Alexandra Kovacs, Sarah Summerfield and Kim van Ginkel. With six conference wins over the last two years, Gyulai became the winningest coach in conference play with a 6-10 record.

For their efforts, the team finished ranked in both the NCAA Division I and Region and three individuals were recognized in the rankings. As a team, the Cowgirls finished 73rd among 323 schools with Division I women's tennis, while placing sixth out of the 21 schools in the Mountain Region Rankings. The doubles team of Synkova and van Ginkel were ranked 59th nationally and fourth amongst teams in the Mountain Region. Alexandra Kovacs placed 19th in the region after a 21-15 record in her first season.

In her first season with the program, she led the team to an 8-16 record overall and a 1-7 mark in the Mountain West Conference. Her first regular season victory came against the Montana State Lady Cats on February 15, 2009, while earning a MWC win over Air Force (March 7, 2009). The team won their opening match of the 2009 MWC Tournament with a 4-3 victory over the Falcons as well. Junior Sarah Summerfield earned First Team All-MWC honors for the second time during her career.

She returned to her alma mater after spending the previous two seasons as the head coach of both Louisiana Lafayette's men's and women's tennis teams and one year as an associate head coach.

During the spring of 2008, Gyulai led the women's team to a 16-8 mark overall and an ITA national ranking of 64th during the spring season. On the men's side, they finished 7-12 overall, while Piotrek Banas achieved an ITA singles national ranking of 40 and was named First Team All-Sun Belt conference.

In the spring of 2007, the women's program reentered the ITA national rankings at No. 73 and finished the year with a 13-9 mark. Gyulai coached Myrthe Molenveld to a Louisiana's Sports Writers Associations' Freshman of the Year award.

For the men, they finished with 13-9 record in 2007. Piotrek Banas reached the quarterfinals of the ITA Regional Tournament, and won the UT-San Antonio Championship as well as the runner-up spot at the Louisiana-Lafayette Invitational Tournament. The doubles team of Shaun Ellison and Zack Taylor also reached the quarterfinals of the ITA Regional Tournament. Piotrek Banas and Shaun Ellison were named First Team All-Louisiana.

Gyulai spent the 2005-06 season as the associate women's head coach for the Louisiana-Lafayette women's tennis team. They finished the 2006 spring season ranked 73rd nationally with a 14-6 record. The team was ranked as high as 51st during the spring. It marked the first national ranking in the history of UL women's tennis. The doubles team of Tammy Day and Chanell Meijer were also nationally ranked 46th.

Prior to UL, Gyulai spent the 2004-05 campaign at fellow Sun Belt Conference member New Orleans as an assistant coach. That season, the UNO women's tennis team finished with a 14-4 overall record.

During the 2003-04 season, Gyulai served as an assistant coach with the men's and women's teams' at the University of Texas-Pan American.

Gyulai was a two-year letterwinner as a member of the University of Wyoming's tennis team from 2001-2003. In 2003, she earned her bachelor's degree in international studies with a concentration in Eastern Europe. She was named to the Mountain West Conference Academic All-Conference teams and was a member of the honor roll in 2002 and 2003. Gyulai was also a recipient of the Cowboy Joe Athletic Club, Rendel Family Athletic Scholarship.

Gyulai is a native Hungarian but was raised in Transylvania, Romania. She received her Master's in Business Administration from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in December 2007. She holds her USTPA Professional 1 certification, was named the 2010 Intermountain College Coach of the Year and is fluent in several languages.

2010-11 Women's Tennis Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>Hometown (Previous School)</u>
Rebecca Berger	5'4"	Sr.	3L	Hermiston, Ore. (Hermiston HS)
Madison Gerard	5'4"	Fr.	HS	Jackson, Wyo. (Jackson Hole HS)
Alexandra Kovacs	5'4"	So.	1L	Esztergom, Hungary (Harsányi János Főiskola)
Saša Nemcová	5'7"	So.	1L	Bratislava, Slovakia (Comenius University)
Veronica Popvici	5'8"	Fr.	HS	Piatra Neamt, Romania (High School #1 Suceava)
Simona Synkova	5'7"	So.	1L	Bratislava, Slovakia (Bratislavská College)
Kim van Ginkel	5'6"	Sr.	1L	Barneveld, Netherlands (Northern Arizona)
Carly Van Hollen	5'3"	Sr.	3L	Millers, Md. (St. Paul's School for Girls)
Caryn Wykert	5'6"	Sr.	1L	Laramie, Wyo. (Laramie HS)

Head Coach: Kati Gyulai (Wyoming, '03), Third Year
Assistant Coach: Dean Clower (Lamar, '06), Third Year

SINGLES RECORDS

	Overall	Tournament	Dual
Rebecca Berger	15-11	3-5	12-6
Madison Gerard	0-0	0-0	0-0
Alexandra Kovacs	19-15	7-5	12-10
Saša Nemcová	19-9	10-3	9-6
Veronica Popovici	28-9	13-3	15-6
Simona Synkova	21-15	10-4	11-11
Kim van Ginkel	25-8	9-3	16-5
Carly Van Hollen	16-12	9-5	7-7
Caryn Wykert	0-0	0-0	0-0

DOUBLES RECORDS

	Overall	Tourn.	Dual
Berger/Kovacs	15-10	2-3	13-7
Kovacs/Nemcova	2-0	0-0	2-0
Kovacs/Popovici	2-1	2-1	0-0
Nemcova/Popovici	1-1	1-1	0-0
Nemcova/Van Hollen	1-3	1-3	0-0
Popovici/Van Hollen	19-6	3-0	16-6
Synkova/van Ginkel	21-10	6-3	15-7
Synkova/Van Hollen	1-1	1-1	0-0

CONFERENCE SINGLES RECORDS

	Overall	Dual
Rebecca Berger	4-2	4-2
Madison Gerard	0-0	0-0
Alexandra Kovacs	4-4	4-4
Saša Nemcová	2-2	2-2
Veronica Popovici	5-3	5-3
Simona Synkova	3-5	3-5
Kim van Ginkel	5-3	5-3
Carly Van Hollen	2-4	2-4
Caryn Wykert	0-0	0-0

CONFERENCE DOUBLES RECORDS

	Overall	Dual
Berger/Kovacs	5-3	5-3
Popovici/Van Hollen	5-3	5-3
Synkova/van Ginkel	5-3	5-3