

## UW Women's Tennis Quick Facts

**Location:** Laramie, Wyoming  
**Founded:** 1886  
**Enrollment:** 13,551  
**Nickname:** Cowgirls  
**Colors:** Brown & Gold  
**Home Court:** UW Tennis Complex  
**Affiliation:** NCAA Division I  
**Conference:** Mountain West  
**President:** Dr. Laurie Nichols  
**Athletics Director:** Tom Burman (Wyoming, '88)  
**Faculty Representative:** Alyson Hagy  
**Athletic Department Phone:** 307-766-2292  
**Ticket Office Phone:** 307-766-4850 or 800-922-9461  
**Director of Tennis/Head Coach:** Dean Clower  
**Alma Mater:** Lamar, '06  
**Record at Wyoming:** 61-46 (.570), Five Years  
**Career Record:** Same  
**Conf. Record at Wyoming:** 21-9 (.700), Five Years  
**Conference Record:** Same  
**Associate Head Coach:** Maciej Bogusz (Lamar, '09), Fifth Year  
**Director of Tennis Complex:** Ewa Szatkowska (Tulsa, '12), Fifth Year  
**Tennis Office Phone:** 307-766-4331  
**Best Time to Reach Head Coach:** Contact SID  
**2015-16 Record:** 11-12 (.478)  
**2015-16 Conf. Record/Finish:** 3-2 (.600)/5th  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 5/2  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 5/1  
**Newcomers:** 3  
**First Year of Tennis:** 1996-97  
**All-Time Record/Years:** 196-251 (.438), 20 years  
**All-Time MW Record:** 37-81 (.314), 17 years  
**All-Time WAC Record:** 5-15 (.250), Three years  
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## 2016-17 Wyoming Cowgirl Tennis Schedule

### Fall 2016

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Fri.-Sun.	Air Force Invitational	Colorado Springs, CO	All Day
Sept. 30-Oct. 2			
Wed.-Sun.	ITA Mountain Regional	Albuquerque, N.M.	All Day
Oct. 12-16			
Fri.-Sun.	Colorado State Invitational	Ft. Collins, CO	All Day
Oct. 21-23			
Fri.-Sun.	Blue and Red Challenge	Dallas, TX	All Day
Nov. 4-6			

### Spring 2017

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Fri.-Sun., Jan. 20-22	Hurricane Invite	Tulsa, OK	All Day
Sat., Jan. 28	Idaho	Spokane, WA	TBA
Sun., Jan. 29	Gonzaga	Spokane, WA	TBA
Fri., Feb. 3	at Nebraska	Lincoln, NE	TBA
Sat., Feb. 4	Creighton	Lincoln, NE	TBA
Sun., Feb. 5	North Dakota State	Lincoln, NE	TBA
Sat., Feb. 11	Montana State	Laramie, WY	TBA
Sat., Feb. 25	Northern Colorado	Greeley, CO	TBA
Fri., March 3	Hastings	Laramie, WY	2 p.m.
Sat., March 4	Idaho	Laramie, WY	10 a.m.
Fri., March 17	Montana	Laramie, WY	TBA
Sat., March 18	Northern Arizona	Laramie, WY	9 a.m.
Sat., March 18	UTEP	Laramie, WY	2 p.m.
Thurs., March 23	New Mexico State	Laramie, WY	TBA
Fri., March 31	Utah State*	Logan, UT	TBA
Sun., April 2	Boise State*	Boise, ID	TBA
Fri., April 14	New Mexico*	Laramie, WY	TBA
Sun., April 16	Air Force*	Laramie, WY	TBA
Sat., April 22	Colorado State*	Laramie, WY	TBA
Thurs.-Sun. April 27-30	MW Championships	Las Vegas, NV	TBA

All times listed are Mountain Time  
 All matches and times are Subject to Change  
 #Indicates MW Tournament match

Home matches in bold  
 \*Indicates MW match

**Date:** September 29, 2016

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## Cowgirl Tennis 2016-17 Season Record 0-0, MW Record 0-0

**Coming up for the Cowgirls:** The Wyoming tennis team will open up the fall season on Friday, September 30 at the Air Force Invitational. The three-day tournament will take place in Colorado Springs, Colo.

**A Look at the 2016-17 season:** The Wyoming Cowgirl tennis team is excited and geared up for the upcoming 2016-17 season.

The Cowgirls welcome back five starters and letterwinners to a team that posted an 11-12 record overall and a 3-2 mark in MW action a year ago. It was the seventh straight season the Cowgirls have recorded double-digits wins and finished .500 or better in league play. As a team, UW entered the spring ranked 74th and were as high as 71st during the season. Entering his sixth season at the helm, head coach Dean Clower has an overall mark of 61-46 and a 21-9 record in league play. At least two individuals have earned All-Conference honors in each of his five years including this past season. Outgoing senior Nastya Tokareva and current junior Magdalena Stencel were selected to the All-Conference Doubles Team for the first time in their careers, while both were named First Team All-Conference in singles play.

Several individuals will be looked upon to help the Cowgirls in 2016-17, including senior Dorottya Jonas and Stencel. Jonas finished her junior campaign with a 21-14 overall singles record and 14-12 in doubles action. She currently ranks 11th all-time with 58 singles wins and 13th in doubles with 52. Stencel recorded a 23-12 mark in singles and 19-14 in doubles, which helped her earn MW honors in both categories. Other returning letterwinners include Miranda Talbert, Elisa Koonik and Tessa van Der Ploeg. Talbert finished with ten singles wins and 13 in doubles play. Koonik and van Der Ploeg each won 14 and 13 singles matches respectively. There are also three newcomers to the squad who hope to contribute to the team in Imogen Clews, Milka Genkova and Ana Tkachenko. The squad is composed of two seniors, one junior, two sophomores and three freshmen.

**Two Cowgirls garner postseason honors:** Two members of the Wyoming Cowgirl tennis team, Nastya Tokareva and Magdalena Stencel, were recognized as the Mountain West announced the 2016 All-Conference Team. The MW awards are selected by the league's 11 head coaches. Tokareva and Stencel were selected to the All-Conference Doubles Team for the first time in their careers, while both were named First Team All-Conference in singles play. Stencel was an All-League selection in singles in 2015 while it was the first such honor for Tokareva. It was the eighth straight year that the Cowgirl Tennis program has been recognized in either singles or doubles. Stencel, a sophomore from Sopot, Poland, has posted a 21-12 overall record and a 13-7 mark this spring from the number one singles position. She went 4-1 in league action and ranks 24th in singles wins with 39 career victories. Tokareva is currently 21-13 in singles action, going 13-8 in dual play. A senior from Moscow, Russia, she posted a 4-1 mark in MW action at the number two spot. The duo also sported a 4-1 record in league action while posting a 12-9 mark during the spring.

**Cowgirls earn spot in Oracle/ITA National and Regional Rankings:** The Wyoming Cowgirl Tennis program began the 2016 spring season ranked in the first Oracle/ITA National Rankings released by the ITA.

Wyoming as a team received a national ranking of 74th for the weeks of Jan. 5 and 20th before moving up to 71st for the week of Jan. 27 among the 322 schools that participate in Division I women's tennis.

To end the season, the team finished eighth in the Mountain Regional rankings. Magdalena Stencel ranked eighth and former Cowgirl Nastya Tokareva was 16th in singles, while the duo was eighth in doubles.

## Clower Named Head Coach For Women's Tennis:

Dean Clower, who held the title of interim head tennis coach and was an assistant the previous four years, was promoted to head coach of the Wyoming Cowgirl tennis program in the spring of 2012.

During the 2015-16 campaign, Wyoming recorded an 11-12 mark overall and 3-2 in the MW conference. It's the seventh straight season the Cowgirls have recorded double-digits wins and finished .500 or better in league play. As a team, UW entered the spring ranked 74th and were as high as 71st during the season. Finishing his fifth season at the helm, Clower had an overall mark of 61-46 and a 21-9 record in league play. At least two individuals have earned All-Conference honors in each of his five years including this season. Senior Nastya Tokareva and sophomore Magdalena Stencel were selected to the All-Conference Doubles Team for the first time in their careers, while both were named First Team All-Conference in singles play.

Clower became the fifth head women's tennis coach in Cowgirl history. After taking over the program, he led them to a 14-9 overall mark and a record of 5-2 in Mountain West play. They finished tied for second which at the time was the highest finish ever for a Wyoming team. As a team, the Cowgirls were ranked in the Campbell's/ITA national rankings every week since they started coming out on January 3, 2012. Their highest was the 56th spot on March 27th, which was a best in school history. Along with that, they defeated three nationally ranked teams on the year and finished the year ranked 61st. The doubles team of Veronica Popovici and Simona Synkova also won the ITA Mountain Regional Tournament in the fall, while earning a spot of 47th in the rankings. In addition to that, two members of the squad were named All-Mountain West. Popovici and Synkova were named First Team All-Conference in singles play, while they were selected to the All-Conference Doubles Team as well. It was the third time in school history that a player had won back-to-back singles awards and the first time that a player won the doubles award three seasons in a row.

In his second season, Clower and the Cowgirls finished the year with an 11-12 record and a 4-4 mark in league play. The 11-wins marked the fourth straight year that the tennis program reached double-figure victories. As a team, they were ranked 61st heading into the spring and six weeks throughout the season. The doubles team of Synkova and Popovici were ranked 21st in the preseason Campbell's/ITA rankings and entered the spring 52nd. They participated in the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships and reached the finals of the ITA Mountain Regional Tournament. They also garnered All-Mountain West honors. For the fourth time in her career, Synkova was selected All-MW in doubles and is the only Cowgirl to achieve that honor in school history. Popovici earned All-MW honors in doubles for the second year in a row. Both student-athletes were selected to the All-Mountain West singles team. It was the second time for Synkova and the third for Popovici, which is also a school record.

For the fifth straight year, the Cowgirl tennis team reached double-figure victories with an 11-8 mark overall while finishing with a 4-1 record in league play during the 2013-14 season. Two Cowgirls earned All-Mountain West honors for the third time in Clower's head coaching tenure. Popovici was selected in singles for the fourth straight year and was the first Cowgirl to achieve that honor in school history. She and doubles partner Dorotyya Jonas were named to the All-MW team in doubles. It was the first such honor for Jonas and the third for Popovici.

It was another milestone year for Clower and the Cowgirl program during the 2014-15 season. He helped the Cowgirls to a 15-6 record overall during the 2015 spring season and a perfect 5-0 mark in league play. The 15-wins were the most in program history, while the five wins tied for the most wins in league play. The first-place finish in MW action was also a school best for a Wyoming tennis team. Four individuals garnered postseason honors during the season including seniors Alma Espinosa and Christa Gecheva, sophomore Dorotyya Jonas and redshirt freshman Magdalena Stencel. Earlier during season, he became the all-time winningest coach and all-time leader in conference wins in school history. Wyoming went 2-1 at the 2015 Mountain West Tennis Championships defeating the top-seeded Fresno State Bulldogs, 4-3, before falling in the championship match against New Mexico, 4-2. For his efforts, Clower was named the Mountain West Women's Tennis Coach of the Year.

Clower 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 as an adjunct professor for kinesiology.

He also 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, Kan. 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. He and his wife, Amanda, who is an assistant coach with the UW Track and Field Team, have a daughter, Riley, and son, Westyn.

## 2016-17 Women's Tennis Roster

Name	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
Imogen Clews	5-8	Fr.	HS	Kambah, Canberra, Australia (Canberra College)
Milka Genkova	6-1	Fr.	HS	Asenovgrad, Bulgaria (General Secondary School)
Dorotyya Jonas	5-7	Sr.	3L	Gyal, Hungary (Vörösmarty Mihály Gimnázium)
Elisa Koonik	5-9	So.	1L	Tallinn, Estonia (Audentse Spordikool)
Magdalena Stencel	5-5	Jr.	2L	Sopot, Poland (Sopocka Akademia Tenisowa)
Miranda Talbert	5-7	Sr.	1L	Bradenton, Fla. (State College of Florida)
Ana Tkachenko	5-11	Fr.	HS	Moscow, Russia (Ugra Boarding School)
Tessa van Der Ploeg	5-9	So.	1L	Leeuwarden, the Netherlands (Leeuwarder Lyceum)

**Head Coach:** Dean Clower (Lamar, '06), Sixth Year, Ninth Overall

**Assoc. Head Coach:** Maciej Bogusz (Lamar, '09), Fifth Year

**Dir. Of Tennis:** Eva Szatkowska (Tulsa, '12), Fifth Year

### SINGLES RECORDS

	Overall	Tournament	Dual
Sanne Hoekstra	9-8	4-7	5-1
Dorotyya Jonas	21-14	8-4	13-10
Elisa Koonik	14-19	4-9	10-10
Magdalena Stencel	22-12	8-5	15-7
Miranda Talbert	10-19	5-9	5-10
Nastya Tokareva	22-14	8-5	14-9
Tessa van Der Ploeg	13-19	3-9	10-10

### DOUBLES RECORDS

	Overall	Tourn.	Dual
Hoekstra/Jonas	1-1	0-0	1-1
Hoekstra/Koonik	0-1	0-0	0-1
Hoekstra/Talbert	1-2	1-2	0-0
Hoekstra/van Der Ploeg	2-2	1-1	1-1
Jonas/Koonik	3-2	3-2	0-0
Jonas/Talbert	11-10	1-5	10-5
Koonik/Talbert	1-1	1-1	0-0
Koonik/van Der Ploeg	10-12	1-5	9-7
Stencel/Tokareva	17-12	4-2	13-10
Stencel/van Der Ploeg	2-2	2-2	0-0
Talbert/Tokareva	0-1	0-1	0-0

### CONFERENCE SINGLES RECORDS

	Overall	Dual
Sanne Hoekstra	2-0	2-0
Dorotyya Jonas	4-1	4-1
Elisa Koonik	4-1	4-1
Magdalena Stencel	4-1	4-1
Miranda Talbert	1-2	1-2
Nastya Tokareva	3-2	3-2
Tessa van Der Ploeg	2-3	2-3

### CONFERENCE DOUBLES RECORDS

	Overall	Dual
Jonas/Talbert	1-2	1-2
Koonik/van Der Ploeg	4-0	4-0
Stencel/Tokareva	4-1	4-1