

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
2016-17 Record: 0-0 (.000)
2016-17 Conf. Record/Finish: 0-0 (.000)
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	NS
Sept. 30-Oct. 2			
Wed.-Sun.	ITA Mountain Regional	Albuquerque, N.M.	NS
Oct. 12-16			
Fri.-Sun.	Colorado State Invitational	Ft. Collins, CO	NS
Oct. 21-23			
Fri.-Sun.	Blue and Red Challenge	Dallas, TX	NS
Nov. 4-6			

Spring 2017

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Wed., Jan. 18	Central Oklahoma	Edmond, OK	1 p.m.
Fri.-Sun., Jan. 20-22	Hurricane Invite	Tulsa, OK	All Day
Sat., Jan. 28	Idaho	Spokane, WA	TBA
Sun., Jan. 29	Gonzaga	Spokane, WA	10 a.m.
Fri., Feb. 3	Creighton	Lincoln, NE	5 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 4	Nebraska	Lincoln, NE	10 a.m.
Sun., Feb. 5	North Dakota State	Lincoln, NE	9 a.m.
Sat., Feb. 11	Montana State	Laramie, WY	TBA
Sat., Feb. 18	UTEP	Laramie, WY	11 a.m.
Sat., Feb. 25	Northern Colorado	Greeley, CO	1 p.m.
Fri., March 3	Idaho	Laramie, WY	2 p.m.
Sat., March 4	Hastings	Laramie, WY	9 a.m.
Fri., March 17	Montana	Laramie, WY	10 a.m.
Sat., March 18	Northern Arizona	Laramie, WY	9 a.m.
Thurs., March 23	New Mexico State	Laramie, WY	TBA
Fri., March 31	Utah State*	Logan, UT	11 a.m.
Sun., April 2	Boise State*	Boise, ID	11 a.m.
Fri., April 14	New Mexico*	Laramie, WY	TBA
Sat., April 15	Air Force*	Laramie, WY	12 p.m.
Sat., April 22	Colorado State*	Laramie, WY	1 p.m.
Thurs.-Sun. April 27-30	MW Championships	Las Vegas, NV	TBA

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

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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 begin the spring season on Wednesday against the Central Oklahoma Bronchos before participating at the Hurricane Invite in Tulsa, Okla. The Cowgirls will face opponents from Denver, Nicholls State, Oral Roberts and Tulsa beginning on Friday.

"The ladies have been training hard the last several days," head coach Dean Clower said. "I feel we are prepared to start the beginning of the spring season. As a coaching staff, we still have to figure out our singles and doubles line-ups but that will happen with more matches and time. The team is hungry and ready to play so we are excited to see them in action."

Wyoming competed in four tournaments during the fall and had some solid showings led by sophomores Elisa Koonik and Tessa van Der Ploeg. The duo went 6-2 overall in doubles play while Koonik finished the fall with a 5-1 singles mark. Senior Dorotya Jonas recorded a mark of 3-5 in singles and 3-4 in doubles play.

Three newcomers also saw the court for the Cowgirls in the fall. Milka Genkova and Ana Tkachenko both went 4-2 during the fall while Imogen Clews posted a 4-3 record in singles action.

Last Time Out: The Wyoming Cowgirl tennis team closed out the 2016 fall season on Sunday at the Blue and Red Challenge in Dallas. The three-day event saw teams from Liberty, Loyola Marymount, Oklahoma State, SMU, Tulsa, Wichita State and Wyoming visit the SMU Tennis Complex.

"We definitely had a slow start to the day," head coach Dean Clower said. "Tessa (van Der Ploeg) and Elisa (Koonik) had a great day on the doubles side. Elisa is playing at another level than she was at the end of last year and the beginning of the semester. In singles, I feel like we took more strides forward and playing our style of tennis."

It was a tough outing for the Cowgirls on Sunday with only one doubles team coming out with a victory. Elisa Koonik and Tessa van Der Ploeg defeated Tanaporn Thongsing and Ting-Ya Hsu of Wichita State, 6-1. In other doubles action, Dorotya Jonas and Imogen Clews lost to Vera Ploner and Martha Matoula, 7-5 and Miranda Talbert and Ana Tkachenko fell to Sara Jamal Jamal and Mary Wright, 6-4.

Singles play proved to fair a little better for Wyoming by winning four of eight matches played. Koonik defeated Ela Ewaniuk of Tulsa, 6-4, 7-6, while Milka Genkova beat Mahitha Dadireddy, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. Tkachenko wrapped up her weekend with a straight set win, 6-2, 6-2, over Aleksandra Panchenko. Jonas fell to Gabriela Porubin, 6-1, 6-3 followed by van der Ploeg with a 6-3, 6-3 loss against Martina Okalova. Marcelina Cichon needed two sets to beat Talbert, 6-3, 6-3, but she responded with an 8-3 win against Jamal of SMU. Clews closed out the day with a three set win, 4-6, 6-1, 1-0 win against Mariely Hassey.

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
Imogen Clews	4-3	4-3	0-0
Milka Genkova	4-2	4-2	0-0
Dorotyya Jonas	3-5	3-5	0-0
Elisa Koonik	5-1	5-1	0-0
Magdalena Stencel	1-3	1-3	0-0
Miranda Talbert	1-6	1-6	0-0
Ana Tkachenko	4-2	4-2	0-0
Tessa van Der Ploeg	1-4	1-4	0-0

DOUBLES RECORDS

	Overall	Tourn.	Dual
Clews/Genkova	1-1	1-1	0-0
Clews/Jonas	0-1	0-1	0-0
Clews/Talbert	0-2	0-2	0-0
Clews/Tkachenko	1-1	1-1	0-0
Genkova/Jonas	1-1	1-1	0-0
Genkova/Talbert	1-1	1-1	0-0
Genkova/Tkachenko	1-1	1-1	0-0
Jonas/Stencel	2-2	2-2	0-0
Koonik/van Der Ploeg	6-2	6-2	0-0
Talbert/Tkachenko	3-2	3-2	0-0

CONFERENCE SINGLES RECORDS

	Overall	Dual
Imogen Clews	0-0	0-0
Milka Genkova	0-0	0-0
Dorotyya Jonas	0-0	0-0
Elisa Koonik	0-0	0-0
Magdalena Stencel	0-0	0-0
Miranda Talbert	0-0	0-0
Ana Tkachenko	0-0	0-0
Tessa van Der Ploeg	0-0	0-0

CONFERENCE DOUBLES RECORDS

	Overall	Dual
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