

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: 77-49 (.611), Six Years
Career Record: Same
Conf. Record at Wyoming: 25-9 (.735), Six 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: 16-3 (.842)
2016-17 Conf. Record/Finish: 4-0 (1.000)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 5/2
Starters Returning/Lost: 5/1
Newcomers: 3
First Year of Tennis: 1996-97
All-Time Record/Years: 212-253 (.456), 21 years
All-Time MW Record: 41-81 (.336), 18 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	W 7-0
Fri.-Sun., Jan. 20-22	Hurricane Invite	Tulsa, OK	NS
Sat., Jan. 28	Idaho	Spokane, WA	W 6-1
Sun., Jan. 29	Gonzaga	Spokane, WA	L 3-4
Fri., Feb. 3	Creighton	Lincoln, NE	W 7-0
Sat., Feb. 4	#39 Nebraska	Lincoln, NE	L 1-6
Sun., Feb. 5	North Dakota	Lincoln, NE	W 7-0
Sat., Feb. 11	Montana State	Laramie, WY	W 6-1
Sat., Feb. 18	UTEP	Laramie, WY	W 4-0
Sat., Feb. 25	Northern Colorado	Greeley, CO	W 7-0
Fri., March 3	Idaho	Laramie, WY	W 5-2
Sat., March 4	Hastings	Laramie, WY	W 7-0
Fri., March 10	Iowa State	Ames, IA	L 3-4
Fri., March 17	Montana	Laramie, WY	W 7-0
Sat., March 18	Northern Arizona	Laramie, WY	W 4-3
Thurs., March 23	New Mexico State	Laramie, WY	W 7-0
Fri., March 31	Utah State*	Logan, UT	W 7-0
Sun., April 2	Boise State*	Boise, ID	W 4-3
Fri., April 14	New Mexico*	Laramie, WY	W 4-2
Sat., April 15	Air Force*	Laramie, WY	W 5-2
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 16-3, MW Record 4-0

Coming up for the Cowgirls: Wyoming will close out the regular conference season on Saturday against the Colorado State Rams. The match is set for 1 p.m. MT at the UW Indoor Tennis Courts.

Last Time Out: The Wyoming tennis team (16-3, 4-0 MW) won its seventh-straight match with a tough 5-2 victory against the Air Force Falcons (16-8 overall, 2-2 MW) on Saturday afternoon. With 16 victories on the season, it's the most wins in a single-season in program history. The Cowgirls are now 9-0 on the year at home.

"We obviously haven't lost the doubles point in a while, so it was a little different feel in the locker room in between," head coach Dean Clower said. "The good thing was that ladies put the doubles loss on themselves, took responsibility and said that we're going to get it done. It was all on them how they came out with that fire. The upperclassmen really showed their leadership, took care of business and executed the game plan. It was very much a team effort."

The two teams battled in doubles action with Air Force coming away with two wins to go up early in the match. The number two team of Dorotyya Jonas and Ana Tkachenko won the first two games against Chloe Forlini and Jocelle Rudico but the pair dropped the next six of seven to fall 6-3, but the Cowgirls answered with a 6-2 win by Elisa Koonik and Tessa van Der Ploeg against Elizabeth Barnickel and TJ Fumagalli. It came down to the team of Magdalena Stencel and Milka Genkova against Lily Forlini and Nadeen Lieberman. UW went up 2-0, which was answered with the Falcons winning the next five of six to go up 5-3. The Cowgirls won the next game, but would fall 6-4.

The Cowgirls had to earn the win the hard way by winning five out of six in singles action. Koonik got the Cowgirls on the board first with her quick work of Lieberman, 6-1, 6-1, followed by Stencel at the number one spot over Chloe Forlini, 6-3, 6-2. van Der Ploeg beat Barnickel in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3. For the second straight match, Tkachenko clinched the match for Wyoming with a 6-2, 6-1 victory against Rudico, while Genkova defeated Lily Forlini, 6-1, 6-2. In the teams' only loss of the day, Jonas battled Fumagalli at the number two spot. Air Force took the first set 7-5, which was answered with UW winning the next six games to take the second, 6-0. The Falcons won five out of eight games to go ahead 5-3. Jonas battled back on the next game, but didn't have enough in the tank falling 6-4 in the third set.

Scouting the Rams: Colorado State enters the week 8-12 overall, 0-5 in the league and will play Northern Colorado on Thursday afternoon. They are led by freshman Sandra Keta with a 12-17 mark followed by senior Madison Porter with an 11-15 record. This will be the 26th meeting between the two schools. CSU leads the series 14-11. The last time the two squads met was April 28, 2016 with the Cowgirls coming out on top with a 4-0 in the opening round of the MW tournament. Colorado State is coached by Jarod Camerota who is in his first year with the program.

Doubles Teams Ranked: Two doubles teams from the Wyoming tennis program were recognized by the ITA as the Oracle/ITA women's Division I rankings were released on Tuesday, March 7. It's the first time in program history that two teams have been ranked at the same time. Ranked for the first time in their careers, sophomores Elisa Koonik and Tessa van Der Ploeg were ranked 70th. They were 81st in the previous week's rankings (April 4). The duo are currently 19-7 overall and 11-3 this spring playing at the number one position. Earlier in the fall, the team went 1-1 at the ITA All-American with a win over Morales and DeFilippo of San Diego. Senior Dorotyya Jonas and junior Magdalena Stencel are currently 88th in the latest rankings. The pair went 2-2 overall in the fall, going 1-1 at the ITA All-American Championships. They defeated the team of Donika Bashota and Olaya Garrido-Rivas of TCU, 8-7 (5), during the tournament. Bashota and Garrido-Rivas are currently 12th overall in the latest rankings.

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	8-6	5-4	3-2
Milka Genkova	18-8	5-4	13-4
Dorotyya Jonas	18-11	4-7	14-4
Elisa Koonik	17-8	5-3	12-5
Magdalena Stencel	12-10	2-5	10-5
Miranda Talbert	4-7	2-7	2-0
Ana Tkachenko	21-5	5-3	16-2
Tessa van Der Ploeg	18-8	3-5	15-3

DOUBLES RECORDS

	Overall	Tourn.	Dual
Clews/Genkova	2-6	1-4	1-2
Clews/Jonas	0-1	0-1	0-0
Clews/Stencel	1-0	0-0	1-0
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/Koonik	1-0	0-0	1-0
Genkova/Stencel	2-1	0-0	2-1
Genkova/Talbert	1-1	1-1	0-0
Genkova/Tkachenko	1-1	1-1	0-0
Genkova/van Der Ploeg	1-0	0-0	1-0
Jonas/Tkachenko	13-6	2-2	12-4
Jonas/Stencel	2-2	2-2	0-0
Koonik/van Der Ploeg	18-7	7-4	11-3
Stencel/Talbert	10-4	1-1	9-3
Talbert/Tkachenko	4-2	3-2	1-0

CONFERENCE SINGLES RECORDS

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

CONFERENCE DOUBLES RECORDS

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