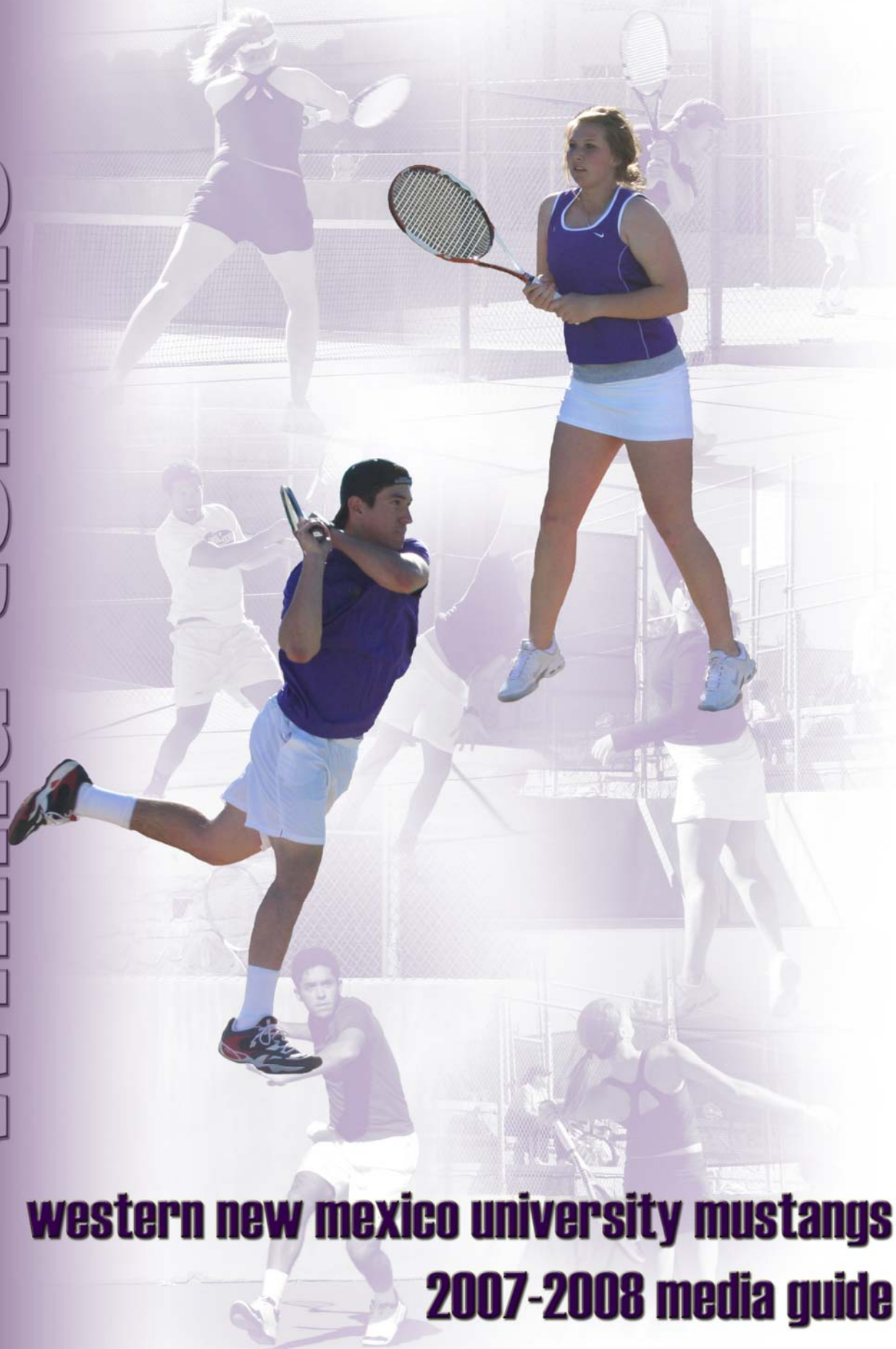


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**2007-2008 media guide**



a message from the president and athletic director



a message from dr. john counts, president of wnmu

At Western New Mexico University, the students are our top priority, and the athletic department is a key element of campus life.

We are very proud of our student athletes as they balance athletics with academics and community involvement. The growth and learning that takes place among them is inspiring. Their participation in our athletic program goes a long way in preparing them for future success.

We look forward to continued success of all our Mustang athletic programs. Go Mustangs!

Dr. John Counts



a message from scott woodard, director of wnmu athletics

Welcome to Western New Mexico University, and thank you for your support!!

Athletics is an important part of the educational process at Western New Mexico University. It has a unique role to play in an effort to create a well-rounded individual upon graduation.

Our student athletes gain a great deal from competing in their games, matches, and contests and spend countless hours during the year learning about themselves and their teammates. Whether we win or lose, they represent the institution with class and dignity. They also learn about discipline and commitment.

Above all, we are committed to athletes as students first. They are here to use the vehicle provided to gain a quality education that will help them develop as future leaders. We are proud of the success our young people have not only on the athletic venue but in the classroom as well.

Athletics also provides a highly visible way for our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community to play a part in what is a vital role on all university campuses. The athletic programs here at WNMU embrace the highest ideals associated with personal and community development, sportsmanship, equality, competitiveness, safety, and campus pride.

We are looking forward to continued success this coming season.

Go Mustangs!

Scott Woodard

athletic administration staff

scott woodard, athletic director

They say an army is just as good as its leader. If that's the case, the WNMU coaching staff is in good hands. Scott Woodard enters his 10th year as Athletic Director for WNMU with high hopes. Woodard, a 1985 graduate of WNMU was an all-star shortstop at Western, and was twice named to the all conference team in the tough Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

The Carlsbad, New Mexico product received his Bachelor of Science in Biology and his Master of Arts Administration.

While Woodard was a star on the baseball field as a player, his true talent may be in the dugout, as his now-eight-year-old softball team has become the tyrants of the Pacific West Conference, rolling up the last three Pac-West Championship banners. Woodard stepped aside after the 2001 season from coaching to be able to spend more time getting the athletic department back in the role of dominance it held in the early 1990s.

"We have some extremely successful programs here, and we are striving to make all the sports very competitive," says Woodard. "We all (coaches) recruit the same areas, and I can honestly say for the first time since I've been here, we have a staff that is aggressive and will bring in top quality kids and those kids will leave Silver City with a quality degree and a great athletic experience."



victoria stimac, assistant athletic director for media relations

Victoria Stimac has headed south to take the reins of the newly created Assistant Athletic Director of Media Relations in the spring of 2007. Stimac handles the duties of sports information director as well as senior woman administrator and will coordinate community and university relations for the athletic department.

Formerly at Finlandia University in Michigan, Stimac was the assistant athletic director, senior woman administrator, sports information director, and head women's volleyball coach for four years.

Originally from Cedar Grove, Wisconsin, she played volleyball at Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she was a three-year volleyball starter as a middle hitter and co-captain her final season and majored in business and marketing.



dr. roland shook, compliance coordinator

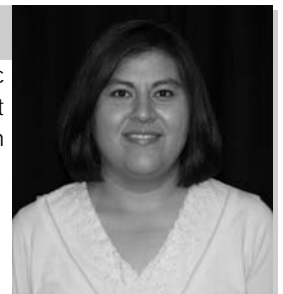
Dr. Roland Shook held the Faculty Athletic Representative post since 1993 and was an integral part of the Athletic Department, as well as the university's academic department. Now in his retirement, Dr. Shook has the responsibility of being the Mustang's compliance coordinator. His responsibilities as the compliance coordinator include scrutinizing each athlete's transcript and signing off on their eligibility status and acting as arbitrator and investigator when student athlete, coaching or other athletics related issues arise.



alma arellano, athletic administrative assistant

Alma has become the glue that holds the athletic department together since her arrival as athletic secretary. She coordinates the teams' fundraising and travel accounts, while managing the student work studies. Her transfer from the Business Office has been a real asset to athletics as she is a real team player!

A graduate of Silver High in 1993, Alma received her degree from WNMU in office administration.



## athletic administration staff



## chris jeppson, men's athletic trainer

Chris Jeppson joined the Western New Mexico University athletic training staff in 2006 after receiving a Master of Science degree in Athletic Training from Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana. While in Terre Haute, Jeppson worked at Terre Haute North High School as an athletic trainer.

He received his undergraduate degrees in 2001 and 2005 from Weber State University (Associate of Art in Foreign Language) and the University of Utah (Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sport Science) respectively. While at the University of Utah, he was able to work with the University's football camp in 2004.

Jeppson has certifications in EMT-Basic, CPR, AED and first-aid instruction for the American Red Cross in the professional and community certification levels. He currently is an instructor of first-aid/CPR and athletic training courses at WNMU.

Jeppson lives in Silver City, New Mexico with his wife, Chandra, and two children, Ethan (3) and Alexis (1).



## terra strain, women's athletic trainer

Terra Strain returns to Silver City and WNMU after seven years away. In her first year as a staff member, she will assist the successful volleyball program and be full-time in the athletic training room where she will work with the Western New Mexico women's programs.

Strain, a graduate of the Movement Science program at Western, wore a Mustang volleyball jersey from 1996-2000. During her four years, she was on the Gold Honor board each semester. She also was named to the Pac-West All-Conference Academic Team in 1999.

After WNMU, Strain attended Montana State University - Billings where she received her Master of Science in Athletic Training degree in 2006. She also was an assistant volleyball coach for the Yellowjackets for one year.

Most recently, Strain worked as an athletic trainer and head girl's volleyball coach at Bradshaw Mountain High School. The Virden, New Mexico native also coached for the Arizona Mile High Volleyball Club for one year and three years at Holbrook High School in Arizona. At Holbrook, she was the 3A North Co-Coach of the Year in 2002 and the 2004 1A-3A All-Star Coach in 2004.

Strain enjoys reading, hiking, and camping. She resides in Silver City.



## claudia leonard, faculty athletic representative

Originally from Detroit, Michigan, Claudia Leonard joins the Mustang staff this year as the faculty athletic representative. An associate professor in the Occupation Therapy Assistant (OTA) program, Leonard first came to WNMU in 1997 and then took a break for two and a half years from WNMU before returning again in the fall of 2005. She currently serves as the academic fieldwork coordinator in the OTA department.

Leonard received her Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy from Eastern Michigan University in 1983. She then went on to earn her master's degree in business from WNMU in 2001. She recently completed her Doctorate in Occupational Therapy at the University of St. Augustine.

Leonard is an active board member for the Casa de Cultura en Santa Clara in her spare time along with participating in sprint triathlons.

She lives in Bayard with her husband.

tennis coaching staff

erik burton, head coach

Erik Burton enters his second year as the men's and women's tennis coach. A 1997 WNMU graduate, Burton returned to Silver City in 2006 after gaining valuable experience coaching tennis at the professional and collegiate levels. The 32-year-old Lubbock, TX native campaigned for the Mustangs from 1992-1997 and was one of Coach Benavidez's top players.

His coaching career began at the elite Gainey Ranch Estate Club in Scottsdale, Arizona, where he worked with several nationally-ranked juniors.

In 2001, Burton moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico where he was an assistant professional at the Tennis Club of Albuquerque and coached top players.

In 2002, Coach Burton was an assistant coach for the University of New Mexico and helped the Lady Lobos capture their first Mountain West Conference Championship.

"I have an agenda with the program here at Western," says Burton. "I see great potential in the RMAC and the athletic department. I feel very fortunate to be able to help produce a strong collegiate program."

"I hope to produce strong ties with student athletes within the Southwest and, of course, the world to bring some diversity to the program, as well as continuing its high academic standards. In the end, the student athletes represent this University, and I feel my knowledge and experience can give them the best direction for success," says Burton.



angel vos, assistant coach

This season Angel Vos makes the transition from student-athlete to an assistant coach. Raised in Tombstone, Vos was the salutatorian of Tombstone High School in 2003. While in high school, she participated in volleyball, cross country, basketball, and tennis. She continued her athletic career at Western New Mexico University where she played tennis and ran cross country.

In her three years as a cross country student-athlete, Vos was the team's number one runner for two of those years, leading the team to a Heartland Conference championship in 2005. She was placed on the conference's cross country all-academic team each year she participated.

Vos also played four years of women's tennis. Each of those years she was a conference all-academic student-athlete. In her final season of competition, Vos was placed on the RMAC All-Conference Second Team. That same season the team was the runner-up in the conference tournament.

Vos graduated from WNMU in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and a minor in Psychology. She plans to pursue her master's degree and doctorate in the field of speech of language pathology.



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women's tennis history & information

Program Induction	N/A
2007 Record	11-8
2007 Conference Finish	3rd Overall; 2nd RMAC Tournament
All-Time Record	N/A
Number of Years in NCAA	12 Years
Last Post-Season Opponent	Cal Poly Pomona 1999
All-Time Playoff Record	N/A
Starters Returning/ Lost	1/5
Head Coach	Erik Burton (Second Year)
Record at WNMU	11-8
Career Record	11-8
Assistant Coach	Angel Vos (First Year)



Front row (left to right): Emily Lampmam, Madison Bruton, Stephanie Sheldon  
 Back row (left to right): Izelle Oliver, Rebecca Anderson, Elisa Owen, Christian Kolb

2008 wnmu mustangs women's tennis roster

Player	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	Previous School
Rebecca Anderson	5-6	Sr.	Silver City, NM	Silver High School
Madison Bruton	5-6	Fr.	Deming, NM	Deming High School
Christina Kolb	5-6	Jr.	Gallup, NM	Gallup High School
Emily Lampman	5-9	Fr.	Kerrville, TX	Tivy High School
Izelle Oliver	5-10	Fr.	Schweizer Reneke, South Africa	Wolmaransstad High School
Elisa Owen	5-9	So.	Douglas, AZ	Douglas High School
Stephanie Shelton	5-8	So.	Douglas, AZ	Douglas High School

2008 women's tennis schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
2/9/2008	<i>University of Idaho</i>	<i>Las Cruces, NM</i>	6:00 p.m.
2/14/2008	<i>University of Hawaii - Hilo</i>	<i>Glendale, AZ</i>	3:00 p.m.
2/14/2008	Grand Canyon University	Glendale, AZ	10:00 a.m.
2/15/2008	<i>Colorado State University - Pueblo</i>	<i>Glendale, AZ</i>	6:00 p.m.
2/16/2008	<i>Dixie State College</i>	<i>Glendale, AZ</i>	6:00 p.m.
<b>3/1/2008</b>	<b>WNMU Alumni</b>	<b>Silver City, NM</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>3/6/2008</b>	<b>Sul Ross State University</b>	<b>Silver City, NM</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>3/7/2008</b>	<b>Grand Canyon University</b>	<b>Silver City, NM</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>3/9/2008</b>	<b>Glendale Community College</b>	<b>Silver City, NM</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
3/12/2008	Glendale Community College	Glendale, AZ	3:00 p.m.
3/13/2008	La Sierra University	Riverside, CA	6:00 p.m.
3/14/2008	Cal Poly University - Pomona	Pomona, CA	1:00 p.m.
3/15/2008	California State University - Los Angeles	Los Angeles, CA	9:00 a.m.
3/24/2008	Rollins College	Orlando, FL	2:30 p.m.
3/25/2008	Florida Institute of Technology	Melbourne, FL	2:00 p.m.
3/26/2008	Florida Southern College	Lakeland, FL	3:00 p.m.
3/27/2008	Eckerd College	St. Petersburg, FL	3:00 p.m.
4/4/2008	* Mesa State College	Grand Junction, CO	2:30 p.m.
4/4/2008	* <i>Colorado Christian University</i>	<i>Grand Junction, CO (Mesa State College)</i>	9:30 a.m.
4/5/2008	* <i>University of Nebraska - Kearney</i>	<i>Denver, CO</i>	TBA
4/11/2008	* <i>Metro State College</i>	<i>Pueblo, CO (Colorado State University - Pueblo)</i>	9:00 a.m.
4/12/2008	* <i>Montana State University - Billings</i>	<i>Pueblo, CO (Colorado State University - Pueblo)</i>	2:30 p.m.
4/13/2008	* Colorado State University - Pueblo	Pueblo, CO	TBA
4/25/2008	RMAC Championship	Kearney, NE	TBA
4/26/2008	RMAC Championship	Kearney, NE	TBA

2007 women's tennis schedule/results

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	RMAC Record
February 15, 2007	Eastern New Mexico University	W, 5-3	1-0	0-0
February 17, 2007	Sul Ross State College	W, 8-1	2-0	0-0
February 18, 2007	Grand Canyon University	W, 9-0	3-0	0-0
March 2, 2007	Midwestern State University	L, 7-2	3-1	0-0
March 2, 2007	Cameron University	L, 5-1	3-2	0-0
March 3, 2007	Eastern New Mexico University	L, 5-4	3-3	0-0
March 15, 2007	Grand Canyon University	W, 9-0	4-3	0-0
March 16, 2007	Sonoma State University	L, 9-0	4-4	0-0
March 17, 2007	Whittier College	W, 9-0	5-4	0-0
March 18, 2007	La Sierra University	W, 9-0	6-4	0-0
March 20, 2007	California State University—Los Angeles	L, 0-7	6-5	0-0
March 23, 2007	Colorado State University—Pueblo	W, 5-4	7-5	1-0
April 6, 2007	University of Nebraska—Kearney	L, 5-4	7-6	1-1
April 7, 2007	Colorado Christian University	W, 8-1	8-6	2-1
April 17, 2007	Metro State College	W, 7-2	9-6	3-1
April 18, 2007	Mesa State College	L, 6-3	9-7	3-2
April 20, 2007	Colorado Christian University	W, 9-0	10-7	4-2
April 20, 2007	University of Nebraska—Kearney	W, 5-4	11-7	5-2
April 21, 2007	Mesa State College	L, 5-2	11-8	5-3

2007 rmac individual statistics

**#1 Singles**

Kristin Messbarger, UNK Fr. 16-6 .727  
 Teri Mayeda, MSC Jr. 13-5 .722  
**Tereza Pilatova, WNMU Sr. 7-11 .389**  
 Mitra Hirad, MSCD So. 4-17 .190  
 Jamie Raun, CSUP Jr. 2-11 .154  
 Elise McKamie, CCU So. 1-7 .125

**#2 Singles**

**Raquel Valdenebro, WNMU Fr. 16-2 .889**  
 Julie Wainwright, CSUP So. 6-7 .462  
 Kelsey Bott inelli, MSC So. 6-7 .462  
 April Hirad, MSCD Fr. 7-15 .318  
 Claire Bryan, UNK R-Fr. 5-16 .238  
 Amy Fager, CCU Sr. 0-8 .000

**#3 Singles**

Callie Erickson, UNK So. 11-7 .611  
 Kara Killenberg, MSC Fr. 6-7 .462  
**Izelle Olivier, WNMU Fr. 6-8 .429**  
 Jessica Hardy, CSUP Jr. 4-8 .333  
 Alecia Jenkins, MSCD Jr. 3-20 .130  
 Melissa Ruiz, CCU So. 0-8 .000

**#4 Singles**

Krystal Smith, MSC Sr. 11-4 .733  
**Angel Vos, WNMU Sr. 11-4 .733**  
 Kara Deyle, UNK Fr. 9-11 .450  
 Ashley Erickson, CSUP So. 3-8 .273  
 Miriam Evangelista, MSCD So. 5-15 .250  
 Ashley Sonnenberg, CCU So. 1-7 .125

**#5 Singles**

Jamie Hanks, MSC Jr. 9-4 .692  
 McKenna Irwin, UNK Jr. 11-9 .550  
**Stephanie Alarcon, WNMU So. 9-8 .529**  
 Tiffany Talmadge, CSUP Fr. 3-9 .250  
 Katie Reitz, MSCD Fr. 0-17 .000  
 Suzanne Cazer, CCU Fr. 0-8 .000

**#6 Singles**

**Katarina Provenghi, WNMU Fr. 11-4 .733**  
 Drisa Carrizo, MSC Jr. 10-4 .714  
 Amanda Longly, UNK Fr. 9-11 .450  
 Valerie Boughton, CSUP So. 4-8 .333  
 Orzalla Nabiyar, MSCD Fr. 1-16 .059  
 Katy Schnarr, CCU Fr. 0-8 .000

**#1 Doubles**

**Pilatova/Olivier, WNMU 2-1 .667**  
**Pilatova/Alarcon, WNMU 2-1 .667**  
 Mayeda/Bott inelli, MSC 11-7 .611  
 Raun/Wainwright, MSC 1-1 .500  
 Raun/Erickson, CSUP 3-7 .300  
 Irwin/Brown, UNK 1-8 .111  
 Jenkins/Evangelista, MSCD 2-17 .105  
 Fager/Ruiz, CCU 0-8 .000  
 Bryan/Deyle, UNK 0-1 .000

**#2 Doubles**

**Valdenebro/Provenghi, WNMU 14-4 .778**  
 Smith/Hanks, MSC 7-5 .583  
 Messbarger/Longly, UNK 8-6 .571  
 Wainwright/Hardy, CSUP 4-6 .400  
 Hirad/Hirad, MSCD 3-14 .176  
 McKamie/Sonnenberg, CCU 0-8 .000  
 Hardy/Erickson, MSC 0-2 .000

**#3 Doubles**

Carrizo/Killenberg, MSC 9-2 .818  
 Vos/Owen, WNMU 9-5 .643  
 Erickson/Longly, UNK 5-4 .556  
 Boughton/Talmadge, CSUP 4-9 .308  
 Reitz/Nabiyar, MSCD 2-15 .118  
 Schnarr/Cazer, CCU 0-8 .000  
 Erickson/Irwin, UNK 1-0 1.000



Junior Christina Kolb

season preview

The women's tennis team is starting the 2008 spring season with a new found confidence stemming from the 2007 RMAC tournament appearance. The Mustangs' strong leadership and strength of schedule should prove beneficial for a solid push into this spring's conference schedule as the women have seven competing with one starter from the 2007 season returning.

The RMAC conference has seven good teams this season from Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, and a new addition with Montana State University - Billings.

"The Lady Mustangs will be led most of the season by assistant coach Angel Vos who was a very key member of the 2007 team's success, and Coach Vos will bring that incredible competitive spirit to this team," says Head Coach Erik Burton. "I feel very confident in the ability this team has to respond to the challenge with this year's schedule."

WNMU comes into the season with a young but yet an experienced squad, starting with the team captain and returning starter from the 2005-2006 season, Christina Kolb, a 5-4 junior from Gallup, New Mexico. "Christina will help the team with confidence and desire, and the Mustangs will have that in mind in their push towards the RMAC title," states Burton.

The lone returning starter from the 2007 season is sophomore Izelle Olivier (Schweizer Reneke, South Africa). "Izelle has improved her level of play over the past year. She will be a threat for an all-conference pick," comments Burton.

Sophomore Elisa Owen (Douglas, AZ) finished last season with an all-conference doubles award. Owen comes from a successful high school career that netted her a 2006 third in state doubles award. "Elisa will bring the experience of an all-conference player to this year's young team."

A new addition to the WNMU team is freshman Emily Lampman (Kerrville, TX). "I really feel that Emily is the future of this program, she has qualities that many coaches desire. Emily will definitely be a threat for RMAC Freshman of the Year," states Burton. In the fall season, Lampman finished fourth in the West Region in doubles.

Another new competitor for the Mustangs is Stephanie Sheldon (Douglas, AZ). Sheldon was a redshirt on last year's squad. "Stephanie had a good tournament at the University of Texas - El Paso (UTEP) in the fall. She impressed me with her willingness to step up to any challenge, and she will be a force with her big shots from the baseline. Stephanie could even have her sights on an all-conference nomination," says Burton.

Two local products new to the team are Madison Bruton (Deming, NM) and Rebecca Anderson (Silver City, NM). "Madison is a very good student, and she was a starter for the Deming High School girl's team in the 2006-2007 season. In addition, Rebecca will get great experience this year at the collegiate level," comments Burton.

"I think we have a solid chance this season. I am excited and optimistic about the possibilities and opportunities we have in the RMAC," says Burton.

individual snapshots

Sophomore  
Stephanie Sheldon



Stephanie Sheldon



Year: Sophomore  
Height: 5-8  
Hometown: Douglas, AZ  
Previous School(s):  
Douglas High School

"Stephanie has a very strong and commanding presence on the court," says head coach Erik Burton.

individual snapshots

Rebecca Anderson



Year: Senior  
Height: 5-6  
Hometown: Silver City, NM  
Previous School(s):  
Silver High School

"Rebecca continues to make great strides in her improvement on the court," says head coach Erik Burton.

Madison Bruton



Year: Freshman  
Height: 5-6  
Hometown: Deming, NM  
Previous School(s):  
Deming High School

"Madison brings a desire to improve each and every day," says head coach Erik Burton.

Christina Kolb



Year: Junior  
Height: 5-6  
Hometown: Gallup, NM  
Previous School(s):  
Gallup High School

High School: Team Most Valuable Player Junior and Senior Year.  
"Christina is tough and tenacious. She makes this team better," says head coach Erik Burton.

Emily Lampman



Year: Freshman  
Height: 5-9  
Hometown: Kerrville, TX  
Previous School(s):  
Tivy High School

High School: Newk's Scholarship, Texas USTA Super Champion, Merit Award, USTA Sportsmanship Award.  
"Emily has the skills to be an RMAC all-conference player this season," says head coach Erik Burton.

Izelle Oliver



Year: Sophomore  
Height: 5-10  
Hometown: Schwizer Reneke, South Africa  
Previous School(s):  
Wolmaransstad High School

High School: SATA Tennis Ranking, First Team, State Tennis No. 6/5.  
WNMU: Purple Honors.  
"Izelle fights with a great passion," says head coach Erik Burton.

Elisa Owen



Year: Sophomore  
Height: 5-9  
Hometown: Douglas, AZ  
Previous School(s):  
Douglas High School

High School (Senior Year): Third Place State Award.  
WNMU: Purple Honors.  
"Elisa is very intelligent and crafty at the net," says head coach Erik Burton.

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men's history & information

Program Induction	1995
2007 Record	10-5
2007 Conference Finish	3rd Place
All-Time Record	66-141
Number of Years in NCAA	12 Years
Last Post-Season Opponent	N/A
All-Time Playoff Record	N/A
Starters Returning/ Lost	4/3
Head Coach	Erik Burton (Second Year)
Record at WNMU	10-5
Career Record	10-5
Assistant Coach	Angel Vos (First Year)



Front row (left to right): Wilton Atkins, Lloyd Wilton, Rafael Catay, Billy Wilton, Luke Salazar  
 Back row (left to right): Devin Strommon, Valu Fa, Omar Melendez, Francisco Periera, Emmanuel Hecher

2008 wnmu mustangs men's tennis roster

Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School	Previous School
Wilton Atkins	5-8	160	Jr.	Wanganui, New Zealand/Wanganui Collegiate School	University of North Alabama
Rafael Catay	5-8	155	Sr.	Sao Paulo, Brazil/Colegio SAA	--
Valu Fa	5-11	170	Jr.	Suva, Fiji/Natabua High School	New Mexico Military Institute
Emmanuel Hecher	6-0	185	Jr.	Belo Horizonte, Brazil/--	Bolegio Pitagoras
Omar Melendez	5-10	175	Jr.	El Paso, TX/Montwood High School	--
Francisco Periera	6-1	--	Fr.	Linda A. Velha, Portugal/Escola Secundaria de Miraflores	--
Luke Salazar	5-9	160	Fr.	Albuquerque, NM/Valley High School	--
Devin Stroman	5-8	140	So.	Silver City, NM/Silver High School	--
Erick Torres	5-9	165	Fr.	El Paso, TX/Andress High School	--
Billy Wilton	5-8	155	Jr.	Espanola, NM/Los Alamos High School	--
Lloyd Wilton	5-9	180	Sr.	Espanola, NM/Los Alamos High School	--

## 2008 men's tennis schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
2/9/2008	<i>University of Idaho</i>	<i>Las Cruces, NM</i>	6:00 p.m.
2/13/2008	Scottsdale Community College	Scottsdale, AZ	6:00 p.m.
2/14/2008	<i>University of Hawaii - Hilo</i>	<i>Glendale, AZ</i>	3:00 p.m.
2/15/2008	<i>Midwestern State University</i>	<i>Glendale, AZ</i>	12:00 p.m.
2/16/2008	<i>Abilene Christian University</i>	<i>Glendale, AZ</i>	3:00 p.m.
2/17/2008	<i>Sonoma State University</i>	<i>Phoenix, AZ</i>	9:00 a.m.
<b>3/1/2008</b>	<b>WNMU Alumni</b>	<b>Silver City, NM</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>3/8/2008</b>	<b>Sul Ross State University</b>	<b>Silver City, NM</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>3/8/2008</b>	<b>Glendale Community College</b>	<b>Silver City, NM</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>
3/12/2008	Glendale Community College	Glendale, AZ	3:00 p.m.
3/13/2008	La Sierra University	Riverside, CA	6:00 p.m.
3/14/2008	Cal Poly University - Pomona	Pomona, CA	2:00 p.m.
3/14/2008	<i>Sonoma State University</i>	<i>Pomona, CA</i>	9:00 a.m.
3/16/2008	Northern Arizona University	Flagstaff, AZ	TBA
3/21/2008	New Mexico Military Institute	Silver City, NM	10:30 a.m.
3/24/2008	Rollins College	Orlando, FL	2:30 p.m.
3/25/2008	Florida Institute of Technology	Melbourne, FL	2:00 p.m.
3/26/2008	Florida Southern College	Lakeland, FL	3:00 p.m.
3/27/2008	Eckerd College	St. Petersburg, FL	3:00 p.m.
4/4/2008	* Mesa State College	Grand Junction, CO	3:30 p.m.
4/4/2008	* <i>Colorado Christian University</i>	<i>Grand Junction, CO (Mesa State College)</i>	9:30 a.m.
4/5/2008	* <i>University of Nebraska - Kearney</i>	<i>Denver, CO</i>	TBA
4/11/2008	* <i>Metro State College</i>	<i>Pueblo, CO (Colorado State University - Pueblo)</i>	9:00 a.m.
4/12/2008	* <i>Montana State University - Billings</i>	<i>Pueblo, CO (Colorado State University - Pueblo)</i>	2:30 p.m.
4/13/2008	* Colorado State University - Pueblo	Pueblo, CO	TBA
4/25/2008	RMAC Championship	Kearney, NE	TBA
4/26/2008	RMAC Championship	Kearney, NE	TBA

## 2007 men's tennis schedule/results

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	RMAC Record
February 16, 2007	Sul Ross State College	W, 9-0	1-0	0-0
March 14, 2007	Mesa State College	W, 6-3	2-0	0-0
March 16, 2007	Sonoma State University	L, 5-4	2-1	0-0
March 17, 2007	Whittier College	W, 8-1	3-1	0-0
March 18, 2007	Cal Poly—Pomona	W, 7-2	4-1	0-0
March 18, 2007	La Sierra University	W, 8-1	5-1	0-0
March 20, 2007	California Technical University	W, 8-1	6-1	0-0
March 23, 2007	Colorado State University—Pueblo	W, 8-1	7-1	1-0
March 20, 2007	New Mexico State University	L, 7-0	7-2	1-0
April 6, 2007	University of Nebraska—Kearney	L, 6-3	7-3	1-1
April 7, 2007	Colorado Christian University	W, 9-0	8-3	2-1
April 17, 2007	Metro State College	L, 8-1	8-4	2-2
April 18, 2007	Mesa State College	W, 8-1	9-4	3-2
April 20, 2007	Colorado Christian University	W, 9-0	10-4	4-2
April 20, 2007	Metro State College	L, 5-0	10-5	4-3

2007 rmac individual statistics

**#1 Singles**

William Jacome, UNK Jr. 18-1 .947  
**Rafael Catay, WNMU Jr. 14-7 .667**  
 S. Ruckelshausen, MSCD So. 9-6 .600  
 Ricardo Oaxaca, CSUP Fr. 6-5 .545  
 Joey Coleman, MSC Fr. 4-14 .444  
 Kevan Angel, CCU Jr. 0-10 .000

**#2 Singles**

**Renato Varella, WNMU Sr. 12-8 .600**  
 Beau Fresquez, CSUP So. 6-5 .545  
 Luke Backhaus, UNK Jr. 8-13 .381  
 Riley Meyer, MSCD Jr. 4-13 .235  
 Micah Hill, MSC Sr. 3-12 .200  
 Nathan Woodring, CCU Fr. 0-10 .000

**#3 Singles**

**Wilton Atkins, WNMU Fr. 13-6 .684**  
 Drew Machholz, MSCD Sr. 9-7 .563  
 Andres Espinosa, UNK Jr. 8-8 .500  
 Jordan Chomko, MSC Fr. 9-9 .500  
 Mitch Joyce, CSUP So. 4-10 .286  
 Ryan McLeod, CCU Fr. 0-10 .000

**#4 Singles**

**Martin Yabes, WNMU Fr. 14-2 .875**  
 Nick Provenza, MSC Fr. 10-4 .714  
 Mark Milner, MSCD Sr. 12-6 .667  
 Drew Mercier, UNK Fr. 9-12 .429  
 Greg Greenwood, CSUP Sr. 3-11 .214  
 James Thomas, CCU So. 0-10 .000

**#5 Singles**

Miguel Acosta, UNK Sr. 8-5 .615  
**Emmanuel Hecher, WNMU So. 9-7 .563**  
 Cory Rockow, MSC Sr. 7-9 .438  
 Sean Carlton, MSCD Jr. 6-11 .353  
 Kyle Eades, CSUP Jr. 2-10 .167  
 Taylor Shade, CCU 0-10 .000

**#6 Singles**

**Michael Ludi, WNMU Fr. 14-2 .875**  
 David Scott, MSCD Jr. 7-6 .538  
 Aaron Angst, UNK R-Fr. 3-3 .500  
 Mike Ambritz, UNK Sr. 4-7 .363  
 Niko Carrizo, MSC Fr. 4-12 .250  
 James MacIndoe, CSUP So. 3-10 .231  
 Noriaki Naruse, UNK R-Fr. 0-8 .000  
 John Wilkins, CCU 0-1 .000

**#1 Doubles**

**Catay/Atkins, WNMU 14-6 .700**  
 Ruckelshausen/Meyer, MSCD 12-6 .667  
 Jacome/Sakai, UNK 7-6 .538  
 Oaxaca/Fresquez, CSUP 5-9 .357  
 Coleman/Hill, MSC 5-12 .294  
 Angel/McLeod, CCU 0-10 .000

**#2 Doubles**

Machholz/Milner, MSCD 15-3 .833  
**Varella/Yabes, WNMU 12-3 .800**  
 Chomko/Provenza, MSC 15-5 .750  
 Espinosa/Acosta, UNK 3-8 .272  
 Greenwood/Eades, CSUP 2-11 .154  
 Woodring/Shade, CCU 0-10 .000  
 Joyce/Eades, CSUP 0-1 .000  
 Espinosa/Mercier, UNK 0-1 .000

**#3 Doubles**

Backhaus/Mercier, UNK 7-5 .583  
 Carlton/Scott, MSCD 12-10 .545  
**Wilton/Hecher, WNMU 9-9 .500**  
 Rockow/Carrizo, MSC 6-11 .353  
 Joyce/MacIndoe, CSUP 3-9 .250  
 Wilkins/Thomas, CCU 0-1 .000  
 Greenwood/MacIndoe, CSUP 1-0 1.000  
 Backhaus/Acosta, UNK 0-1 .000



Junior Emmanuel Hecher

## season preview

The WNMU men's team goes into the 2008 season with three returning starters in singles, four in doubles, and a very strong recruiting class. The expectations this season are very promising both on and off the court.

The academics of the team finished the fall 2007 semester with a 3.40 grade point average. Head coach Erik Burton is confident this success will continue on the court with a very unified, hardworking, and talented group that will contend for the RMAC Championship.

"I am really amazed by this team's growth over the past year, from a #9 North Central Region ranking in the 2007 season to a #4 ranking in the fall 2007 West Region. I feel the West Region is a much stronger region overall. We are on a strong path to success," says Burton.

This 2008 season men's squad is led by team co-captain senior Rafael Catay (Sao Paulo, Brazil). Catay was the 2007 WNMU Mustangs Male Athlete of the Year, the #2 RMAC All-Conference First Team selection from the 2007 season, 2007 RMAC All-Academic award recipient, and a team/individual 2007 ITA National All-Academic award winner.

"Rafael accomplished so much in the 2007 season, and I can't say enough about his character. He represents the ultimate student-athlete here at WNMU, not leaving out the fact that he is an extremely talented on court performer.

Rafael currently holds the #8 singles spot and the #7 doubles spot in the West Region ranging. "I know this 2008 season will be his best yet," says Burton.



Senior Rafael Catay

Lloyd Wilton (Espanola, NM) is the team's other captain. Wilton is a returning starter in doubles from the 2007 season and a 2007 RMAC All-Academic selection. "Lloyd always has a positive presence," comments Burton.

Junior Wilton Atkins (Wanganui, New Zealand) returns this season with more experience at the top levels of NCAA tennis than last season. Previously, Atkins was ranked #5 in 2005 in his home country of New Zealand. "Wilton should be nominated for an all-conference award this season. His fall season was a great improvement with a #13 singles West Region ranking. Wilton's doubles skills have improved tremendously, and I know he will break through this season," states Burton.



Junior Wilton Atkins

Junior Emmanuel Hecher (BeloHorizonnte, Brazil) has proven his position on this year's team with hard work and determination. "It seems that year after year Emmanuel's serve is stronger and stronger. His overall game on court has improved, and his experience will give this team good depth," says Burton.

This year's squad has several newcomers that will add more depth and experience.

Junior Billy Wilton (Espanola, NM) is a former starter from the 2005-2006 season. "With previous experience at the collegiate level and his athletic talent, we should see great things. His contribution will help us out tremendously," says Burton.

Timoci "Valu" Fa (Suva, Fiji), an extremely strong recruit, is a junior transfer student from the New Mexico Military Institution. "Valu has the desire and work ethics that will help him achieve many great things. I can't say enough about his skills and his attitude," says Burton. Valu finished the fall season with a #10 singles and #10 doubles ranking from the West Region.

Rounding out the junior class is Omar Melendez from El Paso, Texas. Melendez will be on the competition squad at our home matches this season. "Omar has come a long way already, and he represents this team with persistence and a good attitude," says Burton.

season preview



Sophomore Devin Stroman

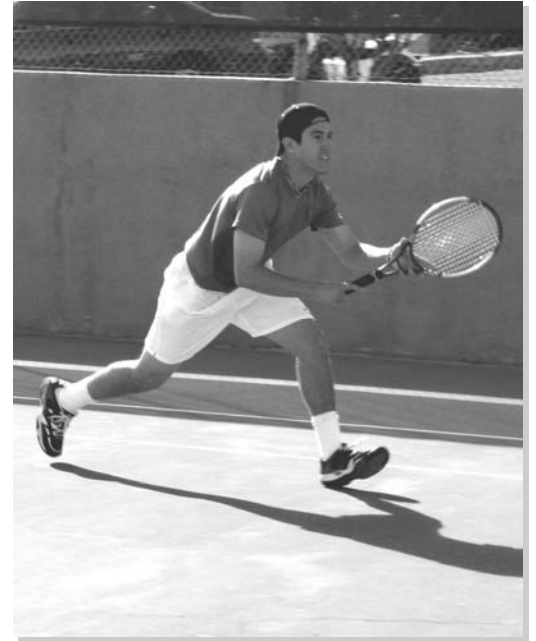
The lone sophomore on the roster is Devin Stroman (Silver City, NM). "Devin is one of the most improved players on this team so far. I hope he will continue his rise to success and be a strong contributor," comments Burton.

The 2008 roster has several very talented freshman that have experience. Luke Salazar (Albuquerque, NM) joins the Mustangs after a #9 singles and #10 doubles ranking from the West Region. "As a freshman, Luke is a major contributor. I have known Luke since he was 12 years-old. I can tell you his early results are only a taste of his talent and desire. He will surprise you every time he walks on the court, and we will rely on his hard-working attitude throughout this season," states Burton.

Francisco Pereira (Linda A. Velha, Portugal) is another freshman newcomer. Pereira was a top 25 junior in Portugal in 2006. "Francisco will

fill our roster out very well. He is a great addition to the 2007 recruiting class. He has very good hands, a big game mentality, and a strong will to compete," says Burton.

"As a former member of the Mustang's tennis team from 1995-1997 and a WNMU alum, I can say with extreme confidence that this is probably one of the best men's tennis team in the program's history," states Burton. "We have a very tough schedule including five of the top 20 teams in the nation. I know we will be working hard in every match, and it will be a season to remember," concludes Burton.



Freshman Luke Salazar

individual snapshots

Wilton Atkins



Year: Sophomore  
 Height: 5-8  
 Hometown: Wanganui, New Zealand  
 Previous School(s):  
 Wanganui Collegiate School  
 University of North Alabama

High School: Top Five in New Zealand.  
 WNMU: Gold Honors (Fall 2006).  
 "Wilton is an all-around strong student-athlete," says head coach Erik Burton.

Rafael Catay



Year: Senior  
 Height: 5-8  
 Hometown: Sao Paulo, Brazil  
 Previous School(s):  
 Colegio SAA

WNMU: ITA All-American (2007), RMAC All-Academic Team (2007), Gold Honors, Purple Honors, RMAC All-Conference First Team #2 Singles (2007), RMAC Honor Student Athlete (2007), Team Most Valuable Player (2007).

Valu Fa



Year: Junior  
 Height: 5-11  
 Hometown: Suva, Fiji  
 Previous School(s):  
 Natabua High School  
 New Mexico Military Institute

NMMI: Superintendent's List.  
 "Valu is a great competitor. He is always striving for success," says head coach Erik Burton.

Emmanuel Hecher



Year: Junior  
 Height: 5-11  
 Hometown: Belo Horizonte, Brazil  
 Previous School(s):  
 Bolegio Pitagoras

"Emmanuel is a strong doubles specialist. Expect him to do great things," says head coach Erik Burton.

Omar Melendez



Year: Junior  
 Height: 6-0  
 Hometown: El Paso, TX  
 Previous School(s):  
 Montwood High School

"Omar is showing great improvement," says head coach Erik Burton.

Francisco Periera



Year: Freshman  
 Height: 6-1  
 Hometown: Linda A. Velha, Portugal  
 Previous School(s):  
 Escola Secundaria de Miraflores

High School: Top 30 in Portugal (2006).  
 "Francisco has a very strong and determined game style," says head coach Erik Burton.

individual snapshots

Luke Salazar



Year: Freshman  
Height: 5-9  
Hometown: Albuquerque, NM  
Previous School(s):  
Valley High School

High School: Sportsmanship Award, Top 20 in the Southwest. "Luke is one of the best grinders on the court," says head coach Erik Burton.

Devin Stroman



Year: Sophomore  
Height: 5-8  
Hometown: Silver City, NM  
Previous School(s):  
Silver High School

"Devin is a determined student-athlete. He will be putting up a fight to compete," says head coach Erik Burton.

Erick Torres



Year: Red-Shirt  
Height: 5-9  
Hometown: El Paso, TX  
Previous School(s):  
Andress High School

"Erick will be red-shirting this season. We are expecting great things from him because he is improving so much already," says head coach Erik Burton.

Billy Wilton



Year: Junior  
Height: 5-8  
Hometown: Espanola, NM  
Previous School(s):  
Los Alamos High School

High School: Third Place State Championship Twice, Second Place State Championship, Number One Tennis Double Team in the Southwest.

Lloyd Wilton



Year: Senior  
Height: 5-9  
Hometown: Espanola, NM  
Previous School(s):  
Los Alamos High School

"Lloyd had great leadership qualities. He will make everyone on this team better," says head coach Erik Burton.



Freshman Francisco Periera

wnmu award winners

football

Don Hansen's Football Gazette Honorable Mention  
 2nd Team Defense-Don Hansen's All-SW Region  
 2nd Team Defense Daktronics All-SW Region  
 3rd Team Offense-Don Hansen's All-SW Region  
 3rd Team Defense-Don Hansen's All-SW Region  
 RMAC Defensive Player of the Year  
 All-RMAC First Team-Defense  
 All-RMAC First Team-Defense  
 All-RMAC Second Team-Defense  
 RMAC All-Academic Team  
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 DIIfootball.com's National Special Teams  
 Player of the Week  
 RMAC Special Teams Player of the Week (10/30/06)  
 RMAC Defensive Player of the Week (10/2/06)  
 RMAC Defensive Player of the Week (9/18/06)

Christian Serena  
 Christian Serena  
 Christian Serena  
 Sean Sehnem  
 James Head  
 Christian Serena  
 Christian Serena  
 James Head  
 Latron Hickson  
 Jason Allison  
 Darrell Bostick  
 Richard Deems  
 Tyler Kasper  
 Eric Kennedy  
 Kamalei Magnani  
 Sean Sehnem  
 Nathaniel White  
 Sean Sehnem  
 Sean Sehnem  
 Maurice Wells  
 James Head

volleyball

AVCA All-Southwest Region Honorable Mention  
 NCAA DII Southwest Regional All-Tournament Team  
 RMAC Volleyball Coach of the Year  
 RMAC Setter of the Year  
 All-RMAC First Team  
 All-RMAC First Team  
 All-RMAC Second Team  
 All-RMAC Honorable Mention  
 RMAC All-Academic Team  
 RMAC All-Academic Team  
 RMAC All-Academic Team  
 RMAC All-Academic Team

Jennifer Snowbarger  
 Meghan Watson  
 Jim Callender  
 Courtney Heiser  
 Jennifer Snowbarger  
 Liz Narkon  
 Courtney Heiser  
 Meghan Watson  
 Jennifer Snowbarger  
 Courtney Heiser  
 Liz Narkon  
 Danica Tarkington

women's cross country

RMAC All-Academic Team Angel Vos

men's cross country

RMAC All-Academic Team Benedikt Domke  
 RMAC All-Academic Team Kempton Jackson  
 RMAC All-Academic Team Luis Martinez Jr.

women's basketball

RMAC All-West Second Team Tannesia Manley  
 RMAC All-West Honorable Mention Crystal Smith  
 RMAC All-West Honorable Mention Ashley Vigil  
 RMAC All-Academic Second Team Crystal Smith  
 RMAC West Player of the Week (11/15/07) Tannesia Manley

men's basketball

RMAC West Division Freshmen of the Year D.J. Nicholas  
 RMAC All-West Second Team Trey Clarkson  
 RMAC All-Academic Team Honor Roll Kris Taylor

women's golf

RMAC Women's Golf Coach of the Year  
 All-RMAC Team  
 All-RMAC Team  
 All-RMAC Team  
 RMAC All-Academic Team  
 RMAC All-Academic Team  
 RMAC Player of the Week (4/12/07)  
 RMAC Player of the Week (3/29/07)  
 RMAC Player of the Week (10/5/06)  
 RMAC Player of the Week (9/28/06)  
 RMAC Player of the Week (9/14/06)

Kent Beatty  
 Tina Bickford  
 Heather Dorris  
 Rebekah Berve  
 Tina Bickford  
 Rebekah Berve  
 Heather Dorris  
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 Tina Bickford  
 Heather Dorris

men's golf

Ping All Northwest Region Team  
 Ping All Northwest Region Team  
 RMAC Golfer of the Year  
 All-RMAC Team  
 All-RMAC Team  
 All-RMAC Team  
 RMAC All-Academic Team  
 RMAC All-Academic Team

Marcus Molina  
 Eric Chavez  
 Marcus Molina  
 Marcus Molina  
 Eric Chavez  
 Trevor Keeney  
 Greg Pool  
 Trevor Keeney

women's tennis

All-RMAC First Team Singles (no.2)  
 All-RMAC First Team Doubles (no.2)  
 All-RMAC Second Team Doubles (no.3)  
 RMAC All-Academic Team  
 RMAC All-Academic Team  
 RMAC Player of the Week (3/28/07)  
 RMAC Player of the Week (3/14/07)

Raquel Valdenebro  
 Raquel Valdenebro/  
 Katarina Provenghi  
 Angel Vos/  
 Elisa Owen  
 Angel Vos  
 Tereza Pilatova  
 Raquel Valdenebro  
 Raquel Valdenebro

men's tennis

All-RMAC First Team Singles (no.2)  
 All-RMAC Second Team Singles (no.6)  
 RMAC All-Academic Team  
 RMAC All-Academic Team  
 RMAC All-Academic Team  
 RMAC All-Academic Team  
 RMAC Player of the Week (3/28/07)  
 RMAC Player of the Week (3/21/07)

Rafael Catay  
 Michael Ludi  
 Emmanuel Hecher  
 Rafael Catay  
 Renato Varella  
 Rafael Catay  
 Martin Yabes

softball

Daktronics South Central Region Second Team  
 RMAC Co-Coach of the Year  
 All-RMAC First Team  
 All-RMAC Second Team  
 All-RMAC Second Team  
 All-RMAC Second Team  
 All-RMAC Second Team  
 All-RMAC Honorable Mention  
 All-RMAC Honorable Mention  
 RMAC All-Tournament Team  
 RMAC All-Tournament Team  
 RMAC All-Tournament Team  
 RMAC All-Tournament Team  
 RMAC All-Tournament Team MVP  
 RMAC All-Academic Team First Team  
 RMAC All-Academic Team First Team  
 RMAC All-Academic Team Second Team  
 RMAC All-Academic Team Honorable Mention  
 RMAC All-Academic Team Honorable Mention  
 RMAC Player of the Week (4/24/07)  
 RMAC Player of the Week (3/7/07)  
 RMAC Player of the Week (2/21/07)

Cassadi Caringi  
 Freddy Flores  
 Meredith Drahota  
 Debbie Yescas  
 Cassadi Caringi  
 Rebecca Reynolds  
 Brianne Grommon  
 Emily Robinson  
 Cory Usher  
 Brianne Grommon  
 Debbie Yescas  
 Cory Usher  
 Antoinette Estrella  
 Rebecca Reynolds  
 Meredith Drahota  
 Cassadi Caringi  
 Amber Blair  
 Jody Clark  
 Rhiannon Costello  
 Debbie Yescas  
 Brianne Grommon  
 Meredith Drahota

wnmu athletic hall of fame

2007

Harold Howard ('64) Basketball, Track, Golf  
Walter Winkowski ('65, '66) Football, Baseball

2006

Reda Riddle-Bigler ('95) Volleyball  
David Moore ('93, '99) Football

2005

Senator Ben D. Altamirano Distinguished Service

2004

Melinda Sue Arcella Luna ('93) Volleyball  
Marshall Thomas ('71, '72) Distinguished Service

2003

Herman H. Andrews, Jr. ('91) Football  
Gina Villamor Roebuck ('90, '93) Volleyball  
Leo Ward ('64) Football

2002

Benny Trujillo ('56) Meritorious Service  
Tiffany Thomas-Vasquez ('91) Basketball

2001

Bill Bynum ('70) Football  
Vance Redfern ('63) Golf  
John Thompson ('60) Basketball

2000

Phyllis Cross ('73, '75) Softball, Volleyball, Coach  
Marvin Sanders ('60) Basketball, Coach  
Rodney Smith ('86) Baseball

1999

Kenny "Mack" Pace ('60) Football, Basketball  
Darryl Ransom ('82) Basketball  
Pete Shock ('72, '77) Basketball, High School Coach

1998

Tim Brancheau ('59, '62) Track  
Jim Smith ('53, '56) Coach  
Truman Williamson ('57, '62) Football

1997

Harold Cope ('50) Distinguished Service  
Richard "Drag" Drangmeister ('61) Coach  
Marv Schmitt ('70) Basketball  
Harold Ware ('82) Basketball

1996

Tom Gable ('51) Track, Tennis  
Al Johnson ('48, '50) Football & Baseball Coach  
Tom Ward ('64, '68) Football, Basketball, Baseball  
Logan White ('85) Baseball  
Jack Willey ('78) Track

1995

Prof. Arlene Kilpatrick ('54) Coach, Professor  
Bailey Noble ('55) Football  
Jan Richards ('62) Track  
Tom Walsh ('72) Golf  
Kent Walz ('72) Tennis

1994

Millie Wooten Barnes ('63) Volleyball, Basketball, Softball  
Jim Fox ('39) Football & Track Athlete,  
Football & Track Coach  
Basketball  
Mike Haynes ('53) Basketball, Baseball  
Larry Marrujo ('57) Golf, Tennis, & Basketball  
Harv Oliphant ('50) Coach  
Football, Track  
Jim Powell ('53, '57, '67) Basketball  
Ernie Signars ('76)

1993

Ray Brancheau Coach, Athletic Director  
Ken Gunning Coach  
"Little Joe" Hallock Meritorious Service  
Members of the 1939-1940 Basketball Team:  
Charles Blackman  
James Grinstead ('43)  
Howard Holler ('47)  
Eddy Page ('42)  
Bert Smiley  
Nick Chintis ('48)  
Walter Hoeffner ('41)  
Paul Hunter  
Morris Rominger ('46)  
Al Suttman

1992

Willard Fowler ('61) Baseball  
Ed Harter ('53) Basketball  
Bob Macy ('50) Basketball  
W. A. Wise ('52) Football  
Jim Wood ('56) Basketball

1991

Fred Byrd ('50) Football  
Barney Elder ('50) Football  
Rusty Hofacket ('49) Football  
Dick King ('50) Basketball  
Martha Wellborn Smith ('49) Volleyball, Basketball, Softball

1990

Robert Agnew ('56) Football  
Maggie Perea Lopez ('73) Volleyball, Basketball, Softball  
Joe Palmer ('55) Football, Track  
William Rosenstihl ('56) Basketball, Baseball  
Charles "Chas" St. John Football, Basketball, Track

1989

Frank Dooley ('54) Football, Basketball, Baseball,  
Tennis  
Marilyn Hinson Volleyball, Basketball, Track,  
Softball  
Eddie Page ('42) Football, Basketball, Track  
Juan Vasquez ('61) Football, Baseball

1988

Don Breese ('58) Basketball, Track  
Kathi Hutchins Bryant ('54) Volleyball, Basketball, Track,  
Softball  
Lloyd Burson ('65) Cross Country, Track  
Nick Chintis ('48) Football, Basketball

1987

Ralph Craig ('51) Football, Track  
U. L. "Soupy" Conner ('37) Football, Basketball  
Dale Shock ('33) Football, Basketball  
Robert Moose White ('54) Football, Track

2006-2007 rmac sport-by-sport champions

The Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference is a premier NCAA Division II conference located in the states of Colorado, Nebraska, and New Mexico. The RMAC currently competes in 19 NCAA Division II sports and has earned 30 NCAA Division II national championships and 19 national runner-ups since 1992. Founded in 1909, the RMAC is believed to be the third oldest conference in the United States. The Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association was founded in 1888 and the Big 10 in 1898.

colorado christian university

Mascot: Cougars  
 Location: Lakewood, CO  
 Colors: Navy, Gold, & White  
 2007 RMAC Finish: 6th (M); 6th (W)  
 Head Coach: Jameson Dillion  
 Years at School: Second Year

colorado state university—pueblo

Mascot: Thunderwolves  
 Location: Pueblo, CO  
 Colors: Red, White, & Blue  
 2007 RMAC Finish: 5th (M); 4th (W)  
 Head Coach: Thomas Durham  
 Years at School: First Year

mesa state college

Mascot: Mavericks  
 Location: Grand Junction, CO  
 Colors: Maroon & White  
 2007 RMAC Finish: 4th (M); 1st (W)  
 Head Coach: Dan MacDonald  
 Years at School: Third Year

metro state college

Mascot: Roadrunners  
 Location: Denver, CO  
 Colors: Navy Blue & Burgundy  
 2007 RMAC Finish: 2nd (M); 5th (W)  
 Head Coach: Dave Alden  
 Years at School: Fifth Year

montana state university—billings

Mascot: Yellowjackets  
 Location: Billings, MT  
 Colors: Navy & Gold  
 2007 RMAC Finish: N/A  
 Head Coach: Jerry Peach  
 Years at School: 11th Season

university of nebraska—kearney

Mascot: Lopers  
 Location: Kearney, NE  
 Colors: Navy & Gold  
 2007 RMAC Finish: 1st (M); 2nd (W)  
 Head Coach: Kent Shultz  
 Years at School: First Year

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Sport RMAC	Regular Season Champion	RMAC Tournament Champion
Football	Nebraska-Kearney	N/A
Volleyball	E -Nebraska-Kearney, W - Western New Mexico	Metro State
Men's Cross Country	N/A	Adams State
Women's Cross Country	N/A	Adams State
Men's Soccer	Fort Lewis	Fort Lewis
Women's Soccer	Metro State	Fort Lewis
Men's Basketball	E - Metro State W - Adams State, Fort Lewis, Mesa State	Metro State
Women's Basketball	E -Regis, W - CSU-Pueblo	Regis
Men's Indoor Track & Field	N/A	Adams State
Women's Indoor Track & Field	N/A	Adams State
Wrestling	Nebraska-Kearney	Nebraska-Kearney
Men's Golf	UC-Colorado Springs	Western New Mexico
Women's Golf	Western New Mexico	Mesa State
Men's Tennis	Nebraska-Kearney	Metro State
Women's Tennis	Mesa State	Mesa State
Softball	Mesa State	Western New Mexico
Baseball	Mesa State	Nebraska-Kearney
Men's Outdoor Track & Field	N/A	Adams State
Women's Outdoor Track & Field	N/A	Adams State



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