

ARIZONA

WOMEN'S GOLF

NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS ~ 1996, 2000
 NCAA REGIONAL CHAMPIONS ~ 1996, 1998, 2000, 2001
 PAC-10 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS ~ 1992, 1997, 1998,
 2000, 2001, 2002

Arizona Quick Facts

Location Tucson, Ariz.
 Founded 1885
 Enrollment 36,000
 Nickname Wildcats
 Colors Cardinal and Navy
 Affiliation NCAA Division I
 Conference Pacific-10
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 Newcomers 4
 2008 Pac-10 Finish T4th
 2008 NCAA West Regional Finish 4th
 2008 NCAA Championship Finish 2nd

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2008-09 Arizona Schedule/Results

| Date | Event | Finish |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| FALL | | |
| Sept. 15-16 | at Mountain Shootout * | 3rd/7 |
| Sept. 26-28 | at Mason Rudolph Champ. | 11th/17 |
| Oct. 6-7 | at Windy City Coll. Champ. | 4th/13 |
| Oct. 18-20 | at Stanford/Pepsi Intercollegiate | 7th/16 |
| Nov. 2-4 | at Hooters Collegiate Match Play | |

SPRING

| Date | Event |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Feb. 22-24 | WILDCAT INVITATIONAL |
| March 8-10 | at UCF Challenge |
| March 19-21 | at Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invite |
| March 28-29 | at Mountain View Collegiate * |
| April 3-5 | at PING/ASU Invitational |
| April 21-23 | Pac-10 Championships |
| May 8-10 | NCAA West Regional |
| May 20-23 | NCAA Championships |

* denotes junior varsity event

Arizona Matches Up With Nation's Best at Collegiate Match Play Championships

Teeing Off: Arizona completes its 2008 Fall schedule when the Wildcats head to the Sunshine State to take part in the Hooters Collegiate Match Play Championships, the only event on the collegiate calendar to include the match play format. The event will be staged at the Ginn Reunion Resort on the Independence Course in Reunion, Fla. The Wildcats will then hibernate until the Spring portion of the schedule tees off in late February with the Wildcat Invitational in Puerto Penasco, Sonora, Mexico.

Double Dip: This week's event is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for the Wildcats to compete in both medal play as well as a match play format. On Sunday, the team will play 36 holes of stroke play to determine seeding for the match play portion of the event. The top 8 teams after stroke play will be matched up in a tournament-style bracket and play 18-hole matches over the next two days to determine a winner. The teams seeded 9-16 will also compete in match play for the consolation championship.

Invitation Only: This week's event is unique in that teams must perform well in its events to earn an invitation to this prestigious event. All 16 teams were ranked among the top 29 in the final 2007-08 rankings. The field includes Arizona, Alabama, Auburn, Denver, Duke, Florida, Georgia, Kent State, Michigan State, Tennessee, Texas A&M, Tulsa, UCLA, USC, Vanderbilt and Virginia.

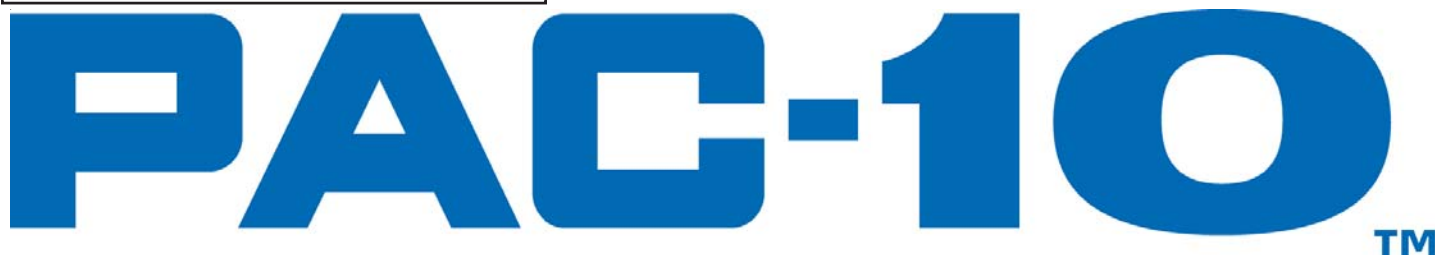
Wildcat Lineup and 2008-09 Statistics:

| Golfer | Year | Avg. | Top 10/20 | Low Rnd. | Events |
|--------------------|------|-------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Brittany Benvenuto | Jr. | 74.17 | 0/0 | 69 | 2 |
| Alejandra Llaneza | So. | 74.67 | 0/0 | 73 | 1 |
| Isabelle Boineau | Fr. | 74.67 | 1/0 | 74 | 1 |
| Amanda Wilson | Sr. | 74.83 | 1/0 | 71 | 2 |
| Margarita Ramos | Fr. | 75.50 | 0/1 | 74 | 2 |

History at Hooters: The Wildcats return to the Hooters Match Play event for the first time since the 2006 Fall campaign. That event saw the Wildcats drop each of their first two matches and finish in 13th position. Arizona, seeded 6th in that event, lost its opening match to #11-seeded Michigan State, 3-2. The 'Cats then saw their tournament come to a close after falling 3.5-1.5 to 14th-seeded Alabama. Brittany Benvenuto managed to get one-half point in her match against the Crimson Tide on the day.

Last Time Out : In eerily familiar fashion, the Wildcats shot an opening-round team score of 297, only to follow that up by struggling through the second round at 306 and ending up in 4th place overall. Arizona held a three-shot advantage over Michigan after the first round, but did not have one player shoot lower than 76 in the second round. The Wildcats rebounded on Monday and put together a total of 301, but the goal of winning their first tournament of the season was out of reach.

Cats in the Polls: The Wildcats jumped 11 places to 20th position in the most recent edition of the *Golfweek*/Sagarin Performance Index, released Wednesday, October 22. Alejandra Llaneza is the team's highest-rated golfer with a ranking of #89 with a rating of 72.71. The Cats are also still ranked 20th in the latest NGCA



The Rankings

NGCA Coaches Poll (Oct. 15, 2008)

| Rnk | School | Points |
|-----|---------------------|------------|
| 1. | UCLA (17) | 609 |
| 2. | USC (7) | 605 |
| 3. | Arizona State (1) | 580 |
| 4. | Georgia | 536 |
| 5. | Oklahoma State | 503 |
| 6. | Alabama | 463 |
| 7. | Duke | 461 |
| 8. | Virginia | 416 |
| 9. | Wake Forest | 377 |
| 10. | Vanderbilt | 365 |
| 11. | Auburn | 360 |
| 12. | Denver | 359 |
| 13. | North Carolina | 293 |
| 14. | Pepperdine | 281 |
| 15. | California | 244 |
| 16. | LSU | 220 |
| 17. | Purdue | 212 |
| 18. | New Mexico | 170 |
| 19. | Stanford | 119 |
| 20. | Kent State | 114 |
| 21. | ARIZONA | 101 |
| 22. | Florida | 100 |
| 23. | Texas A&M | 99 |
| 24. | Louisville | 86 |
| 25. | Arkansas/Ohio State | 76 |

Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Index (Oct. 22, 2008)

| Rnk | School | Rating |
|-----|----------------|--------------|
| 1. | UCLA | 70.28 |
| 2. | Arizona State | 70.41 |
| 3. | USC | 70.52 |
| 4. | Georgia | 70.87 |
| 5. | Oklahoma State | 71.28 |
| 6. | Alabama | 71.44 |
| 7. | Virginia | 71.54 |
| 8. | Vanderbilt | 71.63 |
| 9. | Duke | 71.94 |
| 10. | North Carolina | 72.04 |
| 11. | Wake Forest | 72.15 |
| 12. | Auburn | 72.20 |
| 13. | LSU | 72.30 |
| 14. | Stanford | 72.70 |
| 15. | Denver | 72.82 |
| 16. | Louisville | 72.87 |
| 17. | Purdue | 72.89 |
| 18. | Pepperdine | 72.90 |
| 19. | California | 73.10 |
| 20. | ARIZONA | 73.24 |
| 21. | Michigan State | 73.33 |
| 22. | Kent State | 73.34 |
| 23. | Arkansas | 73.37 |
| 24. | Notre Dame | 73.46 |
| 25. | Florida | 73.51 |

Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Index (Oct. 22, 2008)

| Rnk | Golfer, School | Rating |
|-----|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. | Stephanie Sherlock, Denver | 68.71 |
| 2. | Anna Nordqvist, Arizona State | 68.75 |
| 3. | Lizette Salas, USC | 68.85 |
| 4. | Candace Schepperle, Auburn | 69.23 |
| 5. | Jane Chin, UC Irvine | 69.55 |
| 6. | Azahara Munoz, Arizona St | 69.71 |
| 7. | Jennifer Song, USC | 69.73 |
| 8. | Sydney Michaels, UCLA | 69.82 |
| 9. | Caroline Westrup, Florida St. | 69.88 |
| 10. | Mina Harigae, Duke | 70.03 |
| 11. | Mallory Hetzel, Oregon | 70.11 |
| 12. | Jennie Lee, Duke | 70.26 |
| 13. | Pernilla Lindberg, Oklahoma St. | 70.36 |
| 14. | Caroline Hedwall, Oklahoma St. | 70.38 |
| 89. | Alejandra Llanaez, ARIZONA | 72.71 |

Coaches Poll, which was released on October 15.

Let's Hear From Haywood: "The first round was pretty much what I expect from the girls every time they go out and play. Even the 2nd round wasn't that bad and we had the lead after 27 holes of play, but we played the final 27 holes at 21-over par. We just didn't finish the tournament well and we've talked to the girls about that this week. We talk a lot about being mentally tough. The competition is so tough that we have to bring it every week. It doesn't matter if we're tired, hot or hungry. Everybody is tired and hungry, so we just need to push through those things."

Match Play Mayhem: Though collegiate golfers spend most of their time playing stroke play tournaments, the Wildcats will have the opportunity to play three rounds of match play at the Hooters Collegiate Match Play Championships. Haywood did not seem concerned about the format, citing that a number of her players are accustomed to this format from their experience in junior golf.

World Traveler: Sophomore **Alejandra Llanaez** did not compete at the Windy City Collegiate Championships because she was representing her home country of Mexico in the World Amateur Team Championships in Australia. Llanaez was the low scorer for her country this past summer in qualifying for the event and repeated that feat as she shot +12 (302) to finish in a tie for 40th on the individual leaderboard. Her score helped Mexico to a team finish of shared 30th at +31 in an event won by Sweden at 19-under par.

French Flair: Much was made of the freshman debut of **Isabelle Boineau** last week at the Windy City Collegiate Championships and she did not disappoint head coach Shelly Haywood or her teammates. Boineau carded a pair of +1 rounds of 74 around a second round tally of 76 to share 9th place overall with teammate **Amanda Wilson** at 225. "Isabelle has more international experience than anyone on the team and it shows in her play," said Haywood. "She is consistent and focused when she plays and that is great for our team."

Senior Standout: Senior Amanda Wilson has done just what her coaches have asked of her thus far in 2008, providing the Wildcats with a steady, consistent presence on the golf course as she helps set the tone for the rest of her younger teammates. She has posted scores of 225 and 224 through her first two events. Though she would like to have trimmed a few shots off some of those rounds, her consistent play will continue for the younger players to know their team leader will provide the steady scoring needed to contend for tournament titles.

Youth Movement: Arizona knows that it has a roster set to succeed both in the present, but especially in the future. With the strong, early play of freshmen Margarita Ramos and Isabelle Boineau combining with sophomore Alejandra Llanaez, the Wildcats boast a talented trio that should be around for several years to come. "We know with Alejandra back in the lineup that she will bring even more consistency to our team," said Haywood. She learned a lot playing in the international event and we expect her to bring those lessons back to her play this weekend."

Statistical Standouts: The latest Golfstat.com statistical report shows that the Wildcats are ranked 7th nationally in the one putting category measured - putts on greens in regulation. The team averages 1.886 putts per hole for greens reached in regulation. The margin between 7th and 1st is slim as UCLA leads the nation at 1.854.

2008-09 Arizona Women's Golf Roster

| Name | Ht. | Yr. | Hometown (High School) |
|--------------------|------|-----|--|
| Brittany Benvenuto | 5-5 | Jr. | Langhorne, Pa. (Neshaminy HS) |
| Isabelle Boineau | 5-7 | Fr. | Marseille, France (CNED) |
| Nikki Koller | 5-7 | Fr. | Lewisburg, Ky. (Russellville HS) |
| Alejandra Llanaez | 5-2 | So. | Mexico City, Mexico (CAEA) |
| Ashley Malaska | 5-4 | Fr. | Mesa, Ariz. (Red Mountain HS) |
| Emily Mason | 5-11 | Jr. | Highland, Calif. (Redlands East Valley HS) |
| Margarita Ramos | 5-4 | Fr. | Mexico City, Mexico (Xavier College Preparatory) |
| Brooke Schneider | 5-11 | Sr. | Cave Creek, Ariz. (Cactus Shadows HS) |
| Marisa Smith | 5-7 | Sr. | Scottsdale, Ariz. (Xavier College Preparatory) |
| Amanda Wilson | 5-5 | Sr. | Hilo, Haw. (Waiakea HS) |

Head Coach: Shelly Haywood (2nd year, New Mexico State)

Assistant Coach: Laura Myerscough (2nd year, Arizona)

2008-09 University of Arizona Women's Golf Tournament Summaries

| Tournament | Arizona Individuals | Top-5 Teams/Arizona Finish |
|--|--|---|
| Mason Rudolph Championships Sept. 26-28, 2008 Franklin, Tenn. Legends Club of Tennessee Par 72, 6,056 yards | T23. Brittany Benvenuto 75-77-69=221 (+5) T39. Alejandra Llanaez 74-77-73=224 (+8) T45. Amanda Wilson 71-77-77=225 (+9) T53. Margarita Ramos 77-77-74=228 (+12) T68. Nikki Koller 80-75-77=232 (+16) | 1. UCLA 850 2. USC 856 3. Oklahoma State 863 4. Vanderbilt 868 5. Arizona State 873 11. ARIZONA 896 |
| Northwestern Invitational Oct. 6-7, 2008 Skokie, Ill. Evanston Golf Club Par 70, 6,351 yards | T9. Amanda Wilson 75-76-73=224 (+8) T9. Isabelle Boineau 74-76-74=224 (+8) T15. Margarita Ramos 74-76-75=225 (+9) T28. Brittany Benvenuto 74-78-79=231 (+15) T43. Nikki Koller 78-79-79=236 (+20) | 1. Purdue 891 2. TCU 900 3. Michigan 902 4. ARIZONA 904 5. Oklahoma 909 |
| Stanford Women's Intercollegiate Oct. 17-19, 2008 Palo Alto, Calif. Stanford Golf Course Par 72, 6,218 yards | T14. Margarita Ramos 73-71-71=215 (+2) T29. Alejandra Llanaez 69-73-76=218 (+5) T32. Brittany Benvenuto 70-71-78=219 (+6) T38. Amanda Wilson 74-74-72=220 (+7) T60. Isabelle Boineau 70-78-76=224 (+11) T88. Nikki Koller* 81-79-79=239 (+26) | 1. UCLA 844 2. USC 847 3. Stanford 857 4. Oklahoma State 859 5. Duke 861 7. ARIZONA 866 |
| Collegiate Match Play Championship Nov. 2-4, 2008 Reunion, Fla. Ginn Reunion Resort | | |
| Wildcat Invitational Feb. 22-24, 2009 Puerto Penasco, Sonora, Mexico Peninsula Golf Club | | |
| UCF Challenge March 8-10, 2009 Sorrento, Fla. Red Tail Golf Club | | |
| Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational March 19-21, 2009 Austin, Tex. University of Texas Golf Club | | |
| PING/ASU Invitational April 3-5, 2009 Tempe, Ariz. Karsten Golf Course | | |
| Pac-10 Championship April 21-23, 2009 Palo Alto, Calif. Stanford Golf Course Par 72, 6,218 yards | | |
| NCAA Regionals May 8-10, 2009 Site TBA | | |
| NCAA National Championship May 20-23, 2009 Owings Mills, Md. Caves Valley Golf Club | | |

* Played as individual

2008-09 University of Arizona Women's Golf Results

| Date | Event | Result | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|--|-----|-----|----|-----------|
| | | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | TOTAL |
| Sept. 26-28 | Mason Rudolph Championships | 297 | 306 | 293 | | 896 (+32) |
| Oct. 6-7 | Northwestern Invitational | 297 | 306 | 301 | | 904 (+40) |
| Oct. 17-19 | Stanford Women's Intercollegiate | <u>282</u> | 289 | 295 | | 866 (+14) |
| Nov. 2-4 | Collegiate Match Play Championship | <i>Ginn Reunion Resort, Reunion, Fla.</i> | | | | |
| Fall Totals | 3 Events/9 Rounds | 2666/296.22 Stroke Average | | | | |
| SPRING | | | | | | |
| Feb. 22-24 | Wildcat Invitational | <i>Peninsula Golf Club, Puerto Penasco, Sonora, Mexico</i> | | | | |
| March 8-10 | UCF Challenge | <i>Red Tail Golf Club, Sorrento, Fla.</i> | | | | |
| March 19-21 | Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational | <i>University of Texas Golf Club, Austin, Tex.</i> | | | | |
| April 3-5 | PING/ASU Invitational | <i>Karsten Golf Course, Tempe, Ariz.</i> | | | | |
| Spring Totals | | | | | | |
| POSTSEASON | | | | | | |
| April 21-23 | Pac-10 Championships | <i>Stanford Golf Course, Palo Alto, Calif.</i> | | | | |
| May 8-10 | NCAA Regionals | Site TBA | | | | |
| May 20-23 | NCAA National Championship | <i>Caves Valley Golf Club, Owings Mills, Md.</i> | | | | |
| Season Totals | 3 Events/9 Rounds | 2666/296.22 Stroke Average | | | | |

2008-09 University of Arizona Women's Golf Statistics

| Player | Events | Rounds | Strokes | Avg. | Top 10/20 | Low Round | Low Tourn. |
|--------------------|--------|--------|---------|-------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Alejandra Llanaez | 2 | 6 | 442 | 73.67 | 0/0 | 69 | 218 (+5) |
| *Isabelle Boineau | 3 | 8 | 593 | 74.13 | 1/0 | 70 | 224 (+8) |
| Margarita Ramos | 3 | 9 | 668 | 74.22 | 0/1 | 74 | 215 (+2) |
| Brittany Benvenuto | 3 | 9 | 664 | 74.56 | 0/0 | 69 | 221 (+5) |
| Amanda Wilson | 3 | 9 | 669 | 74.33 | 1/0 | 71 | 220 (+7) |
| Nikki Koller | 3 | 9 | 707 | 78.56 | 0/0 | 75 | 232 (+16) |

* Includes junior varsity event (Mountain Shootout)

2008-09 University of Arizona Women's Golf Individual Summaries

| Date | Tournament | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | Total | Finish |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----|----|----|----|-----------|--------|
| Brittany Benvenuto (74.56) | | | | | | | |
| Sept. 26-28 | Mason Rudolph Championship | 75 | 77 | 69 | | 221 (+5) | T23 |
| Oct. 6-7 | Windy City Collegiate Champs. | 74 | 78 | 79 | | 231 (+15) | T28 |
| Oct. 17-19 | Stanford Women's Intercollegiate | 70 | 71 | 78 | | 219 (+6) | T32 |
| Isabelle Boineau (74.13) | | | | | | | |
| Sept. 15-16 | Mountain Shootout | 71 | 74 | | | 145 (-1) | T2 |
| Oct. 6-7 | Windy City Collegiate Champs. | 74 | 76 | 74 | | 224 (+8) | T9 |
| Oct. 17-19 | Stanford Women's Intercollegiate | 70 | 78 | 76 | | 224 (+11) | T60 |
| Alejandra Llanaez (73.67) | | | | | | | |
| Sept. 26-28 | Mason Rudolph Championship | 74 | 77 | 73 | | 224 (+8) | T39 |
| Oct. 17-19 | Stanford Women's Intercollegiate | 69 | 73 | 76 | | 218 (+5) | T29 |
| Amanda Wilson (74.33) | | | | | | | |
| Sept. 26-28 | Mason Rudolph Championship | 71 | 77 | 77 | | 225 (+9) | T45 |
| Oct. 6-7 | Windy City Collegiate Champs. | 75 | 76 | 73 | | 224 (+8) | T9 |
| Oct. 17-19 | Stanford Women's Intercollegiate | 74 | 74 | 72 | | 220 (+7) | T38 |
| Margarita Ramos (74.22) | | | | | | | |
| Sept. 26-28 | Mason Rudolph Championship | 77 | 77 | 74 | | 228 (+12) | T53 |
| Oct. 6-7 | Windy City Collegiate Champs. | 74 | 76 | 75 | | 225 (+9) | T15 |
| Oct. 17-19 | Stanford Women's Intercollegiate | 73 | 71 | 71 | | 215 (+2) | T14 |
| Nikki Koller (78.56) | | | | | | | |
| Sept. 26-28 | Mason Rudolph Championship | 80 | 75 | 77 | | 232 (+16) | T68 |
| Oct. 6-7 | Windy City Collegiate Champs. | 78 | 79 | 79 | | 236 (+20) | T43 |
| Oct. 17-19 | Stanford Women's Intercollegiate | 81 | 79 | 79 | | 239 (+26) | T88 |