

2000-01 UTPA Tennis Weekly Release

Next Tournament: 11/3-5, Women ITA Southwest Regional, College Station, Texas
Last Tournament: 10/28-30, Men ITA Southwest Regional, Ft. Worth: 10/27-28, Women UT-San Antonio

2000-01 UTPA Men's Tennis Schedule

Fall	Opponent	Site
9/22-24	Lamar Invitational	Beaumont
10/13-15	UT-Arlington Invitational	Arlington
10/28-30	ITA Southwest Regional	Fort Worth
Spring	Opponent	Site
1/19-21	Rice Invitational	Houston
1/27	*SE Louisiana	Houston
2/2	at Texas Tech	Lubbock
2/3	vs. Abilene Christian	Lubbock
2/9-11	UTPA Quad Tournament	Edinburg
2/16	at Rice	Houston
2/17	at Texas A&M	College Station
2/18	at Lamar	Beaumont
2/24	vs. Texas Wesleyan	Arlington
2/24	at *UT-Arlington	Arlington
2/25	vs. New Orleans	Arlington
2/27	vs. *Louisiana-Monroe	Corpus Christi
3/3	at *UT-San Antonio	San Antonio
3/4	at St. Mary's (Texas)	San Antonio
3/7	Laredo Community College	Edinburg
3/23	at Memphis	Memphis, Tenn.
3/23	vs. Marquette	Memphis, Tenn.
3/24	at UT-Martin	Martin, Tenn.
3/25	at Western Kentucky	Bowling Green, Ky.
3/25	at Austin Peay State	Clarksville, Tenn.
3/30	Alcorn State	Edinburg
3/31	*Lamar	Edinburg
4/7	UT-San Antonio	Edinburg
4/14	at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi
4/19-21	Southland Conference Tourney	San Antonio
Home Matches in Bold		
*Southland Conference Match		

2000-01 UTPA Women's Tennis Schedule

Fall	Opponent	Site
9/29-30	Lamar Invitational	Beaumont
10/13-14	Stephen F. Austin Invite.	Nacogdoches
10/27-28	UT-San Antonio	San Antonio
11/3-5	ITA SW Region Champs.	Fort Worth
Spring	Opponent	Site
1/27	Southeastern Louisiana	Houston
2/2	Missouri	San Marcos
2/2	Sam Houston State	San Marcos
2/3	at Southwest Texas State	San Marcos
2/3	at UT-San Antonio	San Antonio
2/9-11	UTPA Quad Invitational	Edinburg
2/16	at Rice	Houston
2/17	McNeese State	Beaumont
2/18	at Lamar	Beaumont
3/3	Texas Woman's	San Antonio
3/4	St. Mary's (Texas)	San Antonio
3/7	Laredo Community College	Edinburg
3/11	Northwestern State	Beaumont
3/11	Louisiana-Monroe	Beaumont
3/23	at Belmont	Nashville, Tenn.
3/24	at UT-Martin	Martin, Tenn.
3/25	at Western Kentucky	Bowling Green, Ky.
3/25	at Austin Peay State	Clarksville
3/30	Alcorn State	Edinburg
3/31	Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	Edinburg
4/5	Lee College	Edinburg
4/14	at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi
Home Matches in Bold		

Women Wrap Fall Season at College Station: The UTPA women's tennis team closes its fall season at the ITA Southwest Regional Championships in College Station, Texas on the campus of Texas A&M University. The Lady Broncs hope to continue their success that they have had so far this season. The Lady Broncs will look to freshman Celine Merlini and junior Maria Fernandez to have strong showings in both singles and doubles.



Maria Fernandez

Fernandez Takes Titles in Singles and Doubles: Maria Fernandez joined the ranks of UTPA women's tennis players that have won singles titles this year. Fernandez opened up tournament play against Sissy Giannouloupoulon of Lee Junior College and made quick work of her by a score of 6-0, 6-2. In the next round, Fernandez faced Diana Ramirez of St. Mary's University (San Antonio) and defeated her by a score of 6-3, 6-3. In the finals, Fernandez's opponent, Felice Sanchez of Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, didn't fare any better than her predecessors. Fernandez defeated Sanchez, 6-3, 6-0, to claim the Flight twochampionship.

Fernandez and her doubles partner Celine Merlini, claimed their second doubles title of the season. Fernandez and Merlini defeated teams from St. Edwards, UT-San Antonio, and Southwest Texas State to capture the Flight 1 doubles titles.



Celine Merlini

Merlini Wins Singles Flight One Title: UTPA freshman Celine Merlini of Vevey, Switzerland faced Vinka Rampen of Louisiana-Lafayette in semifinals of flight one, and lost the first set, but battled back to advance to the final by a score of 4-6, 6-3, 6-1. Merlini faced Arina Urathani of Louisiana-Lafayette in the finals. Two weeks ago at the Lady Cardinal Invitational, Merlini faced Urathani in the semifinals and lost by a score of 6-4, 6-3, 6-4. But this time the tables were turned as Merlini soundly defeated Urathani 6-4, 6-2, to capture the flight one singles title.

Garcia Takes First in Flight Four: Senior Sagnite Garcia paced herself through the flight four singles bracket as she claimed the top spot. Garcia beat Lauren Longbothom of Louisiana Tech., 6-2, 6-1 in first round action. The next match gave Garcia a little problemat first, but she prevailed over Brandee LaSuzzo of Northwestern State and defeated her by a score of 6-2, 6-3, sending her to the finals. In the finals, Garcia defeated Allison Lui of McNeese State, claiming the title by defeating Lui 6-2, 6-2.



Sagnite Garcia



Enrique Bastante

Bastante Goes 3-1 at UT-Arlington Invitational: Enrique Bastante had the team's best showing at the UT-Arlington Invitational on Oct. 13-15, winning three of four singles matches. In his first match, Bastante, a senior from Puertollano, Spain, faced Ryan Hayward of the University of Texas and defeated him by a score of 6-3, 6-4. Next, Bastante defeated Edgar Campos, who was competing unattached, 6-2, 6-0. In his third match of the tournament, Bastante beat Luc Godin, who also competed unattached, 6-1, 1-0, ret. Bastante's only loss was to Alexi Bubis of Arkansas, by a score of 6-1, 6-3.

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