

# WILKES UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S TENNIS 2007 MEDIA GUIDE



Sophomore Xiaojiao Zhang won the MAC number-one singles title and earned Freedom Conference Player of the Year honors during her freshman season.



## 2007 Preview

The Lady Colonels are coming off a record-setting season during which they posted an overall record of 18-2, won their first Freedom Conference championship, and made their first appearance in the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Head coach Chris Leicht, who was named the conference Coach of the Year in 2006, welcomes back five of his top seven singles players from a season ago, including sophomore Xioqiao Zhang. Zhang earned conference Player of the Year honors after posting a 19-2 singles record and winning the MAC number-one singles title.

Also returning is junior Alison McDonald, who joined Zhang on the All-Conference first team after compiling a 17-3 singles record out of the number-two position. Third singles player, junior Kristin Wilt, was a second team All-Conference selection last season. She registered a 15-4 record in individual play.

Sophomore Katie Buckley and junior Megan Bucher return to help bolster the Lady Colonels lineup. Buckley fashioned a 10-3 singles record playing out of the fifth and sixth positions, while Bucher was 8-1 while seeing action at four different spots.

Two other veterans also dot the Wilkes roster in sophomores Lauren Donmoyer and Caitlin Kelley. Donmoyer was 3-0 in singles play and Kelley posted a 2-0 singles record during their freshman year.

The Lady Colonels top two doubles teams from last season remain in tact. Zhang and Buckley went 11-6 playing out of the number-one singles position, while McDonald and Wilt were 15-6 at the second doubles spot.

Four freshmen will look to gain playing time this year. The quartet includes Victoria Bybel, Michelle Knight, Christina Skorupa and Sarah Walker.

## 2007 Roster

Name	Yr.	Hometown
Megan Bucher	Junior	Sunbury, PA
Katie Buckley	Sophomore	Danville, PA
Victoria Bybel	Freshman	Lancaster, PA
Lauren Donmoyer	Sophomore	Ephrata, PA
Caitlin Kelley	Sophomore	Sewell, NJ
Michelle Knight	Freshman	Washington, PA
Alison McDonald	Junior	Duncannon, PA
Christina Skorupa	Freshman	Tafton, PA
Sarah Walker	Freshman	Lake Ariel, PA
Kristin Wilt	Junior	Milton, PA
Xiaoqiao Zhang	Sophomore	China

## Facilities

### Recreation & Athletic Center



Completed in the Summer of 2006, the Recreation and Athletic Center includes three basketball courts that can be used for volleyball and tennis, a two-lane track, high ropes course, climbing wall, locker facilities, and a training room.

### Fitness Center



The 3500 square foot fitness center located in the Marts Center contains 16 cardiovascular pieces, including stairmasters, treadmills, bikes and ellipticals. The fitness center also offers an extensive line of free weights and machines from Hammer Strength.

### Ralston Complex Tennis Courts



The Courts at the Ralston Complex serve as the home of the Wilkes men's and women's tennis teams. The Courts also serve as one of the host sites for the PIAA District 2 Boy's and Girl's Tennis Championships.

## 2006 Results

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
Sept. 1	Misericordia	W	7-2
Sept. 7	Lycoming *	W	9-0
Sept. 9	Susquehanna	W	7-2
Sept. 12	King's *	W	9-0
Sept. 16	DeSales *	W	8-1
Sept. 17	Lebanon Valley	W	6-3
Sept. 20	FDU-Florham *	W	8-1
Sept. 22	Keystone	W	9-0
Sept. 26	Scranton *	W	7-2
Sept. 27	Albright	W	9-0
Sept. 30	Drew *	W	7-2
Oct. 2	Baptist Bible	W	8-1
Oct. 5	Philadelphia Bible	W	9-0
Oct. 9	East Stroudsburg	W	6-1
Oct. 14	Drew +	W	6-0
Oct. 15	DeSales +	W	5-2
Mar. 3	Westminster	W	9-0
Mar. 6	Baldwin-Wallace	L	8-1
Apr. 20	Moravian	W	5-4
May 4	Hunter #	L	5-1

\* Freedom Conference Match  
+ Freedom Conference Playoffs  
# NCAA Tournament

## 2007 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Site
Aug. 31	Misericordia	3:00 p.m.	Home
Sept. 6	Marywood	4:00 p.m.	Home
Sept. 13	Bloomsburg	6:00 p.m.	Away
Sept. 15	FDU-Florham *	1:00 p.m.	Away
Sept. 20	DeSales *	3:30 p.m.	Home
Sept. 23	Lebanon Valley	12:00 p.m.	Away
Sept. 26	King's *	3:30 p.m.	Home
Sept. 29	Lycoming	12:00 p.m.	Away
Sept. 30	Susquehanna	12:00 p.m.	Home
	Keystone	3:00 p.m.	Home
Oct. 2	Manhattanville *	3:30 p.m.	Home
Oct. 6	Arcadia *	1:00 p.m.	Away
Oct. 16	East Stroudsburg	3:00 p.m.	Home
Oct. 20-21	MASCAC Tourney	TBA	Away
Mar. 30	Elizabethtown	12:00 p.m.	Away
Apr. 4	Scranton	3:30 p.m.	Home
Apr. 13	Moravian	12:00 p.m.	Away
Apr. 15	Susquehanna	3:30 p.m.	Away
Apr. 19-20	Freedom Playoffs	TBA	Home

\* Freedom Conference Match

## Coaching Staff



### Chris Leicht, Head Coach

Chris Leicht begins his fifth season as the head coach of the women's tennis team at Wilkes University. Chris is a 2000 graduate of Bloomsburg University, earning a degree in Business Administration. He also earned his

MBA at Bloomsburg University. Leicht is also the men's tennis coach at Wilkes and serves as the Director of the Recreation and Athletic Center (RAC) at Wilkes.

Leicht was named the Freedom Conference Coach of the Year last season after guiding Wilkes to their first conference title and a school-record for wins. The Lady Colonels finished the campaign with an overall record of 18-2 and garnered their first berth in the NCAA Division III Championship.

In 2005 Leicht led the Lady Colonels to an overall record of 12-4 and a berth in the Freedom Conference playoffs. The 12 victories by the squad established a school record and Leicht was once again named the Freedom Conference's Coach of the Year.

During his inaugural season as the head women's tennis coach in 2003 Leicht led the Lady Colonels to an overall record of 5-6. The 2004 squad fashioned a 6-6 record overall. Leicht has also guided the men's tennis squad to five playoff berths in the last six seasons, including conference runner-up finishes in both 2004 and 2005.

Prior to arriving at Wilkes Chris spent three seasons as the head boy's coach at his alma mater, Danville Area High School. During his stint at Danville, Chris compiled a career record of 57-4. His teams won both the League and District IV titles in his final two years. During both seasons Danville advanced to the state semifinals before falling by identical 3-2 scores.

In addition to the team accomplishments, Chris helped guide individuals to the state tournament as well. In 2000, the top Danville doubles team placed second in the District, earning a state berth. 2001 brought even better results, as the number-two doubles team from Danville beat the number-one doubles team from Danville in the District finals. During the 2002 season the top team from Danville won the District doubles title.

## Player Bio's



### Megan Bucher, Junior Sunbury, PA/Shikellamy H.S.

**Major: Biology**  
Had an 8-1 singles record and a 4-1 doubles mark last season. Has compiled a singles record of 11-2 and a doubles record of 7-1 during her first two seasons. Was selected to the MASCAC Academic Honor Roll.



### Katie Buckley, Sophomore Danville, PA/Danville H.S.

**Major: Elementary Education**  
Played a key role in the Lady Colonels march to the conference title as a freshman. Fashioned a 10-3 singles record playing mainly out of the sixth position in the lineup. Played number-one doubles and had a record of 11-6.



### Victoria Bybel, Freshman Lancaster, PA/Lancaster Mennonite H.S.

**Major: Biology**  
Won four varsity letters as a member of the tennis team at Lancaster Mennonite. Was a two-time All-Star selection. Teamed with her sister to win the 2005 District III Doubles Championship.



### Lauren Donmoyer, Sophomore Ephrata, PA/Ephrata H.S.

**Major: Pharmacy**  
Was a perfect 3-0 in singles play during her freshman season. Also had a 2-0 record in doubles play. Earned the ITA Scholar-Athlete Award for her outstanding work on the court and in the classroom.



### Caitlin Kelley, Sophomore Sewell, NJ/Washington Township H.S.

**Major: Pharmacy**  
Played in three matches during her rookie campaign. Had a 2-0 record in singles competition and a 1-0 mark in doubles play. Was selected to receive the ITA Scholar-Athlete Award for excellence on the court and in the classroom.



### Michelle Knight, Freshman Washington, PA/Trinity H.S.

**Major: Pharmacy**  
Garnered four varsity letters as a member of the tennis team at Trinity High School. Played number-one singles and earned a berth in the District quarterfinals. Was also a member of the National Honor Society.

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### Alison McDonald, Junior Duncannon, PA/Susquenita H.S.

**Major: Pharmacy**  
A two-time All-Freedom Conference first team selection. Went 17-3 at second singles and 16-6 at second doubles a year ago. Has a career singles record of 33-6 and a career doubles mark of 28-13. A member of the MASCAC Academic Honor Roll.



### Christina Skorupa, Freshman Tafton, PA/Wallenpaupack H.S.

**Major: Pharmacy**  
Played both tennis and softball during her high school career at Wallenpaupack. Earned two varsity letters in tennis and was selected for the Coach's Award. Was a member of the National Honor Society.



### Sarah Walker, Freshman Lake Ariel, PA/Western Wayne H.S.

**Major: Nursing**  
Won four varsity letters in tennis and four varsity letters in track & field at Western Wayne High School. Played number-one singles in tennis and was named to the *Times-Tribune* All-Region first team. Was also a three-time district qualifier in track & field.



### Kristin Wilt, Junior Milton, PA/Milton H.S.

**Major: Pharmacy**  
A two-time All-Freedom Conference selection. Had a 15-4 record at third singles and a 16-6 record at second doubles last season. Has a career singles mark of 22-14 and a career doubles record of 27-12. Was selected to the MASCAC Academic Honor Roll.



### Xiaoqiao Zhang, Sophomore China/Warren Hills H.S. (NJ)

**Major: Communications**  
Was the Freedom Conference Player of the Year as a freshman. Had a 19-2 record at number-one singles and a 14-7 record at number-one doubles. Rallied from a set down to win the MASCAC number-one singles championship. Earned the ITA Scholar-Athlete Award.

## 2006 Statistics

Player	SINGLES		
	Overall	Dual	Conference
Megan Bucher	8-1	8-0	3-0
Katie Buckley	10-3	10-3	4-1
Lauren Donmoyer	3-0	3-0	0-0
Caitlin Kelley	2-0	2-0	0-0
Alison McDonald	17-3	16-2	6-0
Jotanna O'Connell	7-5	7-4	3-1
Sara Ryder	13-6	11-5	6-0
Kaitlyn Wetzal	3-0	3-0	0-0
Kristin Wilt	15-4	14-3	5-1
Xiaoqiao Zhang	19-2	16-2	5-1

Players	DOUBLES		
	Overall	Dual	Conference
Buckley/Zhang	11-6	11-5	5-1
McDonald/Wilt	15-6	14-5	6-0
Bucher/Ryder	2-0	2-0	1-0
O'Connell/Ryder	11-4	10-3	4-1
McDonald/Zhang	1-0	1-0	0-0
Ryder/Wilt	1-0	1-0	0-0
Bucher/Wetzal	1-0	1-0	0-0
O'Connell/Zhang	1-0	1-0	0-0
Kelley/Wetzal	1-0	1-0	0-0
Bucher/Zhang	1-1	1-1	0-0
Donmoyer/Wetzal	1-0	1-0	0-0
O'Connell/Wetzal	1-0	1-0	0-0
Donmoyer/O'Connell	1-0	1-0	0-0

### 2006 AWARD WINNERS

#### All-Freedom Conference

Xiaoqiao Zhang - First team, Player of the Year  
Alison McDonald - First team  
Kristin Wilt - Second team  
Chris Leicht - Coach of the Year

#### MAC Academic Honor Roll

Megan Bucher  
Alison McDonald  
Sara Ryder  
Kristin Wilt

#### ITA Scholar-Athlete Award

Lauren Donmoyer  
Caitlin Kelley  
Alison McDonald  
Sara Ryder  
Xiaoqiao Zhang

ITA All-Academic Team Award  
Wilkes University