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### 2001 LMU Schedule & Results 7-10 Overall

Date	Opponent	Time/Results
<b>JANUARY</b>		
1/27	at UC Irvine	L, 7-0
1/28	Alumni Match	--
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
2/3	at UC Santa Barbara	L, 5-2
2/9	vs. Belmont	W, 4-3
2/10	vs. Texas-Arlington	L, 7-0
2/11	at Arkansas-Little Rock	L, 5-2
2/25	at Arizona	L, 5-2
2/26	at Northern Arizona	W, 4-2
2/28	at Arizona State	L, 7-0
<b>MARCH</b>		
3/3	Pro-Am Tournament	--
<b>3/10</b>	<b>*PORTLAND</b>	<b>W, 4-3</b>
<b>3/12</b>	<b>RUTGERS</b>	<b>W, 7-0</b>
<b>3/12</b>	<b>CAL LUTHERAN UNIV.</b>	<b>W, 7-0</b>
3/14	vs. Bowling Green	L, 4-3
3/16	vs. Metro State	W, 7-0
3/17	at Univ. of Denver	L, 4-2
3/18	at Air Force	L, 5-2
<b>3/21</b>	<b>DARTMOUTH</b>	<b>W, 6-1</b>
<b>3/24</b>	<b>PRINCETON</b>	<b>L, 4-3</b>
3/31	at Washington	L, 7-0
<b>APRIL</b>		
4/1	*vs. Gonzaga	W, 6-1
4/1	vs. Portland State	W, 7-0
<b>4/14</b>	<b>AZUSA PACIFIC</b>	<b>12 NOON</b>
4/18	at UC Riverside	2:00 p.m.
<b>4/25</b>	<b>*SAN FRANCISCO</b>	<b>2:30 P.M.</b>
4/27-29	WCC Championships at Pepperdine	All Day

### Azusa Pacific vs. LMU

Saturday, April 14, 2001 - 12:00 noon - Los Angeles, CA

#### Briefly...

The Lions are coming down the stretch run of the 2001 men's tennis season and after a 13-day rest, they will take on Azusa Pacific on April 14. The Lions traveled to Washington for three matches in two days, to earn the extended lay-off. The trip began with a dual match against No. 5 Washington, which showed the Huskies deserve their ranking with a 7-0 win. The Lions rebounded with their second West Coast Conference match, defeating Gonzaga 6-1. They completed the trip with a 7-0 win over Portland State.

#### Up Next...

The Lions will take on Azusa Pacific on Saturday, April 14 at Loyola Marymount University. The two programs last faced each other in 1999 when Azusa Pacific defeated the Lions 4-3. Sophomore Johannes Asuja, the only player for the Lions with double-digit wins, will take on his former team. Asuja, who is 12-5 on the season in singles play, transferred from Azusa Pacific a year ago where he was 18-8. The Kellokoski, Finland, native is also 10-5 in doubles play this season.

#### Around the Corner...

The match against Azusa Pacific is the first action for the Lions in almost two weeks. Following Saturday's match, the Lions will have two more tune-ups before the West Coast Conference Championships on April 27 - April 29. LMU will travel to UC Riverside on Wednesday, April 18 before taking on San Francisco on April 25 in the final dual match before heading to Malibu, Calif., for the WCC Championships. In the WCC, Pepperdine continues to roll this season, leading the WCC with a 13-5 record and a #8 national ranking in the latest ITA poll. Also in the national rankings is #53 San Diego, which has won three of its last four matches to improve to 10-7 on the season. The rest of WCC men's tennis has been just as tough even without being ranked. Portland and Saint Mary's have been on a tear recently, each winning six of their last seven matches. Santa Clara, which has been in and out of the national rankings all season, is almost as hot with wins in six of their last eight.

### LMU 2001 ROSTER

Name	Ht	Yr -Exp	Hometown (Previous School)
Johannes Asuja	6-4	So-TR	Kellokoski, Finland (Azusa Pacific Univ.)
Beau Berglund	6-0	Fr-HS	Littleton, CO (Cherry Creek HS)
Carsten Bitschkus	6-0	Sr-3V	Ransbach-Baumbach, Germany (Gymnasium im Kannenbaekel Land)
Anthony Evrard	6-2	Jr-TR	Brussels, Belgium (Florida Southern)
Ryan Gerstner	6-0	So-TR	Peoria, AZ (Boise State)
Leopold Graeubig	6-3	So-1V	Trier, Germany (Gymnasium of Trier)
Michael Levin	5-10	So-1V	Vancouver, B.C., Canada (Magee HS)
Erik Nelson-Kortland	5-9	Sr-1V	Reno, NV (Cal State Sacramento)
Iman Nilipour	6-0	So-1V	Duesseldorf, Germany (Pepperdine)
Thad O'Grady	5-11	Sr-1V	Tempe, AZ (Arizona State)

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## 2000-01 Men's Tennis Stats

<i>Singles</i>							<i>Tourn. Overall</i>	
<i>Player</i>	<i>No.1</i>	<i>No.2</i>	<i>No.3</i>	<i>No.4</i>	<i>No.5</i>	<i>No.6</i>	<i>Rec.</i>	<i>Rec.</i>
Johannes Asuja (So.)		1-0	3-2	7-2	0-1		--	11-5
Beau Berglund (Fr.)	1-0		4-5	1-3	2-2	0-1	--	8-11
Carsten Bitschkus (Sr.)	1-4	5-5	0-3				--	6-12
Ryan Gerstner (So.)		0-3		1-3	7-4		--	8-10
Leopold Graeubig (So.)	4-8	1-3	0-1				--	5-12
Iman Nilipour (So.)		1-0		0-1		7-4	--	8-5
Erik Nelson-Kortland (Sr.)			1-0		1-1	2-2	--	4-3
Michael Levin (So.)					1-0	0-1	--	1-1
Michael Cameron						1-0	--	1-0
Thad O'Grady (Sr.)				1-0		0-1	--	1-1
Totals	6-12	8-11	8-11	10-9	11-8	10-9	0-0	53-60

<i>Doubles</i>				<i>Tourn. Overall</i>	
<i>Players</i>	<i>No.1</i>	<i>No.2</i>	<i>No.3</i>	<i>Record</i>	<i>Record</i>
Asuja/Berglund		9-4	1-1	--	10-5
Bitschkus/Graeubig	8-9			--	8-9
Gerstner/Nilipour	1-0	0-1	5-1	--	6-2
Gerstner/Berglund		1-1		--	1-1
Levin/Nilipour		0-1		--	0-1
Levin/Cameron			1-0	--	1-0
Nelson-Kortland/Nilipour			1-4	--	1-4
Nelson-Kortland/O'Grady		1-0	0-1	--	1-1
Nelson-Kortland/Gerstner			0-3	--	0-3
Totals	9-9	11-7	8-10	0-0	28-26

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#### Watch LMU's Website...

If you can't catch a match, be sure to look for scores, player information, rosters, biographies and more on LMU's website at: <http://www.LMULions.com>

#### The Latest On The WCC...

Be sure to keep up with all of the exciting West Coast Conference action. Log onto the conference web site at: <http://www.wccsports.com>

#### Interview Policy...

LMU practice sessions are open to the public. Coach Bork and players will be available for interviews following practice **ONLY**. Interviews will **not** be granted on **MATCH DAYS** or prior to any practice session.

### Match Recap

The Lions opened the season with losses to local rivals UC Irvine (7-0) and UC Santa Barbara (5-2), as the youthful squad went through growing pains. However, on their first major road trip of the season, the Lions earned their first dual match victory, defeating Belmont University 4-3. The Lions would drop their next four of five matches, losing to highly ranked Texas-Arlington, Arkansas, Arizona and Arizona State. They would defeat Northern Arizona 4-2. The Lions would then respond with three straight wins, defeating Portland in West Coast Conference play, 4-3, and then sweeping Rutgers and Cal Lutheran. The Lions' latest set of matches saw them take on Bowling Green in Las Vegas and losing a heartbreaker 4-3. They would respond with a 7-0 victory over Metro State in Denver, Colo., before losing to Denver and Air Force. The Lions returned home for a pair of matches against Dartmouth on March 21 and Princeton on March 24. The Lions cruised to a convincing 6-1 win over Dartmouth, winning all but number two doubles and number one singles. Sophomores Iman Nilipour and Johannes Asuja both continued their winning streaks (7 and 4). The Lions saw victory taken from them against Princeton, as they fell to the Tigers 4-3. Asuja won his fifth straight match with a 5-7, 6-4, 6-2 win at number three singles. A three-match road trip took the Lions to the Pacific Northwest. They started with No. 5 Washington on March 31, who showed they are deserving of the ranking with a 7-0 win. The Lions came back the next day on April 1 to defeat Gonzaga in conference play, 6-1. The Lions moved to 2-0 in conference play, winning both number one and number two doubles for the doubles point. Every singles match went the minimum two sets except for Erik Nelson-Kortland's match at number six singles. Nelson-Kortland came from behind to defeat Shaun Whitney, 4-6, 6-5, 7-6. The Lions finished the trip with a convincing 7-0 win over Portland State.

### Asuja on Fire

Johannes Asuja became the first Lion to reach double-digit wins on the season, winning his 10th match of the year against Princeton. He now stands at 12-5 on the season with wins against Gonzaga and Portland State. He has now won 10 of his last 12 matches as he sits at 7-2 in number four singles. In addition, Asuja is 10-5 in doubles play, teaming with Beau Berglund primarily at number two doubles... Asuja's latest accomplishments at the number four singles spot includes a straight set win against Portland State and a 6-3, 6-4 sweep of Gonzaga's Bourak Berksov in conference play. He suffered only his second loss in the month of March against Washington's Jeremy Berman. Prior to the loss, he won five straight, including wins over Trevor Smith of Princeton (5-7, 6-4, 6-2) and Drew Dinkmeyer of Dartmouth (6-4, 4-6, 7-5).

### An Asuja Double

Asuja and Berglund have been hot of late at number two doubles, winning six straight before falling to Washington. At 10-5 on the season, the tandem leads the team in double wins, with nine of them coming at the number two spot. With the wins against Gonzaga and Portland State, the doubles team has won eight of their last nine matches. In conference play, they defeated Gonzaga's duo of Timo Barry and Shaun Whitney, 8-6. Earlier in the season, they lost a tough 9-7 decision to Portland's Quinn Borchard and Jeff Nunnenkamp. The Portland loss was their only other defeat in the month of March. On the season, Berglund leads the team with 11 double victories, earning one with Ryan Gerstner against Arizona State on March 1.