



Loyola Marymount University

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2001 LMU Schedule & Results 6-9 Overall

Date	Opponent	Time/Results
JANUARY		
1/27	at UC Irvine	L, 7-0
1/28	Alumni Match	--
FEBRUARY		
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
MARCH		
3/3	Pro-Am Tournament	--
3/10	*PORTLAND	W, 4-3
3/12	RUTGERS	W, 7-0
3/12	CAL LUTHERAN UNIV.	W, 7-0
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
3/21	DARTMOUTH	1:30 P.M.
3/24	PRINCETON	12 NOON
3/31	at Washington	2:00 p.m.
APRIL		
4/1	*vs. Gonzaga	10:00 a.m.
4/1	vs. Portland State	2:00 p.m.
4/14	AZUSA PACIFIC	12 NOON
4/18	at UC Riverside	2:00 p.m.
4/25	*SAN FRANCISCO	2:30 P.M.
4/27-29	WCC Championships at Pepperdine	All Day

Dartmouth vs. LMU

Wednesday, March 21, 2001 - 1:30 p.m. - Los Angeles, CA

Princeton vs. LMU

Saturday, March 24, 2001 - 12:00 pm - Los Angeles, CA

Briefly...

The Loyola Marymount men's tennis team returns home from a trip to the Rocky Mountains that represented the ups-and-downs of driving through the majestic mountain range. The Lions entered the four-match road trip on a three-match winning streak, including two 7-0 sweeps. However, the return to Los Angeles winning only one of the four as they prepare for the final half of their 2001 schedule... Sophomore **Johannes Asuja** has been impressive for the Lions of late, winning five of his last six matches, dropping his first set in two weeks in the loss against Bowling Green at the number two singles spot...Asuja has also been a part of the Lions best doubles team, as he and **Beau Berglund** lead the Lions doubles play with six wins on the season.

Up Next...

Loyola Marymount will host a pair of dual meets this week, taking on Dartmouth on Wednesday and then Princeton on Saturday. Both matches will be on the Loyola Marymount University Tennis Courts. The Lions will be looking to break a two-match skid before they head to the state of Washington for three matches in two days against Washington, Gonzaga and Portland State.

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)
Toru Latto	6-2	Fr-HS	Brussels, Belgium

HEAD COACH: Bjorn Bork (Albrechts University '94) - second season

ASSISTANT COACH: Carsten Eisenbarth (LMU '00) - first season

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1999-00 Mens Tennis Stats

<i>Singles</i>								<i>Tourn.</i>	<i>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	1-2	6-1	0-1		—	8-4	
Beau Berglund (Fr.)	1-0		3-3	0-2	2-2	0-1	—	6-8	
Carsten Bitschkus (Sr.)	0-1	5-4	0-3				—	5-8	
Ryan Gerstner (So.)		0-3		1-2	3-4		—	5-8	
Leopold Graeubig (So.)	4-7		0-1				—	4-8	
Iman Nilipour (So.)		1-0		0-1		6-4	—	7-5	
Erik Nelson-Kortland (Sr.)			1-0		1-0	0-1	—	2-1	
Michael Levin (So.)					1-0		—	1-0	
Michael Cameron						1-0	—	1-0	
Thad O'Grady (Sr.)				1-0		0-1	—	1-1	
Totals	5-8	7-7	5-9	8-6	7-7	7-7	0-0	40-43	

<i>Doubles</i>					<i>Tourn.</i>	<i>Overall</i>
<i>Players</i>	<i>No.1</i>	<i>No.2</i>	<i>No.3</i>	<i>Record</i>	<i>Record</i>	
Bitschkus/Graeubig	5-7			—	5-7	
Gerstner/Nilipour	1-0	0-1	4-1	—	5-2	
Asuja/Berglund		5-3	1-1	—	6-4	
Asuja/Evrard		1-0		—	1-0	
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		—	1-0	
Gerstner/Berglund		0-1		—	0-1	
Totals	6-7	7-6	7-6	0-0	18-18	

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Contact Us...

For more information on the team, scores, schedule, opponents, or upcoming athletic events please contact:

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Ticket Information...

The LMU tennis home games are free to the public. Please contact the athletic department for more information on home matches.

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.

Practice Schedule...

The LMU Men's Tennis team practices from 3:00-5:30 pm Monday thru Friday.

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.

Asuja on Fire

The number four singles spot for the Lions have been performing well this 2001 season. Led by Johannes Asuja, the number four singles spot in the Lions roster has an 8-6 record. The sophomore Asuja is 6-1 at number four singles and leads the team with eight singles victories... Asjua's latest accomplishments at the number four singles spot includes 7-6, 6-2 win over Jay Patel of Denver, a 6-2, 6-1 win over Jojo Munpi of Metro State, a 6-1, 6-1 win over Joey Muscatiello of Rutgers and a thrilling 2-6, 6-2, 6-1 come from behind win over Matt Baer of conference foe Portland. In that string of wins at the number four spot, Asuja claimed a 7-6, 7-5 win over Kyle Rainey of Air Force in number two singles competition. His only loss in over two weeks was 6-4, 6-2 against Brandon Gabel of Bowling Green.

On a Roll at the Six

The only singles player that might be hotter than Asuja for the Lions is Iman Nilipour, who primarily shores up the number six singles spot for the LMU. Nilipour is on a six match winning streak, with his last loss coming against Portland on March 10. His streak includes a 6-1, 6-0 win over Cal Lutheran's Calvin Hee at number three singles and marathon match against Denver's Mike Ceilley. The two went for two hours with Nilipour winning 6-3, 4-6, 11-9. He has only dropped two sets during his winning streak.

LMU Head Coach

Bjorn Bork enters his second year as head coach of the LMU men's tennis program. Prior to coming to LMU, Bork was an assistant at Cal Lutheran. Bork brings enthusiasm and a desire to win to a program that has not had a winning percentage above .600 since the 1990 season. A 1994 graduate of Albrechts University in Kiel, Germany, Bork earned his bachelor's degree in English. He entered the 2001 season with an overall record of 12-13. Through March 18, his record is now 18-22.

Program Information

Head Coach:	Bjorn Bork
Cumulative Record:	18-22
Record at LMU•Year:	18-11 • second season
1999-00 Record:	12-13
Letterwinners Ret/Lost:	7/2
1999-00 WCC Finish	5th