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Six exciting games in store for Wolf Pack Football in 2008

The “Number One Band in the Land,” the first Big 12 Conference school to visit Reno and more fan- and family-friendly enhancements are just some of the highlights that will greet Wolf Pack football fans in 2008. This season will feature six exciting home games at Mackay Stadium as Nevada looks to compete for a Western Athletic Conference championship and make its fourth consecutive bowl appearance.

The 2008 season kicks off with a bang as the Wolf Pack plays host to the Grambling State Tigers on Saturday, Aug. 30, at Mackay Stadium. It will be Fan Appreciation Day as fans will benefit from special group prices and giveaways at the stadium gates. Fans will also be treated with a special halftime show as the world famous Grambling State Tiger

Marching Band will perform at Mackay Stadium. Hailed as the “Number One Band in the Land,” the Tiger Marching Band has performed at numerous Super Bowls and electrified audiences around the world.

On Sept. 6, Texas Tech University heads to Reno as the first Big 12 Conference team to visit Mackay Stadium, while Nevada will play host to its WAC home opener against New Mexico State on Oct. 11. The contest against the Aggies will be Youth Day at Mackay Stadium as young Wolf Pack fans will have the chance to run on the field. The following week is Homecoming for the Wolf Pack as Utah State heads to Mackay Stadium on Oct. 18. In addition to its Homecoming festivities, Nevada will induct a deserving class of former student-athletes into its

Athletics Hall of Fame at halftime.

In November, Nevada will wrap up its home slate with games against San Jose State on Nov. 15 and Boise State on Nov. 22. The San Jose State game will be Military Day at Mackay Stadium and will include a flyover during the game and discounted tickets for military personnel. Nevada will honor its senior-athletes prior to the Boise State game in the regular-season home finale.

New for 2008 is a Family Section at Mackay Stadium designed exclusively for parents and kids. Located in Section A, where the Wolf Pack team runs out onto the field, the Family Section will be alcohol-free. Nevada will also increase efforts to promote positive and responsible fan behavior in the stadium. Back this year is the popular Wolf Pack

2008 Nevada Fall Schedules



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Linebacker Joshua Mauga and quarterback Colin Kaepernick headline a talented group of returners for the Wolf Pack in 2008, while a performance from the world famous Grambling State Marching Band and Wolf Pack Alley mark two of the family-friendly attractions in store for Mackay Stadium this season.

Alley, located in the parking lot just north of Mackay Stadium. Free and open to the public three hours before each home game, Wolf Pack Alley features live entertainment, food and souvenir vendors, interactive displays and games for Wolf Pack fans of all ages.

Season tickets are on sale now and range in price from \$95 to \$125. Other packages and Pup Club memberships are also available. To purchase tickets, visit or call the Wolf Pack Ticket Office at Legacy Hall at (775) 348-PACK (7225).

—Rhonda Lundin is the director of the Athletics Media Services Department

Nevada Football Schedule

Aug. 30	Grambling State
Sept. 6	Texas Tech
Sept. 13	at Missouri
Sept. 27	at UNLV
Oct. 4	at Idaho
Oct. 11	New Mexico State
Oct. 18	Utah State
Oct. 25	at Hawai'i
Nov. 7	at Fresno State
Nov. 15	San Jose State
Nov. 22	Boise State
Nov. 29	at Louisiana Tech



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Patrice Godwin

Women's Soccer Schedule

Aug. 22	UC Santa Barbara
Aug. 29	vs. Pacific (Las Vegas)
Aug. 31	at UNLV
Sept. 5	at San Francisco
Sept. 7	Portland State
Sept. 12	Minnesota
Sept. 19	at Wisconsin-Green Bay
Sept. 21	at Wisconsin
Sept. 28	UC Davis
Oct. 3	at Sacramento State
Oct. 5	Saint Mary's
Oct. 10	Hawai'i
Oct. 12	San Jose State
Oct. 17	at Utah State
Oct. 19	at Louisiana Tech
Oct. 24	Idaho
Oct. 26	Boise State
Nov. 2	at Fresno State
Nov. 6-9	WAC Tournament



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Allison Hernandez

Volleyball Schedule

Aug. 29-31	at Notre Dame Tournament
Aug. 29	vs. Valparaiso
Aug. 30	at Notre Dame
Sept. 5-7	Nevada Tournament
Sept. 5	UCLA
Sept. 7	Seattle
Sept. 12-13	AT&T INVITATIONAL
Sept. 12	Missouri
Sept. 13	UC-Davis
Sept. 13	Pepperdine
Sept. 18	at Louisiana Tech
Sept. 20	at New Mexico State
Sept. 25	San Jose State
Sept. 27	at Utah State
Sept. 28	at UNLV
Oct. 2	Idaho
Oct. 4	Boise State
Oct. 7	Sacramento State
Oct. 11	at Fresno State
Oct. 16	Fresno State
Oct. 18	Hawai'i
Oct. 23	Louisiana Tech
Oct. 25	Utah State
Oct. 31	at Hawai'i
Nov. 6	New Mexico State
Nov. 8	at San Jose State
Nov. 13	at Idaho
Nov. 15	at Boise State
Nov. 20-22	WAC Tournament

(Home Games in Bold)

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Pack picks top coaches

Two of the newest coaches to join the University of Nevada Wolf Pack family both have ties to the Lone Star State.

While first-year women's soccer coach Jaime Frias is a newcomer to the Wolf Pack family, coming to Reno from Stephen F. Austin University, Nevada fans will recognize Mike Richmond, who was named the head coach of the women's swimming and diving team this spring after spending the last nine years with the team.

Mike Richmond: Women's Swimming and Diving Head Coach



Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

Mike Richmond '03 (general studies) was named the head coach of the Wolf Pack women's swimming and diving team in March after spending the last nine years with the program, including eight as an assistant coach and the 2007-08 season as the team's interim coach.

After leading the Wolf Pack to its second consecutive Western Athletic Conference championship and being named the WAC Coach of the Year this season, Richmond earned the permanent job following a national search. Under his direction this year, the team produced the WAC Swimmer of the Year and Freshman of the Year, while three members of the squad earned spots at the 2008 NCAA Championships.

"My time at Nevada has been the most rewarding years of my coaching career," Richmond said. "We truly have the foundations of a great program in place, and I'm honored to continue to be a part of the Wolf Pack family."

Richmond first got into coaching when he was 18, but never planned to make a career of it. "Finally, coaching kind of stuck with me," he said.

A native of west Texas, he grew up in Amarillo and started his coaching career at Permian High School in Odessa. Prior to coming to Nevada, he was the longtime head coach of the Lubbock Swim Club in Lubbock, Texas, widely regarded as one of the top programs in the state in the 11 years he coached. Richmond was a seven-time Texas All-Star coach as well as the west Texas state committee chairman. He has also gained renown as one of the nation's foremost stroke technique coaches and has written a book on strength and conditioning, technique and motivation in the sport of swimming.

Richmond tabs the coaches and swimmers he has worked with as some of the biggest influences in his life, including Doug Russell, a 1968 Olympic gold medalist who coached Richmond for three years. As an athlete himself, Richmond was an all-star nominee in baseball and a Junior Olympic qualifier in swimming.

"Doug gave me a lot of passion for the sport," Richmond said. "My big influences have also come from the athletes I've coached over the years." He also credits his parents, Joe and Jean, and his upbringing for much of what he has learned in life and the philosophy he brings to coaching.

"Growing up in west Texas, you learn a simple way of life and a lot of simple values like commitment, dedication, hard work and honesty," Richmond said. "If athletes know you care more about them as people, more than just as athletes, you'll get a lot more out of them and the relationship. I've always believed that if you have a strong relationship



Photo courtesy Wolf Pack Athletics

Nevada swimming coach Mike Richmond (shown with junior Summer Halwas-Morgan) led the Wolf Pack to its second consecutive Western Athletic Conference title in 2008.

with an athlete, you can have an impact in their lives, not only with what they do as a competitor but in the game of life as well."

According to Richmond, people make the University a special place. "Reno is a fantastic community and the University of Nevada is a dynamic institution. That comes first and foremost from our leadership. Cary Groth and Cindy Fox (Nevada's athletics director and executive associate athletics directors) are outstanding people," Richmond said.

Jaime Frias: Women's Soccer Head Coach



Photo courtesy Wolf Pack Athletics

Frias became the fourth head coach in the history of the Nevada women's soccer program in January. He joined the Wolf Pack after spending the last six seasons at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, Texas, including the last three years as the Ladyjacks' head coach. During his tenure as SFA's head coach, Frias led the Ladyjacks to a pair of Southland Conference regular-season championships and a Southland Conference tournament title and NCAA Championship appearance in 2007.

He said the possibilities at Nevada are what set the school apart and drew him to the Wolf Pack.

"I got this opportunity at Nevada and took it because of all that the school has to offer to the student-athlete. You have the possibility of winning conference championships,

participating in the NCAA Tournament and getting deep into the tournament. We give all of our student-athletes the necessary tools to be champions on the field, in the classroom and in life. This is a truly a unique place, and all of those things made this a very good opportunity for me.”

Frias was born in Mexico and came to the United States when he was eight years old, settling in Houston, Texas. He spent a year in 1995-96 playing semi-professional soccer in Mexico City for Club Deportivo Guadalajara, the U-18 Premier Youth Squad. During that year, Frias said he gained an even greater appreciation for the American way of life.

“I was born in Monterrey, Mexico and lived there through my early childhood. Living and training in Mexico City was a unique experience for me. There’s a great deal of poverty, corruption and lack of clean water throughout


the city. Things as simple as running water and three meals a day were an issue while I was there,” he said. “I became very appreciative of what I had in the United States, for the things we take for granted. I really matured a lot as a person in my time there.”

After an injury, Frias returned to the United States and enrolled at Centenary College in Shreveport, La. He was a scholarship soccer player at Centenary from 1996-2000 and served as a team captain during the 1998 and 1999 seasons. Frias earned his bachelor’s degree in health and physical education in 2000, and after his playing career was done, his college coach and mentor, Jed Jones, offered Frias a position as an assistant coach at Centenary, his break into Division I college coaching.

Frias served as an assistant at Centenary for two years before joining head coach Nicole

Nelson’s staff at Stephen F. Austin University. After three years as an assistant coach for the Ladyjacks, Frias got his first opportunity to be a head coach when Nelson left for another coaching position.

According to Frias, Jones and Nelson had a lot of influence on the coach he is today.

“From Jed, I took the organizational part of being a head coach. He really taught me the ins and outs of planning team travel, recruiting and setting up camps. The way I function administratively today reflects that,” Frias said. “Nicole is the hardest worker I’ve ever worked with and that really rubbed off on me. She taught me that hard work and preparation can overshadow some of your deficiencies as a coach.” 

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