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**Michigan Women's Lacrosse earns at-large bid to  
2009 WDIA National Championship**

Ann Arbor, MI (April 23, 2009) – U.S. Lacrosse has announced the field for the 2009 WDIA National Championship to be played in Scottsdale, AZ on May 6-9. Michigan (17-4) earned the #8 seed in the 16 team field and will face #9 UCLA (10-7) in the first round. That game will be a rematch of the Feb. 15 game which saw then #6 Michigan defeat #9 UCLA 8-7 as part of the Santa Barbara Shootout in Santa Barbara, CA.

Michigan's potential second round matchup against the winner of #1 University of California Santa Barbara and #16 West Chester could produce another rematch as Michigan knocked off then second-ranked UCSB on Feb. 13 winning 7-6.

In preparation, Michigan will increase its practice schedule in the next two weeks before departing for Arizona. "There is no rhyme or reason to the wins and losses earned by each team this season, so every team has an equal shot at winning," said senior quad-captain Julie Baskind. "We need to practice hard in the next two weeks and show up to play when it counts."

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Michigan heads to Scottsdale seeking its first national championship in program history. The team's best showing was a runner-up finish in 2006. Head coach, Jen Dunbar (second season) looks forward to the challenge of playing at nationals, "It's exciting to have the opportunity to test ourselves against the best. We're ready to go out and prove that Michigan means business."

The team would be happy to accommodate any interview requests but please do so in advance out of respect for impending final exams. To request an interview, email [szaas@umich.edu](mailto:szaas@umich.edu).

View the full national tournament bracket at:

<http://www.umich.edu/~womenlax/NationalsBracket.pdf>

### **About the University of Michigan Women's Lacrosse Team**

The Michigan Women's Lacrosse team is a varsity-club program administrated by the Department of Recreational Sports department with assistance from the U-M Athletic Department. Varsity-Club teams are primarily self-funded with donations and player dues. All club sports have the opportunity to apply for varsity-club status at the end of each academic year. Each team's eligibility and acceptance will be based on a set of criteria that includes budget, coaching, scheduling, practice time and student-athlete eligibility. There are currently five varsity-club teams including: Women's Lacrosse, Men's Lacrosse, Men's Rowing, Synchronized Swimming, and Synchronized Skating.

### **About U.S. Lacrosse**

U.S. Lacrosse, founded in 1998, serves as the national governing body for both men's and women's lacrosse. The US Lacrosse WDIA structure consists of more than 165 college club teams from around the country. U.S. Lacrosse provides a leadership role in virtually every aspect of the game throughout the United States, and offers a number of programs and information services to its national membership and more than one million lacrosse enthusiasts throughout the country. US Lacrosse, a 501 (c)(3) organization, relies on the growing membership support of over 250,000 lacrosse players, coaches, officials and enthusiasts for a large portion of its operational funding. Additional funding programs include annual giving, planned giving, foundation and corporate giving, capital drives, grants, advertising and special events.