

MISSISSIPPI STATE SOFTBALL

32 ALL-AMERICAN HONORS | 19 NCAA REGIONAL APPEARANCES | 41 ALL-SEC HONORS

2026 SCHEDULE

RECORD	4-0		
SEC:	0-0		
NON-CONFERENCE:	4-0		
HOME:	0-0		
AWAY:	1-0		
NEUTRAL:	3-0		
DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME/RESULT
Feb. 5	at Baylor ¹	ESPN+	W, 10-0 (5)
Feb. 6	vs. Northwestern State ¹	ESPN+	W, 9-3
	vs. Wichita State ¹	ESPN+	W, 5-2 (8)
Feb. 7	vs. New Mexico ¹	ESPN+	W, 8-1
Feb. 10	SOUTHERN MISS	SEC Network+	4 p.m.
Feb. 13	MURRAY STATE ²	SEC Network+	12:30 p.m.
	RUTGERS ³	SEC Network+	3 p.m.
Feb. 14	RUTGERS ²	SEC Network+	12:30 p.m.
	NORTH TEXAS ²	SEC Network+	3 p.m.
Feb. 15	NORTH TEXAS ²	SEC Network+	12:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	MEMPHIS	SEC Network+	4 p.m.
Feb. 20	BELMONT ³	SEC Network+	12:30 p.m.
	SAMFORD ³	SEC Network+	3 p.m.
Feb. 21	BELMONT ³	SEC Network+	12:30 p.m.
	DELAWARE STATE ³	SEC Network+	3 p.m.
Feb. 22	DELAWARE STATE ³	SEC Network+	10:30 a.m.
Feb. 25	at Georgia Tech	ACC Network Xtra	5 p.m.
Feb. 27	vs. Wofford ⁴		9 a.m.
Feb. 28	vs. Georgia Southern ⁴		11 a.m.
	at #13/12 Clemson ⁴	ACC Network Xtra	2 p.m.
Mar. 1	vs. TBD ⁴	ACC Network Xtra	9/11:30 a.m.
Mar. 4	at UAB	ESPN+	5 p.m.
Mar. 6	vs. New Mexico ⁵		10 a.m.
	at South Alabama ⁵	ESPN+	3 p.m.
Mar. 7	vs. New Mexico ⁵		10 a.m.
	vs. Samford ⁵		12:30 p.m.
Mar. 8	at South Alabama ⁵	ESPN+	12:30 p.m.
Mar. 10	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	SEC Network+	3 p.m.
	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	SEC Network+	5 p.m.
Mar. 13	#4/4 TENNESSEE*	SEC Network+	6 p.m.
Mar. 14	#4/4 TENNESSEE*	SEC Network+	2 p.m.
Mar. 15	#4/4 TENNESSEE*	SEC Network+	12 p.m.
Mar. 18	UAB	SEC Network	7 p.m.
Mar. 20	at #20/15 Georgia*	SEC Network	5 p.m.
Mar. 21	at #20/15 Georgia*	SEC Network	1 p.m.
Mar. 22	at #20/15 Georgia*	SEC Network	1 p.m.
Mar. 25	UT MARTIN	SEC Network+	5 p.m.
Mar. 28	#12/14 SOUTH CAROLINA*	SEC Network+	2 p.m.
Mar. 29	#12/14 SOUTH CAROLINA*	SEC Network	6 p.m.
Mar. 30	#12/14 SOUTH CAROLINA*	SEC Network	6 p.m.
Apr. 3	at #6/6 Florida*	SEC Network+	5 p.m.
Apr. 4	at #6/6 Florida*	SEC Network	10:30 a.m.
Apr. 5	at #6/6 Florida*	SEC Network+	12 p.m.
Apr. 10	#9/8 ARKANSAS*	SEC Network+	5 p.m.
Apr. 11	#9/8 ARKANSAS*	SEC Network+	2 p.m.
Apr. 12	#9/8 ARKANSAS*	SEC Network	11 a.m.
Apr. 17	at #11/11 Texas A&M*	SEC Network	7:30 p.m.
Apr. 18	at #11/11 Texas A&M*	SEC Network+	4 p.m.
Apr. 19	at #11/11 Texas A&M*	SEC Network	1 p.m.
Apr. 24	#16/13 LSU*	SEC Network+	5 p.m.
Apr. 25	#16/13 LSU*	SEC Network+	2 p.m.
Apr. 26	#16/13 LSU*	SEC Network+	11 a.m.
Apr. 30	at #14/22 Ole Miss*	SEC Network+	6 p.m.
May 1	at #14/22 Ole Miss*	SEC Network+	6 p.m.
May 2	at #14/22 Ole Miss*	SEC Network	2 p.m.
May 5-9	SEC Tournament ⁶	SEC Network	TBD

* Southeastern Conference game | **BOLD** denotes home games | All times CT

¹ Gettman Classic (Waco, Texas)

² The Snowman: Alex Wilcox Memorial (Starkville, Miss.)

³ Bulldog Invitational (Starkville, Miss.)

⁴ Tiger Invitational (Clemson, S.C.)

⁵ Jaguar Invitational (Mobile, Ala.)

⁶ SEC Tournament (Athens, Ga.)

SOUTHERN MISS (4-1, 0-0 SBC) AT 22/24 MISSISSIPPI STATE (4-0, 0-0 SEC)

FEBRUARY 10 | STARKVILLE, MISS. | NUSZ PARK



HEAD COACH: Samantha Ricketts
RECORD AT MSU: 201-119 (7th Year)
CAREER RECORD: 201-119 (7th Year)



STREAK: Won 4
LAST 10 GAMES: 6-4

RANKINGS:
NFCA Coaches - 22 | USA Softball - 24
D1Softball - 23 | Softball America - 21

HEAD COACH: Natalie Poole
RECORD AT USM: 71-83 (4th Year)
CAREER RECORD: 624-724 (25th Year)

STREAK: Won 1
LAST 10 GAMES: 4-6

RANKINGS:
NFCA Coaches - NR | USA Softball - NR
D1Softball - NR | Softball America - NR

AVG	R/G	H/G	SLG	OBP	RBI	SB-ATT	ERA	K/7	K:BB	OPP	FLD
.318	8.00	8.75	.609	.417	29	4-4	1.30	8.30	2.91	.126	.991
.336	7.00	8.40	.448	.445	34	6-7	4.12	1.85	0.50	.276	.987

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Southern Miss at Mississippi State | 4 p.m.

TV: SEC Network+
(Will Kolmeyer, Cody Blaszcak)

SERIES HISTORY

OVERALL: 42-13 | CURRENT STREAK: Won 3 | HOME: 18-7 | AWAY: 21-3 | NEUTRAL: 3-3

LAST SERIES: Mar. 26, 2025, in Hattiesburg, Miss. (MSU 9, USM 1 [5 inn.])

OPPONENT NOTABLES

Southern Miss went 4-1 at its home tournament to open the year. The Golden Eagles' defense was a difference maker as they lead the Sun Belt in double plays with three already. Southern Miss also leads their league in shutouts, sacrifice flies, walks and times hit by a pitch. USM hit eight sacrifice flies, which leads the nation after one week of play. Kayla Giardina is one of 44 qualified pitchers nationally with a 0.00 ERA. The Golden Eagles have scored at least five runs in each of their wins. Hannah Christian enters Tuesday night with a hit in every game this season.

LEADING OFF

BICENTENNIAL BULLDOG: Samantha Ricketts became the fastest Bulldog softball head coach to win 200 career games at State in the win over Northwestern State on Feb. 6, needing just 319 games.

OUR STATE: The Bulldogs are 30-6 against teams from the state of Mississippi under Samantha Ricketts, while outscoring in-state foes, 261-84.

SPREAD THE NUSZ: Over the last two seasons, the Bulldogs are 40-14 at home while outscoring opponents, 388-170, in those games. MSU's top two regular-season attendance marks in program history were set last spring.

FAIRCLOTH FANS FOES: Alyssa Faircloth's 14 strikeouts vs. New Mexico (Feb. 7) were a career high and fourth-most in a game in MSU history. She now ranks eighth nationally in strikeouts per seven innings (13.36).

HOT HANDS: Morgan Stiles and Nadia Barbary are both riding eight-game hitting streaks dating back to last season. Stiles is hitting .556 with a 1.378 OPS during her streak. Barbary is slugging .800 with nine RBIs in that span while launching four doubles and three homers.

PEJA PITCHES A GEM: Peja Goold came one out away from a no-hitter in her MSU debut at Baylor (Feb. 5). She struck out five hitters and is 23-2 when striking out at least five since the start of last year.

PUT TO THE TEST: MSU was the only team in the nation to play each of the final four teams at the Women's College World Series three times in 2025.

PORTAL PICKUPS: Mississippi State's transfer class was ranked No. 3 in the nation by 6-4-3 Charts, which based its rankings on the total number of Wins Above Replacement (WAR) each school added. State's 17.43 WAR added was tied for the most in the SEC with Tennessee.

LONG TIME COMING FOR TROUTMAN: Taylor Troutman homered in each of her first two career at-bats after missing the 2025 season with a torn ACL.

BARBARY'S BIG BOTH WAYS: Nadia Barbary earned her first career All-SEC honors last spring and picked up All-Defensive Team recognition at third base. She recorded single-season career highs in hits, homers, RBIs and total bases while being one of only 13 third basemen across the nation to post more than 12.00 Defensive Runs Saved.

PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

#	NAME	POS.	YR.	B/T	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG	OBP
24	Morgan Stiles	SS	So.	R/R	.500	14	5	7	0	0	2	4	13	.929	.588
10	Nadia Barbary	3B	So.	R/R	.400	15	5	6	2	0	2	6	14	.933	.438
9	Kiarra Sells	RF	Fr.	R/R	.385	13	5	5	1	0	1	2	9	.692	.500
41	Taylor Troutman	DP	R-Fr.	L/R	.444	9	3	4	0	0	2	3	10	1.111	.583
2	Abby Grace Richardson	CF	Sr.	R/R	.333	9	4	3	1	0	1	3	7	.778	.538
19	Anna Carder	C	Sr.	L/R	.500	6	1	3	0	0	0	3	3	.500	.600
12	Paige Ernstes	1B	So.	R/R	.250	12	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	.333	.308
13	Morgan Bernardini	LF	Sr.	R/R	.167	12	0	2	0	0	0	3	2	.167	.167
7	Gabby Schaeffer	2B	Fr.	R/R	.000	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	.250

#	PITCHERS	R/L	YR.	ERA	W-L	G-GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	B/AVG
3	Peja Goold	RHP	Sr.	0.00	2-0	3-1	1	0	10.0	3	1	0	4	10	.091
4	Alyssa Faircloth	LHP	Jr.	2.55	2-0	2-2	1	0	11.0	6	4	4	2	21	.162
17	Leila Ammon	RHP	So.	1.75	0-0	1-1	0	0	4.0	2	1	1	4	1	.182

LAST 10 GAMES (6-4)

TEAM	AVG	AB	R	H	XBH	RBI
Morgan Stiles	.444	36	8	16	2	7
Tatum Silva*	.412	17	4	7	1	3
Anna Carder*	.370	27	3	10	3	9
Kiarra Sells	.333	27	7	9	2	2
Abby Grace Richardson	.333	9	5	3	2	3
Nadia Barbary	.306	36	13	11	7	9

TEAM	ERA	IP	H	R	SO	BB
4.81	67.0	79	49	59	27	55
Peja Goold*	2.18	45.0	31	19	37	20
Leila Ammon*	3.32	25.1	24	12	17	10
Alyssa Faircloth*	3.94	26.2	15	15	32	11
Delainey Everett	4.06	10.1	19	7	0	2

* includes stats from prior school

MEDIA INFORMATION

SOFTBALL MEDIA PORTAL

Mississippi State has created an online portal for media members covering the Bulldogs' softball program. To access the portal, visit hailst.at/ **SBMedia**. The Softball Press Box Page of HailState.com includes links to credential request forms, media guides, quick facts, game notes, box scores, recaps and team and staff headshots.

CREDENTIALS

Working media must apply for single-game credentials at least 24 hours in advance by visiting hailst.at/SBCreds. Seats will be assigned to credentialed media members. Space is limited inside the Nusz Park press box. Indoor seating priority will be given to team staff, broadcast personnel, production staff and those media members who regularly cover the program. Auxiliary seating is located at the top of Section 104.

PHOTOGRAPHERS/VIDEOGRAPHERS

Photographers and videographers are permitted to shoot around Nusz Park in approved areas. Those wishing to shoot a game should meet with Brian Ogden in the press box before the game to be granted field access.

PRESS BOX SERVICES

A complete NCAA box score and pertinent game facts are available to members of the working media following the conclusion of each game. Media members also have access to game notes, statistics, lineups and rosters prior to the start of each game upon request. A pregame meal is also served in the press box approximately one hour prior to each game.

The press box is divided into four separate work areas, with each equipped with high-speed internet and telephone access. It is also set up to accommodate television and team video personnel.

RADIO BROADCASTS

The Nusz Park press box houses radio lines to support home and visitor radio broadcasts. For more information on the phone lines, please contact Brian Ogden in the Communications office.

NUSZ PARK

FAST FACTS

- » Since 2016, MSU is 204-82 in Nusz Park (.713).
- » Opening game at the MSU Softball Field came on Feb. 26, 1997, with the Bulldogs sweeping Samford in a doubleheader.
- » Nusz Park, a \$6 million project, includes 1,000 maroon chairback seats, in addition to an expanded concourse that includes new restrooms and concession stands.
- » The Bulldogs' first action in the new digs came against Georgia Southern, a 6-0 victory on Feb. 11, 2016.
- » MSU opened play at Nusz Park with six-straight victories, including a sweep of the Bulldog Kickoff.
- » State captured its first SEC win at Nusz with a 6-3 win against eventual WCWS finalists and third-ranked Auburn on March 19.
- » Nusz hosted the 2016 SEC Softball Tournament. The four-day event hosted 12 teams and a total of 11 games and drew praise from coaches across the league to ESPN and SEC Network officials.
- » On May 27, 2022 the largest college softball crowd in the history of the state of Mississippi descended on Nusz Park for the Bulldogs' Super Regional with Arizona (2,209). The next day the record was again broken (2,299) where it now stands today.
- » State broke the single-season attendance record in 2024 with 22,349 fans.

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POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Requested MSU players, along with head coach Samantha Ricketts, will be available for interviews approximately 10 minutes after all games in the film room of the Softball Fieldhouse. In the event of a doubleheader, coaches and student-athletes will be available following their final game of the day.

The Mississippi State locker room and field dugouts are off-limits to the media. Media members must be escorted by a member of the MSU Athletics Communications staff while inside the Softball Fieldhouse.

MSU PLAYER/COACH AVAILABILITY

Players and coaches will be made available to the media upon request. Those wishing to set up an interview must contact Brian Ogden via phone or e-mail. On gameday, players and coaches are only available postgame.

For post-practice interviews, media members should contact Brian Ogden no later than 10 p.m. the night before. In most cases, players will be available for a brief time before and after practices. A weekly schedule is available in each set of game notes.

Telephone interviews can also be scheduled with players on a call-back basis during the week with arrangements made through Brian Ogden.

Media members are NOT permitted to contact student-athletes on their own at any time. This includes phone, Email, text or through social media platforms. Student-athletes' contact information will not be given out.

QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY

Location	Starkville, Miss. (Pop. 25,342)
Founded	1878
Enrollment	23,563
Nickname	Bulldogs
Colors	Maroon and White
Mascot	Bully
Shortened	MSU or State
Conference	Southeastern
President	Dr. Mark Keenum
Athletic Director	Zac Selmon
Sr. Associate AD/SWA	Ann Carr
Faculty Representative	Brent J. Fountain

NUSZ PARK

Opened	1997
Renovated	2016
Capacity	1,400
Dimensions	L-200, C-220, R-200
All-Time Home Record	563-279 (.669)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Samantha Ricketts
Alma Mater	Oklahoma, 2005
MSU Record	202-119 (7th Year, 12th at MSU)
MSU SEC Record	50-68 (7th Year)
Career Record	202-119 (7th Year)
Career SEC Record	50-68 (7th Year)
Associate Head Coach	Tyler Bratton (13th Year)
Assistant Coach	Taryne Mowatt-McKinney (3rd Year)
Assistant Coach	Zac Shaw (4th Year)
Player Development Coordinator	Alyssa Loza (5th Year)
Director of Operations	Jamie Desportes (5th Year)
Certified Athletic Trainer	Macy Simoneaux (8th Year)
Strength Coach	Marci Hopka (3rd Year; 8th at MSU)
Athletic Academics Counselor	Lindsay Race
Sport Administrators	Maryann Baker / Maya Bulger

TEAM INFORMATION

2025 Record	39-19
2025 SEC Record / Finish	13-11 / 8th
Final Rankings (NFCA / USA / D1 / SA)	21 / 23 / 25 / 22
Letterwinners Returning / Lost	13 / 9
Position Starters Returning / Lost	4 / 5
Pitchers Returning / Lost	3 / 4
Newcomers	12

PROGRAM HISTORY

Program Years	1982-86, 1997-present
Overall Record (35th season)	1,066-796 (.573)
Overall SEC Record (30th season*)	307-434 (.414)
SEC Tournament Appearances	23
SEC Tournament Record	15-31 (.326)
NCAA Tournament Appearances	19
NCAA Tournament Record	25-39 (.391)
NFCA All-American Selections	18
Easton All-American Selections	7
D1Softball All-American Selections	3
Softball America All-American Selections	4
NFCA All-Region Selections	59
All-SEC Selections	41
Freshman All-SEC / All-Newcomer Selections	15
SEC All-Defense Selections	3
NFCA All-America Scholar-Athletes	175
CoSIDA Academic All-American Selections	11



2026 BULLDOG ROSTER

NUMERICAL

#	NAME	POS.	B/T	HT.	YR.	EXP.	HOMETOWN / HS / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
1	Gretta Grassel	OF	L/R	5-7	So.	1L	Boscobel, Wis. / Boscobel HS
2	Abby Grace Richardson	UTL	R/R	5-9	Sr.	1L	Brookhaven, Miss. / Brookhaven Academy / Copiah-Lincoln CC
3	Peja Goold	P	R/R	5-7	Sr.	TR	Stockton, Calif. / Lincoln HS / Chattanooga
4	Alyssa Faircloth	P	L/L	6-0	Jr.	TR	Northport, Ala. / Tuscaloosa County HS / Troy
5	Ally Supan	UTL	R/R	5-4	Fr.	HS	Phenix City, Ala. / Central HS
6	Carson Smith	INF	R/R	5-0	Fr.	HS	Mendenhall, Miss. / Hartfield Academy
7	Gabby Schaeffer	INF	R/R	5-7	Fr.	HS	Monroe, N.Y. / Monroe-Woodbury HS
9	Kiarra Sells	OF	R/R	5-6	Sr.	3L	Jasper, Texas / Jasper HS
10	Nadia Barbary	INF	R/R	5-7	Sr.	3L	Douglasville, Ga. / Chapel Hill HS
11	Abigail Stevens	P	R/R	6-0	R-Fr.	RS	Braxton, Miss. / East Rankin Academy
12	Paige Ernsts	C/INF	R/R	5-6	So.	1L	New Palestine, Ind. / New Palestine HS
13	Morgan Bernardini	OF	R/R	5-6	Sr.	3L	Elkville, Ill. / Elverado HS
17	Leila Ammon	P	R/R	5-11	So.	TR	Gulf Breeze, Fla. / Gulf Breeze HS / Middle Tennessee
19	Anna Carder	C	L/R	5-5	Sr.	TR	Athens, Ala. / Athens HS / Southern Illinois
20	Sara Phillips	P	R/R	5-10	So.	1L	Trussville, Ala. / Hewitt-Trussville HS
21	Brinkley Moreton	P	R/R	5-7	Fr.	HS	Summers, Ark. / Lincoln HS
22	Tatum Silva	OF	L/L	5-6	Jr.	TR	Rescue, Calif. / Ponderosa HS / Utah State
23	Des Rivera	C	R/R	5-6	Sr.	TR	Chino, Calif. / Bishop Amat Memorial HS / Oregon State / Iowa
24	Morgan Stiles	INF	R/R	5-7	So.	1L	Athens, Ala. / Athens HS
31	Sydney Carroll	UTL	R/R	6-2	Fr.	HS	Chelsea, Ala. / Chelsea HS
33	Kinley Keller	OF	R/R	5-9	Fr.	HS	New Braunfels, Texas / Davenport HS
41	Taylor Troutman	INF	L/R	5-10	R-Fr.	RS	Henderson, Ky. / Henderson County HS
42	Kalani Sells	OF	R/R	5-4	So.	1L	Jasper, Texas / Jasper HS
48	Delainey Everett	P	L/L	5-5	Jr.	2L	Oakdale, Calif. / Oakdale HS
83	Xiane Romero	INF	R/R	5-4	So.	1L	Lake Elsinore, Calif. / Temescal Canyon HS

ALPHABETICAL

#	NAME	POS.	B/T	HT.	YR.	EXP.	HOMETOWN / HS / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
17	Leila Ammon	P	R/R	5-11	So.	TR	Gulf Breeze, Fla. / Gulf Breeze HS / Middle Tennessee
10	Nadia Barbary	INF	R/R	5-7	Sr.	3L	Douglasville, Ga. / Chapel Hill HS
13	Morgan Bernardini	OF	R/R	5-6	Sr.	3L	Elkville, Ill. / Elverado HS
19	Anna Carder	C	L/R	5-5	Sr.	TR	Athens, Ala. / Athens HS / Southern Illinois
31	Sydney Carroll	UTL	R/R	6-2	Fr.	HS	Chelsea, Ala. / Chelsea HS
12	Paige Ernsts	C/INF	R/R	5-6	So.	1L	New Palestine, Ind. / New Palestine HS
48	Delainey Everett	P	L/L	5-5	Jr.	2L	Oakdale, Calif. / Oakdale HS
4	Alyssa Faircloth	P	L/L	6-0	Jr.	TR	Northport, Ala. / Tuscaloosa County HS / Troy
3	Peja Goold	P	R/R	5-7	Sr.	TR	Stockton, Calif. / Lincoln HS / Chattanooga
1	Gretta Grassel	OF	L/R	5-7	So.	1L	Boscobel, Wis. / Boscobel HS
33	Kinley Keller	OF	R/R	5-9	Fr.	HS	New Braunfels, Texas / Davenport HS
21	Brinkley Moreton	P	R/R	5-7	Fr.	HS	Summers, Ark. / Lincoln HS
20	Sara Phillips	P	R/R	5-10	So.	1L	Trussville, Ala. / Hewitt-Trussville HS
2	Abby Grace Richardson	UTL	R/R	5-9	Sr.	1L	Brookhaven, Miss. / Brookhaven Academy / Copiah-Lincoln CC
23	Des Rivera	C	R/R	5-6	Sr.	TR	Chino, Calif. / Bishop Amat Memorial HS / Oregon State / Iowa
83	Xiane Romero	INF	R/R	5-4	So.	1L	Lake Elsinore, Calif. / Temescal Canyon HS
7	Gabby Schaeffer	INF	R/R	5-7	Fr.	HS	Monroe, N.Y. / Monroe-Woodbury HS
42	Kalani Sells	OF	R/R	5-4	So.	1L	Jasper, Texas / Jasper HS
9	Kiarra Sells	OF	R/R	5-6	Sr.	3L	Jasper, Texas / Jasper HS
22	Tatum Silva	OF	L/L	5-6	Jr.	TR	Rescue, Calif. / Ponderosa HS / Utah State
6	Carson Smith	INF	R/R	5-0	Fr.	HS	Mendenhall, Miss. / Hartfield Academy
11	Abigail Stevens	P	R/R	6-0	R-Fr.	RS	Braxton, Miss. / East Rankin Academy
24	Morgan Stiles	INF	R/R	5-7	So.	1L	Athens, Ala. / Athens HS
5	Ally Supan	UTL	R/R	5-4	Fr.	HS	Phenix City, Ala. / Central HS
41	Taylor Troutman	INF	L/R	5-10	R-Fr.	RS	Henderson, Ky. / Henderson County HS

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Samantha Ricketts, Seventh season (12th at MSU)

Associate Head Coach: Tyler Bratton, 13th season

Assistant Coach: Taryne Mowatt-McKinney, Third season

Assistant Coach: Zac Shaw, Fourth season

Director of Operations: Jamie Desporte, Fifth season

Player Development Coordinator: Alyssa Loza, Fifth season

Graduate Assistant: Matalasi Faapito, Second season

Graduate Manager: Sierra Sacco, First season

Graduate Manager: Lexi Sosa, First season

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

BY CLASS

Seniors (7): Nadia Barbary, Morgan Bernardini, Anna Carder, Peja Goold, Abby Grace Richardson, Des Rivera, Kiarra Sells

Juniors (3): Delainey Everett, Alyssa Faircloth, Tatum Silva

Sophomores (7): Leila Ammon, Paige Ernsts, Gretta Grassel, Sara Phillips, Xiane Romero, Kalani Sells, Morgan Stiles

RS Freshmen (2): Abigail Stevens, Taylor Troutman

Freshmen (6): Sydney Carroll, Kinley Keller, Brinkley Moreton, Gabby Schaeffer, Carson Smith, Ally Supan

RETURNERS (13)

Nadia Barbary, Morgan Bernardini, Paige Ernsts, Delainey Everett, Gretta Grassel, Sara Phillips, Abby Grace Richardson, Xiane Romero, Kalani Sells, Kiarra Sells, Abigail Stevens, Morgan Stiles, Taylor Troutman

NEWCOMERS (12)

Leila Ammon, Anna Carder, Sydney Carroll, Alyssa Faircloth, Peja Goold, Kinley Keller, Brinkley Moreton, Des Rivera, Gabby Schaeffer, Tatum Silva, Carson Smith, Ally Supan

BY HOME STATE

Alabama (6): Anna Carder, Sydney Carroll, Alyssa Faircloth, Sara Phillips, Morgan Stiles, Ally Supan

California (5): Delainey Everett, Peja Goold, Des Rivera, Xiane Romero, Abby Grace Richardson

Mississippi (3): Carson Smith, Abigail Stevens

Texas (3): Kinley Keller, Kiarra Sells, Kalani Sells, Tatum Silva

Arkansas (1): Brinkley Moreton

Florida (1): Leila Ammon

Georgia (1): Nadia Barbary

Illinois (1): Morgan Bernardini

Indiana (1): Paige Ernsts

Kentucky (1): Taylor Troutman

New York (1): Gabby Schaeffer

Wisconsin (1): Gretta Grassel



Indicates a current Bulldog's home state

Indicates a player is the first in program history from the state

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Leila Ammon	ay-men (like Amos but end with N)
Nadia Barbary	bar-buh-ree
Morgan Bernardini	burn-uh-dee-nee
Paige Ernsts	earn-stess
Delainey Everett	de-lainey
Peja Goold	p-Asia (Asia wih a P in front of it) ghoul-d
Xiane Romero	zie-ann (sigh with a Z)
Gabby Schaeffer	shay-fur
Ally Supan	soo-pan

Jamie Desporte

des-sport

Matalasi Faapito

mah-TAH-lah-see fah-AH-pee-toh

Taryne Mowatt-McKinney

mow-it (like you mow your lawn)

Sierra Sacco

sack-OH

BULLDOGS BY THE NUMBERS

14

RUNS OFF ROUND TRIPPERS: State has scored 14 of its 32 runs (43.8 percent) via the home run, and the Bulldogs have homered in every game of 2026.

45

TAKING DOWN TOP TEAMS: Samantha Ricketts now boasts 45 victories against NFCA-ranked opponents in her coaching career, which is the most by any coach any Mississippi State history.

5

MAGIC NUMBER: The Bulldogs have scored five or more runs in 85 of State's 105 wins (81.0 percent) since 2023, and they are 155-20 under Samantha Ricketts when scoring at least five.

TEAM NOTES

QUICK HITS

- » Mississippi State was the only team in the nation to play each of the final four teams at the Women's College World Series three times in 2025.
- » MSU's team batting average (.314), slugging percentage (.534) and on-base percentage (.407) ranked second in single-season school history, and all three were within 10 points of the existing record.
- » **Nadia Barbary** cracked the MSU career top 10 with her 37th double vs. New Mexico (Feb. 7).
- » **Anna Carder** has reached safely in every inning she has led off. **Morgan Stiles** has reached in 4-of-5 leadoff opportunities.
- » Stiles and Barbary are both riding eight-game hitting streaks dating back to last season. Stiles is hitting .556 with a 1.378 OPS during her streak.
- » **Paige Ernsts** has successfully advanced a runner in 60.0 percent (6-of-10) of her opportunities.
- » **Alyssa Faircloth**'s 14 strikeouts vs. New Mexico (Feb. 7) were a career high and fourth-most in a game in MSU history. She now ranks eighth nationally in strikeouts per seven innings (13.36).
- » **Taylor Troutman** homered in each of her first two career at-bats after missing all of 2025 with a torn ACL.
- » **Peja Goold** is just 25 strikeouts away from 500 for her career.
- » Bulldog pitchers allowed the fewest hits (11) over opening weekend of any SEC team.

BULLDOG BICENTENNIAL

- » **Samantha Ricketts** became the fastest Bulldog softball head coach to win 200 career games at State in the win over Northwestern State on Feb. 6, needing just 319 games.
- » She is just the 13th Mississippi State head coach in any team sport to win 200 career games in Maroon and White and the sixth-fastest.
- » Ricketts already was the fastest in MSU softball history to 100 wins, needing just 155 contests.

MSU COACHES' GAMES NEEDED TO WIN 200 (ALL SPORTS)

NAME	200TH WIN	YEARS	CAREER
1. Vic Schaefer (WBK)	256	2012-20	221-62
2. Ron Polk (BB)	288	1976-97, 02-08	1139-590-2
3. Andy Jackson (MT)	290	1988-00	220-106
4. Chris Lemonis (BB)	311	2019-25	268-158
Rick Stansbury (MBK)	311	1998-11	293-166
6. Samantha Ricketts (SB)	319	2020-pr.	200-119
7. C.R. "Dudy" Noble (BB)	331	1920-43, 46-47	263-200-9
8. Paul E. Gregory (BB)	333	1957-74	328-200-2
9. Vann Stuedeman (SB)	335	2012-19	276-189
10. Kathy Arendsen (SB)	339	1997-02	219-161
11. John Cohen (BB)	346	2009-16	284-203-1
12. Jay Miller (SB)	351	2003-11	295-253
13. Sharon Fanning-Otis (WBK)	558	1995-11	281-232

PORTAL PICKUPS

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- » MSU's bullpen saw its combined Wins Above Replacement total climb from 5.68 to 11.17 with the additions of **Peja Goold**, **Alyssa Faircloth** and **Leila Ammon**. That's the second-largest WAR improvement of any position group on any team in the SEC and the best by any SEC bullpen.
- » Goold's 5.50 WAR ranked No. 12 nationally among pitchers last year and 10th among pitchers returning to the field in 2026.
- » Five of the six transfers earned all-conference honors last spring.

HISTORIC SEC SEASON

- » Mississippi State finished above .500 in conference play (13-11) for the first time since 2001 (19-11).
- » The 13 wins were State's highest total since going 13-14 in 2008, and MSU won five series for the first time since 2007.
- » Last year marked the first time State finished with a .500 record in league play since going 14-14 in 2007, and the Bulldogs won three road series for the first time since the SEC switched to the current 24-game schedule in 2013.
- » **Nadia Barbary** earned her first career All-SEC honors on the Second Team this year and picked up All-Defensive Team recognition at third.
- » She batted .400 with runners on base, which was second on the team and led the team with 22 RBIs in SEC play, which ranked sixth in school history.
- » Barbary posted single-season career highs in hits (65), homers (11), RBIs (46) and total bases (113). Her slugging percentage was 147 points higher than it has been in any prior season of her career.
- » With a double last weekend at the Getterman Classic, Barbary cracked the MSU career top 10 with 37 career doubles.

ADVANCED ANALYTICS

- » **Nadia Barbary** ranked third among SEC third basemen in Defensive Runs Saved last year (12.09). She was one of only 13 third basemen across the nation to post a DRS greater than 12.00.
- » **Kiarra Sells** boasted the fifth-highest Wins Above Replacement (WAR) among SEC right fielders a year ago (3.64).
- » Incoming transfer pitcher **Peja Goold**'s 5.50 WAR would have been second on the team last year behind only consensus All-American Sierra Sacco. Her WAR ranked No. 12 nationally among pitchers and 10th among pitchers returning to the field in 2026.

GOING GLOBAL

- » Head coach **Samantha Ricketts** was named the head coach of the American Samoa Women's National Team on Feb. 3. Her mother, Carol, traces her lineage to the village of Leone on the island.
- » Former Bulldog Chloe Malau-ulu played with American Samoa at the 2025 Pacific Mini Games, winning gold. Current players **Kiarra Sells** and **Kalani Sells** would also be eligible for the team along with graduate assistant Matalasi Faapito and alumni Fa Leilua and Sarai Niu.
- » State saw former All-American and current graduate manager **Sierra Sacco-Ferrie** play with the U.S. Women's National Team in Australia in January, and assistant coach **Zac Shaw** won two medals in 2025 with the U.S. Men's National Team at the WBSC World Cup and the World Games.
- » **Peja Goold** pitched for Colombia at the 2025 Pan American Championships, throwing 37.0 innings and striking out 41 batters.

TAKING DOWN TOP TEAMS

- » **Samantha Ricketts** broke the program record for career ranked wins by a head coach in 2025. Twenty-five of her 45 ranked wins (55.6 percent) have come since the start of the 2024 season.
- » The Bulldogs defeated then-No. 1 Texas on March 28, their first win over a No. 1 since 2015 and only their third in program history.
- » State has 17 top-five wins in school history, and Ricketts has led the Bulldogs to five of those victories.

MSU HEAD COACHES' CAREER NFCA-RANKED WINS

1. Samantha Ricketts	2020-p	45
2. Vann Stuedeman	2012-19	44
3. Jay Miller	2003-11	35
4. Kathy Arendsen	1997-02	21

PINCH-HIT PAIGE

- » **Paige Ernsts** was 9-for-28 (.321) with five extra base hits and eight walks as a pinch hitter last year.
- » All six of her RBIs came as a pinch hitter. Most notably, she hit a walk-off RBI double to defeat No. 1 Texas (March 28) and launched a three-run homer against North Texas (Feb. 14).

CALL THE BOMB SQUAD

- » MSU has homered in every game this season and scored 16 of its 32 runs via the long ball (50 percent).
- » State scored 139 runs off homers in 2025. That amounted to 37.6 percent of State's scoring last season and 41.0 percent of its RBIs.
- » The Bulldogs broke the school record with six grand slams.
- » Eight of nine regular starters hit a home run last year, and four players reached double-digits.
- » **Nadia Barbary** and **Kiarra Sells** hit back-to-back homers three times in 2025. That's the most by a pair of Bulldogs in a single season since Mia Davidson and Fa Leilua did so four times in 2021.
- » **Taylor Troutman** and **Xiane Romero** have gone back-to-back in 2026.

MSU SINGLE-SEASON BACK-TO-BACK HOME RUNS

1. 7 times	2021
2. 5 times	2022
3. 4 times	2025
-- 1 time	2026

THE #RICKETTSEFFECT

- » Since Ricketts arrived in 2015, the Bulldogs have broken the school record for home runs five times, and each of the top seven marks in school history have come under her watch.
- » Last year's team again shattered the single-season record with 74 homers, and Ricketts has been on staff for all four 70-homer seasons in school history.
- » Under Ricketts, State has homered in 55.8 percent of its games (340 of 609) and gone 250-90 in such contests.

RUNNING IT UP

- » State has 30 run-rule victories since the start of 2024, and the past two seasons rank first and second in program history for most in a year. MSU has one run-rule win so far this season.

MSU SINGLE-SEASON RUN-RULE VICTORIES

1. 15	2024
2. 14	2025
3. 13	2008

DEVELOPING DAWGS

- » **Morgan Bernardini** and **Kiarra Sells** had less than 25 career at-bats combined entering their junior year, but developed into key roles in 2025 with Sells earning all-region honors.

BERNARDINI AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI AVG SLG OBP

2023-24	13	5	2	0	0	0	.154	.154	.389
2025	150	26	44	9	0	4	.329	.433	.333

KI. SELLS AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI AVG SLG OBP

2023-24	10	17	0	0	0	0	--	--	.353
2025	145	40	47	8	0	11	.38	.324	.457

SHARING THE LOAD

- » Mississippi State's bullpen now features three arms that threw more than 120.0 innings last spring.
- » Last year, only Raelin Chaffin, who went on to a professional career in the AUSL, reached the 120.0-inning mark for State.
- » State's seven arms boast a combined 881.0 career innings and tossed 577.1 combined innings last year, which leads the SEC.

SEC TEAM LEADERS

CAREER IP ON 2026 ROSTER 2025 IP ON 2026 ROSTER

1. Florida	1,033.1	1. Mississippi State	577.1
2. Kentucky	994.1	2. Florida	510.2
3. South Carolina	962.0	3. Kentucky	454.2
4. Ole Miss	959.1	4. South Carolina	453.2
5. Mississippi State	881.0	5. Georgia	426.1

TEAM NOTES

THE TARYNE TREATMENT

- » Under pitching coach **Taryne Mowatt-McKinney**, the Bulldogs have thrown 44 complete games in the past two seasons. State totaled 28 over the three seasons prior to her hiring (2021-23).
- » Mowatt-McKinney has coached State pitchers to four national weekly honors. Prior to her arrival, MSU had seen just one pitcher bring home a national weekly honor (Alison Owen, 2013).
- » She has coached players to three SEC Pitcher of the Week awards in her short tenure, which is as many as the Bulldogs had won in the eight years prior to her arrival.

PITCHING POINTS

- » **Delainey Everett** more than doubled her win total (4 to 10) and innings (27.2 to 74.1) last year.
- » She reduced her walks and ranked second in the SEC and among the top 40 nationally with just 1.41 walks per seven innings.
- » Since the start of 2025, **Peja Goold** has struck out five or more batters in 26 appearances, earning the win in 23 in those games.
- » **Alyssa Faircloth** struck out 14 batters vs. New Mexico (Feb. 7), which ranks as the fourth-most by a Bulldog in a single game and the most since 2023.
- » All three Bulldog transfer pitchers earned all-conference honors at their prior school in 2025.

DEFENSIVE DETAILS

- » MSU's .971 team fielding percentage in 2025 was its highest since 2014 (.976) and third-highest in program history.
- » **Kiarra Sells** recorded five outfield assists in 2025, which was tied for the 10th-most in a season in MSU history, and she is tied for 11th in MSU career history (5).
- » Only seven players in program history have recorded double-digit outfield assists in their career.
- » **Nadia Barbary** ranked third among SEC third basemen in Defensive Runs Saved last year (12.09). She was one of only 13 third basemen across the nation to post a DRS greater than 12.00.
- » Barbary entered the season ranked third in MSU career history among third basemen with at least 250 chances at the position with a .942 career fielding percentage and only 19 errors at the hot corner.
- » She was tabbed the No. 9 player in the nation at her position by both D1Softball and Softball America in their preseason rankings.

MSU THIRD BASEMAN CAREER FLD% (MIN. 250 CHANCES)

NAME	YEARS	PO	A	E	DP	PCT.
1. Jessie Bailey	2007-10	207	423	25	25	.962
2. Caroline Seitz	2014-17	229	461	41	24	.944
3. Nadia Barbary	2023-pr.	107	205	19	10	.943
4. Tanelda McDonald	2002-05	131	328	30	10	.939
5. Montana Davidson	2017-22	121	179	28	11	.915

DEEP DIVE BEHIND THE DISH

- » Bulldog catchers are back to controlling the running game in 2026.
- » Last year, MSU dominated opposing team's runners, combining to pick off a school-record and nation-leading eight runners. No other SEC team had more than three.
- » MSU has already picked one off this season.

2025 POWER FOUR PICKOFF LEADERS

1. Mississippi St.	8
2. Oregon	4
Baylor	4
4. Northwestern	3

NEVER OUT OF IT

- » Since **Samantha Ricketts** took charge of the program, no lead has been safe for State's opponents.
- » In the program's modern era (since 1997), there have been just 11 comeback victories after trailing by five or more runs, and Ricketts has led six of those.

SEC COACHES' 5+ RUN COMEBACK WINS AT CURRENT SCHOOL

1. Patty Gasso	Oklahoma	8
2. Samantha Ricketts	Mississippi State	6
Larissa Anderson	Missouri	6
4. Patrick Murphy	Alabama	5
Rachel Lawson	Kentucky	5
Jamie Trachsel	Ole Miss	5

DAWG DAYS OF DOUBLEHEADERS

- » Mississippi State played doubleheaders in five SEC series, which tied the SEC record for conference doubleheaders in a single season since the league switched to the current 8-series, 24-game schedule format in 2013.

MOST DOUBLEHEADERS IN SEC PLAY SINCE 2013

1.	5	Mississippi State	2025
	5	LSU	2021
2.	4	Missouri	2023
	4	Alabama	2015

SPREADING THE NUSZ

- » Over the last two seasons, the Bulldogs are 40-14 at home while outscoring opponents, 388-170, in those games.
- » In its 2025 SEC home opener, MSU set a regular-season attendance record with 1,903 fans in attendance for a victory over then-No. 18 Auburn.
- » State closed 2025 with the second-largest regular-season crowd on record with 1,870 fans on May 3 against then-No. 17 Ole Miss.

OUR STATE

- » The Bulldogs are 30-6 against teams from the state of Mississippi under **Samantha Ricketts**, while outscoring in-state foes, 261-84.
- » State has won three consecutive series with rival Ole Miss.
- » This year's meeting was the first time in series history that both teams were ranked in the NFCA poll when they meet on the field. State won the series with a walk-off homer in Game 1 and a shutout in Game 2.
- » MSU won the 2024 series by taking the first two games, including a no-hitter in the clinching matchup.
- » The Bulldogs outscored the Rebels, 22-11, in the 2022 series, and capped the three-game set with a shutout in the finale.

#STATETOTHESHOW

- » **Sierra Sacco** and Raelin Chaffin both received Golden Tickets into the 2025 AUSL College Draft. MSU was one of two teams nationally with multiple draftees.
- » They were teammates together on the Talons, winning the inaugural AUSL Championship. This season, Sacco was taken in the Expansion Draft by the Portland Cascade, and Bulldog legend Mia Davidson was chosen by the same franchise in the Allocation Draft as a free agent.
- » MSU now boasts 28 professional players in its history. Of those, 16 were coached by Ricketts for at least one season at MSU.
- » Nine Bulldogs have gone on to pro careers in the six years since she was named the program's head coach, and at least one player has signed a professional contract in each of the last five seasons.

AWARDS AND HONORS

D1SOFTBALL POSITION RANKINGS

Nadia Barbary - Third Base
(No. 9 - Pre)

SOFTBALL AMERICA POSITION RANKINGS

Nadia Barbary - Third Base
(No. 9 - Pre)

D1SOFTBALL PRESEASON D100

Peja Goold (No. 98)

SOFTBALL AMERICA PRESEASON TOP 100

Peja Goold (No. 91)

D1SOFTBALL D100 FRESHMEN TO WATCH

Kinley Keller

SOFTBALL AMERICA FRESHMAN WATCH LIST

Kinley Keller
Brinkley Moreton
Gabby Schaeffer

TEAM USA MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

Zac Shaw (assistant coach)

TEAM USA WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

Sierra Sacco (student coach)

#STATETOTHELEAGUE

- » 28 Mississippi State student-athletes have gone on to play professionally. Of those, 15 have been selected in a professional draft.
- » Samantha Ricketts has coached 16 pros and nine draftees while at MSU.
- » Three former Bulldogs will be active in the professional ranks in the summer of 2026:
 - Mia Davidson - Portland Cascade
 - Sierra Sacco - Portland Cascade
 - Chloe Malau'u - Olmecas de Tabasco (Liga Mexicana de Softbol)

NCAA ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS (TOP 50)

NADIA BARBARY	VALUE	RANK
Doubles	37	20
ANNA CARDER	VALUE	RANK
Walks	70	47
PEJA GOOLD	VALUE	RANK
Appearances	98	24
Games Started (Pitching)	59	43
Innings Pitched	434.0	15
Earned Run Avg.	2.23	26
Strikeouts	475	13
Strikeouts / 7 Inn.	7.66	11
Wins	48	15
KIARRA SELLS	VALUE	RANK
Hit-by-Pitches	23	31

DAWG TALK - PROGRAM STORYLINES

STARKVILLE SAMOANS



- » With head coach **Samantha Ricketts** set to serve as the head coach of the American Samoa Women's National Team, additional light has been shed on State's lineage of players with Samoan heritage.
- » The Bulldogs have seen at least one Samoan on the roster in every season of the past decade, and have boasted multiple players with Samoan heritage every year since 2019 with as many as four such players at the same time in 2023.
- » MSU's first Samoan player was **Sarai Niu** (2016-19), who was joined by **Chloe Malau'u** (2019-23) and **Fa Leilua** (2019-21) in her senior year. **Matalasi Faapito** (2022-24), **Leilani Pulemu** (2022-24), **Kiara Sells** (2023-pr.) and **Kalani Sells** (2025-pr.) have all followed.
- » Ricketts herself traces her heritage to the island through her mother Carol, from the village of Leone.
- » The Bulldogs began holding Samoan Heritage Day at the ballpark as early as 2019, and this year it will be celebrated on **April 26** against LSU.

NATIONAL TEAM NOTES



- » MSU has been well-represented on national teams recently.
- » Student coach and former MSU All-American **Sierra Sacco** (2024-25), played with the U.S. Women's National Team at the 2026 Team USA Down Under series in Brisbane, Australia, hitting two homers in four games.
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- » Former Bulldog **Mia Davidson** (2018-22) won a silver medal at the 2024 WBSC Women's World Cup Final. Davidson also played with the U.S. Women's National Team at the 2022 Pan American Championships (Guatemala), 2023 WBSC World Cup Group Stage (Ireland) and 2023 Pan American Games (Chile).
- » MSU alum **Iybia McMichael** (2001-04) is currently serving as an assistant coach on the U.S. U-15 Girls' National Team where she guided the team to the 2023 Utsugi Cup championship and a gold medal at the 2023 WBSC Americas Qualifier. In her playing days, McMichael won the 2003 Canada Cup with Team USA.

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PLANTING THE FLAG



- » The Bulldogs wear the flags of their home states on the back of their batting helmets, a tribute started in 2025.
- » **Samantha Ricketts** has expanded the Bulldogs' recruiting reach in recent years. She is responsible for recruiting the first softball student-athletes in MSU history from the states of Arkansas, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and West Virginia.
- » **Brinkley Moreton** (Arkansas), **Taylor Troutman** (Kentucky), **Gabby Schaeffer** (New York) and **Gretta Grassel** (Wisconsin) are all just the second players in school history from their states.

PLANNED PROMOS



- » State's Salute to Service game on **March 13** means a little bit more to **Nadia Barbary**, whose parents both served in the Air Force. She was born on Lackland Air Force Base. **Leila Ammon**'s father is in the Marine Corps.
- » Mississippi State will hold its fifth annual First Responder Home Run Derby between the Starkville Fire and Starkville Police Departments on **March 15** following the Bulldogs' series finale with Tennessee. The firefighters have won all four prior years.
- » A number of players have first responders in their families including **Morgan Stiles** and **Delainey Everett**.
- » Everett's father passed away suddenly and unexpectedly two weeks before the start of the 2025 season. His badge number is embroidered on Everett's pitching towel.
- » The Bulldogs' Think Pink game is set for **April 10** against Arkansas.
- » State's annual Bark in the Park game is scheduled for **April 12** against Arkansas. Traditionally, each player's headshot on the video-board is replaced with their own submitted photos of their pets.
- » The final home weekend against LSU on **April 24-26** is packed with promos honoring State's senior class. On-field graduation ceremonies are scheduled for Friday night with Senior Day on Saturday. Samoan Heritage Day wraps up the home slate at Nusz Park, recognizing senior **Kiara Sells** and her sister, sophomore **Kalani Sells**.

ALL FOR ALEX



- » **Alex Wilcox** was a member of the Bulldogs' 2018 team who inspired the nation with her courageous fight against ovarian cancer. That fight ultimately took her life that summer at the age of 18.
- » MSU immortalized Wilcox by retiring her No. 8 jersey on Sept. 15, 2018, making Wilcox the first female student-athlete in MSU history to have her jersey retired.
- » State's annual February Freezer tournament was rebranded in 2019 as **The Snowman: Alex Wilcox Memorial**.
- » The **All For Alex** campaign was started in 2021 as a joint effort of LSU head coach **Beth Torina** and MSU head coach **Samantha Ricketts**.
- » All 15 SEC schools unite to wear teal or teal accents for one day each year to recognize her impact on the softball community and raise awareness of the disease. All For Alex Weekend is **April 11, 2026**.

ALL ABOUT ATHLETE ENGINEERING



- » In the summer of 2024, former Bulldog pitcher **Hosanna Lindblade** and student manager **Rachel Barber** interned with the athlete engineering institute on Mississippi State's campus and developed a hitting platform that integrates force plates to capture data in real-time while a batter is working on their swing in the cages.
- » Designed, developed and constructed by Lindblade, Barber and their supervisors across campus, the product was delivered in January 2025 and is being used in the Bulldogs' practices and workouts.
- » Engineered to the exact measurements of the batter's box and home plate, the platform was made out of honeycomb core filler used in rockets covered by aircraft skin, making it incredibly durable yet light enough that one person can move the three pieces by themselves.
- » MSU's athlete engineering institute is a first-of-its-kind collaboration between campus researchers and athletic department staff and coaches. The multidisciplinary department brings together engineers, kinesiology researchers, strength and conditioning coaches, athletic trainers and nutritionists to create groundbreaking research methods and wearable technology.
- » Lindblade stepped away from softball following her sophomore year to pursue her career goals and serve more actively in her church community, while Barber graduated in May 2025.
- » More on the project from HailState.com » **MSU Athlete, Manager Design And Develop Innovative Force Plate Platform**

RECRUITING ON THE RISE

- » **Samantha Ricketts** has signed four top-20 recruiting classes since the fall of 2021, and three top-10 classes (No. 4 in 2017, No. 7 in 2019, No. 10 in 2023) at MSU dating back to her time as a primary recruiter while she was still an assistant for State.
- » Additionally, under Ricketts, State has signed the first Bulldog in program history from six new states.

DAWG DIAGNOSES

- » **Kiara Sells** now plays with hearing aids after beginning her collegiate career without them. She hopes to be an advocate for athletes with hearing loss and break the stigma around hearing aids in sports.

BULLDOG BITES: OFF THE FIELD PROFILES**LEILA AMMON** **WALKUP SONG:** Layla (Derek and the Dominos)

Father is a 20-year veteran in the Marine Corps ... has lived in five different states ... broke her high school's strikeout record ... has same tattoo on her wrist as both parents ... loves to bake sourdough ... enjoys spending time on the beach at sunset ... majoring in communication and media studies

NADIA BARBARY **WALKUP SONG:** Lifestyle (Rich Gang, Young Thug and Rich Homie Quan)

Earliest commit in MSU's 2022 class ... Spades is her card game of choice ... superstitiously must step on third base at the end of every inning before returning to the dugout ... earned her pink glove after winning SEC All-Defensive Team honors at third base ... born at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas ... both parents served in the Air Force ... also competed in gymnastics as a child ... majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

MORGAN BERNARDINI **WALKUP SONG:** God I'm Just Grateful (Elevation Worship)

High school team never had more than 13 players ... wants to be a pre-k teacher ... has "Be Still" tattooed on her wrist to help her stay calm in games ... owns a black lab/Chesapeake Bay retriever mix ... graduated from a high school with 120 total students in a class of 21 ... majoring in human development and family science.

ANNA CARDER **WALKUP SONG:** Tusk (Fleetwood Mac)

Goes thrift shopping for the majority of her clothes ... handmakes home decor ... loves swimming ... team describes her backup career as a stand-up comedian ... high school teammates with Morgan Stiles ... played against MSU in Starkville at The Snowman in 2025 while at Southern Illinois ... majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

SYDNEY CARROLL **WALKUP SONG:** TGIF (GloRilla)

Mother played softball at Troy alongside her identical twin, Adria Montgomery-Klein, from 1994-96, leading the Trojans to their first conference title and NCAA regional ... mother remains fifth in Trojan history with 13 career triples ... favorite food is pasta ... has a golden retriever named Rosie ... majoring in animal and dairy sciences.

PAIGE ERNSTES **WALKUP SONG:** Loud & Heavy (Cody Jinks)

Third player in program history from the state of Indiana ... grew up with fellow Bulldog Sara Phillips ... favorite food is chicken ... family has a retired police K-9 officer for a pet ... grandfather, Jan Ernstes, played football at the University of Indianapolis ... majoring in kinesiology.

DELAINY EVERETT **WALKUP SONG:** Danger Zone (Kenny Loggins)

Wears No. 48 as a nod to her uncle, Josh Parry, who played football at San Jose State before playing three NFL seasons ... has two dogs, Goose and Maverick, named after Top Gun ... has three younger sisters ... loves boating and family time ... father passed away two weeks prior to the 2025 season, and now wears his California Highway Patrol badge number on her pitching towel and facemask ... majoring in kinesiology.

ALYSSA FAIRCLOTH **WALKUP SONG:** Circus (Britney Spears)

Aunt, Lauren Rosengrant Bickerstaff, played softball at Georgia Gwinnett College ... rescues kittens off the street and keeps them as pets ... favorite food is Conecuh sausage ... enjoys hunting ... foot is too large for women's sizes in shoes ... majoring in kinesiology.

PEJA GOOLD **WALKUP SONG:** Immigrant Song (Led Zeppelin)

Pitched for Colombia at the 2025 Pan American Championships ... played volleyball in high school ... father played volleyball in college ... named after Peja Stojakovic, who played for the Sacramento Kings in the NBA, and has met him twice ... enjoys bass fishing, reading and going to country music concerts ... majoring in marketing.

GRETTA GRASSEL **WALKUP SONG:** Could You Be Loved (Bob Marley)

Second-ever player in program history from the state of Wisconsin and first since 2012 ... only female athlete from her high school to play a Division I sport ... favorite food is anything with cheese in it ... used to be a pitcher during her high school career ... father played minor league hockey for the Madison Monsters and collegiately at Minnesota State-Mankato ... has never had a pet in her life ... majoring in marketing.

KINLEY KELLER **WALKUP SONG:** The Sweet Escape (Gwen Stefani)

Aunt, Kristin Pinter, played softball at Minot State ... cousin, Jaron Pinter, played baseball at Dickinson State ... likes to play pickleball ... favorite artist is Toby Keith ... majoring in kinesiology.

BRINKLEY MORETON **WALKUP SONG:** Lights Come On (Jason Aldean)

Second player in program history from the state of Arkansas ... father played baseball at Arkansas Tech ... family owns a cattle farm that she grew up working on ... good painter ... majoring in biological sciences with a pre-dental concentration.

SARA PHILLIPS **WALKUP SONG:** Fancy (Reba McEntire)

Family owns a farm with 30 head of cattle ... likes to deer hunt and cook ... father played baseball and basketball at Southern Union Community College ... mother was a professional horse trainer and barrel racer ... three of five siblings played college sports ... uncles played basketball at Jacksonville State and Alabama ... wants to be a body builder after college ... majoring in food science, nutrition and health promotion.

ABBY GRACE RICHARDSON **WALKUP SONG:** Man! I Feel Like a Woman (Shania Twain)

Hates bread ... is double-jointed ... has a dog named Chloe ... won a NJCAA National Championship ... was a CSC First Team Academic All-American while in junior college ... mother played softball at Copiah-Lincoln CC ... has a brother, Hunter, who also played baseball at Copiah-Lincoln CC and Jones College ... majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

DES RIVERA **WALKUP SONG:** EoO (Bad Bunny)

Played in the 2022 Women's College World Series while at Oregon State, collecting hits in both games ... has two sisters and a brother ... enjoys cooking and making lattes ... loves to watch Marvel movies ... wants to be an occupational therapist ... majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

XIANE ROMERO **WALKUP SONG:** Game Winner (BossMan Dlow)

Is the middle child of five ... does lashes for some of her teammates ... was involved in gymnastics and tumbling until she was 12 and can do an aerial ... enjoys watching sunsets and stargazing ... favorite food is steak and seafood ... wants to be an ultrasound technician when she graduates ... major is undeclared.

GABBY SCHAEFFER **WALKUP SONG:** Keep Their Heads Ringing (Dr. Dre)

Second player in program history from the state of New York ... loves late night walks and stargazing ... favorite food is penna alla vodka ... likes to bingewatch Netflix ... majoring in business economics.

KALANI SELLS **WALKUP SONG:** Do My Thing (Common Kings and Royal Blu)

Loves to go running ... was in the high school choir for three years ... is the middle child of five whose names all start with K ... along with older sister, Kiarra, is part of ninth pair of sisters in MSU history ... brother, Kaleb, plays football at New Mexico Highlands ... continued MSU's run of 11 straight seasons with a player with Samoan heritage and would be eligible for the American Samoa national team ... majoring in psychology.

KIARRA SELLS **WALKUP SONG:** Otonoke (Creepy Nuts)

Along with younger sister, Kalani, is part of ninth pair of sisters in MSU history ... one of five children whose names all start with K ... brother, Kaleb, plays football at New Mexico Highlands ... wears hearing aids and hopes to break stigma around them for athletes ... favorite food is pizza rolls ... eligible for the American Samoa national team ... majoring in psychology.

TATUM SILVA **WALKUP SONG:** One More Chance / Stay With Me (Remix) (The Notorious B.I.G.)

Has a brother that's six and a half years older than her that she considers her best friend ... favorite food is sushi ... wanted to play middle infield but she was left handed ... loves to dance ... wants to become an ultrasound technician or a coach ... majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

CARSON SMITH **WALKUP SONG:** God I'm Just Grateful (Elevation Worship)

Her and her sister's names both start with C ... enjoys walking her dog, Beau ... favorite food is steak and potatoes ... volunteers coaching and on mission trips ... majoring in kinesiology.

ABIGAIL STEVENS **WALKUP SONG:** Bandit (Don Toliver)

Father played baseball at MSU under legendary coach Ron Polk and uncle played football at State ... was high school valedictorian ... grew up on a cattle farm ... also played basketball and once scored 39 points in a basketball game ... father nicknamed her "Gina" in tee ball when he would yell at her to pay attention but didn't want others to know who he was talking to ... majoring in microbiology with a pre-med concentration.

MORGAN STILES **WALKUP SONG:** Unstoppable God (Elevation Worship)

Loves to read and ride bikes ... played soccer until she got to high school and played volleyball for two years in high school ... has two dogs and a cat ... mother played softball and basketball at North Alabama ... cousin, Jacob McNairy, played baseball at Alabama and was drafted in 2022 by the Seattle Mariners ... majoring in biological sciences with a pre-dental concentration.

ALLY SUPAN **WALKUP SONG:** I Got 5 On It (Luniz)

Can juggle ... played flag football in high school and won the school's first state championship in any sport in 2023 ... also won the following year and climbed to a No. 1 national ranking ... plays pickleball almost every day ... knows sign language ... loves to cook ... wants to write a book one day ... great grandfather, George Socha, played minor league baseball in the Cleveland Guardians organization ... majoring in kinesiology.

TAYLOR TROUTMAN **WALKUP SONG:** Just That Good (Cross Point Music)

Second-ever player in program history from Kentucky ... wears No. 41 in honor of her father's badge number ... father played baseball and mother ran cross country at Oakland City University ... father coached her high school team ... sister, Jordan, played volleyball at Southern Indiana ... can juggle ... had never had coffee, tea or caffeine before college ... loves to read ... majoring in elementary education.

MSU RECORD WHEN

	OVERALL	SEC
BY GAME		
Day games (Before 5 p.m.)	3-0	0-0
Night games (After 5 p.m.)	1-0	0-0
In Extra Innings	1-0	0-0
vs. Ranked opponents	0-0	0-0
vs. Top-10 opponents	0-0	0-0
BY OPPPOSING PITCHER		
vs. Left-handed Starter	0-0	0-0
vs. Right-handed Starter	4-0	0-0
BY MSU PITCHER		
Starter receives decision	3-0	0-0
Reliever receives decision	1-0	0-0
Starter goes 5.0+ inn.	2-0	0-0
Starter goes less than 5.0 inn.	2-0	0-0
BY SCORING / MARGIN		
Scoring first	3-0	0-0
Trailing first	1-0	0-0
In one-run games	0-0	0-0
In two-run games	0-0	0-0
Scoring 0-2 runs	0-0	0-0
Scoring 3-5 runs	1-0	0-0
Scoring 6-9 runs	2-0	0-0
Scoring 10+ runs	1-0	0-0
Allowing 0-2 runs	3-0	0-0
Allowing 3-5 runs	1-0	0-0
Allowing 6-9 runs	0-0	0-0
Allowing 10+ runs	0-0	0-0
BY THE STATS		
Collecting 0-3 hits	0-0	0-0
Collecting 4-6 hits	0-0	0-0
Collecting 7-9 hits	3-0	0-0
Collecting 10+ hits	1-0	0-0
Out-hit opponent	4-0	0-0
Out-hit by opponent	0-0	0-0
Hits are equal	0-0	0-0
Without hitting a home run	0-0	0-0
Hitting a home run	4-0	0-0
Opponent doesn't hit a home run	4-0	0-0
Opponent hits a home run	0-0	0-0
Errorless	3-0	0-0
Committing one error	1-0	0-0
Committing 2+ errors	0-0	0-0
Opponent is errorless	2-0	0-0
BY SCHEDULE		
February	4-0	0-0
March	0-0	0-0
April	0-0	0-0
May	0-0	0-0
Sunday	0-0	0-0
Monday	0-0	0-0
Tuesday	0-0	0-0
Wednesday	0-0	0-0
Thursday	1-0	0-0
Friday	2-0	0-0
Saturday	1-0	0-0
Game 1 of Season Series	4-0	0-0
Game 2 of Season Series	0-0	0-0
Game 3 of Season Series	0-0	0-0

BY CONFERENCE		
SEC	0-0	
Arkansas	0-0	
Florida	0-0	
Georgia	0-0	
LSU	0-0	
Ole Miss	0-0	
South Carolina	0-0	
Tennessee	0-0	
Texas A&M	0-0	
ACC	0-0	
Clemson	0-0	
Georgia Tech	0-0	
AMERICAN	1-0	
Memphis	0-0	
North Texas	0-0	
UAB	0-0	
Wichita State	1-0	
BIG 12	1-0	
Baylor	1-0	
BIG TEN	0-0	
Rutgers	0-0	
MEAC	0-0	
Delaware State	0-0	
MISSOURI VALLEY	0-0	
Belmont	0-0	
Murray State	0-0	
MOUNTAIN WEST	1-0	
New Mexico	1-0	
OHIO VALLEY	0-0	
Southeast Missouri	0-0	
UT Martin	0-0	
SOUTHERN	0-0	
Samford	0-0	
Wofford	0-0	
SOUTHLAND	1-0	
Northwestern State	1-0	
SUN BELT	0-0	
Georgia Southern	0-0	
South Alabama	0-0	
Southern Miss	0-0	

LEADING AFTER						
INNING	1	2	3	4	5	6
W-L	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	2-0	2-0

TRAILING AFTER						
INNING	1	2	3	4	5	6
W-L	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0

TIED AFTER						
INNING	1	2	3	4	5	6
W-L	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0

COME FROM BEHIND WINS						
DATE	OPPONENT	DEFICIT	FINAL			
Feb. 6	vs. Wichita State	0-1 (Top 5)	W, 5-2 (8)			

LAST AT-BAT WINS						
DATE	OPPONENT	DEFICIT	FINAL			
-- None --						

WALK-OFF WINS						
DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	FINAL			
-- None --						

SCORE BY INNINGS									
INNING	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	EXT	TOT
MSU	9	4	10	2	1	2	0	4	32
OPP	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	1	6

MISC. HITTING STATS

MULTI-HIT GAMES				
PLAYER	2	3	4	5+ TOTAL
Nadia Barbary	2	--	--	2
Morgan Stiles	1	1	--	2
Abby Grace Richardson	1	--	--	1
Kiarra Sells	--	1	--	1
Taylor Troutman	1	--	--	1
TOTAL	5	2	--	7

MULTI-RBI GAMES

PLAYER	2	3	4	5+ TOTAL
Nadia Barbary	1	--	1	-- 2
Morgan Bernardini	1	--	--	1
Anna Carder	1	--	--	1
Abby Grace Richardson	1	--	--	1
Kiarra Sells	1	--	--	1
Morgan Stiles	--	1	--	1
Taylor Troutman	--	1	--	1
TOTAL	5	2	1	-- 8

HITTING STREAKS*

PLAYER	CURRENT	2026	CAREER
Nadia Barbary	8*	8*	9
Morgan Stiles	8*	8*	8*
Taylor Troutman	3	3	3
Paige Ernsts	2	2	2
Kiarra Sells	1	5*	11
Morgan Bernardini	1	1	7
Tatum Silva\$	--	--	11\$
Des Rivera\$	--	--	8\$
Anna Carder\$	--	3	12\$
Xiane Romero	--	2	2
Abby Grace Richardson	--	2	2

ON-BASE STREAKS*

PLAYER	CURRENT	2026	CAREER
Morgan Stiles	8*	8*	15
Nadia Barbary	8*	8*	12
Anna Carder\$	4	4	16\$
Abby Grace Richardson	4	4	4
Taylor Troutman	4	4	4
Paige Ernsts	2	2	3
Kiarra Sells	1	5*	16
Morgan Bernardini	1	1	17
Kinley Keller	1	1	1
Gabby Schaeffer	1	1	1
Xiane Romero	--	4*	4*
Des Rivera\$	--	--	16*\$
Tatum Silva\$	--	--	12\$
Gretta Grassel	--	--	1
Kalani Sells	--	--	1

\$ includes transfer stats | * streak carried over from prior season

HOME RUN LOG

NO.	PLAYER	OPPONENT	DATE	RUNS	INNING	OUTS	COUNT	SCORE	FINAL	ANGLE	VELO.	DIST.
1	N. Barbary	at Baylor	Feb. 5	2	1	0	1-1	0-0	10-0 (5)	32	72	237
2	A. Richardson	at Baylor	Feb. 5	1	2	0	2-1	2-0	10-0 (5)	39	72	225
3	M. Stiles	at Baylor	Feb. 5	3	3	2	1-2	5-0	10-0 (5)	35	69	222
4	Ki. Sells	at Baylor	Feb. 5	2	3	2	2-1	8-0	10-0 (5)	--	--	--
5	T. Troutman	vs. Northwestern State	Feb. 6	1	2	0	0-1	3-0	9-3	38	69	220
6	X. Romero	vs. Northwestern State	Feb. 6	1	2	0	0-0	4-0	9-3	32	70	229
7	T. Troutman	vs. Northwestern State	Feb. 6	2	3	1	2-2	6-0	9-3	--	--	--
8	N. Barbary	vs. Wichita State	Feb. 6	3	8	1	1-0	2-1	5-2	73	40	233
9	M. Stiles	vs. New Mexico	Feb. 7	1	1	0	1-1	0-0	8-1	--	--	--

*Launch angle, exit velocity and estimated distance available only for games in Musz Park and select stadiums.

HOME RUN BREAKDOWN

TOTAL	9	SEASON	SOLO	2R	3R	GS	TOTAL	CAREER	SOLO	2R	3R	GS	TOTAL
Home	--	Nadia Barbary	--	1	1	--	2	Nadia Barbary	8	7	4	2	21
Road	4	Morgan Stiles	1	--	1	--	2	Anna Carder*	3	8	1	2	14
Neutral	5	Taylor Troutman	1	1	--	--	2	Kiarra Sells	5	4	2	1	12
vs. LHP	0	Abby Grace Richardson	1	--	--	--	1	Morgan Stiles	5	2	2	--	9
vs. RHP	9	Xiane Romero	1	--	--	--	1	Morgan Bernardini	2	--	2	--	4
With 0 Outs	4	Kiarra Sells	--	1	--	--	1	Des Rivera*	1	1	1	--	3
With 1 Out	2							Paige Ernsts	1	--	1	--	2
With 2 Outs	3							Taylor Troutman	1	1	--	--	1
Solo	4							Abby Grace Richardson	1	--	--	--	1
Two-Run	3							Xiane Romero	1	--	--	--	1
Three-Run	2							Tatum Silva*	1	--	--	--	1
Grand Slam	0												
Back-to-Back	1												
Pinch-Hit	0												
Walk-Off	0												
Consecutive Games with HR (Season Long)	4 (4)												
Consecutive Games without HR (Season Long)	-- (-)												

*includes transfer stats

SPECIALTY STATS

OFFENSE BREAKDOWN

MONTH

	GP	Avg	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OBP	SB	ATT
February	4	.318	110	32	35	5	0	9	29	67	.609	18	2	17	1	.417	4	4
March	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
April	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
May	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	

LOCATION

	GP	Avg	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OBP	SB	ATT
Home	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Away	1	.462	26	10	12	1	0	4	10	25	.962	5	1	3	1	.563	0	0
Neutral	3	.274	84	22	23	4	0	5	19	42	.500	13	1	14	0	.370	4	4

SERIES

	GP	Avg	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OBP	SB	ATT
Getterman Classic	4	.318	110	32	35	5	0	9	29	67	.609	18	2	17	1	.417	4	4
The Snowman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Bulldog Invitational	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Tiger Invitational	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Jaguar Invitational	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Tennessee	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
at Georgia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
South Carolina	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
at Florida	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Arkansas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
at Texas A&M	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
LSU	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
at Ole Miss	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
SEC Tournament	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	

ACTIVE HITTING STREAKS (MIN. 3 GAMES)

	GM	Avg	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OBP	SB	ATT
Morgan Stiles	8	.556	27	8	15	0	0	2	7	21	.778	3	0	4	0	.600	0	0
Nadia Barbary	8	.367	30	12	11	4	0	3	9	24	.800	2	0	4	0	.406	0	0
Taylor Troutman	3	.444	9	3	4	0	0	2	3	10	1.111	3	0	1	0	.583	0	0

ACTIVE ON-BASE STREAKS (MIN. 7 GAMES)

	GM	Avg	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OBP	SB	ATT
Morgan Stiles	8	.556	27	8	15	0	0	2	7	21	.778	3	0	4	0	.600	0	0
Nadia Barbary	8	.367	30	12	11	4	0	3	9	24	.800	2	0	4	0	.406	0	0

PITCHING BREAKDOWN

MONTH

	GP	ERA	W-L	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	B/Avg	WP	HP
February	4	1.30	4-0	2	1	0	27.0	11	6	5	11	32	0	0	0	.126	3	3
March	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
April	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
May	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	

LOCATION

	GP	ERA	W-L	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	B/Avg	WP	HP
Home	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Away	1	0.00	1-0	1	1	0	5.0	1	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	.063	0	0
Neutral	3	1.59	3-0	1	0	0	22.0	10	6	5	8	27	0	0	0	.141	3	3

SERIES

	GP	ERA	W-L	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	B/Avg	WP	HP
Getterman Classic	4	1.30	4-0	2	1	0	27.0	11	6	5	11	32	0	0	0	.126	3	3
The Snowman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Bulldog Invitational	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Tiger Invitational	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Jaguar Invitational	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Tennessee	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
at Georgia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
South Carolina	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
at Florida	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Arkansas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
at Texas A&M	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
LSU	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
at Ole Miss	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
SEC Tournament	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	

PINCH HITTING

2026	Avg	AB	H	FP*	XBH	RBI
TEAM	.250	4	1	1	0	0
Anna Carder	1.000	1	1	0	0	0
Taylor Troutman	--	0	0	1	0	0
Gabby Schaeffer	.000	1	0	0	0	0
Abigail Stevens	.000	2	0	0	0	0
CAREER	Avg	AB	H	FP*	XBH	RBI
Peja Goold [§]	.246	317	78	77	26	62
Xiane Romero	1.000	1	1	3	0	1
Anna Carder	1.000	1	1	0	0	0
Paige Ernests	.321	28	9	8	5	8
Abby Grace Richardson	.167	6	1	1	0	0
Morgan Bernardini	.167	6	1	2	0	0
Taylor Troutman	--	0	0	1	0	0
Nadia Barbary	.000	2	0	0	0	0
Gretta Grassel	.000	1	0	1	0	0
Kalani Sells	.000	1	0	0	0	0
Kiara Sells	.000	5	0	4	0	0
Morgan Stiles	.000	2	0	0	0	0
Leila Ammon [§]	.000	2	0	0	0	0
Delainey Everett	.000	0	0	0	0	0
Brinkley Moreton	.000	0	0	0	0	0
Sara Phillips	.000	0	0	0	0	0
Abigail Stevens	.000	0	0	0	0	0
STREAKS	ACTIVE	2026	CAREER			
Brinkley Moreton	2.0	2.0	2.0			
Alyssa Faircloth [§]	1.1	5.2	13.1			
Delainey Everett	1.1*	1.1*	15.0			
Sara Phillips	0.1*	0.1*	7.0			
Peja Goold [§]	--	10.2**	24.0			
Leila Ammon [§]	--	7.1**	11.1			
Abigail Stevens	--	--	--			

* includes 2025 stats | § includes transfer stats

INHERITED RUNNERS

2026	PCT.	IR	RS
TEAM	100.0	1	1
Peja Goold	100.0	1	

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STANDINGS

	CONF	PCT.	GB	ALL	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL	VS. USA T25
LSU	0-0	.000	---	6-0	1.000	6-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Alabama	0-0	.000	---	5-0	1.000	0-0	2-0	3-0	0-0
Florida	0-0	.000	---	5-0	1.000	0-0	1-0	4-0	0-0
Tennessee	0-0	.000	---	5-0	1.000	0-0	0-0	5-0	2-0
Mississippi State	0-0	.000	---	4-0	1.000	0-0	1-0	3-0	0-0
Arkansas	0-0	.000	---	4-1	.800	0-0	1-0	3-1	0-0
Georgia	0-0	.000	---	4-1	.800	4-1	0-0	0-0	0-0
Kentucky	0-0	.000	---	4-1	.800	0-0	0-1	4-0	0-0
Texas	0-0	.000	---	4-1	.800	0-0	1-0	3-1	3-1
Texas A&M	0-0	.000	---	4-1	.800	4-1	0-0	0-0	0-1
Oklahoma	0-0	.000	---	3-1	.750	0-0	3-1	0-0	2-1
Auburn	0-0	.000	---	4-2	.667	0-0	0-1	4-1	1-0
Ole Miss	0-0	.000	---	3-2	.600	0-0	1-1	2-1	0-0
South Carolina	0-0	.000	---	3-2	.600	3-2	0-0	0-0	0-2
Missouri	0-0	.000	---	2-3	.400	0-0	0-0	2-3	1-1

AROUND THE LEAGUE (ALL TIMES CT)

#15/16 Alabama:	2/13-15 hosting Easton Bama Bash Purdue, #21/23 Liberty, Georgia Southern
#9/8 Arkansas:	2/13-15 at States Up! Invitational (San Marcos, Texas) Wichita State, #13/12 Clemson, BYU, Texas State
Auburn:	2/12-15 hosting War Eagle Classic Illinois, Bradley, Campbell, Binghamton
#6/6 Florida:	2/10 at Jacksonville
#20/15 Georgia:	2/12-14 at Clearwater Invitational (Clearwater, Fla.) #24/20 Oklahoma State, NC State, #10/9 Nebraska, Northwestern, #23/19 Duke, UCF
Kentucky:	2/10 at UC Santa Barbara
#16/13 LSU:	2/12-2/14 at Clearwater Invitational (Clearwater, Fla.) #10/9 Nebraska, #24/20 Oklahoma State, #23/19 Duke, UCF, #7/10 UCLA
Missouri:	2/11 at UCF
#3/3 Oklahoma:	2/13-14 at New Mexico Tournament (Las Cruces, N.M.) Montana, New Mexico State, Idaho State, Minnesota; 2/15 at UTEP
#14/22 Ole Miss:	2/12-14 at Ragin' Cajuns Invitational (Lafayette, La.) McNeese, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Louisiana
#12/14 South Carolina:	2/13-14 hosting Carolina Classic (Columbia, S.C.) Louisville, Boston University, Kennesaw State
#4/4 Tennessee:	2/13-15 at Clearwater Invitational (Clearwater, Fla.) #10/9 Nebraska, JMU, FAU, #7/10 UCLA, #8/7 Florida State
#1/1 Texas:	2/12-15 hosting Bevo Classic (Austin, Texas) Abilene Christian, Ohio State, Syracuse, Northern Illinois
#11/11 Texas A&M:	2/13-15 at Clearwater Invitational (Clearwater, Fla.) #24/20 Oklahoma State, #23/19 Duke, NC State, JMU, Northwestern

MSU AROUND THE NATION (FINAL 2025)

TEAM STAT RANKINGS (TOP 50)	VALUE	RANK	INDIVIDUAL STAT RANKINGS (TOP 50)	VALUE	RANK
Earned Run Average	1.30	11	ANNA CARDER	VALUE	RANK
Fielding Pct.	.991	17	Sacrifice Flies	1	29
Home Runs	9	14	NADIA BARBARY	VALUE	RANK
Home Runs / Game	2.25	10	Home Runs / Game	0.50	39
Runs Batted In / Game	7.25	36	PAIGE ERNSTES	VALUE	RANK
Scoring	8.00	36	Toughest to Strikeout	0.0	1
Shutouts	1	16	ALYSSA FAIRCLOTH	VALUE	RANK
Slugging Pct.	.609	31	Strikouts / 7 inn.	13.4	8
Strikeout-Walk Ratio	2.91	33	Victories	2	12
Strikeouts / 7 Inn.	8.30	17	Strikeouts	21	15
Sac. Flies	2	48	Complete Games	1	49
WHIP	0.81	7	Games Started	2	49
Winning Pct.	1.000	1	Strikout - Walk Ratio	10.50	50
			PEJA GOOLD	VALUE	RANK
			Earned Run Average	0.00	1
			Shutouts	1	11
			Hits Allowed / 7 inn.	2.10	12
			Victories	2	12
			WHIP	0.70	41
			Complete Games	1	49
			DES RIVERA	VALUE	RANK
			Sacrifice Flies	1	29
			Sacrifice Bunts / Game	0.33	44
			XIANE ROMERO	VALUE	RANK
			Sacrifice Bunts / Game	0.33	44
			MORGAN STILES	VALUE	RANK
			Home Runs / Game	0.50	39
			TAYLOR TROUTMAN	VALUE	RANK
			Home Runs / Game	0.50	39

TEAM STAT RANKINGS

CATEGORY	ALL GAMES	SEC GAMES
Batting Avg.	.318	11th
Slugging Pct.	.609	8th
On-Base Pct.	.417	13th
Hits	35	13th
Runs Scored	32	13th
Doubles	5	14th
Triples	--	--
Home Runs	9	4th
Total Bases	67	13th
At Bats	110	14th
Walks	18	12th
Stolen Bases	4	11th
Earned Run Avg.	1.30	6th
Opp. Batting Avg.	.126	3rd
Innings Pitched	27.0	14th
Strikeouts	32	11th
Strikeouts Looking	10	4th
Walks Allowed	11	9th
Hits Allowed	11	1st
Runs Allowed	6	4th
Fielding Pct.	.991	3rd

MSU IN THE FINAL POLLS

NFCA COACHES' POLL (PRESEASON)

TEAM	RECORD	PREV
1. Texas (21)	0-0	1
2. Texas Tech (10)	0-0	2
3. Oklahoma	0-0	3
4. Tennessee	0-0	4
5. Oregon	0-0	5
6. Florida	0-0	7
7. UCLA	0-0	6
8. Florida State	0-0	10
9. Arkansas	0-0	9
10. Nebraska	0-0	13
11. Texas A&M	0-0	14
12. South Carolina	0-0	12
13. Clemson	0-0	11
14. Ole Miss	0-0	8
15. Alabama	0-0	15
16. LSU	0-0	19
17. Arizona	0-0	16
18. Stanford	0-0	20
19. Virginia Tech	0-0	18
20. Georgia	0-0	22
21. Liberty	0-0	17
22. Mississippi State	0-0	21
23. Duke	0-0	23
24. Oklahoma State	0-0	25
25. Ohio State	0-0	24

RECEIVING VOTES: Virginia (24), Grand Canyon (23), Southeastern Louisiana (13), Florida Atlantic (7), Auburn (6), Michigan (6), Arizona State (1), North Florida (1).

DISOFTBALL.COM (PRESEASON)

TEAM	RECORD	PREV
1. Texas	56-12	1
2. Texas Tech	54-14	2
3. Oklahoma	52-9	3
4. Tennessee	47-17	4
5. Florida	48-17	7
6. Oregon	54-10	6
7. Florida State	49-12	12
8. Arkansas	44-14	11
9. Nebraska	43-15	10
10. UCLA	55-13	5
11. Texas A&M	48-11	14
12. LSU	42-16	22
13. South Carolina	44-17	13
14. Alabama	40-23	17
15. Clemson	48-14	9
16. Duke	41-18	18
17. Georgia	35-23	16
18. Stanford	42-13	20
19. Oklahoma State	35-20	23
20. Virginia Tech	43-13	21
21. Arizona	48-13	19
22. Washington	35-19	NR
23. Mississippi State	39-19	25
24. Ole Miss	42-21	8
25. Virginia	38-19	NR

MSU RANKING HISTORY

NFCA/USA Today

Highest: 15 (Week 3, 2008)
First Top 5: N/A
First Top 10: N/A
First Top 25: Week 3, 2000 (24)
Last Top 25: Final, 2025 (21)

USA Softball

Highest: 15 (3x, last, Wk 10, 2025)
First Top 5: N/A
First Top 10: N/A
First Top 25: Week 4, 2006 (24)
Last Top 25: Preseason, 2026 (24)

ESPN/USA SOFTBALL (PRESEASON)

TEAM	RECORD	PREV
T1. Texas (14)	56-12 1	1
T1. Texas Tech (11)	54-14	2
3. Oklahoma	52-9	3
4. Tennessee	47-14	4
5. Oregon	54-10	6
6. Florida	48-17	7
7. Florida State	49-12	9
8. Arkansas	44-14	13
9. Nebraska	43-15	12
10. UCLA	55-13	5
11. Texas A&M	48-11	15
12. Clemson	48-14	11
13. LSU	42-16	19
14. South Carolina	44-17	10
15. Georgia	35-23	17
16. Alabama	40-23	14
17. Stanford	42-13	22
18. Arizona	48-13	18
19. Duke	41-18	21
20. Oklahoma State	35-20	25
21. Virginia Tech	43-13	20
22. Ole Miss	42-21	8
23. Liberty	50-15	16
24. Mississippi State	39-19	23
25. Washington	35-19	—

RECEIVING VOTES: Arizona State (27), Virginia (25), Ohio State (23), Grand Canyon (22), Florida Atlantic (19), Auburn (16), UCF (7), BYU (2), Michigan (2), Missouri (1), Northwestern (1).

SOFTBALL AMERICA

TEAM	RECORD	PREV
1. Texas Tech	6-0	1
2. Tennessee	5-0	4
3. Texas	4-1	2
4. Oklahoma	3-1	3
5. Florida State	4-1	6
6. UCLA	3-1	8
7. Florida	5-0	10
8. Alabama	5-0	13
9. Arkansas	4-1	7
10. LSU	6-0	12
11. Texas A&M	4-1	14
12. Stanford	5-0	18
13. Nebraska	3-2	11
14. Oregon	2-3	5
15. Arizona	3-2	17
16. Virginia Tech	5-0	24
17. Clemson	3-2	9
18. Mississippi State	4-0	20
19. Georgia	4-1	15
20. South Carolina	3-2	16
21. Virginia	4-1	23
22. Duke	4-1	20
23. FAU	5-0	NR
24. Washington	2-3	22
25. Oklahoma State	3-2	18

MSU WEEK-BY-WEEK

	NFCA	USA	D1	SA	DSR	RPI	RECORD
Preseason	22	24	23	21	--	--	0-0
Week 1	--	--	--	18	--	--	4-0
Week 2							
Week 3							
Week 4							
Week 5							
Week 6							
Week 7							
Week 8							
Week 9							
Week 10							
Week 11							
Week 12							
Week 13							
Week 14							
Final							

VS. RANKED OPPONENTS

DATE	OPP.	NFCA RANK	RESULT
			RECORD: 0-0

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. RANKED OPPONENTS*

RANKING	RECORD	RANKING	RECORD
1	3-17	14	7-21
2	2-20	15	4-25
3	5-26	16	4-16
4	6-34	17	11-20
5	1-19	18	9-11
6	3-11	19	8-9
7	9-28	20	8-11
8	4-12	21	8-19
9	4-13	22	10-8
10	9-33	23	6-7
11	6-15	24	6-12
12	1-16	25	7-6
13	5-17	TOTAL	146-426

*The NFCA/USA Today Coaches' Poll is considered the poll of record by Mississippi State.

RESULTS



2026 Mississippi State Softball
Game Results for Mississippi State (as of Feb 07, 2026)
(All games)



Date	Opponent	Score	Inns	Overall	SEC	Pitcher of record	Attend	Time
1 Feb 05, 2026	at Baylor	w 10-0	5	1-0-0	0-0-0	P. Goold (W 1-0)	1224	1:45
1 Feb 06, 2026	vs Northwestern State	w 9-3	7	2-0-0	0-0-0	A. Faircloth (W 1-0)	240	2:21
1 Feb 06, 2026	vs Wichita State	w 5-2	(8)	3-0-0	0-0-0	P. Goold (W 2-0)	840	2:24
1 Feb 07, 2026	vs New Mexico	w 8-1	7	4-0-0	0-0-0	A. Faircloth (W 2-0)	274	2:10

1 = Getteman Classic (Waco, Texas)

* = Conference game

() extra inning game

WINNING PLAY LOG

DATE	GM	RECORD	OPPONENT	FINAL	BATTER	INNING	OUTS	SCORE AT TIME	PLAY	WINNING RUN
Feb. 5	1	1-0	at Baylor	W, 10-0 (5)	Barbary	1	0	0-0	Two-run home run to CF	Stiles
Feb. 6	2	2-0	vs. Northwestern State	W, 9-3	Troutman	2	0	3-0	Solo home run to right-center	Troutman
Feb. 6	3	3-0	vs. Wichita State	W, 5-2 (8)	Barbary	8	1	2-1	Three-run home run to LF	Romero
Feb. 7	4	4-0	vs. New Mexico	W, 8-1	Carder	1	1	1-0	Sacrifice fly to LF	Barbary
Feb. 10	5		SOUTHERN MISS							
Feb. 13	6		MURRAY STATE							
Feb. 13	7		RUTGERS							
Feb. 14	8		RUTGERS							
Feb. 14	9		NORTH TEXAS							
Feb. 15	10		NORTH TEXAS							
Feb. 18	11		MEMPHIS							
Feb. 20	12		BELMONT							
Feb. 20	13		SAMFORD							
Feb. 21	14		BELMONT							
Feb. 21	15		DELAWARE STATE							
Feb. 22	16		DELAWARE STATE							
Feb. 25	17		at Georgia Tech							
Feb. 27	18		vs. Wofford							
Feb. 28	19		vs. Georgia Southern							
Feb. 28	20		at Clemson							
Mar. 1	21		vs. TBD							
Mar. 4	22		at UAB							
Mar. 6	23		vs. New Mexico							
Mar. 6	24		at South Alabama							
Mar. 7	25		vs. New Mexico							
Mar. 7	26		vs. Samford							
Mar. 8	27		at South Alabama							
Mar. 10	28		SOUTHEAST MISSOURI							
Mar. 10	29		SOUTHEAST MISSOURI							
Mar. 13	30		TENNESSEE*							
Mar. 14	31		TENNESSEE*							
Mar. 15	32		TENNESSEE*							
Mar. 18	33		UAB							
Mar. 20	34		at Georgia*							
Mar. 21	35		at Georgia*							
Mar. 22	36		at Georgia*							
Mar. 25	37		UT MARTIN							
Mar. 28	38		SOUTH CAROLINA*							
Mar. 29	39		SOUTH CAROLINA*							
Mar. 30	40		SOUTH CAROLINA*							
Apr. 3	41		at Florida*							
Apr. 4	42		at Florida*							
Apr. 5	43		at Florida*							
Apr. 10	44		ARKANSAS*							
Apr. 11	45		ARKANSAS*							
Apr. 12	46		ARKANSAS*							
Apr. 17	47		at Texas A&M*							
Apr. 18	48		at Texas A&M*							
Apr. 19	49		at Texas A&M*							
Apr. 24	50		LSU*							
Apr. 25	51		LSU*							
Apr. 26	52		LSU*							
Apr. 30	53		at Ole Miss*							
May 1	54		at Ole Miss*							
May 2	55		at Ole Miss*							

GAME-WINNING RBI: Barbary (2), Carder (1), Troutman (1)

GAME-WINNING RUN: Barbary (1), Romero (1), Stiles (1), Troutman (1)

BOLD denotes walk-off winning play (run-rule games not included)

GAME-CHANGING PLAY LOG

*Data courtesy of 643 Charts

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	INNING	OUTS	BASES	WIN% PRIOR	WIN% AFTER	CHANGE	PLAY	FINAL
Feb. 5	at Baylor	0-0	1	0	1st	48.70	73.80	25.10	Barbary two-run home run to CF	W, 10-0 (5 inn.)
Feb. 6	vs. Northwestern State	0-0	1	2	2nd & 3rd	66.55	82.02	15.47	Carder reached on E4; two runs score	W, 9-3
Feb. 6	vs. Wichita State	1-1	8	1	3rd	55.19	79.50	24.31	Romero reached on FC to pitcher; Silva scored	W, 5-2 (8 inn.)
Feb. 7	vs. New Mexico	0-0	1	0	Empty	45.43	64.69	19.26	Stiles solo home run to RF	W, 8-1
Feb. 10	SOUTHERN MISS									
Feb. 13	MURRAY STATE									
Feb. 13	RUTGERS									
Feb. 14	RUTGERS									
Feb. 14	NORTH TEXAS									
Feb. 15	NORTH TEXAS									
Feb. 18	MEMPHIS									
Feb. 20	BELMONT									
Feb. 20	SAMFORD									
Feb. 21	BELMONT									
Feb. 21	DELAWARE STATE									
Feb. 22	DELAWARE STATE									
Feb. 25	at Georgia Tech									
Feb. 27	vs. Wofford									
Feb. 28	vs. Georgia Southern									
Feb. 28	at Clemson									
Mar. 1	vs. TBD									
Mar. 4	at UAB									
Mar. 6	vs. New Mexico									
Mar. 6	at South Alabama									
Mar. 7	vs. New Mexico									
Mar. 7	vs. Samford									
Mar. 8	at South Alabama									
Mar. 10	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI									
Mar. 10	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI									
Mar. 13	TENNESSEE*									
Mar. 14	TENNESSEE*									
Mar. 15	TENNESSEE*									
Mar. 18	UAB									
Mar. 20	at Georgia*									
Mar. 21	at Georgia*									
Mar. 22	at Georgia*									
Mar. 25	UT MARTIN									
Mar. 28	SOUTH CAROLINA*									
Mar. 29	SOUTH CAROLINA*									
Mar. 30	SOUTH CAROLINA*									
Apr. 3	at Florida*									
Apr. 4	at Florida*									
Apr. 5	at Florida*									
Apr. 10	ARKANSAS*									
Apr. 11	ARKANSAS*									
Apr. 12	ARKANSAS*									
Apr. 17	at Texas A&M*									
Apr. 18	at Texas A&M*									
Apr. 19	at Texas A&M*									
Apr. 24	LSU*									
Apr. 25	LSU*									
Apr. 26	LSU*									
Apr. 30	at Ole Miss*									
May 1	at Ole Miss*									
May 2	at Ole Miss*									

OFFENSIVE GAME-CHANGING PLAYS: Barbary (1), Carder (1), Romero (1), Stiles (1)

DEFENSIVE GAME-CHANGING PLAYS: None

STATE'S LARGEST GAME CHANGING PLAYS OF THE SEASON

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	INNING	OUTS	BASES	WIN% PRIOR	WIN% AFTER	CHANGE	PLAY	FINAL
Feb. 5	at Baylor	0-0	1	0	1st	48.70	73.80	25.10	Barbary two-run home run to CF	W, 10-0 (5 inn.)
Feb. 6	vs. Wichita State	1-1	8	1	3rd	55.19	79.50	24.31	Romero reached on FC to pitcher; T. Silva scored	W, 5-2 (8 inn.)
Feb. 7	vs. New Mexico	0-0	1	0	Empty	45.43	64.69	19.26	Stiles solo home run to RF	W, 8-1
Feb. 6	vs. Wichita State	2-1	8	2	1st & 3rd	78.94	97.38	18.44	Barbary three-run home run to LF	W, 5-2 (8 inn.)
Feb. 6	vs. Northwestern State	0-0	1	2	2nd & 3rd	66.55	82.02	15.47	Carder reached on E4; two runs score	W, 9-3
Feb. 7	vs. New Mexico	2-0	1	2	Loaded	72.46	86.69	14.23	Bernardnini two-RBI single up the middle	W, 8-1
Feb. 6	vs. Wichita State	0-1	6	0	2nd	34.44	44.44	10.00	Stiles singled to LF; runners on 1st & 3rd	W, 5-2 (8 inn.)
Feb. 6	vs. Northwestern State	2-0	1	2	1st	82.02	91.19	9.17	Richardson RBI double to CF	W, 9-3

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS (BATTING ORDER)

DATE	NO.	RECORD	OPPONENT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Feb. 5	1	1-0	at Baylor	Stiles	Barbary	Ki. Sells	Ernstes	Carder	Bernardini	Rivera	Richardson	Romero
Feb. 6	2	1-0	vs. Northwestern State	Stiles	Barbary	Ki. Sells	Ernstes	Carder	Richardson	Bernardini	Troutman	Romero
Feb. 6	3	1-0	vs. Wichita State	Stiles	Barbary	Ki. Sells	Troutman	Richardson	Ernstes	Bernardini	Rivera	Romero
Feb. 7	4	1-0	vs. New Mexico	Stiles	Barbary	Ki. Sells	Troutman	Richardson	Carder	Ernstes	Bernardini	Schaeffer
Feb. 10			SOUTHERN MISS									
Feb. 13			MURRAY STATE									
Feb. 13			RUTGERS									
Feb. 14			RUTGERS									
Feb. 14			NORTH TEXAS									
Feb. 15			NORTH TEXAS									
Feb. 18			MEMPHIS									
Feb. 20			BELMONT									
Feb. 20			SAMFORD									
Feb. 21			BELMONT									
Feb. 21			DELAWARE STATE									
Feb. 22			DELAWARE STATE									
Feb. 25			at Georgia Tech									
Feb. 27			vs. Wofford									
Feb. 28			vs. Georgia Southern									
Feb. 28			at Clemson									
Mar. 1			vs. TBD									
Mar. 4			at UAB									
Mar. 6			vs. New Mexico									
Mar. 6			at South Alabama									
Mar. 7			vs. New Mexico									
Mar. 7			vs. Samford									
Mar. 8			at South Alabama									
Mar. 10			SOUTHEAST MISSOURI									
Mar. 10			SOUTHEAST MISSOURI									
Mar. 13			TENNESSEE*									
Mar. 14			TENNESSEE*									
Mar. 15			TENNESSEE*									
Mar. 18			UAB									
Mar. 20			at Georgia*									
Mar. 21			at Georgia*									
Mar. 22			at Georgia*									
Mar. 25			UT MARTIN									
Mar. 28			SOUTH CAROLINA*									
Mar. 29			SOUTH CAROLINA*									
Mar. 30			SOUTH CAROLINA*									
Apr. 3			at Florida*									
Apr. 4			at Florida*									
Apr. 5			at Florida*									
Apr. 10			ARKANSAS*									
Apr. 11			ARKANSAS*									
Apr. 12			ARKANSAS*									
Apr. 17			at Texas A&M*									
Apr. 18			at Texas A&M*									
Apr. 19			at Texas A&M*									
Apr. 24			LSU*									
Apr. 25			LSU*									
Apr. 26			LSU*									
Apr. 30			at Ole Miss*									
May 1			at Ole Miss*									
May 2			at Ole Miss*									

LEADOFF: Stiles (4)

2ND: Barbary (4)

3RD: Ki. Sells (4)

CLEANUP: Ernstes (2), Troutman (2)

5TH: Carder (2), Richardson (2)

6TH: Bernardini (1), Carder (1), Ernstes (1), Richardson (1)

7TH: Bernardini (2), Ernstes (1), Rivera (1)

8TH: Bernardini (1), Richardson (1), Rivera (1), Troutman (1)

9TH: Romero (3), Schaeffer (1)

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS (DEFENSIVE POSITIONS)

DATE	NO.	RECORD	OPPONENT	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DP
Feb. 5	1	1-0	at Baylor	Rivera	Ernstes	Romero	Barbary	Stiles	Bernardini	Richardson	Ki. Sells	Carder
Feb. 6	2	1-0	vs. Northwestern State	Carder	Ernstes	Romero	Barbary	Stiles	Bernardini	Richardson	Ki. Sells	Troutman
Feb. 6	3	1-0	vs. Wichita State	Rivera	Ernstes	Romero	Barbary	Stiles	Bernardini	Richardson	Ki. Sells	Troutman
Feb. 7	4	1-0	vs. New Mexico	Carder	Ernstes	Schaeffer	Barbary	Stiles	Bernardini	Richardson	Ki. Sells	Troutman
Feb. 10			SOUTHERN MISS									
Feb. 13			MURRAY STATE									
Feb. 13			RUTGERS									
Feb. 14			RUTGERS									
Feb. 14			NORTH TEXAS									
Feb. 15			NORTH TEXAS									
Feb. 18			MEMPHIS									
Feb. 20			BELMONT									
Feb. 20			SAMFORD									
Feb. 21			BELMONT									
Feb. 21			DELAWARE STATE									
Feb. 22			DELAWARE STATE									
Feb. 25			at Georgia Tech									
Feb. 27			vs. Wofford									
Feb. 28			vs. Georgia Southern									
Feb. 28			at Clemson									
Mar. 1			vs. TBD									
Mar. 4			at UAB									
Mar. 6			vs. New Mexico									
Mar. 6			at South Alabama									
Mar. 7			vs. New Mexico									
Mar. 7			vs. Samford									
Mar. 8			at South Alabama									
Mar. 10			SOUTHEAST MISSOURI									
Mar. 10			SOUTHEAST MISSOURI									
Mar. 13			TENNESSEE*									
Mar. 14			TENNESSEE*									
Mar. 15			TENNESSEE*									
Mar. 18			UAB									
Mar. 20			at Georgia*									
Mar. 21			at Georgia*									
Mar. 22			at Georgia*									
Mar. 25			UT MARTIN									
Mar. 28			SOUTH CAROLINA*									
Mar. 29			SOUTH CAROLINA*									
Mar. 30			SOUTH CAROLINA*									
Apr. 3			at Florida*									
Apr. 4			at Florida*									
Apr. 5			at Florida*									
Apr. 10			ARKANSAS*									
Apr. 11			ARKANSAS*									
Apr. 12			ARKANSAS*									
Apr. 17			at Texas A&M*									
Apr. 18			at Texas A&M*									
Apr. 19			at Texas A&M*									
Apr. 24			LSU*									
Apr. 25			LSU*									
Apr. 26			LSU*									
Apr. 30			at Ole Miss*									
May 1			at Ole Miss*									
May 2			at Ole Miss*									

P: Faircloth (2), Ammon (1), Goold (1)

C: Carder (2), Rivera (2)

1B: Ernstes (4)

2B: Romero (3), Schaeffer (1)

3B: Barbary (4)

SS: Stiles (4)

LF: Bernardini (4)

CF: Richardson (4)

RF: Ki. Sells (4)

DP: Troutman (3), Carder (1)

THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

MISSISSIPPI STATE

TEAM OFFENSE

Had 10+ hits	12 at Baylor	Feb. 5, 2026
Had 15+ hits	15 vs. Washington	May 17, 2025
Scored 5+ runs	8 vs. New Mexico	Feb. 7, 2026
Scored 10+ runs	10 at Baylor	Feb. 5, 2026
Scored 15+ runs	17 vs. Alabama State	Feb. 28, 2025
Hit 2+ home runs	3 vs. Northwestern State	Feb. 6, 2026
Hit 3+ home runs	3 vs. Northwestern State	Feb. 6, 2026
Stole 4+ bases	4 vs. Bradley	Feb. 14, 2025
Left 10 runners on base	10 vs. Ole Miss	May 2, 2025

INDIVIDUAL OFFENSE

Had 3+ hits	Kiarra Sells (3)	vs. New Mexico, Feb. 7, 2026
Had 4+ hits	Ella Wesolowski (4)	vs. Missouri, Apr. 12, 2025
Hit for the cycle	Never	
Scored 3+ runs	Nadia Barbary (3)	vs. Washington, May 17, 2025
Scored 4+ runs	Sierra Sacco (4)	at Northwestern, Mar. 21, 2025
Drove in 3+ RBIs	Nadia Barbary (4)	vs. Wichita State, Feb. 6, 2026
Drove in 4+ RBIs	Nadia Barbary (4)	vs. Wichita State, Feb. 6, 2026
Drove in 5+ RBIs	Jessie Blaine (5)	vs. Washington, May 17, 2025
Drove in 6+ RBIs	Madisyn Kennedy (7)	vs. ULM, Mar. 13, 2024
Hit 2+ doubles	Sierra Sacco (2)	vs. Washington, May 17, 2025
Hit a triple	Riley Hull	at Northwestern (G2), Mar. 22, 2025
	Morgan Stiles	
Hit 2+ triples	Kat Moore (2)	vs. Tennessee, Apr. 5, 2018
Hit 2+ home runs	Taylor Troutman (2)	vs. Northwestern State, Feb. 6, 2026
Hit a walk-off, game-winning HR	Jessie Blaine	vs. Ole Miss, May 1, 2025
Hit a grand slam	Sierra Sacco	vs. Missouri, Apr. 12, 2025
Led off 1st inn. with HR	Morgan Stiles	vs. New Mexico, Feb. 7, 2026
Stole 3+ bases	Seirra Sacco (3)	vs. Tennessee, Apr. 12, 2024
Stole home	Kylee Edwards (3rd inn.)	vs. Louisiana Tech, Feb. 22, 2025
Drew 3+ walks	Nadia Barbary (3)	vs. Ole Miss, May 1, 2025
Drew 4+ walks	Jessie Blaine (4)	at Kentucky (G2), Apr. 26, 2025

TEAM PITCHING

Threw a no-hitter	at Ole Miss	Mar. 9, 2024
Threw a shutout	at Baylor	Feb. 5, 2026
Recorded 10+ strikeouts	14 vs. New Mexico	Feb. 7, 2026
Recorded 15+ strikeouts	15 at North Alabama (G1)	Apr. 3, 2021

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

Threw a no-hitter	Aspen Wesley	at Ole Miss, Mar. 9, 2024
Threw a shutout	Peja Goold	at Baylor, Feb. 5, 2026
Recorded 10+ strikeouts	Alyssa Faircloth (14)	vs. New Mexico, Feb. 7, 2026
Recorded 15+ strikeouts	Annie Willis (19)	vs. Mississippi Valley State, Mar. 6, 2020
Gave up 10+ hits	Raelin Chaffin (14)	at Texas Tech, May 18, 2028
Walked 5+ batters	Raelin Chaffin (7)	vs. Auburn, Mar. 8, 2025
Struck out the side	Alyssa Faircloth	vs. New Mexico (3rd inn.), Feb. 7, 2026

TEAM DEFENSE

Did not commit an error	vs. New Mexico	Feb. 7, 2026
Committed 2+ errors	2 at Oklahoma (G1)	Apr. 20, 2025
Committed 4+ errors	4 at Auburn	May 6, 2023
Turned a double play	vs. Wichita State	Feb. 6, 2026
Turned a triple play	vs. Auburn	May 4, 1997
Threw a runner out at the plate	vs. Wichita State (Bot 4, 0-1)	Feb. 6, 2026

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE

Recorded 10+ putouts	Ella Wesolowski (11)	at Kentucky, Apr. 27, 2025
Recorded 15+ putouts	Mia Davidson (15)	at North Alabama (G1), Apr. 3, 2021
Recorded 5+ assists	Kylee Edwards (5)	vs. Northwestern State, Mar. 2, 2025
Committed 2+ errors	Morgan Stiles (2)	at Northwestern (G1), Mar. 22, 2025

MISCELLANEOUS

Won in extra innings	5-2 (8 inn.) vs. Wichita State	Feb. 6, 2026
Won by 8-run rule	10-0 (5 inn.) at Baylor	Feb. 5, 2026
Scored 8+ runs in an inning	8 (1st inn.) at Tennessee (G1)	Apr. 5, 2025
Had 7+ hits in an inning	9 (4th inn.) at Northwestern	Mar. 21, 2025
Hit back-to-back home runs	2nd inning vs. Northwestern State	Feb. 6, 2026
Drew 4+ walks in an inning	5 (4th inn.) vs. Alabama State	Feb. 28, 2024

OPPONENT

TEAM OFFENSE

Had 10+ hits	14 at Texas Tech	May 18, 2025
Had 15+ hits	16 at Kentucky (G2)	Apr. 26, 2025
Scored 5+ runs	9 at Texas Tech	May 18, 2025
Scored 10+ runs	14 at Kentucky (G2)	Apr. 26, 2025
Scored 15+ runs	21 vs. Ole Miss	Apr. 19, 2019
Hit 2+ home runs	2 at Texas Tech	May 18, 2025
Hit 3+ home runs	3 at Texas Tech	May 17, 2025
Stole 4+ bases	5 at Auburn	May 5, 2023
Left 10 runners on base	11 vs. Ole Miss	May 3, 2025

INDIVIDUAL OFFENSE

Had 3+ hits	Mihyia Davis (3)	at Texas Tech, May 18, 2025
Had 4+ hits	Hailey Toney (3)	
Hit for the cycle	Karissa Hamilton (4)	at Kentucky (G2), Apr. 26, 2025
Scored 3+ runs	Never	
Scored 4+ runs	Hailey Toney (3)	at Texas Tech, May 18, 2025
Drove in 3+ RBIs	Koko Wooley (4)	vs. Texas A&M (G2), Mar. 16, 2024
Drove in 4+ RBIs	Lauren Altred (3)	at Texas Tech, May 18, 2025
Drove in 5+ RBIs	Alycia Flores (5)	vs. Washington, May 17, 2025
Drove in 6+ RBIs	Alycia Flores (5)	vs. Washington, May 17, 2025
Hit 2+ doubles	Karissa Hamilton (6)	at Kentucky (G2), Apr. 26, 2025
Hit 3+ doubles	Bailey Lindemuth (2)	at Texas Tech, May 18, 2025
Hit a triple	Kayden Henry	vs. Texas, Mar. 30, 2025
	Ashton Maloney	
Hit 2+ triples	Rachel Anderson (2)	vs. SE Missouri, Mar. 8, 2020
Hit 2+ home runs	Hailey Toney (2)	at Texas Tech, May 18, 2025
Hit a walk-off, game-winning HR	Lexie Brady	at Ole Miss, Mar. 10, 2024
Hit a grand slam	Alycia Flores	vs. Washington, May 17, 2025
Led off 1st inn. with HR	Kasidi Pickering	at Oklahoma (G1), Apr. 20, 2025
Stole 3+ bases	Koko Wooley (3)	vs. Texas A&M (G2), Mar. 16, 2024
Stole home	Shelby Kunkel (1st inn.)	vs. Miami (Ohio), Feb. 23, 2025
Drew 3+ walks	Lair Beautea (3)	vs. Tennessee, May 12, 2022
Drew 4+ walks	Bailey Castro (4)	vs. Florida, Mar. 29, 2015

TEAM PITCHING

Threw a no-hitter	at Georgia	Mar. 25, 2023
Threw a shutout	vs. LSU	May 7, 2025
Recorded 10+ strikeouts	12 vs. Texas Tech	Feb. 7, 2025
Recorded 15+ strikeouts	16 at Alabama	Mar. 3, 2021

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

Threw a no-hitter	Shelby Walters	at Georgia, Mar. 25, 2023
Threw a shutout	Jayden Heavener	vs. LSU, May 7, 2025
Recorded 10+ strikeouts	NiJaree Canady (12)	vs. Texas Tech, Feb. 7, 2025
Recorded 15+ strikeouts	Montana Fouts (16)	at Alabama, Mar. 3, 2021
Gave up 10+ hits	Morgan Leinstock (10)	at Arkansas, Mar. 22, 2024
Walked 5+ batters	Miali Guachino (5)	vs. Ole Miss, May 2, 2025
Struck out the side	Jayden Heavener	vs. LSU (1st inn.), May 7, 2025

TEAM DEFENSE

Did not commit an error	vs. Wichita State	Feb. 6, 2026
Committed 2+ errors	2 vs. New Mexico	Feb. 7, 2026
Committed 4+ errors	5 at Northwestern	Mar. 21, 2025
Turned a double play	at Baylor	Feb. 5, 2026
Turned a triple play	vs. Troy	Mar. 3, 2024
Threw a runner out at the plate	vs. Wichita State (Top 7, 1-1)	Feb. 6, 2026

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE

Recorded 10+ putouts	Kansas Robinson (11)	at Northwestern (G1), Mar. 22, 2025
Recorded 15+ putouts	Jen Cummings (16)	vs. South Carolina, Mar. 17, 2023
Recorded 5+ assists	Cassie Reasner (5)	at Kentucky (G2), Apr. 26, 2025
Committed 2+ errors	Bailey Lindemuth (2)	at Texas Tech, May 18, 2025

MISCELLANEOUS

Won in extra innings	3-7 (8 inn.) vs. Texas	Mar. 30, 2025
Won by 8-run rule	1-10 (6 inn.) at Texas Tech	May 18, 2025
Scored 8+ runs in an inning	9 (2nd inn.) vs. Oklahoma	Mar. 11, 2023
Had 7+ hits in an inning	9 (2nd inn.) vs. Oklahoma	Mar. 11, 2023
Hit back-to-back home runs	2nd inning at Tennessee (G2)	Apr. 5, 2025
Drew 4+ walks in an inning	5 (1st inn.) vs. Southern Illinois	Feb. 13, 2025

LATEST MSU COMEBACK VICTORIES

2+ run deficit	vs. Washington	May 17, 2025	Trailed 3-5 in Top 5th	Won, 11-10	Winning play: Paige Ernsts 2-run double through left side (MSU leads 7-6 in Top 5th)
3+ run deficit	Auburn	Mar. 10, 2025	Trailed 0-4 in Bottom 4th	Won, 7-4	Winning play: Nadia Barbary grand slam (MSU leads 7-4 in Bottom 4th)
4+ run deficit	Auburn	Mar. 10, 2025	Trailed 0-4 in Bottom 4th	Won, 7-4	Winning play: Nadia Barbary grand slam (MSU leads 7-4 in Bottom 4th)
5+ run deficit	vs. Miami (Ohio)	Feb. 23, 2025	Trailed 1-6 in Bottom 2nd	Won 11-7	Winning play: Error by 2B, runner scores from second (MSU leads 8-6 in Bottom 2nd)
6+ run deficit	Florida	Mar. 28, 2024	Trailed 6-12 in Bottom 6th	Won 13-12	Winning play: Paige Cook 2-run home run to center (MSU leads 13-12 in Bottom 6th)

COACHING STAFF



SAMANTHA RICKETTS

THE RICKETTS FILE

Hometown	San Jose, Calif.
Education	University of Oklahoma, 2009
	University of Oklahoma, 2011
Twitter	@Coach_Ricketts
Birthday	December 29

COACHING CAREER

SEASON	SCHOOL	POSITION
2019-Pr.	Mississippi State	Head Coach
2018-19	Mississippi State	Associate Head Coach
2015-18	Mississippi State	Assistant Coach
2012-14	Wichita State	Assistant Coach
2009-11	Oklahoma	Graduate Assistant

RICKETTS' PLAYERS BY THE NUMBERS

16	#StateToTheShow Future Professionals at MSU
16	All-America Honors
43	All-Region Honors
28	All-Conference Honors
2	Conference Players of the Year
1	Conference Freshman of the Year
3	Conference All-Defensive Team Selections
1	Conference Tournament MVP
7	Conference Tournament Team Selections
9	National Players of the Week
30	Conference Players of the Week
1	CoSIDA/CSC Academic All-American
16	CoSIDA/CSC Academic All-District Selections
115	All-Conference Academic Honors

CAREER RECORD

SEASON	SCHOOL	W-L	PCT.
2020	Mississippi State	25-3	.893
2021	Mississippi State	35-25	.583
2022	Mississippi State	37-27	.578
2023	Mississippi State	28-25	.528
2024	Mississippi State	34-20	.630
2025	Mississippi State	39-19	.672
2026	Mississippi State	4-0	1.000
TOTAL		202-119	.629

CONFERENCE RECORD

SEASON	SCHOOL	W-L	PCT.
2020	Mississippi State	0-0	--
2021	Mississippi State	8-15	.348
2022	Mississippi State	10-14	.417
2023	Mississippi State	7-16	.304
2024	Mississippi State	12-12	.500
2025	Mississippi State	13-11	.542
2026	Mississippi State	0-0	--
TOTAL		50-68	.424

MAROON AND WHITE

- » Named the sixth head softball coach in program history on July 22, 2019.
- » Has coached 16 Bulldogs who went on to professional careers, nine of whom were selected in a professional draft. Five of her proteges are currently playing professionally (Raelin Chaffin, Mia Davidson, Chloe Malau'ulu, Sierra Sacco and Aspen Wesley).
- » Has coached multiple players to All-Region honors in each of the last seven seasons, including a school-record six players in the 2025 campaign.
- » Broke the school record in 2025 with her 45th coaching victory against an NFCA-ranked opponent.
- » The Bulldogs have finished SEC play better than predicted by the Preseason Coaches' Poll in four of five full seasons under her guidance.
- » In 2025, MSU finished above .500 in conference play (13-11) for the first time since 2001 (19-11) and won five series for the first time since 2007. Along with 2024 (12-12), the Bulldogs posted their first back-to-back years with at least a .500 record since 1998-99. The prior year, she guided State to its highest SEC finish since the shift to a 24-game SEC schedule.
- » Became the first first-year head coach to lead the nation in wins (25 in 2020) since at least 1989.
- » Is the only coach in program history to have her team nationally ranked at some point during her first year and led MSU to its highest final ranking in program history (No. 20) at that time.
- » Earned first career coaching victory in first career game on Feb. 7, 2020, against Missouri State (5-0) and became the fastest head coach in program history to reach 20 wins, doing so in 23 games. Started 9-1, marking the best 10-game start by a head coach in program history.
- » Won 66 of her first 100 games, the best total of any Bulldog head coach and third among active SEC coaches in their first 100 contests.
- » Led State to its first Super Regional appearance in 2022, upsetting No. 2 Florida State twice in Tallahassee to advance.
- » Guided MSU to its highest final ranking on record (No. 19) in 2022.
- » Has been a part of one Women's College World Series appearance, eight NCAA Regional berths and two NCAA Super Regional appearances during her coaching career.
- » Served as an assistant coach from 2015-18 focusing on hitting and recruiting before being promoted to associate head coach.
- » Since her arrival, MSU has hit at least one home run in 55.5 percent of its games (336 of 605) and gone 246-90 in those games through 2025.
- » The top six single-season home run totals in program history have all come under her watch, and she has coached eight of the top 11 players in MSU history in career home runs along with seven of the top 10 individual season totals on record.
- » In 2019, MSU was one of two teams in the nation (Arizona) to boast multiple hitters with 20 or more home runs.
- » For the first time since 2008, State produced multiple NFCA All-Americans in 2019 (Fa Leilua and Mia Davidson).
- » Davidson went on to break Rafael Palmeiro's mark for the most home runs in a career by a Bulldog baseball or softball player along with shattering the SEC softball career record.
- » In 2017, Ricketts produced five starters that hit .300 or better to help lead the Bulldogs to an NCAA Regional and Caroline Seitz became the first Bulldog to earn First Team All-SEC honors since Chelsea Bramlett in 2010.
- » During the 2016 season, she led Kayla Winkfield to an SEC-leading six triples, which ranked among the nation's top 10.
- » In her first season of 2015, the Bulldogs set new single-season records for home runs (54), batting average (.312), slugging percentage (.495), RBI (294) and on-base percentage (.416).

ASSISTANT COACHES (CLICK NAMES TO VIEW BIOS)



MSU COACHING HIGHLIGHTS

NCAA Super Regional Appearances	1
NCAA Regional Appearances	8
NFCA All-South Region Selections	32
First Team All-SEC Selections	8
SEC All-Defensive Team Selections	3
Top 10 Finalist for Schutt Sports/NFCA Freshman of the Year	2018
SEC Freshman of the Year	2018
Top 10 Finalist for USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year	2019
Top 25 Finalist for USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year	2025
NFCA Catcher of the Year	2022

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

- » Served as assistant coach at Wichita State from 2012-14, working with the team's hitters and consistently improving their production.
- » Her last spring at WSU saw the Shockers increase their overall win total by 15 from 2013 to 2014 and win the program's first regular-season conference title.
- » Part of the 2014 MVC Coaching Staff of the Year, helping to improve the Shockers from the ninth place in 2012, to eighth place in 2013, to MVC champs in 2014.
- » Produced five starters who each hit better than .300 in 2014 after the squad did not have a batter hit over .300 in 2013.
- » The Shockers scored 138 more runs, smashed 26 more home runs, hit 11 more doubles and added seven more triples from the previous season.
- » Overall, the 2014 team established program single-season records for batting average, slugging percentage, on-base percentage, runs scored, hits, doubles, home runs, runs batted in and total bases.
- » Led Cacy Williams to an NFCA All-Midwest Region First Team selection in 2014 as well as MVC Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year, becoming the first student-athlete in MVC history to receive both in the same year.
- » Williams broke the Wichita State single-season records for batting average (.424), slugging percentage (.812), on-base percentage (.531), total bases (138), runs scored (57), home runs (16) and RBIs (47).

ADDITIONAL COACHING EXPERIENCE

- » Served as assistant coach for the USSSA Florida Pride of the NPF as the team claimed the regular season championship, and the staff was recognized as Coaching Staff of the Year.
- » Began coaching career as a graduate assistant at Oklahoma from 2010-11.
- » The Sooners won the Big 12 Tournament and advanced to the Women's College World Series in 2011.

PLAYING CAREER

- » Four-year letterwinner at Oklahoma (2006-09)
- » Closed her career as the school record holder in career home runs (48) and runs batted in (239) while ranking third in extra-base hits (97), total bases (444), slugging percentage (.445) and on-base percentage (.461).
- » Started 192 consecutive games and ended her career as the Big 12 career RBI leader.
- » Four-time All-Big 12 selection and two-time NFCA All-American.
- » Top 10 Finalist for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award.
- » Top 3 Finalist for USA Softball's Collegiate Player of the Year Award in 2007, first in Oklahoma history.
- » Selected 12th overall by the Akron Racers in the 2009 NPF Draft.

OVERALL STATS



2026 Mississippi State Softball
Overall Statistics for Mississippi State (as of Feb 07, 2026)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)



Record: 4-0 Home: 0-0 Away: 1-0 Neutral: 3-0 SEC: 0-0

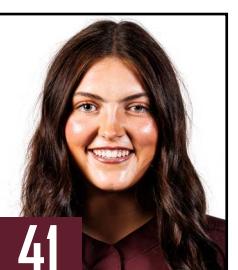
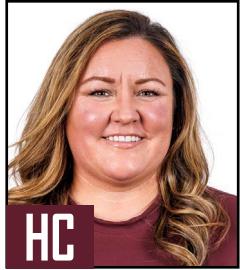
Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
24 Morgan Stiles	.500	4-4	14	5	7	0	0	2	4	13	.929	3	0	1	0	.588	0	0	0-0	4	4	0	1.000
19 Anna Carder	.500	4-3	6	1	3	0	0	0	3	3	.500	3	0	0	0	.600	1	0	0-0	17	0	0	1.000
41 Taylor Troutman	.444	4-3	9	3	4	0	0	2	3	10	1.111	3	0	1	0	.583	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
10 Nadia Barbary	.400	4-4	15	5	6	2	0	2	6	14	.933	1	0	2	0	.438	0	0	0-0	3	2	0	1.000
9 Kiarra Sells	.385	4-4	13	5	5	1	0	1	2	9	.692	2	1	3	0	.500	0	0	1-1	2	1	0	1.000
2 Abby G. Richardson	.333	4-4	9	4	3	1	0	1	3	7	.778	4	0	5	0	.538	0	0	1-1	0	1	0	1.000
12 Paige Ernsts	.250	4-4	12	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	.333	1	0	0	0	.308	0	0	0-0	17	1	0	1.000
13 Morgan Bernardini	.167	4-4	12	0	2	0	0	0	3	2	.167	0	0	1	0	.167	0	0	0-0	7	0	0	1.000
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83 Xiane Romero	.250	3-3	8	3	2	0	0	1	3	5	.625	0	0	2	0	.250	0	1	0-0	7	8	1	.938
22 Tatum Silva	.000	4-0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
7 Gabby Schaeffer	.000	4-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	1	1	0	.250	0	0	1-1	1	0	0	1.000
23 Des Rivera	.000	3-2	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1	0-0	15	4	0	1.000
11 Abigail Stevens	.000	2-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
1 Gretta Grassel	.000	3-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
5 Ally Supan	.000	4-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
42 Kalani Sells	.000	4-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	.000
33 Kinley Keller	.000	4-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	4	0	0	1.000
Totals	.318	4	110	32	35	5	0	9	29	67	.609	18	2	17	1	.417	2	2	4-4	81	24	1	.991
Opponents	.126	4	87	6	11	0	0	0	4	11	.126	11	3	32	0	.245	1	0	3-3	78	26	4	.963

LOB - Team (25), Opp (16). DPs turned - Team (1), Opp (1).

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
3 Peja Goold	0.00	2-0	3	1	1	1/0	0	10.0	3	1	0	4	10	0	0	0	.091	0	1	0	0	0
17 Leila Ammon	1.75	0-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	4.0	2	1	1	4	1	0	0	0	.182	0	0	0	0	0
4 Alyssa Faircloth	2.55	2-0	2	2	1	0/0	0	11.0	6	4	4	2	21	0	0	0	.162	3	1	0	1	0
21 Brinkley Moreton	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	1.30	4-0	4	4	2	1/0	0	27.0	11	6	5	11	32	0	0	0	.126	3	3	0	1	0
Opponents	7.00	0-4	4	4	0	0/0	0	26.0	35	32	26	18	17	5	0	9	.318	4	2	0	2	2

PB - Team (0), Opp (1). Pickoffs - Team (1), D. Rivera 1. SBA/ATT - A. Carder (2-2), A. Faircloth (2-2), P. Goold (1-1), D. Rivera (1-1).

**1****GRETTA GRASSEL**SO. | OF | L/R | 5-7
BOSCobel, Wis.**2****ABBY GRACE RICHARDSON**SR. | UTL | R/R | 5-9
BROOKHAVEN, MISS.**3****PEJA GOOLD**SR. | P | R/R | 5-7
STOCKTON, CALIF.**4****ALYSSA FAIRCLOTH**JR. | P | L/L | 6-0
NORTHPORT, ALA.**5****ALLY SUPAN**FR. | UTL | R/R | 5-4
PHENIX CITY, ALA.**6****CARSON SMITH**FR. | INF | R/R | 5-0
MENDENHALL, MISS.**7****GABBY SCHAEFFER**FR. | INF | R/R | 5-7
MONROE, N.Y.**9****KIARRA SELLS**SR. | OF | R/R | 5-6
JASPER, TEXAS**10****NADIA BARBARY**SR. | INF | R/R | 5-7
DOUGLASSVILLE, GA.**11****ABIGAIL STEVENS**R-FR. | P | R/R | 6-0
BRAXTON, MISS.**12****PAIGE ERNSTES**SO. | C/INF | R/R | 5-6
NEW PALESTINE, IND.**13****MORGAN BERNARDINI**SR. | OF | R/R | 5-6
ELKVILLE, ILL.**17****LEILA AMMON**SO. | P | R/R | 5-11
GULF BREEZE, FLA.**19****ANNA CARDER**SR. | C | L/R | 5-5
ATHENS, ALA.**20****SARA PHILLIPS**SO. | P | R/R | 5-10
TRUSSVILLE, ALA.**21****BRINKLEY MORETON**FR. | P | R/R | 5-7
SUMMERS, ARK.**22****TATIUM SILVA**JR. | OF | L/R | 5-6
RESCUE, CALIF.**23****DES RIVERA**SR. | C | R/R | 5-6
CHINO, CALIF.**24****MORGAN STILES**SO. | INF | R/R | 5-7
ATHENS, ALA.**31****SYDNEY CARROLL**FR. | UTL | R/R | 6-2
CHELSEA, ALA.**33****KINLEY KELLER**FR. | OF | R/R | 5-9
NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS**41****TAYLOR TROUTMAN**R-FR. | INF | L/R | 5-10
HENDERSON, KY.**42****KALANI SELLS**SO. | OF | R/R | 5-4
JASPER, TEXAS**48****DELAINY EVERETT**JR. | P | L/L | 5-5
OAKDALE, CALIF.**83****XIANE ROMERO**SO. | INF | R/R | 5-4
LAKE ELSINORE, CALIF.**HC****SAMANTHA RICKETTS**HEAD COACH | IN DUGOUT
7TH SEASON (12TH AT MSU)**AC****TYLER BRATTON**ASSOC. HEAD COACH | THIRD BASE
13TH SEASON**AC****TARYNE MOWATT-MCKINNEY**ASST. COACH | CALLS PITCHES
3RD SEASON**AC****ZAC SHAW**ASST. COACH | 1ST BASE
4TH SEASON**PD****ALYSSA LOZA**PLAYER DEVELOPMENT COORD.
5TH SEASON