

MISSISSIPPI STATE MEN'S

TENNIS



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HAIL DEAR O' STATE! FIGHT FOR THAT VICTORY 1 DAY!
HIT THAT LINE AND TOTE THAT BALL, CROSS THE GOAL BEFORE YOU FALL! AND THEN
WE'LL YELL - YELL, YELL, YELL FOR DEAR O' STATE WE'LL YELL LIKE H-E-L-L!
FIGHT FOR MIS-SIS-SIP-PI STATE, WIN THAT GAME TODAY!

AT BRYANT TENNIS CENTER

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2026 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Overall: 20-4 | SEC: 11-3 | H: 9-1 | A: 8-2 | N: 3-1
Indoor: 9-2 | Outdoor: 11-2 |

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
January (6-0)		
10	at SMU	W 5-2
10	Lamar <i>(Dallas)</i>	W 6-1
16	at Illinois ⁽²⁴⁾	W 5-2
18	at Indiana	W 6-1
23	Santa Clara %	W 4-1
24	Auburn %	W 4-2

February (4-2)

1	at Memphis	CANCELED
7	Alabama State	CANCELED
13	Florida ⁽²³⁾ #	W 4-1
13	Virginia ⁽¹⁾ #	L 1-4
13	Stanford ⁽⁴⁾ #	W 4-3
21	Vanderbilt ⁽³⁷⁾ *	W 4-3
23	Texas ⁽³⁾ *	L 3-4
26	South Alabama	W 7-0

March (8-1)

1	at Auburn ⁽¹⁸⁾ *	W 5-2
6	Tennessee ⁽⁶¹⁾ *	W 7-0
8	Georgia ⁽⁸⁾ *	W, 4-2
13	at South Carolina ⁽¹⁴⁾ *	W, 4-3
15	at Florida ⁽²²⁾ *	W, 4-3
20	at Texas A&M ⁽⁹⁾	L, 3-4
22	at LSU ⁽⁷⁾ *	W, 6-1
27	Ole Miss *	W, 6-1
29	Kentucky *	W, 4-1

April (2-1)

2	at Arkansas *	W, 5-2
4	at Oklahoma *	L, 3-4
12	Alabama *	W, 5-2
17	South Carolina	2 p.m.
15-19	SEC Championship <i>(Bryan-College Station, Texas)</i>	

May (0-0)

1-3	NCAA Rounds 1 & 2 <i>(TBD)</i>	
8-9	NCAA Super Regional <i>(TBD)</i>	
14-17	NCAA Championships <i>(Athens, Ga.)</i>	

* SEC match | ** SEC Championship | ^ NCAA Tournament | + Indoors
% ITA Kickoff Weekend, Starkville | # ITA National Indoor Championships
All Times Central | Neutral site location ()

MATCH AT A GLANCE



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Mississippi State Bulldogs

20-4 , 11-3 SEC

ITA Team Ranking

#6

ITA Singles Rankings

- #7 - Benito Sanchez Martinez
- #9 - Petar Jovanovic
- #84- Niccolo Baroni
- #91 - Mario Martinez Serrano
- #123- Bryan Hernandez Cortes

ITA Doubles Rankings

- #6 - Jovanovic / Sanchez Martinez
- #77 - Novansky / Sanchez Martinez

South Carolina Gamecocks

16-7 , 8-6 SEC

ITA Team Ranking

#13

ITA Singles Rankings

- #13 - Lucas da Silva
- #72 - Sean Darayabeigi

ITA Doubles Rankings

- #7 - Da Silva / Barbier Gazeu
- #59 - Darayabeigi / Stenzer
- #66 - Darayabeigi / Da Silva

SERIES NOTES & HISTORY

- » Mississippi State is 27-14 all-time versus South Carolina
- » In the Matt Roberts era, the Dawgs are 11-4 against the Gamecocks
- » The Bulldogs hold a 4-3 advantage all-time on neutral court versus South Carolina
- » In 2025, the Bulldogs and Gamecocks split wins, State winning the regular season matchup and Carolina in the SEC tournament.

NOTES TO KNOW

- » The Bulldogs have secured 14 ranked wins this season
- » Mississippi State has maintained a winning record across all singles positions throughout the season.
- » All of Mississippi State's conference victories have been over ranked opponents.
- » Niccolo Baroni, Benito Sanchez Martinez, Petar Jovanovic, Mario Martinez Serrano and Raphael Vaksmann have all reached double-digit singles dual wins this season.
- » The Bulldogs picked up their first top-five victory of the season defeating No. 4 Stanford 4-3 at the ITA National Team Indoor Championships.
- » The doubles tandem of Petar Jovanovic and Benito Sanchez Martinez is the highest ranked SEC duo at No. 4
- » **Benito Sanchez Martinez** leads the team in wins with 40 victories.
- » **Petar Jovanovic** is the all-time leader for wins in Mississippi State tennis program history.
- » **Raphael Vaksmann** has been strong in singles play, with the highest Bulldog win percentage in singles.
- » Head coach **Matt Roberts** holds the career all-time wins record as the Bulldogs' head coach with 231 victories, overtaking Andy Jackson for the most wins all-time at the helm.
- » Mississippi State is in its 102nd season as a program, with an all-time record of 1,127-648-8.

MEN'S TENNIS PHOTO ROSTER



Niccole Baroni

Sophomore
Viareggio, Italy



Roberto Ferrer Guimaraes

Junior
Lakeland, Tenn.



Bryan Hernandez Cortes

Sophomore
Mallorca, Spain



Petar Jovanovic

Senior
Podgorica, Montenegro



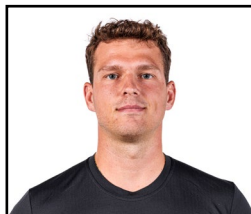
Marshall Landry

Junior
Pinehurst, N.C.



Mario Martinez Serrano

Senior
Zaragoza, Spain



Michal Novansky

Senior
Trnava, Slovakia



Benito Sanchez Martinez

Senior
Potsdam, Germany



Raphael Vaksman

Freshman
Paris, France



Matt Roberts

Head Coach



Derek Siddiqui

Associate Head Coach



Trevor Gotkowski

Assistant Coach

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MISSISSIPPI STATE WORD ROSTER

Name	Yr.	Ht.	Exp.	Hometown	High School (Previous School)
Niccolo Baroni	So.	5-10	1L	Viareggio, Italy	University of Pisa
Roberto Ferrer Guimaraes	Jr.	5-11	2L	Lakeland, Tenn.	Memphis University School
Bryan Hernandez Cortes	So.	6-3	1L	Mallorca, Spain	Martin Klein Schiller
Petar Jovanovic	Sr.	6-4	3L	Podgorica, Montenegro	Gymnasium Slobodan Skerovic
Marshall Landry	Jr.	6-1	2L	Pinehurst, N.C.	Pinecrest HS
Mario Martinez Serrano	Sr.	6-0	1L	Zaragoza, Spain	(Troy)
Michal Novansky	Sr.	6-0	3L	Trnava, Slovakia	Stredna sportova skola Jozefa Herdu
Benito Sanchez Martinez	Sr.	6-2	3L	Potsdam, Germany	Carl-Friedrich-Gauss Schule
Raphael Vaksmann	Fr.	6-1	HS	Paris, France	National Centre for Distance Education

Pronunciation Guide

Niccolò Baroni	Nih-KOH-loh Buh-ROH-nee
Roberto Ferrer Guimarães	roh-BEHR-toh FEH-rehr gee mah-RYE-esh
Bryan Hernández Cortés	BRY-en Her-NAHN-dess kor-TESS
Petar Jovanović	PEH-tar yoh-VAH-no-vich
Marshall Landry	MAR-shul LAND-ree
Mario Martínez Serrano	MAHR-ee-oh mar-TEE-nez seh RAH-noh
Michal Novanský	MEE-hahl noh-VAHN-skee
Benito Sánchez Martínez	beh-NEE-toh SAHN-chez mar-TEE-nez
Raphael Vaksmann	rah-fah-EL VAHKS-man

Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Matt Roberts
	Alma Mater Arkansas, 2006
	Record at MSU 232-87 (12th Season)
	Career Record Same
Associate Head Coach	Derek Siddiqui
Assistant Coach	Trevor Gotkowski

SOUTH CAROLINA WORD ROSTER

Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	High School (Previous School)
Lucas Andrade da Silva	6-5	Sr.	Sao Paulo, Brazil	--
Gabe Avram	5-10	So.	Charlotte, N.C.	Carmel Christian
Paul Barbier Gazeu	6-0	R-Fr.	Montpellier, France	--
Sean Daryabeigi	5-11	Jr.	Delray Beach, Fla.	ICL Academy
Cole Henceroth	6-1	So.	Midlothian, Va.	
Atakan Karahan	6-1	So.	Gebze, Turkey	IMG Academy
Max Stenzer	6-4	So.	Monchengladbach, Germany	--
Charlie Swaine	6-2	Fr.	Bristol, United Kingdom	--

Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Josh Goffi
Associate Head Coach	Johnny Parkes
Assistant Coach	Jake Beasley

2026 MISSISSIPPI STATE MEN'S TENNIS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Starkville, Miss. 39762
Population	24,168
Founded	February 28, 1878
Nickname	Bulldogs
Enrollment	23,563
Colors	Maroon (PMS 202) and White
Mascot	Bully
Live Mascot (Bully XXII)	Dak
President	Dr. Mark Keenum
Director of Athletics	Zac Selmon
Faculty Athletics Representative	Brent J. Fountain
Conference	Southeastern

FACILITY INFORMATION

Outdoor [A.J. Pitts Tennis Centre](#)

Indoor [Rula Tennis Pavilion](#)

TEAM HISTORY

NCAA Team Championship Appearances	34 (last in 2025)
NCAA Team Championship Record	38-29
NCAA Round of 16 Appearances	18 (last in 2025)
NCAA Quarterfinals Appearances	6 (last in 2025)
NCAA Semifinals Appearances	2 (1998, 1994)
NCAA Finals Appearances	n/a
SEC Regular Seasons Championships	3 (1993, 1967, 1965)
SEC Tournament Championships	3 (2019, 2018, 1996)
ITA Top 25 Finishes	31
Final 2025 Team ITA Ranking	10th
All-American Honors	52
All-SEC Honors	111

COLLEGE TENNIS SCORING

A collegiate tennis match consists of three doubles matches and six singles matches which determine seven total points as follows:

- All matches will be played with no-ad scoring.
- Doubles matches will be played to begin the match. Each match will be one set (first to six & win by two).
- There is a five minute break between doubles and singles.

2026 TEAM INFORMATION

ITA Preseason Ranking	7
Current ITA Ranking	6
Season-High Team Ranking (Date)	5 (3/24/2026)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Matt Roberts (Arkansas, 2006)
Record at MSU	232-87 (12th Season)
Career Record	Same
SEC Record	95-44
NCAA Tournaments	10
Best NCAA Finish	Quarterfinals (2025, 2018)
Associate Head Coach	Derek Siddiqui (San Deigo State, 2013)
Years at MSU	1st Season
Assistant Coach	Trevor Gotkowski (Wofford, 2017)
Years at MSU	2nd Season

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- Six singles matches will be played after the break. Each singles match will be best 2-out-of-3 sets (first to six & win by two).
- Tiebreakers (first to seven & win by two) will be played if a doubles or singles set reaches 6-all.
- The team to score four points or more is the winner of the match.

Singles Results

PLAYER	OVERALL	DUAL	TOUR	CONF							RANKED	
					1	2	3	4	5	6	NATL	REG
CORTES, Br Hernandez	9-7	9-7	0-0	7-3	---	---	0-1	--	5-4	4-2	0-0	0-0
GUIMARAES, Ro Ferrer	8-7	8-7	0-0	4-6	---	---	--	1-0	1-1	6-6	1-0	0-0
NOVANSKY, Michal	2-3	2-3	0-0	0-1	---	---	--	--	1-2	1-1	0-0	0-0
MARTINEZ, Be Sanchez	17-4	17-4	0-0	11-3	17-4	---	--	--	--	--	12-4	0-0
SERRANO, Ma Martinez	16-6	16-6	0-0	8-5	---	---	8-6	8-0	--	--	3-2	1-0
VAKSMANN, Raphael	16-4	16-4	0-0	10-3	---	---	--	5-3	9-1	2-0	4-0	0-0
JOVANOVIC, Petar	15-4	15-4	0-0	8-2	---	15-4	--	--	--	--	8-4	1-0
BARONI, Niccolo	13-2	13-2	0-0	8-2	---	2-1	7-1	4-0	--	--	3-1	1-0
LANDRY, Marshall	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	---	---	--	--	--	1-0	0-0	0-0

Doubles Results

PAIR	OVERALL	DUAL	TOUR	CONF				RANKED	
					1	2	3	NATL	REG
JOVANOVIC, Petar / MARTINEZ, Be Sanchez	8-8	8-8	0-0	6-3	8-8	--	--	5-1	0-0
NOVANSKY, Michal / SERRANO, Ma Martinez	7-6	7-6	0-0	4-6	0-1	7-5	--	2-3	0-0
CORTES, Br Hernandez / GUIMARAES, Ro Ferrer	6-3	6-3	0-0	5-3	--	--	6-3	1-0	0-0
BARONI, Niccolo / SERRANO, Ma Martinez	4-4	4-4	0-0	1-1	1-0	3-4	--	0-0	0-0
CORTES, Br Hernandez / NOVANSKY, Michal	3-2	3-2	0-0	0-0	--	1-0	2-2	0-0	0-0
CORTES, Br Hernandez / VAKSMANN, Raphael	1-3	1-3	0-0	0-1	--	--	1-3	0-0	0-0