

# MISSISSIPPI STATE MEN'S TENNIS



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

## 2026 SCHEDULE &amp; RESULTS

Overall: 4-0 | SEC: 0-0 | H: 0-0 | A: 3-0 | N: 1-0  
 Indoor: 4-0 | Outdoor: 0-0 |

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
<b>January (4-0)</b>		
10	at SMU	W 5-2
10	vs. Lamar (Dallas)	W 6-1
16	at Illinois	W 5-2
18	at Indiana	W 6-1
23	Santa Clara %	3 p.m.
24	TBD %	TBD

<b>February (0-0)</b>		
1	at Memphis	1 p.m.
7	South Alabama	10 a.m.
7	Alabama State	2 p.m.
13-17	ITA Indoor Championships # (Dallas or Waco)	TBD
21	Vanderbilt *	11 a.m.
23	Texas *	11 a.m.

<b>March (0-0)</b>		
1	at Auburn *	12 p.m.
6	Tennessee *	3 p.m.
8	Georgia *	1 p.m.
13	at South Carolina *	4 p.m.
20	at Florida *	11 a.m.
22	at LSU *	12 p.m.
27	Ole Miss *	5 p.m.
29	Kentucky *	11 a.m.

<b>April (0-0)</b>		
2	at Arkansas *	5:30 p.m.
4	at Oklahoma *	12 p.m.
12	Alabama *	1 p.m.
15-19	SEC Championship (Bryan-College Station, Texas)	

<b>May (0-0)</b>		
1-3	NCAA Rounds 1 & 2 (TBD)	
8-9	NCAA Super Regional (TBD)	
14-17	NCAA Championships (Athens, Ga.)	

\* 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



\*Click Logos for 2026 Stats\*

**Mississippi State Bulldogs**

4-0 , 0-0 SEC

**ITA Team Ranking**

#7

**ITA Singles Rankings**

#13 - Petar Jovanovic

#34 - Bryan Hernandez Cortes

#37 - Mario Martinez Serrano

#54 - Benito Sanchez Martinez

#125 - Raphael Vaksmann

**Santa Clara Broncos**

2-0 , 0-0 WCC

**ITA Team Ranking**

NR

**ITA Singles Rankings**

NR

**ITA Doubles Rankings**

#2 - Petar Jovanovic/Benito Sanchez Martinez

**ITA Doubles Rankings**

NR

## SERIES NOTES &amp; HISTORY

» Saturday marks the first ever meeting between the Mississippi State Bulldogs and the Santa Clara Broncos.

## NOTES TO KNOW

» Mississippi State has started the season with four consecutive road matches. They are opening their home account against the Broncos of Santa Clara in the ITA Kickoff Weekend.

» The Bulldogs are 17-13 in ITA Kickoff Weekend matches. State is hosting for the third consecutive year and has hosted seven times in total.

» Mississippi State reached 25 wins during their 2025 campaign tied with the 1979 team for the most single-season victories in program history.

» Head coach Matt Roberts is tied for the second-most career wins all-time as the Bulldogs' gaffer with 216 victories. He is just five wins away from overtaking Andy Jackson for the most wins all-time at the helm.

» State is looking to start the season with five consecutive wins in back-to-back seasons for the first time since the 2013 and 2014 campaigns.

» **Petar Jovanovic** picked up his third consecutive ITA Doubles All-American honor and his first ITA Singles All-American honor this fall. He currently leads the team in singles victories (4).

» **Raphael Vaksmann** is unbeaten in through his first three collegiate dual matches of the season. Vaksmann is one of five Bulldogs ranked in singles.

» **Benito Sanchez Martinez** was named SEC Men's Tennis Player of the Week to start the season. It is Sanchez Martinez's second SEC Player of the Week honor all-time.

» **Petar Jovanovic** sits at 180 career wins (singles and doubles). He trails the all-time leader, Nuno Borges by nine wins.

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### 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  
Vaksmann**

Freshman  
Paris, France



**Matt  
Roberts**

Head Coach



**Derek  
Siddiqui**

Associate Head Coach



**Trevor  
Gotkowski**

Assistant Coach

\* Click on photos to visit their online bio

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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 Vaksman	Fr.	6-1	HS	Paris, France	National Centre for Distance Education

#### Pronunciation Guide

Niccolò Baroni	Nih-KOH-loh Buh-ROH-nee
Roberto Ferrer Guimaraes	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 Vaksman	rah-fah-EL VAHKS-man

#### Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Matt Roberts
Alma Mater	Arkansas, 2006
Record at MSU	216-84 (12th Season)
Career Record	Same
Associate Head Coach	Derek Siddiqui
Assistant Coach	Trevor Gotkowski

### SANTA CLARA WORD ROSTER

Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	High School (Previous School)
Luca Bluett	5-11	So.	London, England	Culford
Tiago Boschmans	6-0	Jr.	Lisbon, Portugal	Salesianos do Estoril
Valentin Faure	6-1	R-So.	Strasbourg, France	CNED France
Mahir Khurana	5-8	R-Fr.	The Woodlands, Texas	The John Cooper School
John Kim	5-9	Sr.	Sunnyvale, Calif.	Bellarmine College Preparatory
Luca Lemaitre	5-11	Jr.	Mérida, Mexico	Tecnológico de Monterrey Prepanet
Lukas Maskow	6-0	Jr.	Berlin, Germany	--
Ferran Redza	5-8	Fr.	Warwick, England	Aylesford School and Sixth Form College
Alexander Watanabe Eriksson	5-11	Sr.	Stockholm, Sweden	Stockholm idrottsgymnasium, Korrespondens gymnasiet

#### Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Niall Angus
Assistant Coach	Josh Page

# 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)
President	Dak
Director of Athletics	Dr. Mark Keenum
Faculty Athletics Representative	Zac Selmon
Conference	Brent J. Fountain 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

## 2026 TEAM INFORMATION

ITA Preseason Ranking	7
Current ITA Ranking	7
Season-High Team Ranking (Date)	7 (1/7/2026)

## COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Matt Roberts (Arkansas, 2006) 216-84 (12th Season)
Record at MSU	Same
Career Record	83-41
SEC Record	10
NCAA Tournaments	Quarterfinals (2025, 2018)
Best NCAA Finish	
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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## 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.

- 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.

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## 2026 Schedule

**Record:** **4-0** **1.000**

Home 0-0 .000  
Away 3-0 1.000  
Neutral 1-0 1.000

**SEC Record:** **0-0** **.000**

Home 0-0 .000  
Away 0-0 .000  
Neutral 0-0 .000

## Versus Ranked Opponents

vs. Top 10 0-0 .000  
vs. Top 25 1-0 1.000  
vs. Top 50 0-0 .000  
vs. Top 75 0-0 .000

## Venue

Indoors 4-0 1.000  
Outdoors 0-0 .000

## By Month

January	4-0	1.000
February	0-0	.000
March	0-0	.000
April	0-0	.000
May	0-0	.000

## By Day

Sunday	1-0	1.000
Monday	0-0	.000
Tuesday	0-0	.000
Wednesday	0-0	.000
Thursday	0-0	.000
Friday	1-0	1.000
Saturday	2-0	1.000

## Record when MSU wins

Doubles Point	2-0	1.000
Home	0-0	.000
Road	1-0	1.000
Neutral	1-0	1.000

No. 1 Doubles	2-0	1.000
No. 2 Doubles	2-0	1.000
No. 3 Doubles	1-0	1.000
No. 1 Singles	3-0	1.000
No. 2 Singles	4-0	1.000
No. 3 Singles	3-0	1.000
No. 4 Singles	4-0	1.000
No. 5 Singles	2-0	1.000
No. 6 Singles	4-0	1.000

## SINGLES

PLAYER	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	DUAL	PCT.	SEC	PCT.	TOURN.	ALL	PCT.	STK.
Niccolo Baroni	0-0	0-0	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	1.000	0-0	.000	4-2	7-2	.750	W5
Roberto Ferrer Guimaraes	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	1.000	0-0	.000	5-3	7-3	.667	W4
Bryan Hernandez Cortes	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	12-4	12-7	.632	L3
Petar Jovanovic	0-0	4-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-0	1.000	0-0	.000	14-4	18-4	.810	W3
Marshall Landry	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1.000	0-0	.000	4-4	5-4	.556	W2
Mario Martinez Serrano	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	1.000	0-0	.000	6-5	9-5	.615	W3
Michal Novansky	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1.000	0-0	.000	6-5	7-5	.583	W1
Benito Sanchez Martinez	3-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1	.750	0-0	.000	7-6	10-7	.563	W3
Raphael Vaksmann	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-0	3-0	1.000	0-0	.000	7-2	10-2	.818	W7	
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>4-0</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>4-0</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>20-5</b>	<b>.800</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>65-35</b>	<b>85-39</b>	<b>.686</b>	<b>-</b>

## DOUBLES BY TEAM

TEAM	#1	#2	#3	DUAL	PCT.	SEC	PCT.	TOURN.	ALL	PCT.	STK.
Baroni/Martinez Serrano	1-0	1-2	0-0	2-2	.500	0-0	.000	1-1	3-3	.500	W1
Ferrer Guimaraes/Vaksmann	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-4	3-4	.429	L4
Hernandez Cortes/Novansky	0-0	1-0	1-1	2-1	.667	0-0	.000	1-1	3-2	.600	L1
Jovanovic/Sanchez Martinez	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-2	.333	0-0	.000	7-2	8-4	.667	L2
Landry/Novansky	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	1-2	.429	L1
Martinez Serrano/Novansky	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	0-1	.000	L1
Sanchez Martinez/Novansky	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-1	1-1	.500	L1
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>5-5</b>	<b>.500</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>14-12</b>	<b>19-17</b>	<b>.528</b>	<b>-</b>

## DOUBLES BY PLAYER

PLAYER	#1	#2	#3	DUAL	PCT.	SEC	PCT.	TOURN.	ALL	PCT.	STK.
Niccolo Baroni	1-0	1-2	0-0	2-2	.500	0-0	.000	1-1	3-3	.500	W1
Roberto Ferrer Guimaraes	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-4	3-4	.429	L4
Bryan Hernandez Cortes	0-0	1-0	1-1	2-1	.667	0-0	.000	1-1	3-2	.600	L1
Petar Jovanovic	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-2	.333	0-0	.000	7-2	8-4	.667	L2
Raphael Vaksmann	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-4	3-4	.429	L4
Mario Martinez Serrano	1-0	1-2	0-0	2-2	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	3-4	.429	W1
Marshall Landry	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	1-2	.429	L1
Michal Novansky	0-0	1-0	1-1	2-1	.667	0-0	.000	3-5	5-6	.455	L1
Benito Sanchez Martinez	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-2	.333	0-0	.000	8-3	9-5	.643	L2
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>	<b>4-4</b>	<b>4-4</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>10-10</b>	<b>.500</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>28-24</b>	<b>38-34</b>	<b>.528</b>	<b>-</b>

## THREE-SETTERS\*

PLAYER	Total	W-L
Niccolo Baroni	1	1-0
Roberto Ferrer Guimaraes	2	2-0
Bryan Hernandez Cortes	8	5-3
Petar Jovanovic	8	6-2
Marshall Landry	1	0-1
Mario Martinez Serrano	7	3-4
Michal Novansky	4	3-1
Benito Sanchez Martinez	6	4-2
Raphael Vaksmann	7	6-1
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>30-13</b>

## TIEBREAKERS\*

PLAYER	Total	W-L
Niccolo Baroni	1	1-0
Roberto Ferrer Guimaraes	0	0-0
Bryan Hernandez Cortes	0	0-0
Petar Jovanovic	0	0-0
Marshall Landry	0	0-0
Mario Martinez Serrano	1	1-0
Michal Novansky	0	0-0
Benito Sanchez Martinez	2	1-1
Raphael Vaksmann	1	1-0
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4-1</b>

TEAM	Total	W-L
Baroni/Martinez Serrano	0	0-0
Ferrer Guimaraes/Vaksmann	0	0-0
Hernandez Cortes/Novansky	0	0-0
Jovanovic/Sanchez Martinez	2	2-0
Landry/Novansky	0	0-0
Novansky/Martinez Serrano	1	0-1
Novansky/Sanchez Martinez	1	0-1
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2-2</b>

Includes 10-point Tie-Break instead of full 3rd set

TEAM	Total	W-L
Baroni/Martinez Serrano	1	1-0
Ferrer Guimaraes/Vaksmann	0	0-0
Hernandez Cortes/Novansky	0	0-0
Jovanovic/Sanchez Martinez	1	1-0
Landry/Novansky	0	0-0
Novansky/Martinez Serrano	0	0-0
Novansky/Sanchez Martinez	0	0-0
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2-0</b>

Includes 7-point and 10-point Tie-Breaks