

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!

2026 SCHEDULE & 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
January (4-0)		
10	at SMU	W 5-2
10	vs. Lamar <i>(Dallas)</i>	W 6-1
16	at Illinois	W 5-2
18	at Indiana	W 6-1
23	Santa Clara %	3 p.m.
24	TBD %	TBD
February (0-0)		
1	at Memphis	1 p.m.
7	South Alabama	10 a.m.
7	Alabama State	2 p.m.
13-17	ITA Indoor Championships # <i>(Dallas or Waco)</i>	TBD
21	Vanderbilt *	11 a.m.
23	Texas *	11 a.m.
March (0-0)		
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.
April (0-0)		
2	at Arkansas *	5:30 p.m.
4	at Oklahoma *	12 p.m.
12	Alabama *	1 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
4-0 , 0-0 SEC

Santa Clara
Broncos
2-0 , 0-0 WCC

ITA Team Ranking
#7

ITA Team Ranking
NR

ITA Singles Rankings
#13 - Petar Jovanovic
#34 - Bryan Hernandez Cortes
#37 - Mario Martinez Serrano
#54 - Benito Sanchez Martinez
#125 - Raphael Vaksmann

ITA Singles Rankings
NR

ITA Doubles Rankings
#2 - Petar Jovanovic/Benito Sanchez Martinez

ITA Doubles Rankings
NR

SERIES NOTES & 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.



**Niccole
Baroni**

Sophomore
Viareggio, Italy



**Roberto
Ferrer Guimaraes**

Junior
Lakeland, Tenn.



**Bryan
Hernandez Cortes**

Sophomore
Mallorca, Spain



**Petar
Jovanovic**

Senior
Podgorica, Montenegro



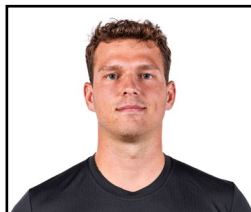
**Marshall
Landry**

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*

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

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

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-haht noh-VAHN-skee
Benito Sánchez Martínez	beh-NEE-toh SAHN-chez mar-TEE-nez
Raphael Vaksmann	rah-fah-EL VAHKS-man

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	Tecnologico 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)		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	7
Season-High Team Ranking <i>(Date)</i>	7 (1/7/2026)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Matt Roberts (Arkansas, 2006)
Record at MSU	216-84 (12th Season)
Career Record	Same
SEC Record	83-41
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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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	0-0	1-0	2-0	3-0	1.000	0-0	.000	7-2	10-2 .818 W7
TEAM TOTALS	3-1	4-0	2-1	4-0	2-2	3-0	20-5	.800	0-0	.000	65-35	85-39 .686 -

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
TEAM TOTALS	2-2	2-2	1-1	5-5	.500	0-0	.000	14-12	19-17	.528	-

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	
TEAM TOTALS	4-4	4-4	2-2	10-10	.500	0-0	.000	28-24	38-34	.528	-	

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
TEAM TOTALS	36	30-13

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
TEAM TOTALS	4	2-2
Includes 10-point Tie-Break instead of full 3rd set		

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
TEAM TOTALS	5	4-1

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
TEAM TOTALS	2	2-0
Includes 7-point and 10-point Tie-Breaks		

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