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TENNIS



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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: 6-0 | SEC: 0-0 | H: 2-0 | A: 3-0 | N: 1-0
Indoor: 6-0 | Outdoor: 0-0 |

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 (0-0)

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 *	W 4-3
23	Texas *	11 a.m.
26	South Alabama	2 p.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

9-1, 1-0 SEC

ITA Team Ranking

#10

ITA Singles Rankings

- #10 - Petar Jovanovic
- #43 - Mario Martinez Serrano
- #47 - Benito Sanchez Martinez
- #55- Bryan Hernandez Cortes

ITA Doubles Rankings

- #4 - Jovanovic / Sanchez Martinez
- #47 - Martinez Serrano / Novansky

Texas Longhorns

8-3, 1-0 SEC

ITA Team Ranking

#3

ITA Singles Rankings

- #3 - Sebastian Gorzny
- #25 - Kalin Ivanovski
- #40 - Sebastian Eriksson
- #67 - Abel Forger

ITA Doubles Rankings

- #12 - Eriksson / Ojakaar
- #21 - Brown / Gorzny
- #25 - Marionneau / Gorzny

SERIES NOTES & HISTORY

- » The Bulldogs and Longhorns have met twice under head coach Matt Roberts, the victories are split, one apiece..
- » The Bulldogs are 1-0 against Texas at the A.J. Pitts Tennis Centre.
- » State dropped their only SEC meeting with the Longhorns 3-4 last season in Austin.
- » Texas claimed the ITA National Team Indoor Championship earlier this season and opened SEC play with a 6-1 road win at Alabama
- » The first ranked meeting between the two sides came in 1993, No. 7 Mississippi State defeated No. 13 Texas, 5-2,

NOTES TO KNOW

- » Mississippi State opened SEC play with a 4-3 win over No. 37 Vanderbilt.
- » Head coach Matt Roberts claimed the most career wins all-time as the Bulldogs' head coach with 221 victories. Overtaking Andy Jackson for the most wins all-time at the helm.
- » Mississippi State reached 25 wins during their 2025 campaign tied with the 1979 team for the most single-season victories in program history.
- » State finds themselves ranked No. 10 in the latest ITA poll with two doubles teams ranked for the first time this season.
- » State's win over No. 23 Florida marked the fifth time in program history that the Dawgs have opened the season with seven consecutive wins.
- » **Mario Martinez Serrano** leads the team in dual match wins with 14 victories.
- » **Michal Novansky** is ranked in doubles (No. 49) for the first time since his freshman campaign in 2023 where he was ranked No. 14 alongside Nemanja Malesevic.
- » **Petar Jovanovic** has reached 21 overall wins this season, the first Bulldogs to reach that mark.
- » **Benito Sanchez Martinez** was named the first SEC Men's Tennis Player of the Week of the season. It is Sanchez Martinez's second SEC Player of the Week honor all-time.

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-chéz mar-TEE-nez
Raphael Vaksmann	rah-fah-EL VAHKS-man

Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Matt Roberts
	Alma Mater Arkansas, 2006
	Record at MSU 221-84 (12th Season)
	Career Record Same
Associate Head Coach	Derek Siddiqui
Assistant Coach	Trevor Gotkowski

TEXAS WORD ROSTER

Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	High School (Previous School)
Jeremiah Braswell	5-11	Fr.	Sarasota, Fla.	Florida Virtual School
Jonah Braswell	6-0	Sr.	Sarasota, Fla.	IMG Academy
Lucas Brown	5-10	Jr.	Plano, Texas	Laurel Springs School
Evan Burnett	6-2	So.	Woodside, Calif.	Mento School
Mariano Dedura-Palomero	6-3	Fr.	Berlin, Germany	Sportschule am Olympiapark Poelchau
Sebastian Eriksson	5-10	So.	Stockholm, Sweden	--
Abel Forger	6-5	Fr.	Soest, The Netherlands	Comenius College
Sebastian Gorzny	6-2	Sr.	Austin, Texas	Connections Academy (TCU)
Kalin Ivanovski	6-5	Fr.	Skopje, North Macedonia	Nova School
Lucas Marionneau	6-3	Fr.	La Roche-sur-Yon, France	CNED Rennes
Oliver Ojakaar	6-3	So.	Tartu, Estonia	--

Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Bruce Berque
Associate Head Coach	Benni Becker
Assistant Coach	Nick Beaty

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	10
Season-High Team Ranking (Date)	6 (2/4/2026)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Matt Roberts (Arkansas, 2006)
Record at MSU	221-84 (12th Season)
Career Record	Same
SEC Record	84-41
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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- 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.

2026 MISSISSIPPI STATE MEN'S TENNIS

2026 Schedule

Record: 9-1 .900

Home	3-0	.000
Away	3-0	1.000
Neutral	3-1	.750

SEC Record: 1-0 1.000

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

Versus Ranked Opponents

vs. Top 10	1-1	.500
vs. Top 25	2-0	1.000
vs. Top 50	1-0	1.000
vs. Top 75	0-0	.000

Venue

Indoors	8-1	.889
Outdoors	1-0	1.000

By Month

January	6-0	1.000
February	3-1	.750
March	0-0	.000
April	0-0	.000
May	0-0	.000

By Day

Sunday	2-0	1.000
Monday	0-0	.000
Tuesday	0-0	.000
Wednesday	0-0	.000
Thursday	0-0	.000
Friday	3-0	1.000
Saturday	4-1	.800

Record when MSU wins

Doubles Point	3-1	.750
Home	0-0	.000
Road	1-0	1.000
Neutral	2-1	.667

No. 1 Doubles	2-0	1.000
No. 2 Doubles	5-0	1.000
No. 3 Doubles	3-0	1.000

No. 1 Singles	5-0	1.000
No. 2 Singles	6-0	1.000
No. 3 Singles	7-0	1.000
No. 4 Singles	6-0	1.000
No. 5 Singles	5-0	1.000
No. 6 Singles	6-0	1.000

SINGLES

PLAYER	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	DUAL PCT.	SEC PCT.	TOURN.	ALL	PCT. STK.
Niccolo Baroni	0-0	0-0	5-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-0 1.000	0-0 .000	4-2	9-2	.818 W7
Roberto Ferrer Guimaraes	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	3-1 1.000	0-0 .000	5-3	8-4	.667 L1
Bryan Hernandez Cortes	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-2	2-1	2-4 .333	1-0 1.000	12-4	14-8	.600 W2
Petar Jovanovic	0-0	7-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	7-2 .778	1-0 1.000	14-4	21-6	.826 W2
Marshall Landry	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0 1.000	0-0 .000	4-4	5-4	.556 W2
Mario Martinez Serrano	0-0	0-0	3-1	5-0	0-0	0-0	8-1 .889	1-0 1.000	6-5	14-6	.688 W2
Michal Novansky	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-1	2-3 .400	0-1 .000	6-5	8-8	.583 L3
Benito Sanchez Martinez	6-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6-1 .857	1-0 1.000	7-6	13-7	.611 W6
Raphael Vaksmann	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	3-0	2-0	5-2 .714	0-1 .000	7-2	12-4	.857 L2
TEAM TOTALS	6-1	7-2	8-2	6-2	5-5	7-2	39-14 .736	4-2 .667	65-35	104-49	.680 -

DOUBLES BY TEAM

TEAM	#1	#2	#3	DUAL PCT.	SEC PCT.	TOURN.	ALL	PCT. STK.
Baroni/Martinez Serrano	1-0	2-3	0-0	3-3 .500	0-0 .000	1-1	4-4	.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	2-2	3-2 .500	0-0 .000	1-1	4-3	.571 L1
Jovanovic/Sanchez Martinez	2-6	0-0	0-0	2-6 .286	0-1 .000	7-2	9-7	.615 L1
Landry/Novansky	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0 .000	0-0 .000	1-2	1-2	.333 L1
Martinez Serrano/Novansky	0-0	3-0	0-0	3-0 .000	1-0 1.000	0-1	3-1	.000 W3
Sanchez Martinez/Novansky	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0 .000	0-0 .000	1-1	1-1	.500 W2
Hernandez Cortes/Vaksmann	0-0	0-0	1-3	1-3 .333	0-1 .000	0-0	1-3	.500 L3
TEAM TOTALS	3-6	6-3	2-5	9-14 .391	1-2 .333	14-12	22-22	.500 -

DOUBLES BY PLAYER

PLAYER	#1	#2	#3	DUAL PCT.	SEC PCT.	TOURN.	ALL	PCT. STK.
Niccolo Baroni	1-0	2-3	0-0	3-3 .500	0-0 .000	1-1	4-4	.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	2-4	3-4 .429	0-1 .000	1-1	4-6	.444 L4
Petar Jovanovic	2-5	0-0	0-0	2-4 .333	0-1 .000	7-2	9-7	.600 L2
Raphael Vaksmann	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-2 .000	0-1 .000	3-4	3-7	.333 L7
Mario Martinez Serrano	1-0	5-3	0-0	6-3 .667	1-0 1.000	1-2	7-5	.583 W3
Marshall Landry	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0 .000	0-0 .000	1-2	1-2	.333 L1
Michal Novansky	0-0	2-0	2-2	4-2 .667	1-0 1.000	3-5	8-7	.500 W3
Benito Sanchez Martinez	2-5	0-0	0-0	2-4 .333	0-1 .000	8-3	10-8	.588 L2
TEAM TOTALS	6-10	10-6	4-8	20-22 .476	2-4 .333	28-24	49-50	.495 -

THREE-SETTERS*

PLAYER	Total	W-L
Niccolo Baroni	1	1-0
Roberto Ferrer Guimaraes	2	2-0
Bryan Hernandez Cortes	9	5-4
Petar Jovanovic	10	7-3
Marshall Landry	1	0-1
Mario Martinez Serrano	8	4-4
Michal Novansky	4	3-1
Benito Sanchez Martinez	9	5-2
Raphael Vaksmann	10	7-2
TEAM TOTALS	54	34-17

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	1	0-1
Petar Jovanovic	1	0-1
Marshall Landry	0	0-0
Mario Martinez Serrano	3	2-0
Michal Novansky	1	0-1
Benito Sanchez Martinez	2	1-1
Raphael Vaksmann	2	2-0
TEAM TOTALS	11	6-4

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	2	1-1
Landry/Novansky	0	0-0
Novansky/Martinez Serrano	0	0-0
Novansky/Sanchez Martinez	0	0-0
TEAM TOTALS	3	2-1

Includes 7-point and 10-point Tie-Breaks

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