

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 & 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	vs. Lamar (Dallas)	W 6-1
16	at Illinois	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 #	6:30 p.m.
13-17	ITA Indoor Championships # (Dallas, Texas)	TBD
21	Vanderbilt *	11 a.m.
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 (Bryan-College Station, Texas)	

May (0-0)		
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



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Mississippi State Bulldogs

6-0, 0-0 SEC

ITA Team Ranking

#6

ITA Singles Rankings

#6 - Petar Jovanovic

#33 - Mario Martinez Serrano

#45 - Benito Sanchez Martinez

#68 - Bryan Hernandez Cortes

Florida Gators

4-2, 0-0 SEC

ITA Team Ranking

#23

ITA Singles Rankings

#32 - Pablo Perez Ramos

#43 - Jeremy Jin

#50 - Henry Jefferson

#54 - Adhithya Ganesan

ITA Doubles Rankings

#6 - Jovanovic / Sanchez Martinez

ITA Doubles Rankings

#10 - Nirundorn / Jefferson

SERIES NOTES & HISTORY

- » Mississippi State has won the last three meetings against Florida, the most recent victory coming at home in 2025.
- » Mississippi State and Florida have met 12 times on neutral courts, with the Bulldogs holding a 7-5 advantage.
- » Mississippi State and Florida have both been ranked in all but one head-to-head match in the Matt Roberts era.
- » The Bulldogs faced the Gators in the ITA Indoor National Championships once in 2017, falling 2-4.
- » The first ranked meeting between the two programs came in 1992, when No. 12 Mississippi State defeated No. 5 Florida, 5-4, in Gainesville under head coach Andy Jackson.
- » Florida leads the all-time series 22-41. Matt Roberts has a record of 6-9 against the Gators.

NOTES TO KNOW

- » Mississippi State swept the ITA Kickoff Weekend with wins over Santa Clara and Auburn at home to book a spot in the ITA Indoor National Championships.
- » Head coach Matt Roberts has the second-most career wins all-time as the Bulldogs' gaffer with 218 victories. He is just three wins away from 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.
- » Five Dawgs are undefeated to start the season, each with five wins apiece.
- » State has started the season with six consecutive wins to start their campaign in back-to-back seasons for the first time since the 2013 and 2014 campaigns.
- » State's win over Auburn marked the ninth time in program history that the Dawgs have opened the season with six straight wins.
- » **Raphael Vaksmann** remains unbeaten through his first five collegiate dual matches of the season.
- » **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.
- » **Mario Martinez Serrano** and **Niccolo Baroni** lead the Bulldogs in wins this season with eight victories apiece.
- » **Petar Jovanovic** sits at 183 career wins (singles and doubles). He trails the all-time leader, Nuno Borges by six 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)
Niccolò 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	218-84 (12th Season)
Career Record	Same
Associate Head Coach	Derek Siddiqui
Assistant Coach	Trevor Gotkowski

FLORIDA WORD ROSTER

Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	High School (Previous School)
Lorenzo Claverie	6-5	Sr.	Caracas, Venezuela	--
Francesco Cordova	6-0	So.	Katy, Texas	Texas Connections
Kevin Edengren	5-11	Jr.	Stockholm, Sweden	--
Adhithya Ganesan	6-4	Jr.	Clarksburg, Md.	Laurel Springs
Henry Jefferson	6-6	Jr.	London, England	--
Jeremy Jin	5-10	Jr.	Sydney, Australia	--
Tanapatt Nirundorn	5-8	Sr.	Bangkok, Thailand/Hilton Head, S.C.	--
Pablo Perez Ramos	6-1	R-Sr.	Canary Island, Spain	Pureza Demarea
Roman Sancilio	--	Fr.	Richmond, Va.	Laurel Springs
Andreas Timini	--	Fr.	Cyprus	--

Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Adam Steinberg
Associate Head Coach	Anthony Rossi
Assistant Coach	Max Koller

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

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Matt Roberts (Arkansas, 2006)
Record at MSU	218-84 (12th Season)
Career Record	Same
SEC Record	83-41
NCAA Tournaments	10
Best NCAA Finish	Quarterfinals (2025, 2018)
Associate Head Coach	Derek Siddiqui (San Diego 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: **6-0** **1.000**

Home 2-0 .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 6-0 1.000
Outdoors 0-0 .000

By Month

January	6-0	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	2-0	1.000
Saturday	3-0	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	3-0	1.000
No. 3 Doubles	2-0	1.000
No. 1 Singles	4-0	1.000
No. 2 Singles	5-0	1.000
No. 3 Singles	5-0	1.000
No. 4 Singles	6-0	1.000
No. 5 Singles	4-0	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	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	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	0-1	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	12-4	12-8	.600	L5
Petar Jovanovic	0-0	5-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-0	1.000	0-0	.000	14-4	19-4	.826	W4
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	0-0	5-0	0-0	0-0	5-0	1.000	0-0	.000	6-5	11-5	.688	W5
Michal Novansky	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1.000	0-0	.000	6-5	7-5	.583	W1
Benito Sanchez Martinez	4-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-1	.750	0-0	.000	7-6	11-7	.611	W4
Raphael Vaksmann	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	2-0	5-0	1.000	0-0	.000	7-2	12-2	.857	W9
TEAM TOTALS	4-1	5-0	5-1	6-0	4-2	4-1	28-5	.848	0-0	.000	65-35	93-40	.699	-

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	1-4	0-0	0-0	1-4	.200	0-0	.000	7-2	8-5	.615	L4
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	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	2-4	3-3	2-2	7-10	.412	0-0	.000	14-12	21-20	.512	-

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	2-2	3-2	.600	0-0	.000	1-1	4-3	.600	L1
Petar Jovanovic	1-4	0-0	0-0	1-4	.200	0-0	.000	7-2	8-6	.667	L3
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	2-3	0-0	3-3	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	4-5	.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	2-2	3-2	.600	0-0	.000	3-5	6-7	.455	L1
Benito Sanchez Martinez	1-4	0-0	0-0	1-4	.200	0-0	.000	8-3	9-7	.643	L3
TEAM TOTALS	4-8	6-6	4-4	14-18	.438	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	9	5-4
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	8	7-1
TEAM TOTALS	38	31-14

TIEBREAKERS*

PLAYER	Total	W-L
Niccolo Baroni	1	1-0
Roberto Ferrer Guimaraes	0	0-0
Bryan Hernandez Cortes	1	0-1
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	2	2-0
TEAM TOTALS	7	5-2

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

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

Includes 7-point and 10-point Tie-Breaks