

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: 1-0 | SEC: 0-0 | H: 0-0 | A: 1-0 | N: 1-0

Indoor: 2-0 | Outdoor: 0-0 |

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
January (2-0)		
10	at SMU	W 5-2
10	vs. Lamar (Dallas)	W 6-1
16	at Illinois	6 p.m.
18	at Indiana	1 p.m.
24	Santa Clara %	1 p.m.
25	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 # (Dallas or Waco)	TBD
21	Vanderbilt *	1 p.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 *	1 p.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

2-0 , 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

ITA Doubles Rankings

#2 - Petar Jovanovic/Benito Sanchez Martinez

Illinois Fighting Illini

0-0 , 0-0 B1G

ITA Team Ranking

#24

ITA Singles Rankings

- #10 - Kenta Miyoshi
- #87 - Adam Jilly

ITA Doubles Rankings

N/A

SERIES NOTES & HISTORY

- » The all-time series between the Bulldogs and Illini is tied, with two wins apiece.
- » Mississippi State is 2-0 when playing on the road in Urbana-Champaign, Ill.
- » Matt Roberts has faced the Illini once in his career, leading the Bulldogs to a victory in his second year as head coach.

- » Mississippi State and Illinois have played all four matches at a neutral site leading up to this match.
- » Illinois picked up both of their wins in back-to-back years (1997 & 1998) at the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championships in Louisville, Ky. defeating the Bulldogs 4-3 in both matches.

NOTES TO KNOW

- » Under head coach Matt Roberts, Mississippi State has won six of their last eight matches against B1G opponents.
- » 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 seven wins away from the all-time record for most wins as head coach of the Bulldogs. He currently sits in third with 214 wins at the helm.
- » Illinois is Mississippi State's first ranked match of the season. In 2025, the Bulldogs went 12-5 in 17 matches against ranked opponents.
- » Last year the Bulldogs owned the doubles point in dual matches. State won the doubles point in 27 of their 30 matches and had a season-long streak of 17 straight doubles points won from Feb. 2 through April 11. This year, the Bulldogs have won the doubles point in their pair of matches

- » In Mississippi State's season-opening doubleheader on Saturday, Jan. 10, every Bulldog earned at least one win in singles or doubles.
- » **Petar Jovanovic** picked up his third consecutive ITA Doubles All-American honor and his first ITA Singles All-American honor this fall. He is off to an unbeaten start in his first two matches in both singles and doubles.
- » **Raphael Vaksmann** picked up his first collegiate dual victory in his first match of the season. Vaksmann is one of five Bulldogs ranked in singles.

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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	214-84 (12th Season)
Career Record	Same
Associate Head Coach	Derek Siddiqui
Assistant Coach	Trevor Gotkowski

ILLINOIS WORD ROSTER

Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	High School (Previous School)
David Bakonyi	6-1	Fr.	Telki Pest, Hungary	Lauder Javne School
Tyler Bowers	6-3	R-Jr.	Bloomington, Ill.	William and Reed Academy
Sasha Colleu	6-0	Fr.	Miami, Fla.	IMG Academy
Gabriel Debru	6-4	Fr.	Grenoble, France	
Adam Jilly	6-2	Fr.	Budapest, Hungary	Budai Nagy Antal High School
Hayden Jones	5-11	Fr.	Gold Coast, Australia	Euka
Kenta Miyoshi	6-2	Sr.	Kawasaki, Japan	Mita International School
William Mroz	6-1	Sr.	Bradenton, Fla.	Florida Virtual School
Zach Viala	6-2	R-So.	Perth, Australia	School of Isolated and Distance Education
Jeremy Zhang	5-9	Jr.	Sydney, Australia	The Scots College

Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Brad Dancer
Assistant Coach	Tim Kopinski
Assistant Coach	Lucas Horve

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

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Matt Roberts (Arkansas, 2006) 212-84 (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: **2-0** **1.000**

Home 0-0 .000
Away 1-0 1.000
Neutral 0-0 .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 0-0 .000
vs. Top 50 0-0 .000
vs. Top 75 0-0 .000

Venue

Indoors 2-0 1.000
Outdoors 0-0 .000

By Month

January	2-0	1.000
February	0-0	.000
March	0-0	.000
April	0-0	.000
May	0-0	.000

By Day

Sunday	0-0	.000
Monday	0-0	.000
Tuesday	0-0	.000
Wednesday	0-0	.000
Thursday	0-0	.000
Friday	0-0	.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	1-0	1.000
No. 3 Doubles	1-0	1.000
No. 1 Singles	1-0	1.000
No. 2 Singles	2-0	1.000
No. 3 Singles	1-0	1.000
No. 4 Singles	2-0	1.000
No. 5 Singles	1-0	1.000
No. 6 Singles	2-0	1.000

SINGLES

PLAYER	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	DUAL	PCT.	SEC	PCT.	TOURN.	ALL	PCT.	STK.
Niccolo Baroni	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1.000	0-0	.000	4-2	5-2	.714	W3
Roberto Ferrer Guimaraes	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1.000	0-0	.000	5-3	6-3	.625	W3
Bryan Hernandez Cortes	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	12-4	12-6	.706	L2
Petar Jovanovic	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	1.000	0-0	.000	14-4	16-4	.790	W2
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	.500	W2
Mario Martinez Serrano	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1.000	0-0	.000	6-5	7-5	.583	W1
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	.545	W1
Benito Sanchez Martinez	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	.500	0-0	.000	7-6	8-7	.500	W1
Raphael Vaksmann	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1.000	0-0	.000	7-2	8-2	.800	W5
TEAM TOTALS	1-1	2-0	1-1	2-0	1-1	2-0	9-3	.750	0-0	.000	65-35	74-38	.661	-

DOUBLES BY TEAM

TEAM	#1	#2	#3	DUAL	PCT.	SEC	PCT.	TOURN.	ALL	PCT.	STK.
Baroni/Martinez Serrano	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	.500	0-0	.000	1-1	2-2	.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	1-0	2-0	1.000	0-0	.000	1-1	3-1	.750	W2
Jovanovic/Sanchez Martinez	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1.000	0-0	.000	7-2	8-2	.800	W1
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	2-0	1-1	1-0	4-1	.800	0-0	.000	14-12	18-13	.581	-

DOUBLES BY PLAYER

PLAYER	#1	#2	#3	DUAL	PCT.	SEC	PCT.	TOURN.	ALL	PCT.	STK.
Niccolo Baroni	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	.500	0-0	.000	1-1	2-2	.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	1-0	2-0	1.000	0-0	.000	1-1	3-1	.750	W2
Petar Jovanovic	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1.000	0-0	.000	7-2	8-2	.800	W1
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	0-1	0-0	1-1	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	2-3	.333	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	1-0	2-0	1.000	0-0	.000	3-5	5-5	.500	W2
Benito Sanchez Martinez	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1.000	0-0	.000	8-3	9-3	.750	W1
TEAM TOTALS	4-0	2-2	2-0	8-2	.667	0-0	.000	28-24	36-26	.581	-

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	7	5-2
Marshall Landry	1	0-1
Mario Martinez Serrano	6	2-4
Michal Novansky	4	3-1
Benito Sanchez Martinez	4	2-2
Raphael Vaksmann	6	5-1
TEAM TOTALS	33	25-13

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	0	0-0
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	0	0-0
Michal Novansky	0	0-0
Benito Sanchez Martinez	0	0-0
Raphael Vaksmann	0	0-0
TEAM TOTALS	0	0-0

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	0	0-0
Landry/Novansky	0	0-0
Novansky/Martinez Serrano	0	0-0
Novansky/Sanchez Martinez	0	0-0
TEAM TOTALS	0	0-0

Includes 7-point and 10-point Tie-Breaks