

# MISSISSIPPI STATE VOLLEYBALL

## MATCH NOTES | SEC WEEK 4

### FRIDAY, OCT. 18 - SUNDAY, OCT. 20



#### SCHEDULE & RESULTS

##### August (3-0)

StarkVegas Classic (Starkville, Miss.)

30	CHATTANOOGA	W	3-1
	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	W	3-0
31	WESTERN ILLINOIS	W	3-2

##### September (8-3)

Southern Miss Classic (Hattiesburg, Miss.)

6	vs. New Orleans	W	3-1
7	vs. Arkansas State	W	3-2
	at Southern Miss	W	3-0

Gamecock Classic (Jacksonville, Ala.)

13	vs. Stetson	L	2-3
	vs. Sam Houston State	W	3-0
14	at Jacksonville State	W	3-1

Hail State Invitational (Starkville, Miss.)

19	JACKSON STATE	W	3-0
	NORTH FLORIDA	W	3-2
20	UAB	W	3-2

27	at No. 16 Kentucky *	L	3-1
29	LSU *	L	3-0

##### October (0-4)

4	OLE MISS *	L	3-2
6	at South Carolina *	L	3-0
9	at Alabama *	L	3-1
13	at Tennessee *	L	3-0
18	TEXAS A&M *	SECN+	7 p.m.
20	ARKANSAS *	SECN+	1 p.m.
25	AUBURN *	SEC NETWORK	8 p.m.
27	at Missouri *	SECN+	1 p.m.

##### November (0-0)

1	at Auburn *	--	7 p.m.
3	at LSU *	SECN+	1 p.m.
8	SOUTH CAROLINA *	SECN+	7 p.m.
10	FLORIDA *	SECN+	1 p.m.
17	GEORGIA *	SECN+	1 p.m.
22	at Texas A&M *	SECN+	6:30 p.m.
24	at Arkansas *	SECN+	3 p.m.
30	TENNESSEE *	SECN+	1 p.m.

Home matches in bold | All times central and subject to change

\* - Southeastern Conference match

#### THIS WEEKEND'S MATCHUPS



##### Mississippi State Bulldogs

Record	11-7
H/A/N	6-2/2-4/3-1
SEC	0-6
2018	5-26
'18 SEC	1-17
Ranking (AVCA)	NR
Head Coach	Julie Darty
Record at MSU	16-33
Seasons at MSU	2nd
Career Record	74-93
Seasons as a HC	6th



##### Texas A&M Aggies

Record	11-5
H/A/N	6-1/2-4/3-0
SEC	3-3
2018	17-13
'18 SEC	10-8
Ranking (AVCA)	NR
Head Coach	Laura Bird Kuhn
Record at TAMU	28-18
Seasons at TAMU	2nd
Career Record	Same
Seasons as a HC	Same



##### Arkansas Razorbacks

Record	6-11
H/A/N	4-3/0-4/2-4
SEC	0-5
2018	11-17
'18 SEC	5-13
Ranking (AVCA)	NR
Head Coach	Jason Watson
Record at UA	25-60
Seasons at UA	15th
Career Record	245-208
Seasons as a HC	4th

#### MATCHDAY INFORMATION

Opponent	Texas A&M
Date/Time	Friday, Oct. 18   6 p.m. CT
Arena	Newell-Grisson Building
City	Starkville, Miss.
Live Stream	SEC Network+
Broadcast Team	Bart Gregory, Summer Seage

Opponent	Arkansas
Date/Time	Sunday, Oct. 20   1 p.m. CT
Arena	Newell-Grisson Building
City	Starkville, Miss.
Live Stream	SEC Network+
Broadcast Team	Bart Gregory, Summer Seage

#### FIRST SERVE

LAST TIME OUT: L, 3-0 at Tennessee (15-25, 15-25, 23-25)

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Mississippi State closed a three-match road stretch with a straight set loss at Tennessee. The Bulldogs played the Lady Vols close in the final set, but it wasn't enough to break through and start a comeback. Sophomores **Gabby Waden** (10 kills) and **Deja Robinson** (9) led the MSU attackers, and Robinson had a .444 hitting percentage in the match.

**KEY STORYLINE:** After a tough road stretch, the Bulldogs will look to bounce back with three straight matches at home in the Newell-Grisson Building, starting with a Friday matchup against Texas A&M.

**NOTE OF THE WEEK:** Leading the SEC's No. 3 team in digs (14.90 digs per set), **Kanani Price** (230 digs) and **Alleah Stamatis** (206) are the only SEC duo with at least 200 digs apiece. MSU is also one of just three SEC squads with five student-athletes carrying 100+ digs.

**CENTURY MARK:** Mississippi State is the only SEC team with...

- Five student-athletes carrying 100+ kills **AND**
- ...Five student-athletes carrying 100+ digs.

**GABBY THE GREAT:** Sophomore attacker **Gabby Waden** has been a consistent threat up front for the Bulldogs. In just her second season, Waden is proving to be one of the best offensive players in the conference.

**SENIOR SETTER STAMATIS:** A Bulldog captain and a fierce competitor, senior **Alleah Stamatis** sets the tone for the Bulldog offense in 2019.

**MISS MISSISSIPPI:** Freshman **Callie Minshew** is the lone active Bulldog hailing from the state of Mississippi, and has started every match so far in her rookie season.

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#### PREVIOUS MATCH STARTERS

1 - Amarrah Cooks | 136 k, .340 pct, 0.93 blk/s  
 7 - Alleah Stamatis | 8.90 a/s, 3.03 digs/s  
 8 - Gabby Waden | 234 k, 3.34 k/s, .320 pct  
 9 - Callie Minshew | 162 k, 158 digs  
 11 - Kanani Price | 3.24 digs/s, 38 a  
 13 - Deja Robinson | 128 k, .290 pct, 1.01 blk/s  
 23 - Makenzie Jordan | 161 digs, 42 a

11

Price

9

Minshew

7

Stamatis

13

Robinson

1

Cooks

8

Waden

23

Jordan

#### MATCH COVERAGE

STATS

**LIVE STATS:** Live stats are available on NCAA.com. Navigate to the women's volleyball page, click scores and select the appropriate game or follow the URL: <http://hailstat/2ADmqPs>

WATCH

**TELEVISION/STREAMING:** All Mississippi State volleyball home matches will be streamed online via SECNetwork+, with Bart Gregory (play-by-play) and Summer Seage (analyst) on the call. Visit [espn.com/watch](http://espn.com/watch) and search "Mississippi State volleyball."

## 2019 NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown/High School (Previous School)
1	Amarrah Cooks	MB	5-11	Sr.	Columbia, S.C./Ridge View (Jacksonville)
3	Gabby Zgunda	L/DS	5-7	Jr.	Muncie, Ind./Delta
5	Brooklyn Lochner	RS	6-0	Jr.	Pflugerville, Texas/Hendrickson
6	Kendall Murr	L/DS	5-8	Jr.	Yorktown, Ind./Yorktown (Jacksonville)
7	Alleah Stamatis	S	5-10	Sr.	Lexington, Ky./Scott County (Jacksonville)
8	Gabby Waden	MB	5-10	So.	Columbia, S.C./Blythewood
9	Callie Minshew	OH	5-11	Fr.	Brandon, Miss./Brandon
11	Kanani Price	DS	5-4	Jr.	Fairmount, Ind./Madison-Grant
12	Paige Shaw	OH	6-0	So.	Hoover, Ala./Hoover
13	Deja Robinson	MB	6-1	So.	Canton, Ga./Sequoyah
14	Burgundy Walters	MB	6-0	Fr.	Sanford, Fla./Seminole
16	Logan Brown	OH	6-0	Jr.	Dallas, Texas/Rowlett (Arkansas)
17	Kate Smith	DS	5-3	Fr.	Homewood, Ala./Homewood
21	Katie Culumovic	S/DS	5-5	Fr.	Simpsonville, S.C./St. Josephs Catholic
23	Makenzie Jordan	OH	5-10	Fr.	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Siegel

## 2019 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown (Previous School)
16	Logan Brown	OH	6-0	Jr.	Dallas, Texas/Rowlett (Arkansas)
1	Amarrah Cooks	MB	5-11	Sr.	Columbia, S.C./Ridge View (Jacksonville)
21	Katie Culumovic	S/DS	5-5	Fr.	Simpsonville, S.C./St. Josephs Catholic
23	Makenzie Jordan	OH	5-10	Fr.	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Siegel
5	Brooklyn Lochner	RS	6-0	Jr.	Pflugerville, Texas/Hendrickson
9	Callie Minshew	OH	5-11	Fr.	Brandon, Miss./Brandon
6	Kendall Murr	L/DS	5-8	Jr.	Yorktown, Ind./Yorktown (Jacksonville)
11	Kanani Price	DS	5-4	Jr.	Fairmount, Ind./Madison-Grant
13	Deja Robinson	MB	6-1	So.	Canton, Ga./Sequoyah
12	Paige Shaw	OH	6-0	So.	Hoover, Ala./Hoover
17	Kate Smith	DS	5-3	Fr.	Homewood, Ala./Homewood
7	Alleah Stamatis	S	5-10	Sr.	Lexington, Ky./Scott County (Jacksonville)
8	Gabby Waden	MB	5-10	So.	Columbia, S.C./Blythewood
14	Burgundy Walters	MB	6-0	Fr.	Sanford, Fla./Seminole
3	Gabby Zgunda	L/DS	5-7	Jr.	Muncie, Ind./Delta

**Head Coach:** Julie Darty (Mercer, 2008) - Second year at MSU; Sixth as a head coach

**Associate Head Coach:** Travers Green (Florida State, 2008) - Second year at MSU

**Assistant Coach:** Taylor McColskey (Palm Beach State, 2013) - First year at MSU

**Director of Operations:** Cody Drattlo (Indiana, 2018) - Second year at MSU

## 2019 PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

1	<b>Amarrah</b> Cooks	UH-MAR-UH
5	Brooklyn <b>Lochner</b>	LOCK-Ner
11	<b>Kanani</b> Price	Kah-NAH-Nee
7	<b>Alleah</b> Stamatis	Uh-LEE-Uh Stuh-MAH-tis
3	Gabby <b>Zgunda</b>	Zuh-GUN-Duh

## QUICK FACTS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Name .....	Mississippi State University
Location .....	Starkville, Miss.
Founded .....	Feb. 28, 1878
Enrollment .....	22,201
Nickname .....	Bulldogs
Colors .....	Maroon and White
Conference .....	Southeastern
President .....	Dr. Mark E. Keenum
Athletics Director .....	John Cohen
Sr. Associate AD/SWA .....	Ann Carr
Facility .....	Newell-Grisson Building
Capacity .....	2,000

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### PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year of Volleyball .....	1975 (45th Season)
Overall Record (44 seasons) .....	544-859 (.388)
SEC Record .....	100-427 (.190)
Highest SEC Finish .....	T-5th (1984)
SEC Tournament Appearances* .....	19 (1979-87, 90-98, 2005)
SEC Tournament Record* .....	5-22 (.185)
*SEC Tournament was held from 1979-2005	

### 2018 SEASON RECAP

Overall Record .....	5-26
Home .....	2-11
Away .....	1-1
Neutral .....	2-4
SEC Record .....	1-17/13th
Home .....	1-8
Away .....	0-9

## ROSTER BY STATE

<b>Alabama</b> .....	2 <i>Paige Shaw, Kate Smith</i>
<b>Florida</b> .....	1 <i>Burgundy Walters</i>
<b>Georgia</b> .....	1 <i>Deja Robinson</i>
<b>Indiana</b> .....	3 <i>Kendall Murr, Kanani Price, Gabby Zgunda</i>
<b>Kentucky</b> .....	1 <i>Alleah Stamatis</i>
<b>Mississippi</b> .....	1 <i>Callie Minshew</i>
<b>South Carolina</b> .....	3 <i>Amarrah Cooks, Katie Culumovic, Gabby Waden</i>
<b>Tennessee</b> .....	1 <i>Makenzie Jordan</i>
<b>Texas</b> .....	2 <i>Logan Brown, Brooklyn Lochner</i>

## MSU RECORD

Category	W-L
Overall.....	11-7
Home .....	6-2
Away .....	2-4
Neutral.....	3-1
SEC .....	0-6
Non-Conference .....	11-1
vs. Top 5 .....	0-0
vs. Top 10 .....	0-0
vs. Top 25 .....	0-1
vs. Unranked .....	11-6
On Television .....	0-3

### Day

Monday.....	0-0
Tuesday .....	0-0
Wednesday .....	0-1
Thursday .....	2-0
Friday .....	5-3
Saturday.....	4-0
Sunday.....	0-3

### Month

August .....	3-0
September .....	8-3
October .....	0-4
November .....	0-0

### Number of Sets

Three Sets .....	4-3
Four Sets .....	3-2
Five Sets .....	4-2

### Set Score

Up 1-0.....	8-1
Up 2-0.....	4-0
Up 2-1.....	5-1
Tied 1-1.....	7-2
Tied 2-2.....	4-2
Down 1-0.....	4-6
Down 2-0.....	1-4
Down 2-1.....	2-3

### Statistical Battle

More kills .....	3-1
Fewer kills .....	8-6
Tied kills.....	0-0
More blocks.....	10-3
Fewer blocks .....	1-4
Tied blocks .....	0-0
More digs .....	8-1
Fewer digs.....	1-6
Tied digs.....	2-0

### Hitting percentage

Leading .....	7-0
Trailing.....	4-7
Tied.....	0-0
.400+.....	0-0
.300-.399.....	3-0
.200-.299.....	3-0
.100-.199.....	4-6
.000-.099.....	1-1
Negative.....	0-0

### Opponent hitting percentage

.400+.....	0-0
.300-.399.....	0-2
.200-.299.....	3-5
.100-.199.....	7-0
.000-.099.....	1-0
Negative.....	0-0

## THE MATCHUP

Stat	Mississippi State	Texas A&M	Arkansas
k/s .....	11.7	13.1	12.3
a/s .....	10.8	12.0	11.4
sa/s.....	1.2	1.5	1.4
digs/s.....	14.9	12.7	12.6
blks/s.....	2.3	2.4	1.9
Hitting Percentage.....	.190	.254	.186
Opponent Hitting Percentage.....	.195	.193	.219

## SERIES HISTORY - TEXAS A&M

### Texas A&M (0-10)

#### H: 0-5 | A: 0-5

Oct. 7, 2012	College Station, Texas	L	0-3	Nov. 15, 2015	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3
Oct. 11, 2013	College Station, Texas	L	0-3	Nov. 11, 2016	College Station, Texas	L	0-3
Nov. 8, 2013	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Oct. 8, 2017	College Station, Texas	L	0-3
Nov. 26, 2014	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Nov. 22, 2017	Starkville, Miss.	L	1-3
Oct. 18, 2015	College Station, Texas	L	0-3	Nov. 18, 2018	Starkville, Miss.	L	1-3

## SERIES HISTORY - ARKANSAS

### Arkansas (5-42)

#### H: 4-19 | A: 1-22 | N: 0-1

Oct. 2, 1994	Fayetteville, Ark.	L	1-3	Nov. 4, 2005	Starkville, Miss.	L	2-3
Oct. 28, 1994	Starkville, Miss.	L	2-3	Sept. 29, 2006	Fayetteville, Ark.	L	0-3
Oct. 15, 1995	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Nov. 19, 2006	Starkville, Miss.	W	3-0
Nov. 3, 1995	Fayetteville, Ark.	L	0-3	Sept. 21, 2007	Starkville, Miss.	W	3-0
Oct. 6, 1996	Fayetteville, Ark.	L	0-3	Oct. 28, 2007	Fayetteville, Ark.	W	3-1
Nov. 15, 1996	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Oct. 12, 2008	Fayetteville, Ark.	L	0-3
Nov. 22, 1996	Columbia, S.C.	L	0-3	Nov. 14, 2008	Starkville, Miss.	L	2-3
Oct. 19, 1997	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Oct. 11, 2009	Fayetteville, Ark.	L	1-3
Nov. 7, 1997	Fayetteville, Ark.	L	0-3	Nov. 13, 2009	Starkville, Miss.	W	3-1
Oct. 11, 1998	Fayetteville, Ark.	L	0-3	Sept. 24, 2010	Starkville, Miss.	W	3-2
Nov. 7, 1998	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Oct. 31, 2010	Fayetteville, Ark.	L	0-3
Oct. 24, 1999	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Sept. 23, 2011	Fayetteville, Ark.	L	0-3
Nov. 6, 1999	Fayetteville, Ark.	L	1-3	Oct. 28, 2011	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3
Oct. 15, 2000	Fayetteville, Ark.	L	0-3	Oct. 21, 2012	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3
Oct. 27, 2000	Starkville, Miss.	L	1-3	Sept. 29, 2013	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3
Oct. 7, 2001	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Nov. 24, 2013	Fayetteville, Ark.	L	0-3
Oct. 19, 2001	Fayetteville, Ark.	L	1-3	Sept. 28, 2014	Fayetteville, Ark.	L	0-3
Oct. 25, 2002	Fayetteville, Ark.	L	0-3	Nov. 8, 2015	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3
Nov. 10, 2002	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Oct. 26, 2016	Fayetteville, Ark.	L	1-3
Oct. 10, 2003	Starkville, Miss.	L	1-3	Nov. 20, 2016	Starkville, Miss.	L	2-3
Nov. 2, 2003	Fayetteville, Ark.	L	0-3	Oct. 22, 2017	Fayetteville, Ark.	L	0-3
Oct. 3, 2004	Fayetteville, Ark.	L	1-3	Oct. 12, 2018	Fayetteville, Ark.	L	1-3
Nov. 14, 2004	Starkville, Miss.	L	2-3	Oct. 24, 2018	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3
Oct. 16, 2005	Fayetteville, Ark.	L	0-3				

## SEC RANKINGS (Top 5 team, Top 10 player | As of Wednesday, Oct. 16)

Category	Value	Rank
Digs/set	14.90	3
Blocks/set	2.34	5

Category	Player	Value	Rank
Hitting Pct	<b>Amarrah Cooks</b>	.340	8
Assists/set	<b>Alleah Stamatīs</b>	8.90	8
Points/set	<b>Gabby Waden</b>	3.70	10
Kills/set	<b>Gabby Waden</b>	3.34	9
Service Aces/set	<b>Alleah Stamatīs</b>	0.29	9

## SEC RANKINGS (Conference matches | Top 10 player | As of Wednesday, Oct. 16)

Category	Player	Value	Rank
Assists/set	<b>Alleah Stamatīs</b>	9.23	8
Kills/set	<b>Gabby Waden</b>	3.32	9
Digs/set	<b>Kanani Price</b>	4.14	8

## 2019 AWARDS

### StarkVegas Classic All-Tournament Team

Alleah Stamatis (MVP)  
Amarrah Cooks  
Callie Minshew

### Southern Miss Classic All-Tournament Team

Alleah Stamatis (MVP)  
Amarrah Cooks  
Gabby Waden

### Gamecock Classic All-Tournament Team

Amarrah Cooks (MVP)  
Deja Robinson

### Hail State Invitational All-Tournament Team

Gabby Waden (MVP)  
Alleah Stamatis  
Kanani Price

## VOLLEYDAWG DOUBLE-DOUBLES (15)

### Katie Culumovic (1)

9/13 vs. Sam Houston State | 26 assists, 12 digs

### Makenzie Jordan (1)

9/14 at Jacksonville State | 11 assists, 11 digs

### Callie Minshew (2)

9/6 vs. New Orleans | 17 kills, 10 digs  
9/20 vs. UAB | 10 kills, 16 digs

### Paige Shaw (2)

8/30 vs. Chattanooga | 10 kills, 11 digs  
9/20 vs. UAB | 11 kills, 13 digs

### Alleah Stamatis (9)

8/30 vs. Chattanooga | 35 assists, 18 digs  
9/6 vs. New Orleans | 39 assists, 10 digs  
9/7 vs. Arkansas State | 40 assists, 24 digs  
9/13 vs. Stetson | 38 assists, 14 digs  
9/14 at Jacksonville State | 34 assists, 21 digs  
9/19 vs. North Florida | 45 assists, 19 digs  
9/20 vs. UAB | 43 assists, 14 digs  
10/4 vs. Ole Miss | 50 assists, 15 digs  
10/9 at Alabama | 51 assists, 16 digs

## TEAM LEADERS

Kills/Hitting Pct.	k	k/s	pct.
Amarrah Cooks	136	2.03	.340
Gabby Waden	234	3.34	.320
Deja Robinson	128	1.88	.290

Blocks	bs	ba	tb	b/s
Deja Robinson	20	49	69	1.01
Amarrah Cooks	17	45	62	0.93
Paige Shaw	9	32	41	0.63
Gabby Waden	7	34	41	0.59

Service Aces	sa	sa/s
Alleah Stamatis	20	0.29
Callie Minshew	16	0.23
Makenzie Jordan	11	0.17

Digs	digs	digs/s
Kanani Price	230	3.24
Alleah Stamatis	206	3.03
Makenzie Jordan	161	2.52
Callie Minshew	158	2.23
Paige Shaw	111	1.71

## TEAM NOTES, cont.

**GABBY THE GREAT:** After missing most of her 2018 freshman season due to injury, sophomore **Gabby Waden** is killing it in 2019. To date, *Waden is one of 12 SEC student-athletes with 200 kills, and is second among those players in hitting percentage (.320), just behind Missouri's Kylie Deberg (.325).*

Waden has been a model of consistency for the Bulldogs this season, tallying double-digit kills in 13 of 18 matches and at least eight in all but one.

The Columbia, S.C. native has also reached 20 kills in a match twice.

### Waden's 20-kill performances

9/19 vs. North Florida: 24 kills, .409 hitting pct.  
10/4 vs. Ole Miss: 20 kills, .357 hitting pct.

**SENIOR SETTER STAMATIS:** Senior **Alleah Stamatis** sets the tone for the Bulldog offense in 2019. Stamatis ranks among the SEC's best in three different categories.

### Stamatis in the SEC Rankings

**Double-Doubles** - T-1st - 9  
**Assists** - 8th - 8.90/set  
**Service Aces** - T-9th - 0.29/set

Stamatis has been even better in SEC play, averaging 9.23 assists per set in six matches so far, ranking No. 8 in the conference. She has tallied 50-plus assists in two SEC matches, including MSU's match at Alabama where she collected 51 assists in four sets. It was the most she has had in any match during her two-year career at MSU.

**MISS MISSISSIPPI:** Freshman **Callie Minshew** is the lone active Bulldog hailing from the state of Mississippi. The Brandon native was a two-time Mississippi Volleyball Gatorade Player of the Year in high school.

Through 18 matches, she has started every contest and ranks second on the squad in total kills (162) and total service aces (16).

In her first SEC match at No. 16 Kentucky, Minshew nearly earned her third double-double of the season while tallying nine kills and 14 digs.

Her brother, Gardner Minshew, is also having a great first year with his new team. In five games, the Jacksonville Jaguars starting quarterback has completed 63.9 percent of his passes with nine touchdowns and 97.5 QB rating.

**DOUBLE-DOUBLE DAWGS:** An SEC-best five different Bulldogs have recorded a total of 15 double-doubles. Through 18 matches played, senior **Alleah Stamatis** sits as the SEC co-leader with nine double-doubles in 2019.

Also, three freshmen have collected double-doubles in 2019. Rookies **Callie Minshew**, **Katie Culumovic** and **Makenzie Jordan** have all recorded their first-career double-doubles.

In MSU's five-set win over UAB, Stamatis, Minshew and sophomore **Paige Shaw** all earned double-doubles. It was the first time that three Bulldogs earned a double-double in a single match since Nov. 16, 2016 against Ole Miss (Hill, Singleton, Sato).

**DAWG DEFENSE:** MSU's greatest strength in 2019 has been its defense. As a team, and individually, the Bulldogs rank in the top tier defensively in comparison to their SEC counterparts.

### Team Rankings (SEC)

Digs - 3rd - 14.90/set  
Blocks - 5th - 2.34/set

Junior **Kanani Price** has racked up digs while starting in the libero jersey for all of SEC play. In conference matches alone, Price sits No. 8 in the SEC with 4.14 digs per set. In MSU's last match at Alabama, Price earned a career-high 25 double-doubles in four sets (6.25 digs per set).

Price leads the Bulldogs with 230 digs in 2019, and is one of five State student-athletes with 100+ digs on the season; **Alleah Stamatis** (206), **Makenzie Jordan** (161), **Callie Minshew** (158) and **Paige Shaw** (111). Mississippi State is one of just two SEC teams with five student-athletes boasting 100+ kills.

**KILLER QUEENS:** The Mississippi State offense features several student-athletes that can generate offensive points for the Bulldogs, and is one of three SEC teams with five players in triple digits for kills.

### MSU Kill Leaderboard

1. <b>Gabby Waden</b>	234
2. <b>Callie Minshew</b>	162
3. <b>Amarrah Cooks</b>	136
4. <b>Deja Robinson</b>	128
5. <b>Paige Shaw</b>	100

### Double-digit Dawgs

Five different Bulldogs have tallied 10 or more kills in a single match this season.

Name	10+ K	Season High
<b>Gabby Waden</b>	13	24
<b>Callie Minshew</b>	6	17
<b>Amarrah Cooks</b>	6	11
<b>Paige Shaw</b>	4	15
<b>Deja Robinson</b>	4	11

**CAPTAINS:** Senior **Alleah Stamatis** and juniors **Kendall Murr** and **Gabby Zgunda** were named team captains for the 2019 season.

**THE NEW NEWELL-GRISSOM BUILDING:** Mississippi State's home arena, the Newell-Grissom Building, received renovations during the offseason to enhance the student-athlete experience. Affectionately called "The Griss," the facility has an updated team lounge, fueling station, video room, locker room and study lounge.

## THE LAST TIME...

### A Mississippi State team...

Hit .300-.399 in a match	9/19/19 vs. Jackson State (.375)
Hit .400-.499 in a match	8/31/17 vs. Grambling State (.463)
Hit .500-.599 in a match	9/16/00 vs. Nicholls State (.511)
Had 70+ kills in a match	9/01/18 vs. Davidson (74)
Had 80+ kills in a match	8/30/03 vs. Gonzaga (85)
Held opponent at .000-.100 in a match	8/30/19 vs. Mississippi Valley State (.000)
Held opponent to negative hitting pct.	8/24/18 vs. Mississippi Valley State (-.054)
Had 10+ blocks in a match	9/20/19 vs. UAB (14.0)
Had 15+ blocks in a match	9/19/19 vs. North Florida (19)
Had 10+ service aces in one match	9/26/18 vs. Auburn (10)
Had 15+ service aces in one match	8/25/07 vs. UALR (16)
Over 1,000 fans at home	9/27/17 vs. Ole Miss (1,023)
Over 3,000 fans at home	8/26/11 vs. Southern Illinois (3,024)
Defeated a ranked opponent	10/14/11 vs. No. 25 Kentucky
Consecutive wins	9/13/19-9/20/19 (5)
Consecutive SEC wins	9/30-10/2/16 (2, Auburn & Alabama)
5+ consecutive wins	9/13/19-9/20/19 (5)
7+ consecutive wins	11/17/09-9/4/10 (7)
10+ consecutive wins	9/3-19/00 (11)
Consecutive sweeps	9/1-7/18 (2)
Consecutive SEC sweeps	11/22-25/15 (2, Georgia & LSU)

### A Mississippi State player...

Hit .500-.599 in a match*	11/18/18, Amarrah Cooks vs. Texas A&M (.524)
Hit .600-.699 in a match*	10/12/18, Amarrah Cooks at Arkansas (.600)
Hit .700-.800 in a match*	10/13/17, Liv Benner vs. Missouri (.750)
Hit .800+ in a match*	9/8/06, Erin Seago vs. Jackson State (.857)
Had 20+ kills in a match	9/19/19, Gabby Waden vs. North Florida (24)
Had 25+ kills in a match	9/09/17, Jelena Vujcin vs. Louisiana (25)
Had 27+ kills in a match	9/2/16, Evie Grace Singleton at Little Rock (27)
Had 30+ kills in a match	11/24/17, Jelena Vujcin at South Carolina (33)
Had 25.0+ points in a match	9/09/17, Jelena Vujcin vs. Louisiana (28.0)
Had 30.0+ points in a match	11/24/17, Jelena Vujcin at South Carolina (34.0)
Had 50+ attacks in a match	9/19/19, Paige Shaw vs. North Florida (50)
Had 60+ attacks in a match	9/6/19, Callie Minshew vs. New Orleans (60)
Had 65+ attacks in a match	9/17/16, Evie Grace Singleton vs. Portland (66)
Had 70+ attacks in a match	9/2/05, Orshi Kriegel vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee (73)
Had 80+ attacks in a match	11/11/01, Tanika Taylor at Ole Miss (80)
Had 50+ assists in a match	11/21/18, Morgan Kath at Auburn (57)
Had 60+ assists in a match	9/01/18, Morgan Kath vs. Davidson (63)
Had 80+ assists in a match	11/11/01, Jennifer Hadden at Ole Miss (80)
Had a double-double	9/20/19, Alleah Stamatis (43 a, 14 digs), Paige Shaw (11 k, 13 digs) & Callie Minshew (10 k, 16 digs) vs. UAB
Had a triple-double	11/18/07, Eva Kriegel at Florida (11 K, 21 A, 10 D)
Had 10+ blocks in a match	10/2/16, Jazmyne Johnson vs. Alabama (11.0)
Had 13+ blocks in a match	10/31/03, Jennifer Rousey at LSU (13.0)
Had 30+ digs in a match	9/01/18 Kendall Murr vs. Davidson (34)
Had 40+ digs in a match	9/19/14, Payton Harris vs. SIU-Edwardsville (40)
Had 50+ digs in a match	9/13/14, Payton Harris vs. Northwestern St. (59)
Had 5 aces in one match	10/16/16, Riley Duzenack at Auburn
Had 6 aces in one match	9/28/08, Leanna King vs. Auburn
Had 7 aces in one match	10/11/15, Alex Warren vs. Georgia
Had 8 aces in one match	9/10/04, Andrea Mead vs. Idaho
Had 9 aces in one match	9/12/86, Sharyn Smith vs. UAB

### Two Mississippi State players...

Had a double-double	9/20/19, Alleah Stamatis (43 a, 14 digs), Paige Shaw (11 k, 13 digs) & Callie Minshew (10 k, 16 digs) vs. UAB
Had 20+ kills in a match	11/26/16, Evie Grace Singleton (21) & Emily Hill (21) vs. Georgia
Had 50+ attacks in a match	11/20/16, E.G. Singleton (61) & Emily Hill (56) vs. Arkansas
Had 5+ blocks in a match	9/20/19, Deja Robinson (5) & Amarrah Cooks (5) vs. UAB
Had 5+ aces in one match	9/13/14, Payton Harris (5) & Katlyn Mataya (5) vs. Nicholls State

### Three Mississippi State players...

Had a double-double	9/20/19, Alleah Stamatis (43 a, 14 digs), Paige Shaw (11 k, 13 digs) & Callie Minshew (10 k, 16 digs) vs. UAB
Had double-digit kills	9/20/19, Gabby Waden (14), Paige Shaw (11) and Callie Minshew (10) vs. UAB
Had 5+ blocks in a match	9/19/19, Deja Robinson (11), Paige Shaw (7), Gabby Waden (5) & Amarrah Cooks (5) vs. North Florida

### Four Mississippi State players...

Had double-digit kills	9/01/18, Khristian Carr (13), Amarrah Cooks (18), AJ Koele (13), Deja Robinson (20) vs. Davidson
Had 5+ blocks in a match	9/19/19, Deja Robinson (11), Paige Shaw (7), Gabby Waden (5) & Amarrah Cooks (5) vs. North Florida

\* - Minimum of 12 kills

## NOTABLE STATS

Double-Doubles	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Paige Shaw	-	-	1	2	3
Alleah Stamatis	1	11	4	9	25
Callie Minshew	-	-	-	2	2
Makenzie Jordan	-	-	-	1	1
Katie Culumovic	-	-	-	1	1

10+ Kills	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Paige Shaw	-	-	9	4	13
Deja Robinson	-	-	5	4	9
Callie Minshew	-	-	-	6	6
Amarrah Cooks	-	12*	12	6	28
Gabby Waden	-	-	-	13	13

20+ Kills	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Gabby Waden	-	-	-	2	2

10+ Digs	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Gabby Zgunda	-	12	10	3	25
Kanani Price	-	-	2	8	10
Kendall Murr	-	9*	24	-	23
Paige Shaw	-	-	3	4	7
Callie Minshew	-	-	-	6	6
Makenzie Jordan	-	-	-	7	7
Alleah Stamatis	9*	11*	10	11	41
Katie Culumovic	-	-	-	1	1
Kate Smith	-	-	-	1	1

50+ Assists	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Alleah Stamatis	-	7*	-	2	9

3+ Aces	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Gabby Zgunda	-	1	1	-	2
Callie Minshew	-	-	-	1	1
Alleah Stamatis	-	-	2	2	4
Kanani Price	-	-	-	3	3
Kendall Murr	-	-	1	-	1

3+ Total Blocks	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Brooklyn Lochner	-	-	2	-	2
Gabby Waden	-	-	2	6	8
Paige Shaw	-	-	6	8	14
Deja Robinson	-	-	18	11	29
Callie Minshew	-	-	-	2	2
Burgundy Walters	-	-	-	1	1
Amarrah Cooks	8*	17*	18	13	56
Alleah Stamatis	-	-	-	3	3

\* - Done at previous school



**1 | AMARRAH COOKS**

**5-11 | SENIOR  
MIDDLE BLOCKER  
COLUMBIA, S.C.  
RIDGE VIEW HS  
(JACKSONVILLE)**

**Season Highs**

**Kills** ..... 11, 5x, last at Alabama (10/9/19)  
**Attempts** ..... 32 vs. North Florida (9/19/19)  
**Assists** ..... 1, 2x, last vs. UAB (9/20/19)  
**Service Aces** ..... N/A  
**Digs** ..... 2, 4x, last vs. UAB (9/20/19)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... 3 vs. Mississippi Valley State (8/30/19)  
**Block Assists** ..... 6 vs. Arkansas State (9/7/19)

**Career Highs**

**Kills** ..... 18, 2x, last vs. Davidson (9/1/18)  
**Attempts** ..... 33 at Auburn (11/21/18)  
**Assists** ..... 1, 8x, last vs. UAB (9/20/19)  
**Service Aces** ..... 1 vs. Cal Baptist (8/26/18)  
**Digs** ..... 4, 2x, last at USC Upstate (9/26/17)\*  
**Solo Blocks** ..... 5 vs. Alabama (11/16/18)  
**Block Assists** ..... 7 at Auburn (11/21/18)

\* - Set while at Jacksonville

**MSU Career Highs**

**Kills** ..... 18, 2x, last vs. Davidson (9/1/18)  
**Attempts** ..... 33 at Auburn (11/21/18)  
**Assists** ..... 1, 5x, last vs. UAB (9/20/19)  
**Service Aces** ..... 1 vs. Cal Baptist (8/26/18)  
**Digs** ..... 3 vs. Texas A&M (11/18/18)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... 5 vs. Alabama (11/16/18)  
**Block Assists** ..... 7 at Auburn (11/21/18)

**2019 Senior Season**

Eighth in the SEC with a .340 hitting percentage... No. 2 on the squad with 0.92 blocks/set... Named the MVP of the Gamecock Classic after collecting 28 kills, a .423 hitting percentage and 10 blocks... Earned three all-tournament honors in non-conference play.

**3 | GABBY ZGUNDA**

**5-7 | JUNIOR  
LIBERO/  
DEF. SPECIALIST  
MUNCIE, IND.  
DELTA HS**

**Season Highs**

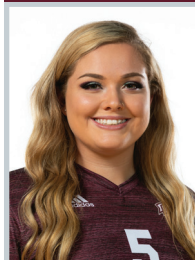
**Kills** ..... N/A  
**Attempts** ..... N/A  
**Assists** ..... 6, 2x, last vs. Western Illinois (8/31/19)  
**Service Aces** ..... 2 vs. Mississippi Valley State (8/30/19)  
**Digs** ..... 18 vs. Chattanooga (8/30/19)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... N/A  
**Block Assists** ..... N/A

**Career Highs**

**Kills** ..... 1, 4x, last at Kentucky (11/10/18)  
**Attempts** ..... 2, 2x, last at Ole Miss (Oct. 21, 2018)  
**Assists** ..... 5 vs. Mississippi Valley State (8/24/18)  
**Service Aces** ..... 4, 2x, last vs. ULM (8/24/18)  
**Digs** ..... 26 vs. Rice (8/26/18)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... N/A  
**Block Assists** ..... N/A

**2019 Junior Season**

Led team in digs for all three matches of StarkVegas Classic (8/30-31), totaling 43.

**5 | BROOKLYN LOCHNER**

**6-0 | SOPHOMORE  
RIGHT SIDE  
PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS  
HENDRICKSON HS**

**Season Highs**

**Kills** ..... 3 at Tennessee (10/13/19)  
**Attempts** ..... 5 at Tennessee (10/13/19)  
**Assists** ..... N/A  
**Service Aces** ..... N/A  
**Digs** ..... N/A  
**Solo Blocks** ..... N/A  
**Block Assists** ..... 2 at Tennessee (10/13/19)

**Career Highs**

**Kills** ..... 8 vs. Missouri (11/17/17)  
**Attempts** ..... 24 vs. Texas A&M (11/22/17)  
**Assists** ..... 1 vs. Jackson State (9/15/17)  
**Service Aces** ..... 1 vs. Grambling (8/30/17)  
**Digs** ..... 2 at South Carolina (11/24/17)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... 1 vs. Texas A&M (11/22/18)  
**Block Assists** ..... 2 at Tennessee (10/13/19)

**2018 Sophomore Season**

Appeared in 12 matches, drawing three starts... Played 21 sets... Made first-career start against Stephen F. Austin (9/15).

**6 | KENDALL MURR**

**5-8 | SOPHOMORE  
LIBERO/  
DEF. SPECIALIST  
YORKTOWN, IND.  
(JACKSONVILLE)**

**Season Highs**

**Kills** ..... N/A  
**Attempts** ..... N/A  
**Assists** ..... N/A  
**Service Aces** ..... N/A  
**Digs** ..... N/A  
**Solo Blocks** ..... N/A  
**Block Assists** ..... N/A

**MSU Career Highs**

**Kills** ..... 1 at North Texas (9/13/18)  
**Attempts** ..... 1, 5x, vs Florida (10/28/18)  
**Assists** ..... 4, 4x, at Ole Miss (10/21/18)  
**Service Aces** ..... 4 vs Auburn (9/26/18)  
**Digs** ..... 34 vs Davidson (9/1/18)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... N/A  
**Block Assists** ..... N/A

**2018 Sophomore Season**

Appeared in 31 matches, notching 30 starts... Played 109 sets... Led the squad with 413 digs... Tied for No. 2 on the team with 15 service aces... Led the team in digs on 21 occasions... Had double-digit digs on 24 occasions, 20-plus three times and 30-plus twice.

**7 | ALLEAH STAMATIS**

**5-10 | SENIOR  
SETTER  
LEXINGTON, KY.  
SCOTT COUNTY HS  
(JACKSONVILLE)**

**Season Highs**

**Kills** ..... 7, 2x, last vs. Jackson State (9/19/19)  
**Attempts** ..... 16 vs. Chattanooga (8/30/19)  
**Assists** ..... 51 at Alabama (10/9/19)  
**Service Aces** ..... 3, 2x, last vs. Jackson State (9/19/19)  
**Digs** ..... 24 vs. Arkansas State (9/7/19)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... 1, 2x, last vs. UAB (9/20/19)  
**Block Assists** ..... 3, 2x, last vs. UAB (9/20/19)

**Career Highs**

**Kills** ..... 7, 2x, last vs. Jackson State (9/19/19)  
**Attempts** ..... 16 vs. Chattanooga (8/30/19)  
**Assists** ..... 61 vs. USC Upstate (11/11/17)\*  
**Service Aces** ..... 4 vs. Louisiana Tech (8/7/18)  
**Digs** ..... 24 vs. Arkansas State (9/7/19)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... 1, 2x, last vs. UAB (9/20/19)  
**Block Assists** ..... 5 at Lipscomb (1/13/17)\*

\* - Set while at Jacksonville

**MSU Career Highs**

**Kills** ..... 7, 2x, last vs. Jackson State (9/19/19)  
**Attempts** ..... 16 vs. Chattanooga (8/30/19)  
**Assists** ..... 51 at Alabama (10/9/19)  
**Service Aces** ..... 4 vs. Louisiana Tech (8/7/18)  
**Digs** ..... 24 vs. Arkansas State (9/7/19)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... 1, 2x, last vs. UAB (9/20/19)  
**Block Assists** ..... 3, 2x, last vs. UAB (9/20/19)

**2019 Senior Season**

The SEC co-leader with nine double-doubles on the season... In back-to-back weekends, was named the StarkVegas Classic and Southern Miss Classic Most Valuable Player... Ranks in the top 10 in the SEC in assists (8th; 8.90/set) and service aces (T-9th; 0.29/set).

**8 | GABBY WADEN**

**5-10 | SOPHOMORE  
MIDDLE BLOCKER  
COULMBIA, S.C.  
BLYTHEWOOD HS**

**Season Highs**

**Kills** ..... 24 vs. North Florida (9/19/19)  
**Attempts** ..... 44 vs. North Florida (9/19/19)  
**Assists** ..... 2 at South Carolina (10/4/19)  
**Service Aces** ..... 1 at South Carolina (10/4/19)  
**Digs** ..... 6 at South Carolina (10/4/19)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... 2 vs. Stetson (9/13/19)  
**Block Assists** ..... 5 at Jacksonville State (9/14/19)

**Career Highs**

**Kills** ..... 24 vs. North Florida (9/19/19)  
**Attempts** ..... 44 vs. North Florida (9/19/19)  
**Assists** ..... 2 at South Carolina (10/4/19)  
**Service Aces** ..... 1 at South Carolina (10/4/19)  
**Digs** ..... 6 at South Carolina (10/4/19)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... 2 vs. Stetson (9/13/19)  
**Block Assists** ..... 5 at Jacksonville State (9/14/19)

**2019 Sophomore Season**

.320 hitting percentage is the second highest of SEC student-athletes with at least 200 kills... Collected 20 kills vs. Ole Miss (10/4) on a .357 hitting percentage... Named Hail State Invitational MVP after converting 48 kills (3.69 kills/set) on a .429 hitting percentage... Has at least eight kills in all but one match this season.

**9 | CALLIE MINSHEW**

**5-11 | FRESHMAN  
OUTSIDE HITTER  
BRANDON, MISS.  
BRANDON HS**

**Season Highs**

**Kills** ..... 17, 2x, last vs. New Orleans (9/6/19)  
**Attempts** ..... 60 vs. New Orleans (9/6/19)  
**Assists** ..... 2 vs. Jackson State (9/19/19)  
**Service Aces** ..... 3 vs. Mississippi Valley State (8/30/19)  
**Digs** ..... 16 vs. UAB (9/19/19)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... 1, 5x, last at Kentucky (9/27/19)  
**Block Assists** ..... 6 vs. Arkansas State (9/7/19)

**Career Highs**

**Kills** ..... 17, 2x, last vs. New Orleans (9/6/19)  
**Attempts** ..... 60 vs. New Orleans (9/6/19)  
**Assists** ..... 2 vs. Jackson State (9/19/19)  
**Service Aces** ..... 3 vs. Mississippi Valley State (8/30/19)  
**Digs** ..... 16 vs. UAB (9/19/19)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... 1, 4x, last vs. UAB (9/20/19)  
**Block Assists** ..... 6 vs. Arkansas State (9/7/19)

**2019 Freshman Season**

Had 17 kills in back-to-back matches (8/31 & 9/6)... Collected first-career double-double in fourth match of her career, with 17 kills and 10 digs against New Orleans (9/6)... Has two double-doubles on the season.

**11 | KANANI PRICE**

**5-4 | JUNIOR  
DEF. SPECIALIST  
FAIRMOUNT, IND.  
MADISON-GRANT HS**

**Season Highs**

**Kills** ..... 1 vs. Stetson (9/13/19)  
**Attempts** ..... 2 vs. Ole Miss (10/4/19)  
**Assists** ..... 6 vs. Ole Miss (10/4/19)  
**Service Aces** ..... 3 vs. Chattanooga (8/30/19)  
**Digs** ..... 25 at Alabama (10/9/19)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... N/A  
**Block Assists** ..... N/A

**Career Highs**

**Kills** ..... 2, 2x, last vs. Stetson (9/13/19)  
**Attempts** ..... 2, 2x, last vs. Ole Miss (10/4/19)  
**Assists** ..... 6 vs. Ole Miss (10/4/19)  
**Service Aces** ..... 3 vs. Chattanooga (8/30/19)  
**Digs** ..... 25 at Alabama (10/9/19)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... N/A  
**Block Assists** ..... N/A

**2019 Junior Season**

No. 8 in the SEC with 4.14 digs/set since the start of conference play... Had 12 digs and three service aces in season opener against Chattanooga (8/30)... Named Hail State Invitational All-Tournament Team after leading the team with 47 digs... Earned a career-high 25 digs at Alabama (10/9).

**12 | PAIGE SHAW**

**6-0 | SOPHOMORE  
OUTSIDE HITTER  
HOOVER, ALA.  
HOOVER HS**

**Season Highs**

**Kills** ..... 15 vs. Ole Miss (10/4/19)  
**Attempts** ..... 50 vs. North Florida (9/19/19)  
**Assists** ..... 2 vs. Jackson State (9/19/19)  
**Service Aces** ..... 2, 2x, last vs. UAB (9/20/19)  
**Digs** ..... 13, 2x, last at Alabama (10/9/19)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... 2, 2x, last vs. UAB (9/20/19)  
**Block Assists** ..... 5 vs. North Florida (9/20/19)

**Career Highs**

**Kills** ..... 19 at Auburn (11/21/18)  
**Attempts** ..... 55 vs. Auburn (9/26/18)  
**Assists** ..... 4 at Ole Miss (10/21/18)  
**Service Aces** ..... 2, 4x, last vs. UAB (9/20/19)  
**Digs** ..... 17 at Auburn (11/21/18)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... 7 at Alabama (10/17/18)  
**Block Assists** ..... 5 vs. North Florida (9/20/19)

**2019 Sophomore Season**

Had a double-double in season opener vs. Chattanooga (8/30), collecting 10 kills and 11 digs... Earned second double-double of season vs. UAB (9/20) with 11 kills and 13 digs... Collected a season-high 15 kills versus Ole Miss (10/4).

**13 | DEJA ROBINSON**

**6-1 | SOPHOMORE  
MIDDLE BLOCKER  
CANTON, GA.  
SEQUOYAH HS**

**Season Highs**

**Kills** ..... 11, 4x, last at Alabama (10/9/19)  
**Attempts** ..... 24, 2x, last at Alabama (10/9/19)  
**Assists** ..... 2, 2x, last at Kentucky (9/27/19)  
**Service Aces** ..... 2 vs. New Orleans (9/6/19)  
**Digs** ..... 9 vs. North Florida (9/19/19)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... 4 vs. Stetson (9/13/19)  
**Block Assists** ..... 10 vs. North Florida (9/19/19)

**Career Highs**

**Kills** ..... 20 vs. Davidson (9/1/18)  
**Attempts** ..... 33 at North Texas (9/26/18)  
**Assists** ..... 2 at Southern Miss (9/7/19)  
**Service Aces** ..... 2, 4x, last vs. New Orleans (9/6/19)  
**Digs** ..... 9 vs. North Florida (9/19/19)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... 4 vs. Stetson (9/13/19)  
**Block Assists** ..... 10 vs. North Florida (9/19/19)

**2019 Sophomore Season**

Named to the Gamecock Classic All-Tournament Team after leading the team in hitting percentage (.511) and blocks (17)... Had 18 total blocks the next weekend in the Hail State Invitational... Had 11 kills and a .571 hitting mark against Sam Houston State (9/13)... Converted 11 kills on a .389 hitting percentage at No. 16 Kentucky (9/27).

**16 | LOGAN BROWN**

**6-0 | JUNIOR  
OUTSIDE HITTER  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
ROWLETT HS  
(ARKANSAS)**

**Season Highs**

**Kills** ..... N/A  
**Attempts** ..... N/A  
**Assists** ..... N/A  
**Service Aces** ..... N/A  
**Digs** ..... N/A  
**Solo Blocks** ..... N/A  
**Block Assists** ..... N/A

**Career Highs**

**Kills** ..... 20 at Georgia Tech (9/15/18)  
**Attempts** ..... 59 vs. Tennessee (11/18/18)  
**Assists** ..... 4 vs. LSU (11/11/18)  
**Service Aces** ..... 3 vs. Northwestern (9/8/18)  
**Digs** ..... 8 vs. Ole Miss (10/5/18)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... N/A  
**Block Assists** ..... N/A

**2018 Sophomore Season (Arkansas)**

Named Arkansas Classic All-Tournament MVP... Appeared in 28 matches with 26 starts... Recorded 258 kills to average 2.63 kills per set... Had a season-high 59 attempts against Tennessee (11/18) and a season-high 20 kills at Georgia Tech (9/15).

**21 | KATIE CULUMOVIC**

**5-5 | FRESHMAN  
SETTER/  
DEF. SPECIALIST  
SIMPSONVILLE, S.C.  
ST. JOSEPH'S**

**Season Highs**

**Kills** ..... 1 vs. UAB (9/20/19)  
**Attempts** ..... 3 vs. Sam Houston State (9/13/19)  
**Assists** ..... 26 vs. Sam Houston State (9/13/19)  
**Service Aces** ..... 1, 2x, last at Jacksonville State (9/14/19)  
**Digs** ..... 12 vs. Sam Houston State (9/13/19)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... N/A  
**Block Assists** ..... N/A

**Career Highs**

**Kills** ..... 1 vs. UAB (9/20/19)  
**Attempts** ..... 3 vs. Sam Houston State (9/13/19)  
**Assists** ..... 26 vs. Sam Houston State (9/13/19)  
**Service Aces** ..... 1, 2x, last at Jacksonville State (9/14/19)  
**Digs** ..... 12 vs. Sam Houston State (9/13/19)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... N/A  
**Block Assists** ..... N/A

**High School**

Made debut in season opener against Chattanooga (8/30)... Earned first-career double-double with 26 assists and 12 digs against Sam Houston State (9/13).

**14 | BURGUNDY WALTERS**

**6-0 | FRESHMAN  
MIDDLE BLOCKER  
SANFORD, FLA.  
SEMINOLE HS**

**Season Highs**

**Kills** ..... 3 vs. Western Illinois (8/31/19)  
**Attempts** ..... 9 at Tennessee (10/13/19)  
**Assists** ..... 1 vs. LSU (9/29/19)  
**Service Aces** ..... N/A  
**Digs** ..... 1, 2x, last at Tennessee (10/13/19)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... 1 vs. LSU (9/29/19)  
**Block Assists** ..... 4 vs. Western Illinois (8/31/19)

**Career Highs**

**Kills** ..... 3 vs. Western Illinois (8/31/19)  
**Attempts** ..... 9 at Tennessee (10/13/19)  
**Assists** ..... 1 vs. LSU (9/29/19)  
**Service Aces** ..... N/A  
**Digs** ..... 1, 2x, last at Tennessee (10/13/19)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... 1 vs. LSU (9/29/19)  
**Block Assists** ..... 4 vs. Western Illinois (8/31/19)

**2019 Freshman Season**

Made debut against Mississippi Valley State (8/30)... Converted three kills on four attempts and collected four block assists against Western Illinois (8/31)... Converted both of her attack attempts against LSU (9/29).

**17 | KATE SMITH**

**5-3 | FRESHMAN  
DEF. SPECIALIST  
HOMEWOOD, ALA.  
HOMEWOOD HS**

**Season Highs**

**Kills** ..... 1 at Jacksonville State (9/14/19)  
**Attempts** ..... 2 at Kentucky (9/27/19)  
**Assists** ..... 1, 2x, last at Southern Miss (9/7/19)  
**Service Aces** ..... 1, 5x, last vs. UAB (9/20/19)  
**Digs** ..... 10 vs. Ole Miss (10/4/19)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... N/A  
**Block Assists** ..... N/A

**Career Highs**

**Kills** ..... 1 at Jacksonville State (9/14/19)  
**Attempts** ..... 2 at Kentucky (9/27/19)  
**Assists** ..... 1, 2x, last at Southern Miss (9/7/19)  
**Service Aces** ..... 1, 5x, last vs. UAB (9/20/19)  
**Digs** ..... 10 vs. Ole Miss (10/4/19)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... N/A  
**Block Assists** ..... N/A

**2019 Freshman Season**

Made debut in season opener against Chattanooga (8/30)... Had five digs against Arkansas State (9/7)

**23 | MAKENZIE JORDAN**

**5-10 | FRESHMAN  
OUTSIDE HITTER  
MURFREESBORO,  
TENN.  
SIEGEL HS**

**Season Highs**

**Kills** ..... 6 vs. Mississippi Valley State (8/30/19)  
**Attempts** ..... 14 vs. Mississippi Valley State (8/30/19)  
**Assists** ..... 11 at Jacksonville State (9/14/19)  
**Service Aces** ..... 1, 11x, last at Alabama (10/9/19)  
**Digs** ..... 22 vs. North Florida (9/19/19)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... 1 vs. Sam Houston State (9/13/19)  
**Block Assists** ..... 1 vs. Mississippi Valley State (8/30/19)

**Career Highs**

**Kills** ..... 6 vs. Mississippi Valley State (8/30/19)  
**Attempts** ..... 14 vs. Mississippi Valley State (8/30/19)  
**Assists** ..... 11 at Jacksonville State (9/14/19)  
**Service Aces** ..... 1, 11x, last at Alabama (10/9/19)  
**Digs** ..... 22 vs. New Orleans (9/6/19)  
**Solo Blocks** ..... 1 vs. Sam Houston State (9/13/19)  
**Block Assists** ..... 1 vs. Mississippi Valley State (8/30/19)

**2019 Freshman Season**

Had at least 12 digs in all three matches of the Southern Miss Classic, (9/6-7) including 22 against New Orleans (9/6)... Recorded first-career double-double with 11 assists and 11 digs at Jacksonville State (9/14).





# JULIE DARTY

## HEAD COACH SECOND SEASON AT MSU

On September 26, 2018, after trailing 2-0 to Auburn, first-year head coach Julie Darty's Mississippi State volleyball team won three straight sets to capture Darty's first-career SEC win.

The comeback effort proved that Darty could win in the competitive SEC and echoed a statement she had made when she was introduced as the program's 12th head coach in January of 2018.

"I'm a competitor," Darty said. "I want to help us find a will to win to turn this program into a contender in the SEC and the region. I know Mississippi State is a special place, and the potential is endless."

Darty's first-year squad posted a 5-26 overall record and a 1-17 mark in conference play.

In her first season, she helped lead standout middle blocker Deja Robinson to the SEC All-Freshman Team as well as SEC Freshman of the Week honors. Robinson also found herself on Mississippi State's freshman records with 94 total blocks for a tie of third place, block assists, for the sixth-place spot and 24 solo blocks, for another sixth-place spot.

Another freshman that was led to great success is Hoover, Alabama, native Paige Shaw. Shaw earned SEC Freshman of the Week accolades and also notched some spots in the freshman career record books. Shaw holds the ninth-place spot for most kills as a freshman with 248 and is currently in sixth place for most attack attempts with 858.

Robinson and Shaw's freshman of the week accolades marked the first time in program history that two different student-athletes earned the award in the same season.

Darty was named Mississippi State's 12th head volleyball coach on December 22, 2017. Director of Athletics John Cohen officially welcomed Darty to the Bulldog Family on January 10, 2018. Prior to Starkville, Darty served as the head coach at Jacksonville University from 2014-2017.

"Julie is a bright, hard-working and passionate coach," Cohen said. "She has been very successful in creating a brand for her programs, and she's been a part of successful teams at several levels. Julie is determined to lead Mississippi State volleyball to new heights. We are excited to welcome Julie to Starkville."

Darty has nine years of collegiate coaching experience, including five years as a head coach and two years as an assistant in the Southeastern Conference. Prior to her arrival in Starkville, the 33-year-old turned Jacksonville into one of the Atlantic Sun's top programs. The 2013 and 2014 AVCA "Thirty under 30" award winner, she led the Dolphins to the 2014 Atlantic Sun Tournament championship and a NCAA tournament appearance during her first year as a collegiate head coach.

"I am just so humbled and grateful for the opportunity to lead Mississippi State volleyball," Darty said. "There is a tremendous amount of potential and so much room for growth here for our program, and I'm excited to get into the gym with our team and grind it out."

During her Jacksonville tenure (2014-17), Darty coached 11 All-Atlantic Sun honorees, including five first-team selections, alongside five ASUN All-Tournament selections and three ASUN All-Academic Team members. In her final season in Jacksonville, she guided the Dolphins to an 18-10 overall record and a 9-2 home mark while overcoming adversity left in the wake of Hurricane Irma. Jacksonville's Swisher Gymnasium was unplayable for much of the season, and the Dolphins were forced to practice and play in several

area gymnasiums.

The Dolphins also finished the season with a 12-2 mark against ASUN Conference opponents to earn the No. 2 seed in the league tournament. It was the first time since the 2013 season that Jacksonville posted 10 or more wins in the ASUN and received higher than the third seed in the ASUN tournament. Six Dolphins earned All-ASUN accolades and Mackenzie Swan was the second player under Darty's leadership to earn ASUN Defensive Player of the Year accolades.

Darty posted 58 career wins in four seasons, and she earned her 50th career victory in 2017 – a 3-1 victory over Kennesaw State. Other notable victories during her tenure included a 3-1 triumph over Lipscomb, which crowned the Dolphins the 2014 ASUN Tournament Champions; a 3-2 defeat over Stephen F. Austin in 2015; a 3-0 sweep of Presbyterian in 2016; and a 3-2 conquest over Bethune-Cookman in 2017 to push JU to 51-0 all-time against the Wildcats.

In 2017, Darty's squad ranked first in overall digs in the Atlantic Sun with 1,846. Jacksonville finished 38th in the NCAA and first in the conference with 16.94 digs per set. The Dolphins also finished third in the ASUN with 1,425 team kills and 211.5 total blocks.

In January 2017, Darty also took on the role of director of volleyball over the university's beach program. Under Darty's tutelage, the team captured back-to-back appearances in the ASUN Championship (2015-16), and the 2016 season also saw the Dolphins sweep South Carolina in the Gamecock Invitational.

In her first season with the Dolphins and her first year as a head coach, Darty led the indoor program to its third conference tournament championship. Jacksonville won four of its final five ASUN matches to earn the No. 3 seed in the league tournament. Defeating each opponent, 3-1, the Dolphins were crowned the 2014 ASUN Champions, earning an automatic berth to the NCAA tournament.

Year two saw an improved win mark in league play (8-6) and several league distinctions including All-Atlantic Sun Defensive Player of the Year, two All-Atlantic Sun First Team honors, an Academic All-Conference honor, and an All-Atlantic Sun Tournament honor.

Before Jacksonville, Darty spent two seasons at the University of South Carolina (2012-13) where she was the associate head coach and recruiting coordinator for the Gamecocks. After the 2012 season, she was named to the AVCA's "Thirty Under 30" list as one of the rising stars in the coaching world. In her time in Columbia, the Gamecocks won 30 games and posted just their second winning record in a decade during the 2012 season.

Prior to South Carolina, Darty spent a pair of seasons at Villanova University, where the Wildcats posted back-to-back top-four finishes in the 15-team Big East in the 2010 and 2011 seasons. She got her start as an assistant coach at Lake Mary (Fla.) High School. At the same time, she helped with two club teams in the Orlando area.

As a student-athlete, Darty was a standout at Mercer University, where she earned a degree in communications from 2004-07. In all four seasons, she led the Bears in kills per set. As a sophomore in 2005, she compiled a team-best .277 attacking percentage. In the Mercer record book, Darty currently holds the second-place spot in career kills (1,264) and career kills per set (3.18), while having the third-most career total attacks (3,376) and the fourth-most blocking assists in a single season (92 in 2006). In 2004, Darty earned A-SUN All-Freshman honors.

## THE DARTY FILE

### Personal

**Hometown:** Oviedo, Fla.  
**Birthday:** January 5, 1986

### Coaching Career

2018-Present	Mississippi State Head Coach
2014-17	Jacksonville Head Coach
2013	South Carolina Associate Head Coach
2012	South Carolina Assistant Coach
2010-11	Villanova Assistant Coach

### Year-by-Year

#### As a Head Coach

Year	School	Record
2019	Mississippi State	11-7
2018	Mississippi State	5-26
2017	Jacksonville	18-10
2016	Jacksonville	9-19
2015	Jacksonville	12-16
2014	Jacksonville	19-15
<b>Total</b>	<b>Five Seasons</b>	<b>74-93 (.443)</b>

#### As an Assistant Coach

Year	School	Record
2013	South Carolina	12-19
2012	South Carolina	18-15
2011	Villanova	17-13
2010	Villanova	23-7
<b>Total</b>	<b>Four Seasons</b>	<b>70-54 (.565)</b>

### Awards/Honors

2013, 2014 AVCA "Thirty under 30" award winner

### Playing Career

**Mercer University, 2004-07**

### Career Records

2nd - Kills (1,264)  
2nd - Kills/Set (3.18)  
3rd - Attacking Attempts (3,376)

### Single-Season Records

4th - Blocking Assists (92 in 2006)

### Other Notes

2004 Atlantic Sun All-Freshman Team  
2004-07 - Led team in K/S each season  
2005 - Led team in Attacking Percentage (.277)

**Mississippi St. Combined Team Statistics (as of Oct 13, 2019)**  
**All matches**

<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
ALL GAMES	11-7	6-2	2-4	3-1
CONFERENCE	0-6	0-2	0-4	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	11-1	6-0	2-0	3-1

##	Player	sp	Attack				Set		Serve			re	Dig		Blocking					bhe	points	
			k	k/s	e	ta	pct	a	a/s	sa	se		sa/s	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s			be
8	Waden, Gabby	70	234	3.34	72	506	.320	4	0.06	1	3	0.01	0	38	0.54	7	34	41	0.59	0	0	259.0
9	Minshew, Callie	71	162	2.28	113	647	.076	8	0.11	16	21	0.23	12	158	2.23	5	16	21	0.30	2	1	191.0
1	Cooks, Amarrah	67	136	2.03	29	315	.340	2	0.03	0	0	0.00	1	13	0.19	17	45	62	0.93	4	0	175.5
13	Robinson, Deja	68	128	1.88	47	279	.290	11	0.16	8	4	0.12	1	39	0.57	20	49	69	1.01	8	0	180.5
12	Shaw, Paige	65	100	1.54	83	401	.042	6	0.09	7	25	0.11	33	111	1.71	9	32	41	0.63	3	0	132.0
7	Stamatis, Alleah	68	47	0.69	18	153	.190	605	8.90	20	6	0.29	0	206	3.03	2	20	22	0.32	2	6	79.0
23	Jordan, Makenzie	64	12	0.19	14	61	-.03	42	0.66	11	6	0.17	17	161	2.52	1	1	2	0.03	0	0	24.5
14	Walters, Burgundy	10	8	0.80	2	21	.286	1	0.10	1	4	0.10	0	2	0.20	1	8	9	0.90	0	0	14.0
5	Lochner, Brooklyn	5	4	0.80	1	7	.429	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	3	3	0.60	1	0	5.5
11	Price, Kanani	71	1	0.01	0	3	.333	38	0.54	9	23	0.13	17	230	3.24	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	10.0
17	Smith, Kate	37	1	0.03	0	3	.333	2	0.05	5	4	0.14	4	34	0.92	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	6.0
21	Culumovic, Katie	16	1	0.06	0	5	.200	34	2.12	2	4	0.12	0	23	1.44	0	0	0	0.00	1	1	3.0
6	Murr, Kendall	1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
3	Zgunda, Gabby	12	0	0.00	0	0	.000	17	1.42	2	1	0.17	6	43	3.58	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	2.0
	TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	MISSISSIPPI ST	71	834	11.7	379	240	.190	770	10.8	82	101	1.15	103	105	14.9	62	208	166	2.34	21	9	1082
	Opponents	71	898	12.6	405	253	.195	836	11.7	100	158	1.41	81	104	14.6	27	154	104	1.46	25	22	1102

<b>Team Statistics</b>	<b>MSU</b>	<b>OPP</b>
ATTACK		
Kills	834	898
Errors	379	405
Total Attacks	2401	2533
Attack Pct	.190	.195
Kills/Set	11.7	12.6
SET		
Assists	770	836
Assists/Set	10.8	11.8
SERVE		
Aces	82	100
Errors	101	158
Aces/Set	1.2	1.4
SERVE RECEPTIO		
Errors	103	81
Errors/Set	1.5	1.1
DEFENSE		
Digs	1058	1042
Digs/Set	14.9	14.7
BLOCKING		
Block Solo	62	27
Block Assist	208	154
Total Blocks	166.0	104.0
Blocks/Set	2.3	1.5
Block Errors	21	25
Ball handling errors	9	22
ATTENDANCE		
Total	2121	3890
Dates/Avg Per Da	8/265	6/648
Neutral site #/Avg	4/28	
Current win streak	0	-
Home win streak	0	-

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Score by set</b>	<b>Att.</b>
8/30/19	CHATTANOOGA	3-1	25-18,20-25,25-22,25-19	228
08/30/19	MISSISSIPPI VAL.	3-0	25-9,25-10,25-16	228
08/31/19	WESTERN ILL.	3-2	15-25,25-19,15-25,26-24,1	218
Sep 06	vs New Orleans	3-1	18-25,26-24,26-24,25-19	0
Sep 07	vs Arkansas State	3-2	25-22,15-25,23-25,25-17,1	0
Sep 07	at Southern Miss	3-0	25-17,25-19,25-23	448
09/13/19	vs Stetson	L 2-3	25-19,22-25,15-25,25-17,1	64
09/13/19	vs Sam Houston St.	3-0	25-22,25-22,26-24	47
09/14/19	at Jacksonville St.	3-1	25-22,24-26,25-23,25-19	214
09/19/19	JACKSON STATE	3-0	25-7,25-18,25-16	108
09/19/19	NORTH FLORIDA	3-2	17-25,25-17,30-28,24-26,1	162
09/20/19	UAB	3-2	17-25,25-19,22-25,25-16,1	167
*Sep 27	at #16 Kentucky	L 1-3	17-25,11-25,25-21,23-25	1946
*09/29/19	LSU	L 0-3	20-25,24-26,23-25	293
*Oct 04	OLE MISS	L 2-3	9-25,25-23,25-18,23-25,12	717
*Oct 06	at South Carolina	L 0-3	11-25,23-25,26-28	1103
*10/09/19	at Alabama	L 1-3	18-25,39-37,17-25,19-25	48
*10/13/19	at Tennessee	L 0-3	15-25,15-25,23-25	131

Record in 3-set matches: 4-3  
Record in 4-set matches: 3-2  
Record in 5-set matches: 4-2



**1 | Amarrah Cooks**  
MB | 5-11 | Sr.  
Columbia, S.C.



**3 | Gabby Zgunda**  
L/DS | 5-7 | Jr.  
Muncie, Ind.



**5 | Brooklyn Lochner**  
RS | 6-0 | Jr.  
Pflugerville, Texas



**6 | Kendall Murr**  
L/DS | 5-11 | Jr.  
Yorktown, Ind.



**7 | Alleah Stamatis**  
S | 5-10 | Sr.  
Lexington, Ky.



**8 | Gabby Waden**  
MB | 5-10 | So.  
Columbia, S.C.



**9 | Callie Minshew**  
OH | 5-11 | Fr.  
Brandon, Miss.



**11 | Kanani Price**  
DS | 5-4 | Jr.  
Fairmount, Ind.



**12 | Paige Shaw**  
OH | 6-0 | So.  
Hoover, Ala.



**13 | Deja Robinson**  
MB | 6-1 | So.  
Canton, Ga.



**14 | Burgundy Walters**  
MB | 6-0 | Fr.  
Sanford, Fla.



**16 | Logan Brown**  
OH | 6-0 | Jr.  
Dallas, Texas



**17 | Kate Smith**  
DS | 5-3 | Fr.  
Homewood, Ala.



**21 | Katie Culumovic**  
S/DS | 5-5 | Freshman  
Simpsonville, S.C.



**23 | Makenzie Jordan**  
OH | 5-10 | Fr.  
Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## COACHING STAFF



**Julie Darty**  
Head Coach  
Second Season



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Second Season



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