

2020 MISSISSIPPI STATE VOLLEYBALL MATCH NOTES | KENTUCKY NOVEMBER 13-14, 2020



FALL SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Oct. 17 (Sat.)	ARKANSAS*	L	3-2
Oct. 18 (Sun.)	ARKANSAS*	L	3-2
Oct. 21 (Wed.)	at LSU*	L	3-1
Oct. 22 (Thurs.)	at LSU*	L	3-1
Nov. 4 (Wed.)	at No. 7 Texas A&M*	W	3-1
Nov. 5 (Thurs.)	at No. 7 Texas A&M*	W	3-2
Nov. 13 (Fri.)	No. 2 KENTUCKY*^	SEC NETWORK	NOON
Nov. 14 (Sat.)	No. 2 KENTUCKY*^	SEC NETWORK+	NOON

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

* - Southeastern Conference match

^ - Matches originally scheduled for Nov. 12-13

MATCH DAY INFORMATION | Match 1

Opponent..... No. 2 Kentucky
Date/Time..... Friday, Nov. 13 | Noon CT
Arena..... Newell-Grissom Building
City..... Starkville, Miss.
Live Stream..... SEC Network
Broadcast Team..... Paul Sunderland, Jenny Hazelwood

MATCH DAY INFORMATION | Match 2

Opponent..... No. 2 Kentucky
Date/Time..... Saturday, Nov. 14 | Noon CT
Arena..... Newell-Grissom Building
City..... Starkville, Miss.
Live Stream..... SEC Network+
Broadcast Team..... Bart Gregory, Summer Seage

AVCA TOP 15 - Week 7 (As of Nov. 11)

1. Texas (12-0) [47]	9. Pittsburgh (4-4)
2. KENTUCKY (6-0) [2]*	10. Kansas State (8-4)
3. Baylor (11-3)	11. Texas State (18-1)
4. Florida* (4-0)	12. Miami [Fla.] (5-3)
5. Notre Dame (6-1)	13. West Virginia (7-5)
6. Louisville (5-2)	14. TEXAS A&M* (4-2)
7. Georgia Tech (7-1)	15. Coastal Carolina (15-0)
8. Missouri* (4-2)	

2020 FALL OPPONENTS IN ALL CAPS

* - Southeastern Conference Team

[##] - Number of first place votes

THE MATCHUP



Mississippi State Bulldogs

Record	2-4
H/A/N	0-2/2-2/0-0
SEC	2-4
2019	13-17
'19 SEC	2-16
Ranking (AVCA)	NR
Head Coach	Julie Darty Dennis
Record at Mississippi State	20-47
Seasons at Mississippi State	Third
Career Record	78-107
Seasons as a Head Coach	Seventh



Kentucky Wildcats

Record	6-0
H/A/N	4-0/2-0/0-0
SEC	6-0
2019	25-7
'19 SEC	16-2
Ranking (AVCA)	2
Head Coach	Craig Skinner
Record at Kentucky	359-125
Seasons at Kentucky	16th
Career Record	Same
Seasons as a Head Coach	Same

FIRST SERVE

SERIES RECAP - at NO. 7 TEXAS A&M (NOV. 4-5)

Match 1 (W, 3-1; 21-25, 25-21, 25-17, 25-23):

After going down 1-0 in Reed Arena, the Bulldogs bounced back with three straight set victories to topple No. 7 Texas A&M in four frames and earn their first victory of the season. The MSU defense bested the Aggies in digs (58-52) and total team blocks (10-5), while only allowing a .150 hitting percentage. Offensively, **Gabby Waden** made the difference, tallying 20 kills on a .412 hitting percentage.

Match 2 (W, 3-2; 14-25, 25-21, 18-25, 25-22, 15-13):

State came back from playing down 1-0 and 2-1 to best the Aggies in a five-set thriller in Aggieland. Waden tied her career-high with 24 kills (.304 percent) in the finale. **Margaret Dean** had 29 assists, tying her career-high, and 11 digs to collect her second straight and team-leading fourth double-double of the season. MSU held A&M to a .191 hitting average in the finale.

KEY STORYLINE: Mississippi State is coming off of a series sweep of No. 7 Texas A&M in anticipation of another ranked opponent in No. 2 Kentucky. The Bulldogs and Wildcats will each play their final two matches of the fall season.

A WIN (ON FRIDAY) WOULD...

- Mark MSU's first three-match SEC win streak since Oct. 12-19, 2007 (Georgia, Auburn, Tennessee).
- Be the third straight defeat of a ranked opponent.
- Give the Wildcats their first loss of the season.
- Go down as State's third win against Kentucky all-time and first since beating the No. 25 ranked Wildcats on Oct. 14, 2011 (12-match streak).
- Beat State's highest win total in SEC play during the **Julie Darty Dennis** era (2 in 2019).

TWO WINS WOULD...

- Mark State's first four-match win streak in SEC play all-time.
- Give MSU four straight wins against ranked opponents.

SENIOR CELEBRATION: Prior to Saturday's match, Mississippi State will celebrate the career of senior defensive specialist **Kendall Murr**.

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PREVIOUS MATCH STARTERS

2 - **Lilly Gunter** | 93 digs, 35 a
5 - **Jessica Kemp** | 41 k, 25 tb
8 - **Gabby Waden** | 103 k, .335%
9 - **Callie Minshew** | 13 k, 34 digs
11 - **Margaret Dean** | 146 a, 7 sa, 64 digs
13 - **Deja Robinson** | 38 k, 26 tb
18 - **Lauren Myrick** | 53 k, 69 digs



GUNTER



WADEN



ROBINSON



MINSHEW



MYRICK



KEMP



DEAN

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://hailst.at/2ADmqPs>

WATCH

STREAMING: All Mississippi State volleyball matches will be streamed online via the WatchESPN app. Visit espn.com/watch and search "Mississippi State volleyball."

2020 NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown/High School (Previous School)
2	Lilly Gunter	DS	5-8	Fr.	Oviedo, Fla./Oviedo
4	Shania Cromartie	OH	5-9	Fr.	Tallahassee, Fla./Leon
5	Jessica Kemp	MB/RS	6-3	Gr.	Fort Mill, S.C./Nation Ford (NC State)
6	Kendall Murr	DS	5-8	Sr.	Yorktown, Ind./Yorktown (Jacksonville)
8	Gabby Waden	MB/RS	5-10	Jr.	Columbia, S.C./Blythewood
9	Callie Minshew	OH	5-11	So.	Brandon, Miss./Brandon
10	Francesca McBride	OPP	6-3	Fr.	Detroit, Mich./Troy
11	Margaret Dean	S	5-8	Gr.	Bedford, Texas/Trinity (SFA)
13	Deja Robinson	MB	6-1	Jr.	Canton, Ga./Sequoyah
14	Burgundy Walters	MB	6-0	So.	Sanford, Fla./Seminole
16	Logan Brown	OH	6-0	RJr.	Dallas, Texas/Rowlett (Arkansas)
17	Alden Willis	DS	5-4	Jr.	Raleigh, N.C./Broughton (ECU)
18	Lauren Myrick	OH/RS	6-0	So.	Louisville, Ky./Assumption (Lipscomb)
21	Katie Culumovic	S/DS	5-5	So.	Simpsonville, S.C./St. Joseph's Catholic School
22	Skylar Buckley	S	5-9	Fr.	Raleigh, N.C./North Raleigh Christian Academy
27	Akacia Brown	OH	6-2	Fr.	Waterloo, Iowa/Cedar Falls

2020 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown (Previous School)
27	Akacia Brown	OH	6-2	Fr.	Waterloo, Iowa/Cedar Falls
16	Logan Brown	OH	6-0	RJr.	Dallas, Texas/Rowlett (Arkansas)
22	Skylar Buckley	S	5-9	Fr.	Raleigh, N.C./North Raleigh Christian Academy
4	Shania Cromartie	OH	5-9	Fr.	Tallahassee, Fla./Leon
21	Katie Culumovic	S/DS	5-5	So.	Simpsonville, S.C./St. Joseph's Catholic School
11	Margaret Dean	S	5-8	Gr.	Bedford, Texas/Trinity (SFA)
2	Lilly Gunter	DS	5-8	Fr.	Oviedo, Fla./Oviedo
5	Jessica Kemp	MB/RS	6-3	Gr.	Fort Mill, S.C./Nation Ford (NC State)
10	Francesca McBride	OPP	6-3	Fr.	Detroit, Mich./Troy
9	Callie Minshew	OH	5-11	So.	Brandon, Miss./Brandon
6	Kendall Murr	DS	5-8	Sr.	Yorktown, Ind./Yorktown (Jacksonville)
18	Lauren Myrick	OH/RS	6-0	So.	Louisville, Ky./Assumption (Lipscomb)
13	Deja Robinson	MB	6-1	Jr.	Canton, Ga./Sequoyah
8	Gabby Waden	MB/RS	5-10	Jr.	Columbia, S.C./Blythewood
14	Burgundy Walters	MB	6-0	So.	Sanford, Fla./Seminole
17	Alden Willis	DS	5-4	Jr.	Raleigh, N.C./Broughton (ECU)

Head Coach: Julie Darty Dennis (Mercer, 2008) - Third year at MSU; Seventh as a head coach

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

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

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

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Phil Evans (Mississippi State, 2020) - First year on MSU staff

Technical Coordinator: Alleah Stamatis (Mississippi State, 2020) - First year on MSU staff

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

4	Shania Cromartie	Shuh-KNEE-Uh
8	Gabby Waden	WAY-Den
10	Francesca McBride	Fran-CHESS-Kuh
21	Katie Culumovic	Kuh-Lum-UH-Vick
27	Akacia Brown	Uh-KAY-Shuh
	Travers Green	Trah-VERS
	Alleah Stamatis	UH-LEE-Uh Stuh-MAH-Tis
	Oviedo , Fla.	OH-Vee-Doh

QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name	Mississippi State University
Location	Starkville, Miss.
Founded	Feb. 28, 1878
Enrollment	22,226
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 (46th Season)
Overall Record	559-880 (.388)
SEC Record	104-447 (.189)
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	

2019 SEASON RECAP

Overall Record	13-17
Home	7-8
Away	3-8
Neutral	3-1
SEC Record	2-16/12th
Home	1-8
Away	1-8

ROSTER BY STATE

Florida	3
<i>Shania Cromartie, Lilly Gunter, Burgundy Walters</i>	
Georgia	1
<i>Deja Robinson</i>	
Indiana	1
<i>Kendall Murr</i>	
Iowa	1
<i>Akacia Brown</i>	
Kentucky	1
<i>Lauren Myrick</i>	
Michigan	1
<i>Francesca McBride</i>	
Mississippi	1
<i>Callie Minshew</i>	
North Carolina	2
<i>Skylar Buckley, Alden Willis</i>	
South Carolina	3
<i>Katie Culumovic, Jessica Kemp, Gabby Waden</i>	
Texas	2
<i>Logan Brown, Margaret Dean</i>	

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RECORD BREAKDOWN

Category	2019	2020
Overall.....	13-17	2-4
Home	7-8	0-2
Away	3-8	2-2
Neutral.....	3-1	0-0
SEC	2-16	2-4
Non-Conference	11-1	0-0
vs. Top 5	0-0	0-0
vs. Top 10	0-0	2-0
vs. Top 25	0-3	2-0
vs. Unranked	13-14	0-4
On Television	1-3	1-2

Day

Monday.....	0-0	0-0
Tuesday.....	0-0	0-0
Wednesday.....	0-1	1-1
Thursday.....	2-0	1-1
Friday.....	7-6	0-0
Saturday.....	4-0	0-1
Sunday.....	0-10	0-1

Month

August	3-0	N/A
September	8-3	N/A
October	1-7	0-4
November	1-7	2-0

Number of Sets

Three Sets	5-9	0-0
Four Sets	4-4	1-2
Five Sets	4-4	1-2

Set Score

Up 1-0.....	9-1	0-2
Up 2-0.....	5-0	0-1
Up 2-1.....	6-1	1-1
Tied 1-1.....	8-3	2-3
Tied 2-2.....	4-4	1-2
Down 1-0.....	5-15	1-2
Down 2-0.....	1-12	0-0
Down 2-1.....	2-8	1-3

Statistical Battle

More kills	4-1	1-0
Fewer kills	9-16	1-4
Tied kills.....	0-0	0-0
More blocks.....	12-7	1-3
Fewer blocks	1-9	1-1
Tied blocks	0-1	0-0
More digs	8-4	1-0
Fewer digs.....	3-13	1-4
Tied digs.....	2-0	0-0

Hitting Percentage

Leading	9-0	1-0
Trailing.....	4-17	1-4
Tied.....	0-0	0-0
.400+.....	0-0	0-0
.300-.399	3-0	0-0
.200-.299	4-1	1-2
.100-.199	5-14	1-2
.000-.099	1-2	0-0
Negative.....	0-0	0-0

Opponent Hitting Percentage

.400+.....	0-2	0-0
.300-.399	0-3	0-0
.200-.299	3-12	0-4
.100-.199	8-0	2-0
.000-.099	2-0	0-0
Negative.....	0-0	0-0

TEAM STAT BREAKDOWN

Stat	Mississippi State	Kentucky
k/s	12.0	15.9
a/s	11.0	14.6
sa/s.....	1.1	1.6
digs/s	14.9	14.2
blks/s	2.0	2.3
Hitting Percentage.....	.183	.350
Opponent Hitting Percentage212	.171

SERIES HISTORY

Kentucky (2-52)

H: 2-20 | A: 0-28 | N: 0-4

Oct. 26, 1979	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	L	0-2	Nov. 1, 2002	Lexington, Ky.	L	0-3
Nov. 1, 1980	Lexington, Ky.	L	0-2	Oct. 3, 2003	Lexington, Ky.	L	1-3
Oct. 23, 1981	Lexington, Ky.	L	0-3	Oct. 15, 2004	Lexington, Ky.	L	1-3
Oct. 19, 1982	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Oct. 28, 2005	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3
Nov. 18, 1982	Baton Rouge, La.	L	0-3	Sept. 22, 2006	Starkville, Miss.	L	1-3
Sept. 17, 1983	Lexington, Ky.	L	0-3	Oct. 29, 2006	Lexington, Ky.	L	0-3
Oct. 30, 1984	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Sept. 14, 2007	Lexington, Ky.	L	1-3
Oct. 8, 1985	Lexington, Ky.	L	0-3	Oct. 21, 2007	Starkville, Miss.	L	1-3
Nov. 3, 1986	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Sept. 21, 2008	Lexington, Ky.	L	0-3
Sept. 18, 1987	Lexington, Ky.	L	0-3	Oct. 24, 2008	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3
Nov. 20, 1987	Baton Rouge, La.	L	0-3	Oct. 16, 2009	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3
Oct. 20, 1988	Lexington, Ky.	L	0-3	Nov. 8, 2009	Lexington, Ky.	L	0-3
Oct. 27, 1989	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Oct. 17, 2010	Lexington, Ky.	L	0-3
Oct. 12, 1990	Lexington, Ky.	L	0-3	Nov. 5, 2010	Starkville, Miss.	L	1-3
Oct. 12, 1991	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Oct. 14, 2011	Starkville, Miss.	W	3-0
Oct. 23, 1992	Lexington, Ky.	L	0-3	Nov. 4, 2011	Lexington, Ky.	L	0-3
Nov. 7, 1992	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Oct. 12, 2012	Lexington, Ky.	L	0-3
Oct. 15, 1993	Lexington, Ky.	L	0-3	Oct. 25, 2013	Lexington, Ky.	L	0-3
Oct. 16, 1994	Starkville, Miss.	W	3-2	Nov. 15, 2013	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3
Sept. 22, 1995	Lexington, Ky.	L	0-3	Nov. 23, 2014	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3
Oct. 18, 1996	Starkville, Miss.	L	1-3	Oct. 2, 2015	Lexington, Ky.	L	0-3
Sept. 28, 1997	Lexington, Ky.	L	1-3	Sept. 25, 2016	Lexington, Ky.	L	1-3
Nov. 21, 1997	Athens, Ga.	L	1-3	Oct. 7, 2016	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3
Oct. 2, 1998	Lexington, Ky.	L	1-3	Oct. 1, 2017	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3
Oct. 17, 1999	Starkville, Miss.	L	1-3	Oct. 5, 2018	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3
Sept. 22, 2000	Lexington, Ky.	L	1-3	Nov. 9, 2018	Lexington, Ky.	L	0-3
Oct. 28, 2001	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Sept. 27, 2019	Lexington, Ky.	L	1-3

SEC STANDINGS

Place	Team	Conference	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral
1.	Kentucky	6-0	6-0	4-0	2-0	0-0
1.	Florida	4-0	4-0	2-0	2-0	0-0
3.	Arkansas	4-2	4-2	2-0	2-2	0-0
3.	Missouri	4-2	4-2	2-2	2-0	0-0
3.	South Carolina	4-2	4-2	2-0	2-2	0-0
3.	Texas A&M	4-2	4-2	2-2	2-0	0-0
7.	Georgia	3-3	3-3	2-2	1-1	0-0
7.	LSU	2-2	2-2	2-0	0-2	0-0
9.	Mississippi State	2-4	2-4	0-2	2-2	0-0
9.	Tennessee	2-4	2-4	2-2	2-0	0-0
11.	Alabama	1-5	1-5	0-2	1-3	0-0
12.	Ole Miss	0-4	0-4	0-2	0-2	0-0
13.	Auburn	0-6	0-6	0-2	0-6	0-0

TEAM NOTES

ON THE SERIES SWEEP at NO.7 TEXAS A&M: Mississippi State got its first two wins of the season in dramatic fashion, beating No. 7 Texas A&M in both matches of the Wednesday-Thursday series at Reed Arena in Bryan-College Station, Texas. Some notes on the performance below...

- Mississippi State had only one ranked win in program history prior to Wednesday (Oct. 14, 2011 vs. No. 25 Kentucky), though never in an away match.
- The Bulldogs pulled off consecutive SEC wins for the first time since 2016 to tie their 2019 SEC win total through only six matches.
- MSU collected its first-ever wins in the 14-match series history against A&M despite having never won a set in Reed Arena prior to the 2020 series.
- State's defense held the Aggies to a combined .173 hitting percentage in the series; A&M ranked No. 4 in the league with a .252 mark going into the series.

SENIOR CELEBRATION: Mississippi State will hold a Senior Day ceremony for **Kendall Murr** at the Newell-Grisson Building prior to first serve of its second match against Kentucky on Saturday, Nov. 14.

When **Julie Darty Dennis** accepted the head coaching job at Mississippi State in 2018 following a stint at Jacksonville, Murr chose to follow her mentor to the SEC after being named to the Atlantic Sun All-Freshman Team.

As a sophomore, Murr led the team with 413 digs and tied for No. 2 with 15 service aces. Despite missing her junior season due to injury, Murr served as a team captain. Returning to the court in 2020, Murr now leads as a member of a three-player leadership council and has appeared in 12 sets thus far.

WADEN'S WORLD: Junior right side hitter **Gabby Waden** averaged 4.89 kills per set and a .344 hitting percentage to lead MSU to its series sweep of No. 7 Texas A&M. Notes on Waden's performances below...

- Waden's 24 kills in the second match tied her career-high and set her career-high for an SEC match.
- She became the first Bulldog to tally 20 kills in back-to-back matches since Emily Hill in 2016 (Nov. 20-26).
- Had the final kill in both matches, each coming with a one-point lead.
- The Aggies had held opponents to a .125 hitting percentage going into the series.

Waden has yet to collect fewer than 13 kills or hit worse than .294 in a match this season. The Columbia, South Carolina, native ranks No. 8 in the SEC in both kills (3.81 per set) and points (4.11 per set).

LILLY THE LIBERO: The Bulldog defense is anchored by freshman libero **Lilly Gunter**, who is impressing in her first season on the collegiate level.

Starting all six matches of her rookie season to date, Gunter has collected double-digit digs in each match so far, including a season-best 20 digs over four sets at LSU on Oct. 21.

Gunter's 3.44 digs per set (93 total) ranks No. 6 among the SEC's leaders and is the second highest average of any SEC freshman while leading an MSU team that ranks No. 5 in the league as a club (14.93 digs per set).

The freshman comes from the same hometown that head coach **Julie Darty Dennis** originated - Oviedo, Florida.

MINSHAW HONORED FOR DEFENSE: Sophomore **Callie Minshaw** was named the SEC Defensive Player of the Week for her contributions to MSU's series sweep of No. 7 Texas A&M. Minshaw totaled 33 digs (3.67 digs per set) between the two matches to lead the squad and tallied a career-high 18 digs in the series finale.

DEJA'S BLOCK PARTY: Junior middle blocker **Deja Robinson** collected 17 total blocks in MSU's season-opening series against Arkansas. In the series finale, Robinson's 12 blocks were the most since Bali Leffall-Young (12) in 2014, tying the second-highest mark in Bulldog history.

Robinson's seven solo blocks this season have moved her up the MSU career leaderboard for the category.

Mississippi State Career Leaders/Solo Blocks

1. Edwina Anthony (1983-85)	117
...	
T-7. Nicole Carter (1991-94)	56
T-7. Aimee York (1989-92)	56
T-9. Deja Robinson (2018-Pres.)	55
T-9. Lynn Ammeson (1983-84)	55
10. Temeka Thomas (1996-97)	53

Robinson led the Bulldogs with 107 blocks and 83 block assists as a sophomore in 2019, and finished No. 2 on the squad with 24 solo blocks. She collected three or more blocks in 18 matches both as a sophomore and as a freshman.

Robinson was named to the SEC All-Freshman Team in 2018 after leading the team in block assists (70) and ranking No. 2 among her teammates in total blocks (94) and solo blocks (24).

NEW HEIGHTS: As Mississippi State volleyball aims to continue its rise in the SEC in year three of the **Julie Darty Dennis** era, its roster boasts a greater height advantage compared to years past.

In 2019, MSU's tallest student-athlete measured at 6-foot-1. Since the end of last season, MSU has added three student-athletes standing at 6-foot-2 or taller (Kemp, McBride, A. Brown).

Of the student-athletes who saw action in 2019, only four stood 6-feet or taller. MSU's 2020 roster boasts seven such players.

MSU's 2020 attacker group measures nearly an inch taller than a season before.

- 2020 Season Height Average: 72.3 inches
- 2019 Season Height Average: 71.4 inches

TRANSFER TAKEOVER: The MSU coaching staff got busy in the transfer portal during the offseason, gaining commitments from four new Bulldogs, including two graduate transfers.

Due to transfer rules, redshirt junior **Logan Brown** missed the 2019 campaign for MSU after transferring from Arkansas. Brown boasts two seasons of SEC experience, and in 2018 Brown recorded 258 kills for the Razorbacks.

Four of those student-athletes (L. Brown, Dean, Myrick and Kemp) have played significant roles for the 2020 squad.

For more information on **Jessica Kemp** (5), **Margaret Dean** (11), **Logan Brown** (16), **Alden Willis** (17) and **Lauren Myrick** (18), see pages 6-9.

FRESHMAN FIVE: State's 2020 freshman signing class earned a high honorable mention selection from PrepVolleyball.com, one of nine SEC schools to earn that rating or better. The five-player group features All-Americans, state champions and outstanding athletic ability.

For more information on **Lilly Gunter** (2), **Shania Cromartie** (4), **Francesca McBride** (10), **Skylar Buckley** (22) and **Akacia Brown** (27), see pages 6-9.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL: MSU volleyball's student-athletes have a new leadership structure in place in 2020, as the team elected **Margaret Dean**, **Kendall Murr**, and **Gabby Waden** to its leadership council for the season.

AVCA DIVERSITY AWARD: Mississippi State volleyball volunteer assistant coach **Phil Evans** and technical coordinator **Alleah Stamatis** were each named recipients of the 2020 AVCA Diversity Award on Nov. 3. SEC head and assistant coaches each sponsored one of the awards, and Stamatis was the recipient of the award sponsored by the league's assistants.

With the honor, Evans and Stamatis will have the opportunity to "participate in a series of educational, developmental, and relationship building experiences in conjunction with the 2020 AVCA Virtual Convention."

Former Bulldog Jazmyne Johnson was also a recipient of the award. Johnson was recently named the assistant coach at Norfolk State University.

STAMATIS STAYS IN STARKVEGAS: Following a strong career in maroon and white, former Bulldog setter **Alleah Stamatis** (2018-19) now serves as the program's technical coordinator.

Stamatis assists MSU volleyball director of operations **Cody Drattlo** with travel and day-to-day operations, as well as the management of equipment, statistics, scouting materials and video breakdown.

As a senior in 2019, Stamatis became just the seventh Bulldog to collect 1,000 assists in a single season (1,017).

GRISS GUIDELINES: In compliance with state regulations and in the interest of participant safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, capacity at the Newell-Grisson Building is reduced to 25 percent (497 participants) for the 2020 fall season.

2020 AWARDS

Callie Minshaw

- SEC Defensive Player of the Week (Nov. 9)

BULLDOG DOUBLE-DOUBLES (8)

Margaret Dean (4)

Oct. 17 vs. Arkansas (23 assists, 16 digs)

Oct. 21 at LSU (19 assists, 11 digs)

Nov. 4 at Texas A&M (25 assists, 13 digs)

Nov. 5 at Texas A&M (29 assists, 11 digs)

Logan Brown (3)

Oct. 17 vs. Arkansas (11 kills, 10 digs)

Oct. 18 vs. Arkansas (19 kills, 18 digs)

Oct. 22 at LSU (12 kills, 12 digs)

Lauren Myrick (1)

Oct. 17 vs. Arkansas (12 kills, 15 digs)

TEAM LEADERS (2020)

Kills	k	k/s	pct.
Gabby Waden	103	3.81	.335
Lauren Myrick	53	1.96	.167
Logan Brown	49	2.72	.138

Blocks	bs	ba	tb	b/s
Deja Robinson	7	19	26	0.96
Jessica Kemp	2	23	25	0.93
Francesca McBride	3	17	20	0.74

Service Aces	sa	sa/s
Katie Culumovic & Margaret Dean	7	0.26
Callie Minshaw	4	0.29

Digs	digs	digs/s
Lilly Gunter	93	3.44
Lauren Myrick	69	2.56
Margaret Dean	64	2.37

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.....	10/25/19 vs. Auburn (.084)
Held opponent to negative hitting percentage.....	8/24/18 vs. Mississippi Valley State (-.054)
Had 10+ blocks in a match.....	11/4/20 at No. 7 Texas A&M (10.0)
Had 15+ blocks in a match.....	10/18/20 vs. Arkansas (17.0)
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.....	11/5/20 at No. 7 Texas A&M (3-2)
Consecutive wins.....	11/4-5/20 (2)
Consecutive SEC wins.....	11/4-5/20 (2, No. 7 Texas A&M [series])
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.....	11/5/20, Gabby Waden at No. 7 Texas A&M (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.....	11/5/20, Gabby Waden at No. 7 Texas A&M (56)
Had 60+ attacks in a match.....	10/18/20, Logan Brown vs. Arkansas (61)
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.....	10/9/19, Alleah Stamatidis at Alabama (51)
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.....	11/5/20, Margaret Dean (29 assists, 11 digs)
Had a triple-double.....	11/18/07, Eva Kriegel at Florida (11 kills, 21 assists, 10 digs)
Had 10+ blocks in a match.....	10/18/20, Deja Robinson vs. Arkansas (12)
Had 13+ blocks in a match.....	10/31/03, Jennifer Rousey at LSU (13)
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.....	10/17/20, Logan Brown (11 kills, 10 digs), Margaret Dean (23 assists, 16 digs) & Lauren Myrick (12 kills, 15 digs) vs. Arkansas
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.....	10/18/20, Deja Robinson (12), Francesca McBride (6) & Jessica Kemp (5) vs. Arkansas
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.....	10/17/20, Logan Brown (11 kills, 10 digs), Margaret Dean (23 assists, 16 digs) & Lauren Myrick (12 kills, 15 digs) vs. Arkansas
Had double-digit kills.....	10/22/20, Gabby Waden (15), Logan Brown (12) & Jessica Kemp (11) at LSU
Had 5+ blocks in a match.....	10/18/20, Deja Robinson (12), Francesca McBride (6) & Jessica Kemp (5) vs. Arkansas

Four Mississippi State players...

Had double-digit kills.....	11/3/19, Callie Minshew (14), Deja Robinson (14), Amarrah Cooks (10) & Gabby Waden (10) at LSU
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	2020	Total
Margaret Dean	-	-	-	13*	4	17
Callie Minshew	-	-	-	6	-	6
Logan Brown	-	-	-	-	3	3
Lauren Myrick	-	-	-	2*	1	3
Katie Culumovic	-	-	-	1	-	1

10+ Kills	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Gabby Waden	-	-	-	18	6	24
Jessica Kemp	2*	-	-	17*	1	20
Logan Brown	-	-	11*	-	3	14
Deja Robinson	-	-	5	8	-	13
Callie Minshew	-	-	-	10	-	10
Lauren Myrick	-	-	-	2*	2	4

20+ Kills	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Gabby Waden	-	-	-	2	2	4
Logan Brown	-	-	1*	-	-	1
Jessica Kemp	-	-	-	1*	-	1
Deja Robinson	-	-	1	-	-	1

10+ Digs	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Kendall Murr	-	9*	24	-	-	33
Margaret Dean	-	-	-	13*	4	17
Callie Minshew	-	-	-	13	2	15
Alden Willis	-	-	5*	2*	-	7
Lilly Gunter	-	-	-	-	6	6
Lauren Myrick	-	-	-	2*	4	6
Logan Brown	-	-	-	-	3	3
Katie Culumovic	-	-	-	1	-	1

50+ Assists	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
-	-	-	-	-	-	-

3+ Aces	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Margaret Dean	-	-	-	3*	1	4
Logan Brown	-	-	1*	-	-	1
Katie Culumovic	-	-	-	-	1	1
Jessica Kemp	-	-	-	1*	-	1
Callie Minshew	-	-	-	1	-	1
Kendall Murr	-	-	1	-	-	1
Alden Willis	-	-	1*	-	-	1

3+ Total Blocks	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Deja Robinson	-	-	18	18	3	39
Jessica Kemp	6*	-	-	19*	4	29
Gabby Waden	-	-	3	9	3	15
Logan Brown	-	2*	2*	-	-	4
Francesca McBride	-	-	-	-	4	4
Callie Minshew	-	-	-	3	1	4
Burgundy Walters	-	-	-	2	-	2
Lauren Myrick	-	-	-	1*	-	1

* - Done at previous school

2 | LILLY GUNTER



5-8 | FR. | DS
OVIEDO, FLA.
OVIEDO HS

Season Highs

Kills	1 at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Attempts	2 at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Assists	9, 2x, last at Texas A&M (11/4/20)
Service Aces	1, 2x, last at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Digs	20 at LSU (10/21/20)
Solo Blocks	N/A
Block Assists	N/A

Career Highs

Kills	1 at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Attempts	2 at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Assists	9, 2x, last at Texas A&M (11/4/20)
Service Aces	1, 2x, last at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Digs	20 at LSU (10/21/20)
Solo Blocks	N/A
Block Assists	N/A

2020 Freshman Season

Has started in the libero jersey in every match and set this season... Collected double-digit digs in every match...Tallied 17 digs and nine assists in her collegiate debut (10/17)...Picked up first 20-dig effort in series opener at LSU (10/21)...Collected 13 digs and nine assists in series opening win at No. 7 Texas A&M (11/4).

4 | SHANIA CROMARTIE



5-9 | FR. | OH
TALLAHASSEE, FLA.
LEON HS

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	N/A
Attempts	N/A
Assists	N/A
Service Aces	N/A
Digs	N/A
Solo Blocks	N/A
Block Assists	N/A

High School

Led Leon HS to 6A state championship after four straight final fours... Career stats: 1,229 kills; 1,038 digs; 141 aces...AVCA All-American as a senior...Led area in kills (394) with .352 hitting pct...Collected 18 kills in state championship...Led Leon to No. 25 national ranking...Two-time high jump state champion (sophomore and junior)...Four-time NFL Pro Bowl cornerback Antonio Cromartie is Shania's uncle.

5 | JESSICA KEMP



6-3 | GRAD. | MB/RS
FORT MILL, S.C.
NATION FORD HS
(NC STATE)

Season Highs

Kills	11 at LSU (10/22/20)
Attempts	31 at LSU (10/22/20)
Assists	N/A
Service Aces	2 at LSU (10/22/20)
Digs	6 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Solo Blocks	1, 2x, last at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Block Assists	6 vs. Arkansas (10/17/20)

Career Highs

Kills	22 vs. Virginia Tech (10/4/19)*
Attempts	47 vs. Boston College (10/25/19)*
Assists	2 vs. Clemson (11/1/19)*
Service Aces	5 at Virginia (10/18/19)*
Digs	9 vs. ECU (9/10/19)*
Solo Blocks	2 vs. Georgia Tech (11/3/19)*
Block Assists	6, 4x, last vs. Arkansas (10/17/20)

* - Set while at NC State

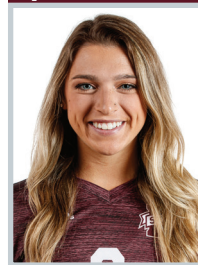
MSU Career Highs

Kills	11 at LSU (10/22/20)
Attempts	31 at LSU (10/22/20)
Assists	N/A
Service Aces	2 at LSU (10/22/20)
Digs	6 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Solo Blocks	1, 2x, last at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Block Assists	6 vs. Arkansas (10/17/20)

2020 Graduate Transfer Season

Has started every match of 2020 season...Totaled 12 blocks during Arkansas series (10/17-18)...Had seven total blocks and eight kills in her MSU debut (10/17)...Collected 11 kills in season finale at LSU (10/22)...Picked up eight kills and six digs in series opening win at Texas A&M (11/4).

6 | KENDALL MURR



5-8 | JR. | DS
YORKTOWN, IND.
YORKTOWN HS
(JACKSONVILLE)

Season Highs

Kills	N/A
Attempts	N/A
Assists	1 at LSU 910/21/20)
Service Aces	N/A
Digs	2 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Solo Blocks	N/A
Block Assists	N/A

Career Highs

Kills	1, 4x, last at North Texas (9/13/18)
Attempts	3 vs. Bethune-Cookman (10/3/17)*
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

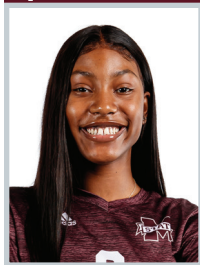
* - Set while at Jacksonville

MSU Career Highs

Kills	1 at North Texas (9/13/18)
Attempts	1, 5x, last 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

Career Notes

Transferred from Jacksonville when **Julie Darty Dennis** accepted head coaching position at Mississippi State from JU. **Senior (2020):** Has seen action in every match, totaling 12 sets. **Junior (2019):** Missed season due to injury. **Sophomore (2018):** First season at MSU... Started in 30 of 31 matches...Led squad with 413 digs and tied for No. 2 on the team with 15 service aces...Led the team in digs in 21 matches, had double-digit digs in 24 matches, 20-plus digs in three matches and 30-plus digs twice. **Freshman (2017 - JU):** Collected 219 digs.

8 | GABBY WADEN

**5-10 | JR. | MB/RS
COLUMBIA, S.C.
BLYTHEWOOD HS**

Season Highs

Kills24 at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Attempts56 at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
AssistsN/A
Service AcesN/A
Digs7 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Solo BlocksN/A
Block Assists4, 3x, last at Texas A&M (11/4/20)

Career Highs

Kills24, 2x, last at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Attempts56 at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Assists2 at South Carolina (10/6/19)
Service Aces1 at South Carolina (10/6/19)
Digs7 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Solo Blocks2 vs. Stetson (9/13/19)
Block Assists5, 3x, last at Arkansas (11/24/19)

2020 Junior Season

Has started every match of 2020 season...Tallied double-digit kills in all six matches...Had four blocks in both matches of Arkansas series (10/17-18)...Averaged 4.89 kills per set and a .344 hitting pct. in series sweep of No. 7 Texas A&M (11/4-5) and became second Bulldog to have back-to-back 20 kill performances since Emily Hill in 2016.

9 | CALLIE MINSHAW

**5-11 | SO. | MB
BRANDON, MISS.
BRANDON HS**

Season Highs

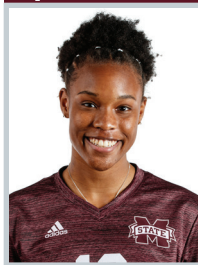
Kills6 at Texas A&M (11/4/20)
Attempts25 at Texas A&M (11/4/20)
Assists1 at Texas A&M (11/4/20)
Service Aces2 at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Digs18 at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Solo BlocksN/A
Block AssistsN/A

Career Highs

Kills17, 2x, last vs. New Orleans (9/6/19)
Attempts60 vs. New Orleans (9/6/19)
Assists3 at Auburn (11/1/19)
Service Aces3 vs. Mississippi Valley State (8/30/19)
Digs18 at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Solo Blocks2 at Arkansas (11/24/19)
Block Assists6 vs. Arkansas State (9/7/19)

2020 Sophomore Season

Has seen action in five of six matches in 2020 with 14 sets played...Named SEC Defensive Player of the Week on Nov. 9 after totaling 33 digs and four blocks in series sweep at No. 7 Texas A&M (11/4-5)...Had 15 digs in A&M series opener (11/4)...Posted career-high 18 digs in series finale at A&M (11/5).

10 | FRANCESCA McBRIDE

**6-3 | FR. | OPP
DETROIT, MICH.
TROY HS**

Season Highs

Kills7 at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Attempts17 at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
AssistsN/A
Service AcesN/A
Digs4, 2x, last at LSU (10/21/20)
Solo Blocks2 at LSU (10/22/20)
Block Assists6 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)

Career Highs

Kills7 at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Attempts17 at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
AssistsN/A
Service AcesN/A
Digs4, 2x, last at LSU (10/21/20)
Solo Blocks2 at LSU (10/22/20)
Block Assists6 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)

2020 Freshman Season

Has seen action in all 27 sets of 2020 season...Totaled 10 blocks between two matches in Arkansas series (10/21-22)...Had a kill and four blocks in collegiate debut (10/17)...Totaled six blocks in Arkansas series finale (10/18)...Had seven kills in series finale win at No. 7 Texas A&M (11/5).

11 | MARGARET DEAN

**5-8 | GRAD. | S
BEDFORD, TEXAS
TRINITY HS
(SFA)**

Season Highs

Kills3 at LSU (10/21/20)
Attempts6 at LSU (10/21/20)
Assists29, 2x, last at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Service Aces4 at Texas A&M (11/4/20)
Digs16 vs. Arkansas (10/17/20)
Solo BlocksN/A
Block AssistsN/A

Career Highs

Kills4 vs. Rice (9/14/19)*
Attempts10, 2x, last vs. Rice (9/14/19)*
Assists29, 2x, last at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Service Aces4 at Texas A&M (11/4/20)
Digs17 at SMU (8/31/19)*
Solo Blocks1 at Northwestern (9/7/19)*
Block AssistsN/A

* - Set while at SFA

MSU Career Highs

Kills3 at LSU (10/21/20)
Attempts6 at LSU (10/21/20)
Assists29, 2x, last at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Service Aces4 at Texas A&M (11/4/20)
Digs16 vs. Arkansas (10/17/20)
Solo BlocksN/A
Block AssistsN/A

2020 Graduate Transfer Season

Has started five of six matches in 2020 season, and has seen action in all 27 sets...Owns team-leading four double-doubles; 23 assists & 16 digs vs. Arkansas (10/17), 21 assists & 11 digs at LSU (10/22), 25 assists & 13 digs at No. 7 Texas A&M (11/4) & 29 assists & 11 digs at No. 7 Texas A&M (11/5)...Had 29 digs in second match of Arkansas series (10/18) to go with six digs...Had career-high four aces in A&M series opening win (11/4), all coming within an 8-0 Bulldog run.

13 | DEJA ROBINSON

**6-1 | JR. | MB
CANTON, GA.
SEQUOYAH HS**

Season Highs

Kills 8, 3x, last at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Attempts 19 vs. Arkansas (10/17/20)
Assists 2, 2x, last at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Service Aces 1 at LSU (10/21/20)
Digs 7 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Solo Blocks 3 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Block Assists 9 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)

Career Highs

Kills 20 vs. Davidson (9/1/18)
Attempts 34 at LSU (11/3/19)
Assists 2, 4x, last at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
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)

2020 Junior Season

Has started every match of 2020 season...Totaled 17 blocks in season-opening series against Arkansas (10/17-18)...Had a career-high 12 total blocks, tying the second-highest total by a Bulldog in a single match (Bali Lefall-Young, 10/17/14)...Five solo blocks this season moved her into tie for 9th among MSU's career leaders (55).

14 | BURGUNDY WALTERS

**6-0 | SO. | MB
SANFORD, FLA.
SEMINOLE HS**

Season Highs

Kills N/A
Attempts 1 at LSU (10/21/20)
Assists N/A
Service Aces N/A
Digs N/A
Solo Blocks N/A
Block Assists N/A

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 1 vs. Jackson State (9/19/19)
Digs 1, 2x, last at Tennessee (10/13/19)
Solo Blocks 1, 2x, last at Missouri (10/27/19)
Block Assists 4 vs. Western Illinois (8/31/19)

2020 Sophomore Season

Saw action in series opener at LSU (10/21).

16 | LOGAN BROWN

**6-0 | R-JR. | OH
DALLAS, TEXAS
ROWLETT HS**

Season Highs

Kills 19 vs. Arkansas (10/17/20)
Attempts 61 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Assists 3 vs. Arkansas (10/17/20)
Service Aces 2 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Digs 18 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Solo Blocks N/A
Block Assists 2 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)

Career Highs

Kills 20 at Georgia Tech (9/15/18)*
Attempts 61 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Assists 4 vs. LSU (11/11/18)*
Service Aces 3 vs. Northwestern (9/8/18)*
Digs 18 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Solo Blocks 1 at Georgia (11/21/18)*
Block Assists 3, 4x, last vs. Alabama (10/21/18)*

* - Set while at Arkansas

MSU Career Highs

Kills 19 vs. Arkansas (10/17/20)
Attempts 61 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Assists 3 vs. Arkansas (10/17/20)
Service Aces 2 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Digs 18 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Solo Blocks N/A
Block Assists 2 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)

2020 Redshirt Junior Season

Has started six matches during 2020 season...Owns three double-doubles; 11 kills & 10 digs versus Arkansas (10/17), 19 kills & 18 digs versus Arkansas (10/18) and 12 kills & 12 digs at LSU (10/22).

17 | ALDEN WILLIS

**5-4 | JR. | DS
RALEIGH, N.C.
BROUGHTON HS
(ECU)**

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 1 at Gardner-Webb (9/20/19)*
Attempts 2 at Gardner-Webb (9/20/19)*
Assists 3 vs. Gardner-Webb (9/7/18)*
Service Aces 3 vs. Gardner-Webb (9/7/18)*
Digs 26 vs. Hampton (8/31/18)*
Solo Blocks N/A
Block Assists N/A

* - Set while at ECU

MSU Career 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 Notes

Transferred to Mississippi State in Spring 2020. **Sophomore (2019 - ECU):** Appeared in 28 and 91 sets...Helped Pirates to 19-11 record...Had 112 digs and 13 aces...Tallied double-digit digs twice. **Freshman (2018):** Played in all 29 matches with two starts and appeared in 96 sets...Collected 177 digs...Tallied double-digit digs in five matches...Collected a season-best 26 digs versus Hampton (8/31).

18 | LAUREN MYRICK

**6-0 | SO. | OH
LOUISVILLE, KY.
ASSUMPTION HS
(LIPSCOMB)**

Season Highs

Kills 14 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Attempts 49 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Assists 1, 2x, last at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Service Aces 1, 3x, last at LSU (10/22/20)
Digs 15, 2x, last at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Solo Blocks N/A
Block Assists 2 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)

Career Highs

Kills 17 vs. Xavier (9/13/19)*
Attempts 49 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Assists 2, 2x, last vs. Coastal Carolina (9/21/19)*
Service Aces 2, 2x, last vs. Coastal Carolina (9/21/19)*
Digs 15, 2x, last at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Solo Blocks 1, 3x, last at Georgia Tech (9/5/19)*
Block Assists 3 vs. IUPUI (9/6/19)*

* - Set while at Lipscomb

MSU Career Highs

Kills 14 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Attempts 49 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Assists 1, 2x, last at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Service Aces 1, 3x, last at LSU (10/22/20)
Digs 15, 2x, last at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Solo Blocks N/A
Block Assists 2 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)

2020 Sophomore Season

Has started every match of 2020 season...Tallied double-digit digs in four of six matches...Collected first MSU double-double (12 kills, career-high 15 digs) in MSU debut (10/17)...Had 14 kills and eight digs in Arkansas series finale (10/18)...Picked up nine kills and seven digs in series opener at No. 7 Texas A&M (11/4)...Tallied eight kills and tied career-high with 15 digs in A&M series finale (11/5).

21 | KATIE CULUMOVIC

**5-5 | FR. | S/DS
SIMPSONVILLE, S.C.
ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Season Highs

Kills N/A
Attempts 1 vs. Arkansas (10/17/20)
Assists 2 at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Service Aces 3 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Digs 8 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
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 3 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Digs 12 vs. SHSU (9/13/19)
Solo Blocks N/A
Block Assists N/A

2020 Sophomore Season

Has seen action in every set of 2020 season...Had season-high 25 assists and eight digs in Arkansas series finale (10/18)...Made first start of season in series opener at LSU (10/21).

22 | SKYLAR BUCKLEY

**5-5 | FR. | S/DS
RALEIGH, N.C.
NORTH RALEIGH
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

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 N/A
Attempts N/A
Assists N/A
Service Aces N/A
Digs N/A
Solo Blocks N/A
Block Assists N/A

High School

Won five state championships at North Raleigh Christian Academy...Racked up 1,000-plus digs (1,453), kills (1,142) and assists (1,055) during her prep career...Named an AVCA and PrepVolleyball.com All-American as a senior...Also excelled in beach volleyball.

27 | AKACIA BROWN

**6-2 | FR. | OH
WATERLOO, IOWA
CEDAR FALLS HS**

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 N/A
Attempts N/A
Assists N/A
Service Aces N/A
Digs N/A
Solo Blocks N/A
Block Assists N/A

High School

Reigning Gatorade Iowa Player of the Year...All-America selection by MaxPreps, AVCA and PrepVolleyball.com...Led Cedar Falls High School to 44-1 record, No. 6 national ranking and state title...Tallied 517 kills, 308 digs, 65 blocks and 50 aces as a senior...517 kills set single-season record, besting her own mark from a year before...Set Iowa 5A tournament record with 37 kills in 2019 semifinal...As a junior, tallied 3.67 kills per set on a .377 hitting pct...Sister, Kaz Brown, was four-time All-SEC selection at Kentucky (2014-17).



JULIE DARTY DENNIS

HEAD COACH THIRD SEASON AT MSU

On January 10, 2018, Julie Darty Dennis was officially introduced as the 12th head coach of Mississippi State volleyball. Since then, Darty Dennis has gone to work building her program into a competitor in the SEC.

Her 2020 signing class marks her newest achievement. In a group that includes nine total newcomers, Darty Dennis's five-player freshmen class earned the distinction of high honorable mention from PrepVolleyball.com. Four transfer student-athletes also joined the mix.

The 2020 freshman group includes state champions, All-Americans and a laundry list of individual awards. It's led by outside hitter Akacia Brown, who was named Iowa Gatorade Player of the Year after an outstanding prep senior season.

Darty Dennis's talented group of newcomers adds to a strong base. In her second season as State's head coach in 2019, Darty Dennis led her club to an 11-1 start, tied for the best 12-match start in program history (2000, 1992). State added a season sweep of Auburn during conference play, and took three conference opponents to five sets.

Part of the team's success in 2019 came from anchoring performances from seniors Alleah Stamatis and Amarrah Cooks, two student-athletes that had played under Darty Dennis at her previous post at Jacksonville. After they earned all-conference honors as sophomores in Jacksonville, Darty Dennis helped prepare the duo for life in the SEC, where they developed into two of the best Bulldogs to play their respective positions. As a senior, Stamatis became just the seventh State setter to collect 1,000 assists in a season. Cooks, a middle blocker, led all qualified attackers in hitting percentage both seasons in maroon and white on her way to setting the Bulldog career record for the category (.303).

Darty Dennis's ability to recruit and develop also showed through in first-year outside hitter Callie Minshew, a two-time Mississippi Gatorade Player of the Year in high school. Minshew started all 30 matches and was one of two student-athletes to play all 114 sets for State in 2019. The rookie from Brandon, Mississippi, led all SEC freshmen in digs (268) and tied for No. 2 among conference rookies in service aces (29).

In 2018, Darty Dennis helped lead standout middle blocker Deja Robinson to SEC All-Freshman Team honors as well as SEC Freshman of the Week honors. Robinson found herself in Mississippi State's freshman record book with 94 total blocks (No. 3), 70 block assists, for the sixth-place spot and 24 solo blocks (No. 6). In 2019, Robinson ranked tied for fifth in the league in blocks, averaging one per set.

Darty Dennis's first SEC win came in dramatic fashion, as her team fought back from trailing 2-0 to win in five sets against Auburn.

Prior to her arrival in Starkville, Darty Dennis 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 an NCAA tournament appearance during her first year as a collegiate head coach.

During her Jacksonville tenure (2014-17), Darty Dennis 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 Dennis's leadership to earn ASUN Defensive Player of the Year accolades.

Darty Dennis 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 win 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 Dennis'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 Dennis also took on the role of director of volleyball over the university's beach program. Under Darty Dennis'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 Dennis 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 Dennis 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 Dennis 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 Dennis was a standout at Mercer University 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 Dennis 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 Dennis earned A-Sun All-Freshman honors.

Darty Dennis graduated from Mercer with a degree in communications. She married Bryan Dennis in May 2020, and the couple lives in Starkville.

THE DARTY DENNIS 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
2014	Jacksonville	19-15
2015	Jacksonville	12-16
2016	Jacksonville	9-19
2017	Jacksonville	18-10
2018	Mississippi State	5-26
2019	Mississippi State	13-17
2020	Mississippi State	2-4
Total	Five Seasons	78-107 (.422)

As an Assistant Coach

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

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)



**2020-21 Mississippi St. Women's Volleyball
Combined Team Statistics
All games**

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Game Records

Overall	Conference	Home	Away	Neutral
2 - 4	2 - 4	0 - 2	2 - 2	0 - 0

Team Box Score

##	Player	SP	Attack				Set		Serve				RE	Dig		Blocking						PTS
			K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SE	SA/S		DIG	DIG/S	BS	BA	TOT/S	BLK/S	BE	BHE	
2	Gunter, Lilly	27	1	0.04	0	4	.250	35	1.30	2	4	0.07	8	93	3.44	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	3.0
5	Kemp, Jessica	27	41	1.52	26	135	.111	0	0.00	3	10	0.11	0	21	0.78	2	23	25	0.93	0	0	57.5
6	Murr, Kendall	12	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.08	0	1	0.00	0	3	0.25	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
8	Waden, Gabby	27	103	3.81	29	221	.335	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	22	0.81	0	16	16	0.59	2	0	111.0
9	Minshew, Callie	14	13	0.93	14	54	-.019	1	0.07	4	2	0.29	6	34	2.43	0	4	4	0.29	0	0	19.0
10	McBride, Francesca	27	17	0.63	12	61	.082	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	11	0.41	3	17	20	0.74	0	0	28.5
11	Dean, Margaret	27	8	0.30	1	21	.333	146	5.41	7	4	0.26	1	64	2.37	0	0	0	0.00	0	2	15.0
13	Robinson, Deja	27	38	1.41	17	94	.223	4	0.15	1	4	0.04	0	10	0.37	7	19	26	0.96	1	0	55.5
14	Walters, Burgundy	1	0	0.00	0	1	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
16	Brown, Logan	18	49	2.72	25	174	.138	4	0.22	3	10	0.17	8	48	2.67	0	2	2	0.11	0	0	53.0
18	Myrick, Lauren	27	53	1.96	18	210	.167	2	0.07	3	6	0.11	8	69	2.56	0	3	3	0.11	0	0	57.5
21	Culumovic, Katie	27	0	0.00	2	4	-.500	105	3.89	7	9	0.26	0	28	1.04	0	0	0	0.00	1	3	7.0
MISSISSIPPI ST.		27	323	11.96	144	979	.183	298	11.04	30	50	1.11	36	403	14.93	12	84	54	2.00	4	5	407.0
Opponents		27	362	13.41	153	984	.212	342	12.67	36	44	1.33	30	451	16.70	10	82	51	1.89	14	4	449.0

Team statistics

	MSU	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	323	362
Errors	144	153
Total Attacks	979	984
Attack Pct	.183	.212
Kills/Set	12	13.4
SET		
Assists	298	342
Attempts	963	961
Assist Pct	.309	.356
Assists/Set	11	12.7
SERVE		
Aces	30	36
Errors	50	44
Attempts	561	599
Serve Pct	.911	.927
Aces/Set	1.1	1.3
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	36	30
Errors/Set	1.3	1.1
Attempts	555	511
Reception Pct	.935	.998
DEFENSE		
Digs	403	451
Digs/Set	14.9	16.7
BLOCKING		
Block solo	12	10
Block Assist	84	82
Total Blocks	54	51
Blocks/Set	2	1.9
Block Errors	4	14
Ball handling errors	5	4
ATTENDANCE		
Total	574	2503
Dates/Avg Per Date	2/287	4/626
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	-
Current win streak	0	-
Home win streak	0	-

Team Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Score-by-set	Att.
* 10/17/2020	Arkansas	L 2-3	25-18,15-25,23-25,25-23,11-15	278
* 10/18/2020	Arkansas	L 2-3	25-23,25-19,29-31,23-25,13-15	296
* 10/21/2020	at LSU	L 1-3	17-25,25-22,11-25,23-25	470
* 10/22/2020	at LSU	L 1-3	21-25,25-19,18-25,11-25	505
* 11/04/2020	at Texas A&M	W 3-1	21-25,25-21,25-17,25-23	715
* 11/05/2020	at Texas A&M	W 3-2	14-25,25-21,18-25,25-22,15-13	813



2 | Lilly Gunter
DS | 5-8 | Fr.
Oveido, Fla.



4 | Shania Cromartie
OH | 5-9 | Fr.
Tallahassee, Fla.



5 | Jessica Kemp
OH/RS | 6-3 | Gr.
Fort Mill, S.C.



6 | Kendall Murr
DS | 5-8 | Sr.
Yorktown, Ind.



8 | Gabby Waden
MB/RS | 5-10 | Jr.
Columbia, S.C.



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



10 | Francesca McBride
OPP | 6-3 | Fr.
Detroit, Mich.



11 | Margaret Dean
S | 5-8 | Gr.
Bedford, Texas



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



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



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



17 | Alden Willis
DS | 5-4 | Jr.
Raleigh, N.C.



18 | Lauren Myrick
OH/RS | 6-0 | So.
Louisville, Ky.



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



22 | Skylar Buckley
S | 5-9 | Fr.
Raleigh, N.C.



27 | Akacia Brown
OH | 6-2 | Fr.
Waterloo, Iowa

COACHING/ SUPPORT STAFF



Julie Darty
Head Coach
Third Season at MSU



Travers Green
Associate Head Coach
Third Season at MSU



Taylor McColskey
Assistant Coach
Second Season at MSU



Phil Evans
Volunteer Assistant
First Season at MSU



Cody Drattlo
Director of Operations
Third Season at MSU



Alleah Stamatis
Technical Coordinator
First Season at MSU