# 2020-21 MISSISSIPPI STATE VOLLEYBALL MATCH NOTES | at TENNESSEE **MARCH 5-6, 2021**



SCHEDULE 8	RESULTS		
2020 FALL			(2-6)
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*^	L	3-0
Nov. 14 (Sat.)	No. 2 KENTUCKY*^	L	3-0
2021 SPRING			(2-4)
Jan. 29 (Fri.)	GEORGIA*	P	ostponed
Jan. 30 (Sat.)	GEORGIA*	P	ostponed
Feb. 4 (Thurs.)	at South Carolina*	L	3-0
Feb. 5 (Fri.)	at South Carolina*	L	3-2
Feb. 11 (Thurs.)	OLE MISS*	W	3-0
Feb. 12 (Fri.	OLE MISS*	W	3-1
Feb. 19 (Fri.)	No. 8 FLORIDA*	P	ostponed
Feb. 20 (Sat.)	No. 8 FLORIDA*	P	ostponed
Feb. 26 (Fri.)	at Alabama*	L	3-1
Feb. 27 (Sat.)	at Alabama*	L	3-1
March 5 (Fri.)	at (RV) Tennessee*	5:30 p.m. SEC N	
March 6 (Sat.)	at (RV) Tennessee*	5:30 p.m. SEC N	ETWORK+
March 19 (Fri.)	at Auburn*#	CANCELED	No Contest
March 20 (Sat.)	at Auburn*#	CANCELED	No Contest
March 24 (Wed.)	(RV) MISSOURI*	3 p.m. SEC NE	TWORK+

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

\* - Southeastern Conference match

March 25 (Thurs.) (RV) MISSOURI\*

- ^ Matches originally scheduled for Nov. 12-13
- # Matches declared no contest;

Auburn opted out of spring portion of 2020-21 season

# THE MATCHUP



Mississippi State Bulldogs				
Record	4-10			
H/A/N	2-4/2-6/0-0			
SEC	4-10			
2019	13-17			
'19 SEC	2-16			
Ranking (AVCA)	NR			
Head Coach	Julie Darty Dennis			
Record at Mississippi State	22-53			
Seasons at Mississippi State	Third			
Career Record	80-113			
Seasons as a Head Coach	Seventh			



Tennessee Lady Volunteers				
Record	6-6			
H/A/N	4-4/2-2/0-0			
SEC	6-6			
2019	12-17			
'19 SEC	4-14			
Ranking (AVCA)	RV			
Head Coach	Eve Rackham			
Record at Tennessee	41-19			
Seasons at Tennessee	Third			
Career Record	41-19			
Seasons as a Heach Coach	Third			

# FIRST SERVE

# SERIES RECAP - at ALABAMA (Feb. 26-27)

# Match 1 (L, 3-1; 25-23, 18-25, 23-25, 23-25)

Despite winning the first set of the series opener, the Bulldogs were bested in the next three frames in a four-set battle. State held its own in the contest, as the two final sets were decided by just two points. Six Bulldogs tallied double-digit digs, the most to do so since at least 2005. Gabby Waden tallied 18 kills on a .385 hitting percentage.

#### Match 2 (L, 3-1; 16-25, 18-25, 25-19, 21-25)

MSU found itself down 2-0, but showed fight in winning the third set. However, Alabama adjusted to take another four-set victory on its home court. MSU got another strong performance from Waden, who recorded 17 kills on a .316 clip. As a group, State hit .258, its second-highest mark of the season.

KEY STORYLINE: Mississippi State travels to Knoxville, Tennessee, for its final road series of the 2020-21 season. The Bulldogs will have a tough test in the Tennessee Lady Volunteers, who received votes in the latest American Volleyball Coaches Association polls.

WADEN'S WORLD: MSU's offense is led by right side hitter Gabby Waden, who has been a model of consistency during her junior season.

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

# MATCH DAY INFORMATION | Match 1

Opponent	Tennessee
Date/Time	Friday, March 5   5:30 p.m. CT
	Thompson-Boling Arena
City	Knoxville, Tenn.
•	SEC Network+
Broadcast Team	N/A

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# MATCH DAY INFORMATION | Match 2

Opponent	Tennessee
Date/Time	Saturday, March 6   5:30 p.m. C7
	Thompson-Boling Arena
City	Knoxville, Tenn
Live Stream	SEC Network+
Broadcast Team	N/A

# PREVIOUS MATCH STARTERS

- 2 Lilly Gunter | 179 digs, 61 a, 13 sa
- 5 Jessica Kemp | 76 k, 55 tb
- 8 Gabby Waden | 3.88 k/s, .321%
- 9 Callie Minshew | 62 k, 91 digs, 14 sa
- 12 Gabby Coulter | 133 a, 41 digs
- 13 Deja Robinson | 81 k, 46 tb
- 16 Logan Brown | 83 k, 94 digs



3 p.m. SEC NETWORK+

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MATCH COVERAGE

**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/2ADmgPs



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

	2020-21 NUMERICAL ROSTER							
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	CI.	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)			
7	Rebecca Walk	MB	6-2	Fr.	Bay St. Louis, Miss./Our Lady Academy (South Alabama)			
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)			
12	Gabby Coulter	S	5-10	Jr.	Bradenton, Fla./Manatee (Marshall)			
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			

	2020-21 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER							
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	CI.	Hometown (Previous School)			
16	Logan Brown	OH	6-0	RJr.	Dallas, Texas/Rowlett (Arkansas)			
12	Gabby Coulter	S	5-10	Jr.	Bradenton, Fla./Manatee (Marshall)			
4	Shania Cromartie	ОН	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			
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9	Callie Minshew	ОН	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			
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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: Alleah Stamatis (Mississippi State, 2020) - First year on MSU staff

# **PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

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

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GENERAL INFORMATION	
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Location	
Founded	
Enrollment	,
Nickname	*
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Burgundy Walters
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Deja Robinson
ndiana1
Kendall Murr
<b>Centucky</b> 1
Lauren Myrick
Michigan1
Francesca McBride
Mississippi2
Callie Minshew, Rebecca Walk
North Carolina1
Alden Willis
South Carolina3  Katie Culumovic, Jessica Kemp, Gabby Waden

Logan Brown, Margaret Dean

**ROSTER BY STATE** 

RECORD BREAKDOWN		2022
Category Overall	2019	2020-21
Home		
Away		
Neutral		
SEC		
Non-Conference		
vs. Top 5	0-0	0-2
vs. Top 10	0-0	2-2
vs. Top 25		
vs. Unranked	13-14	2-8
On Television	1-3	2-4
Day	0.0	0.0
Monday		
Tuesday Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday		
Month		
August		
September	8-3	N/A
October		
November		
February		
March	N/A	0-0
Number of Sets		
Three Sets		
Four Sets		
Five Sets	4-4	I-3
Set Score	0.1	1.7
Up 1-0		
Up 2-0 Up 2-1		
ор 2-1 Tied 1-1		
Tied 2-2		
Down 1-0		
Down 2-0		
Down 2-1		
Statistical Battle		
More kills	4-1	2-0
Fewer kills	9-16	2-10
Tied kills		
More blocks		
Fewer blocks		
Tied blocks		
More digs		
Fewer digs		
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Hitting Percentage Leading	9-0	3-0
Trailing		
Tied		
.400+		
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Stat					Mississippi State	Tei	nnessee
k/s					11.8		13.2
a/s					11.0		11.7
sa/s					1.2		0.9
digs/s					13.6		15.9
					1.9		
					189		
Opponent Hitt	ing Percentage				235		213
SERIES HIS	STORY						
Tennessee (13-4	•						
H: 5-20   A: 4-25							
Oct. 23, 1976	Athens, Ga.	W	2-1	Nov. 14, 2003	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3
Oct. 24, 1979	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	L	0-2	Sept. 26, 2004	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	0-3
Oct. 22, 1981	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	0-3	0ct. 8, 2004	Starkville, Miss.	L	0
Oct. 4, 1982	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Oct. 2, 2005	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	0-
Sept. 18, 1983	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	0-3	Nov. 18, 2005	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	L	0-
Nov. 17, 1983	Lexington, Ky.	L	0-3	Sept. 24, 2006	Starkville, Miss.	L	1-
lov. 9, 1984	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Oct. 27, 2006	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	1-
Nov. 15, 1984	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	0-3	Sept. 16, 2007	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	1-
Oct. 9, 1985	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	0-3	0ct. 19, 2007	Starkville, Miss.	W	3-
Sept. 20, 1986	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Sept. 19, 2008	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	0-
Sept. 16, 1987	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	0-3	Oct. 26, 2008	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-
Oct. 22, 1988	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	0-3	Oct. 18, 2009	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-
Oct. 28, 1989	Starkville, Miss.	L	1-3	Nov. 6, 2009	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	0-
Oct. 14, 1990	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	0-3	Oct. 15, 2010	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	0-
Oct. 13, 1991	Starkville, Miss.	L	2-3	Nov. 7, 2010	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-:
Nov. 29, 1991	Mobile, Ala.	W	3-1	0ct. 16, 2011	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-
Oct. 25, 1992	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	2-3	Nov. 6, 2011	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	1-
lov. 6, 1992	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Nov. 2, 2012	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-
Oct. 17, 1993	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	0-3	Nov. 23, 2012	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	0-
Oct. 23, 1994	Knoxville, Tenn.	W	3-2	Oct. 20, 2013	Starkville, Miss.	W	3-
Sept. 15, 1995	Boise, Idaho	W	3-2	Nov. 30, 2013	Knoxville, Tenn.	W	3-
Sept. 24, 1995	Knoxville, Tenn.	W	3-0	0ct. 17, 2014	Starkville, Miss.	W	3-
Oct. 29, 1996	Starkville, Miss.	W	3-2	0ct. 25, 2015	Starkville, Miss.	L	2-
Nov. 22, 1996	Columbia, S.C.	W	3-1	Sept. 23, 2016	Knoxville, Tenn.	W	3-
Sept. 26, 1997	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	2-3	Oct. 23, 2016	Starkville, Miss.	W	3-
Oct. 4, 1998	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	0-3	Sept. 24, 2017	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	1-
Oct. 15, 1999	Starkville, Miss.	L	1-3	0ct. 7, 2018	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	0-:
Sept. 24, 2000	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	1-3	Nov. 11, 2018	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-
Oct. 26, 2001	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Oct. 13, 2019	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	0-
Oct. 20, 2002	Starkville, Miss.	L	1-3	Nov. 30, 2019	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3
Sept. 28, 2003	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	1-3				

SEC RANKINGS (Top 10 player   As of March 1)			
Category	Student-Athlete	Value	Rank
Kill/set	Gabby Waden	3.88	7
Points/set	Gabby Waden	4.13	8
Hitting Percentage	Gabby Waden	.321	10
Service aces/set	Callie Minshew	0.35	T-7

Place	Team	Conf.	<b>Overall</b>	Home	Roa
1.	Kentucky	12-0	12-0	4-0	8-
2.	Florida	12-2	12-2	5-1	7-
3.	Arkansas	11-5	11-5	6-2	5-
3.	Missouri	11-5	11-5	6-2	5-
5.	South Carolina	10-6	10-6	6-4	4-
6.	Texas A&M	6-4	6-4	2-2	4-
7.	Tennessee	6-6	6-6	4-4	2-
8.	Alabama	6-10	6-10	3-5	3-
9.	LSU	5-9	5-9	4-2	1-
10.	Georgia	4-10	4-10	2-6	2-
10.	Mississippi State	4-10	4-10	2-4	2-
12.	Ole Miss	1-13	1-3	0-8	1-
12.	Auburn*	0-8	0-8	0-4	0-

AVCA TOP 25 - Sring	j Week 6 (March 1)
1. Wisconsin (10-0) [53]	16. Washington State (8-2)
2. Texas (16-0) [6]	17. San Diego (10-0)
3. KENTUCKY (12-0) [1]*	18. Georgia Tech (7-1)
4. Nebraska (7-1)	19. Ohio State (11-0)
5. Minnesota (9-1)	20. Oregon (8-2)
6. Baylor (15-3)	21. Western Kentucky (10-0)
7. Washington (10-2)	22. Pittsburgh (5-4)
8. FLORIDA (12-2)*	23. Creighton (4-2)
7. Utah (8-2)	24. Marquette (8-2)
10. Penn State (4-3)	25. Pepperdine (7-2)
11. Purdue (8-4)	
12. UCLA (9-3)	2020-21 OPP. IN ALL CAPS
13. Louisville (5-2)	* - SEC Team
14. Notre Dame (7-1)	[##] - No. of first place votes
15. BYU (8-1)	

# **TEAM NOTES**

**OFFENSE TRENDING UP:** Mississippi State's offense has shown marked improvement this spring, hitting .225 since the break compared to a .189 clip for the season.

**WADEN'S WORLD:** Right side hitter *Gabby Waden* has been a consistent force for the Bulldog offense. Despite playing just three rotations, Waden is one of three players ranking in the SEC top 10 in kills (7th; 3.88 per set), points (8th; 4.13 per set) & hitting percentage (10th; .321). Notes on Waden's recent achievements:

- Double-digit kills in 13 of 14 matches
- 96 kills (4.17 per set) on a .400 hitting percentage this spring
- 35 kills (.355; 4.38 per set) in series at Alabama (2/26-27)

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

Gunter has started every match of her rookie season in the libero jersey, averaging a team-best 3.20 digs per set. She averaged 4.29 digs per set in the series sweep of Ole Miss (2/11-12) to earn SEC Freshman of the Week honors.

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

**ON THE SERIES SWEEP at NO.7 TEXAS A&M:** Mississippi State earned its first two wins of the season in dramatic fashion, beating No. 7 Texas A&M twice on the road.

- Mississippi State had only one ranked win in program history prior to Wednesday (Oct. 14, 2011 vs. No. 25 Kentucky), though never in a road match.
- The Bulldogs pulled off consecutive SEC wins for the first time since 2016.
- 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.
- 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. Waden's 24 kills in the second match of the series at A&M tied her career-high and set her career-high for an SEC match.
- In the series, Waden became the first Bulldog to tally 20 kills in consecutive matches since Emily Hill in 2016.

**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 eight 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
6. Ashlye Davis (1990-93)	62
T-7. Nicole Carter (1991-94)	56
T-7. Aimee York (1989-92)	56
T-7. Deja Robinson (2018-Pres.)	56
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.

An SEC All-Freshman Team selection in 2018, Robinson set the teamhigh mark in block assists (70) and ranked No. 2 among her teammates in total blocks (94) and solo blocks (24).

**COULTER COUNTER:** In the series opener against Alabama (2/27), junior setter *Gabby Coulter* tallied her 1,500th career assist. Coulter collected 1,400 assists during her two seasons at Marshall (2018-19).

Coulter made her Bulldog debut in the first match of the South Carolina series (2/4), then recorded her first-career double-double a day later in the finale (2/5). The Brandton, Fla., native is averaging 5.87 assists per set in four matches for MSU.

**TRANSFER TAKEOVER:** State's coaching staff has utilized the transfer portal to much success following the end of the 2019 season, as six transfer student-athletes have committed to the "Julie Darty (Dennis) Experience" since.

Now, eight MSU volleyball student-athletes, half of the 2020-21 roster, started their collegiate careers at a different school but now call the Newell-Grissom Building home.

Five of those student-athletes (Brown, Dean, Kemp, Murr & Myrick) arrived in Starkville prior to the 2020-21 campaign and have already played significant roles for this season's team.

Over the break, MSU gained two more commitments. A transfer setter from Marshall, *Gabby Coulter* is immediately eligible to participate in MSU's spring competition. State also attracted freshman middle blocker *Rebecca Walk*, a Mississippi native who will see her first SEC action come fall after she earned 2020 Sun Belt Conference Freshman of the Year honors at South Alabama.

For more information on **Jessica Kemp** (5), **Rebecca Walk** (7), **Margaret Dean** (11), **Gabby Coulter** (12), **Logan Brown** (16), **Alden Willis** (17) and **Lauren Myrick** (18), see pages 6-9.

**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. MSU now has three active student-athletes standing 6-foot-1 or taller (Kemp, McBride, Robinson).

Of the student-athletes who saw action in 2019, only four stood 6-feet or taller. MSU's 2020-21 active roster boasts six such players.

**AVCA TEAM ACADEMIC AWARD:** MSU was named a recipient of the AVCA Team Academic Award prior to the 2020-21 season, the fifth such honor in program history.

The award, initiated in the 1992-93 academic year, honors programs that maintain a year-long grade-point average of 3.30 on a 4.0 scale or 4.10 on a 5.0 scale. State posted a 3.32 mark as a group and earned 10 combined recognitions between the 2019 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll and 2019-20 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll.

**RECORD HONOR ROLL:** A program record 10 student-athletes were named to the 2020 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll.

**LEADERSHIP COUNCIL:** MSU volleyball's student-athletes have a new leadership structure in place for the 2020-21 season, as the team elected *Margaret Dean, Kendall Murr*, and *Gabby Waden* to its leadership council for the season.

**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 director of operations.

Stamatis was a recipient of the American Volleyball Coaches Diversity Award while serving as the program's technical coordinator in the fall, which allowed her to "participate in a series of educational, developmental, and relationship building experiences in conjunction with the 2020 AVCA Virtual Convention." Her award was sponsored by SEC assistant coaches.

As a senior in 2019, Stamatis became just the seventh Bulldog to collect 1,000 assists in a single season (1,017). She also played under head coach *Julie Darty Dennis* as a freshman and sophomore at Jacksonville (2016–17).

#### 2020-21 AWARDS

#### Callie Minshew

- SEC Defensive Player of the Week (Nov. 9, 2020)

#### Lilly Gunter

- SEC Freshman of the Week (Feb. 15, 2021)

# **BULLDOG DOUBLE-DOUBLES (13)**

#### Margaret Dean (6)

Oct. 17, 2020 vs. Arkansas (23 assists, 16 digs)
Oct. 21, 2020 at LSU (19 assists, 11 digs)
Nov. 4, 2020 at Texas A&M (25 assists, 13 digs)
Nov. 5, 2020 at Texas A&M (29 assists, 11 digs)
Feb. 5, 2021 at South Carolina (22 assists, 12 digs)

Feb. 26, 2021 at Alabama (14 assists, 11 digs)

#### Logan Brown (4)

Oct. 17, 2020 vs. Arkansas (11 kills, 10 digs)
Oct. 18, 2020 vs. Arkansas (19 kills, 18 digs)
Oct. 22, 2020 at LSU (12 kills, 12 digs)
Feb. 5, 2021 at South Carolina (13 kills, 10 digs)

# Gabby Coulter (2)

Feb. 5, 2021 at South Carolina (29 assists, 12 digs) Feb. 26, 2021 at Alabama (21 assists, 10 digs)

#### Lauren Myrick (1)

Oct. 17, 2020 vs. Arkansas (12 kills, 15 digs)

# TEAM LEADERS (2020-21) Kills

Gabby Waden		217	3.88	.321
Lauren Myrick		88	1.91	.195
Logan Brown		83	2.13	.108
Blocks	bs	ba	tb	b/s
Jessica Kemp	11	44	55	0.98
Deja Robinson	8	38	46	0.82
Francesca McBride	3	30	31	0.63
Service Aces			sa	sa/s
Callie Minshew			14	0.38

Margaret Dean/Lilly Gunter	13	0.23
Digs	digs	digs/s
Lilly Gunter	179	3.20
Margaret Dean	114	2.04
Logan Brown	94	2.41

NOTABLE STATS	3					
Double-Doubles	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Margaret Dean	-	-	-	13*	6	19
Gabby Coulter	_	_	7*	8*	2	18
Callie Minshew	_	_	· _	6	-	6
Logan Brown	_	_	_	_	4	4
Lauren Myrick	_	_	_	2*	1	3
Katie Culumovic	_	_	_	1		1
10+ Kills	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Gabby Waden	-	-	-	18	12	30
Jessica Kemp	2*	_	_	17*	2	21
Logan Brown	-	-	11*	-	5	16
Deja Robinson	-	-	5	8	-	13
Callie Minshew	-	-	-	10	1	11
Lauren Myrick	-	-	-	2*	2	4
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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
<u>10+ Digs</u>	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Kendall Murr	-	9*	24	-	-	33
Margaret Dean	-	-	-	13*	6	19
Gabby Coulter	-	-	7*	8*	3	18
Callie Minshew	-	-	-	13	4	17
Lilly Gunter	-	-	-	-	11	11
Alden Willis	-	-	5*	2*	-	7
Lauren Myrick	-	-	-	2*	5	7
Logan Brown	_	_	_	_	6	6
Katie Culumovic	-	-	-	1	-	1
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# 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 4 at Alabama (2/26/21) Digs 20 at LSU (10/21/20)

# Career Highs 1 at Texas A&M (11/5/20) Kills 2 at Texas A&M (11/5/20) Assists 9, 2x, last at Texas A&M (11/4/20) Service Aces 4 at Alabama (2/26/21) Digs 20 at LSU (10/21/20) Solo Blocks N/A Block Assists N/A

Block Assists .....

# 2020-21 Freshman Season (Fall)

Has started every set in the libero jersey...Named SEC Freshman of the Week on Feb. 15 after averaging 4.29 digs/set in series sweep of Ole Miss (2/11-12)...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)...Had 19 digs (6.33 per set) in series opening sweep versus Ole Miss (2/11).

# 4 | SHANIA CROMARTIE



**Season Highs** 

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

Kills	N/A
Attempts	N/A
Assists	N/A
Service Aces	1 at Alabama (2/27/21)
Digs	N/A
Solo Blocks	N/A
Block Assists	N/A

Career Highs	
Kills	N/A
Attempts	N/A
Assists	
Service Aces	. 1 at Alabama (2/27/21)
Digs	N/A
Solo Blocks	N/A
Block Assists	

#### 2020-21 Freshman Season

Made MSU debut in the series finale of Ole Miss series, coming in to serve (2/12).

# **5 | JESSICA KEMP**



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

<u>Season Highs</u>	
Kills	11 at LSU (10/22/20)
Attempts	31 at LSU (10/22/20)
Assists	1 vs. Ole Miss (2/12/21)
Service Aces	2 at LSU (10/22/20)
Digs	6 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Solo Blocks	2, 4x, last at Alabama (2/26/21)
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 Virgina (10/18/19)*
Digs	
Solo Blocks	2, 5x, last at Alabama (2/26/21)
Block Assists	6, 4x, last vs. Arkansas (10/17/20)

\* - Set while at NC State

# 2020-21 Graduate Transfer Season

Has started 13 of 14 matches...Has collected three total blocks in seven straight matches...Totaled 12 blocks during Arkansas series (10/17-18)...Had seven blocks and eight kills in her MSU debut (10/17)... Collected 11 kills in series finale at LSU (10/22)...Picked up eight kills and six digs in series opening win at Texas A&M (11/4)...Tallied 10 kills (.471) and five blocks in series finale at South Carolina (2/5).

# 6 | KENDALL MURR



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

N/A
N/F
1 at LSU 910/21/20
N/A
2 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
N/A
N/A

Career Highs	
Kills	
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	
Attempts	1, 5x, last vs. Flordia (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

Transfered from Jacksonville when *Julie Darty Dennis* accepted head coaching position at Mississippi State from JU. *Senior (2020):* Has seen action in every match, totaling 30 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.

# 7 | REBECCA WALK



**Season Highs** 

6-2 | FR. | MB BAY ST. LOUIS, MISS. OUR LADY ACADEMY (SOUTH ALABAMA)

Kills	N/A
Attempts	N/A
Assists	
Service Aces	N/A
Digs	N/A
Solo Blocks	
Block Assists	N/A
Career Highs	
Kills	N/A
Attempts	N/A
Assists	
Service Aces	N/A
Digs	N/A
-	N/Δ

<sup>\* -</sup> Set while at South Alabama

Block Assists .....

# 2020 Freshman Season (South Alabama)

Appeared in 22 matches with 13 starts...Named Sun Belt Conference Freshman of the Year and second-team all-SBS...Led conference with .377 hitting percentage while tallying 153 kills...Added 55 total blocks...Posted 132 kills on a .395 hitting mark in 16 conference matches...Had double-digit kills in four matches...Set her season-high with 21 kills (.500) against Troy (Oct. 2).

# **8 | GABBY WADEN**



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

xas A&M (11/5/20)
xas A&M (11/5/20)
N/A
N/A
rkansas (10/18/20)
Alabama (2/27/21)
xas A&M (11/4/20)

# Kills 24, 2x, last at Texas A&M (11/5/20) Attempts .56 at Texas A&M (11/5/20) Assists 2 at South Carolina (10/6/19) Service Aces 1 at South Carolina (10/6/19) Digs .7 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)

 Solo Blocks
 2 vs. Stetson (9/13/19)

 Block Assists
 5, 3x, last at Arkansas (11/24/19)

# 2020-21 Junior Season

**Career Highs** 

..N/A

Has started every match of 2020-21 season...Has tallied double-digit kills in 13 of 14 matches...Has collected 96 kills (4.17 per set) on a .340 hitting percentage this spring...Averaged 4.89 kills per set and a .344 hitting pct. in series sweep of No. 7 Texas A&M (11/4-5).

# 9 | CALLIE MINSHEW



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

# Season Highs

Kills	11 vs. Ole Miss (2/11/21)
Attempts	38 vs. Ole Miss (2/11/21)
Assists	2, 2x, last at Alabama (2/27/21)
Service Aces	4 vs. Ole Miss (2/11/21)
Digs	18 at Texas A&M (1//5/20)
Solo Blocks	1 at Alabama (2/27/21)
Block Assists	3, 2x, last at South Carolina (2/5/21)

# Career Highs

Kills	17, 2x, last vs. New Orleans (9/6/19)
Attempts	60 vs. New Orleans (9/6/19)
Assists	3 at Auburn (11/1/19)
Service Aces	4 vs. Ole Miss (2/11/21)
Digs	18 at Texas A&M (1//5/20)
Solo Blocks	2 at Arkansas (11/24/19)
Block Assists	6 vs. Arkansas State (9/7/19)

#### 2020-21 Sophomore Season

Has seen action in 13 matches with seven starts...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 final points in each of wins vs. Ole Miss (ace in Match 1, kill in Match 2)...Had season-high 11 kills and eight digs in series opening sweep of Ole Miss (2/11).

# 10 | FRANCESCA McBRIDE



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

#### Season Highs

Kills	7 at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Attempts	18 at Alabama (2/27/21)
Assists	1 at Alabama (2/26/21)
Service Aces	N/A
Digs	4, 2x, last at LSU (10/21/20)
Solo Blocks	2 at LSU (10/22/20)
Block Assists	6 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)

#### **Career Highs**

/ at Iexas A&M (11/5/20)
18 at Alabama (2/27/21)
1 at Alabama (2/26/21)
N/A
4, 2x, last at LSU (10/21/20)
2 at LSU (10/22/20)
6 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)

#### 2020-21 Freshman Season

Has seen action in 52 of 56 sets of 2020-21 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)...Had five blocks in South Carolina series finale (2/5).

# 11 | MARGARET DEAN

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

<u>Season Highs</u>	
Kills	3 at LSU (10/21/20)
Attempts	6 at LSU (10/21/20)
Assists	29, 2x, last at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Service Aces	4 at Texas A&M (11/4/20)
Digs	
Solo Blocks	N/A
Block Assists	N/A

<u>Career Highs</u>	
Kills	4 vs. Rice (9/14/19)*
Attempts	10, 2x, last vs. Rice (9/14/19)*
Assists	
Service Aces	4 at Texas A&M (11/4/20)
Digs	17 at SMU (8/31/19)*
Solo Blocks	1 at Northwestern (9/7/19)*
Block Assists	N/A

<sup>\* -</sup> Set while at SFA

# 2020-21 Graduate Transfer Season

Has started nine of 14 matches, seeing action in all 56 sets...Leads team with six 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), 22 assists & 12 digs at South Carolina (2/5) & 14 assists & 10 digs at Alabama (2/26)...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.

# 12 | GABBY COULTER



5-10 | JR. | S BRADENTON, FLA. MANATEE HS (MARSHALL)

<u>Season Highs</u>	
Kills	1, 2x, last at Alabama (2/26/21)
Attempts	2 at South Carolina (2/4/21)
Assists	29 at South Carolina (2/5/21)
Service Aces	1, 2x, last at Alabama (2/26/21)
Digs	12 at South Carolina (2/5/21)
Solo Blocks	N/A
Block Assists	N/A

Career Highs	
Kills	7 vs. Georgia Tech (9/8/18)*
Attempts	15 at Louisiana Tech (9/30/18)*
Assists	57 at Rice (10/12/18)*
Service Aces	3 at Saint Louis (9/14/19)*
Digs	
Solo Blocks	
Block Assists	5 vs. Troy (9/14/19)*

<sup>\* -</sup> Set while at Marshall

# **Career Notes**

Owns 1,533 career digs. *Junior (2020-21):* Transfered to Mississippi State prior to spring portion of 2020-21 season...Made MSU debut in series opener at South Carolina (2/4)...Averaged 6.57 digs per set in series sweep of Ole Miss (2/11-12)...*Sophomore (2019 - Marshall):* Appeared in all 28 matches with nine starts...Saw action in all 101 sets...Led team with 549 assists (5.44 per set) in two-setter system... Collected eight double-doubles...Tallied 30-plus digs in two matches. *Freshman (2018 - Marshall):* Started all 24 matches...Tallied 851 assists (9.78 per set)...Collected 20-plus assists in 22 matches, 30-plus assists in 15 matches, 40-plus assists in nine matches and 50-plus assists in four matches...Picked up seven double-doubles.

# 13 | DEJA ROBINSON



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

11 at Alabama (2/26/21)
22 at Alabama (2/26/21)
2, 2x, last at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
1 at LSU (10/21/20)
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	
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)

#### 2020-21 Junior Season

Has started every match...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	11, 2x, last vs. Kentucky (11/13/20)
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	
Solo Blocks	
Riork Assists	4 vs. Western Illinois (8/31/19)

# 2020-21 Sophomore Season

Has seen action in two matches and started series opener versus No. 2 Kentucky (11/13).

# 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	
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** .....20 at Georgia Tech (9/15/18)\* Kills ...... Assists .... .....4 vs. LSU (11/11/18)\* ...... 18 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20) **Solo Blocks** ...... 1 at Georgia (11/21/18)\*

# 2020-21 Redshirt Junior Season

Has started and appeared in 10 matches...Owns four double-doubles; 11 kills & 10 digs versus Arkansas (10/17), 19 kills & 18 digs versus Arkansas (10/18), 12 kills & 12 digs at LSU (10/22),  $\,$  and 13 kills & 10  $\,$ digs at South Carolina (2/5).

# 17 | ALDEN WILLIS



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

<u>Season Highs</u>	
Kills	N/A
Attempts	N/A
Assists	N/A
Service Aces	N/A
Digs	N/A
Solo Blocks	
Block Assists	N/A

<u>Career Highs</u>	
Kills	
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

<sup>\* -</sup> Set while at ECU

# **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 - ECU): 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	
Assists	
Service Aces	
Digs	15, 2x, last at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Solo Blocks	1 vs. Ole Miss (2/11/21)
Block Assists	

Career Highs	
Kills	17 vs. Xavier (9/13/19)*
Attempts	
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	
Block Assists	3 v.s IUPUI (9/6/19)*

<sup>\* -</sup> Set while at Lipscomb

# 2020-21 Sophomore Season

Has started and appeared in 12 matches...Collected first MSU doubledouble (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)...Had seven kills with no errors (.538) in series finale against Ole Miss (2/12).

<sup>\* -</sup> Set while at Arkansas

# 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	
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	
	3 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)

# 2020-21 Sophomore Season (Fall)

Saw action in every set with one match start...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).

 Digs
 12 vs. SHSU (9/13/19)

 Solo Blocks
 N/A

 Block Assists
 N/A



# 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.

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 lead 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 firstyear 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 Career2018-PresentMississippi State Head Coach2014-17Jacksonville Head Coach2013South Carolina Associate Head Coach2012South Carolina Assistant Coach2010-11Villanova 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	4-10
Total	Five Seasons	80-113 (.415)

# 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**

Overal	II	Conference	Home	Away	Neutral		
4 - 10		4 - 10	2 - 4	2 - 6	0 - 0		

# **Team Box Score**

			Attack			Set		Serve			Dig		Blocking									
##	Player	SP	K	K/S	Е	TA	PCT	Α	A/S	SA	SE	SA/S	RE	DIG	DIG/S	BS	BA	TOT/S	BLK/S	BE	BHE	PTS
2	Gunter, Lilly	56	1	0.02	0	5	.200	61	1.09	13	12	0.23	19	179	3.20	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	14.0
4	Cromartie, Shania	4	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	1	0	0.25	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
5	Kemp, Jessica	56	76	1.36	40	238	.151	1	0.02	6	18	0.11	0	34	0.61	11	44	55	0.98	0	0	115.0
6	Murr, Kendall	30	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.03	0	3	0.00	2	8	0.27	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
8	Waden, Gabby	56	217	3.88	65	473	.321	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	36	0.64	1	27	28	0.50	4	1	231.5
9	Minshew, Callie	40	62	1.55	42	217	.092	5	0.13	14	21	0.35	16	91	2.28	1	10	11	0.28	1	0	82.0
10	McBride, Francesca	52	33	0.63	27	119	.050	1	0.02	0	0	0.00	0	20	0.38	3	30	33	0.63	0	1	51.0
11	Dean, Margaret	56	14	0.25	1	32	.406	273	4.88	13	7	0.23	1	114	2.04	0	0	0	0.00	0	4	27.0
12	Coulter, Gabrielle	23	2	0.09	1	5	.200	133	5.78	2	5	0.09	0	41	1.78	0	0	0	0.00	0	2	4.0
13	Robinson, Deja	56	81	1.45	32	191	.257	4	0.07	1	5	0.02	1	11	0.20	8	38	46	0.82	1	0	109.0
14	Walters, Burgundy	3	0	0.00	1	2	500	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
16	Brown, Logan	39	83	2.13	48	325	.108	8	0.21	5	21	0.13	13	94	2.41	0	7	7	0.18	1	0	91.5
18	Myrick, Lauren	46	88	1.91	28	307	.195	4	0.09	3	8	0.07	13	89	1.93	1	6	7	0.15	0	0	95.0
21	Culumovic, Katie	33	0	0.00	2	4	500	122	3.70	7	12	0.21	0	37	1.12	0	0	0	0.00	2	5	7.0
27	Brown, Akacia	5	3	0.60	6	21	143	1	0.20	1	2	0.20	1	6	1.20	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	4.0
MIS	SSISSIPPI ST.	56	660	11.79	293	1939	.189	614	10.96	66	114	1.18	86	760	13.57	25	162	106	1.89	9	13	832.0
Ор	ponents	56	757	13.52	299	1948	.235	709	12.66	86	100	1.54	66	864	15.43	21	156	99	1.77	23	11	942.0

# **Team statistics**

	MSU	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	660	757
Errors	293	299
Total Attacks	1939	1948
Attack Pct	.189	.235
Kills/Set	11.8	13.5
SET		
Assists	614	709
Attempts	1925	1920
Assist Pct	.319	.369
Assists/Set	11	12.7
SERVE		
Aces	66	86
Errors	114	100
Attempts	1158	1262
Serve Pct	.902	.921
Aces/Set	1.2	1.5
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	86	66
Errors/Set	1.5	1.2
Attempts	1162	1044
Reception Pct	.926	.999
DEFENSE		
Digs	760	864
Digs/Set	13.6	15.4
BLOCKING		
Block solo	25	21
Block Assist	162	156
Total Blocks	106	99
Blocks/Set	1.9	1.8
Block Errors	9	23
Ball handling errors	13	11
ATTENDANCE		
Total	1265	2863
Dates/Avg Per Date	6/211	8/358
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	-
Current win streak	0	-
Home win streak	0	-

# **Team Results**

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	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
*	11/13/2020	Kentucky	L	0-3	15-25,12-25,16-25	242
*	11/14/2020	Kentucky	L	0-3	17-25,17-25,16-25	189
*	02/04/2021	at South Carolina	L	0-3	18-25,17-25,19-25	0
*	02/05/2021	at South Carolina	L	2-3	16-25,25-27,25-18,25-20,9-15	102
*	02/11/2021	Ole Miss	W	3-0	25-20,25-15,25-17	136
*	02/12/2021	Ole Miss	W	3-1	22-25,25-23,26-24,26-24	124
*	02/26/2021	at Alabama	L	1-3	25-23,18-25,23-25,23-25	128
*	02/27/2021	at Alabama	L	1-3	16-25,18-25,25-19,21-25	130





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.



7 | Rebecca Walk MB | 6-2 | Fr. Bay St. Louis, Miss.



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



12 | Gabby COulter S | 5-10 | Jr. Bradenton, Fla.



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.

# **COACHING STAFF**



Julie Darty Dennis Head Coach Third Season at MSU



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