

2020-21 MISSISSIPPI STATE VOLLEYBALL

MATCH NOTES | GEORGIA

MARCH 31 - APRIL 1, 2021



SCHEDULE & 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		(2-8)	
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*	CANCELLED	No Contest
Feb. 20 (Sat.)	No. 8 FLORIDA*	CANCELLED	No Contest

Feb. 26 (Fri.)	at Alabama*	L	3-1
Feb. 27 (Sat.)	at Alabama*	L	3-1

March 5 (Fri.)	at (RV) Tennessee*	L	3-1
March 6 (Sat.)	at (RV) Tennessee*	L	3-0

March 19 (Fri.)	at Auburn*#	CANCELLED	No Contest
March 20 (Sat.)	at Auburn*#	CANCELLED	No Contest

March 24 (Wed.)	No. 24 MISSOURI*	L	3-0
March 25 (Thurs.)	No. 24 MISSOURI*	L	3-0

March 31 (Wed.)	GEORGIA*@	1 p.m.	SEC NETWORK+
April 1 (Thurs.)	GEORGIA*@	1 p.m.	SEC NETWORK+

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

* - Southeastern Conference match

^ - Matches originally scheduled for Nov. 12-13

- Matches declared no contest;

Auburn opted out of spring portion of 2020-21 season

@ - Matches originally scheduled for Jan. 29-30

THE MATCHUP



Mississippi State Bulldogs	
Record	..... 4-14
H/A/N	..... 2-6/2-8/0-0
SEC	..... 4-14
2019	..... 13-17
'19 SEC	..... 2-16
Ranking (AVCA)	..... NR
Head Coach	..... Julie Darty Dennis
Record at Mississippi State	..... 22-57
Seasons at Mississippi State	..... Third
Career Record	..... 80-117
Seasons as a Head Coach	..... Seventh



Georgia Bulldogs	
Record	..... 7-13
H/A/N	..... 5-7/2-6/0-0
SEC	..... 7-13
2019	..... 20-10
'19 SEC	..... 12-6
Ranking (AVCA)	..... NR
Head Coach	..... Tom Black
Record at UGA	..... 64-49
Seasons at UGA	..... Fourth
Career Record	..... 306-164
Seasons as a Head Coach	..... 16th

FIRST SERVE

SERIES RECAP - No. 24 Missouri (March 24-25)

Match 1 (L, 3-0; 21-25, 16-25, 18-25)

Missouri used a potent attack to down the Bulldogs in three sets in the series opener. The Tigers hit .295 while holding State to a .078 mark. The Bulldogs won the blocking battle, 5-4, but couldn't get its offense going to stand with the 24th-ranked Tigers.

Match 2 (L, 3-0; 19-25, 17-25, 21-25)

State showed marked improvement, hitting and defending better in the series finale, but were ultimately outlasted again by No. 24 Missouri in straight sets. The Bulldogs came out strong in the opening frame, but Mizzou took a late lead to go up 1-0. The final two sets were initially close, but the Tigers were able to create enough buffer late in each frame to hold off State.

KEY STORYLINE: Mississippi State volleyball will conclude its 2020-21 season this week when it hosts Georgia for a two-match series at the Newell-Grissom Building. Previously set for Jan. 29-30, the rescheduled series gives MSU a chance to end the unique campaign on a positive note and continue to build on the growth it has seen in three seasons during the **Julie Darty Dennis** era.

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.

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MATCH DAY INFORMATION | Match 1

Opponent Georgia
Date/Time Wednesday, March 31 1 p.m. CT
Arena	..... Newell-Grissom Building
City	..... Starkville, Miss.
Live Stream	..... SEC Network+
Broadcast Team	..... Bart Gregory, Summer Seage

MATCH DAY INFORMATION | Match 2

Opponent	..... Georgia
Date/Time	..... Thursday, April 1 | 1 p.m. CT
Arena	..... Newell-Grissom Building
City	..... Starkville, Miss.
Live Stream	..... SEC Network+
Broadcast Team	..... Bart Gregory, Summer Seage

PREVIOUS MATCH STARTERS

2 - **Lilly Gunter** | 228 digs, 73 a, 16 sa
 5 - **Jessica Kemp** | 96 k, 65 tb
 8 - **Gabby Waden** | 3.94 k/s, .328%
 9 - **Callie Minshew** | 87 k, 126 digs, 17 sa
 12 - **Gabby Coulter** | 219 a, 71 digs
 13 - **Deja Robinson** | 97 k, 54 tb
 16 - **Lauren Myrick** | 104 k, 97 digs



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/2ADmqPs>

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.	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)
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.	Cl.	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	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
7	Rebecca Walk	MB	6-2	Fr.	Bay St. Louis, Miss./Our Lady Academy (South Alabama)
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: 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
	Travers Green	Trah-VERS
	Alleah Stamatis	UH-LEE-Uh Stuh-MAW-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	561-890 (.387)
SEC Record	106-457 (.188)
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	4 <i>Gabby Coulter, Shania Cromartie, Lilly Gunter, Burgundy Walters</i>
Georgia	1 <i>Deja Robinson</i>
Indiana	1 <i>Kendall Murr</i>
Kentucky	1 <i>Lauren Myrick</i>
Michigan	1 <i>Francesca McBride</i>
Mississippi	2 <i>Callie Minshew, Rebecca Walk</i>
North Carolina	1 <i>Alden Willis</i>
South Carolina	3 <i>Katie Culumovic, Jessica Kemp, Gabby Waden</i>
Texas	2 <i>Logan Brown, Margaret Dean</i>

RECORD BREAKDOWN

Category	2019	2020-21
Overall.....	13-17	4-14
Home	7-8	2-6
Away	3-8	2-8
Neutral	3-1	0-0
SEC	2-16	4-12
Non-Conference	11-1	N/A
vs. Top 5	0-0	0-2
vs. Top 10	0-0	2-2
vs. Top 25	0-3	2-4
vs. Unranked	13-14	2-10
On Television	1-3	2-4

Day

Monday	0-0	0-0
Tuesday	0-0	0-0
Wednesday	0-1	1-2
Thursday	2-0	1-3
Friday	7-6	1-3
Saturday	4-0	0-4
Sunday	0-10	0-2

Month

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

Number of Sets

Three Sets	5-9	1-6
Four Sets	4-4	2-5
Five Sets	4-4	1-3

Set Score

Up 1-0	9-1	1-3
Up 2-0	5-0	1-1
Up 2-1	6-1	2-1
Tied 1-1	8-3	3-5
Tied 2-2	4-4	1-3
Down 1-0	5-15	2-11
Down 2-0	1-12	0-8
Down 2-1	2-8	1-7

Statistical Battle

More kills	4-1	2-1
Fewer kills	9-16	2-12
Tied kills	0-0	0-1
More blocks	12-7	3-6
Fewer blocks	1-9	1-8
Tied blocks	0-1	0-0
More digs	8-4	1-2
Fewer digs	3-13	3-12
Tied digs	2-0	0-0

Hitting Percentage

Leading	9-0	3-0
Trailing	4-17	1-13
Tied	0-0	0-0
.400+	0-0	0-0
.300-.399	3-0	0-0
.200-.299	4-1	3-4
.100-.199	5-14	1-7
.000-.099	1-2	0-3
Negative	0-0	0-0
Opp. hit .400+	0-2	0-1
Opp. hit .300-.399	0-3	0-3
Opp. hit .200-.299	3-12	1-9
Opp. hit .100-.199	8-0	2-1
Opp. hit .000-.099	2-0	1-0
Opp. hit negative	0-0	0-0

TEAM STAT BREAKDOWN

Stat	Mississippi State	Georgia
k/s	11.8	11.9
a/s	11.0	10.7
sa/s	1.1	1.3
digs/s	13.9	12.8
blks/s	1.8	2.2
Hitting Percentage .....	.181	.186
Opponent Hitting Percentage .....	.243	.244

SERIES HISTORY

Georgia (15-47)

H: 7-20 | A: 5-23 | N: 3-4

Oct. 22, 1976	Athens, Ga.	W	2-0	Oct. 12, 2001	Athens, Ga.	L	0-3
Oct. 21, 1977	Athens, Ga.	W	N/A	Sept. 27, 2002	Starkville, Miss.	L	1-3
Oct. 13, 1978	Auburn, Ala.	W	3-0	Oct. 13, 2002	Athens, Ga.	L	0-3
Sept. 29, 1979	Auburn, Ala.	W	2-0	Oct. 19, 2003	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3
Nov. 16, 1979	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	W	2-0	Oct. 29, 2004	Starkville, Miss.	W	3-2
Nov. 1, 1980	Lexington, Ky.	L	1-2	Nov. 5, 2005	Starkville, Miss.	W	3-1
Oct. 3, 1981	Columbia, S.C.	L	1-2	Nov. 11, 2005	Athens, Ga.	W	3-2
Nov. 14, 1981	Starkville, Miss.	L	2-3	Oct. 13, 2006	Athens, Ga.	L	2-3
Oct. 2, 1982	Columbia, S.C.	L	0-2	Nov. 5, 2006	Starkville, Miss.	W	3-1
Nov. 2, 1982	Athens, Ga.	L	0-3	Oct. 12, 2007	Starkville, Miss.	W	3-1
Oct. 9, 1983	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Nov. 4, 2007	Athens, Ga.	L	0-3
Oct. 19, 1984	Athens, Ga.	L	0-3	Oct. 19, 2008	Starkville, Miss.	L	1-3
Oct. 18, 1985	Starkville, Miss.	L	1-3	Nov. 7, 2008	Athens, Ga.	L	0-3
Oct. 17, 1986	Athens, Ga.	L	0-3	Sept. 20, 2009	Starkville, Miss.	L	1-3
Nov. 20, 1986	Gainesville, Fla.	L	0-3	Oct. 23, 2009	Athens, Ga.	L	0-3
Oct. 1, 1987	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Oct. 3, 2010	Athens, Ga.	W	3-2
Nov. 5, 1988	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Nov. 19, 2010	Starkville, Miss.	L	1-3
Nov. 3, 1989	Athens, Ga.	L	0-3	Oct. 7, 2011	Starkville, Miss.	L	1-3
Oct. 19, 1990	Athens, Ga.	L	0-3	Nov. 11, 2011	Athens, Ga.	L	1-3
Oct. 4, 1991	Athens, Ga.	L	0-3	Sept. 16, 2012	Starkville, Miss.	L	1-3
Nov. 23, 1991	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Nov. 21, 2012	Athens, Ga.	L	0-3
Oct. 11, 1992	Athens, Ga.	L	2-3	Oct. 27, 2013	Athens, Ga.	L	2-3
Oct. 1, 1993	Athens, Ga.	L	0-3	Nov. 17, 2013	Starkville, Miss.	L	1-3
Nov. 19, 1993	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Nov. 21, 2014	Athens, Ga.	L	1-3
Oct. 21, 1994	Athens, Ga.	L	0-3	Oct. 11, 2015	Starkville, Miss.	W	3-0
Oct. 1, 1995	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Nov. 22, 2015	Athens, Ga.	W	3-0
Oct. 27, 1996	Athens, Ga.	L	0-3	Nov. 26, 2016	Starkville, Miss.	W	3-1
Oct. 3, 1997	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3	Oct. 15, 2017	Starkville, Miss.	L	0-3
Sept. 27, 1998	Starkville, Miss.	L	1-3	Nov. 3, 2017	Athens, Ga.	L	0-3
Oct. 8, 1999	Athens, Ga.	L	0-3	Nov. 23, 2018	Athens, Ga.	L	1-3
Oct. 1, 2000	Starkville, Miss.	W	3-1	Nov. 17, 2019	Athens, Ga.	L	0-3

SEC RANKINGS (Top 10 player | As of March 31)

Category	Student-Athlete	Value	Rank
Kill/set	Gabby Waden	3.94	4
Points/set	Gabby Waden	4.20	8
Service aces/set	Callie Minshew	0.32	T-8
Digs/set	Lilly Gunter	3.30	7

SEC STANDINGS

Place	Team	Conf.	Overall	Home	Road
1.	Kentucky^	19-1	19-1	10-0	9-1
2.	Florida	19-3	19-3	10-2	7-1
3.	Missouri	15-7	15-7	8-2	7-5
4.	Arkansas	14-8	14-8	9-3	5-5
5.	Tennessee	12-8	12-8	8-4	4-4
6.	South Carolina	12-10	12-10	8-4	4-6
7.	Texas A&M	9-9	9-9	4-4	5-5
8.	LSU	9-13	9-13	8-2	1-11
9.	Georgia	7-13	7-13	5-7	2-6
10.	Alabama	7-15	7-15	4-6	3-9
11.	Mississippi State	4-14	4-14	2-6	2-8
12.	Ole Miss	1-18	1-18	0-8	1-10
13.	Auburn*	0-8	0-8	0-4	0-4

* - Auburn opted out of the spring portion of the 2020-21 season

^ - 2020-21 SEC Champion

AVCA TOP 25 - Spring Week 10 (March 29)

1. Wisconsin (11-0) [60]	17. UCLA (14-6)
2. KENTUCKY (19-1)*	18. Pittsburgh (14-4)
3. Minnesota (13-2)	19. Western Kentucky (18-0)
4. Nebraska (14-2)	20. Pepperdine (14-3)
5. Texas (21-1)	21. San Diego (12-4)
6. Florida (19-3)*	22. Notre Dame (12-3)
7. Washington (15-3)	23. Georgia Tech (12-3)
8. Purdue (13-5)	24. Rice (14-4)
9. Baylor (18-5)	25. MISSOURI (15-7)*
10. Ohio State (15-3)	
11. Penn State (9-5)	2020-21 OPP. IN ALL CAPS
12. Utah (13-4)	* - SEC Team
13. Louisville (11-2)	[[#]] - No. of first place votes
14. BYU (14-1)	
15. Washington State (10-3)	
16. Oregon (13-3)	

TEAM NOTES

WADEN'S WORLD: Right side hitter **Gabby Waden** has been a consistent force for the Bulldog offense. Despite playing just three rotations, Waden ranks in SEC top 10 in kills (4th; 3.94 per set) and points (8th; 4.20 per set) Notes on Waden's recent achievements:

- Double-digit kills in 16 of 18 matches
- 151 kills (4.19 per set) on a .345 hitting percentage this spring
- 37 kills (.471; 5.29 per set) in series at Tennessee (3/5-6)

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 3.30 digs per set, which ranks No. 7 in the SEC and third among league freshmen. 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 10 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
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6. Ashlye Davis (1990-93)	62
7. Deja Robinson (2018-Pres.)	58
T-8. Nicole Carter (1991-94)	56
T-8. Aimee York (1989-92)	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 team-high 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 Brandon, Fla., native is averaging 6.10 assists per set through eight 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.

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

Stamatias 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, Stamatias 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).

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.

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 (16)

Margaret Dean (7)

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)
March 5, 2021 at Tennessee (13 assists, 10 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 (4)

Feb. 5, 2021 at South Carolina (29 assists, 12 digs)
Feb. 26, 2021 at Alabama (21 assists, 10 digs)
March 5, 2021 at Tennessee (28 assists, 12 digs)
March 6, 2021 at Tennessee (22 assists, 10 digs)

Lauren Myrick (1)

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

TEAM LEADERS (2020-21)

Kills	k	k/s	pct.
Gabby Waden	272	3.94	.328
Lauren Myrick	104	1.76	.160
Deja Robinson	97	1.41	.200

Blocks	bs	ba	tb	b/s
Jessica Kemp	16	49	65	0.94
Deja Robinson	10	44	54	0.78
Francesca McBride	3	34	37	0.60

Service Aces	sa	sa/s
Callie Minshew	17	0.32
Lilly Gunter	16	0.23
Margaret Dean	14	0.20

Digs	digs	digs/s
Lilly Gunter	228	3.30
Margaret Dean	141	2.04
Callie Minshew	126	2.38

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.....	2/11/21 vs. Ole Miss (.057)
Held opponent to negative hitting percentage.....	8/24/18 vs. Mississippi Valley State (-.054)
Had 10+ blocks in a match.....	2/45/21 at South Carolina (12.0)
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.....	2/11-12/20 (2, Ole Miss [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*.....	3/5/21, Gabby Waden at Tennessee (.515 - 19 kills)
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.....	3/6/21, Gabby Coulter (22 assists, 10 digs) at Tennessee
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.....	3/5/21, Gabby Coulter (28 assists, 12 digs) & Margaret Dean (13 assists, 10 digs) at Tennessee
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.....	2/5/21, Deja Robinson (7), Jessica Kemp & (5)Francesca McBride (5) at South Carolina
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 ... 2/5/21, Logan Brown (13 kills, 10 digs) Gabby Coulter (29 assists, 12 digs) & Margaret Dean (22 assists, 12 digs) at South Carolina	
Had double-digit kills.....	2/5/21, Gabby Waden (19), Logan Brown (13) & Jessica Kemp (10) at South Carolina
Had 5+ blocks in a match.....	2/5/21, Deja Robinson (7), Jessica Kemp & (5)Francesca McBride (5) at South Carolina

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
Gabby Coulter	-	-	7*	8*	4	20
Margaret Dean	-	-	-	13*	7	20
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	16	33
Jessica Kemp	2*	-	-	17*	2	21
Logan Brown	-	-	11*	-	5	16
Deja Robinson	-	-	5	8	-	13
Callie Minshew	-	-	-	10	3	15
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
Gabby Coulter	-	-	7*	8*	5	20
Margaret Dean	-	-	-	13*	7	20
Callie Minshew	-	-	-	13	5	18
Lilly Gunter	-	-	-	-	14	14
Logan Brown	-	-	-	-	8	8
Alden Willis	-	-	5*	2*	-	7
Lauren Myrick	-	-	-	2*	5	7
Katie Culumovic	-	-	-	1	-	1

50+ Assists	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Gabby Coulter	-	-	4*	-	-	4

3+ Aces	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Margaret Dean	-	-	-	3*	1	4
Callie Minshew	-	-	-	1	1	2
Logan Brown	-	-	1*	-	-	1
Gabby Coulter	-	-	-	1*	-	1
Katie Culumovic	-	-	-	-	1	1
Lilly Gunter	-	-	-	-	1	1
Jessica Kemp	-	-	-	1*	-	1
Kendall Murr	-	-	1	-	-	1
Alden Willis	-	-	1*	-	-	1

3+ Total Blocks	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Deja Robinson	-	-	18	18	7	43
Jessica Kemp	6*	-	-	19*	13	38
Gabby Waden	-	-	3	9	5	17
Francesca McBride	-	-	-	-	6	6
Gabby Coulter	-	-	4*	1*	-	5
Logan Brown	-	2*	2*	-	-	4
Callie Minshew	-	-	-	3	2	5
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	4 at Alabama (2/26/21)
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	4 at Alabama (2/26/21)
Digs	20 at LSU (10/21/20)
Solo Blocks	N/A
Block Assists	N/A

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

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

Season Highs

Kills	N/A
Attempts	N/A
Assists	1 vs. Missouri (3/25/21)
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	1 vs. Missouri (3/25/2021)
Service Aces	1 at Alabama (2/27/21)
Digs	N/A
Solo Blocks	N/A
Block Assists	N/A

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)

Season Highs

Kills	11 at LSU (10/22/20)
Attempts	31 at LSU (10/22/20)
Assists	2 vs. Ole Miss (2/12/21)
Service Aces	2 at LSU (10/22/20)
Digs	6 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Solo Blocks	3 at Tennessee (3/6/21)
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 Virginia (10/18/19)*
Digs	9 vs. ECU (9/10/19)*
Solo Blocks	3 at Tennessee (3/6/21)
Block Assists	6, 4x, last vs. Arkansas (10/17/20)

* - Set while at NC State

2020-21 Graduate Transfer Season

Has started 16 of 18 matches...Owned a span of ten matches with three straight blocks...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)

Season Highs

Kills	N/A
Attempts	N/A
Assists	1 at LSU 910/21/20)
Service Aces	N/A
Digs	3 vs. Missouri (3/24/21)
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 41 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

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

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

* - Set while at South Alabama

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

Season Highs

Kills	24 at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Attempts	56 at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Assists	N/A
Service Aces	N/A
Digs	7 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
Solo Blocks	1, 3x, last at Tennessee (3/6/21)
Block Assists	4, 3x, last at Texas A&M (11/4/20)

Career Highs

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

Has started every match of 2020-21 season...Has tallied double-digit kills in 16 of 18 matches...Has collected 151 kills (4.19 per set) on a .345 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 MINSHAW

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

Season Highs

Kills	11, 2x, last at Missouri (3/25/21)
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 (11/5/20)
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 (11/5/20)
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 17 matches with 11 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

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)

2020-21 Freshman Season

Has seen action in 62 of 69 sets during 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)**

Season Highs

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 16 vs. Arkansas (10/17/20)
Solo Blocks N/A
Block Assists N/A

Career Highs

Kills 4 vs. Rice (9/14/19)*
Attempts 10, 2x, last vs. Rice (9/14/19)*
Assists 29, 2x, last at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
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

* - Set while at SFA

2020-21 Graduate Transfer Season

Has started nine of 18 matches, seeing action in all 69 sets...Leads team with seven 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) & 10 digs & 13 assists at Tennessee (3/5/21)... 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)**

Season Highs

Kills 2 vs. Missouri (3/25/21)
Attempts 4 vs. Missouri (3/25/21)
Assists 29 at South Carolina (2/5/21)
Service Aces 1, 2x, last at Alabama (2/26/21)
Digs 12, 2x, last at Tennessee (3/5/21)
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 17 vs. Western Kentucky (10/5/18)*
Solo Blocks 1, 3x, last at Southern Miss (10/26/18)*
Block Assists 5 vs. Troy (9/14/19)*

* - Set while at Marshall

Career Notes

Junior (2020-21): Transferred 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**

Season Highs

Kills 11 at Alabama (2/26/21)
Attempts 22 at Alabama (2/26/21)
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)

2020-21 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)...Nine solo blocks this season moved her into tie for 7th among MSU's career leaders (59).

14 | BURGUNDY WALTERS

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

Season Highs

Kills N/A
Attempts 1, 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 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)

2020-21 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	3, 2x, last vs. Ole Miss (2/12/21)
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

2020-21 Redshirt Junior Season

Has started and appeared in 12 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)**

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

Career Notes

Transferred to Mississippi State in Spring 2020...Made season-debut in first match of Missouri series (3/24). **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...

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, 5x, last vs. Missouri (3/24/21)
Service Aces	1, 3x, last at LSU (10/22/20)
Digs	15, 2x, last at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Solo Blocks	1 vs. Ole Miss (2/11/21)
Block Assists	2, 2x last at Alabama (2/26/21)

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, 4x, last vs. Ole Miss (2/11/21)
Block Assists	3 v.s. IUPUI (9/6/19)*

* - Set while at Lipscomb

2020-21 Sophomore Season

Has appeared in 16 matches with 11 starts...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)...Had seven kills with no errors (.538) in series finale against Ole Miss (2/12).

21 | KATIE CULUMOVIC



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

Season Highs

Kills N/A
Attempts 2 at Texas A&M (11/5/20)
Assists 25 vs. Arkansas (10/18/20)
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

2020-21 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).



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 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	4-14
Total	Five Seasons	80-117 (.407)

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
4 - 14	4 - 14	2 - 6	2 - 8	0 - 0

Team Box Score

			Attack					Set		Serve				Dig			Blocking						
##	Player	SP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SE	SA/S	RE	DIG	DIG/S	BS	BA	TOT/S	BLK/S	BE	BHE	PTS	
2	Gunter, Lilly	69	1	0.01	0	7	.143	73	1.06	16	15	0.23	22	228	3.30	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	17.0	
4	Cromartie, Shania	8	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.13	2	1	0.25	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	2.0	
5	Kemp, Jessica	69	96	1.39	50	291	.158	3	0.04	6	21	0.09	0	41	0.59	16	49	65	0.94	0	0	142.5	
6	Murr, Kendall	41	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.02	0	4	0.00	2	12	0.29	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0	
8	Waden, Gabby	69	272	3.94	79	589	.328	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	44	0.64	3	30	33	0.48	4	1	290.0	
9	Minshew, Callie	53	87	1.64	60	305	.089	5	0.09	17	31	0.32	22	126	2.38	1	12	13	0.25	2	1	111.0	
10	McBride, Francesca	62	42	0.68	30	141	.085	1	0.02	0	0	0.00	0	24	0.39	3	34	37	0.60	0	1	62.0	
11	Dean, Margaret	69	15	0.22	1	38	.368	312	4.52	14	11	0.20	1	141	2.04	0	0	0	0.00	0	4	29.0	
12	Coulter, Gabrielle	36	5	0.14	1	12	.333	219	6.08	2	8	0.06	0	71	1.97	0	0	0	0.00	0	2	7.0	
13	Robinson, Deja	69	97	1.41	47	250	.200	5	0.07	1	6	0.01	2	12	0.17	10	44	54	0.78	1	0	130.0	
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	46	94	2.04	59	378	.093	9	0.20	5	26	0.11	15	115	2.50	0	8	8	0.17	1	0	103.0	
17	Willis, Alden	2	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0	
18	Myrick, Lauren	59	104	1.76	44	375	.160	5	0.08	3	8	0.05	15	97	1.64	1	7	8	0.14	0	0	111.5	
21	Culumovic, Katie	35	0	0.00	2	4	-.500	123	3.51	7	12	0.20	0	40	1.14	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	
MISSISSIPPI ST.		69	816	11.83	380	2413	.181	758	10.99	74	145	1.07	106	957	13.87	34	184	126	1.83	10	14	1,016.0	
Opponents		69	936	13.57	351	2406	.243	866	12.55	106	128	1.54	74	1060	15.36	40	188	134	1.94	25	12	1,176.0	

Team statistics

	MSU	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	816	936
Errors	380	351
Total Attacks	2413	2406
Attack Pct	.181	.243
Kills/Set	11.8	13.6
SET		
Assists	758	866
Attempts	2404	2356
Assist Pct	.315	.368
Assists/Set	11	12.6
SERVE		
Aces	74	106
Errors	145	128
Attempts	1416	1577
Serve Pct	.898	.919
Aces/Set	1.1	1.5
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	106	74
Errors/Set	1.5	1.1
Attempts	1449	1271
Reception Pct	.927	.999
DEFENSE		
Digs	957	1060
Digs/Set	13.9	15.4
BLOCKING		
Block solo	34	40
Block Assist	184	188
Total Blocks	126	134
Blocks/Set	1.8	1.9
Block Errors	10	25
Ball handling errors	14	12
ATTENDANCE		
Total	1496	3666
Dates/Avg Per Date	8/187	10/367
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
* 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
* 03/05/2021	at Tennessee	L 1-3	17-25,25-22,22-25,14-25	421
* 03/06/2021	at Tennessee	L 0-3	19-25,17-25,21-25	382
* 03/24/2021	Missouri	L 0-3	21-25,16-25,18-25	147
* 03/25/2021	Missouri	L 0-3	23-25,20-25,18-25	84



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.

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