

# 2006 SCHEDULE



<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
<b><u>Capital One Classic - Lafayette, La. (Earl K. Long Gym)</u></b>				
Fri.	Aug. 25	Southern Miss	Lafayette, La. ....	5:00 p.m.
Sat.	Aug. 26	Southeastern Louisiana	Lafayette, La. ....	12:00 p.m.
Sat.	Aug. 26	UL-Lafayette	Lafayette, La. ....	7:00 p.m.
<b><u>Regency Suites Midtown Invitational - Atlanta, Ga. (O'Keefe Gymnasium)</u></b>				
Fri.	Sept. 1	Georgia Tech	Atlanta, Ga. ....	11:30 a.m.
Fri.	Sept. 1	Northern Iowa	Atlanta, Ga. ....	8:00 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 2	Georgia State	Atlanta, Ga. ....	12:30 p.m.
<b><u>MSU /Microtel Classic - Starkville, Miss. (Newell-Grissom Building)</u></b>				
Fri.	Sept. 8	Jackson State	Newell-Grissom Building .....	2:00 p.m.
Fri.	Sept. 8	UL-Monroe	Newell-Grissom Building .....	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 9	Grambling State	Newell-Grissom Building .....	12:00 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 9	Troy University	Newell-Grissom Building .....	7:00 p.m.
Wed.	Sept. 13	Mississippi	Newell-Grissom Building .....	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	Sept. 15	at Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala. ....	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	Sept. 22	Kentucky	Newell-Grissom Building .....	7:00 p.m.
Sun.	Sept. 24	Tennessee	Newell-Grissom Building .....	1:30 p.m.
Fri.	Sept. 29	at Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark. ....	7:00 p.m.
Sun.	Oct. 1	at Louisiana State	Baton Rouge, La. ....	1:30 p.m.
Fri.	Oct. 6	Florida	Newell-Grissom Building .....	7:00 p.m.
Sun.	Oct. 8	Auburn	Newell-Grissom Building .....	1:30 p.m.
Fri.	Oct. 13	at Georgia	Athens, Ga. ....	6:30 p.m.
Sun.	Oct. 15	at South Carolina (SEC-TV)	Columbia, S.C. ....	12:00 p.m.
Wed.	Oct. 18	at Mississippi	Oxford, Miss. ....	7:00 p.m.
Sun.	Oct. 22	Alabama	Newell-Grissom Building .....	1:30 p.m.
Fri.	Oct. 27	at Tennessee	Knoxville, Tenn. ....	6:00 p.m.
Sun.	Oct. 29	at Kentucky	Lexington, Ky. ....	12:30 p.m.
Fri.	Nov. 3	South Carolina	Newell-Grissom Building .....	7:00 p.m.
Sun.	Nov. 5	Georgia	Newell-Grissom Building .....	1:30 p.m.
Fri.	Nov. 10	at Auburn	Auburn, Ala. ....	7:00 p.m.
Sun.	Nov. 12	at Florida	Gainesville, Fla. ....	12:30 p.m.
Fri.	Nov. 17	Louisiana State	Newell-Grissom Building .....	7:00 p.m.
Sun.	Nov. 19	Arkansas	Newell-Grissom Building .....	1:30 p.m.

*All match times listed are central time*

## Capital One Classic

Earl K. Long Gymnasium • Lafayette, La.

### Friday, August 25

5 p.m. — Mississippi State vs. Southern Miss  
7 p.m. — UL-Lafayette vs. Southeastern La.

### Saturday, August 26

Noon — Mississippi State vs. Southeastern La.  
2 p.m. — UL-Lafayette vs. Southern Miss  
5 p.m. — Southern Miss vs. Southeastern La.  
7 p.m. — Mississippi State vs. UL-Lafayette

## Regency Suites Midtown Invit.

O'Keefe Gymnasium • Atlanta, Ga

### Friday, September 1

9 a.m. — Georgia vs. Georgia State  
11:30 a.m. — Georgia Tech vs. Mississippi State  
2 p.m. — Northern Iowa vs. Georgia State  
5 p.m. — Georgia Tech vs. Georgia  
7 p.m. — Northern Iowa vs. Mississippi State

### Saturday, September 2

8:30 a.m. — Georgia Tech vs. Georgia State  
10:30 p.m. — Georgia vs. Northern Iowa  
12:30 p.m. — Mississippi State vs. Georgia State  
2:30 p.m. — Georgia Tech vs. Northern Iowa

## MSU/Microtel Classic

Newell-Grissom Building • Starkville, Miss.

### Friday, September 8

10 a.m. — Jackson State vs. Grambling State  
12 p.m. — UL-Monroe vs. Troy University  
2 p.m. — Mississippi State vs. Jackson State  
5 p.m. — Troy University vs. Grambling State  
7 p.m. — Mississippi State vs. UL-Monroe

### Saturday, September 9

10 a.m. — Jackson State vs. UL-Monroe  
12 p.m. — Mississippi State vs. Grambling State  
2 p.m. — Troy University vs. Jackson State  
5 p.m. — Grambling State vs. UL-Monroe  
7 p.m. — Mississippi State vs. Troy University



# 2006 ROSTER

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

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8	Dorey <b>GRAY</b>	S	5-11	Fr.	HS	Indian Harbour Beach, Fla. (Satellite High School)
5	Martina <b>GREGUSOVA</b>	OH	6-1	Fr.	HS	Nitra, Slovakia (Sportove Gymnasium)
9	Jennifer <b>HAUSKEY</b>	L	5-2	Fr.	HS	Springdale, Ark. (Springdale High School)
11	Jamie <b>JOYNER</b>	OPP	6-1	Jr.	2L	St. Louis, Mo. (Mehlville High School)
26	Stefanie <b>JOYNER</b>	MB	6-2	Fr.	HS	St. Louis, Mo. (Mehlville High School)
10	Cristina <b>JUCAN</b>	OH	5-11	So.	1L	Cluj, Romania (Licel cu Program Sportiv Tg. Mures)
16	Lauren <b>KOWAL</b>	MB	6-2	Jr.	TR	Chesterfield, Mo. (Ursuline Academy/Xavier University)
1	Eva <b>KRIEGEL</b>	S/OH	5-11	Jr.	1L	Jaszbereny, Hungary (Godollo University)
4	Orshi <b>KRIEGEL</b>	OH	6-0	Sr.	2L	Jaszbereny, Hungary (Eotvos Lorand University)
17	Megan <b>LUKASEK</b>	OH/L	5-8	Jr.	2L	St. Louis, Mo. (Notre Dame High School)
35	Erin <b>SEAGO</b>	MB	6-2	Jr.	2L	Rockford, Ill. (Guilford High School)
3	Ioana <b>DEMIAN</b>	MH	6-0	Fr.	HS	Baia Mare, Romania (Colegiul National Umeria)
22	Emily <b>TOOKER</b>	S	6-2	Fr.	HS	Gladstone, Australia (Gladstone High School)

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### COACHING STAFF

**Tina Seals**, head coach

**Jozsef Forman**, assistant coach

**Chris Cothran**, assistant coach

**Devon Sanders**, volunteer assistant coach

### STUDENT SUPPORT STAFF

**Christine Allen**, student manager

**Jessica Butts**, student manager

**Josh Downs**, student manager

**Meghan Campbell**, graduate assistant trainer

**Jake Cox**, student trainer

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Martina **GREGUSOVA** (gre-goo-SHOW-vuh)

Jennifer **HAUSKEY** (HOUSE-key)

Cristina **JUCAN** (JOO-cawn)

Lauren **KOWAL** (COE-all)

**ORSHI KRIEGEL** (OAR-she KREE-gull)

**EVA KRIEGEL** (AY-vuh KREE-gull)

**MEGAN LUKASEK** (MAY-gun LUKE-uh-sek)

Erin **SEAGO** (SEE-go)

**IOANA DEMIAN** (yuh-WAN-uh DEH-me-awn)

Emily **TOOKER** (TOOK-er)

Assistant coach **JOZSEF Forman** (JOE-zeph)

Assistant coach Chris **COTHRAN** (COTH-run)



Mississippi State reached several significant milestones a year ago as the Volleyball Bulldogs advanced a few rungs on the ladder of volleyball respectability in 2005.

- a 15-12 record, the program's first winning campaign since 2000 and its third in the past 15 seasons
- a school-record six wins in rugged Southeastern Conference play and a program-best seventh-place finish in the 11-team SEC Volleyball Tournament since the postseason event became an eight-team tournament in 1998
- a No. 66 in-season national computer ranking (RichKern.com), the highest such national ranking ever in 31 seasons of Mississippi State volleyball

Armed with a team that features a blend of battle-tested veterans and talented but eager newcomers, third-year Mississippi State volleyball coach Tina Seals and the Bulldogs are primed for even greater heights in 2006.

"As a team we were able to achieve a good many of our goals last year," said Seals. "I was particularly proud of the way we played down the stretch, winning four of our last six matches to set the Mississippi State record for SEC wins and earning a berth in the Southeastern Conference Tournament. That was important step for our program to take."

The next step in the progression would be to challenge for a school-first berth in the 64-team field of the NCAA Volleyball Tournament.

"We want to move to the upper half of the Southeastern Conference," continued Seals. "With the strength of the SEC, an upper division finish would also mean we're in contention for NCAA postseason competition. That's quite a lofty goal, especially when you consider how far we've come in a relatively short period of time."

In 2006 Mississippi State returns four starting regulars and two other letter-winners from last year's 15-12 edition. Just one of the returnees is a senior --- Hungarian-born outside hitter Orshi Kriegel. Three of the returning veterans --- opposite hitter Jamie Joyner, libero Megan Lukasek, and middle blocker Erin Seago, are third-year members of the Mississippi State team and part of a 2003-04 MSU recruiting class that was ranked among the nation's top 50.

Also returning are junior setter Eva Kriegel of Jaszbereny, Hungary, and sophomore outside hitter Cristina Jucan from Cluj, Romania.

The MSU coaching staff has added six newcomers for 2006 --- a trio of signees from the high school ranks (middle blocker Stefanie

Joyner, St. Louis, Mo., setter Emily Tooker from Gladstone, Australia, and middle hitter Ioana Demian from Baia Mare, Romania), a mid-year transfer (junior middle blocker Lauren Kowal from Chesterfield, Mo., via Xavier University) and a pair of non-scholarship walk-on players (setter Dorey Gray from Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., and libero Jennifer Hauskey from Springdale, Ark.).

"We had a productive off-season training program in the spring, so we'll enter the new season with veteran players that are well-acclimated to our playing system," said Seals. "As it is every

year, one of the biggest challenges we face is getting the new players plugged into a new system and comfortable with their new surroundings, teammates and coaches as quickly as possible."

#### SISTER ACT TIMES TWO

The 2006 Mississippi State volleyball roster includes two sets of sisters. The Kriegel sisters --- senior outside hitter Orshi and junior setter Eva hail from Jaszbereny, Hungary. Junior opposite hitter Jamie Joyner is reunited on the same team this fall with her sister Stefanie. The Joyners are from St. Louis, Mo.

#### WHAT'S NEW FOR 2006?

In 2005 an air conditioning system was added to the Newell-Grissom Building, home of the Volleyball Bulldogs. This year fans will have find a much more comfortable seating arrangement for watching Mississippi State's home matches.

Nearly 600 maroon chairback seats were installed in the east side stands at Newell-Grissom, replacing the wooden bench style seating. A "Best Seat In The House" sales campaign through Mississippi State's Bulldog Club (662-325-3074) is under way to help finance the project.

"It enhances the aesthetics of the Newell-Grissom Building and provides a more comfortable seating option for our fans," said Tina Seals. "We hope to be able to extend this chairback seating project on to the west side in the future."

#### SEC ENDS TOURNEY, EXPANDS LEAGUE SCHEDULE

The road to the NCAA Tournament will not pass through an SEC Tournament in 2006. League

volleyball coaches and administrators voted to discontinue the eight-team postseason event, opting instead to add four matches and two weekends of competition to the SEC schedule. Each team will now play matches at home and on road against each of the other 10 league volleyball teams, creating a 20-match conference schedule that will span 10 weeks. The SEC's regular season champion will now receive the league's automatic qualifying berth in December's NCAA Tournament.

#### Here's a position-by-position summary at the 2006 Volleyball Bulldogs:

**Setter** --- In her first season last fall, Eva Kriegel worked her way into a starting role as State's setter, leading the Bulldogs with 598 assists. But the younger sister of offensive star Orshi Kriegel proved to be an invaluable asset in other areas. The left-handed hitting Kriegel ranked fourth on the team in kills (201) and digs (241) and became the first MSU volleyball player to register multiple "triple-doubles" in a season with four. Two first-year Bulldogs will serve as her backups --- 6-1 freshman Emily Tooker, the first Australian (Gladstone, Aus.) to sign with MSU in volleyball, and Dorey Gray, a promising 5-11 high school standout from Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., who joined the team as a walk-on.

**Outside Hitter** --- There's little doubt that Bulldog standout Orshi Kriegel, a third-year senior player from Jaszbereny, Hungary, is State's "go-to" player in 2006. It's a leadership role on offense that she inherited from departed four-year MSU standout Rachel Cooper. Kriegel totaled 319 and 13 "double-doubles" last fall working in tandem with Cooper. Sophomore Crista Jucan from Cluj, Romania, is MSU's other rostered outside hitter. Jucan made great gains during State's spring training session after being used primarily in a reserve role as a freshman in 2005 and can be expected to play a much bigger role in 2006. Freshman Ioana Demian, another Romanian, is also in the mix.

**Opposite Hitter** --- Left-handed hitting junior Jamie Joyner of St. Louis, Mo., is poised for a breakout year as MSU's opposite hitter. She was one of MSU's more efficient offensive players as a sophomore last fall, totaling 219 kills and a .221 hitting percentage, second-highest on the team. She also was a force at the net, ranking third on the team and second among MSU's '06 returnees with 51 total blocks.

**Middle Blocker** --- Junior Erin Seago of Rockford, Ill., ranked second on the team with 78 total blocks last year, including 12 solo stops. She was also a productive offensive performer at the net, tallying 164 kills and a team-leading .319 hitting percentage. Seago is joined at the net by a pair of newcomers --- junior Lauren Kowal of Chesterfield, Mo., and a transfer from Xavier University in Ohio, and freshman signee Stefanie Joyner of St. Louis, Mo. Kowal played two seasons at Xavier before transferring to State in time to benefit from MSU's off-season practices. Joyner is the talented younger sister of MSU junior opposite hitter Jamie Joyner.

**Libero** --- Junior Megan Lukasek of St. Louis, Mo., enjoyed her most productive season as MSU's libero in 2005, leading the team and ranking seventh in the SEC with 395 digs. Like setter Eva Kriegel, Lukasek's prime back-up is a freshman, Jennifer Hauskey, a walk-on from Springdale, Ark.