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ABOUT MISSISSIPPI STATE

Location: Starkville, Miss.

Enrollment: 16,101

President: Dr. Robert H. Foglesong (West Virginia, 1968)

Director of Athletics: Larry Templeton (Mississippi State, 1969)

Faculty Representative: Dr. Steven Turner (Mercer, 1975)

Senior Women's Admin.: Ann Carr (Mississippi State, 1990)

Conference: Southeastern Conference (Western Division)

School Mascot: Bulldog

School Colors: Maroon & White

Home Arena: Newell-Grissom Building (2,000)

STAFF INFORMATION

Head Coach: Tina Seals (Mississippi State, 1987)

Mississippi State record: 29-28 (3rd year)

JC coaching record: 444-137 (12 years, Northwest Shoals CC)

E-mail address: tseals@athletics.msstate.edu

Assistant Coach: Jozsef Forman, 3rd year (Sammelweis Univ., 1988)

Assistant Coach: Chris Cothran, 2nd year (Shorter College, 2001)

Volleyball Secretary: Lee Robertson (Mississippi State, 1985)

Grad. Asst. Athletic Trainer: Meghan Campbell (East Carolina, 2004)

Media Relations Contact: Joe Dier (Mississippi State, 1975)

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Student Trainer: Jake Cox

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Athletics Ticket Office: 325-2600 / **FAX** 325-2563

Volleyball Media Relations: 325-8040 / **FAX** 325-3600

Newell-Grissom Building Courtside: 325-6618

TEAM INFORMATION

2005 Record: 15-12 (Home: 7-5, Away: 4-6, Neutral: 4-1)

2005 SEC Record: 6-10 (Home: 4-4, Away: 2-6)

Starters Returning: 3 — S/OH-Eva Kriegel, OH-Orshi Kriegel, MB-Erin Seago

Starters Lost: 3 — OH-Rachel Cooper, S-Andrea Mead, MB-Nicole Palazzo

Letterwinners Returning: 6 — OPP-Jamie Joyner, OH-Crista Jucan, OH-Eva Kriegel, OH-Orshi Kriegel, OH/L-Megan Lukasek, MB-Erin Seago

Letterwinners Lost: 6 — OH-Rachel Cooper, S-Jamie Cross, S-Andrea Mead, MB-Nicole Palazzo, L-Lialah Putman, OPP-Kelly Willinger

Newcomers: 7 — S-Dorey Gray, OH-Martina Gregusova, L/DS-Jennifer Hauskey, MB-Stefanie Joyner, MB-Lauren Kowal, MB-Ioana Demian, S-Emily Tooker

www.MStateAthletics.com

MSU ON THE ROAD

• CAPITAL ONE CLASSIC

August 24-26

Hilton Hotel • Lafayette, La.

(337) 235-6111 • FAX (337) 237-6313

• REGENCY SUITES MIDTOWN INVIT.

August 31 — September 2

Regency Suites Midtown • Atlanta, Ga.

(404) 876-5003 • FAX (404) 817-7511

• ARKANSAS

September 28-30

Holiday Inn Express • Bentonville, Ark.

(479) 271-2222 • FAX (479) 271-2227

• LOUISIANA STATE

September 30 — October 1

Holiday Inn South • Baton Rouge, La.

(225) 924-7021 • FAX (225) 924-7021

• GEORGIA

October 12-14

Hampton Inn • Commerce, Ga.

(706) 335-6161 • FAX (706) 335-6555

• SOUTH CAROLINA

October 15-16

The Whitney

(803) 252-0845 • FAX (803) 771-0495

• TENNESSEE

October 26-28

America's Best Inn • Knoxville, Tenn.

(865) 522-0505 • FAX (865) 522-0571

• KENTUCKY

October 28-29

Ramada Inn • Lexington, Ky.

(859) 299-1261 • (859) 293-0048

• AUBURN

November 9

Marriott Grand National • Opelika, Ala.

(334) 741-9292 • FAX (334) 741-9733

November 10

Country Inn & Suites • East Pointe, Ga.

(404) 767-9787 • (404) 767-8398

• FLORIDA

November 11

Knights Inn • Gainesville, Fla.

(352) 376-1211 • FAX (352) 376-1211

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MEDIA INFORMATION

The Mississippi State University Athletic Media Relations Office is eager to assist you as you cover coach Tina Seals and the Bulldog volleyball team during the 2006 campaign. Much of the information that you will need concerning the Mississippi State University volleyball team is included in this publication produced for use by the media.

Should you need additional information, please call volleyball contact Joe Dier of the MSU Athletic Media Relations Office at (662) 325-8040. Also, please note that all interviews with MSU players and coaches must be coordinated through the MSU Athletic Media Relations Office.

Credentials are not required for media members who cover Mississippi State University home volleyball matches. Please contact the MSU Athletic Media Relations Office (662-325-8040) in advance of scheduled matches for any special needs you might have when you cover Bulldog Volleyball at the Newell-Grissom Building. Limited electrical and telephone outlets are available at courtside at Newell-Grissom.

Mississippi State players and coaches are typically available for post-match interviews outside the MSU locker room approximately 10 minutes following each Bulldog volleyball match. If you need assistance in arranging a postmatch interview contact a member of the MSU Athletic Media Relations Office staff. Additional interview times can also be arranged through the MSU Athletic Media Relations Office.

• GAME DAY MEDIA SERVICES

The MSU Athletic Media Relations game staff compiles and distributes statistics and notes prior to each match and complete match results at the conclusion of competition. Following each match, box scores will be distributed via FAX to the sports information/media relations office of the visiting school and, upon request, to media outlets.

• VB INFO ON THE INTERNET

The official Mississippi State University Athletics home page (www.MStateAthletics.com) offers up-to-date information on MSU volleyball as well as Mississippi State's other varsity sports. That information includes schedules and results, biographical information on players and coaches and the department's latest press releases.

Mississippi State will offer live stats on the internet (www.MStateAthletics.com) for its home matches.

Please contact Joe Dier of the MSU Athletic Media Relations Office (662-325-8040) should you need assistance in obtaining Mississippi State University volleyball information.

Media members should direct requests for SEC volleyball statistical data and other SEC volleyball-related information to SEC Volleyball Media Relations contact Jennifer Reid (205-458-3010 • intern@sec.org).

The league office produces weekly press releases, selects players of the week and maintains updated statistical data detailing the conference's 11 competing volleyball teams. Much of that information is available online at www.SECSports.com.

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(BBOB) Baseball Office Building (baseball, volleyball)

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Bob Hartley

For more than half a century Robert M. "Bob" Hartley dedicated his life's work to promoting Mississippi State University athletics. From his hiring as the school's first sports publicity director in August 1946 to his initial "retirement" as assistant athletic director for communications in June 1985, through his later years as an invaluable consultant for the Mississippi State University Department of Athletics, the man we called "Hart" gave special meaning to the words "loyalty" and "devotion to duty."

Mr. Bob's labors of love with MSU have not gone unrecognized. He has taken his place among college athletics' greats as a member of both the university's and the state's sports halls of fame and the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Hall of Fame.

His willingness to generously give of his talent, his time and his friendship serves as an inspiration to the countless lives he touched and to those that aspire to follow in his footsteps.

In that respect, the Bob Hartley Memorial Fellowship was created by the MSU Department of Athletics to provide hands-on training opportunities for young media relations practitioners.

Tony Schmidt was selected as the fifth recipient of the Bob Hartley Memorial Fellowship for the 2005-06 academic year and is continuing in that position in 2006-07. A native of Starkville, Miss., Schmidt earned his bachelor's degree at Mississippi State in interdisciplinary studies in 2005, with an emphasis in public relations and sports communication. He worked as a student assistant in the MSU athletic media relations office for four years, serving as the contact for the MSU men's golf team in both 2003-04 and 2004-05.

Schmidt is currently pursuing a master's degree in sports administration at Mississippi State.



Tony Schmidt