

MISSISSIPPI STATE WOMEN'S

# TENNIS



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HAIL DEAR OL' STATE! FIGHT FOR THAT VICTORY TODAY!  
HEY THAT LINE AND TREE THAT GULL, CATCH THE GULL BEFORE YOU FALL AND THEN  
WE'LL YELL - YELL, YELL, YELL FOR DEAR OL' STATE WE'LL YELL LIKE IN O-U-L-U  
FIGHT FOR MID-DIG-DIP-PI STATE, WIN THAT GAME TODAY!

2026 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Overall: 8-0 | SEC: 0-0 | H: 6-0 | A: 3-0 | N: 0-0  
Indoor: 2-0 | Outdoor: 6-0 |

Date Opponent Time/Result

January (2-0)

18	UAB	12 p.m. W, 7-0
18	Samford	3 p.m. W, 6-1
24	at Old Dominion	Canceled
24	vs. Norfolk State	Canceled

February (6-0)

1	at Memphis	Canceled
6	Georgia Southern	W, 5-2
6	Alcorn State	W, 4-0
8	Louisiana Tech	W, 6-1
8	Bellarmine	W, 4-0
12	at Furman	W, 6-1
14	at Georgia Tech	W, 4-2
22	Alabama *	12 p.m.
22	Alabama A&M	3 p.m.
26	Tennessee *	12 p.m.
26	Eastern Kentucky	4 p.m.
28	Kentucky *	12 p.m.

March (0-0)

5	at Texas A&M *	5 p.m.
7	at Texas *	12 p.m.
13	Vanderbilt *	3 p.m.
15	Missouri *	11 a.m.
19	Oklahoma *	3 p.m.
21	Arkansas *	12 p.m.
21	Southern Miss	3 p.m.
26	at Auburn *	5 p.m.
28	at Florida *	12 p.m.

April (0-0)

2	at Ole Miss *	4 p.m.
4	at LSU *	12 p.m.
9	South Carolina *	3 p.m.
11	at Georgia *	2 p.m.
15-19	SEC Championship (Norman, Okla.)	TBD

May (0-0)

1-3	NCAA Rounds 1 & 2 (TBD)
8-9	NCAA Quarterfinals (TBD)
14-17	NCAA Championships (Athens, Ga.)

\* SEC match | \*\* SEC Championship | ^ NCAA Tournament | + Indoors  
% ITA Kickoff Weekend, Starkville | # ITA National Indoor Championships  
All Times Central | Neutral site location ( )

MATCH AT A GLANCE



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Mississippi State Bulldogs

8-0, 0-0 SEC

ITA Team Ranking  
No. 26

ITA Singles Rankings  
NR

ITA Doubles Rankings  
No. 13 Charlotte Kempenaers-Pocz/  
Gianna Obonye

Alabama Crimson Tide

8-0, 0-0 SEC

ITA Team Ranking  
No. 29

ITA Singles Rankings  
#53 Kristina Paskauskas

ITA Doubles Rankings  
NR

Alabama A&M Bulldogs

0-4, 0-0 SWAC

ITA Team Ranking  
NR

ITA Singles Rankings  
NR

ITA Doubles Rankings  
NR

SERIES NOTES & HISTORY

- » Mississippi State is undefeated against the opposing Bulldogs with a 4-0 series record. Within the matchups State has swept Alabama A&M 7-0 in all four meetings.
- » MSU last played Alabama A&M in 2025 claiming a 7-0 victory in Starkville.
- » State looks to defeat the tide after a 0-4 loss in Tuscaloosa last season.
- » The Bulldogs are 19-39 in series history against Alabama. Mississippi State last defeated the Crimson Tide in 2022 in Starkville, 4-2.

NOTES TO KNOW

- » Mississippi State slides into No. 26 for the ITA Team Rankings. The ranking is the highest team ranking and highest ranking entering SEC play since 2020.
- » The doubles pair of Kempenaers-Pocz and Obonye ranked at No. 13 for the ITA doubles rankings.
- » In 2025, Mississippi State was undefeated in non-conference play and hopes to continue the trend.
- » The Bulldogs enter SEC play on an 8-0 record.
- » The freshman class of Thesey Ntondele Zinga and Mia Robinson is undefeated in singles this spring. Ntondele Zinga is also undefeated in doubles with partners Emma Cohen and Chiara Di Genova.
- » State looks to earn its first SEC match of the season and second under Head Coach Chris Hooshyar.

WOMEN'S TENNIS PHOTO ROSTER



**Emma  
Cohen**

Sophomore  
London, England



**Chiara  
Di Genova**

Junior  
Buenos Aires, Argentina



**Charlotte  
Kempenaers-Pocz**

Sophomore  
Glengowrie, Australia



**Thesy  
Ntondele Zinga**

Freshman  
Lille, France



**Gianna  
Oboniye**

Sophomore  
Huntington Beach, Calif.



**Noemie  
Oliveras**

Sophomore  
Saint-Étienne, France



**Athina  
Pitta**

Junior  
Thessaloniki, Greece



**Mia  
Robinson**

Freshman  
Spartanburg, S.C.



**Alessia  
Tagliente**

Graduate Student  
Turin, Italy



**Carolina  
Troiano**

Sophomore  
Rome, Italy



**Chris  
Hooshyar**

Head Coach



**Taylor  
Russo**

Assistant Coach



**Noah  
Tippen**

Assistant Coach

\* Click on photos to visit their online bio

## 2026 MISSISSIPPI STATE WOMEN'S TENNIS

### MISSISSIPPI STATE WORD ROSTER

Name	Yr.	Ht.	Exp.	Hometown	High School (Previous School)
Emma Cohen	So.	5-7	1L	London, England	Loughborough College
Chiara Di Genova	Jr.	5-2	1L	Buenos Aires, Argentina	K12 International Academy (Florida State)
Charlotte Kempnaers-Pocz	RSo.	5-10	TR	Glengowrie, Australia	(Texas)
Thessy Ntondele Zinga	Fr.	5-2	HS	Lille, France	
Gianna Oboniye	So.	5-6	1L	Huntington Beach, Calif.	Marina HS
Noemie Oliveras	So.	-	TR	Saint-Étienne, France	Florida
Athina Pitta	Jr.	5-8	2L	Thessaloniki, Greece	Rafael Nadal Academy
Mia Robinson	Fr.	5-3	HS	Spartanburg, S.C.	Robinson Tennis Academy
Alessia Tagliente	Gr.	5-3	4L	Turin, Italy	Quintino Sella
Carolina Troiano	So.	5-7	1L	Rome, Italy	Liceo Classico Statale Democrito

#### Pronunciation Guide

Emma Cohen	EH-muh KOH-en
Chiara Di Genova	kee-AH-ruh dee jeh-NOH-vuh
Charlotte Kempnaers-Pocz	SHAR-luht kem-PEN-ars POTS
Thessy Ntondele Zinga	TESS-ee Ton-DELL-ee ZING-guh
Gianna Oboniye	jee-AH-nuh oh-BOHN-yee-ay
Noemie Oliveras	NOH-eh-mee oh-lih-VAIR-uhs
Athina Pitta	uh-THEE-nuh PIT-tuh
Mia Robinson	MEE-uh ROB-in-sun
Alessia Tagliente	uh-LESS-ee-uh tah-LY-EN-tay
Carolina Troiano	care-oh-LEE-nuh troy-AH-noh

#### Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Chris Hooshyar	Alma Mater	SMU, 2010
		Record at MSU	27-32 (3rd Season)
		Career Record	Same
Assistant Coach	Taylor Russo		
Assistant Coach	Noah Tippen		

### ALABAMA WORD ROSTER

Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
Maria Andrienko	-	Sr.	Barnaul, Russia
Karla Bartel	-	Fr.	Cologne, Germany
Addison Bowman	-	Fr.	Jefferson, Ga.
Zara Larke	-	So.	Sunshine Coast, Australia
Klara Milicevic	-	Sr.	Jonkoping, Sweden
Kristina Paskauskas	-	Jr.	London, England
Amina Salibayeva	-	Fr.	Almaty, Kazakhstan
Mary Sidelnyk	-	Fr.	Kyiv, Ukraine

#### Pronunciation Guide

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#### Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Jonatan Berhane
Assistant Coach	Cristina Sanchez-Quintanar

### ALABAMA A&M WORD ROSTER

Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
Naomi Blanks	5-9	So.	Atlanta, Ga.
Tstitsi Mahere	-	Fr.	-
Melissa Mwakha	-	Fr.	Harare, Zimbabwe
Alicia Owegi	5-7	Sr.	Nairobi, Kenya
Nardine Salem	-	Fr.	-
Sofia Sotelo Raya	5-6	Jr.	Morelia, Mexico
Kelly Stewart	-	Fr.	-
Lavynia Vieira de Sa	-	Fr.	-

#### Pronunciation Guide

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#### Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Willis Mbandi
Assistant Coach	Cheng-Yang Chang

# 2026 MISSISSIPPI STATE WOMEN'S TENNIS

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Starkville, Miss. 39762
Population	24,168
Founded	February 28, 1878
Nickname	Bulldogs
Enrollment	23,563
Colors	Maroon (PMS 202) and White
Mascot	Bully
Live Mascot (Bully XXII)	Dak
President	Dr. Mark Keenum
Director of Athletics	Zac Selmon
Faculty Athletics Representative	Brent J. Fountain
Conference	Southeastern

## FACILITY INFORMATION

Outdoor	<a href="#">A.J. Pitts Tennis Centre</a>
Indoor	<a href="#">Rula Tennis Pavilion</a>

## TEAM HISTORY

NCAA Team Championship Appearances	9 (last in 2021)
NCAA Team Championship Record	6-9
NCAA Second Round	6 (last in 2018)
NCAA Round of 16	n/a
ITA Top 25 Finishes	3
Highest ITA Ranking	16th (April 4, 2017)
Highest Final ITA Ranking	20th (2017 & 1989)
Final 2025 Team ITA Ranking	n/a
All-American Honors	7
All-SEC Honors	24

## 2026 TEAM INFORMATION

ITA Preseason Ranking	NR
Current ITA Ranking	
Season-High Team Ranking (Date)	

## COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Chris Hooshyar (SMU, 2010)
Record at MSU	21-32 (3rd Season)
Career Record	Same
SEC Record	1-27
Assistant Coach	Taylor Russo (Auburn, 2020)
Years at MSU	3rd Season
Assistant Coach	Noah Tippen (Mississippi State, 2019)
Years at MSU	2nd Season

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## COLLEGE TENNIS SCORING

A collegiate tennis match consists of three doubles matches and six singles matches which determine seven total points as follows:

- All matches will be played with no-ad scoring.
- Doubles matches will be played to begin the match. Each match will be one set (first to six & win by two).
- There is a five minute break between doubles and singles.
- Six singles matches will be played after the break. Each singles match will be best 2-out-of-3 sets (first to six & win by two).

- Tiebreakers (first to seven & win by two) will be played if a doubles or singles set reaches 6-all.
- The team to score four points or more is the winner of the match.

# 2026 MISSISSIPPI STATE WOMEN'S TENNIS

## 2026 Schedule

**Record: 8-0 1.000**

Home	6-0	1.000
Away	2-0	1.000
Neutral	0-0	.000

**SEC Record: 0-0 .000**

Home	0-0	.000
Away	0-0	.000
Neutral	0-0	.000

## Versus Ranked Opponents

vs. Top 10	0-0	.000
vs. Top 25	0-0	.000
vs. Top 50	0-0	.000
vs. Top 75	0-0	.000

## Venue

Indoors	2-0	1.000
Outdoors	6-0	1.000

## By Month

January	2-0	1.000
February	6-0	1.000
March	0-0	.000
April	0-0	.000
May	0-0	.000

## By Day

Sunday	4-0	1.000
Thursday	1-0	1.000
Friday	2-0	1.000
Saturday	1-0	1.000

## Record when MSU wins

Doubles Point	6-2	.750
Home	5-1	.833
Road	1-1	.500
Neutral	0-0	.000

No. 1 Doubles	3-2	.600
No. 2 Doubles	7-0	1.000
No. 3 Doubles	4-2	.666

No. 1 Singles	5-2	.714
No. 2 Singles	6-1	.857
No. 3 Singles	6-1	.857
No. 4 Singles	6-1	.857
No. 5 Singles	7-0	1.000
No. 6 Singles	6-0	1.000

## SINGLES

PLAYER	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	DUAL PCT.	SEC PCT.	TOURN.	ALL	PCT. STK.
Emma Cohen	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1.000	0-0 .000	2-5	3-5	.375 W1
Chiara Di Genova	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-0	1-0	0-0	.833	0-0 .000	3-6	8-7	.533 L1
Charlotte Kempenaers-Pocz	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1.000	0-0 .000	0-0	2-0	1.000 W2
Thessy Ntondele Zinga	2-0	3-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1.000	0-0 .000	3-3	10-3	.769 W7
Gianna Oboniye	3-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.600	0-0 .000	2-5	5-7	.416 L1
Noemie Oliveras	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	.750	0-0 .000	0-0	3-1	.750 W3
Athina Pitta	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	3-0	1.000	0-0 .000	7-4	11-4	.733 W6
Mia Robinson	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	5-0	1-0	1.000	0-0 .000	2-3	9-3	.750 W7
Alessia Tagliente	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0 .000	5-4	5-4	.555 L1
Carolina Troiano	0-0	1-1	0-0	3-0	0-0	0-0	.800	0-0 .000	1-6	5-7	.416 W3
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>	<b>5-2</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>7-0</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>.880</b>	<b>0-0 .000</b>	<b>30-26</b>	<b>62-41</b>	<b>.601 -</b>

## DOUBLES BY TEAM

TEAM	#1	#2	#3	DUAL PCT.	SEC PCT.	TOURN.	ALL	PCT. STK.
Cohen/Tagliente	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0 .000	1-2	1-2	.333 W1
Cohen/Pitta	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0 .000	0-2	0-2	.000 L2
Cohen/Troiano	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0 .000	3-0	3-0	1.000 W3
Di Genova/Ntondele Zinga	0-0	0-0	2-0	1.000	0-0 .000	0-3	2-3	.400 W2
Di Genova/Tagliente	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0 .000	3-3	3-3	.500 L1
Di Genova/Pitta	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0 .000	1-2	1-2	.333 L2
Kempenaers-Pocz/Oboniye	1-2	0-0	0-0	.333	0-0 .000	4-2	5-4	.555 L2
Oboniye/Troiano	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0 .000	1-2	1-2	.333 L1
Pitta/Robinson	1-0	1-0	2-2	.666	0-0 .000	6-2	8-4	.666 L1
Cohen/Ntondele Zinga	0-0	5-0	0-0	1.000	0-0 .000	0-2	5-2	.714 W4
Di Genova/Oliveras	0-0	1-0	0-0	1.000	0-0 .000	0-0	1-0	1.000 W1
Oliveras/Troiano	1-0	0-0	0-0	1.000	0-0 .000	0-0	1-0	1.000 W1
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>	<b>3-2</b>	<b>7-0</b>	<b>4-2</b>	<b>.764</b>	<b>0-0 .000</b>	<b>18-18</b>	<b>31-24</b>	<b>.563 -</b>

## DOUBLES BY PLAYER

PLAYER	#1	#2	#3	DUAL PCT.	SEC PCT.	TOURN.	ALL	PCT. STK.
Emma Cohen	0-0	5-0	0-0	1.000	0-0 .000	4-4	9-4	.666 W8
Chiara Di Genova	0-0	1-0	2-0	1.000	0-0 .000	4-8	7-8	.466 W3
Charlotte Kempenaers-Pocz	1-2	0-0	0-0	.333	0-0 .000	4-2	5-4	.625 L2
Thessy Ntondele Zinga	0-0	5-0	2-0	1.000	0-0 .000	0-3	7-3	.666 W7
Gianna Oboniye	1-2	0-0	0-0	.333	0-0 .000	5-4	6-6	.545 L2
Noemie Oliveras	1-0	1-0	0-0	1.000	0-0 .000	0-0	2-0	1.000 W2
Athina Pitta	1-0	1-0	2-2	.666	0-0 .000	6-6	10-8	.625 L1
Mia Robinson	1-0	1-0	2-2	.666	0-0 .000	5-2	8-4	.727 L1
Alessia Tagliente	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0 .000	4-5	4-5	.444 L1
Carolina Troiano	1-0	0-0	0-0	1.000	0-0 .000	4-2	5-2	.714 W4
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>14-0</b>	<b>8-4</b>	<b>.823</b>	<b>0-0 .000</b>	<b>36-36</b>	<b>63-43</b>	<b>.594 -</b>

## THREE-SETTERS\*

PLAYER	Total	W-L
Emma Cohen	2	1-1
Chiara Di Genova	4	0-4
Charlotte Kempenaers-Pocz	0	0-0
Thessy Ntondele Zinga	3	3-0
Gianna Oboniye	1	1-0
Noemie Oliveras	0	0-0
Athina Pitta	5	1-4
Mia Robinson	3	2-1
Alessia Tagliente	3	1-2
Carolina Troiano	1	0-1
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9-13</b>

TEAM	Total	W-L
Cohen/Tagliente	0	0-0
Cohen/Ntondele Zinga	0	0-0
Cohen/Troiano	0	0-0
Di Genova/Ntondele Zinga	0	0-0
Di Genova/Tagliente	0	0-0
Di Genova/Pitta	0	0-0
Kempenaers-Pocz/Oboniye	2	1-1
Oboniye/Troiano	0	0-0
Pitta/Robinson	0	0-0
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1-1</b>

Includes 10-point Tie-Break instead of full 3rd set

## TIEBREAKERS\*

PLAYER	Total	W-L
Emma Cohen	1	1-0
Chiara Di Genova	1	0-1
Charlotte Kempenaers-Pocz	0	0-0
Thessy Ntondele Zinga	2	2-0
Gianna Oboniye	2	1-1
Noemie Oliveras	2	1-1
Athina Pitta	1	1-0
Mia Robinson	2	2-0
Alessia Tagliente	2	1-1
Carolina Troiano	2	0-2
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9-5</b>

TEAM	Total	W-L
Cohen/Tagliente	1	0-1
Cohen/Ntondele Zinga	1	1-0
Cohen/Troiano	1	1-0
Di Genova/Ntondele Zinga	0	0-0
Di Genova/Tagliente	1	1-0
Di Genova/Pitta	0	0-0
Kempenaers-Pocz/Oboniye	3	2-1
Oboniye/Troiano	0	0-0
Pitta/Robinson	1	1-0
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6-2</b>

Includes 7-point and 10-point Tie-Breaks

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