

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, CHASE 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: 15-10 | SEC: 3-10 | H: 13-4 | A: 2-6 | N: 0-0
 Indoor: 4-3 | Outdoor: 11-7 |

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 (11-2)

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

March (4-6)

2	Memphis	W, 4-0
5	at Texas A&M *	L, 0-7
7	at Texas *	L, 1-4
13	Vanderbilt *	L, 2-5
15	Missouri *	W, 4-0
19	Oklahoma *	L, 1-4
21	Arkansas *	W, 4-0
21	Southern Miss	W, 4-0
26	at Auburn *	L, 0-7
28	at Florida *	L, 1-4

April (0-2)

2	at Ole Miss *	L, 3-4
4	at LSU *	L, 0-4
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



Mississippi State Bulldogs

15-10, 3-10 SEC

ITA Team Ranking
No. 55

ITA Singles Rankings
NR

ITA Doubles Rankings
 No. 11 Charlotte Kempnaers-Pocz/
Chiara Di Genova
 No. 37 Gianna Oboniye/ Athina Pitta
 No. 31 Charlotte Kempnaers-Pocz/
Gianna Oboniye



South Carolina Gamecocks

11-10, 4-9 SEC

ITA Team Ranking
No. 25

ITA Singles Rankings
 No. 38 Kaitlyn Carnicella
 No. 41 Helena Buchwald
 ITA Doubles Rankings

No. 17 Lauren Friedman/
Helena Buchwald
 No. 65 Kaitlyn Carnicella/
Bella Bergqvist Larsson

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SERIES NOTES & HISTORY

- » The Bulldogs met the Gamecocks last season, with South Carolina claiming a 4-2 win.
- » In the 2025 SEC tournament, South Carolina earned their second win against the Bulldogs, 4-2.
- » Mississippi State's all time record against South Carolina is 2-36
- » The last time the Bulldogs took down the Gamecocks was in 2015 in Columbia with a 4-3 victory.

NOTES TO KNOW

- » Mississippi State slides into No. 44 for the ITA Team Rankings.
- » Three doubles pair represent the maroon and white in the ITA Doubles Rankings. Kempnaers-Pocz/Oboniye ranked at No. 22. Oboniye/ Pitta enter at No. 52, and Kempnaers-Pocz/ Di Genova sit at No. 55
- » In honor of today's match we celebrate our Graduate Student, Alessia Tagliente. Tagliente has been with the program since 2021 and has made a major impact with this team.
- » State collected its third SEC match of the season by defeating Arkansas 4-0 and fourth under Head Coach Chris Hooshyar.
- » State has not achieved four conference wins in a season since 2015
- » MSU has only dropped the doubles point six times this season

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

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 Kempenaers-Pocz	RSo.	5-10	TR	Glengowrie, Australia	(Texas)
Thessy Ntondele Zinga	Fr.	5-2	HS	Lille, France	
Gianna Obonye	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

Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Chris Hoosyar
	Alma Mater SMU, 2010
	Record at MSU 34-42 (3rd Season)
	Career Record Same

Assistant Coach Taylor Russo

Assistant Coach Noah Tippen

Pronunciation Guide

Emma Cohen	EH-muh KOH-en
Chiara Di Genova	kee-AH-ruh dee jeh-NOH-vuh
Charlotte Kempenaers-Pocz	SHAR-luht kem-PEN-ars POTS
Thessy Ntondele Zinga	TESS-ee Ton-DELL-ee ZING-guh
Gianna Obonye	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

SOUTH CAROLINA WORD ROSTER

Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
Bella Bergqvist Larsson	5-7	So.	Bastad, Sweden
Sara Borkop	5-9	Fr.	Copenhagen, Denmark
Helena Buchwald	5-7	So.	Berlin, Germany
Kaitlyn Carnicella	5-4	Jr.	Whippany, N.J.
Anna Claire Roof	-	So.	Conway, S.C.
Jane Dunyon	5-6	Fr.	Huntsville, Utah
Lauren Friedman	6-0	-	Newport Beach, Calif.
Taylor Goetz	5-5	So.	Greenlawn, N.Y.
Daniela Piani	5-11	Fr.	Hull, England
Jana Stojanova	5-4	So.	Skopje, Macedonia

Coaching Staff

Head Coach Kevin Epley

Associate Head Coach Jeremy Bayon

Assistant Coach Brandon Arradaza

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.J. Pitts Tennis Centre
Indoor	Rula Tennis Pavilion

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

Overall: 15-10 SEC 3-10 Region: Home: 13-4 Away: 2-6 Neutral: 0-0
 vs. National ranked: 1-7 vs. Regional ranked: 0-0 Win Streak: 8 Home Streak: 6

Singles Results

PLAYER	OVERALL	DUAL	TOUR	CONF	RANKED										
					1	2	3	4	5	6	NATL	REG	STREAK	LONG	LAST10
GENOVA, Chiara Di	9-10	9-10	0-0	3-9	---	1-1	4-6	3-3	1-0	---	0-4	0-0	L4	W5	9-11
ROBINSON, Mia	9-6	9-6	0-0	2-6	---	---	1-0	---	6-5	2-1	0-2	0-0	L1	W8	9-6
PITTA, Athina	7-3	7-3	0-0	1-3	---	---	---	---	3-0	4-3	0-1	0-0	W1	W6	8-4
KEMPENAERS-POCZ, Cha	5-5	5-5	0-0	2-5	0-3	5-2	---	---	---	---	0-4	0-0	W1	L2	5-5
OBONIYE, Gianna	4-8	4-8	0-0	1-6	4-8	---	---	---	---	---	0-8	0-0	L4	L4	4-9
OLIVERAS, Noemie	4-2	4-2	0-0	0-1	---	---	1-0	2-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	L1	W4	4-2
COHEN, Emma	3-0	3-0	0-0	0-0	---	---	---	---	---	3-0	0-0	0-0	W3	W3	3-0
TROIANO, Carolina	10-9	10-9	0-0	3-8	---	2-1	1-1	6-4	1-3	---	0-5	0-0	L4	L4	10-10
ZINGA, Thes Ntondele	10-6	10-6	0-0	1-6	3-1	3-4	4-1	---	---	---	0-3	0-0	L3	W7	10-6
TEAM	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---	---	---	---	---	---	0-0	0-0	W1	W1	1-0

Doubles Results

PAIR	OVERALL	DUAL	TOUR	CONF	RANKED									
					1	2	3	NATL	REG	STREAK	LONG	LAST10		
COHEN, Emma / ZINGA, Thes Ntondele	9-6	9-6	0-0	1-6	1-0	8-2	0-4	0-1	0-0	L5	W7	9-6		
GENOVA, Chiara Di / KEMPENAERS-POCZ, Cha	9-1	9-1	0-0	8-1	9-1	---	---	4-0	0-0	W7	W7	9-1		
OBONIYE, Gianna / PITTA, Athina	5-3	5-3	0-0	5-3	---	5-3	---	2-3	0-0	L1	W2	5-3		
GENOVA, Chiara Di / ZINGA, Thes Ntondele	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	---	---	2-0	0-0	0-0	W2	W2	2-0		
PITTA, Athina / ROBINSON, Mia	11-2	11-2	0-0	3-0	1-0	3-0	7-2	0-0	0-0	W7	W7	11-2		
KEMPENAERS-POCZ, Cha / OBONIYE, Gianna	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-2	---	---	0-0	0-0	L2	L2	1-2		
GENOVA, Chiara Di / OLIVERAS, Noemie	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	---	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	L1	L1	1-1		
OLIVERAS, Noemie / TROIANO, Carolina	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	---	---	0-0	0-0	W1	W1	1-0		
TEAM / TEAM	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	---	---	1-0	0-0	0-0	W1	W1	1-0		
COHEN, Emma / ROBINSON, Mia	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	---	---	0-1	0-0	0-0	L1	L1	0-1		
COHEN, Emma / KEMPENAERS-POCZ, Cha	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---	---	---	0-0	0-0	L0	L0	0-0		

Season Results

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	OVERALL	CONF	RANK	ATT	DUR
Jan 18, 2026	UAB*	W 7-0	1-0	0-0			02:32
Jan 18, 2026	Samford	W 6-1	2-0	0-0			2:25
Feb 06, 2026	Georgia Southern	W 5-2	3-0	0-0			2:45 min
Feb 06, 2026	Alcorn State	W 4-0	4-0	0-0			1:30
Feb 08, 2026	Louisiana Tech	W 6-1	5-0	0-0			3:00
Feb 08, 2026	Bellarmino	W 4-0	6-0	0-0			1:50
Feb 12, 2026	at Furman	W 6-1	7-0	0-0			2:40
Feb 14, 2026	at Georgia Tech	W 4-2	8-0	0-0			3:45
Feb 22, 2026	#29 Alabama*	L 1-4	8-1	0-1	#26		2:50
Feb 22, 2026	Alabama AM	W 4-0	9-1	0-1	#26		1:45
Feb 26, 2026	#14 Tennessee*	L 2-4	9-2	0-2	#37		3:10
Feb 26, 2026	Eastern Kentucky	W 4-0	10-2	0-2	#37		1:55
Feb 28, 2026	Kentucky*	W 4-1	11-2	1-2	#37		3:20
Mar 02, 2026	Memphis	W 4-0	12-2	1-2	#37		1:40
Mar 05, 2026	at #8 Texas AM*	L 0-7	12-3	1-3	#33		2:30
Mar 07, 2026	at #14 Texas*	L 1-4	12-4	1-4	#33		2:40
Mar 13, 2026	#16 Vanderbilt*	L 2-5	12-5	1-5	#46		3:30
Mar 15, 2026	Missouri*	W 4-0	13-5	2-5	#46		2:30
Mar 19, 2026	Oklahoma*	L 1-4	13-6	2-6			3:15
Mar 21, 2026	#50 Arkansas*	W 4-0	14-6	3-6	#49		2:45
Mar 21, 2026	Southern Miss	W 4-0	15-6	3-6	#49		2:00
Mar 26, 2026	at #2 Auburn*	L 0-7	15-7	3-7	#44		2:30
Mar 28, 2026	at #15 Florida*	L 1-4	15-8	3-8	#44		3:15
Apr 02, 2026	at Ole Miss*	L 3-4	15-9	3-9			3:15

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