

# MISSISSIPPI STATE WOMEN'S TENNIS



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HIT THAT LINE AND TOTE THAT BALL, CROSS THE GOAL BEFORE YOU FALL AND THE  
WE'LL YELL - YELL, YELL, YELL! FOR DEAR OL' STATE WE'LL YELL LIKE H-E-L-L!  
FIGHT FOR MIS-SIS-SIP-PI STATE, WIN THAT GAME TODAY!

# 2026 MISSISSIPPI STATE WOMEN'S TENNIS

## 2026 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Overall: 0-0 | SEC: 0-0 | H: 0-0 | A: 0-0 | N: 0-0  
Indoor: 0-0 | Outdoor: 0-0

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
<b>January (0-0)</b>		
18	UAB	12 p.m.
18	Samford	3 p.m.
24	at Old Dominion	1 p.m.
24	vs. Norfolk State (at Old Dominion)	5 p.m.

<b>February (0-0)</b>		
1	at Memphis	1 p.m.
6	Georgia Southern	1 p.m.
6	Alcorn State	4 p.m.
8	Louisiana Tech	12 p.m.
8	Bellarmine	3 p.m.
14	at Georgia Tech	TBA
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.

<b>March (0-0)</b>		
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.

<b>April (0-0)</b>		
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

<b>May (0-0)</b>		
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



\*Click Logos for 2026 Stats\*

### Mississippi State Bulldogs

0-0 , 0-0 SEC

#### ITA Team Ranking

NR

#### ITA Singles Rankings

NR

#### ITA Doubles Rankings

NR

### UAB Blazers

0-0 , 0-0 American

#### ITA Team Ranking

NR

#### ITA Singles Rankings

NR

#### ITA Doubles Rankings

NR

### Samford Bulldogs

0-0 , 0-0 SOCON

#### ITA Team Ranking

NR

#### ITA Singles Rankings

NR

#### ITA Doubles Rankings

NR

## SERIES NOTES & HISTORY

» Mississippi State leads the all-time series against UAB 31-3.

» State has never dropped a match against Samford, owning an 11-0 series advantage.

» The last meeting was in 2025 where the Bulldogs beat the Blazers 4-1 in Starkville.

## NOTES TO KNOW

» Mississippi State is coming out of the fall season with 30 singles and 18 doubles wins.

» MSU hopes to gain another victory against Samford to continue its streak of being undefeated.

» State had four players represent the Maroon and White in the Fall Preseason Poll. In singles, Gianna Oboniye ranked at No. 56 and Charlotte Kempenaers-Pocz at No. 85. In doubles, Kempenaers-Pocz and Chiara Di Genova ranked at No. 54 and Oboniye and Athina Pitta clocked at No. 80.

» In the past 10 matches State has won the doubles point against both UAB and Samford.

» The doubles pair of Kempenaers-Pocz and Oboniye qualified for the NCAA Individual Championships where they reached round of 16.

» MSU is 17-5 when playing a double-header under Head Coach Chris Hooshyar.

» In 2025, Mississippi State was undefeated in non-conference play.

» The Bulldogs look to continue its winning streak of 21 against the UAB Blazers. Within the streak the Blazers have only been able to score up to three points twice.

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## WOMEN'S TENNIS PHOTO ROSTER



**Emma  
Cohen**

Sophomore  
London, England



**Chiara  
Di Genova**

Junior  
Buenos Aires, Argentina



**Charlotte  
Kempenaers-Pocz**

Sophomore  
Glengowrie, Australia



**Thessy  
Ntondele Zinga**

Freshman  
Lille, France



**Gianna  
Oboniye**

Sophomore  
Huntington Beach, Calif.



**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 Kempenaers-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
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

#### Pronunciation Guide

Emma Cohen	EH-muh KOH-en
Chiara Di Genova	kee-AH-ruh dee jeh-NOH-vuh
Charlotte Kempenaers-Pocz	SHAR-luhk kem-PEN-ars POTS
Thessy Ntondele Zinga	TESS-ee Ton-DELL-ee ZING-guh
Gianna Oboniye	jee-AH-nuh oh-BOHN-ye-ay
Noemie Oliveras	NOH-eh-mee oh-lih-VAIR-uh
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	21-32 (3rd Season)
	Career Record	Same

Assistant Coach	Taylor Russo
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Assistant Coach	Noah Tippen
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### UAB WORD ROSTER

Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
Emma Ascanio	-	Fr.	Adeje, Santa Cruz de Tenerife
Gresi Bajri	-	So.	Shkodër, Albania
Julia Caffarena	-	So.	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Kristyna Damaskova	-	So.	Ostrava, Czech Republic
Antonia Ende	-	Fr.	Nuremberg, Germany
Klara Kajabova	-	Jr.	Vsetín, Czech Republic
Maria Paz Ospina	-	So.	Bogotá, Colombia
Nera Tesankic	-	So.	Osijek, Croatia

#### Pronunciation Guide

Emma Ascanio	EM-uh ah-SKAH-nee-oh
Gresi Bajri	GREH-see BYE-dree
Julia Caffarena	JOO-lee-uh kah-fah-REH-nah
Kristyna Damaskova	KRIS-tee-nah dah-MAH-sko-vah
Antonia Ende	an-TOH-nee-uh EN-deh
Klara Kajabova	KLAR-uh kai-yah-BOH-vah
Maria Paz Ospina	mah-REE-ah PAHZ oh-SPEE-nah
Nera Tesankic	NEH-rah teh-SAHN-kich

#### Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Mark Tjia
Assistant Coach	Paula Baird
Volunteer Assistant Coach	Pardis Kianoush

### SAMFORD WORD ROSTER

Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
Cathy Cardona-Carballosa	-	Fr.	Miami, Fla.
Lea Erenda	-	So.	Hall in Tirol, Austria
Sara Erenda	-	Jr.	Hall in Tirol, Austria
Laila Fishman	-	Jr.	Morganville, N.J.
Annie Holt	-	Jr.	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Grace Keller	-	Jr.	Marietta, Ga.
Eleni Liakonis	-	So.	Knoxville, Tenn.
Minyoung Park	-	Fr.	Siheung, South Korea
Townsend Penney	-	Fr.	St. Petersburg Beach, Fla.
Meredith Taylor	-	Sr.	Vestavia Hills, Ala.
Hailey Troup	-	So.	Durbanville, South Africa

#### Pronunciation Guide

Sara Erenda	Eh-renda
Lea Erenda	Eh-renda
Eleni Liakonis	Eh-linny Leah-cone-iss
Hailey Troup	Troup
Minyoung Park	Min-young Park

#### Coaching Staff

Head Coach	David Vest
Graduate Assistant	Ally Hayduk

# 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)
President	Dak
Director of Athletics	Dr. Mark Keenum
Faculty Athletics Representative	Zac Selmon
Conference	Brent J. Fountain 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.

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## 2026 Schedule

**Record:** 0-0 .000

Home 0-0 .000  
Away 0-0 .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 0-0 .000  
Outdoors 0-0 .000

## By Month

January 0-0 .000  
February 0-0 .000  
March 0-0 .000  
April 0-0 .000  
May 0-0 .000

## By Day

Sunday 0-0 .000  
Monday 0-0 .000  
Tuesday 0-0 .000  
Wednesday 0-0 .000  
Thursday 0-0 .000  
Friday 0-0 .000  
Saturday 0-0 .000

## Record when MSU wins

Doubles Point	0-0	.000
Home	0-0	.000
Road	0-0	.000
Neutral	0-0	.000
No. 1 Doubles	0-0	.000
No. 2 Doubles	0-0	.000
No. 3 Doubles	0-0	.000
No. 1 Singles	0-0	.000
No. 2 Singles	0-0	.000
No. 3 Singles	0-0	.000
No. 4 Singles	0-0	.000
No. 5 Singles	0-0	.000
No. 6 Singles	0-0	.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	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-5	2-5	.286	L3
Chiara Di Genova	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-6	3-6	.333	L4
Charlotte Kempenaers-Pocz	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	.000	-
Thessy Ntondele Zinga	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-3	3-3	.777	L1
Gianna Oboniye	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-5	2-5	.500	L2
Noemie Oliveras	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	.000	-
Athina Pitta	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	7-4	7-4	.545	W2
Mia Robinson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-3	2-3	.400	L1
Alessia Tagliente	0-0	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	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-6	1-6	.355	W1
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>30-36</b>	<b>30-36</b>	<b>.454</b>	<b>-</b>						

## DOUBLES BY TEAM

TEAM	#1	#2	#3	DUAL	PCT.	SEC	PCT.	TOURN.	ALL	PCT.	STK.
Cohen/Tagliente	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	1-2	.333	W1
Cohen/Pitta	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0-2	.000	L2
Cohen/Troiano	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	3-0	1.000	W3
Di Genova/Ntondele Zinga	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0-3	.000	L3
Di Genova/Tagliente	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	3-3	.500	L1
Di Genova/Pitta	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	1-2	.333	L2
Kempenaers-Pocz/Oboniye	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	4-2	.666	L1
Oboniye/Troiano	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	1-2	.333	L1
Pitta/Robinson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	5-2	.714	L1
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>18-18</b>	<b>.500</b>	<b>-</b>

## DOUBLES BY PLAYER

PLAYER	#1	#2	#3	DUAL	PCT.	SEC	PCT.	TOURN.	ALL	PCT.	STK.
Emma Cohen	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	4-4	.500	W3
Chiara Di Genova	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	4-8	.333	L2
Charlotte Kempenaers-Pocz	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	4-2	.666	L1
Thessy Ntondele Zinga	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0-3	.000	L3
Gianna Oboniye	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	5-4	.555	L1
Noemie Oliveras	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	.000	-
Athina Pitta	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	6-6	.500	L2
Mia Robinson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	5-2	.714	L1
Alessia Tagliente	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	4-5	.444	L1
Carolina Troiano	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	4-2	.666	W3
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>36-36</b>	<b>.500</b>	<b>-</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	2	2-0
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>21</b>	<b>8-13</b>

TEAM	Total	W-L
Cohen/Tagliente	0	0-0
Cohen/Pitta	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	0	0-0
Charlotte Kempenaers-Pocz	0	0-0
Thessy Ntondele Zinga	1	1-0
Gianna Oboniye	1	1-0
Noemie Oliveras	0	0-0
Athina Pitta	0	0-0
Mia Robinson	2	2-0
Alessia Tagliente	2	1-1
Carolina Troiano	2	0-2
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6-3</b>

TEAM	Total	W-L
Cohen/Tagliente	1	0-1
Cohen/Pitta	0	0-0
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	2	2-0
Oboniye/Troiano	0	0-0
Pitta/Robinson	1	1-0
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5-1</b>

Includes 7-point Tie-Breaks