

MISSISSIPPI STATE WOMEN'S TENNIS



HAIL DEAR OL' STATE! FIGHT FOR THAT VICTORY
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 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
January (0-0)		
18	UAB	12 p.m.
18	Samford	3 p.m.
24	at Old Dominion	1 p.m.
24	vs. Norfolk State <i>(at Old Dominion)</i>	5 p.m.
February (0-0)		
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.
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 <i>(Norman, Okla.)</i>	TBD
May (0-0)		
1-3	NCAA Rounds 1 & 2 <i>(TBD)</i>	
8-9	NCAA Quarterfinals <i>(TBD)</i>	
14-17	NCAA Championships <i>(Athens, Ga.)</i>	
* 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
0-0 , 0-0 SEC
ITA Team Ranking
NR

ITA Singles Rankings
NR

ITA Doubles Rankings
NR



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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.
- » The last meeting was in 2025 where the Bulldogs beat the Blazers 4-1 in Starkville.
- » State has never dropped a match against Samford, owning an 11-0 series advantage.

NOTES TO KNOW

- » Mississippi State is coming out of the fall season with 30 singles and 18 doubles wins.
- » 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.
- » 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.
- » MSU hopes to gain another victory against Samford to continue its streak of being undefeated.
- » In the past 10 matches State has won the doubles point against both UAB and Samford.

WOMEN'S TENNIS PHOTO ROSTER



**Emma
Cohen**

Sophomore
London, England



**Chiara
Di Genova**

Junior
Buenos Aires, Argentina



**Charlotte
Kempnaers-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

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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
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

Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Chris Hooshyar	
	Alma Mater	SMU, 2010
	Record at MSU	21-32 (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 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

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.	Vsetin, 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	Troop
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)		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 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
TEAM TOTALS	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	30-36	30-36	.454	-

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
TEAM TOTALS	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	18-18	.500	-

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
TEAM TOTALS	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	36-36	.500	-

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
TEAM TOTALS	21	8-13
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
TEAM TOTALS	2	1-1

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
TEAM TOTALS	9	6-3
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
TEAM TOTALS	6	5-1

Includes 7-point and 10-point Tie-Breaks

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