

# MISSISSIPPI STATE



**Freshman Emma Antonaki**  
2019 NCAA Singles Selection  
2019 Second Team All-SEC  
2019 SEC All-Freshman Team  
SEC Freshman of the Week (3/6/19)  
Current ITA Singles Ranking: #59



## NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Individual Championships — May 20-25, 2019  
USTA National Campus — Orlando, Florida





# Mississippi State Women's Tennis Notes



## 2019 NCAA Division I Women's Tennis Individual Championships

May 20-25, 2019 — USTA National Campus — Orlando, Fla.

### MSU's Antonaki To Compete In 2019 NCAA Singles Championship

Mississippi State Women's Tennis has one player in the NCAA Individual Championships in 2019 in Orlando, Fla.

True freshman Emma Antonaki will make her NCAA debut after a stellar 2018-19 season on the court for the Bulldogs.

The 10th-ranked newcomer by the ITA entering the year, Antonaki is currently ranked No. 59 nationally in singles. She is 25-12 overall in singles this year and went 17-7 in dual matches this spring, playing all of her contests at the No. 1 and 2 positions as a rookie in State's lineup. She has posted eight ranked wins this year, three in the Top 25.

Antonaki was named SEC Freshman of the Week (3/6/19) after straight-set road wins over South Carolina's Paige Cline and Florida's McCartney Kessler, the latter win helped MSU to its first-ever win over the Gators.

The rookie leads MSU in overall wins (45) this season with 25-12 in singles and 20-13 doubles tallies. She was 5-5 at #1 singles, 12-2 at #2 for

the Bulldogs and won 11 straight matches at one point this spring. She also reached the singles quarterfinals of her first ITA Southern Region Championship in October.

Antonaki is only the third Bulldog freshman to ever qualify for the NAAs individually (Lisa Pennington, Singles, 1982 & Lisa Marie Rioux, Doubles, 2017).

### MSU's NCAA Individual Championship History

Antonaki's selection to this year's NCAA singles field gives Mississippi State women's tennis 18 all-time participants in the national individual championships - 12 in singles and six in doubles.

The best finish State has ever had in the NCAA Singles Championship was the quarterfinals (Jasmine Lee, 2016 in Tulsa, Okla.).

In doubles, All-American Bulldogs Jackie Holden and Claire Pollard paired to claim the 1989 NCAA Doubles crown in Gainesville, Fla.

### All-SEC...

MSU once again has representation on the All-Southeastern Conference women's tennis squad. Senior Anastasia Rentouli and true freshman Emma Antonaki were earned 2019 All-SEC honors after outstanding seasons.

For Rentouli, it was her second straight appearance on the All-SEC Second Team. Ranked No. 125 nationally to end her career, she was an incredible 24-6 overall this season. The Athens, Greece, native led State with a 15-2 dual match mark at the No. 2-3 positions this season, including 6-1 in the SEC.

The veteran ended her career fourth all-time at MSU in overall career victories (150), second in singles wins (87) and tied for third in doubles wins (63). She also finished in the top 5 all-time for winning percentage in all three of those categories.

The rookie Antonaki garnered her first SEC honor this season, named to both the league's Second and All-Freshman teams. In her initial campaign in Starkville, Antonaki held down State's No. 2 singles position early in the season before moving to the top spot permanently on March 22.

Also a product of Athens, Greece, she led MSU in singles victories (25) record and dual match singles triumphs (17).

### MSU Women's Tennis Has Fifth-Straight Winning Season; More Highlights In 2019

While State is sending a player to the NCAA Individual Championships again this year, the Bulldog team had some highlights of its own in 2019.

Despite, barely missing a fifth-straight NCAA Team Championship bid, the Bulldogs went 14-13 overall, the program's fifth-consecutive winning campaign (a program record).

Led by head coach Daryl Greenan and associate head coach Sachin Kirtane, MSU registered the seventh-most wins (14) in school history.

State notched wins over NCAA qualifiers LSU and Florida, the latter coming on the road in the program's first-ever victory over the Gators in 39 meetings.

### MISSISSIPPI STATE'S HISTORY IN THE NCAA TEAM & INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### TEAM

1999: Mississippi State (Second Round)  
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2005: Mississippi State (First Round)  
2015: Mississippi State (Second Round)  
2016: Mississippi State (Second Round)  
2017: Mississippi State (First Round)  
2018: Mississippi State (Second Round)

#### SINGLES

1982: Lisa Pennington (Second Round)  
1992: Michelle Oldham (First Round)  
Celine Verdier (First Round)  
1996: Marilia Andrade (First Round)  
2005: Zsuzsanna Fodor (Second Round)  
2007: Martina Banikova (Second Round)  
2014: Georgiana Patrasc (First Round)  
2015: Jasmine Lee (Second Round)  
2016: Jasmine Lee (Quarterfinals)  
Georgiana Patrasc (Second Round)  
2017: Jasmine Lee (First Round)  
2019: Emma Antonaki (?????)

#### DOUBLES

1988: Jackie Holden/Claire Pollard (First Round)  
1989: Jackie Holden/Claire Pollard (NCAA Champions)  
1992: Michelle Oldham/Celine Verdier (First Round)  
2005: Zsuzsanna Fodor/Anastasia Kugakolova (First Round)  
2016: Madison Harrison/Kristina Vozniak (Round of 16)  
2017: Jasmine Lee/Lisa Marie Rioux (First Round)

### NOTE TO THE MEDIA:

Mississippi State University appreciatively welcomes your interest in Mississippi State tennis.

This packet has been compiled to assist you in your coverage of the Bulldogs during the 2019 NCAA Division I Women's Tennis Championships in Orlando, Fla.

If information you seek regarding the Bulldogs is not found within this supplement or online at [www.hailstate.com/womenstennis](http://www.hailstate.com/womenstennis), please contact **Caleb Garner of MSU Athletic Communications** to assist you in anyway possible. Garner can be reached via cell phone (662-361-1993). Please contact Garner to coordinate any desired interviews with MSU head coach Daryl Greenan and/or any MSU players, or for any other information you may need regarding MSU tennis.

You may also contact **John Cade, Assistant AD/Communications** (662-312-0863), as a secondary contact.

*Thank you for your interest in Mississippi State tennis.*



# Mississippi State Women's Tennis Player Bios

## 2019 NCAA Division I Women's Tennis Singles Championships

### May 20-25, 2019 — USTA National Campus — Orlando, Fla.



#### EMMA ANTONAKI

- Freshman | Athens, Greece
- NCAA Singles Championship (At-large selection/1st alternate)
- Current ITA Singles Ranking: #59

Was the #1 alternate to the 2019 NCAA Singles Championship until being entered into the 64-player field on May 14...Is only the third Mississippi State Women's Tennis true freshman ever to qualify for the NCAA Individual Championships and only the second in singles (Lisa Pennington, 1982)...Currently the highest-ranked true freshman in the ITA Southern Region...One of only 11 freshman in the 2019 NCAA Singles draw...Ranked as high as 55th nationally in her freshman campaign; currently No. 59...Named 2019 All-SEC Second Team as a rookie...Also named to the 2019 All-SEC Freshman squad...Named SEC Freshman of the Week

(3/6/19) after straight-set road wins over South Carolina's Paige Cline and Florida's McCartney Kessler, the latter helping MSU to its first-ever win over the Gators...Notched eight ranked wins this year, three in the Top 25...Is 3-4 against the 2019 NCAA Singles field...Was the 10th-ranked newcomer by the ITA

entering the season...Rookie leads MSU in overall wins (45) this season...25-12 in singles, 20-13 in doubles...The 25 singles wins led State's entire team, as did her 17 dual match wins (17-7)...Was 5-5 at #1 singles, 12-2 at #2 for the Bulldogs...Won 11 straight matches at one point this spring...Clinched three Bulldog victories this spring...Reached the singles quarterfinals of her first ITA Southern Region Championships in the fall...Also advanced to the Round of 16 of prequalifying at the 2018 ITA All-American Championships...Is 6-5 in three-set affairs this season and 7-4 in tiebreakers.



Emma Antonaki

**Career records: 25-12 (singles), 20-13 (doubles)**

#### ITA RANKINGS FOR EMMA ANTONAKI

Name	Date	Rank
Emma Antonaki (S-Newcomer)	9/11/18	10th
Emma Antonaki (S)	11/14/18	*55th
Emma Antonaki (S)	2/6/19	82nd
Emma Antonaki (S)	3/5/19	81st
Emma Antonaki (S)	3/19/19	82nd
Emma Antonaki (S)	4/2/19	67th
Emma Antonaki (S)	4/9/19	65th
Emma Antonaki (S)	4/16/19	67th
Emma Antonaki (S)	4/23/19	59th
Emma Antonaki (S)	5/1/19	59th

\* - Highest ranking of career

#### ANTONAKI'S CAREER SINGLES STATS

Season	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Dual	SEC	Overall	Pct.
2018-19	5-5	12-2	—	—	—	—	17-7	6-5	25-12	.676
TOTALS	5-5	12-2	—	—	—	—	17-7	6-5	25-12	.676



# 2018-19 MISSISSIPPI STATE WOMEN'S TENNIS

## INDIVIDUAL MATCH-BY-MATCH RESULTS

**Emma Antonaki**  
**Fr. • HS**  
**Athens, Greece**

### —FALL 2018—

Date	Opponent (School)	Ranks**	W-L	Site	Score	Pos./Rnd.	Record	Dual	SEC
Sept. 21	! Ana Oparenovic (Florida State)	--/55th	W	N	3-6, 7-6(5), 6-2	R- 8 (F3)	1-0	-	-
Sept. 22	! Mia Horvit (South Carolina)	--/96th	L	N	6-3, 6-7(5), 2-6	R- 4 (F3)	1-1	-	-
Sept. 23	! Chandler Carter (Wake Forest)	--/--	L	N	6-7(4), 6-3, 4-6	(3)	1-2	-	-
Sept. 29	% Brianna Chisholm (Utah)	--/--	W	N	6-4, 6-4	R- 64 (PQ)	2-2	-	-
Sept. 29	% Jessica Failla (Pepperdine)	--/--	W	A	6-2, 4-6, 6-3	R- 32 (PQ)	3-2	-	-
Sept. 30	% Emma Wilson (Arizona)	--/--	L	N	2-6, 1-6	R- 16 (PQ)	3-3	-	-
Oct. 12	\$ Florian Picaut (Louisiana)	--/--	W	N	6-3, 6-4	R- 64 (1)	4-3	-	-
Oct. 12	\$ Elena Muller (Tulane)	--/--	W	N	6-1, 7-6(2)	R- 32 (1)	5-3	-	-
Oct. 13	\$ Alexa Bortles (Ole Miss)	--/--	W	N	5-7, 7-6(5), 7-6(4)	R- 16 (1)	6-3	-	-
Oct. 14	\$ Eden Richardson (LSU)	--/38th	L	N	1-6, 4-6	R- 8 (1)	6-4	-	-
Nov. 9	# Stevie Kennedy (TCU)	--/--	W	N	7-6(4), 6-2		7-4	-	-
Nov. 10	# Savannah Slaysman (Arizona State)	--/118th	L	A	2-6, 6-1, 3-6		7-5	-	-
Nov. 11	# Vanessa Wong (Washington)	--/25th	W	N	6-2, 6-3		8-5	-	-

!- Debbie Southern Fall Classic (Greenville, SC)  
 %- ITA All-American Championships (Pacific Palisades, CA)  
 \$- ITA Southern Regional Championships (Oxford, MS)  
 #- ASU Thunderbird (Tempe, AZ)

F3- Flight 3  
 3- 3rd Place Match  
 PQ- Pre-Qualifying  
 1- Division 1

### —SPRING 2019—

Date	Opponent (School)	Ranks**	W-L	Site	Score	Pos./Rnd.	Record	Dual	SEC
Jan. 18	? Polina Goloputova (Chattanooga)	55th/--	W	N	6-0, 6-4	#1	9-5	1-0	-
Jan. 18	Grace Jennings (Samford)	55th/--	L	A	6-0, 5-7, 6-7(5)	#1	9-6	1-1	-
Jan. 26	@ Adriana Reami (North Carolina State)	55th/--	W	N	6-1, 7-5	#2	10-6	2-1	-
Jan. 27	@ Elizaveta Volodko (UCSB)	55th/--	W	N	3-6, 7-6(2), 6-4	#2	11-6	3-1	-
Feb. 2	Anastasia Vaganova (Alcorn State)	55th/--	W	H	6-2, 6-1	#2	12-6	4-1	-
Feb. 2	Bianca Birkenstock (Alcorn State)	55th/--	W	H	6-1, 2-1 (susp.)	#1	12-6	4-1	-
Feb. 9	Chloe Kabamba (Alabama State)	82nd/--	W	H	6-1, 6-0	#2	13-6	5-1	-
Feb. 9	Reka Szentes (Alabama State)	82nd/--	W	H	6-1, 6-3	#2	14-6	6-1	-
Feb. 10	Alexandra Shchipankina (UAB)	82nd/--	W	H	6-4, 3-6, 7-5	#2	15-6	7-1	-
Feb. 16	Payton Andrews (North Alabama)	82nd/--	W	H	6-1, 6-4	#2	16-6	8-1	-
Feb. 16	Claudia Arroyo (North Alabama)	82nd/--	W	H	6-3, 6-0	#2	17-6	9-1	-
Feb. 22	Evelyne Tiron (South Florida)	104th/--	W	A	6-3, 6-4	#2	18-6	10-1	-
Mar. 2	* Paige Cline (South Carolina)	104th/38th	W	A	7-5, 7-5	#2	19-6	11-1	1-0
Mar. 3	* McCartney Kessler (Florida)	104th/33rd	W	A	6-3, 7-5	#2	20-6	12-1	2-0
Mar. 10	* Sabina Machalova (Ole Miss)	81st/--	L	A	4-6, 6-1, 4-6	#2	20-7	12-2	2-1
Mar. 15	* Madeline Meredith (Auburn)	81st/--	W	H	6-7(5), 6-0, 6-1	#2	21-7	13-2	3-1
Mar. 17	* Moka Ito (Alabama)	81st/--	L	H	3-6, 6-2, 4-6	#2	21-8	13-3	3-2
Mar. 22	* Sadie Hammond (Tennessee)	82nd/85th	W	A	6-4, 6-3	#1	22-8	14-3	4-2
Mar. 24	* Katarina Jokic (Georgia)	82nd/1st	W	A	5-7, 2-4 (susp.)	#1	22-8	14-3	4-2
Mar. 29	* Mackenzy Middlebrooks (Missouri)	82nd/119th	W	H	6-2, 6-1	#1	23-8	15-3	5-2
Mar. 31	* Martina Zerulo (Arkansas)	82nd/115th	W	H	6-1, 6-4	#1	24-8	16-3	6-2
Apr. 5	* Georgia Drummy (Vanderbilt)	67th/63rd	L	A	3-6, 4-6	#1	24-9	16-4	6-3
Apr. 7	* Justina Mikulskyte (Kentucky)	67th/16th	L	A	3-6, 2-6	#1	24-10	16-5	6-4
Apr. 11	* Katya Townsend (Texas A&M)	65th/50th	W	H	6-1, 1-6, 4-5 (susp.)	#1	24-10	16-5	6-4
Apr. 14	* Eden Richardson (LSU)	65th/9th	L	H	4-6, 3-6	#1	24-11	16-6	6-5
Apr. 17	+ Jaeda Daniel (Auburn)	67th/87th	W	N	7-6(5), 6-4	#1	25-11	17-6	
Apr. 18	+ Katya Townsend (Texas A&M)	67th/54th	L	A	2-6, 2-6	#1	25-12	17-7	

?- Birmingham, AL  
 @- ITA Kick-Off Weekend (Gainesville, FL)  
 \*- Denotes Southeastern Conference Match  
 +- 2019 SEC Championship (College Station, TX)

Home (Dual): 9-2 (9-2) Away (Dual): 5-6 (4-5) Neutral (Dual): 11-4 (4-0)  
 Southern Region (Dual): 11-5 (8-4)

\*\*MSU/opponent rankings based on ITA Rankings at time of match  
 Southern Region opponents in italics

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### ANTONAKI'S CAREER DOUBLES STATS

Season	#1	#2	#3	Dual	SEC	Overall	Pct.
2018-19	1-0	11-11	—	12-11	4-7	20-13	.606
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>11-11</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>12-11</b>	<b>4-7</b>	<b>20-13</b>	<b>.606</b>