

FLORIDA

TENNIS



#41 Florida Gators (4-3)

@GatorsMTN

Last Match:
The Gators dropped a close
contest to the No. 6 Ohio
State Buckeyes on Sunday in
Columbus, 4-3

Match Day Facts

WHERE:

Linder Stadium | Ring Tennis Complex

WHEN:

Saturday, February 27 at 1 p.m.

SERIES RECORD:

UF leads the all-time series, 56-20

LAST MEETING:

The Gators pulled off a 4-2 win over FSU
in Tallahassee on Feb. 7, 2015



#35 Florida State (8-2)

@FSU_MTennis

Last Match:
The Seminoles defeated
Liberty and the Citadel on
Saturday in Tallahassee, 6-1,
4-0, respectively.

Florida's 2015-16 Schedule and Results

Overall: 4-3 (Home 3-0, Away 1-1, Neutral 0-2)
SEC: 0-0 (Home 0-0, Away 0-0)

Date	UF/Opp Rank	Opponent/Event	Time/Results
January			
Sun. 17	24/63	TROY	W, 6-1
Sun. 17	24/NR	STETSON	W, 7-0
Sat. 23	21/20	at Texas (1)	W, 4-0
Sun. 24	21/15	vs. Texas Tech (1)	L, 4-3
Sat. 30	20/8	at USC (2)	L, 4-3
Sun. 31	20/12	at UCLA (2)	cancelled
February			
Sat. 13	22/NR	FURMAN	W, 7-0
Sun. 21	23/6	at Ohio State	L, 4-3
Sat. 27		FLORIDA STATE	1:00 p.m.
March			
Fri. 4		at LSU	6:30 p.m.
Sun. 6		at Texas A&M	1:00 p.m.
Fri. 11		AUBURN	5:00 p.m.
Fri. 18		ARKANSAS	5:00 p.m.
Sun. 20		OLE MISS	1:00 p.m.
Fri. 25		at Mississippi State	5:00 p.m.
Sun. 27		at Alabama	2:00 p.m.
April			
Fri. 1		VANDERBILT	5:00 p.m.
Wed. 6		VIRGINIA	5:00 p.m.
Fri. 8		at Georgia	5:00 p.m.
Sun. 10		at South Carolina	TBD
Fri. 15		KENTUCKY	5:00 p.m.
Sun. 17		TENNESSEE	1:00 p.m.
Wed. 20		SEC Tournament (Columbia, SC)	All Day
May			
Fri. 13		NCAA Team First and Second Rounds	
Thu. 19		NCAA Round of 16	
Fri. 20		NCAA Team Quarterfinals	
Sun. 22		NCAA Team Semifinals	
Tues. 24		NCAA Team Finals	
Wed. 25		NCAA Individual Championships	

Last Serve vs. the Seminoles

Florida defeated then-#35 Florida State in Tallahassee on Feb. 7, 2015. The Gators dropped the doubles point, but were able to grab four singles victories from Hidalgo, Orkin, Watson and Perez-Blanco clinched the match.

Since 2007 vs. FSU

The Orange and Blue have not lost to Florida State since Feb. 17, 2007 in Tallahassee, where they fell to the Seminoles 4-3.

UF vs. In-State Opponents

Florida holds an all-time record of 271-82-2 against Sunshine State opponents. The Gators have a winning record against 14 out of 15 in-state rivals.

Number One in Doubles

In the recent Oracle ITA Rankings, the senior tandem of Diego Hidalgo and Gordon Watson are the No. 1 doubles pair in the nation.

Making Moves in the Rankings

Sophomore Chase Perez-Blanco moved up 58 spots in the Feb. 23 rankings, up from No. 88, Chase now sits at No. 30.

Junior Elliott Orkin jumped 27 spots into the singles Top-25 rankings. Orkin was ranked 49 in the preseason rankings and is currently No. 22.

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#GOGATORS

NAME	HT	CL	EXP	L/R	Hometown/Previous School
Jordan Belga	5-10	So.	1L	R	Boca Raton, Fla./Florida Virtual School
Diego Hidalgo	5-11	Sr.	2L	L	Guayaquil, Ecuador/Pert High School
McClain Kessler	5-11	Fr.	HS	R	Calhoun, Ga./Calhoun High School
Maxx Lipman	6-2	Jr.	2L	R	Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood High School
Elliott Orkin	5-8	Jr.	2L	R	Marietta, Ga./Eaton Academy
Alfredo Perez	6-2	Fr.	HS	R	Coral Gables, Fla./Coral Gables High School
Chase Perez-Blanco	5-8	So.	1L	R	Miami, Fla./Gulliver Prep
Josh Wardell	5-11	R-So.	1L	R	Fort Myers, Fla./Florida Virtual School
Gordon Watson	5-11	Sr.	3L	R	Naples, Fla./First Baptist Academy

Head Coach: BRYAN SHELTON

Trainer: TONY MUNOZ

Assoc. Head Coach: MARK MERKLEIN

Dir. of Tennis Operations: KATE HARTE

Vol. Asst. Coach: SCOTT PERELMAN

Manager: PETER SLATON

No. 50

Diego Hidalgo grabbed his 50th career singles victory in his match against Max de Vroome of USC.

Season-Opening Success

UF is 65-6 all-time in season-opening dual matches. The Gators have not dropped an opener since 1998 against Indiana

Fall Headlines

Hidalgo, Watson win doubles title at USTA/ITA Southeast Regional Championships, defeating the No. 1-ranked Georgia tandem in the semifinals.

Freshman Alfredo Perez wins seven matches to reach the main draw from the pre-qualifying rounds at the ITA All-American.

Elliott Orkin wins singles title at the SEC Fall Tournament.

Chase Perez-Blanco and Josh Wardell take the doubles title at the Bedford Cup.

2015-2016 Florida Gators



Jordan Belga
5-10
Sophomore
Right-Handed
Boca Raton, Fla.
Florida Virtual School

2015-2016 Season

Overall Singles: 15-6
Tournament Singles: 13-5
Dual Singles: 2-1
SEC Singles: 0-0
Overall Doubles: 1-0
Tournament Doubles: 0-0
Dual Doubles: 1-0
SEC Doubles: 0-0

Career Records

Overall Singles: 26-16
Tournament Singles: 21-11
Dual Singles: 5-5
SEC Singles: 1-1
Overall Doubles: 5-5
Tournament Doubles: 4-5
Dual Doubles: 1-0
SEC Doubles: 0-0



Diego Hidalgo
5-11
Senior
Left-Handed
Guayaquil, Ecuador
Pert High School

2015-2016 Season

Overall Singles: 18-9
Tournament Singles: 14-7
Dual Singles: 4-2
SEC Singles: 0-0
Overall Doubles: 14-3
Tournament Doubles: 12-2
Dual Doubles: 3-1
SEC Doubles: 0-0

Career Records

Overall Singles: 51-28
Tournament Singles: 30-14
Dual Singles: 21-14
SEC Singles: 8-5
Overall Doubles: 50-20
Tournament Doubles: 25-5
Dual Doubles: 25-15
SEC Doubles: 9-8



McClain Kessler
5-11
Freshman
Right-Handed
Calhoun, Ga.
Calhoun High School

2015-2016 Season

Overall Singles: 17-7
Tournament Singles: 14-5
Dual Singles: 3-2
SEC Singles: 0-0
Overall Doubles: 8-3
Tournament Doubles: 7-3
Dual Doubles: 1-0
SEC Doubles: 0-0

Career Records

Overall Singles: 17-7
Tournament Singles: 14-5
Dual Singles: 3-2
SEC Singles: 0-0
Overall Doubles: 8-3
Tournament Doubles: 7-3
Dual Doubles: 1-0
SEC Doubles: 0-0



Maxx Lipman
6-2
Junior
Right-Handed
Brentwood, Tenn.
Brentwood High School

2015-2016 Season

Overall Singles: 11-11
Tournament Singles: 10-9
Dual Singles: 1-2
SEC Singles: 0-0
Overall Doubles: 9-7
Tournament Doubles: 5-5
Dual Doubles: 4-2
SEC Doubles: 0-0

Career Records

Overall Singles: 54-34
Tournament Singles: 31-18
Dual Singles: 23-16
SEC Singles: 11-7
Overall Doubles: 45-30
Tournament Doubles: 17-12
Dual Doubles: 28-18
SEC Doubles: 13-5



Elliott Orkin
5-8
Junior
Right-Handed
Marietta, Ga.
Eaton Academy

2015-2016 Season

Overall Singles: 19-6
Tournament Singles: 13-5
Dual Singles: 6-1
SEC Singles: 0-0
Overall Doubles: 9-8
Tournament Doubles: 5-5
Dual Doubles: 4-3
SEC Doubles: 0-0

Career Records

Overall Singles: 69-27
Tournament Singles: 40-14
Dual Singles: 29-13
SEC Singles: 14-5
Overall Doubles: 51-33
Tournament Doubles: 25-13
Dual Doubles: 26-20
SEC Doubles: 12-9



Alfredo Perez
6-2
Freshman
Right-Handed
Havana, Cuba
Coral Gables High School

2015-2016 Season

Overall Singles: 20-6
Tournament Singles: 16-5
Dual Singles: 4-1
SEC Singles: 0-0
Overall Doubles: 7-2
Tournament Doubles: 5-2
Dual Doubles: 3-0
SEC Doubles: 0-0

Career Records

Overall Singles: 20-6
Tournament Singles: 16-5
Dual Singles: 4-1
SEC Singles: 0-0
Overall Doubles: 7-2
Tournament Doubles: 5-2
Dual Doubles: 2-0
SEC Doubles: 0-0



Chase Perez-Blanco
5-8
Sophomore
Right-Handed
Miami, Fla.
Gulliver Prep

2015-2016 Season

Overall Singles: 20-4
Tournament Singles: 15-4
Dual Singles: 5-1
SEC Singles: 0-0
Overall Doubles: 7-1
Tournament Doubles: 5-1
Dual Doubles: 2-0
SEC Doubles: 0-0

Career Records

Overall Singles: 45-15
Tournament Singles: 26-11
Dual Singles: 19-4
SEC Singles: 8-1
Overall Doubles: 18-7
Tournament Doubles: 14-4
Dual Doubles: 4-3
SEC Doubles: 0-1



Josh Wardell
5-11
RS-Sophomore
Right-Handed
Fort Myers, Fla.
Florida Virtual School

2015-2016 Season

Overall Singles: 10-6
Tournament Singles: 9-5
Dual Singles: 1-1
SEC Singles: 0-0
Overall Doubles: 9-3
Tournament Doubles: 7-2
Dual Doubles: 2-1
SEC Doubles: 0-0

Career Records

Overall Singles: 19-16
Tournament Singles: 16-11
Dual Singles: 3-5
SEC Singles: 2-2
Overall Doubles: 24-15
Tournament Doubles: 15-6
Dual Doubles: 10-9
SEC Doubles: 3-6



Gordon Watson
5-11
Senior
Right-Handed
Naples, Fla.
First Baptist Academy

2015-2016 Season

Overall Singles: 6-6
Tournament Singles: 4-5
Dual Singles: 2-1
SEC Singles: 0-0
Overall Doubles: 14-4
Tournament Doubles: 11-2
Dual Doubles: 3-2
SEC Doubles: 0-0

Career Records

Overall Singles: 75-42
Tournament Singles: 39-20
Dual Singles: 36-22
SEC Singles: 10-11
Overall Doubles: 74-43
Tournament Doubles: 48-12
Dual Doubles: 36-31
SEC Doubles: 18-15

Florida Match Lineup/Clinchers

DOUBLES

SINGLES

DATE	OPPONENT	1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6
1/17	Troy (63)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	P-Blanco/Wardell	Hidalgo	Orkin	Perez	P-Blanco	Kessler	Lipman
1/17	Stetson	Orkin/Watson	Perez/Wardell	Belga/Kessler	Orkin	P-Blanco	Kessler	Lipman	Wardell	Belga
1/23	Texas (20)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	P-Blanco/Wardell	Hidalgo	Orkin	Perez	P-Blanco	Kessler	Belga
1/24	Texas Tech (21)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	P-Blanco/Wardell	Hidalgo	Orkin	Perez	P-Blanco	Kessler	Lipman
1/30	USC (8)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	P-Blanco/Wardell	Hidalgo	Orkin	Perez	P-Blanco	Watson	Belga
2/13	Furman	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	Perez/P-Blanco	Hidalgo	Orkin	P-Blanco	Perez	Watson	Kessler
2/21	Ohio State (6)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	P-Blanco/Wardell	Hidalgo	Orkin	P-Blanco	Perez	Watson	Kessler

2015-16 National Collegiate Tennis Rankings

Administered by the ITA

Team rankings released every week, beginning Jan. 5

Individual Singles & Doubles rankings released bi-weekly, beginning Feb. 10

<u>Date</u>	J5	J20	J27	F3	F17	F23
Team	24	21	20	22	23	41

<u>Date</u>	Fall	J5	F10	F23
Belga	--	--	--	--
Hidalgo	33	31	48	50
Lipman	60	--	--	--
Kessler	--	97	--	--
Orkin	86	49	21	22
Perez	--	91	54	77
Perez-Blanco	84	62	88	30
Wardell	--	--	--	124
Watson	108	--	--	--

Lipman/Orkin	12	40	54	32
Hidalgo/Watson	23	3	1	<u>1</u>

BOLDFACE = career-high ranking; UNDERLINE = season-high ranking