

FLORIDA

TENNIS



#16 Florida Gators (9-4/4-1)

@GatorsMTN

Last Match:

The Gators defeated No. 22 Ole Miss 6-1 on Sunday afternoon at the Ring Tennis Complex.

Match Day Facts

WHERE:

A.J. Pitts Tennis Centre

WHEN:

Friday, March 25 at 6 p.m. ET

SERIES RECORD:

Florida leads the all-time series, 34-18

LAST MEETING:

The Gators fell to the Bulldogs, 4-3 on April 17, 2015 in College Station, Texas.



#24 Mississippi State Bulldogs(12-4/4-2)

@HailStateMT

Last Match:

The Bulldogs defeated the LSU Tigers, 4-2 on Sunday in Baton Rouge, La.

Florida's 2015-16 Schedule and Results

Overall: 9-4 (Home 7-0, Away 2-2, Neutral 0-2)

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

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	41/35	FLORIDA STATE	W, 7-0
March			
Fri. 4	30/32	at LSU	W, 4-3
Sun. 6	30/8	at Texas A&M	L, 4-3
Fri. 11	25/64	AUBURN	W, 7-0
Fri. 18	24/13	ARKANSAS	W, 6-1
Sun. 20	24/22	OLE MISS	W, 6-1
Fri. 25	16/24	at Mississippi State	6:00 p.m.
Sun. 27	16/41	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	12:00 p.m.
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 Bulldogs

In the 2015 SEC Tournament quarterfinal match, the Gators were quick to grab the doubles point but unable to amass three singles wins as Elliott Orkin and Gordon Watson were the only Gators to win in singles.

Freshman Impressing Early

Gators freshman Alfredo Perez is currently on an eight match singles winning streak. Perez is the only freshman in the SEC with an undefeated singles record and a winning doubles record.

Thirteen Matches, Eight Lineups

The Gators have used eight different lineups in 13 matches this season. UF has compiled nine wins with four different Gators clinching the match victories.

Number One in Doubles

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

SEC Firsts

Gator freshmen Alfredo Perez and McClain Kessler have each secured their first SEC singles victories against LSU and Texas A&M. Perez is 5-0 in SEC singles and Kessler is 4-1.

*Southeastern Conference Match (1) ITA Kick-Off Weekend in Austin, Texas (2) Pac-12/SEC Challenge in Los Angeles, Calif.

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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	Havana, Cuba/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

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Asst. Coach: MARK MERKLEIN

Vol. Asst. Coach: SCOTT PERELMAN

Trainer: TONY MUNOZ

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Manager: PETER SLATON

Making Moves in the Rankings

Senior Diego Hidalgo moved up 29 slots in the recent ITA rankings and is into the Top-25, currently sitting at No. 21. Junior Elliott Orkin jumped 16 spots into the singles Top-35 rankings. Orkin was ranked 49 in the preseason rankings and is currently No. 33.

Florida vs. SEC Opponents

Since beginning SEC play in 1950, the Orange and Blue is 388-228-4 all-time against SEC opponents.

SEC Freshman of the Week

Alfredo Perez earned his first collegiate honor on March 2, garnering SEC Freshman of the Week.

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: 23-10
Tournament Singles: 14-7
Dual Singles: 9-3
SEC Singles: 4-1
Overall Doubles: 17-5
Tournament Doubles: 12-2
Dual Doubles: 6-3
SEC Doubles: 3-1

Career Records

Overall Singles: 56-29
Tournament Singles: 30-14
Dual Singles: 26-15
SEC Singles: 12-6
Overall Doubles: 53-22
Tournament Doubles: 25-5
Dual Doubles: 28-17
SEC Doubles: 12-9



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

2015-2016 Season

Overall Singles: 22-8
Tournament Singles: 14-5
Dual Singles: 8-3
SEC Singles: 4-1
Overall Doubles: 8-3
Tournament Doubles: 7-3
Dual Doubles: 1-0
SEC Doubles: 0-0

Career Records

Overall Singles: 22-8
Tournament Singles: 14-5
Dual Singles: 8-3
SEC Singles: 4-1
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: 12-7
Tournament Doubles: 5-5
Dual Doubles: 7-2
SEC Doubles: 2-0

Career Records

Overall Singles: 54-34
Tournament Singles: 31-18
Dual Singles: 23-16
SEC Singles: 11-7
Overall Doubles: 48-30
Tournament Doubles: 17-12
Dual Doubles: 31-18
SEC Doubles: 15-5



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

2015-2016 Season

Overall Singles: 23-8
Tournament Singles: 13-5
Dual Singles: 10-3
SEC Singles: 3-2
Overall Doubles: 12-8
Tournament Doubles: 5-5
Dual Doubles: 7-3
SEC Doubles: 2-0

Career Records

Overall Singles: 73-29
Tournament Singles: 40-14
Dual Singles: 33-15
SEC Singles: 17-7
Overall Doubles: 54-33
Tournament Doubles: 25-13
Dual Doubles: 29-20
SEC Doubles: 14-9



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

2015-2016 Season

Overall Singles: 26-6
Tournament Singles: 16-5
Dual Singles: 10-1
SEC Singles: 5-0
Overall Doubles: 11-3
Tournament Doubles: 5-2
Dual Doubles: 6-1
SEC Doubles: 3-1

Career Records

Overall Singles: 26-6
Tournament Singles: 16-5
Dual Singles: 10-1
SEC Singles: 5-0
Overall Doubles: 11-3
Tournament Doubles: 5-2
Dual Doubles: 6-1
SEC Doubles: 3-1



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

2015-2016 Season

Overall Singles: 23-8
Tournament Singles: 15-4
Dual Singles: 8-4
SEC Singles: 2-3
Overall Doubles: 11-1
Tournament Doubles: 5-1
Dual Doubles: 6-1
SEC Doubles: 3-0

Career Records

Overall Singles: 48-19
Tournament Singles: 26-11
Dual Singles: 22-7
SEC Singles: 10-4
Overall Doubles: 22-7
Tournament Doubles: 14-4
Dual Doubles: 8-3
SEC Doubles: 3-0



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

Career Records

Overall Singles: 19-15
Tournament Singles: 16-11
Dual Singles: 3-5
SEC Singles: 2-2
Overall Doubles: 24-16
Tournament Doubles: 15-6
Dual Doubles: 10-10
SEC Doubles: 3-7



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

2015-2016 Season

Overall Singles: 11-7
Tournament Singles: 4-5
Dual Singles: 7-2
SEC Singles: 4-1
Overall Doubles: 17-6
Tournament Doubles: 11-2
Dual Doubles: 6-4
SEC Doubles: 3-1

Career Records

Overall Singles: 81-43
Tournament Singles: 39-20
Dual Singles: 41-23
SEC Singles: 14-12
Overall Doubles: 77-45
Tournament Doubles: 48-12
Dual Doubles: 39-33
SEC Doubles: 21-16

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
2/27	Florida State (35)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	Perez/P-Blanco	Hidalgo	Orkin	P-Blanco	Perez	Watson	Kessler
3/4	LSU (32)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	Perez/Wardell	Hidalgo	Orkin	P-Blanco	Perez	Watson	Kessler
3/6	Texas A&M (8)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	Perez/P-Blanco	Hidalgo	Orkin	P-Blanco	Perez	Watson	Kessler
3/11	Auburn (64)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	Perez/P-Blanco	Hidalgo	Orkin	Perez	P-Blanco	Watson	Kessler
3/18	Arkansas (13)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	Perez/P-Blanco	Hidalgo	Orkin	Perez	P-Blanco	Watson	Kessler
3/20	Ole Miss (22)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	Perez/P-Blanco	Hidalgo	Orkin	Perez	P-Blanco	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

Date	J5	J20	J27	F3	F17	F23	M1	M8	M15	M22
Team	24	21	20	22	23	41	30	25	24	16

Date	Fall	J5	F10	F23	M8	M22
Belga	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hidalgo	33	31	48	50	21	24
Lipman	60	--	--	--	--	--
Kessler	--	97	--	--	--	--
Orkin	86	49	21	22	33	29
Perez	--	91	54	77	75	122
Perez-Blanco	84	62	88	30	51	71
Wardell	--	--	--	124	--	--
Watson	108	--	--	--	--	--
Lipman/Orkin	12	40	54	32	60	52
Hidalgo/Watson	23	3	1	<u>1</u>	2	1

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

ITA Team Rankings

1. North Carolina
2. Virginia*
3. TCU
4. Ohio State*
5. Oklahoma State
6. UCLA*
7. Texas A&M*
8. USC*
9. Texas Tech
10. Illinois
11. Georgia*
12. Northwestern
13. Wake Forest
14. Oklahoma
15. California
16. Florida
17. South Florida
18. Kentucky
19. Texas*
20. Florida State*
21. Arkansas*
22. Tulane
23. Michigan
24. Mississippi State
25. Penn State

*2015-16 Opponents

SEC Team Standings

Team	SEC	Overall
Georgia	4-0	10-3
Texas A&M	5-1	18-4
Florida	4-1	9-4
Arkansas	4-2	14-4
Miss. State	4-2	12-4
Kentucky	3-2	11-4
Alabama	3-3	12-8
Vanderbilt	2-2	11-8
Ole Miss	2-4	7-6
South Carolina	1-3	9-9
Auburn	1-4	9-7
LSU	1-5	8-8
Tennessee	0-5	6-9