

FLORIDA

TENNIS



#14 Florida Gators (12-6)

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Last Match:
Florida fell to No. 7 Georgia
on Friday night 5-2 at the
Dan Magill Tennis Complex.

Match Day Facts
WHERE:
Carolina Tennis Center

WHEN:
Sunday, April 10 at 12 p.m. ET

SERIES RECORD:
Georgia leads the all-time series, 26-6-1

LAST MEETING:
The Gators defeated the Gamecocks, 4-1
on Feb. 28, 2015.



South Carolina Gamecocks
(11-12/3-6)

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Last Match:
The Gamecocks defeated
Auburn 4-3 on Friday night.

Florida's 2015-16 Schedule and Results

Overall: 12-6 (Home 8-1, Away 4-3, Neutral 0-2)

SEC: 7-2 (Home 4-0, Away 3-2)

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	W, 4-3
Sun. 27	16/41	at Alabama	W, 5-2
April			
Fri. 1	11/43	VANDERBILT	W, 5-2
Wed. 6	14/3	VIRGINIA	L, 5-2
Fri. 8	14/7	at Georgia	L, 5-2
Sun. 10	14/62	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 Gamecocks

The Gators were quick to a 1-0 lead with the doubles point in 2015. Hidalgo and Lipman would grab the first singles wins and then Chase Perez-Blanco would clinch the match for UF.

Freshmen Impressing Early

The Gators have seen production from freshmen Perez and Kessler this season. Seven of the past nine matches Kessler has been one of the first three to complete his singles match. Perez is 12-4 in dual match singles play.

Top-3 In Doubles

In the recent Oracle ITA Rankings, the seniors Diego Hidalgo and Gordon Watson sit at No. 3 in the nation with two wins against No. 2 and No. 4 this week.

SEC Player of the Week

Junior Elliott Orkin garnered his first SEC Player of the Week Award on March 30 after a stellar weekend on the road at Mississippi State and Alabama

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 7-2 and Kessler is 6-2 in SEC singles.

*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

Head Coach: BRYAN SHELTON

Asst. Coach: MARK MERKLEIN

Vol. Asst. Coach: SCOTT PERELMAN

Trainer: TONY MUNOZ

Dir. of Tennis Operations: KATE HARTE

Manager: PETER SLATON

General Information

Location:Gainesville, Florida
 Est. Population:..... 124,491
 Founded:1853
 Enrollment:49,042
 Nickname: Gators
 Colors: Orange and Blue
 Conference: Southeastern (SEC)
 Facility:Alfred A. Ring Tennis Complex – Scott Linder Stadium (1,000)
 Charles R. & Nancy V. Perry Indoor Tennis Facility
 President:Dr. W. Kent Fuchs (Duke '77)
 Athletics Director: Jeremy Foley (Hobart '74)
 Assoc. AD - Oversees M-Tennis:.....Mike Hill (UNC)
 Office: 352-375-4683
 Faculty Representative:Dr. Michael Sagas (Utah '92)

Coaching Staff

Head Coach:Bryan Shelton (Georgia Tech, 1988)
Overall: 285-144 (17th year)
Florida Record: 58-36 (4th year)
 Associate Head Coach: Mark Merklein (Florida, 1994)
 Volunteer Assistant Coach: Scott Perelman
 Academic Advisor:Tom Williams
 Athletic Trainer:..... Tony Munoz
 Tennis Coordinator: Kate Harte (Endicott '07; UF '09)
 Manager:..... Peter Slaton
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2015-16 Roster Review

Letterwinners Returning / Lost from 2014:7 / 0
 Newcomers: 2
 Seniors/Juniors/Sophomores/Freshmen:2 / 2 / 3 / 2

2014-15 Season

Overall Season Record:..... 14-9
 SEC Record:.....8-4 (T-4th)
 NCAA Championships:0-1 (No. 6 Seed)
 SEC Tournament: 1-1 (No. 7 Seed, Quarterfinalists)
 SEC Honors (3) 3 Gators:..... First Team: Diego Hidalgo
 Second Team: Elliott Orkin
 All-Freshman: Chase Perez-Blanco

NCAA History

NCAA Appearances:..... 25
 91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15)
 NCAA Record: 43-25 (0-1 in 2015)
 NCAA Singles Champions:2 Gators with 2 titles
 Mark Merklein (1994)
 & Jeff Morrison (1999)
 NCAA Doubles Champions: 1 team with 1 title
 Mark Merklein & David Blair (1993)

Additional Program History

Overall Record:.....1,199-497-6
 All-Americans:..... 22 Gators with 46 honors
 SEC Championships:..... 8
 1961, 1968, 1969, 1975, 1994, 2000, 2003, 2005
 SEC Tournament Titles: 4
 1994, 2000, 2005, 2011
 SEC Tournament Record: 32-19

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Win Number 75

With his defeat of Alabama's Korey Lovett on March 27 in Tuscaloosa, Elliott Orkin recorded his 75th singles win.

Win Number 50

Chase Perez-Blanco defeated Vanderbilt's Baker Newman on April 1 to reach 50 career singles victories.

SEC Freshman of the Week: Twice!

Alfredo Perez earned his first collegiate honor on March 2, garnering SEC Freshman of the Week and then won the award again on March 23.

Making Moves in the Rankings

Senior Diego Hidalgo moved up 33 slots this season in the ITA rankings and is into the Top-25, currently sitting at No. 17. 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.

No. 50

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

Sixteen Matches, Eight Lineups

The Gators have used eight different lineups in 16 matches this season. UF has compiled twelve wins with five different Gators clinching the match victories.

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: 27-11
Tournament Singles: 14-7
Dual Singles: 13-4
SEC Singles: 7-2
Overall Doubles: 20-7
Tournament Doubles: 12-2
Dual Doubles: 9-5
SEC Doubles: 5-3

Career Records

Overall Singles: 60-30
Tournament Singles: 30-14
Dual Singles: 30-16
SEC Singles: 15-7
Overall Doubles: 56-24
Tournament Doubles: 25-5
Dual Doubles: 31-19
SEC Doubles: 14-11



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

2015-2016 Season

Overall Singles: 24-10
Tournament Singles: 14-5
Dual Singles: 10-5
SEC Singles: 6-2
Overall Doubles: 8-3
Tournament Doubles: 7-3
Dual Doubles: 1-0
SEC Doubles: 0-0

Career Records

Overall Singles: 24-10
Tournament Singles: 14-5
Dual Singles: 10-5
SEC Singles: 6-2
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: 15-9
Tournament Doubles: 5-5
Dual Doubles: 10-4
SEC Doubles: 5-1

Career Records

Overall Singles: 54-34
Tournament Singles: 31-18
Dual Singles: 23-16
SEC Singles: 11-7
Overall Doubles: 51-32
Tournament Doubles: 17-12
Dual Doubles: 34-20
SEC Doubles: 18-6



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

2015-2016 Season

Overall Singles: 25-11
Tournament Singles: 13-5
Dual Singles: 12-6
SEC Singles: 5-4
Overall Doubles: 15-10
Tournament Doubles: 5-5
Dual Doubles: 10-5
SEC Doubles: 5-1

Career Records

Overall Singles: 75-32
Tournament Singles: 40-14
Dual Singles: 35-18
SEC Singles: 19-9
Overall Doubles: 57-35
Tournament Doubles: 25-13
Dual Doubles: 32-22
SEC Doubles: 17-10



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

2015-2016 Season

Overall Singles: 28-9
Tournament Singles: 16-5
Dual Singles: 12-4
SEC Singles: 7-2
Overall Doubles: 13-5
Tournament Doubles: 5-2
Dual Doubles: 8-3
SEC Doubles: 4-3

Career Records

Overall Singles: 28-9
Tournament Singles: 16-5
Dual Singles: 12-4
SEC Singles: 7-2
Overall Doubles: 13-5
Tournament Doubles: 5-2
Dual Doubles: 8-3
SEC Doubles: 4-3



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

2015-2016 Season

Overall Singles: 25-11
Tournament Singles: 15-4
Dual Singles: 10-7
SEC Singles: 4-5
Overall Doubles: 13-3
Tournament Doubles: 5-1
Dual Doubles: 8-3
SEC Doubles: 4-2

Career Records

Overall Singles: 50-22
Tournament Singles: 26-11
Dual Singles: 24-10
SEC Singles: 12-6
Overall Doubles: 24-9
Tournament Doubles: 14-4
Dual Doubles: 10-5
SEC Doubles: 4-2



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

2015-2016 Season

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

Career Records

Overall Singles: 19-16
Tournament Singles: 16-11
Dual Singles: 3-6
SEC Singles: 2-3
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: 14-9
Tournament Singles: 4-5
Dual Singles: 10-4
SEC Singles: 7-2
Overall Doubles: 20-8
Tournament Doubles: 11-2
Dual Doubles: 9-6
SEC Doubles: 5-3

Career Records

Overall Singles: 84-45
Tournament Singles: 39-20
Dual Singles: 44-25
SEC Singles: 17-12
Overall Doubles: 80-47
Tournament Doubles: 48-12
Dual Doubles: 42-35
SEC Doubles: 23-18

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
3/25	Mississippi State (24)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	Perez/P-Blanco	Hidalgo	Orkin	Perez	P-Blanco	Watson	Kessler
3/27	Alabama (41)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	Perez/P-Blanco	Hidalgo	Orkin	Perez	P-Blanco	Watson	Kessler
4/1	Vanderbilt (43)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	Perez/P-Blanco	Hidalgo	Orkin	Perez	P-Blanco	Watson	Kessler
4/6	Virginia (3)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	Perez/P-Blanco	Hidalgo	Orkin	Perez	P-Blanco	Watson	Kessler
4/8	Georgia (7)	Hidalgo/Watson	Lipman/Orkin	Perez/P-Blanco	Hidalgo	Perez	Orkin	Watson	P-Blanco	Wardell

ITA Team Rankings

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

*2015-16 Opponents

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	M29	A5
Team	24	21	20	22	23	41	30	25	24	16	11	14
Date	Fall	J5	F10	F23	M8	M22	A5					
Belga	--	--	--	--	--	--	--					
Hidalgo	33	31	48	50	21	24	17					
Lipman	60	--	--	--	--	--	--					
Kessler	--	97	--	--	--	--	--					
Orkin	86	49	21	22	33	29	33					
Perez	--	91	54	77	75	122	109					
Perez-Blanco	84	62	88	30	51	71	84					
Wardell	--	--	--	124	--	--	--					
Watson	108	--	--	--	--	--	--					
Lipman/Orkin	12	40	54	32	60	52	58					
Hidalgo/Watson	23	3	1	1	2	1	3					

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