



# GEORGIA TENNIS

## 2018-19 SEASON RECAP

### GEORGIA NOTEBOOK

#### **Bulldogs Make 41st NCAA Appearance**

» The Bulldogs made their 36th-straight and 41st overall NCAA tournament appearance in 2019 - a total that ranks second nationally behind UCLA's 44 consecutive NCAA trips.

Georgia has a long and impressive history in the NCAA tournament. The Bulldogs have won six NCAA National Championships (1985, 1987, 1999, 2001, 2007 and 2008), while a Bulldog has won the NCAA Singles Championship four times (Mikael Pernfors in 1984 and 1985; Matias Boeker in 2001 and 2002). The Bulldogs have claimed the doubles title on three occasions - Ola Malmqvist and Allen Miller in 1983, Boeker and Travis Parrott, and John Isner and Antonio Ruiz in 2005.

#### **Diaz Reaches 700 Wins**

» Bulldog head coach Manuel Diaz reached the 700-win mark for his coaching career during Georgia's NCAA first-round win against Elon in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Diaz trails only the legendary Dan Magill, who totaled a SEC-record 706 career victories.

Under Diaz, the Bulldogs have won 28 SEC titles (18 regular season and 10 tournament) in his 31 years at the helm. He has also reached the NCAA quarterfinals or better in 25 of those 31 seasons and made the NCAA semifinals round on 18 occasions.

The three-time National Coach of the Year has also won six national titles, while his teams have finished ranked in the final ITA top-5 a total of 20 times and in the top-10 26 times.

#### **Trio of Bulldogs Earn All-SEC Honors**

» Three Georgia men's tennis players — Emil Reinberg, Jan Zielinski and Philip Henning — were recognized by league coaches in the annual All-Southeastern Conference postseason awards.

Reinberg and Zielinski earned first-team All-SEC honors, while Henning placed on the conference's All-Freshman Team.

Zielinski garnered All-SEC accolades in each of the past three seasons. It marks the second time in four years Reinberg has made the All-SEC squad.

#### **Playing the Best**

» The Bulldogs played three of the top-5 and six of the top-12 teams in the latest ITA rankings. Eight of Georgia's 11 losses during the 2018-19 season came against teams ranked 12th or higher.

#### **Fabulous Freshmen**

» A trio of freshmen — Trent Bryde, Blake Croyder and Philip Henning — each saw time in the lineup and made an impact for the Bulldogs this season.

Croyder finished the year on an eight-match winstreak and was 19-11 overall in singles play. He went 2-0 during the NCAA tournament, with wins against Elon's Taylor Foote and North Carolina's Simon Soendergaard.

Bryde quickly moved up the lineup this season, totaling six wins at the No. 3 singles court. He also teamed with Henning to go 8-4 in doubles.

Speaking of Henning ... the South Africa native placed on the SEC All-Freshman Team after earning the league's Freshman of the Week honor twice over the course of the spring season. Henning saw time at courts 3 through 6 in singles and finished with a 13-7 mark in dual-match play.

#### **Georgia Adds to Top-5 Signing Class**

» Georgia added four talented prospects to its 2019 class. Brazilian native Mateo Reyes became the fourth top-100 junior to sign with the Bulldogs, doing so this past April. Reyes will join Baptiste Anselmo (Aix-en-Provence, France), Erik Grevelius (Stockholm, Sweden) and Tyler Zink (Bradenton, Florida) as incoming freshmen, starting with the 2019 fall semester.

Before Reyes' signing, Georgia's class was already ranked fourth nationally according to tennisrecruiting.net.

### 2018-19 RESULTS (14-11, 7-5 SEC)

Date	Opponent
Jan. 25	L, 4-2 #11 Baylor #
Jan. 26	L, 4-3 NC State #
<b>Feb. 3</b>	<b>W, 4-0 Georgia Tech</b>
Feb. 10	L, 4-0 #2 Ohio State
<b>Feb. 14</b>	<b>W, 7-0 Presbyterian College</b>
<b>Feb. 25</b>	<b>W, 5-2 #45 FAU</b>
<b>Feb. 26</b>	<b>W, 6-1 Mercer</b>
March 1	W, 4-2 #15 Tennessee*
<b>March 3</b>	<b>L, 4-2 #3 Texas</b>
March 7	L, 4-3 #28 Texas A&M*
<b>March 9</b>	<b>W, 5-2 #24 LSU*</b>
<b>March 15</b>	<b>L, 5-2 #8 Florida*</b>
<b>March 17</b>	<b>W, 5-2 #24 South Carolina*</b>
March 22	L, 4-3 #33 Ole Miss*
March 24	L, 4-3 #8 Mississippi State*
<b>March 29</b>	<b>W, 4-1 #20 Alabama*</b>
<b>March 31</b>	<b>W, 4-1 Auburn*</b>
<b>March 31</b>	<b>W, 6-0 Kennesaw State</b>
<b>April 7</b>	<b>W, 6-1 #44 Arkansas*</b>
April 12	L, 5-2 #43 Kentucky*
April 14	W, 4-1 #30 Vanderbilt*
April 18	W, 4-0 #48 Arkansas^
April 19	L, 4-0 #13 Tennessee^
May 4	W, 4-0 vs. Elon \$
May 5	L, 4-2 vs. North Carolina\$

#ITA Kick-off

\*SEC match

^SEC Tournament (Gainesville, Fla.)

\$ NCAA tournament (Chapel Hill, N.C.)

#### Home matches in Bold



The 2019 Georgia Bulldogs pose for a picture following head coach Manuel Diaz's 700th win.

