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No. 70 Georgia State (0-0) vs. No. 72 Syracuse (0-2)
January 17 - 1:00 p.m.
Blackburn Tennis Center - Atlanta, Ga.

2013 Women's Tennis Schedule (0-0)

Jan. 19	#72 SYRACUSE	1:00 PM
Jan. 27	vs. #40 Oklahoma State	TBA
Jan. 28	vs. #6 Georgia/#73 Columbia	TBA
Feb. 2	ILLINOIS	10:00 AM
Feb. 3	WAKE FOREST	10:00 AM
Feb. 9	at #69 Auburn	2:00 PM
Feb. 16	vs. UCF	Noon
Feb. 17	at Florida State	1:00 PM
Feb. 21	at #20 Georgia Tech	2:30 PM
Feb. 23	EASTERN KENTUCKY	9:00 AM
Mar. 1	KENNESAW STATE	2:00 PM
Mar. 3	#55 TULANE	9:00 AM
Mar. 9	at Winthrop	10:00 AM
Mar. 17	at #43 USF	10:00 AM
Mar. 19	vs. #22 Clemson	2:00 PM
Mar. 29	at Louisville	3:00 PM
Mar. 30	vs. #53 North Texas*	Noon
Apr. 5	at William & Mary	3:00 PM
Apr. 6	at #46 VCU	9:00 AM
Apr. 18	Sun Belt Conference Championships	
May 16	NCAA Women's Tennis Championship	

GSU OPENS WITH NATIONALLY-RANKED SHOWDOWN

The No. 70-ranked Georgia State women's tennis team opens its 2013 spring season with a challenging match against No. 72 Syracuse today at the Blackburn Tennis Center.

Georgia State, led by sixth-year head coach **Miha Lisac**, enters the season ranked (#70) in the ITA National Team rankings for the second-consecutive season. It is also the first season in school history the team enters the year with a nationally-ranked singles player and doubles pair while being ranked as a team as well.

The Panthers are led this season by **Abigail Tere-Apisah**. She enters the year ranked No. 29 in singles after earning All-American status last season. The junior from Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea is coming off a successful fall against elite competition. She earned victories at the prestigious Riviera/ITA All-American Tournament, ITA Southeast Regional and the USTA/ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships. In total, Tere-Apisah earned five victories against nationally-ranked opponents in the fall.



Senior **Whitney Byrd** and sophomore **Masa Grgan** will anchor the rest of the top half of the Panthers' singles lineup. Both are experienced winners that notched double-digit singles victories last season. Newcomers **Linn Timmermann** and **Jocelyn Ffriend** are expected to join sophomore **Chaimaa Roudami** to provide important depth to the singles lineup.

GSU leads its doubles lineup with the No. 19-ranked tandem of Tere-Apisah and Grgan. The two advanced to the finals at the ITA Southeast Regional, defeating two nationally-ranked duos in the process. Senior **Maryna Kozachenko** will step in as an important doubles player as the Panthers look to find consistency in their No. 2 and No. 3 pairings.

Syracuse enters the match ranked No. 72 in the nation. The Orange (0-2) have battled a tough schedule to start the season with a 6-1 loss at No. 43 USF in the season opener and a narrow 4-3 loss at No. 20 Georgia Tech on Thursday. The meeting will be the first for Georgia State and Syracuse in a dual-match setting.

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Georgia State Panthers Roster/Coaching Staff



WHITNEY BYRD
Senior
Atlanta, Ga.
Auburn Montgomery



PHOEBE CHIEM
Sophomore
Duluth Ga.
CUNY-Queens College



JOCELYN FFFRIEND
Graduate Student
New Rochelle, N.Y.
University of North Carolina



MASA GRGAN
Sophomore
Maribor, Slovenia
Il Gimnazija Maribor



MARYNA KOZACHENKO
Senior
Kiev, Ukraine
Kiev International School



MEGAN NELMS
Sophomore
Lilburn, Ga.
Parkview High School



CHAIMAA ROUDAMI
Freshman
Casablanca, Morocco
Groupe Scolaire d'Anfa



ABIGAIL TERE-APISAH
Sophomore
Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
Albury High School



LINN TIMMERMANN
Freshman
Rostock, Germany
Saddlebrook Prep School



MIHA LISAC
Head Coach (Sixth Year)
Velenje, Slovenia
Georgia State ('05)



ROBIN STEPHENSON
Assistant Coach (First Year)
Kitchener, Ontario
Alabama ('06)



CLARENCE BOYD
Volunteer Asst. Coach (Second Year)
Southfield, Mich.
Georgia State ('07)

Syracuse Orange Roster/Coaching Staff

Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
Alex Aiello	5-9	Fr.	Jupiter, Fla./Laurel Springs HS
Breanna Bachini	5-6	So.	Sacramento, Calif./Horizon Charter
Sophia Dzulynsky	5-9	Fr.	Mirimar, Fla.
Maddie Kobelt	5-8	Jr.	New Albany, Ohio/New Albany
Brittany Lashway	5-9	Fr.	Bradenton, Fla./Manatee Virtual HS
Aleah Marrow	5-6	Jr.	Durham, N.C.
Amanda Rodgers	5-11	So.	Bradenton, Fla./Saddlebrook Prep
Komal Safdar	5-6	So.	Mason, Ohio/Ursuline Academy
Jimena Wu	5-5	So.	Lima, Peru

Head Coach: Luke Jensen

Assistant Coach: Shelley George

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Len Lopoo