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No. 62 Georgia State (2-1) vs. No. 31 Illinois (2-4) / Wake Forest (1-1)
Feb. 2 - 11 a.m. / Feb. 3 - 10 a.m.
Blackburn Tennis Center - Atlanta, Ga.

2013 Women's Tennis Schedule (2-1)

Jan. 19	#72 SYRACUSE	W, 5-2
Jan. 27	vs. #40 Oklahoma State	W, 4-3
Jan. 28	vs. #6 Georgia/#73 Columbia	L, 0-7
Feb. 2	#31 ILLINOIS	11:00 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 IN THE RANKINGS

No. 62-ranked Georgia State enters Saturday's match looking for its sixth win in the last two seasons against a nationally-ranked opponent. GSU junior **Abigail Tere-Apisah** is ranked No. 29 in the ITA National Singles rankings. It is her 16th-straight week being in the national rankings dating back to when she was first ranked No. 58 in the country on Feb. 26 last year. She joins sophomore **Masa Grgan** as GSU's lone nationally-ranked doubles pair (#19) in this year's rankings.

YOU'VE GOT A FFRIEND IN ME

A newcomer to the team, as a graduate student, **Jocelyn Ffriend** made every Georgia State women's tennis fan a friend of her when she came through in the clutch last weekend. The native of New Rochelle, N.Y., cruised to a 6-4, 6-1, win at No. 6 singles to clinch GSU's 4-3 win over No. 40-ranked Oklahoma State at the ITA Kick-Off Weekend. Ffriend, a transfer from North Carolina, is a perfect 2-0 this season in the No. 6 slot.



Jocelyn Ffriend

SCOUTING ILLINOIS

The No. 31 Fighting Illini are GSU's highest-ranked opponent since last year at No. 13 Georgia Tech. It's the second match between Georgia State and Illinois women's tennis all-time dating back to an 8-1 victory by the Illini on March 21, 1990. Illinois is coming off back-to-back losses at the ITA Kick-Off Weekend to No. 25 Vanderbilt (4-1) and No. 19 Ole Miss (4-0). Illinois features two nationally-ranked singles players in No. 106 **Melissa Kopinski** and No. 59 **Allison Falkin**. Kopinski played in the No. 1 position with Falkin at No. 2 in the ITA Kick-Off Weekend. Kopinski pairs with senior **Rachael White** to form the No. 11-ranked doubles pair in the nation at the No. 1 position.

SCOUTING WAKE FOREST

Wake Forest is coming off a 7-0 win vs. Richmond and a narrow 4-3 loss at Elon on Saturday. The Demon Deacons boast one nationally-ranked singles player in No. 125-ranked **Andrea Retolaza Andrade** who plays at the No. 4 position.

TENNIS TWEETS

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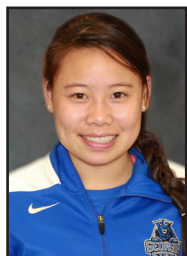
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Georgia State Panthers Roster/Coaching Staff



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
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Lilburn, Ga.
Parkview High School



CHAIMAA ROUDAMI
Sophomore
Casablanca, Morocco
Groupe Scolaire d'Anfa



ABIGAIL TERE-APISAH
Junior
Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
Albany 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)

#31 Illinois Fighting Illini

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Emily Barretta	Fr.	Winnetka, Ill./New Trier
Allison Falkin	Jr.	Roswell, Ga./Centennial HS
Julia Jamieson	So.	Wilmette, Ill./Loyola Academy
Misia Kedzierski	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo./St. Joseph's
Melissa Kopinski	So.	Palos Hills, Ill./Amos Alonzo Stagg
Audrey O'Connor	Fr.	Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South
Breanne Smutko	Sr.	Alpharetta, Ga./Northview
Rachael White	Sr.	Valrico, Fla./Deerfield

Head Coach: Michelle Dasso (7th Year/Notre Dame, '07)

Assistant Coach: Mark Denefeld

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Meaghan Naas

Wake Forest Demon Deacons

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Brigita Bercyte	Jr.	Brooklyn, N.Y. (Laurel Springs)
Karen Forman	So.	Del Mar, Calif. (Torrey Pines)
Kasey Gardiner	Fr.	Novi, Mich. (Greenhills School)
Andrea Retolaza	Fr.	Vigo, Spain (Emilio Sanchez)
Catherine Roach	Sr.	Columbia, S.C. (Heathwood Hall)
Rebecca Siegler	So.	Boca Raton, Fla. (St. Andrew's)
Kathryn Talbert	Sr.	Mooreville, N.C. (Lake Norman)
Xue Zhang	Fr.	Weifang, China (Plant/Fla.)

Head Coach: Jeff Wysher (2nd Year/Yale, '92)

Assistant Coach: Mark Roland