

# M E N ' S T E N N I S

# SOUTH CAROLINA

## TODAY'S MATCHES

**South Carolina (0-0) vs. Presbyterian (0-1) and Winthrop (0-0)**  
 January 16, 2015 • 10 a.m. / 4 p.m. • USC Field House

### 2016 SPRING SEASON UNDERWAY

South Carolina begins its 2016 spring campaign ranked No. 50 in the nation, looking to bounce back from a 2015 season that saw the Gamecocks get off to a hot start before losing key components to injury and finish 15-15. Head coach Josh Goffi is in his sixth season leading the Garnet and Black and turns to a talented young nucleus, led by Penn State transfer Alex Fennell and sophomores Harrison O'Keefe and Gabriel Friedrich, to guide a squad that is without a senior.

O'Keefe is the Gamecocks' highest ranked singles player (No. 65), followed by Fennell (No. 116). The duo combined for a 24-7 record in the fall, as Fennell won the title at the Bulldog Scramble.

Sophomore Thomas Mayronne bounced back from a tough freshman campaign to post 13 fall wins, pushing for a spot in the lineup and the rest of the team as a result. Junior Andrew Schafer returns after leading the team in SEC wins last season with six.

A challenging lineup awaits the Gamecocks, who are scheduled to play 17 matches against NCAA tournament teams from a year ago.



### PLAYER TO WATCH: Alex Fennell

- Junior from Bala Cynwyd, Pa.
- Played his first two seasons at Penn State, posting a 16-10 singles record as a freshman before winning 13 singles matches in 2015
- Went 11-3 this fall in the Garnet and Black, winning the Bulldog Scramble Title after going 4-0.
- Rated a five-star recruit out of high school by tennisrecruiting.net

### SCOUTING REPORT: Presbyterian / Winthrop

Presbyterian dropped their opener to Georgia Tech, 6-1, but bring a roster with six upperclassmen, led by first-year head coach Patrick Fediuk, who took over at the semester break. Presbyterian is looking to improve on last season's 20-9 record that included a 4-4 mark in Big South play and a runner up finish in the conference championship. Senior Danny Bruce headlines the returners. The team captain went 16-7 in singles to move himself into fourth on the school's career wins list with 42. Juniors Diego Manzanos and Ben Kelley each won at least 15 matches last season for the Blue Hose.

Jon Collins steps in as new head coach at Winthrop, a program coming off back-to-back Big South Tournament Titles and a 15-9 season from a year ago. The Eagles made their second-straight NCAA Tournament appearance in 2015, falling to Georgia in the first round, 4-0. A trio of seniors leads the way with Michael Chen (13-10) and Steven Patrick (9-14) hoping to take the next step to help the Eagles to a third-straight conference title. Behind the seniors, a combined six freshmen and sophomores fill out the roster. Sophomore Ruben Franzanti showed flashes as a freshman in 2015 on his way to an 8-10 record.

## 2016 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Sat., Jan. 16	Presbyterian Furman	10 a.m. 4 p.m.	Fri., Feb. 19	at USF	2 p.m.	Fri., Apr. 8	Auburn*	TBA
			Sat., Feb. 20	vs. San Diego	TBA	Sun., Apr. 10	Florida*	TBA
<i>ITA Kickoff Weekend (Columbus, Ohio)</i>			Fri., Feb. 27	at Clemson	11 a.m.	Fri., Apr. 15	at Ole Miss*	6 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 23	vs. Denver	4 p.m.	Fri., Mar. 4	Alabama*	TBA	Su., Apr. 17	at Arkansas*	2 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 24	Ohio St. / Wichita St.	10a/1p	Sun., Mar. 6	Mississippi State*	TBA			
Sat., Jan. 30	Georgia Tech The Citadel	TBA TBA	Thu., Mar. 10	at Vanderbilt*	6 p.m.	Apr. 20-24	SEC Tournament Columbia, S.C.	
Fri., Feb. 5	at Wake Forest	5 p.m.	Sat., Mar. 19	Georgia*	TBA	May 6-8	NCAA 1st and 2nd Rounds	
Sun., Feb. 7	vs. Bryant	9 s.m.	Fri., Mar. 25	at Kentucky*	3 p.m.	May 19-30	NCAA Championships	
	at NC State	12:30 p.m.	Sun., Mar. 27	Tennessee*	TBA			
			Fri., Apr. 1	at LSU*	6:30 p.m.			
			Sun., Apr. 3	at Texas A&M*	1 p.m.			

*\*Indicates Southeastern Conference match*

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## SOUTH CAROLINA (0-0)



Name	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
Wood Benton	RS Fr.	6-1	160	Spartanburg, S.C./Dorman
Yancy Dennis	Fr.	5-11	182	Reisterstown, Md./National Online
Alex Fennell	Jr.	6-1	185	Bala Cynwyd, Pa./Lower Merion (Penn State)
Gabriel Friedrich	RS So.	5-10	190	Porte Alegre, Brazil
Thomas Mayronne	RS So.	6-0	173	Monroe, Louisiana/National Connections Academy
Harrison O'Keefe	RS So.	6-4	175	Salem, Va./Laurel Springs
Andrew Schafer	Jr.	6-1	167	Hilton Head Island, S.C./Hilton Head Prep
Sam Swank	Jr.	6-3	180	Bedford, N.Y./Fox Lane

**Head Coach:** Josh Goffi

**Assistant Coach:** Ryan Young

## PRESBYTERIAN (0-1)



Name	Class	Ht.	Hometown/Previous School
Will Baird	So.	6-0	Raleigh, N.C./K12 International
Alejandro Bejar	So.	5-7	Madrid, Spain
P.H. Broyhill	Sr.	6-1	Hickory, N.C./Christ School (App. State)
Danny Bruce	Sr.	6-1	Marietta, Ga./Walton
Ben Kelley	Jr.	5-11	Weaverville, N.C./Homeschooled
Alexander Lykou	So.	6-3	Aarhus, Denmark
Diego Manzanos	Jr.	5-10	Madrid, Spain/IES Principe Felipe
Brandon Mills	So.	6-0	Lilburn, Ga./Brookwood
Joel Roberts	Jr.	5-10	Summerville, S.C./Pinewood Prep
Steven Weaver	Sr.	5-10	Charleston, S.C./Bishop England

**Head Coach:** Patrick Dediuk

## WINTHROP (0-0)



Name	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
Michael Chen	Fr.	6-4	156	Johnson City, Tn./Science Hill
Ruben Franzanti	Sr.	6-4	170	Antibes, France
Aditya Gokhale	Jr.	5-11	158	Pune India./Brihan Maharashtra College of Commerce
Asdrubal Marciano	Fr.	5-9	168	Bonaire, Netherlands
Tremayne Mitchell	So.	6-0	165	Johannesburg, South Africa/Wits University
J.D. O'Brien	Jr.	5-9	160	Hilton Head, S.C./Hilton Head Prep
Steven Patrick	Fr.	5-10	170	Knoxville, Tn./West
Diego Quiroz	Fr.	6-1	189	Guayaquil, Ecuador/Colegio Internacional Pert
Joshua Ryan	Fr.	5-11	149	Gold Coast, QLD, Australia
Ruy Teixeira	So.	6-5	184	Sao Paulo, Brazil/Objetivo

**Head Coach:** John Collins

**Graduate Assistant Coach:** Ed Jones