

PENN STATE WOMEN'S TENNIS 2023 MEDIA GUIDE







2023 Nittany Lion Women's Tennis Schedule

JANUARY

Sat.	14	Xavier	12:00 p.m.
Sun.	15	Old Dominion	11:00 a.m.
Sun.	22	at Princeton	10:00 a.m.
Sat.	28	vs. Harvard	10:00 a.m.
Sun.	29	at LSU	12:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Sun.	26	Duquesne	4:00 p.m.
Sun.	26	James Madison	10:00 a.m.
Sun.	19	at Illinois*	1:00 p.m.
Fri.	17	at Notre Dame	3:30 p.m.
Sat.	11	Saint Francis	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	11	Kentucky	10:00 a.m.
Sun.	5	at West Virginia	12:00 p.m.
Sat.	4	at Marshall	12:00 p.m.

MARCH

Sat.	4	at Ohio State*	12:00 p.m.
Wed.	8	at UCF	5:00 p.m.
Sun.	12	at Charlotte	1:00 p.m.
Fri.	17	Minnesota*	4:00 p.m.
Sun.	19	Wisconsin*	11:00 p.m.
Sun.	26	Indiana*	11:00 a.m.

APRIL

Fri.	7	Iowa*	4:00 p.m.
Sun.	9	Nebraska*	11:00 a.m.
Sat.	15	at Michigan*	12:00 p.m.
Sun.	16	at Michigan State*	TBD
Sat.	22	at Maryland*	12:00 p.m.
Sun.	23	at Rutgers*	12:00 p.m.

Thurs.-Sun. 26-30 Big Ten Tournament West Lafatette, Ind.

MAY

Wed.-Sat. 17-27 NCAA Tournament TBD

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*Big Ten Conference opponent **Home matches in BOLD**

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ROSTER AND MEDIA INFORMATION



2022-23 Nittany Lion Women's Tennis Roster

Name	Year	Hometown/Previous College
Danielle Alamo	Jr.	Tampa, Fla.
Sofiya Chekhlystova	Jr.	Tallinn, Estonia
Olivia Dorner	Fr.	Williamsport, Pa.
Karly Friedland	Jr.	Hollywood, Fla.
Ioana Gheorghita	Gr.	Ploiesti, Romania
Carla Girbau	Gr.	Barcelona, Spain
Deanna Lasorda	So.	Downingtown, Pa.
Alina Lebedeva	Jr.	Moscow, Russia
Alexandra Nielsen	Fr.	Vancouver, BC, Canada
Yvonna Zuffova	So.	Banskà Bystrica, Slovakia

HEAD COACH: Alexandra Anghelescu (Georgia Tech, 2014), fourth season ASSISTANT COACH: Ronit Parker (Michigan, 2016), fourth season

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2022-23 WOMEN'S TENNIS QUICK FACTS

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University Park, Pa48,197Nittany Lions Blue and White	2021-22 Record
Parker (Michigan, 2016)	
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2021-22 Record	11-13
2021-22 Big Ten	5-6
2022 NCAA Qualifiers	0
202 NCAA Qualifiers	0
Letter winners Returning/Lost	7/4
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HEAD COACH ALEXANDRA ANGHELESCU



Penn State Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics Sandy Barbour selected Alexandra Anghelescu (On-guhl-S-coo) as the 11th head coach of the women's tennis program, as announced on July 1, 2019. A former professional on the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) Tour, Anghelescu spent the 2018-19 season as an assistant coach with the Nittany Lions.

In her first season as head coach of the Nittany Lions, Anghelescu lead the team to a 5-5 record prior to an upbrupt ending due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Penn State finished with a record of .500 or over for the second consecutive season, a mark that the Nittany Lions have not achieved since the 2011-12 and 2012-13 seasons. Anghelescu will look to build on this mark in her first fiull season at the helm.

Anghelescu helped lead the Nittany Lions to 11 wins during the 2019 spring season, the team's most dual-match victories since 2015. The Nittany Lions reached a team ranking of No. 49 in spring 2019, their first top-50 ranking since the 2016 season. Penn State also knocked off then-No. 48 VCU for its first win over a ranked opponent since 2015.

Anghelescu has also helped develop stronger spring and fall schedules during her time in Happy Valley under former coach Chris Cagle, in addition to working with the budget, structuring practice, and as a liaison with the Morgan Academic Center.

Prior to matriculating to Penn State, Anghelescu played and coached at two Atlantic Coast Conference institutions.

Anghelescu served as a volunteer assistant coach at North Carolina during the 2017-18 season. She helped the Tar Heels win the ITA National Indoor Championship, the 2018 ACC Tournament and earn the nation's No. 1 ranking for 10 consecutive weeks. North Carolina finished the 2017-18 season with five All-Americans, had five players take part in the NCAA Individual Championships and had a doubles squad advance to the NCAA semifinals.

Prior to joining the Tar Heels' staff, Anghelescu served as a certified Tennis Professional working with junior players of all levels at Life Time Fitness in Alpharetta, Georgia, in addition to serving as a 2018 USTA National Spring Team Championships

Coach. She also worked with the USTA Southern Section High Performance Camp as a Selected Coach.



Anghelescu spent her collegiate playing days at Georgia and Georgia Tech. She achieved an ITA top 10 ranking in doubles at Georgia Tech, helping the Yellow Jackets to a consistent top 15 national ranking and round of 16 appearances at the ITA National Indoor Championships and the NCAA Championships.

A native of John's Creek, Georgia, Anghelescu reached a high ranking of No. 935 as a professional on the WTA Tour in singles action and No. 957 in WTA doubles. Her top win in juniors was a victory over 2017 U.S. Open Champion Sloane Stephens.

Anghelescu graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration from Georgia Tech in 2014.

PENN STATE'S ALL-TIM	E COACHING R	PECORDS
Coach	Years	Record
Ann Valentine	1965	2-2
Pat Semi	1966-68	11-3
Joan Nessler	1969-77	48-19
Candy Royer	1977-81	44-16
Kim Muller	1981-82	8-9
Jan Bortner	1982-90	125-45
Sue Whiteside	1990-99	73-104
Buffy Baker	1999-07	60-91
Dawna Denny Wine	2007-13	50-87
Chris Cagle	2013-19	51-83
Alexandra Anghelescu	2019-pres.	26-26



Ronit Parker joined Penn State for her first season in 2019-20, serving as assitant coach for an experienced Nittany Lion unit that finished with a 5-5 record. A former professional on the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) Tour, Parker brings experience as both a championship-winning player and coach in the Big Ten.

Parker spent the 2018-19 season on staff with the Michigan women's tennis team. Yurovsky helped guide the Wolverines to a sweep of the Big Ten championship and Big Ten Tournament title, as well as a trip to the NCAA Super Regionals. A former Michigan student-athlete herself, Parker aided the Wolverine coaching staff in conducting team practices, on-court workouts, and individual skill-specific instruction.

Parker earned All-America laurels and four All-Big Ten honors as a player at Michigan from 2012-16, leading the Wolverines to three Big Ten championships during her time in the Maize and Blue. She graduated third in singles wins (117) with an all-time winning percentage of .755. She was one of two Wolverines in program history to make four NCAA Singles Championship appearances and ended each of her four seasons ranked in the top 50.

Parker earned All-Big Ten honors in all four seasons and was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 2013. She also picked up ITA Midwest Region Rookie of the Year honors in 2013 and capped her career being named the 2016 ITA Midwest Region Senior of the Year. Michigan advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament in each of her four years and reached the Elite Eight in 2016 during her senior season. Parker was Michigan's Big Ten Female Sportsmanship honoree in 2016.

Prior to returning to her alma mater in a coaching role, Parker spent two years as a professional on the WTA Tour. She holds a career singles ranking of 357 and career doubles ranking of 276. A native of New Kensington, Pa., Parker graduated from Michigan in 2016 with a bachelor's degree in sport management.



2021-22 SPRING SEASON- SENIOR: Played in 20 singles and 22 doubles matches. Earned seven singles wins and four doubles wins for Kansas State.

2020-21 SPRING SEASON- JUNIOR: Appeared in 12 singles and 14 doubles matches for Kansas State. Won five singles and four doubles matches.

2019-20 SPRING SEASON- SOPHOMORE: Competed in 3 singles matches and 5 doubles matches. Earned one doubles win for Kansas State.

2018-19 SPRING SEASON- FRESHMAN: Played in 16 singles matches and 26 doubles matches on the season for Kansas State. Earned six singles and seven doubles wins.

JUNIOR CAREER: A native of Ploeisti, Romania, Gheorghita reached a world ranking of No. 1207 in the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) professional rankings. In addition to reaching the main draw in multiple International Tennis Federation (ITF) professional events, she also earned a spot in the quarterfinal round of the Romanian National Championship in 2015. She also reached two international finals in U16 doubles and the quarterfinal round four times in ITF doubles events.

Gheorghita's Ca	reer Statistics	
Season	Singles	Doubles
2021-22	7-7	4-14
2020-21	5-6	8-8
2019-20	0-1	1-3
2018-19	6-6	7-9
Career	18-20	22-34





2021-22 SPRING SEASON- SENIOR: Played 27 singles and 28 doubles matches for Knetucky. Earned six singles and nine doubles wins.

2020-21 SPRING SEASON- JUNIOR: Appeared in 25 singles and 25 doubles matches. Finished with 10 singles wins and eight doubles win for Kentucky.

2019-20 SPRING SEASON- SOPHOMORE: Competed in 15 singles matches and 15 doubles at Kentucky matches in the spring before the COVID-19 pandemic caused the season to be cancelled. Won eight singles and six doubles matches.

2018-19 SPRING SEASON- FRESHMAN: Played in 13 singles and four doubles matched for Miami. Collected eight singles wins and one doubles win before transferring to Kentucky.

JUNIOR CAREER: Girbau entered Miami with a 10.40 UTR. She logged three wins over players who earned top-100 ITF Juniors rankings, including Switzerland's Simona Waltert, who peaked at ninth on the list. Girbau defeated at least six players with an 11-plus UTR. She logged her first WTA point in January 2018. Girbau ascended as high as No. 45 in the Spanish national rankings. She won the 2015 Catalonia Championship and the 2014 Nike Junior Cup. She finished as the runner-up at the Spanish Doubles Championship in 2012 and made the semifinals in both 2016 and 2017 at the U12, U16 and U17 levels, respectively. Girbau reached the Spanish Championship semifinals with her club team, Cercle Sabadelles 1856, in 2014 and 2016. Her club team qualified for the senior level championships in 2015 with a juniors-only team.



2021-22 SPRING SEASON - SOPHOMORE: Appeared in seven singles matches throughout her sophomore season...Tallied one win in singles play... Played primarily in the No. 5 and No. 6 positions.

JUNIOR CAREER: Alamo competed at the 2018 USTA Florida "Bobby Curtis" State Doubles tournament, advancing to the quarterfinals in a bracket that also featured future teammate and eventual tournament champion Karly Friedland. She was tabbed the No. 208 recruit nationally in her class.

Girbau's Career Statistics		
Season	Singles (Conf.)	Doubles (Conf.)
2021-22	7-17	9-10
2020-21	10-10	8-9
2019-20	12-8	12-8
2018-19	8-5	1-3
Career	37-40	30-30

Alamo's Career Statistics			
Season	Singles (Conf.)	Doubles (Conf.)	
2021-22	0-2	0-0	
2020-21	0-0	0-0	
Career	0-2	0-0	





2021-22 SPRING SEASON- SOPHOMORE: Appeared in 17 matches during her second season...Earned an 11-4 record in singles play in the No. 1 position...Played in 16 doubles matches throughout the season...Earned a 5-2 record in doubles play with partner Gabby O'Gorman and a 1-5 record alongside Karly Friedland. Chekhlystova earned All-Big Ten honors, was named Academic All-Big Ten and was selected for the Big Ten Distinguished Scholar.

2020-21 SPRING SEASON- FRESHMAN: Appeared in 15 singles matches throughout her first season...Accumulated an 8-6 record in singles play, primarily in the No. 2 and No. 3 positions... Appeared in 15 doubles matches throughout the season... Earned a 4-4 record in doubles play alongside Alexandra Nielsen and a 3-2 record with partner Frederikke Svarre.

JUNIOR CAREER: Chekhlystova attended Audentes Sports Gymnasium and was coached by Andrei Luzgin. She represented the National Estonia Junior Team. Chekhlystova was ranked No. 380 in singles play before coming to Penn State.



2021-2022 SPRING SEASON- SOPHOMORE: Appeared in 21 singles matches on the year...Earned five wins in singles play...Played in 22 doubles matches...Collected three wins alongside partner Alexandra Nielsen and one win with Sofiya Chekhlystova.

2020-21 SPRING SEASON- FRESHMAN: Appeared in 15 singles matches throughout her first season... Earned five wins in singles play...Played in 16 doubles matches during the season... Accumulated five wins with partners Samantha Smith and Gabby O'Gorman.

JUNIOR CAREER: Friedland was highly touted a five-star recruit ranked as high as No. 54 and No. 4 in Florida. She trained at Smatt Tennis Academy and attended Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High and earned a UTR rating of 10. Friedland teamed up with Michigan State's Ayshe Can to win the 2018 USTA Florida "Bobby Curtis" Junior State Doubles Championship in a bracket that featured future Nittany Lion teammate Danielle Alamo. Her father, David Friedland, played tennis collegiately at the University of Miami from 1990-93.

Chekhlystova's Career Statistics		
Season	Singles (Conf.)	Doubles (Conf.)
2021-22	5-2	1-5
2020-21	8-6	7-6
Career	13-8	8-11

Frielands's Career Statistics						
Singles (Conf.)	Doubles (Conf.)					
2-8	1-7					
5-10	5-8					
7-18	6-15					
	Singles (Conf.) 2-8 5-10					





2021-22 SPRING SEASON- SOPHOMORE: Competed in eight singles matches at the No. 6 postion and one doubles match. Won five singles matches for the Nittany Lions.

2020-21 SPRING SEASON- FRESHMAN: Appeared in eight matches, posting a 5-3 mark in singles play against Big Ten opponents...Held a five-match winning streak to open the season.

JUNIOR CAREER: Lebedeva competed in Moscow, Russia before coming to Penn State.

2021-22 SPRING SEASON- SOPHOMORE: Competed in 20 singles and 20 doubles matches. Earned four singles wins at the No. 4, 5 an6 positions and 12 doubles matches alongside Karly Friedland and Gabby O'Gorman.

2020-21 SPRING SEASON- FRESHMAN: Earned the Big 10 Sportsmanship Award. Appeared in 14 singles matches at the No. 4, 5 and 6 positions. Played in 16 doubles matches mainly alongside Sofiya Chekhlystova. Won six singles and seven doubles matches.

JUNIOR CAREER: Attended Heritage Woods Secondary High School, where she played tennis for two years.

Lebedeva's Career Statistics						
Season	Singles (Conf.)	Doubles (Conf.)				
2021-22	2-2	0-1				
2020-21	5-3	0-1				
Career	7-5	0-2				

Nielsen's Career Statistics							
Season	Singles (Conf.)	Doubles (Conf.)					
2021-22	6-8	7-7					
20-21	1-4	6-1					
Career	7-12	13-8					



Deanna Lasorda Sophomore Downingtown, Pa.

Major: Undecided



Yvonne Zuffova Sophomore Banská Bystrica, Slovakia

Major: Undecided

2021-22 SPRING SEASON - FRESHMAN: Appeared in two singles matches and seven doubles matches. Won three doubles matches alongside partners Alina Lebedeva and Alexandra Nielsen.

JUNIOR CAREER: Attended Downington East High School, where she played tennis for four years.

2021-22 SPRING SEASON - FRESHMAN: Earned the Big 10 Sportsmanship Award. Appeared in 22 singles and 22 doubles matches. Earned 13 singles wins mainly at the No. 2 position and nine doubles wins with partner Olivia Ryan.

JUNIOR CAREER: Zuffova attended Evanjelicke Gymnaziumprior to Penn State. She had a UTR Ranking of 10.6.

Lasorda's Career Statistics

Season Singles (Conf.) Doubles (Conf.)

2021-22 0-1 0-3 Career 0-1 0-3 Zuffova's Career Statistics

Season Singles (Conf.) Doubles (Conf.)

2021-2 6-4 6-4 Career 6-4 6-4





JUNIOR CAREER: Dorner attended South Williamsport High School, where she won four consecutive district titles and two consecutive PIAA state titles. She went 61-2 in her high school career, her last loss being when she was a sophomore. Dorner was ranked the No. 31 college recruit in her class. She was coached by her father, John Dorner.

Dorner's Career Statistics

Season Singles (Conf.)

Career 0-0

Doubles (Conf.)

0-0



2022 Fall Final Statistics

SINGLES

PLAYER	OVERALL	TOUR
Danielle Alam Sofiya Chekhl Olivia Dorner Karly Friedlar Ioana Gheorgl Carla Girbau Alina Lebedev Yvonne Zuffo	ystova 6-2 1-6 nd 5-7 hita 2-5 2-4 va 6-3	0-3 6-2 1-6 5-7 2-5 2-4 6-3 3-4
Totals	25-34	25-34
Percentage	.424	.424

DOUBLES

PLAYER	OVERALL	TOUR
Dorner/Girbau Friedland/Gheorghi Lebedeva/Glenn Lebedeva/Prudente Zuffova/Girbau Dorner/Friedland Zuffova/Lebedeva Dorner/Zuffova	1-1 1-0 1-2 1-1 1-0 0-1	0-5 5-5 1-1 1-0 1-2 1-1 1-0 0-1
Chekhlystova/Dorno Totals Percentage	er 4-1 14-16 .467	4-1 14-16 .467

2021-22 SEASON



2021-2022 Final Results

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Michigan 0, Penn State 0	CAN	3/13/20		5-5, 0-1 Big Ten)	RESULTS (
Michigan State 0, Penn State 0	CAN	3/15/20	Iowa State 3, Penn State 4	W	1/19/20
Ohio State 0, Penn State 0	CAN	3/20/20	at Kansas State 5, Penn State 0	L	1/20/20
Illinois 0, Penn State 0	CAN	3/22/20	Marshall 3, Penn State 4	W	1/31/20
at Minnesota 0, Penn State 0	CAN	3/27/20	James Madison 4, Penn State 2	L	2/08/20
at Wisconsin 0, Penn State 0	CAN	3/29/20	at Virginia Commonwealth 3, Penn State 4	W	2/15/20
at Nebraska 0, Penn State 0	CAN	4/10/20	at Virginia Tech 6, Penn State 1	L	2/16/20
at Iowa 0, Penn State 0	CAN	4/12/20	at Indiana 4, Penn State 1	L	3/01/20
Rutgers 0, Penn State 0	CAN	4/17/20	at Emory 3, Penn State 6	W	3/05/20
Maryland 0, Penn State 0	CAN	4/19/20	at Kennesaw State 2, Penn State 5	W	3/07/20
			North Florida 5, Penn State 1	L	3/07/20

2021-22 Final Statistics

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SINGLES	Overall	Dual	Tour	Big Ten	1	2	3	4	5	6
Hanley, Shannon	5-6	3-3	2-3	0-0				2-2	1-1	
Hirsch, Gracey	5-11	1-6	4-5	0-0					0-2	1-4
O'Gorman, Gabby	7-13	5-5	2-8	0-1	3-5	2-0				
Rohrbacher, Olivia	9-6	1-2	8-4	0-1			1-1	0-1		
Ryan, Olivia	6-12	1-7	5-5	0-0			0-1	0-3	1-3	
Smith, Samantha	10-7	6-2	4-5	0-1		1-1	3-1	1-0		1-0
Svarre, Frederikke	10-11	5-5	5-6	1-0	1-1	3-3	1-1			
Weinberg, Sydney	2-3	0-1	2-2	0-0						0-1
Wikberg, Hanna	2-4	0-0	2-4	0-0						
Totals	56-73	22-31	34-42	1-3	4-6	6-4	5-4	3-6	2-6	2-5
Percentage	.434	.415	.447	.250	.400	.600	.556	.333	.250	.286

DOUBLES	Overall	Dual	Tour	Big Ten	1	2	3
Gracey Hirsch/Olivia Rohrbacher	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0			
Gracey Hirsch/Olivia Ryan	1-2	1-1	0-1	0-0			1-1
Gracey Hirsch/Sydney Weinberg	1-3	0-1	1-2	0-0			0-1
Gabby O'Gorman/Gracey Hirsch	1-2	1-1	0-1	0-0			1-1
Gabby O'Gorman/Olivia Rohrbacher	3-5	1-2	2-3	0-1	1-1	0-1	
Gabby O'Gorman/Samantha Smith	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0			
Olivia Rohrbacher/Olivia Ryan	1-3	0-0	1-3	0-0			
Olivia Ryan/Shannon Hanley	0-3	0-0	0-3	0-0			
Samantha Smith/Shannon Hanley	7-2	7-2	0-0	0-0	4-1	3-1	
Samantha Smith/Sydney Weinberg	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0			
Frederikke Svarre/Shannon Hanley	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0			
Frederikke Svarre/Gabby O'Gorman	2-3	1-3	1-0	0-0	1-1	0-2	
Frederikke Svarre/Olivia Rohrbacher	2-0	0-0	2-0	0-0			
Frederikke Svarre/Olivia Ryan	2-3	1-2	1-1	0-1		1-0	0-2
Frederikke Svarre/Samantha Smith	0-3	0-0	0-3	0-0			
Frederikke Svarre/Hanna Wikberg	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0			
Hanna Wikberg/Shannon Hanley	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0			
Hanna Wikberg/Samantha Smith	2-2	0-0	2-2	0-0			
Hanna Wikberg/Sydney Weinberg	0-3	0-0	0-3	0-0			
Totals	25-38	12-12	13-26	0-2	6-3	4-4	2-5
Percentage	.397	.500	.333	.000	.667	.500	.286