

Georgia State Panthers Men's Tennis



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Georgia State (8-2) vs. Gardner-Webb (3-7)
 Mar. 3 - 2:00 p.m.
 Sharon E. Lester Tennis Center

2011-12 Men's Tennis Schedule

Jan. 20	Lipscomb	W, 6-1
Jan. 21	Old Dominion	W, 6-1
Jan. 28	vs. Elon	W, 6-1
Jan. 29	at South Carolina	L, 1-6
Feb. 2	vs. #64 ETSU	W, 5-2
Feb. 8	at #29 Georgia Tech	L, 1-6
Feb. 19	Austin Peay	W, 7-0
Feb. 24	Winthrop	W, 4-0
Feb. 26	at College of Charleston	W, 5-2
Feb. 29	at South Carolina State	W, 4-3
Mar. 3	Gardner-Webb	Today
Mar. 4	UNC Asheville	1 p.m.
Mar. 4	Georgia Southwestern State	6 p.m.
Mar. 10	vs. Stetson	TBA
Mar. 11	at Georgia Southern	TBA
Mar. 17	Southern Illinois	10 a.m.
Mar. 17	Kennesaw State	4 p.m.
Mar. 18	Morehouse	11 a.m.
Mar. 18	Florida A&M	6 p.m.
Mar. 25	Brown	1 p.m.
Mar. 30	Sun Belt Shoot-Out	TBA
Apr. 6	Presbyterian	1 p.m.
Apr. 6	Alabama State	6 p.m.
Apr. 8	UNC Wilmington*	1 p.m.
Apr. 14	at Troy	1 p.m.
Apr. 19	CAA Championships	All Day
May 12	NCAA 1st & 2nd Rounds	All Day
May 18	NCAA Tennis Championships	All Day

RUNNIN' DOWN A DREAM

Georgia State is on a four-match winning streak and off to a hot start overall in 2012. The Panthers look to push their record to 9-2 this season against Gardner-Webb today. Georgia State hasn't started a season 9-2 since 2002. That year, GSU won the Atlantic Sun Tournament and competed against Florida in the NCAA Regionals. The best start in school history is 15-2, accomplished by the 1993 squad.

FRESHMAN SENSATION

Georgia State freshman **Matias Hatem** is off to a torrid start to the 2012 season. Hatem owns a 9-1 record in singles and is riding a six-match winning streak into today's match. It is the second straight season a Georgia State freshman has started the year 9-1 after **Thomas Cook** accomplished the feat last season. Hatem can become the first player in recent GSU history to begin his season 10-1 with a singles win today.



Matias Hatem

TWICE IS NICE

Georgia State won both of the two matchups between Gardner-Webb and GSU in history. Last season, the Panthers went to Boiling Springs, N.C., and took a 6-1 win. Senior **Juan Pablo Gutierrez** provided the match-clinching victory. He defeated junior Adam Knutsson-Sundblad 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 at No. 4 singles last season by fighting back from a 5-2 deficit in the first set. GSU's other win over Gardner-Webb was a 6-0 triumph in 2005.

PRESSURE COOK-ER

Georgia State won a 4-3 match on Wednesday at South Carolina State thanks to the heroics of sophomore **Thomas Cook**. He fought off three match points, while the team score was tied at 3-3, en route to a 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (13-11) win at No. 2 singles.



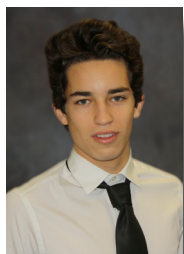
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Georgia State Panthers Roster/Coaching Staff



SOFIANE CHEVALLIER
Freshman
Paris, France
CNED



THOMAS COOK
Sophomore
Lilburn, Ga.
Parkview High School



JUAN PABLO GUTIERREZ
Senior
Guayaquil, Ecuador



MATIAS HATEM
Freshman
San Miguel de Tucuman, Argentina
Instituto Cervantes



ISMAEL LAHLOU
Freshman
Casablanca, Morocco
Al Jabr



JOSE ORTIZ
Freshman
Madrid, Spain
Ies Ortego y Gassete



LUCAS SANTANA
Junior
Brasilia, Brazil



VICTOR VALENTE
Junior
Sao Paulo, Brazil



MICHAEL VALLEJO
Sophomore
Lima, Peru
Homeschooled



CHASE HODGES
Head Coach (Third Year)
Hickory, N.C.
UNC Wilmington ('98)



SCOTT CURRY
Assistant Coach (First Year)
Hickory, N.C.
UNC Wilmington ('05)



BRADLEY COX
Volunteer Assistant Coach (First Year)
Duluth, Ga.
Kentucky ('11)

Gardner-Webb Runnin' Bulldogs Roster/Coaching Staff

Name	Height	Year	Hometown/High School
Ernest Alberch	5-11	Fr.	Torello, Spain
Korhan Ates	5-11	So.	Istanbul, Turkey (Ozel Goksen Aksam Lisesi)
Brendan Dempsey	5-10	Fr.	Dublin, Ireland (St. Michael's College)
Blake Dunlap	5-9	Fr.	Mooresville, N.C. (Statesville Christian School)
Adam Knutsson-Sundblad	6-3	Jr.	Gothenburg, Sweden (Katrinelundsgymnasiet)
Stephen Martin	6-0	Fr.	Bray, Ireland (Presentation College Bray)
Matthew Parker	5-10	Jr.	Marietta, Ga. (Pope High School)
Roman Piftor	5-10	Jr.	Tashkent, Uzbekistan (Republican College of Olympic Reserve)
Joao Poli	5-11	Fr.	Londrina, Brazil (Colegio Anglo-Americano)

Head Coach: Mike Griffith (Ninth Season)

Graduate Assistant Coach: Evgeny Slesarev

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Rafael Altmayer