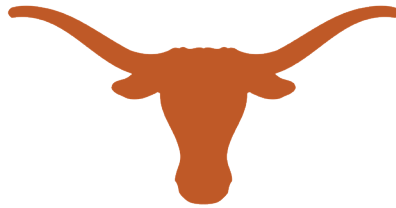


#12 AUBURN AT #6 TEXAS



Sunday, February 18, 2024 - 11:00 a.m. CT
Texas Tennis Center - Austin, Texas
TV: Longhorn Network

AUBURN

TEXAS

Current ITA Ranking 12	Current ITA Ranking 6
2023-24 Record 5-3	2023-24 Record 6-2
Home 2-0	Home 4-0
Away 0-1	Away 0-1
Neutral 3-2	Neutral 2-1
SEC Matches 0-0	Big 12 Matches 0-0
Home 0-0	Home 0-0
Away 0-0	Away 0-0
Non-Conference Matches 4-1	Non-Conference Matches 4-1
Home 2-0	Home 2-0
Away 1-1	Away 1-1
Neutral 1-0	Neutral 1-0
vs. Ranked Teams 2-3	vs. Ranked Teams 2-3
vs. Top-10 Teams 1-3	vs. Top-10 Teams 1-3
vs. Teams 11-25 1-0	vs. Teams 11-25 1-0
vs. Teams 26-50 0-0	vs. Teams 26-50 0-0

MEDIA INFORMATION

INTERVIEWS

All interview requests for Auburn head coach Lester Cook and Auburn student-athletes should be made to Riley Hubbard. Interviews on match day will be conducted following the conclusion of competition. Events to all home events are free and media are not credentialed.

AUBURNTIGERS.COM

AuburnTigers.com is the official home for information on the Auburn women's tennis team. The website includes rosters and the 2023-24 schedule. Information is also available on Instagram, Facebook and X.

FACILITIES

The home of the Auburn men's and women's tennis programs is the award-winning Yarbrough Tennis Center, owned by the City of Auburn. The facility has six indoor courts, along with 12 outdoor courts. All of Auburn's home matches are played at this facility. The Yarbrough Tennis Center also holds team locker rooms, coaches' offices and a training room.

QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

School..... Auburn University
 City / Zip Auburn, Ala. / 36831
 Founded Oct. 1, 1856
 Enrollment 30,737
 Nickname Tigers
 Colors..... Burnt Orange and Navy Blue
 Facility Yarbrough Tennis Center
 Affiliation NCAA Division I
 Conference Southeastern Conference
 President Dr. Christopher B. Roberts
 Alma Mater Missouri (1990)
 Athletic Director John Cohen
 Alma Mater Mississippi State (1990)
 University Website www.Auburn.edu

COACHING STAFF

Interim Head Coach..... Lester Cook
 Season 1st
 Overall Record at Auburn..... 3-2
 Assistant Coach..... Valeriya Zeleva
 Season 1st
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TENNIS INFORMATION

Inaugural Season..... 1978
 Season of Tennis 46th
 All-Time Record 604-546 (.525)
 NCAA Tournament Appearances..... 22

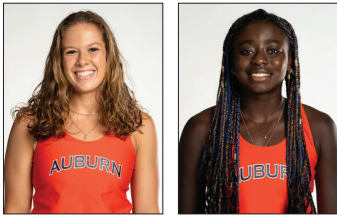
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AUBURN PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

AUBURN DOUBLES LINEUP

COURT 1: ARSENEAULT/OKUTOYI



2023-24 DOUBLES STATS

Overall	Dual	SEC
3-2	3-2	0-0

COURT 2: BENNETT/FLACH



2023-24 DOUBLES STATS

Overall	Dual	SEC
6-4	3-3	0-0

COURT 3: ANSARI/OVUNC



2023-24 DOUBLES STATS

Overall	Dual	SEC
0-2	0-2	0-0

AUBURN SINGLES LINEUP

COURT 1: CAROLYN ANSARI



2023-24 SINGLES STATISTICS

Overall	Dual	SEC
10-5	4-1	0-0

CAREER SINGLES STATISTICS

Overall	Dual	SEC
88-52	59-25	24-13

COURT 2: ARIANA ARSENEAULT



2023-24 SINGLES STATISTICS

Overall	Dual	SEC
7-8	3-3	0-0

CAREER SINGLES STATISTICS

Overall	Dual	SEC
64-39	37-22	16-10

COURT 3: ANGELLA OKUTOYI



2023-24 SINGLES STATISTICS

Overall	Dual	SEC
4-2	4-2	0-0

CAREER SINGLES STATISTICS

Overall	Dual	SEC
19-14	19-12	8-5

COURT 4: DJ BENNETT



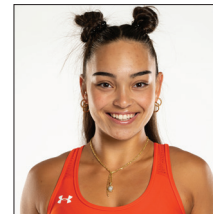
2023-24 SINGLES STATISTICS

Overall	Dual	SEC
15-8	5-3	0-0

CAREER SINGLES STATISTICS

Overall	Dual	SEC
36-17	23-10	9-2

COURT 5: SELIN OVUNC



2023-24 SINGLES STATISTICS

Overall	Dual	SEC
6-5	1-1	0-0

CAREER SINGLES STATISTICS

Overall	Dual	SEC
58-41	28-25	14-14

COURT 6: ADELINE FLACH



2023-24 SINGLES STATISTICS

Overall	Dual	SEC
7-8	0-1	0-0

CAREER SINGLES STATISTICS

Overall	Dual	SEC
59-61	35-35	13-21

2024 AUBURN SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time (CT)/Result
1/20	@ #1 North Carolina	L 1-6
1/26	vs. Denver	W 4-0
1/27	@ #15 Duke	W 4-2
2/4	vs. Texas Tech	W 4-2
2/4	vs. South Alabama	3:00 PM
2/9	#3 Oklahoma State	L 0-4
2/10	#9 Texas A&M	L 1-4
2/11	#8 Florida	W 4-0
2/18	@ Texas	11:00 AM
2/23	vs. Pepperdine	12:00 PM
2/25	FGCU	9:30 AM
2/25	@ USF	1:30 PM
3/1	vs. Kentucky	3:00 PM
3/3	vs. Vanderbilt	12:00 PM
3/8	vs. Missouri	3:00 PM
3/10	vs. Arkansas	12:00 PM
3/15	@ Florida	4:00 PM
3/17	@ South Carolina	11:00 AM
3/22	@ Ole Miss	3:00 PM
3/24	@ Mississippi State	12:00 PM
3/29	vs. Tennessee	3:00 PM
3/31	vs. Georgia	12:00 PM
4/5	@ Alabama	5:00 PM
4/12	@ Texas A&M	5:00 PM
4/14	@ LSU	12:00 PM
4/17-21	SEC Championships (Athens, GA)	

AUBURN TEAM STORYLINES

TRIPLE THREAT: Auburn is one of just three schools in the nation that features three players that have received ITA Singles All-American honors in their careers. Selin Ovunc earned Singles All-American honors back in 2021 for advancing to the NCAA Singles Championships in 2021 while Carolyn Ansari and Ariana Arseneault each received the honor for doing the same during the 2023 NCAA Singles Championships.

SEE YOU LATER ALLIGATOR: Auburn wrapped up its time at the ITA National Team Indoor Championships in Seattle with a win, upsetting then-No. 8 Florida by a 4-0 final score. The win marks just the third time the Tigers have defeated the Gators in program history (3-48 in all-time series) and the third time in the last four meetings. The win is also Auburn's fourth win over a top-10 opponent in the last three seasons.

AWESOME ANSARI: Tigers fifth-year senior Carolyn Ansari has already had an eventful final year on the Plains. Ansari, who reached a career-high ITA singles ranking of eighth to begin the spring season, is currently ranked 13th in the country. The Greensboro, North Carolina native passed both the century mark for career dual match victories and 150 career combined victories. She ranks 10th in program history in career combined victories (156), tied for sixth in career singles victories (86) and 14th in doubles victories (68).

This season, Ansari has exclusively played on the top of the singles lineup for the Tigers and has eight singles victories over ranked opponents dating back to the fall, including No. 16 Irina Cantos Siemers of Ohio State and No. 23 Savannah Broadus of Pepperdine. During the ITA All-American Championships, the Auburn fifth-year senior won three consecutive ranked matches to reach the singles main draw consolation finals.



DJ BUSTING A BEAT: Sophomore DJ Bennett began the season with momentum, going 5-3 in dual singles matches and 4-3 in dual doubles matches to kick off the spring and leads the team with 15 overall singles victories this season.

Bennett earned the first SEC Player of the Week honor of the 2024 season after an incredible week at the ITA Kickoff Weekend in Durham, North Carolina. Bennett, the 34th ranked singles player in the nation at the time, picked up a pivotal doubles win and two singles wins, including a 6-2, 7-5 win over No. 74 Ellie Coleman that clinched a team win over No. 15 Duke and secured a spot in the 2024 ITA National Team Indoor Championships.

HOMETOWN HISTORY: Auburn sophomore Angella Okutyoi became the first Kenyan player to ever sweep the singles and doubles titles during an ITF W25 event in December at the W25 Nairobi, hosted by the International Tennis Federation in her hometown.

Okutyoi claimed the doubles title after defeating Jessie Aney and Lena Papadakis 6-4, 3-6 (10-7) with partner Sada Nahimana and earned the singles title by defeating Germany's Papadakis 6-3, 1-6, 6-1. Okutyoi made history already in July by becoming the second Kenyan player to earn a professional singles tennis title by capturing the ITF W15 Monastir. The only other Kenyan to win a professional tennis title is Paul Wekesa, who won the Andorra Challenger in 1994.

TWENTY CLUB: Auburn is one of just 10 power five teams, including Texas, that entered the 2024 season having recorded at least 20 wins in each of the previous two seasons.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

SINGLES INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Player	Overall	Dual	Tour	SEC	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Streak
Carolyn Ansari	10-5	4-1	0-0	0-0	4-1	—	—	—	—	—	W 4
Ariana Arseneault	7-8	3-3	0-0	0-0	—	3-3	—	—	—	—	L 1
DJ Bennett	15-8	5-3	0-0	0-0	—	—	3-2	2-1	—	—	W 1
Kaitlyn Carnicella	9-11	0-1	0-0	0-0	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	L 1
Ava Esposito Cogan	8-11	1-2	0-0	0-0	—	—	—	—	1-0	0-2	L 1
Ali DeSpain	5-9	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	L 1
Adeline Flach	7-8	0-1	0-0	0-0	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	L 1
Angella Okutoyi	4-2	4-2	0-0	0-0	—	—	1-1	3-1	—	—	W 2
Selin Ovunc	6-5	1-1	0-0	0-0	—	—	—	0-1	1-0	—	L 1
Total	60-60	14-8	0-0	0-0	3-1	3-2	3-1	3-2	2-0	0-2	—

DOUBLES INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Player	Overall	Dual	Tour	SEC	#1	#2	#3	Streak
Carolyn Ansari	3-6	2-2	0-0	0-0	—	1-0	1-2	L 2
Ariana Arseneault	4-8	3-2	0-0	0-0	3-2	—	—	W 1
DJ Bennett	13-5	4-3	0-0	0-0	—	3-2	1-1	W 1
Kaitlyn Carnicella	15-6	0-1	0-0	0-0	—	0-1	—	L 1
Ava Esposito Cogan	11-8	3-1	0-0	0-0	—	1-0	2-1	W 1
Ali DeSpain	7-6	1-1	0-0	0-0	—	—	1-1	W 1
Adeline Flach	10-10	3-3	0-0	0-0	—	2-2	1-1	W 1
Angella Okutoyi	2-2	2-2	0-0	0-0	3-2	—	—	W 1
Selin Ovunc	11-5	1-3	0-0	0-0	—	1-1	0-2	L 2

DOUBLES TEAMS STATISTICS

Team	Overall	Dual	Tour	SEC	#1	#2	#3	Streak
Ansari/Arseneault	1-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	--	L 2
Ansari/Bennett	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	—	1-0	—	W 1
Ansari/Cogan	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	—	—	1-0	W 1
Ansari/Ovunc	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	—	—	0-2	L 2
Arseneault/Carnicella	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	--	W 1
Arseneault/Flach	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	--	L 1
Arseneault/Okutoyi	2-2	3-2	0-0	0-0	3-2	—	—	W 1
Bennett/Carnicella	3-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	--	W 1
Bennett/Ovunc	5-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	--	L 1
Bennett/Flach	6-4	3-3	0-0	0-0	—	2-2	1-1	W 1
Carnicella/Ovunc	4-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	—	0-1	—	L 1
Carnicella/Cogan	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	--	L 1
Cogan/Flach	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	--	L 1
Cogan/DeSpain	4-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	—	—	1-1	W 1
Cogan/Ovunc	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	—	1-0	—	W 1
DeSpain/Flach	2-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	--	L 2
Flach/Ovunc	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	--	--	W 1
Total	35-26	10-9	0-0	0-0	3-2	4-3	3-4	—

ALL-TIME SERIES VS TEXAS

Sunday will mark just the third all-time meeting between Auburn and Texas. Texas leads the all-time series 2-0.

The last meeting between the two squads was during the 2022 NCAA Super Regional round. The Longhorns won the matchup 4-1 at the Texas Tennis Center. The other meeting occurred in 2014, which was also a 4-1 victory by the Longhorns in Austin.



AUBURN IN THE SEC STANDINGS

Team	SEC	Pct.	Ov. Record	Pct	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
Mississippi State	0-0	.000	6-1	.857	6-0	0-1	0-0	L1
Alabama	0-0	.000	5-1	.833	4-0	0-1	1-0	W3
LSU	0-0	.000	5-1	.833	4-0	0-1	1-0	W2
South Carolina	0-0	.000	4-1	.800	3-0	0-1	1-0	W1
Tennessee	0-0	.000	6-2	.750	6-2	0-0	0-0	W1
Auburn	0-0	.000	5-3	.625	2-0	1-1	2-2	W1
Kentucky	0-0	.000	5-3	.625	4-0	0-3	1-0	W1
Ole Miss	0-0	.000	3-2	.600	2-0	1-2	0-0	L1
Vanderbilt	0-0	.000	3-2	.600	2-0	0-2	1-0	W3
Georgia	0-0	.000	4-3	.571	2-0	0-2	2-1	W2
Arkansas	0-0	.000	3-3	.500	2-0	0-3	1-0	L3
Florida	0-0	.000	4-4	.500	3-0	0-1	1-3	L4
Texas A&M	0-0	.000	5-5	.500	2-0	0-2	3-3	L1
Missouri	0-0	.000	2-8	.200	0-0	2-6	0-2	L2



PLAYERS



Carolyn Ansari
Fifth Year
Greensboro, NC



Ariana Arseneault
Senior
Richmond Hill, Canada



DJ Bennett
Sophomore
Bellview, FL



Kaitlyn Carnicella
Sophomore
Whippany, NJ



Ava Esposito Cogan
Freshman
Branford, CT



Ali Despain
Graduate Student
Hilton Head, SC



Adeline Flach
Senior
Alpharetta, GA



Angella Okutoyi
Sophomore
Nairobi, Kenya



Selin Ovunc
Senior
Ankara, Turkey

COACHING/SUPPORT STAFF



Bobby Reynolds
Interim Director of Tennis



Lester Cook
Interim Head Coach



Valeriya Zeleva
Assistant Coach



Misti Higgs
Director of Operations



Riley Hubbard
Sports Information
Director



Kevin Fuhrer
Equipment Manager



Hanna Amtsen
Trainer



Bill Shannon
Sport Administrator