

Vanderbilt Women's Tennis



2003 SCHEDULE

(18-5, 8-3 SEC, No. 15 ITA)

Jan. 12	No. 64 Michigan St.	W, 7-0
Jan. 12	Louisville	W, 7-0
Jan. 15	No. 62 MTSU	W, 7-0
Jan. 18	No. 54 Virginia	W, 4-3
Jan. 19	No. 43 Baylor	W, 6-1
Jan. 24	vs. No. 51 Pennsylvania ^	W, 7-0
Jan. 25	@ No. 4 Duke	L, 3-4
Jan. 31	No. 58 Iowa	W, 6-1
Feb. 2	No. 56 Tulsa	W, 7-0
Feb. 15	No. 24 Georgia Tech	W, 6-1
Feb. 28	@ No. 5 Georgia *	L, 3-4
March 2	@ No. 10 Tennessee *	L, 3-4
March 7	Mississippi St. *	W, 7-0
March 9	No. 37 Mississippi *	W, 7-0
March 14	No. 24 South Carolina *	W, 7-0
March 16	No. 1 Florida *	W, 4-3
March 28	No. 47 Louisiana St. *	W, 7-0
March 30	No. 52 Arkansas *	W, 7-0
April 5	@ No. 64 Auburn *	W, 7-0
April 6	@ No. 21 Alabama *	W, 5-2
April 12	@ No. 14 Kentucky *	L, 3-4
<i>April 17-20 SEC Tournament !</i>		
April 17	vs. No. 62 Arkansas !	W, 4-0
April 18	vs. No. 8 Tennessee !	L, 1-4
<i>May 9-10 NCAA Regional - Nashville, Tenn.</i>		
May 9	vs. Boston University ^	2 p.m.
May 10	vs. Notre Dame/Missouri ^	3 p.m.

*SEC matches

! Knoxville, Tenn.

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Times subject to change

(ITA Ranking) - Current for future opponents

This Week's Matches:

May 9-10

NCAA Tournament Regional

Nashville, TN • Currey Tennis Center



NCAA Regional Preview: The Vanderbilt women's tennis team will return to familiar grounds this weekend, as the Commodores will be competing in their ninth-consecutive NCAA Tournament. For Vanderbilt, it will be the sixth straight year to host a NCAA Tournament Regional. The Commodores will be putting their five-year streak of Sweet 16 appearances on the line when the tournament begins Friday.

The 15th-ranked Commodores (18-5) will kick things off at 2 p.m. (CST) Friday against America East Conference champion Boston University (10-11) at the Brownlee O. Currey Jr. Tennis Center. The Commodores, who are the tournament's 10th seed overall, will be joined by Boston University, 21st-ranked Notre Dame (15-8) and 38th-ranked Missouri (14-6) in Nashville. Notre Dame and Missouri will play at 10 a.m. (CST) Friday in the first match of the day.

There's No Place Like Home: With its win over 52nd-ranked Arkansas back on March 30, the Commodores completed the 2003 regular season with a perfect 14-0 record at the Brownlee O. Currey Jr. Tennis Center. Vanderbilt closest home matches were 4-3 victories over then 54th-ranked Virginia and top-ranked Florida, respectively.

Last Action: When the Commodores take the court on Friday afternoon, it will be their first match since the SEC Tournament Quarterfinals against Tennessee on April 18 in Knoxville. The Commodores fell to their in-state rival, 4-1.

Sophomore Audra Falk was the only Vanderbilt singles player to win a match. Senior Sarah Riske and junior Aleke Tsoubanos defeated fifth-ranked Vilmarie Castellvi and Melissa Schaub at the No. 1 doubles position.

Riske Knockin On Record Book's Door: While her collegiate career is still far from over, Sarah Riske has had a stellar four years for the Commodores. Heading into Friday's match, Riske has won 100 singles and 105 doubles matches.

While Riske is still 14 singles wins shy of tying Julie Ditty's ('01) all-time win mark, she is tied with Kate Burson for the most all-time doubles wins. Riske could possibly set the all-time doubles mark on Friday against the Terriers.

2003 COMMODORES ROSTER

Name	Class	Hometown	Worth Noting
Audra Falk	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio	Earned First-Team All-SEC honors in doubles; 22-4 singles in 2003
Annie Menees	So.	St. Louis, Mo.	Sat out fall season with injury; Has been solid since return at No. 6
Sarah Riske	Sr.	McMurray, Pa.	Second-Team All-SEC in singles and doubles; 18-5 in dual matches
Kelly Schmandt	Jr.	Santa Barbara, Calif.	Earned First-Team All-SEC honors in doubles; 21-4 mark in singles
Kori Scott	Jr.	Houston, Texas	Key contributor for 'Dores at No. 6 singles and No. 3 doubles
Ashley Schellhas	Fr.	Edina, Minn.	Finished SEC season with 9-1 dual record; 24-4 for regular season
Aleke Tsoubanos	Jr.	Chesterfield, Mo.	Second-Team All-SEC in doubles; 18-4 mark in dual matches

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COMMODORES IN THE RANKINGS

TEAM

Jan. 13 -	#8
Jan. 29 -	#8
Feb. 5 -	#8
Feb. 12 -	#10
Feb. 19 -	#10
Feb. 26 -	#9
March 5 -	#10
March 12 -	#10
March 19 -	#11
March 26 -	#13
April 2 -	#10
April 9 -	#10
April 16 -	#12
April 23 -	#13
April 28 -	#15

SINGLES

Sept. 9 -	Riske (#10) Schmandt (#54)
Jan. 13 -	Riske (#32) Schmandt (#121) Schellhas (#125)
Feb. 26 -	Riske (#12) Falk (#48) Tsoubanos (#70)
March 12 -	Riske (#13) Tsoubanos (#96) Schmandt (#105)
March 26 -	Riske (#11) Tsoubanos (#62) Schellhas (#96)
April 9 -	Riske (#15) Tsoubanos (#68) Schellhas (#108)
April 23 -	Riske (#15) Tsoubanos (#73) Schellhas (#123)
April 28 -	Riske (#17) Tsoubanos (#80) Schellhas (#122)

DOUBLES

Sept. 9 -	Riske/Tsoubanos (#1)
Jan. 13 -	Riske/Tsoubanos (#2)
Feb. 26 -	Riske/Tsoubanos (#3) Schmandt/Falk (#39)
March 12 -	Riske/Tsoubanos (#4) Schmandt/Falk (#57)
March 26 -	Riske/Tsoubanos (#1) Schmandt/Falk (#26)
April 9 -	Riske/Tsoubanos (#4) Schmandt/Falk
April 23 -	Riske/Tsoubanos (#3) Schmandt/Falk (#31)
April 28 -	Riske/Tsoubanos (#3) Schmandt/Falk (#37)

2003 COMMODORE SEASON BEST:

Here are the season-best team and individual marks in 2003:

Highest ITA Team Ranking:	#8	(Three Times; Jan. 13 & Jan. 29 & Feb. 5)
Most Consecutive Team Wins	8	March 7-April 6
Highest National Singles Ranking	#11	Sarah Riske (March 26)
Highest National Doubles Ranking	#1	Sarah Riske/Aleke Tsoubanos (March 26)
Most Overall Singles Victories	24	Ashley Schellhas
Most Dual-Match Victories	18	Sarah Riske, Aleke Tsoubanos, Kelly Schmandt
Most SEC Singles Victories	9	Aleke Tsoubanos, Ashley Schellhas
Most Overall Doubles Victories	28	Sarah Riske, Aleke Tsoubanos
Most Dual-Match Doubles Victories	28	Sarah Riske, Aleke Tsoubanos
Most SEC Doubles Victories	10	Audra Falk, Kelly Schmandt

National Rankings: The Commodores are well-represented in the most recent ITA individual rankings (5/8/03). Sarah Riske is the highest ranked Commodores, as she stands at No. 17. Her highest singles ranking this season has been No. 10. Aleke Tsoubanos, who has posted a 1804 dual-match record, comes in at No. 80. Freshman Ashley Schellhas currently posts a ranking of 122, as she has been a big surprise for the 'Dores.

In doubles, Riske and Tsoubanos currently stand at No. 3, which is based on their outstanding 28-5 record. Audra Falk and junior Kelly Schmandt, who are ranked 37th, head into Friday's match with a 21-6 overall mark and a 18-4 dual-match record.

SEC Honors 'Dores in 2003: Sarah Riske was won of four players to earn All-SEC recognition in 2003. For the second-consecutive year, she was named the second team in singles and doubles. In 2003, she has a combined 51-13 record in singles and doubles. Aleke Tsoubanos joined Riske on the All-SEC second team in doubles, as the duo has posted a 28-5 record this year. Audra Falk and Kelly Schmandt were named the first team after an outstanding SEC regular season. Vanderbilt's No. 2 duo posted a 10-1 regular-season conference mark.

Double(s) Your Pleasure: One explanation for the 'Dores success this year has been their doubles play. In their 23 dual matches, the Commodores won the critical point in 19 of those. The only matches Vanderbilt lost the doubles point in were Duke, Tennessee (twice) and Kentucky.

Close Calls: While the Commodores finished the regular season with a 18-5 record, their record could have been better if one match would have gone their way in their losses. Four of Vanderbilt's five losses were by scores of 4-3, and were against teams ranked in the Top 15 (No. 4 Duke, No. 5 Georgia, No. 10 Tennessee, No. 14 Kentucky).

Immediate Impact: Ashley Schellhas has had a solid first year with the Commodores. She finished the regular season with a 24-4 singles record and a 9-1 mark in SEC competition. The 24 overall wins and the nine SEC wins are team-leading marks in both categories. Schellhas clinched the team win over Florida with a three-set triumph over SEC Freshman of the Year Jennifer Magley.

ITA Recognizes Riske and Tsoubanos: Sarah Riske and Aleke Tsoubanos earned national recognition earlier this year, as they were named ITA National Doubles Team of the Month in January. Vanderbilt's top doubles duo has had an incredible season, as they currently post a 28-5 overall record and a 19-4 dual-match mark. They have been ranked No. 1 on two occasions, which made them the first Vanderbilt doubles' team to earn the top ranking. Riske and Tsoubanos also won the prestigious Riviera/ITA All-American Championship in October 2002 in Pacific Palisades, Calif.