



# RICE WOMEN'S TENNIS

## 2016 NCAA NOTEBOOK

NASHVILLE REGIONAL: May 13-14, 2016  
Vanderbilt Curry Tennis Center / Vanderbilt University  
First Round: May 13: #41 Rice vs. #30 Clemson 1 p.m. (Central) Second Round May 14 1 p.m.



### OWLS READY FOR FIFTH CONSECUTIVE NCAA APPEARANCE

Elizabeth Schmidt's 41st ranked Rice Owls return to NCAA Championship action for the fifth consecutive year after becoming the first school in C-USA history to capture a fourth consecutive conference title. Rice opens play against #30 Clemson at 1 p.m. Friday at the Vanderbilt Curry Tennis Center in Nashville, TN. Defending NCAA Champion Vanderbilt will take on SIU-Edwardsville in the second match. The winners will meet at 1 p.m. on Saturday looking to earn a trip to Tulsa Oklahoma for the NCAA Championships beginning May 20.

### CAREER RECORDS

This is the Owls' ninth appearance in the NCAA team championship and they have an overall 5-8 record. Schmidt is 5-4 in NCAA Tournament, after leading the Owls to their first Sweet 16 in 2012 and to the round of 32 the last three years. This is the 3rd meeting between Rice and Clemson overall and the first since 1980. The Owls are 0-7 in their history vs. Vanderbilt, with the last meeting in 2006. The Owls have never faced SIUE.

### OWLS AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year	Date	Opponent	Result	Location
1996#	May 3	LSU	L, 5-3	College Station, TX
1997#	May 9	Texas A&M	L, 5-3	Houston, TX (Jake Hess)
1998#	May 15	Arkansas	L 5-0	Baton Rouge, LA
2006*	May 12	TCU	L, 4-0	Ft. Worth, TX
2012#	May 11	Illinois	W, 4-3	Oxford, MS
	May 12	Ole Miss	W, 4-2	Oxford, MS
	May 17	UCLA	L, 4-0	Athens, GA
2013*	May 10	Pepperdine	W, 4-3	Palo Alto, CA
	May 11	Stanford	L, 4-0	Palo Alto, CA
2014*	May 9	Denver	W, 4-0	Waco, TX
	May 10	Baylor	L, 4-1	Waco TX
2015*	May 9	Tulsa	W, 4-2	Waco, TX
	May 10	Baylor	L, 4-2	Waco, TX
2016*	May 13	Clemson		Nashville, TN

\*C-USA Champion  
#At-large bid

### ADVANCEMENTS

Rice has won its opening match in each of the last four regionals and will be looking to extend its school record to five when it faces Clemson. The Rice men's team won openers in consecutive seasons (2003 & 2004) but has never won three straight.

### MOVING ON

Katherine Ip and Emily Smith have already earned a trip to Tulsa for the NCAA Championships. Ip will be the fifth Owl to compete in the the singles championship and she will join with Smith as the Owls sixth doubles team to reach the NCAA tournament.

### POSTSEASON HONORS

Elizabeth Schmidt was named Coach of the Year for the fourth consecutive year (after sharing the honor in 2012) while Alison Ho captured Outstanding Singles of the Championship. The Owls entire singles lineup earned All C-USA honors, with Lindsey Hodge, Savannah Durkin and Katherine Ip named to the first team, Ho and freshman Emily Smith to the second team and Solomiya Zinko to the third team. Ip and Smith were named to the doubles first team and Durkin and Zinko were named to the third team.

### TOURNAMENT TESTED

Rice played eight times against teams who earned berths in the NCAA, posting a 2-6 record. The Owls defeated Tulsa and Texas while dropping matches to Baylor, LSU, Princeton, Texas Tech, Virginia Tech and William & Mary.

### BREAKING IT DOWN

Rice is 13-9 in doubles, posting a 12-1 record when winning doubles and a 2-7 mark when losing the first point. They came back to down Brown and Tulsa after dropping doubles while William & Mary was the lone opponent to rally after a loss in doubles.

## 2016 DUAL RESULTS

Date	Team	Result	Rank
1/23	@Lamar	W, 7-0	#31
1/24	MARYLAND-BC	W, 7-0	#31
1/31	#18 LSU	L, 2-5	#31
2/6	#65 ARIZONA	W, 6-1	#31
2/13	#38 TEXAS	W, 4-3	#31
2/20	#45 Virginia Tech*	L, 1-4	#29
2/21	@#74 Marshall	W, 4-3	#29
2/28	TEXAS STATE	W, 6-1	#32
3/5	#73 BROWN	W, 5-2	#40
3/6	#51 NEW MEXICO	L, 3-4	#40
3/12	PENN	L, 3-4	#55
3/13	#7 TEXAS TECH	L, 0-4	#55
3/19	PRINCETON	L, 3-4	#46
3/26	#37 William & Mary%	L, 2-5	#54
3/27	@Yale	L, 3-4	#54
4/3	@#56 USF	W, 4-0	#64
4/10	#29 TULSA	W, 4-3	#54
4/13	@#45 Baylor	L, 2-4	#41
4/17	LOUISIANA TECH	W, 7-0	#41
4/22	Southern Miss^	W, 4-0	#45
4/23	#71 North Texas^	W, 4-1	#45
4/24	#44 FIU ^	W, 4-1	#45

\*-Huntington, WV

&-New Haven, CT

^--C-USA Championship (Murfreesboro, TN)

**BOLD: NCAA Quaifiers**

## RICE QUICK FACTS

### TENNIS STAFF

**Head Coach** (Alma Mater, Year)

Elizabeth Schmidt (UCLA, 2000)

Record at Rice (Seasons) 109-59 (7)

Career Record (Seasons) 109-59 (7)

**Assistant Head Coach** (Alma Mater, Year)

Taylor Fogleman (North Carolina, 2009)

Years at Rice: 2

### TEAM INFORMATION

2016 Record 13-9

2016 C-USA Record (Finish) 2-0

2016 C-USA Tournament Finish: 3-0 (Champions)

Home 7-5/Away 3-2/ Neutral 3-2

Nationally Ranked 5-6

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# 2016 RICE WOMEN'S TENNIS ROSTER

NAME	YEAR	EXP.	HOMETOWN (HS/PREV SCHOOL)	NCAA DUAL CAREER/CLINCH POINTS
Fernanda Astete	Fr.	HS	Santiago, Chile (Colegio para deportistas de alto rendimiento)	
Sava nnah Durkin	So.	1L	Miramar, FL (Broward Virtual School)	0-1/none
Alison Ho	Jr	2L	Thousand Oaks, California (Thousand Oaks)	1-1/none
Lindsey Hodge	So.	1L	Roswell, Georgia (Rivers Academy)	0-1/none
Katherine Ip	Jr.	2L	Hong Kong, (Laurel Springs School)	3-1/2 (vs. Denver, 2014/Tulsa, 2015)
Emily Smith	Fr.	HS	Birmingham, England (Highclare School)	
Solomiya Zinko	Sr.	3L	Ontario, Canada (Bill Crothers Secondary)	2-2/none

## THE LINEUP

### 1. LINDSEY HODGE, SO.

Posted a 10-11 dual record in her first year of playing at No. 1 singles and added a 10-1 mark in tournament action, including the singles title at the Midland Invitational... Delivered the clinch point three times, including a road win over #56 USF that snapped a six match losing streak for the Owls and started them on a strong finish, winning six of last seven en route to the C-USA title... Named C-USA Women's Tennis Athlete of the Week after outlasting Arizona's #64 Lauren Marker, 5-7, 7-6 (0), 7-6 (7) ... Saw 10 of her 21 dual singles matches stretched to three sets... Combined with Ho on a 5-9 mark in doubles.

SINGLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
2015	6-7	-	-	4-5	1-2	1-0	-
2016	10-11	10-11	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	16-18	10-11	-	4-5	1-2	1-0	-

DOUBLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3
2015	10-5	-	10-5	-
2016	5-12	3-7	2-4	0-1
TOTAL	15-17	3-7	12-9	0-1

### 2. KATHERINE IP, JR.

Ranked all season in singles, currently 104th ... Ranked 57th in doubles with Emily Smith... Has 12-5 record in singles, all of it playing at No. 2 and was 12-4 in tournament play.... 3-1 vs. C-USA opponents in dual singles... Top win was a 6-1, 6-1 win over then #52 Jessica Golovin of LSU... Named C-USA Women's Tennis Athlete of the Week for her win over Golovin... Ip and Smith moved into the No. 1 spot in doubles at #54 USF and have won six of last seven, including a 7-5 win over then #10 Blair Shankle and Kiah Generette of Baylor which boosted them into the national rankings... Duo have combined to go 13-4 in dual action.

SINGLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
2014	18-4	-	2-0	14-3	1-1	1-0	-
2015	14-6	-	14-5	0-1	-	-	-
2016	12-5	-	12-5	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	44-15	-	28-10	14-4	1-1	1-0	-

DOUBLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3
2014	8-7	-	3-5	5-2
2015	4-5	1-2	1-1	2-2
2016	15-4	7-2	8-2	-
TOTAL	27-16	8-4	12-8	7-4

### 3. EMILY SMITH, FR.

Played primarily at No. 3 in her first season at the collegiate level and was 10-7 in dual action (9-7 at 3)... Closed strongly, winning five of last six decisions, including delivering the clinch point for the Owls' 4th consecutive C-USA title... 4-1 in three-set matches, including last three... Ranked 48th in doubles with Katherine Ip... Ip and Smith moved into the No. 1 spot in doubles at #54 USF and have won six of last seven, including a 7-5 win over then #10 Blair Shankle and Kiah Generette of Baylor which boosted them into the national rankings... Duo have combined to go 13-4 in dual action.

SINGLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
2016	10-7	-	1-0	9-7	-	-	-
TOTAL	10-7	-	1-0	9-7	-	-	-

DOUBLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3
2016	13-6	7-4	6-2	-
TOTAL	13-6	7-4	6-2	-

### 4. SAVANNAH DURKIN, SO.

Led the Owls with a 16-3 mark in singles, going 7-2 at No. 4 and 8-1 at No. 5.... Won her last six decisions, including a 3-0 mark at the C-USA Championship... Led the team with five clinch points, including one over #29 Tulsa in a 4-3 win... Earned C-USA Women's Tennis Athlete of the Week for her win over Tulsa... 7-1 in three set matches and 2-0 in tiebreak sets... 5-0 against C-USA opponents in dual singles... Combined with Zinko to go 3-0 in the C-USA Championship in doubles, losing seven games and clinching the point in two of three matches... Posted a 10-4 doubles mark in dual action, including wins in their last four matches.

SINGLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
2015	15-6	-	-	0-1	5-3	9-2	1-0
2016	16-3	-	-	-	7-2	8-1	1-0
TOTAL	31-9	-	-	0-1	12-5	17-3	2-0

DOUBLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3
2015	12-6	-	-	12-6
2016	13-8	-	-	13-8
TOTAL	25-14	-	-	25-14

### 5. ALISON HO, JR.

Set the tone in each match of the Owls march to a 4th consecutive C-USA title, losing just 12 games over six sets and twice finishing first to give the Owls a 2-0 lead... Named Most Outstanding Singles of the Championship for her efforts... Ended the season strongly, winning four straight and five of her last six to finish 11-10... Named C-USA Women's Tennis Athlete of the Week on January 19 after a 3-0 run in the UCF Quad... Posted a 5-9 mark with Hodge in doubles.

SINGLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
2014	18-5	-	-	-	-	3-1	15-4
2015	4-8	-	-	0-1	1-3	2-4	1-0
2016	11-10	-	-	1-3	5-5	5-2	-
TOTAL	33-23	-	-	1-4	6-8	10-7	16-4

DOUBLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3
2014	12-7	-	7-3	5-4
2015	10-8	-	10-8	-
2016	6-12	3-7	2-4	1-1
TOTAL	29-27	3-7	20-15	6-5

### 6. SOLOMIYA ZINKO, SR.

Steady senior leader who became the first women's tennis player in conference history to win four C-USA titles... Posted a 10-3 record in her final year of competition and delivered a pair of clinch points, including one against #38 Texas to give Rice it's first-ever win over the Longhorns at home and just the second in school history... Named C-USA Women's Tennis Athlete of the Week for her efforts against Texas.... Finished her career 3-0 in dual action against Texas... 3-0 in three-set matches... Combined with Durkin to go 3-0 in the C-USA Championship in doubles, losing seven games and clinching the point in two of three matches... Posted a 10-4 doubles mark in dual action.

SINGLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
2013	13-6	-	-	-	-	4-1	9-5
2014	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	1-1
2015	12-6	-	-	-	-	1-1	11-5
2016	10-3	-	-	-	-	0-1	10-2
TOTAL	36-16	-	-	-	-	5-3	31-13

DOUBLES	DUAL	#1	#2	#3
2013	16-8	-	2-0	14-8
2014	9-5	-	-	9-5
2015	12-8	-	0-2	12-6
2016	12-5	-	2-1	10-4
TOTAL	49-26	-	4-3	45-23