

2003 BUCKNELL VOLLEYBALL

Patriot League Tournament Notes

Probable Starters

Outside Hitter

Jackie Leahy
(Jr., 6-1, 3.93 k/gm)

Middle Blocker

Jennie Smith
(Fr., 6-2, 1.02 b/gm)

Right Side Hitter

Sarah Groman
(Fr., 6-2, 1.72 k/gm)

Outside Hitter

Brandi Trapasso
(Sr., 5-7, 3.26 k/gm)

Middle Hitter

Jessica Bissett
(Jr., 6-1, 1.55 k/gm)

Setter

Breean Trapasso
(Sr., 5-7, 10.39 a/gm)

Libero Chelsea Anderson (So., 5-8, 4.01 d/gm)

2003 BUCKNELL VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE/RESULTS

August			
Fri.	29	vs. Valparaiso (Titan Classic)	3-0 L
Fri.	29	vs. Nevada (Titan Classic)	3-0 L
Sat.	30	vs. Fordham (Titan Classic)	3-2 L
Sat.	30	at Cal State Fullerton (Titan Classic)	3-0 L
September			
Sat.	6	at Saint Francis (Pa.)	3-0 W
Wed.	10	at Loyola (Md.)	3-1 W
Fri.	12	HOWARD (BU Invitational)	3-0 W
Sat.	13	DARTMOUTH (BU Invitational)	3-2 L
Sat.	13	FDU (BU Invitational)	3-1 W
Sat.	20	BUFFALO (Bison Scramble)	3-0 L
Sat.	20	STONY BROOK (Bison Scramble)	3-2 L
Tue.	23	at Penn	3-2 L
Fri.	26	* ARMY	3-0 W
Sat.	27	* HOLY CROSS	3-0 W
October			
Fri.	3	* LEHIGH	3-0 W
Sat.	4	* LAFAYETTE	3-0 W
Fri.	10	* at American	3-0 L
Sat.	11	* at Navy	3-2 W
Sat.	18	* COLGATE	3-1 W
Fri.	24	* at Holy Cross	3-2 W
Sat.	25	* at Army	3-1 W
Fri.	31	* at Lafayette	3-0 W
November			
Sat.	1	* at Lehigh	3-0 W
Fri.	7	* NAVY	3-0 W
Sat.	8	* AMERICAN	3-1 L
Wed.	12	at Saint Francis (Pa.)	3-2 L
Sat.	15	* at Colgate	3-1 L
Sa.-Su.	22-23	Patriot League Tournament at Washington, D.C.	
Sat.	22	vs. Lehigh	2 p.m.
Sun.	23	Patriot League Championship Match	12 p.m.

2003 PATRIOT LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	Patriot League				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
American	14	0	0	1.000	18	9	0	.667
Bucknell	11	3	0	.786	15	12	0	.556
Lehigh	8	6	0	.571	18	13	0	.581
Army	8	6	0	.571	17	14	0	.548
Navy	5	9	0	.357	11	17	0	.393
Colgate	5	9	0	.357	8	21	0	.276
Holy Cross	4	10	0	.286	7	20	0	.259
Lafayette	1	13	0	.071	6	24	0	.200

(1) American (18-9, 14-0 PL)

Saturday, 12 p.m.

(4) Army (17-14, 8-6 PL)

(2) Bucknell (15-12, 11-3 PL)

Sunday
12 p.m.



Saturday, 2 p.m.

(3) Lehigh (18-13, 8-6 PL)

Bucknell Versus the Patriot League Tournament Field

vs. Lehigh	vs. American	vs. Army
All-Time Series 11-34-0	All-Time Series 1-10-0	All-Time Series 11-11-0
Last Bison Win 11/1/03, 3-0	Last Bison Win 10/19/96, 3-2	Last Bison Win 10/25/03, 3-0
Last Mountain Hawk Win 11/22/02, 3-0	Last Eagle Win 11/1/03, 3-1	Last Black Knight Win 11/9/02, 3-0



2003 Bucknell Statistical Leaders

KILLS		ACES	
Jackie Leahy	389	Brandi Trapasso	29
Brandi Trapasso	329	Breean Trapasso	25
Jennie Smith	167	Jessica Bissett	24
HITTING PCT.		TOTAL BLOCKS	
Brandi Trapasso	.199	Jennie Smith	95
Jessica Bissett	.198	Sarah Groman	59
Jackie Leahy	.185	Jessica Bissett	50
DIGS		ASSISTS	
Chelsea Anderson	397	Breean Trapasso	1049
Brandi Trapasso	393	Chelsea Anderson	44
Breean Trapasso	332	Jessica Le	36

2003 BUCKNELL VOLLEYBALL HONORS

JENNIE SMITH

- Patriot League Freshman of the Week, October 6

BECKY FISHER

- Lewisburg Hotel Bison Athlete of the Week, Oct. 20

BREEAN TRAPASSO

- Second-Team All-Patriot League

- Patriot League Player of the Week, November 3

BRANDI TRAPASSO

- First-Team All-Patriot League

- Lewisburg Hotel Bison Athlete of the Week, Oct. 27

- Patriot League Player of the Week, November 10

JACKIE LEAHY

- First-Team All-Patriot League

CHELSEA ANDERSON

- Second-Team All-Patriot League

Record Breakers & Record Chasers

Season Best - Kills

1. Melissa Wharton	421	1996
2. Shannon Walker	404	2000
3. Melissa Wharton	397	1997
4. Shannon Walker	391	2001
5. Jackie Leahy	389	2003
5. Emily Pomeroy	389	1998

Season Best - Block Assists

1. Melissa Wharton	105	1996
2. Jennie Smith	95	2003

Career Best - Digs

1. Brandi Trapasso	1570	2000-pres.
2. Susie Teitsworth	1474	1993-96

Season Best - Assists

1. Whitney Williams	1175	2000
2. Breean Trapasso	1103	2002
3. Breean Trapasso	1049	2003

Career Best - Assists

1. Amy Turnshek	3071	1994-97
2. Whitney Williams	2737	1998-2001
3. Breean Trapasso	2496	2000-03

BUCKNELL IN THE PATRIOT LEAGUE TOURNAMENT:

The Bison have a 10-14 record all-time in the Patriot League Tournament, which dates back to 1990. Versus Lehigh, Bucknell is 2-3 in league tournament play, with Lehigh winning the last meeting last season, also in the league semifinal. Bucknell has met American only once in the league tournament, in the 2001 semifinal, which Bucknell lost. Bucknell has never met Army in Patriot League Tournament play.

BISON IN THE PATRIOT LEAGUE STAT RANKINGS:

Jackie Leahy ranks fourth in the league in kills with 3.93 per game, while **Brandi Trapasso** is seventh with 3.26. **Breean Trapasso** ranks second in assists with 10.39 per game. **Jennie Smith** is one of only two players averaging over one block per game, at 1.02. Lehigh's Rebecca Gawronski averages 1.09. Bucknell has three in the top ten in digs, including **Chelsea Anderson** (second, 4.01), **Brandi Trapasso** (fourth, 3.89), and **Breean Trapasso** (ninth, 3.29).

HOME SWEET HOME: The Bison went 6-1 in the Patriot League at home and yielded a total of four games, counting the one loss to American. Lehigh, Lafayette, Army, Holy Cross, and Navy all left Lewisburg without getting a game off the Bison, and Colgate got only one.

WINNING IN THE LEAGUE: Bucknell went 11-3 in the Patriot League this year, defeating every opponent on both chances, except for American, against whom Bucknell went 0-2, and Colgate, with whom Bucknell split. The 11 wins are the most in league play in Bison history, edging out the 10-2 campaign Bucknell posted in 2000, the last time Bucknell went to the NCAA Tournament and the last year that the Patriot League had seven volleyball teams.

FRESHMAN CONTRIBUTIONS: Jennie Smith and Sarah Groman found their way into the Bucknell starting lineup as the Bison's middle blocker and right-side hitter, respectively, early in the season and have held on to it since. Smith and Groman are the top two blockers on the team, and rank third and fourth on the team, respectively, in kills per game.

HEAD COACH CINDY OPALSKI: In her 14th season at Bucknell, the longest tenure of any current women's coach at the school, Cindy Opalski has compiled a 202-200 record at Bucknell. Counting her four years at Clarion University in Pennsylvania, her record is 294-246. Her 200th win as Bison coach came in a sweep at Lafayette on Oct. 31. In 1994, Bucknell had its first 20-win season in 11 years, and followed it up with the school's first Patriot League title in 1995. Bucknell won two Patriot League championships, in 1998 and 2000 and went to the NCAA Tournament in both of those years.

BUCKNELL VOLLEYBALL
PATRIOT LEAGUE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS - 1998, 2000
NCAA TOURNAMENT - 1998, 2000