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2005, YEAR IN REVIEW



The word best used to describe the 2005 Flyer volleyball team was dominant. Dominant while victorious in 19 consecutive regular-season matches. Dominant while going 12-1 against conference opponents to win the Atlantic 10 Regular Season Championship. Dominant while securing its third straight berth in the NCAA Tournament by sweeping Temple to win its third consecutive A-10 Championship.

UD began the season with a sweep of two matches to take the championship of the Pepsi Challenge at Eastern Illinois. Faye Barhorst and Robynne Green were named to the All-Challenge Team as Dayton beat Bradley and host EIU on the opening day of the season.

The Flyers then faced three straight teams that were receiving votes in the CSTV/AVCA Top 25 Coaches Poll in less than a week. After being beaten at Purdue, UD played host #8 Florida tight for the first two games before falling to the Gators at the Aquafina Volleyball Classic. Dayton was also defeated by #15 UC Santa Barbara in the Sunshine State as UD played two ranked teams on the same day for the first time in school history.

The front line established itself for the Flyers on the very next day as Dayton got back to its winning ways with a 3-0 sweep of Missouri State. Barhorst collected 18 kills while Bethany Aklerti posted six blocks and Margo Moeller added three of her own.

UD closed out its pre-conference schedule with disappointing finishes at its own Marriott Flyer Invitational and the TIS Bookstore Invitational at Indiana University. After a loss to Charlotte in the conference opener, Dayton regrouped to sweep George Washington on September 24 at Frericks Center.

The Flyer victory over the Colonials lifted UD's record to 6-9 overall and started one of the best runs in program history. Dayton found its stride and won 19 consecutive matches including all nine in the month of October while leading its opponents with a 27-10 game record.

As UD rolled through the opposition, the Flyer Faithful came out to fill the Frericks Center. The highlight of the stretch was a match on Oct. 14 against Duquesne when the Flyers beat the Dukes 3-1 in front of 1,063 fans – the most to watch an Atlantic 10 match during the 2005 season. Overall nearly 6,000 fans watched UD volleyball play at Frericks Center for an average of 446 fans per match to lead the A-10.

With a 21-9 mark and the best record in the conference, Dayton took confidence into the

Atlantic 10 Championships held at Rhode Island's Keaney Gymnasium. The top-seeded Flyers took on Charlotte, the only A-10 team to beat UD in the regular season during the semifinals. Dayton's freshman Brittany Scheeringa and Kortney Norris stepped up to gain revenge over the 49ers in a 3-1 victory. UD dominated the match by outhitting Charlotte .244 to .195 and recorded 14.0 blocks.

Dayton then looked to become the first team in six years to win three straight A-10 Titles against the last team to accomplish the task – A-10 East Division Champion Temple. The Flyers and Owls squared off in a regionally televised match and Dayton took over an otherwise tightly contested match by out hitting TU .308 to .179. The Flyer frontline was dominant on the night with a 15.5 to 6.0 advantage in blocks. Four different Dayton players were named to the A-10 All-Championship Team as Nicole Schott, Robynne Green and Kortney Norris were honored along with Barhorst winning Most Outstanding Player honors. The victory made UD just the fourth different school in the history of the A-10 to win the title in three consecutive years.

Following the A-10 Championship, Dayton returned home for two final regular season matches to prepare for the NCAA Tournament. UD resumed play following the Thanksgiving holiday with a 3-0 sweep of Kent State. The victory was the 19th consecutive victory for the Flyers. Dayton could not extend the streak to 20 matches as it was upset by Miami (Ohio) on the final day of the regular season. The loss snapped one of the greatest runs in program history and marked the first loss in 63 days for the Flyers. UD's winning streak was the 11th longest winning streak in the nation during the 2005 season.

After a 24-10 regular season record, Dayton entered the NCAA Tournament to face a stiff challenge against #11 Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. The Flyers who were making their third consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance in their third different location looked at home at UND's Joyce Center playing point for point with the sixth-seeded Irish.

UD faced elimination coming out of the intermission trailing 0-2 in the match. However, Dayton traded points with Notre Dame to begin the third game before a kill by Barhorst and an Irish attack error gave the Flyers a 15-13 lead at the intermission in game three. UD then stretched its lead out to four at 21-17 on a block by Richards and Robynne Green to force a ND timeout. After the break, a solo block by Norris and an Irish attack error gave Dayton a 23-17 cushion. Notre Dame rallied to within two at 28-26, before a kill from Norris and another by Robynne Green gave Dayton a 30-26 game three victory.



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UD out hit ND .152 to .038 in a third stanza that included 11 tied scores and five lead changes. Amanda Kenny led the way with four kills followed by three each from Norris and Barhorst. Adrienne Green collected five digs in support of her Flyer front line that finished with 6.5 blocks. Barhorst led the way with four blocks in the third game while Norris, Jamie-Lee Richards and Schott added two each for the Flyers.

Dayton scored the first two points of game four and did not allow Notre Dame to take the lead until 17-16 as Barhorst rattled off six kills in the first half of the game. Down, 22-20, Dayton regained the lead at 23-22 on a kill from Barhorst and consecutive service aces by Erin Schroeder. Then with the scored tied 28-all, Robynne Green gave UD game point with

a kill off the hands of an Irish defender. The Flyers then forced a deciding fifth game with a block from Richards to earn Dayton a 30-28 victory.

Barhorst paced the UD offense with eight kills in game four while Robynne Green followed with six. Dayton hit .254 as a team behind 19 assists from Schott. Adrienne Green finished with nine digs while Kenny added eight as the Flyers out hit the Irish for the second game in a row.

After a kill by Richards to open game five, Notre Dame went on a 6-0 run to build a 6-1 lead. Then a kill by Schroeder, a block from Schott and Barhorst and a service ace by Kenny pulled Dayton to within two at 6-4. Then trailing 12-9, Dayton won the longest rally of the match on a solo block by Barhorst to pull within two. Then a kill by Norris forced a ND timeout with the Irish ahead by single point at 13-12. After the break, Kenny ripped off a service ace down the middle to knot the score at 13-all. But a Flyer service error and a kill by the home team gave Notre Dame the 15-13 victory.

The 2005 edition of UD volleyball finished as one of the best in program history. Dayton broke the school records for kills (2,143), attack attempts (5,523) and assists (1,965) in a season this year. The Flyers also ranked third in digs (2,155), seventh in blocks (353.5), eighth in hitting percentage (.233) and ninth in service aces (216).

Individually, Faye Barhorst was named the Atlantic 10 Player of the Year to make Dayton home to the conference's best player for the third consecutive season. Barhorst was also honored as an AVCA Honorable Mention All-America selection for the second straight season.

Nicole Schott wrapped up a career as one of the best setters in Flyer history by being named the 2005 A-10 Setter of the Year. Schott is the only player in UD history to record both 1,000 career digs and 1,000 career assists. She was also one of just two Flyers ever to record three consecutive 1,000 assist seasons. Scott finished her career ranked second all-time in career assists (4,617) and eighth in digs (1,121).

Head Coach Tim Horsmon earned his first Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year honor after winning his seventh conference championship in as many seasons as a collegiate head coach. Horsmon has won 74 matches in just three seasons at UD while leading the Flyers to three straight Atlantic 10 titles and berths in the NCAA Tournament.

Also earning A-10 post season accolades were Second Team selection Robynne Green, Honorable Mention pick Adrienne Green and All-Rookie Team pick Kortney Norris.



2005 STATISTICS



RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL MATCHES	23-9	11-1	7-7	5-1
CONFERENCE	12-2	7-0	5-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	11-7	4-1	2-5	5-1

RETURNING PLAYERS IN BOLD

##	STATS SUMMARY	ATTACK					SET			SERVE		DIG	BLOCKING					Points				
		G	K	K/Game	E	TA	Pct	A	A/Game	SA	SE		SA/Gm	RE	DIG	Dig/G	BS		BA	Total	B/Game	BE
19	Faye Barhorst	134	535	3.99	134	1013	.396	28	0.21	0	0	0.00	0	37	0.28	48	126	174	1.30	10	2	646.0
5	Robynne Green	136	433	3.18	157	1004	.275	34	0.25	52	64	0.38	7	134	0.99	28	108	136	1.00	13	5	567.0
6	Kortney Norris	123	373	3.03	153	978	.225	10	0.08	4	7	0.03	3	79	0.64	12	50	62	0.50	3	1	414.0
12	Jamie-Lee Richards	134	339	2.53	153	864	.215	8	0.06	0	7	0.00	0	62	0.46	4	86	90	0.67	6	0	386.0
8	Amanda Kenny	77	155	2.01	104	571	.089	19	0.25	9	27	0.12	12	184	2.39	6	21	27	0.35	4	1	180.5
9	Julie Richards	20	25	1.25	16	96	.094	4	0.20	7	8	0.35	8	44	2.20	0	5	5	0.25	2	0	34.5
13	Gina Heiderman	21	24	1.14	8	58	.276	4	0.19	3	4	0.14	0	6	0.29	3	8	11	0.52	3	2	34.0
15	Mandy Robbe	62	68	1.10	45	274	.084	16	0.26	17	20	0.27	16	122	1.97	1	14	15	0.24	1	1	93.0
20	Nicole Schott	136	133	0.98	48	381	.223	1604	11.79	27	47	0.20	3	325	2.39	2	49	51	0.38	18	36	186.5
2	Margo Moeller	25	24	0.96	16	105	.076	2	0.08	0	1	0.00	0	20	0.80	1	9	10	0.40	0	0	29.5
3	Bethany Akerhielm	33	20	0.61	8	55	.218	6	0.18	3	6	0.09	0	4	0.12	4	11	15	0.45	1	0	32.5
18	Erin Schroeder	105	6	0.06	6	42	.000	134	1.28	33	37	0.31	13	247	2.35	0	2	2	0.02	0	6	40.0
1	Adrienne Green	130	6	0.05	6	64	.000	65	0.50	37	30	0.28	60	532	4.09	0	0	0	0.00	1	3	43.0
7	Angela Rueve	63	1	0.02	0	2	.500	17	0.27	9	17	0.14	25	114	1.81	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	10.0
17	Brittney Scheeringa	110	1	0.01	2	12	-.083	14	0.13	15	28	0.14	25	221	2.01	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	16.0
4	Shayla Warren	5	0	0.00	1	2	-.500	0	0.00	0	1	0.00	1	2	0.40	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
14	Courtney Pettko	19	0	0.00	0	2	.000	0	0.00	0	1	0.00	2	22	1.16	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
TEAM												23										
DAYTON FLYERS		136	2143	15.76	857	5523	.233	1965	14.45	216	305	1.59	198	2155	15.85	109	489	353.5	2.60	63	58	2712.5
Opponents		136	1955	14.38	899	5354	.197	1787	13.14	198	279	1.46	216	2185	16.07	68	436	286.0	2.10	55	64	2439.0

TEAM STATISTICS	DAYTON	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	SCORE-BY-GAME	ATTEND
			! Aug 27, 2005	vs Bradley	W	3-2	30-26,27-30,29-31,30-27,17-15	64
			! Aug 27, 2005	at Eastern Illinois	W	3-0	30-25,30-22,31-29	319
ATTACK			Aug 30, 2005	at Purdue	L	0-3	17-30,30-32,21-30	1400
Kills	2143	1955	@ Sep 02, 2005	at #8 Florida	L	0-3	25-30,26-30,16-30	812
Errors	857	899	@ Sep 02, 2005	vs #15 UC-Santa Barbara	L	0-3	17-30,15-30,28-30	1833
Total Attacks	5523	5354	@ Sep 03, 2005	vs Missouri State	W	3-0	30-23,30-28,30-25	4798
Attack Pct	.233	.197	Sep 06, 2005	at Bowling Green	L	1-3	24-30,30-26,30-32,25-30	298
Kills/Game	15.8	14.4	# Sep 09, 2005	VIRGINIA	L	2-3	25-30,30-21,27-30,30-19,6-15	555
SET			# Sep 10, 2005	INDIANA STATE	W	3-1	30-19,20-30,30-24,30-20	204
Assists	1965	1787	# Sep 10, 2005	MISSISSIPPI STATE	L	2-3	26-30,30-17,28-30,30-26,10-15	231
Assists/Game	14.4	13.1	S Sep 16, 2005	vs Arkansas State	W	3-0	30-24,30-26,30-26	71
SERVE			S Sep 17, 2005	vs Western Michigan	L	1-3	30-25,27-30,20-30,17-30	111
Aces	216	198	S Sep 17, 2005	at Indiana	L	2-3	32-30,27-30,25-30,30-25,12-15	336
Errors	305	279	* Sep 23, 2005	CHARLOTTE	L	2-3	30-18,26-30,36-38,30-24,18-20	432
Aces/Game	1.6	1.5	* Sep 24, 2005	GEORGE WASHINGTON	W	3-0	30-20,30-23,30-27	411
SERVE RECEPTIONS			Sep 27, 2005	EASTERN KENTUCKY	W	3-2	30-25,26-30,32-34,30-18,15-10	368
Errors	198	216	* Sep 30, 2005	at Fordham Rams	W	3-0	30-23,30-26,30-23	133
Errors/Game	1.5	1.6	* Oct 02, 2005	at Rhode Island	W	3-0	30-19,31-29,30-20	111
Attempts	3076	3184	* Oct 07, 2005	at Xavier	W	3-2	30-22,30-32,30-25,15-30,15-7	457
Reception Pct	.936	.932	Oct 11, 2005	at IUPUI	W	3-1	21-30,30-24,30-27,30-23	193
DEFENSE			* Oct 14, 2005	DUQUESNE	W	3-1	28-30,34-32,30-24,30-26	1063
Digs	2155	2185	* Oct 15, 2005	SAINT LOUIS	W	3-2	23-30,22-30,30-26,30-25,15-9	327
Digs/Game	15.8	16.1	* Oct 21, 2005	at La Salle	W	3-0	30-18,30-22,30-25	89
BLOCKING			* Oct 22, 2005	at Temple	W	3-2	30-22,26-30,19-30,30-19,15-12	176
Block Solo	109	68	* Oct 27, 2005	XAVIER	W	3-2	31-29,35-33,23-30,27-30,15-13	500
Block Assist	489	436	* Oct 28, 2005	RHODE ISLAND	W	3-0	30-19,30-19,30-24	422
Total Blocks	353.5	286.0	* Nov 04, 2005	at Saint Louis	W	3-1	30-24,23-30,30-28,30-27	409
Blocks Per Game	2.6	2.1	* Nov 06, 2005	at Duquesne	W	3-0	30-19,30-20,30-21	150
Block Errors	63	55	Nov 08, 2005	CINCINNATI	W	3-1	30-24,26-30,30-20,30-27	462
BALL HANDLING ERRORS	58	64	Nov 12, 2005	at Wright State Univ.	W	3-0	30-23,30-23,30-20	241
			& Nov 18, 2005	vs Charlotte	W	3-1	30-25,25-30,30-19,30-28	112
			& Nov 19, 2005	vs Temple	W	3-0	30-22,30-26,30-26	320
			^ Nov 25, 2005	KENT STATE	W	3-0	30-21,30-21,30-20	311
			^ Nov 26, 2005	MIAMI UNIVERSITY	L	1-3	24-30,26-30,30-26,18-30	512
			& Dec 1, 2005	at #11 Notre Dame	L	2-3	21-30,25-30,30-26,30-28,13-15	878

HOME MATCHES IN ALL CAPS AT FRERICKS CENTER

ATTENDANCE			! - Pepsi Challenge (Charleston, IL) * - A-10 Conference Match
Total	5798	6002	@ - Aquafina Invite (Gainesville, FL) # - Marriott Flyer Invite
Dates/Avg Per Date	13/446	15/400	S - TIS Bookstore Invite (Bloomington, IN)
Neutral site #/Avg	7/1044		& - Atlantic 10 Championship (Kingston, RI) ^ - A-10/MAC Classic
Current win streak	0	-	
Home win streak	0	-	



MATCH - BY - MATCH LEADERS

Date	Opponent	Score	Kills	Attempts	Assists	Aces	Digs	Blocks	Points
8/27	Bradley	W 3-2	Barhorst (26)	R. Green (60)	Schott (42)	Heiderman (2)	A. Green (21)	Barhorst (13)	Barhorst (34.0)
8/27	Eastern Illinois	W 3-0	R. Green (13)	R. Green (36)	Schott (26)	Two with (2)	Kenny (15)	Barhorst (7)	R. Green (17.0)
8/30	Purdue	L 0-3	Three with (10)	Kenny (34)	Schott (23)	R. Green (3)	A. Green (11)	Barhorst (3)	R. Green (13.0)
9/2	#8 Florida	L 0-3	Kenny (11)	R. Green (32)	Schott (22)	Two with (1)	A. Green (14)	Two with (2)	Kenny (11.0)
9/2	#15 UC Santa Barbara	L 0-3	R. Green (9)	R. Green (33)	Schott (16)	Heiderman (1)	Rueve (7)	Barhorst (6)	Kenny (9.5)
9/3	Missouri State	W 3-0	Barhorst (18)	Barhorst (30)	Schott (30)	Two with (2)	A. Green (22)	Akerhielm (6)	Barhorst (20.5)
9/6	Bowling Green	L 1-3	Barhorst (19)	R. Green (52)	Schott (31)	Three with (1)	Schott (22)	Barhorst (6)	Barhorst (22.5)
9/9	VIRGINIA	L 2-3	Barhorst (21)	Norris (33)	Schott (58)	Two with (2)	Schott (16)	Barhorst (6)	Barhorst (25.0)
9/10	INDIANA STATE	W 3-1	Barhorst (25)	JL Richards (34)	Schott (56)	R. Green (4)	Rueve (13)	Barhorst (5)	Barhorst (28.5)
9/10	MISSISSIPPI STATE	L 2-3	Barhorst (15)	Kenny (34)	Schott (49)	A. Green (3)	Rueve (23)	R. Green (6)	Barhorst (17.5)
9/16	Arkansas State	W 3-0	Barhorst (15)	Kenny (29)	Schott (50)	A. Green (3)	Schott (10)	Barhorst (5)	Barhorst (17.5)
9/17	Western Michigan	L 1-3	Barhorst (18)	Norris (39)	Schott (45)	Rueve (2)	A. Green (13)	R. Green (6)	Barhorst (19.5)
9/17	Indiana	L 2-3	JL Richards (20)	Barhorst (49)	Schott (59)	R. Green (3)	Robbe (18)	Barhorst (8)	Barhorst (23.0)
9/23	CHARLOTTE (A-10)	L 2-3	Two with (18)	Two with (38)	Schott (60)	R. Green (4)	A. Green (21)	Barhorst (10)	Barhorst (23.0)
9/24	G. WASHINGTON (A-10)	W 3-0	R. Green (14)	Two with (23)	Schott (48)	R. Green (3)	A. Green (14)	Two with (4)	R. Green (19.5)
9/27	EASTERN KENTUCKY	W 3-2	Norris (20)	Norris (47)	Schott (68)	Norris (4)	A. Green (25)	Barhorst (9)	Barhorst (22.5)
9/30	Fordham (A-10)	W 3-0	Barhorst (12)	JL Richards (23)	Schott (31)	Scheeringa (2)	A. Green (11)	R. Green (6)	Barhorst (14.0)
10/2	Rhode Island (A-10)	W 3-0	Norris (18)	Norris (39)	Schott (37)	A. Green (4)	Schott (8)	Four with (3)	Norris (18.0)
10/7	Xavier (A-10)	W 3-2	Three with (14)	JL Richards (43)	Schott (53)	Two with (2)	A. Green (27)	Barhorst (6)	Barhorst (17.5)
10/11	IUPUI	W 3-1	Barhorst (18)	Norris (43)	Schott (55)	R. Green (3)	Schroeder (12)	Barhorst (3)	Barhorst (20.0)
10/14	DUQUESNE (A-10)	W 3-1	Norris (21)	Norris (53)	Schott (62)	R. Green (4)	A. Green (26)	R. Green (7)	JL Richards (22.0)
10/15	SAINT LOUIS (A-10)	W 3-2	R. Green (16)	Norris (36)	Schott (58)	Ju. Richards (4)	A. Green (12)	Barhorst (6)	R. Green (18.0)
10/21	La Salle (A-10)	W 3-0	R. Green (14)	Barhorst (28)	Schott (34)	Two with (1)	A. Green (22)	R. Green (5)	R. Green (17.5)
10/22	Temple (A-10)	W 3-2	Barhorst (19)	Norris (40)	Schott (53)	Schroeder (4)	A. Green (28)	Barhorst (4)	Barhorst (24.5)
10/27	XAVIER (A-10)	W 3-2	Barhorst (26)	Barhorst (50)	Schott (76)	Four with (1)	A. Green (28)	Norris (3)	Barhorst (27.5)
10/28	RHODE ISLAND (A-10)	W 3-0	R. Green (18)	R. Green (25)	Schott (42)	A. Green (3)	A. Green (11)	R. Green (6)	R. Green (21.5)
11/4	Saint Louis (A-10)	W 3-1	Barhorst (19)	Barhorst (36)	Schott (44)	Robbe (2)	A. Green (13)	R. Green (9)	Barhorst (21.5)
11/6	Duquesne (A-10)	W 3-0	Two with (11)	JL Richards (30)	Schott (35)	R. Green (3)	A. Green (15)	R. Green (4)	R. Green (15.0)
11/8	CINCINNATI	W 3-1	Barhorst (18)	Norris (37)	Schott (53)	Schroeder (4)	A. Green (20)	R. Green (11)	R. Green (22.5)
11/12	Wright State	W 3-0	Barhorst (13)	Norris (29)	Schott (43)	A. Green (1)	Schroeder (16)	Two with (7)	Barhorst (18.5)
11/18	Charlotte	W 3-1	Norris (16)	Norris (36)	Schott (48)	R. Green (5)	Two with (14)	Barhorst (9)	R. Green (22.5)
11/19	Temple	W 3-0	Barhorst (13)	Kenny (28)	Schott (41)	Schott (2)	A. Green (12)	R. Green (10)	Norris (15.0)
11/25	Kent State	W 3-0	Barhorst (19)	Barhorst (27)	Schott (52)	Schroeder (2)	Kenny (11)	R. Green (2)	Barhorst (19.0)
11/26	Miami (Ohio)	L 1-3	Barhorst (16)	R. Green (36)	Schott (44)	Robbe (2)	A. Green (22)	R. Green (6)	Barhorst (20.5)
12/1	Notre Dame	L 2-3	Norris (23)	Kenny (61)	Schott (60)	Schroeder (3)	A. Green (29)	Barhorst (6)	Norris (25.5)

Season Bests in BOLD

2004, REPEAT CHAMPS



The 2004 University of Dayton volleyball team made the extraordinary seem routine as it won its second-straight Atlantic 10 Championship to become the first school in five years to successfully defend the A-10 title.

UD again had the A-10 Player of the Year and A-10 Tournament Most Outstanding Player, went 12-2 in Conference play, swept the A-10 Tournament and advanced to the NCAA Tournament all for the second consecutive season under Head Coach **Tim Horsmon**.

While 2004 might have seemed like a carbon copy of the previous season, Dayton surpassed the 2003 campaign in numerous areas. The Flyers captured the A-10 Regular Season Championship for the third time in program history. In the process, the team rattled off a 10-match winning streak, which was the third-longest in school history and the best since 2001 when UD also won the A-10 Regular Season Championship. Two Flyers garnered All-America honors, which was the most ever at UD in a single-season. A pair of Dayton players were also named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Third Team.

The season began with a three-game loss at the hands of Ohio State in Columbus. Despite the defeat, Dayton regrouped quickly and returned home to the Frericks Center to unveil their new Championship banners in a refurbished gymnasium for the 2004 Dayton Flyer Invitational. UD won its home tournament for the second straight year by defeating Coastal Carolina, Tennessee Tech and West Virginia as **Christy Utnage** was named MVP for the second consecutive year. Utnage hit 55 kills over three matches on the weekend while also tallying 32 digs and hitting .376 to garner A-10 Player of the Week honors. She was joined on the All-Invitational Team by **Nicole Schott**.

Dayton then lost a pair of midweek matches to Butler and Miami (Ohio) that were scheduled to be played around a tournament at Florida Atlantic. However, UD did not make the trip to Boca Raton, Fla. because of the damage caused by Hurricane Ivan.

The Flyers rebounded to win their next three matches, all at the Toledo Rocket Classic. Dayton beat UNC-Greensboro, Wisconsin-Green Bay and Oakland before falling to host Toledo in five-games in the weekend's finale. Schott was named to the All-Tournament team once again along with freshman **Adrienne Green**. Schott was consistent throughout the weekend with an average of 40 assists per match in Toledo while Green had double-digit digs in each match including 25 in the opener against the Spartans and 21 against the second match versus the Phoenix. UD would open the next weekend with another loss to eventual NCAA Tournament participant Long Island, but would turnaround its fortunes at the Pittsburgh Panther Classic and for the rest of the season as it would win 17 of its final 20 regular season matches. The Flyers began the stretch by beating Southern Illinois and BIG EAST power Pittsburgh as **Faye Barhorst** was named Tournament MVP after setting a Fitzgerald Fieldhouse record with eight solo blocks in the Championship Match against the Panthers. Barhorst led UD to the Tournament Title for the second straight year and was rewarded as the A-10 Player of the Week. Utnage and **Robynne Green** each had solid weekends of their own to garner All-Tournament honors. Utnage had a pair of double-doubles while Green posted six kills and six blocks against SIU as well as nine kills, five digs and five blocks versus Pittsburgh.

The A-10 Conference schedule began with a showdown between the defending champion Flyers and the preseason favorite Xavier in Cincinnati. Dayton quickly showed the Musketeers that they intended to keep the title for another season as they swept a closely-contested match in three games behind 17 kills and 11 digs from Utnage while Barhorst added 15 kills and five blocks for UD.

Dayton then returned home to defeat Fordham and Rhode Island and Barhorst was again named A-10 Player of the Week as she posted 18 kills while hitting .654 against Fordham following with 13 kills and nine blocks against Rhode Island.

UD fell at Temple in five-games for its first conference loss of the season. Barhorst then started the Flyers on a 10-match winning streak with an NCAA Record performance against La Salle in Philadelphia, just one day later. The middle blocker hit a record-breaking .800 in the match with 24 kills in just 30 attempts.

Hitting its stride at just the right time, nine of the 10 Dayton wins in the streak were against conference opponents with a roster which included eight freshmen, which made UD the second-youngest team in the nation. It was veterans Utnage and Barhorst however who led the group of talented, young players during the stretch as Utnage was named A-10 Player of the Week once and Barhorst won it twice during the streak.

Despite a stumble against Duquesne in the A-10 regular season finale, Dayton entered the Atlantic 10 Tournament along with Xavier as A-10 Regular Season Co-Champions with a 12-2 conference ledger. The top-seeded Flyers breezed through their semifinal match with host Duquesne in three-games and out hit the Dukes .294 to .064 in the match. Utnage led the way for UD with 17 kills and 10 digs. Barhorst added 12 kills and five blocks while Robynne Green hit .526 with 10 kills and two blocks for the Flyers. Schott dished out 43 assists to pace the offense while the defense was anchored by senior **Shanna Pressler** who finished with 14 digs and five blocks.

The stage was then set for a match up between the top two teams in the conference as Dayton faced Xavier in the A-10 Championship Match. Dayton came hot out of the gate determined to defend its championship as it won the first two games by scores of 30-20 and 30-24. Xavier rebounded to win the third game in convincing fashion 30-22 and appeared to have the fourth game in hand as well beginning with a 7-0 run and building a 17-7 advantage before the Flyers could mount a comeback. UD would use a 10-1 run to pull within a point at 17-18 before XU responded with a kill. Barhorst answered for UD and the Flyers followed with a service ace courtesy of Pressler to knot the score at 19-all.



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After Dayton took a 21-19 lead, XU rattled off five consecutive points capped by a service ace to post a 24-21 lead. The Flyers once again showed their resilience and tied the score at 25-25 with a service ace of its own by Schott. The teams would trade the next five points before Barhorst ripped a kill down the middle to knot the score for the final time at 28-all. Pressler followed with a kill of her own to give the Flyers Championship Point for the second consecutive season. Barhorst closed out the match at 30-28 with a solo block as UD claimed its second Atlantic 10 Title in school history and became the first team since 1999 to successfully defend the A-10 Title. Although it took a team effort to win an emotional Championship, Utnage was named the Most Outstanding Player of the A-10 Tournament and was joined on the All-Tourney Team by Barhorst and Robynne Green. The win also made Horsmon 12-0 all-time in conference tournament play with six titles in six career appearances.



After a non-conference match with Cincinnati one week later, the Flyers gathered to watch the NCAA selection show to find that they would face seventh-ranked Ohio State in their second ever NCAA Tournament appearance in Columbus along with 25th-ranked Ohio and Pittsburgh.

Looking to continue its season of repeats, Dayton could not beat a Big Ten team on its home floor for the second straight season as it fell to the Buckeyes in three games. Utnage completed her collegiate career with 16 kills, 13 digs and two blocks. Overall, the Flyers had 48 kills behind a 40-assist effort by Schott. Robynne Green made an impact in her first NCAA Tournament match as the A-10 All-Rookie Team selection hit .348 with 10 kills and three blocks to go along with four digs.

Barhorst was also selected to the AVCA Honorable Mention All-America and the A-10 All-Conference teams after hitting .377 as a sophomore, which was the second best single-season mark in program history and ranked 28th in the nation. She also ranked 28th nationally in blocks with 1.47 per game while recording 46 solo blocks (4th best at UD) and 113 block assists (6th best at UD).

Robynne Green was named to the A-10 All-Rookie Team after beginning her career with 204 kills, 126 digs and 84 blocks on the year. She also ranked second on the team in service aces with 28.

The Flyers ended the season with a 23-9 record for its 10th consecutive winning season and fourth straight 20-win campaign. Dayton has won more matches in the past two seasons (49) than any other two-year period since 1987-88.

Schott wrapped up the year with a career-high 1,239 assists which ranks ninth in school history. She already ranks third in program history in career assists at 3,013 after 26 matches with at least 30 assists in 2004. She also had 12 double-digit dig performances.

Utnage also secured a number of individual accolades as she won A-10 Player of the Year and AVCA Honorable Mention All-America honors. She was also named to the A-10 All-Academic Team and the CoSIDA Academic All-District Third Team along with fellow senior Pressler. Utnage closed out her UD career as just the fifth Flyer to record 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs with 21 double-doubles in her final season.



2003, A BREAKOUT YEAR



The 2003 season was a banner season for Dayton Volleyball in its first year under head coach **Tim Horsmon**. The Flyers won their home tournament, went 12-2 in Atlantic 10 Conference play, swept the Atlantic 10 Tournament for their first-ever conference championship and then defeated Michigan State in the First Round of the NCAA Tournament.

The Flyers opened the 2003 campaign by sweeping Tulsa and Stony Brook before downing Towson in five games to win the Dayton Flyer Classic. **Christy Utnage** was named Tournament MVP and also named Atlantic 10 Player of the Week after posting double-digit kills in each game and four service aces. She was joined on the All-Tournament Team by teammates **Erin Treadway** and **Shannon Gardner**.

Dayton headed up north to Minnesota for the Nike Invitational. After taking out Marquette, 3-2, to run their record to 4-0, the Flyers suffered their first defeat of the year at the hand of No. 13 Minnesota. Then a tough loss to the Kansas Jayhawks dropped UD to a 4-2 record.

Dayton headed to Pittsburgh for a four-team tournament a week later (after a mid-week loss to Eastern Kentucky), where the Flyers bounced back with 3-0 wins over Ball State and Robert Morris. UD handed host Pittsburgh one of its six losses on the season by sweeping the Panthers to win the tournament. Treadway received MVP honors while Gardner and freshman **Faye Barhorst** joined her on the All-Tournament Team. Barhorst was later named A-10 Rookie of the Week.

With a 7-3 record and a new-found defensive intensity, the Flyers picked up their fourth straight win as they defeated Butler 3-0 before heading into the Wright State Invitational. With two double-double performances by Treadway (19 kills, 13 digs) and Utnage (10 kills, 16 digs) the Flyers won their fifth-straight match by defeating IPFW. The Flyers ran the win streak to six games, besting the host Raiders, 3-0, before falling to Akron, 3-1. For the third time in four tournaments, a Flyer won the MVP as **Megan Pease** took home top honors. Gardner and **Nicole Schott** were also named to the All-Tournament Team.

A mid-week loss to Cincinnati dropped the Flyers overall mark to 10-5 before they started a west coast trip that would test their meddle. The University of San Diego Invitational pitted the Flyers against two West Coast Conference teams who were ranked in the Top 25. The Flyers gave #24 Loyola Marymount all they could handle before falling just short 3-2. UD defeated Fairfield, 3-0, but fell to #21 San Diego, 3-1, on the second day of the Invitational. Six Flyers posted five or more kills in the win against Fairfield. Treadway and Barhorst were honored by the Atlantic 10 for their efforts. Treadway was named A-10 Co-Player of the Week while Barhorst earned Rookie of the Week honors for the second time of the season. In four matches Treadway had accumulated 69 kills and two double-doubles, while Barhorst tallied 27 kills, five block solos and 19 block assists. The Flyers entered Atlantic 10 play on October 3, at home against La



Salle and Dayton swept the Explorers, 3-0, highlighted by eight-straight serving points from Schott as UD improved to 12-7 on the year.

Dayton handed Temple its only regular season A-10 loss on October 4 with a 3-1 win at the Frericks Center. Treadway led the Flyers in kills posting 19, including her 1,000th career kill at UD in just three seasons. Treadway had eight of her 19 kills in game three with no errors and **Kelly Scott** served nine straight points to end the match with a 30-15 win. For the second consecutive week Treadway was named A-10 Co-Player of the Week.

The Flyers remained unbeaten in the A-10 as they defeated host George Washington 3-1 the following weekend. Two Flyers posted double-doubles on the night, Schott with 38 assists and 13 digs and Scott with 11 assists and 10 digs. Barhorst led in kills with making her career-high 14 kills. With their fourth-straight win, 3-1 against Duquesne, the Flyers improved to 4-0 in league play and 15-7 overall. Barhorst was named Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week for the third time. With four Flyers posting 10 or more kills (Treadway, Gardner and Barhorst all with 13 apiece and **Shanna Pressler** with 10) the Flyers picked up their fifth-consecutive win knocking over Rhode Island, 3-0.

To continue their winning streak the Flyers defeated Fordham, 3-0, and Barhorst earned Rookie of the Week honors for the second-consecutive week, her fourth for the season. The momentum was high around the Flyer locker room as UD swept Xavier 3-0. Snider recorded her 1,000th career dig as teammates Treadway and Utnage posted double-doubles while Barhorst added eight kills and nine blocks to record her third Rookie of the Week honor. Treadway received her third co-Player of the week award.

The win streak was snapped at seven by Temple on October 22 as the Owls took a 3-2 decision. Treadway and Barhorst posted double-doubles on the night, while Gardner and Pressler contributed 11 kills apiece. The Flyers dropped to second in the A-10, a half-game back of Temple. UD got back to their winning ways by defeating La Salle, 3-0, for the second time.

The Flyers won their 20th match of the season with a defeat of Duquesne at home





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the following weekend, 3-0. Barhorst led the team in kills, hitting .556, and Treadway recorded her 14th double-double. Dayton rolled past George Washington, 3-0, to clinch a spot in the Atlantic 10 tournament. UD dominated defensively, holding the Colonials to a .257 hitting percentage in game two and .000 in game three. Treadway also posted her 15th career double-double. Barhorst was named Rookie of the Week for the sixth time while holding the league-lead in blocks.

Dayton dropped a road match at Xavier before the Flyers rebounded with wins over Fordham and Rhode Island to close out the regular season at 12-2 in Atlantic 10 play and 23-9 overall. The Flyers finished second in the conference, one game behind first-place Temple and drew George Washington in the semifinal of the Atlantic 10 Volleyball Championship.

The Flyers entered the tournament the league's most successful regular-season program, having made the Atlantic 10 Tournament field in six of the previous eight years, but never winning it all. But 2003 would be different as the Flyers disposed of the third-seeded Colonials, 3-0, at McGonigle Hall. Treadway had a match-high 13 kills while Shanna Pressler had 11 and a .375 hitting percentage to lead all players. The Flyers fell behind to the Colonials early in the first game, 10-5 and trailed 26-23 when Horsmon called timeout. Dayton regrouped and outscored the Colonials 7-2 the rest of the game to take it 30-28. In game two, the Flyers jumped out to a 6-1 lead before George Washington trimmed the lead to 20-18. But the Flyers reeled off four-straight points and coasted to a 30-20 win. Game three was all Dayton as the Flyers opened up to a 12-6 lead and polished off the Colonials, 30-20.

The following night, the Flyers claimed their first-ever Atlantic 10 Tournament Championship sweeping Temple, 3-0. Treadway was named Most Outstanding Player of the tournament with 16 kills in the Championship match. Joining her on the All-Championship Team were Utnage and Barhorst. In game one, UD opened up a 19-14 lead and held the Owls at bay to take game one, 30-23. UD fell behind 8-2 in the second game, before regrouping to pull within one at 9-8. The two teams traded points five times before UD reeled off three straight to take a 15-14 lead. Dayton established a 29-27 lead, but three-straight points by the Owls gave the top-seed the advantage. Treadway took over from there, with an assisted block sandwiched around two kills, including the game-winner as the Flyers won the second frame 33-31. The Owls controlled the third game, leading by as many as four on four different occasions. The Flyers rallied to tie the match at 22-22 and held a two-point lead at 27-25. The Owls would not go quietly, with two straight to tie before Treadway killed the Owls' rally and a block by Christy Utnage gave the Flyers the victory. The win gave Dayton the Atlantic 10's automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament, the first trip to the Dance in UD's history. Their opponent

was Michigan State, a 19-11 at-large team out of the Big Ten. The Flyers stunned the Spartans in the NCAA First Round by winning the first two games and holding on for a 3-2 win at Jenison Field House. Pressler led UD with 20 kills while Treadway posted 16 kills and 11 digs. In the first game, a 4-0 run gave Dayton an 18-17 lead, and UD extended it to 28-25 before putting the Spartans away, 30-26. Dayton opened to a 9-5 lead in the second game, before Michigan State regrouped to tie it at 9-9. The two teams traded points until a run by the Spartans established an 18-14 lead. State felt they weathered the storm and were on the verge of putting away the pesky Flyers with a 24-20 lead, but Dayton went on a 7-0 run to take a 27-24 lead and stun the crowd of 2,072. Gardner had two kills and Utnage recorded a block as the Flyers headed into the locker room with a 2-0 lead after another 30-26 win.

MSU refocused at the break and tied game three 9-9. Dayton used a 6-1 run to take a 15-10 lead. But State refused to let their season slip away, pulling within two at 17-15. An ace by Schott pushed the Flyers' lead back out to four at 20-16, but again the Spartans rallied. MSU tied it at 26-26 and took their first lead since 3-2 at 27-26, and held on for the 30-27 win. In game four, the Spartans led 10-7, before Dayton settled down and tied the game at 11-11. MSU surged ahead to lead 20-14. Utnage led the Flyers back with four kills and two aces to trail by a pair at 26-24. But the Spartans held on to force game five, 30-25. Game five was tied 4-4 before Gardner had three kills to put the Flyers up 9-5. A kill by Pressler gave UD a 12-6 lead forcing MSU to call a time out. With a 13-8 lead, Barhorst and Gardner posted back-to-back kills to give the Flyers their first NCAA Tournament win.

Dayton didn't have another upset in them, falling the following night to No. 9 Nebraska in the Second Round, 3-0. The Cornhuskers, who had participated in 22 of the 23 NCAA Tournaments for volleyball, proved to be too formidable opponent, sweeping UD out of the tournament.

The Flyers ended the season with a 26-10 record, the most wins for UD since 1996, and earned seven votes in the Final American Volleyball Coaches Association Top 25 Poll.

Individually Erin Treadway took home an armful of accolades, becoming the first ever Atlantic 10 student-athlete in any sport to win the conference's Player of the Year award, Most Outstanding Player award for the A-10 tournament, and A-10 Student-Athlete of the Year award. The AVCA named her First Team All-Region and All-America Honorable Mention. Faye Barhorst picked up AVCA All-Region honors and was named the Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year.



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