



YEAR IN REVIEW

**DAYTON
FLYERS**

2004 IN REVIEW



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. 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.



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.

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.



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 senior Shanna 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.

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 also 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.

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.



2004 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

##	NAME	ATTACK			SET			SERVE			DIG			BLOCKING					Points					
		G	K	KPG	E	TA	Pct	A	APG	SA	SE	SAPG	RE	DIG	DPG	BS	BA	Total		BPG	BE	BHE		
10	Utnage, Christy	110	496	4.51	166	1424	.232	39	0.35	32	57	0.29	48	375	3.41	14	47	61	0.55	11	6	565.5		
19	Barhorst, Faye	108	480	4.44	126	940	.377	15	0.14	6	11	0.06	0	53	0.49	46	113	159	1.47	15	4	588.5		
5	Green, Robynne	105	204	1.94	86	538	.219	24	0.23	28	58	0.27	15	126	1.20	12	72	84	0.80	7	1	280.0		
4	Pressler, Shanna	110	198	1.80	110	670	.131	69	0.63	19	26	0.17	36	299	2.72	13	67	80	0.73	16	4	263.5		
8	Kenny, Amanda	96	121	1.26	56	366	.178	21	0.22	15	22	0.16	4	110	1.15	5	26	31	0.32	9	3	154.0		
20	Schott, Nicole	111	118	1.06	53	391	.166	1239	11.16	27	44	0.24	3	282	2.54	3	48	51	0.46	12	46	172.0		
3	Richards, Jamie-Lee	45	38	0.84	20	114	.158	7	0.16	2	9	0.04	0	18	0.40	1	21	22	0.49	5	3	51.5		
13	Heiderman, Gina	48	35	0.73	20	106	.142	3	0.06	8	17	0.17	0	14	0.29	1	20	21	0.44	6	0	54.0		
7	Moran, Andi	10	6	0.60	3	24	.125	46	4.60	3	3	0.30	0	14	1.40	1	4	5	0.50	0	0	12.0		
2	Moeller, Margo	18	4	0.22	2	11	.182	1	0.06	0	1	0.00	0	3	0.17	0	1	1	0.06	2	1	4.5		
14	Pettke, Courtney	82	2	0.02	6	20	-.200	19	0.23	14	25	0.17	2	173	2.11	0	5	5	0.06	1	2	18.5		
1	Green, Adrienne	102	2	0.02	5	37	-.081	37	0.36	17	26	0.17	23	439	4.30	0	0	0	0.00	0	2	19.0		
12	Rueve, Angela	25	0	0.00	0	1	.000	2	0.08	1	8	0.04	7	27	1.08	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0		
TEAM													18											
DAYTON.....		111	1704	15.35	653	4642	.226	1522	13.71	172	308	1.55	156	1933	17.41	96	424	308.0	2.77	84	72	2184.0		
Opponents.....		111	1575	14.19	831	4679	.159	1429	12.87	158	246	1.42	172	1975	17.79	49	321	209.5	1.89	42	77	1942.5		

TEAM STATISTICS

ATTACK

	DAYTON	OPP
Kills	1704	1575
Errors	653	831
Total Attacks	4642	4679
Attack Pct	.226	.159
Kills/Game	15.4	14.2

SET

	DAYTON	OPP
Assists	1522	1429
Assists/Game	13.7	12.9

SERVE

	DAYTON	OPP
Aces	172	158
Errors	308	246
Aces/Game	1.5	1.4

SERVE RECEPTIONS

	DAYTON	OPP
Errors	156	172
Errors/Game	1.4	1.5

DEFENSE

	DAYTON	OPP
Digs	1933	1975
Digs/Game	17.4	17.8

BLOCKING

	DAYTON	OPP
Block Solo	96	49
Block Assist	424	321
Total Blocks	308.0	209.5
Blocks Per Game	2.8	1.9
Block Errors	84	42

BALL HANDLING ERRORS

	DAYTON	OPP
	72	77

ATTENDANCE

	DAYTON	OPP
Total	5123	5332
Dates/Avg Per Date	12/427	14/381
Neutral site #/Avg	6/137	
Current win streak	0	-
Home win streak	8	-

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	SCORE-BY-GAME	ATTEND
Sep 1, 2004	at Ohio State	L	0-3	17-30,16-30,15-30	418
! Sep 03, 2004	COASTAL CAROLINA	W	3-1	24-30,30-26,30-28,30-26	254
! Sep 04, 2004	TENNESSEE TECH	W	3-1	30-22,30-26,28-30,30-25	318
! Sep 04, 2004	WEST VIRGINIA	W	3-0	30-22,30-27,30-24	172
Sep 07, 2004	BUTLER	L	0-3	17-30,27-30,22-30	153
Sep 14, 2004	at Miami (Ohio)	L	0-3	18-30,27-30,28-30	137
# Sep 17, 2004	vs UNC-Greensboro	W	3-0	32-30,30-24,30-26	50
# Sep 17, 2004	vs Wisconsin-Green Bay	W	3-1	31-29,36-38,30-25,30-23	60
# Sep 18, 2004	vs Oakland	W	3-0	30-23,30-25,30-20	50
# Sep 18, 2004	at Toledo	L	2-3	19-30,30-26,30-27,24-30,9-15	175
% Sep 24, 2004	vs Long Island	L	1-3	28-30,30-17,26-30,28-30	36
% Sep 25, 2004	vs Southern Illinois	W	3-0	30-23,30-23,30-14	33
% Sep 25, 2004	at Pittsburgh	W	3-1	22-30,30-24,30-28,30-23	252
* Sep 29, 2004	at Xavier	W	3-0	31-29,30-27,30-24	608
* Oct 01, 2004	FORDHAM	W	3-0	30-26,30-18,30-26	575
* Oct 02, 2004	RHODE ISLAND	W	3-0	30-22,30-21,30-27	571
* Oct 08, 2004	at Temple	L	2-3	30-20,18-30,27-30,30-28,12-15	256
* Oct 09, 2004	at La Salle	W	3-1	20-30,30-20,30-21,30-21	85
* Oct 15, 2004	DUQUESNE	W	3-0	32-30,30-26,30-25	624
* Oct 16, 2004	GEORGE WASHINGTON	W	3-0	30-21,30-20,30-26	389
* Oct 21, 2004	XAVIER	W	3-1	30-23,30-22,26-30,30-22	811
Oct 26, 2004	WRIGHT STATE	W	3-1	24-30,30-25,30-20,30-20	375
* Oct 29, 2004	at Rhode Island	W	3-0	30-27,30-17,30-27	225
* Oct 30, 2004	at Fordham	W	3-0	30-24,30-18,30-17	153
* Nov 05, 2004	LA SALLE	W	3-0	30-14,30-17,31-29	486
* Nov 06, 2004	TEMPLE	W	3-0	30-21,30-22,30-18	395
* Nov 12, 2004	at George Washington	W	3-1	30-24,28-30,30-18,30-23	357
* Nov 13, 2004	at Duquesne	L	1-3	31-29,25-30,17-30,27-30	475
^ Nov 19, 2004	at Duquesne	W	3-0	30-18,30-19,30-28	418
^ Nov 20, 2004	vs Xavier	W	3-1	30-20,30-24,22-30,30-28	595
Nov 27, 2004	at Cincinnati	L	0-3	24-30,26-30,23-30	296
& Dec. 3, 2004	at #7 Ohio State	L	0-3	25-30,30-32,22-30	1477

HOME MATCHES IN ALL CAPS AT FRERICKS CENTER

*-Atlantic 10 Conference Matches

!-Dayton Flyer Classic

#-Toledo Rocket Classic

%-Pittsburgh Panther Classic

^-Atlantic 10 Championships (Pittsburgh, PA)

&-NCAA Tournament (Columbus, OH)



Match - By - Match Leaders

Date	Opponent	Score	Kills	Attempts	Assists	Aces	Digs	Blocks	Points
9/1	at Ohio State	L 0-3	Utnage (7)	Utnage (25)	Schott (15)	None	Utnage (5)	Barhorst (6)	Barhorst (9.5)
9/3	COASTAL CAROLINA	W 3-1	Utnage (22)	Utnage (48)	Schott (41)	Barhorst, Schott (2)	A. Green (16)	Barhorst (8)	Utnage (26.0)
9/3	TENNESSEE TECH	W 3-1	Utnage (20)	Utnage (51)	Schott (47)	Pressler (4)	Utnage (17)	Barhorst (5)	Utnage (22.5)
9/4	WEST VIRGINIA	W 3-0	Barhorst (14)	Utnage (39)	Schott (33)	Barhorst (2)	Utnage (17)	Barhorst, Richards (4)	Barhorst (19.0)
9/7	BUTLER	L 0-3	Barhorst (8)	Utnage (28)	Schott (14)	R. Green (2)	Schott (11)	Barhorst (4)	Barhorst (11.0)
9/14	at Miami (Ohio)	L 0-3	Barhorst (15)	Utnage (37)	Moran (34)	Three at (1)	Schott (14)	Barhorst (3)	Barhorst (16.5)
9/17	vs. UNC-Greensboro	W 3-0	Utnage (11)	Pressler (35)	Schott (35)	Pressler, Schott (3)	A. Green (25)	R. Green (2)	Pressler (13.5)
9/17	vs. Wisconsin-GB	W 3-1	Barhorst (18)	Utnage (53)	Schott (48)	A. Green, R. Green (2)	A. Green (21)	Barhorst, R. Green (4)	Barhorst (21.0)
9/18	vs. Oakland	W 3-0	Barhorst (13)	Utnage (30)	Schott (32)	A. Green, R. Green (3)	A. Green (11)	Heiderman, Pressler (4)	Barhorst (14.5)
9/18	at Toledo	L 2-3	Utnage (18)	Utnage (48)	Schott (45)	Kenny (3)	Utnage (16)	Barhorst (10)	Barhorst (21.0)
9/24	vs. Long Island	L 1-3	Barhorst (19)	Utnage (40)	Schott (45)	Utnage (3)	A. Green (20)	Barhorst (8)	Barhorst (24.5)
9/25	vs. Southern Illinois	W 3-0	Barhorst (16)	Utnage (31)	Schott (30)	Pettke (3)	A. Green (8)	R. Green (6)	Barhorst (18.0)
9/25	at Pittsburgh	W 3-1	Barhorst (16)	Utnage (52)	Schott (52)	Four at (1)	A. Green (26)	Barhorst (10)	Barhorst (25.0)
9/29	at Xavier (A-10)	W 3-0	Utnage (17)	Utnage (45)	Schott (38)	Heiderman (2)	A. Green (19)	Barhorst (5)	Barhorst (19.0)
10/1	FORDHAM (A-10)	W 3-0	Barhorst (18)	Utnage (42)	Schott (34)	Utnage (2)	Three at (8)	Barhorst, R. Green (3)	Barhorst (20.0)
10/2	RHODE ISLAND (A-10)	W 3-0	Utnage (14)	Utnage (46)	Schott (32)	Utnage (3)	A. Green (15)	Barhorst (9)	Barhorst (19.0)
10/8	at Temple (A-10)	L 2-3	Utnage (19)	Utnage (66)	Schott (39)	Utnage (3)	A. Green (23)	Barhorst (5)	Utnage (24.0)
10/9	at La Salle (A-10)	W 3-1	Barhorst (24)	Utnage (56)	Schott (45)	R. Green (2)	A. Green (17)	Barhorst (6)	Barhorst (27.5)
10/15	DUQUESNE (A-10)	W 3-0	Utnage (24)	Utnage (37)	Schott (43)	Four at (1)	A. Green (17)	Barhorst (6)	Utnage (25.5)
10/16	G. WASHINGTON (A-10)	W 3-0	Barhorst, Utnage (18)	Utnage (41)	Schott (46)	Kenny (3)	Utnage (15)	Barhorst (6)	Barhorst (22.0)
10/21	XAVIER (A-10)	W 3-1	Barhorst (20)	Utnage (65)	Schott (53)	Utnage (2)	Pressler (17)	R. Green (5)	Barhorst (23.5)
10/26	WRIGHT STATE	W 3-1	Barhorst (18)	Utnage (48)	Schott (49)	R. Green (3)	Utnage (17)	Barhorst (6)	Barhorst (21.0)
10/29	at Rhode Island (A-10)	W 3-0	Barhorst (12)	Utnage (38)	Schott (28)	Kenny (3)	A. Green (17)	Barhorst, R. Green (4)	Barhorst (14.0)
10/30	at Fordham (A-10)	W 3-0	Utnage (17)	Utnage (36)	Schott (28)	Utnage (3)	Schott (11)	Barhorst (3)	Utnage (21.5)
11/5	LA SALLE (A-10)	W 3-0	Barhorst (19)	Barhorst (28)	Schott (39)	Pressler (2)	A. Green (18)	Barhorst (4)	Barhorst (22.0)
11/6	TEMPLE (A-10)	W 3-0	Barhorst, Utnage (17)	Utnage (39)	Schott (47)	R. Green (3)	Utnage (13)	Barhorst (8)	Barhorst, Utnage (22.0)
11/12	at GW (A-10)	W 3-1	Barhorst (30)	Utnage (59)	Schott (57)	A. Green, Schott (1)	A. Green, Pressler (15)	Pressler (3)	Barhorst (30.5)
11/13	at Duquesne (A-10)	L 1-3	Utnage (25)	Utnage (71)	Schott (57)	Utnage (4)	Utnage (21)	R. Green (6)	Utnage (31.5)
11/19	at Duquesne	W 3-0	Utnage (17)	Utnage (47)	Schott (43)	Four at (1)	A. Green (23)	Barhorst, Pressler (5)	Utnage (18.0)
11/20	vs. Xavier	W 3-1	Barhorst, Utnage (18)	Utnage (60)	Schott (46)	Pettke, Schott (2)	A. Green (20)	Barhorst (7)	Barhorst (22.5)
11/27	at Cincinnati	L 0-3	Utnage (15)	Utnage (41)	Schott (37)	Pressler (2)	Pettke (12)	Pressler (5)	Utnage (17.5)
12/3	at #7 Ohio State	L 0-3	Utnage (16)	Utnage (45)	Schott (40)	Pressler, Schott (1)	Utnage (13)	Pressler (4)	Utnage (17.0)

Season Bests in BOLD

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.

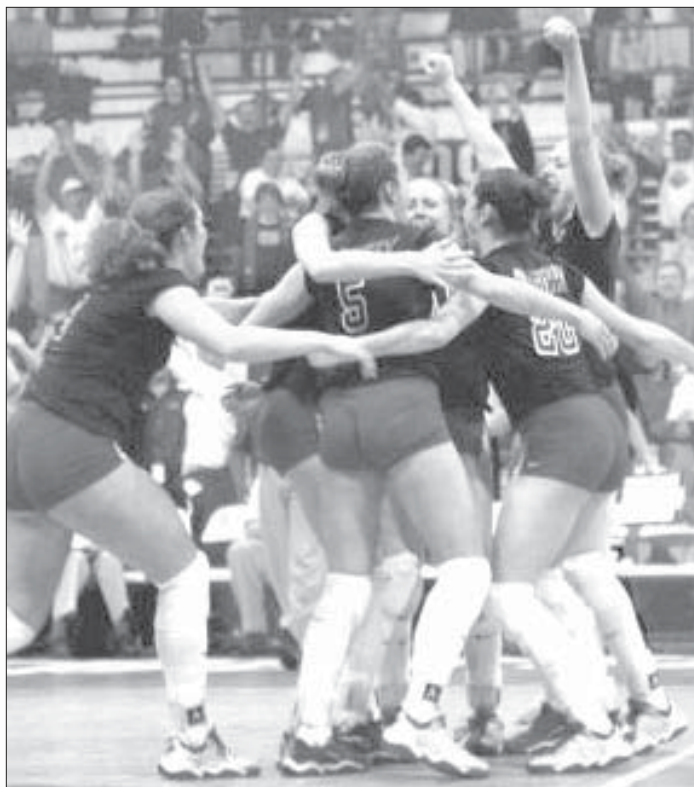
The Flyers opened the 2003 campaign by sweeping Tulsa and Stony Brook before downing Towson in five games to win the Dayton Flyer Classic. **Christy Utnage** was named Tournament MVP and also named Atlantic 10 Player of the Week after posting double-digit kills in each game and four service aces. She 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 their 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 a career-high 14. 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 each 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 fifth 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.





2003, A BREAKOUT YEAR

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

