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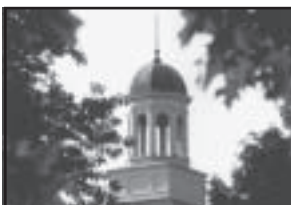
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2003-04 QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of School	Miami University
Location	Oxford, OH 45056
City Population	19,000
Founded	1809
Enrollment	16,300
Nickname	RedHawks
Colors	Red and White
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Capacity	9,200
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HISTORY

First Year	1974-75 (30th season)
All-Time Varsity Record	447-336 (.571)
All-Time MAC Record	232-136 (.630)
MAC Regular-Season Championships	3
MAC East Division Championships	1
MAC Tournament Championships	1
NCAA Tournament Appearances	0
WNIT Appearances	0

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Head Coach

Head Coach	Maria Fantanarosa
Alma mater/year	Miami '90
Record at school	81-61 (6th year)
Career record	88-81 (7th year)

Assistant Coaches

Jessica Smith	Rhode Island '95
Lisa Hayden	Miami '95
Heather Oesterle	Michigan '02

TEAM INFORMATION

2002-03 Record	17-12 (.586)
MAC Record	11-5 (.688)
MAC Finish	1st (East Division)
MAC Postseason	Lost in Semifinals
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ROSTER INFORMATION

Starters Returning (Pos., Ht., Year, Stats)

Colleen Day***	F, 6-0, Sr. (11.3 ppg, 6.4 rpg, 1.8 apg)
Melanie Kozlowski***	G, 6-0, Sr. (7.6 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 0.9 apg)

Letterwinners Returning (Pos., Ht., Yr., Stats)

Kim Lancaster***	C, 6-0, Sr. (9.8 ppg, 4.8 rpg, 0.8 apg)
Kim Smith**	F, 5-11, Jr. (4.6 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 1.2 spg)
Cindi Merrill*	G, 5-10, So. (7.9 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 1.3 apg)
Nicole Motto*	G, 5-5, Jr. (3.3 ppg, 1.6 rpg, 1.7 apg)

*Varsity Letters Earned

Letterwinners Lost (Pos., Ht., Stats)

Heather Cusick****	G, 5-8 (15.6 ppg, 4.8 apg, 3.8 rpg)
Beth Roederer****	G, 5-10 (7.2 ppg, 2.0 rpg, 1.8 apg)
Jana Butler****	C, 6-2 (7.2 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 1.0 apg)

Newcomers (Pos., Ht., Yr., Hometown)

Melissa Burke#	G, 5-11, So. (Grove City, OH/Ohio)
Sarah Hull	G, 5-8, Fr. (Greenfield, OH/McClain)
Amanda Jackson	G, 5-9, Fr. (Springfield, OH/South)
Madalene Ntumba	F, 5-11, Fr. (Sesto San Giovanni, Italy)

Redshirted 2002-03 season

2003-04 SCHEDULE

Nov. 15	at Michigan (Preseason WNIT)	2 p.m.
Nov. 17	Second Round - Preseason WNIT	TBA
Nov. 20	Semifinals - Preseason WNIT	TBA
Nov. 21	at Virginia Tech	7 p.m.
Nov. 23	Championship - Preseason WNIT	TBA
Nov. 24	SAINT LOUIS	6 p.m.
Dec. 6	at California	3 p.m.
Dec. 7	vs. Tulane/Wichita State (at California)	1 p.m.
Dec. 11	at Indiana State	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	BUTLER	2 p.m.
Dec. 20	KENTUCKY	2 p.m.
Dec. 28	PORTLAND	2 p.m.
Dec. 30	VALPARAISO	7 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Missouri	7 p.m.
Jan. 7	at Buffalo	6 p.m.
Jan. 10	at Akron	TBA
Jan. 14	at Kent State	7 p.m.
Jan. 21	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	2 p.m.
Jan. 24	at Eastern Michigan	7 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Marshall	7 p.m.
Jan. 31	OHIO	2 p.m.
Feb. 3	BOWLING GREEN	7 p.m.
Feb. 8	at Toledo	TBA
Feb. 11	MARSHALL	7 p.m.
Feb. 15	WESTERN MICHIGAN	4 p.m.
Feb. 18	at Ohio	7 p.m.
Feb. 21	at Central Michigan	TBA
Feb. 25	BALL STATE	7 p.m.
Feb. 28	BUFFALO	2 p.m.
March 2	KENT STATE	7 p.m.
March 6	MAC Tournament—First Round	TBA
March 10-13	MAC Tournament (Gund Arena; Cleveland, Ohio)	TBA

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RADIO/TV ROSTER



5-11 • FR • F
SESTO SAN GIOVANNI,
ITALY

#00 MADALENE NTUMBA

At a Glance: Averaged 13.9 points, 8.1 rebounds and 1.1 steals per game for her Italian club team ... shot 52.4 percent from the field and 71.0 percent from the free throw line ... competed with the Italian National Team during a tournament in Paris this past summer ... her Italian club team played against Miami during the RedHawks' European Tour in the summer of 2002.



5-5 • JR • G
DAYTON, OH
(INDIANA)

#14 NICOLE MOTTO

At a Glance: Most experienced returning point guard for the RedHawks ... saw action in all 29 games a year ago ... long-range threat who hit 26 3-point field goals last season ... holds Ohio High School girls record for career free throw percentage (.841).

2002-03 Averages: 3.3 PPG, 1.6 RPG, 1.7 APG, 0.5 SPG, 34.7 FG%, 25.0 FT%, 32.6 3 PT%.



5-9 • FR • G
SPRINGFIELD, OH
(SOUTH)

#1 AMANDA JACKSON

At a Glance: Averaged 22.2 points, 6.2 rebounds, 5.2 steals and 4.2 assists per game while leading South High to a 15-7 record as a senior ... second-team all-Ohio selection and District 9 Player of the Year ... 2003 Clark County Miss Basketball ... Played on Dayton Lady Hoopstars AAU team that has won the last four national championships ... member of the National Honor Society.



6-0 • SR • G
PARMA, OH
(HOLY NAME)

#15 MELANIE KOZLOWSKI

At a Glance: One of two returning starters for Miami ... started the last 11 games in 2002-03 ... prolific 3-point shooter that enters the season ranked seventh all-time in career 3-point field goals ... hit a career-high five 3-pointers last season versus Toledo.

2002-03 Averages: 7.6 PPG, 3.8 RPG, 0.9 APG, 0.8 SPG, 35.3 FG%, 63.3 FT%, 32.2 3 PT%.



5-8 • FR • G
GREENFIELD, OH
(McCLAIN)

#3 SARAH HULL

At a Glance: Averaged 22.3 points, 4.7 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 3.5 steals per game in leading Greenfield McClain to 21-2 overall record and league title as a senior ... three-time all-Ohio selection ... *Street & Smith* Honorable Mention all-America ... MVP of the 2003 AAU National Tournament after leading the Dayton Lady Hoopstars to the national championship.



5-11 • JR • F
GARY, IN
(WEST SIDE)

#24 KIM SMITH

At a Glance: Athletic inside presence who possesses a .525 career field goal percentage ... strongest player on the team, bench pressing more than 250 lbs. ... quick and talented defender who is averaging more than a steal per game for her career.

2002-03 Averages: 4.6 PPG, 4.0 RPG, 0.9 APG, 1.2 SPG, 0.4 BPG, 50.0 FG%, 60.0 FT%.



5-5 • JR • G
KOKOMO, IN
(KOKOMO)

#11 HILLARY BECK

At a Glance: Important reserve who can provide a spark off the bench at the point or off-guard position ... matched a career-high with nine points and three steals in last season's Feb. 26 defeat of Ohio ... saw action in both of Miami's 2003 MAC Tournament outings.

2002-03 Averages: 1.6 PPG, 0.4 RPG, 0.5 APG, 0.5 SPG, 31.6 FG%, 100.0 FT%, 38.5 3 PT%.



5-8 • SO • G
NOBLESVILLE, IN
(NOBLESVILLE)

#25 CINDI MERRILL

At a Glance: Sophomore who started 13 games in 2002-03 ... one of Miami's top defensive players, nabbing 37 steals as a freshman ... ranked fourth on the team in scoring a year ago ... averaged more than 10.0 ppg over the last seven games, including 18 in the season finale.

2002-03 Averages: 7.9 PPG, 3.1 RPG, 1.3 APG, 1.3 SPG, 41.0 FG%, 70.7 FT%, 30.0 3 PT%.



#31 MELISSA BURKE

At a Glance: Makes her RedHawk debut this season after transferring from Ohio University prior to last season ... long-range threat who played 12 games for Ohio as a true freshman ... averaged 12.0 ppg in helping Grove City H.S. to four consecutive league titles ... MVP of the Ohio-West Virginia High School All-Star Game as a senior.

5-11 • SO • G
GROVE CITY, OH
(OHIO)



MARIA FANTANAROSA

At a Glance: Enters her sixth season at the helm of her alma mater after posting an 81-61 record in her first five years at Miami ... led the Red and White to its first MAC East Division Championship in 2002-03 ... owns an overall coaching record of 88-81 ... one of the Top 10 all-time leading scorers in national high school girls basketball history.

HEAD COACH
MIAMI '90
SIXTH YEAR

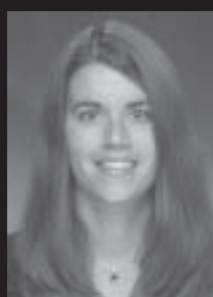


#35 COLLEEN DAY

At a Glance: One of two returning starters and the top returning scorer and rebounder from last season's team ... one of the Top 10 rebounders in program history ... on pace to reach 1,000 career points ... a 43 percent career shooter from 3-point range.

2002-03 Averages: 11.3 PPG, 6.4 RPG, 1.8 APG, 1.5 SPG, 43.7 FG%, 86.0 FT%, 34.0 3 PT%.

6-0 • SR • F
INDEPENDENCE, OH
(HOLY NAME)



JESSICA SMITH

At a Glance: Came to Miami after coaching for Bishop Hartley High School in Columbus, Ohio, for three seasons ... led Bishop Hartley to a three-year record of 66-12 and a state championship in 2000 ... named the Ohio Coach of the Year in 2000 by the *Associated Press* and *Columbus Dispatch* ... serves as the RedHawks' recruiting coordinator.

ASSISTANT COACH
RHODE ISLAND '95
THIRD YEAR



#42 KIM LANCASTER

At a Glance: Reigning MAC Sixth Man of the Year ... surpassed 1,000 career points last season and likely will surpass 500 rebounds early this season ... enters the season with 52 career double-figure scoring games ... holds Miami's single-game scoring record with a 40-point effort in 2001.

2002-03 Averages: 9.8 PPG, 4.8 RPG, 0.8 APG, 0.6 SPG, 0.5 BPG, 53.6 FG%, 52.4 FT%.

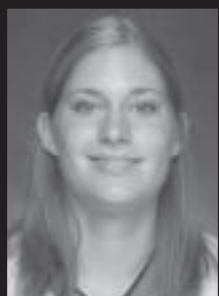
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CINCINNATI, OH
(PRINCETON)



LISA HAYDEN

At a Glance: Player at Miami from 1991-95 who finished her career as Miami's all-time leader in the 3-point field goals (205) ... served as an assistant athletic director and women's basketball coach at Mt. Notre Dame High School in Cincinnati ... member of Miami's 1,000-point club ... coaches the guards and also coordinates travel for the RedHawks.

ASSISTANT COACH
MIAMI '95
THIRD YEAR



#50 AMBER MILLER

At a Glance: Miami's tallest player ... saw action in 18 games last year, including the MAC Quarterfinals ... enjoyed best outing in MAC debut versus Akron, pouring in six points and grabbing six rebounds ... averaged a double-double per game as a prep.

2002-03 Averages: 0.7 PPG, 0.7 RPG, 0.0 APG, 0.2 SPG, 50.0 FG%, 100.0 FT%.

6-4 • SO • C
VERMILION, OH
(VERMILION)



HEATHER OESTERLE

At a Glance: In her first season as a full-time assistant coach after serving as a volunteer assistant coach with Stanford last season ... four-year contributor at Michigan, where she served as team captain in 2001-02 and garnered the Wolverine Leadership Award ... helped Michigan to two NCAA and two WNIT appearances.

ASSISTANT COACH
MICHIGAN '02
FIRST YEAR

2003-04 ROSTERS

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown/Last School
00	Madalene Ntumba	Fr.	5-11	F	Sesto San Giovanni, Italy/ITC Parco Nord
1	Amanda Jackson	Fr.	5-9	G	Springfield, Ohio/South
3	Sarah Hull	Fr.	5-8	G	Greenfield, Ohio/McClain
11	Hillary Beck*	Jr.	5-5	G	Kokomo, Ind./Kokomo
14	Nicole Motto*	Jr.	5-5	G	Dayton, Ohio/Indiana University
15	Melanie Kozlowski***	Sr.	6-0	G	Parma, Ohio/Holy Name
24	Kim Smith**	Jr.	5-11	F	Gary, Ind./West Side
25	Cindi Merrill*	So.	5-8	G	Noblesville, Ind./Noblesville
31	Melissa Burke#	So.	5-11	G	Grove City, Ohio/Ohio University
35	Colleen Day***	Sr.	6-0	F	Independence, Ohio/Holy Name
42	Kim Lancaster***	Sr.	6-0	C	Cincinnati, Ohio/Princeton
50	Amber Miller	So.	6-4	C	Vermilion, Ohio/Vermilion

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown/Last School
11	Hillary Beck*	Jr.	5-5	G	Kokomo, Ind./Kokomo
31	Melissa Burke#	So.	5-11	G	Grove City, Ohio/Ohio University
35	Colleen Day***	Sr.	6-0	F	Independence, Ohio/Holy Name
3	Sarah Hull	Fr.	5-8	G	Greenfield, Ohio/McClain
1	Amanda Jackson	Fr.	5-9	G	Springfield, Ohio/South
15	Melanie Kozlowski***	Sr.	6-0	G	Parma, Ohio/Holy Name
42	Kim Lancaster***	Sr.	6-0	C	Cincinnati, Ohio/Princeton
25	Cindi Merrill*	So.	5-8	G	Noblesville, Ind./Noblesville
50	Amber Miller	So.	6-4	C	Vermilion, Ohio/Vermilion
14	Nicole Motto*	Jr.	5-5	G	Dayton, Ohio/Indiana University
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24	Kim Smith**	Jr.	5-11	F	Gary, Ind./West Side

* Denotes letters earned

Redshirted in 2002-03

Head Coach: Maria Fantanarosa (Sixth Season/Miami '90)

Asst. Coaches: Jessica Smith (Third Season/Rhode Island '95)

Lisa Hayden (Third Season/Miami '95)

Heather Oesterle (First Season/Michigan '02)

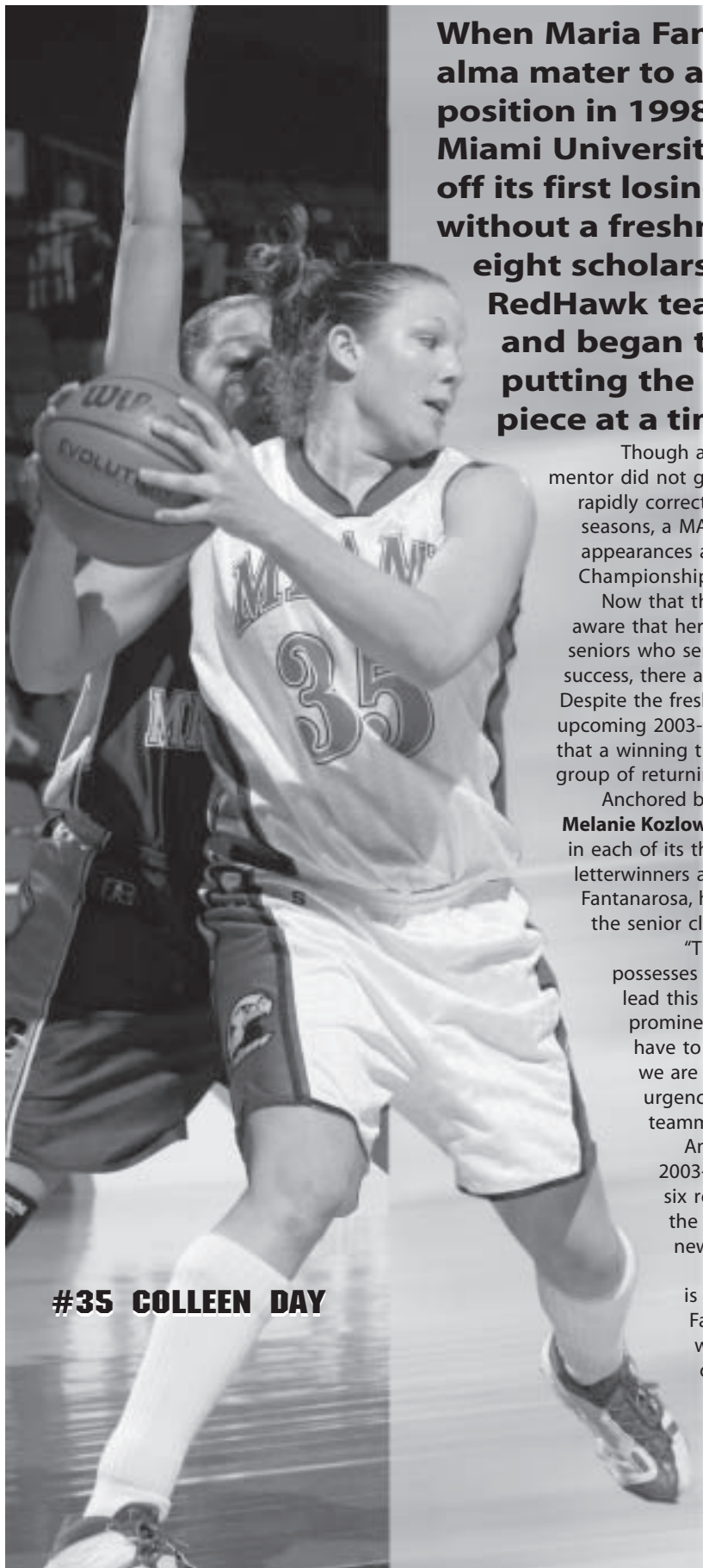
PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Melissa Burke	BURK
Maria Fantanarosa	FAN-tan-a-rows-a
Melanie Kozlowski	kuz-LOU-ski
Colleen Day	CAH-leen
Nicole Motto	MOT-toe
Madalene Ntumba	n-TOMB-bah
Heather Oesterle	O-ster-lee

MIAMI UNIVERSITY PLEASE...

When referring to Miami, please use Miami University, Miami University (Ohio) or Miami (Ohio). Please do not use Miami of Ohio, University of Miami of Ohio, etc., as they are not the proper name of our institution. Also, in 1997, the University began using a new nickname, the RedHawks. It is one word with a capital "H." Thank you.

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#35 COLLEEN DAY

When Maria Fantanarosa returned to her alma mater to accept the head coaching position in 1998, she inherited a struggling Miami University program that was coming off its first losing season in a decade and was without a freshman class. With a core of only eight scholarship players on her first RedHawk team, Fantanarosa went to work and began the arduous process of putting the program back together one piece at a time.

Though a daunting task at times, the rebuilding efforts by Miami's mentor did not go without reward as the traditionally strong program rapidly corrected its course, assembling four consecutive winning seasons, a MAC-long string of three straight league semifinal appearances and, last season, the program's first MAC East Division Championship.

Now that the RedHawks have soared to the top, Fantanarosa is well aware that her work has only begun. With the graduation of three seniors who served as a catalyst during the RedHawks' four-year run of success, there are voids to be filled and questions to be answered. Despite the fresh challenges that face the RedHawk coaching staff in the upcoming 2003-04 campaign, confidence can be drawn from the fact that a winning tradition has been restored at Miami and a talented group of returning players has no intention of letting it slip away.

Anchored by the cohesive and talented senior trio of **Colleen Day**, **Melanie Kozlowski** and **Kim Lancaster**, which has won at least 18 games in each of its three seasons at Miami, the RedHawks return six seasoned letterwinners and add a quartet of exciting newcomers. According to Fantanarosa, however, the season likely will pivot on the leadership of the senior class.

"This is a very talented and versatile senior class that possesses the talent, competitive drive, work ethic and ability to lead this team," Fantanarosa said. "While they've all played prominent roles over the past three seasons, they are going to have to take on even more responsibility for any future success we are going to have. They have to replace that sense of urgency our previous senior class had and bring their teammates along with them to work hard every day."

Another vital question that must be answered early in the 2003-04 season is the matter of depth. While the RedHawks' six returning letterwinners possess substantial experience, the ability of the remaining players to carry their games to a new level is paramount to the team's success.

"We return some very talented players, but the question is whether they can adapt to new roles and contribute," Fantanarosa said. "We've got several proven players who will be counted on to make an impact, but there are a lot of opportunities for some of our other returning players and freshmen to take on bigger roles."

Despite the many challenges and questions yet to be faced, Fantanarosa is excited to reap the dividends that four years of success have brought to her program.

"This program is growing in confidence every year," Fantanarosa said. "Our returning players are

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increasingly comfortable in our aggressive full-court and half-court defenses as well as our up-tempo style of offense. Along with that, the chemistry among the players and coaching staff is very good. I expect this to result in good teamwork and balance on the court."

GUARDS

With the graduation of two-time first-team all-MAC honoree Heather Cusick and team defensive MVP Beth Roederer, two starting spots are open in the RedHawk backcourt leading into the upcoming season. According to Fantanarosa, the more pressing of those two positions will be at point guard.

"Our biggest question mark is the void left by Cusick, a former MAC Player of the Year and leading scorer in program history," Fantanarosa said. "Heather wasn't just a good scorer and leader, she was a fixture at point guard for the last four years. We need an individual or perhaps multiple players to step up and run the team with the same intensity and scrappiness that Heather always demonstrated."

Miami's most seasoned returner at point guard is junior **Nicki Motto**, who made her Miami debut last season after transferring from Indiana in 2001. A strong passer with a deadly shooting touch from beyond the arc, Motto saw action in all of Miami's contests a year ago, averaging nearly 13 minutes a game and ranking third on the team with 28 3-point field goals.

"Nicki showed steady improvement throughout last season, and, by the end of the year, I felt like I could put her into a game without the team missing a beat," Fantanarosa said. "She's talented as both a scorer and a passer, and we need her to maintain the intensity she demonstrated last season while developing more confidence as a leader."

Expected to push Motto for time at the point is freshman **Amanda Jackson**, who is coming off an impressive prep career at Springfield's South High School, where she averaged 23.1 points, 5.5 steals and 4.1 assists as a senior, while earning all-state honors.

"Amanda Jackson is a very talented, athletic freshman who could step in and make an immediate impact," Fantanarosa said. "She's a good scorer and passer and at 5-foot-9 she gives us a little more height at that position than we've had in a few years."

At the off-guard, Miami is looking toward sophomore **Cindi Merrill** to pick up where her freshman season left off. After capping her freshman campaign with a career-high 18-point effort in Miami's MAC semifinal loss to Ball State, Merrill, who started 13 games a year ago, could be one of the team's most explosive scorers.

"Cindi is one of the most athletic players on the team and one of the best penetrators in

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—Head Coach Maria Fantanarosa

the conference," Fantanarosa said. "She is a go-to-player who has the ability to make a major impact offensively. Her potential is unlimited, and we are looking for a great sophomore year out of her."

Others challenging for time include junior **Hillary Beck**, sophomore transfer **Melissa Burke** and freshman **Sarah Hull**, a three-time all-state selection who was the MVP of the 2003 AAU National Tournament. According to Fantanarosa, each of the three brings something special to the table.

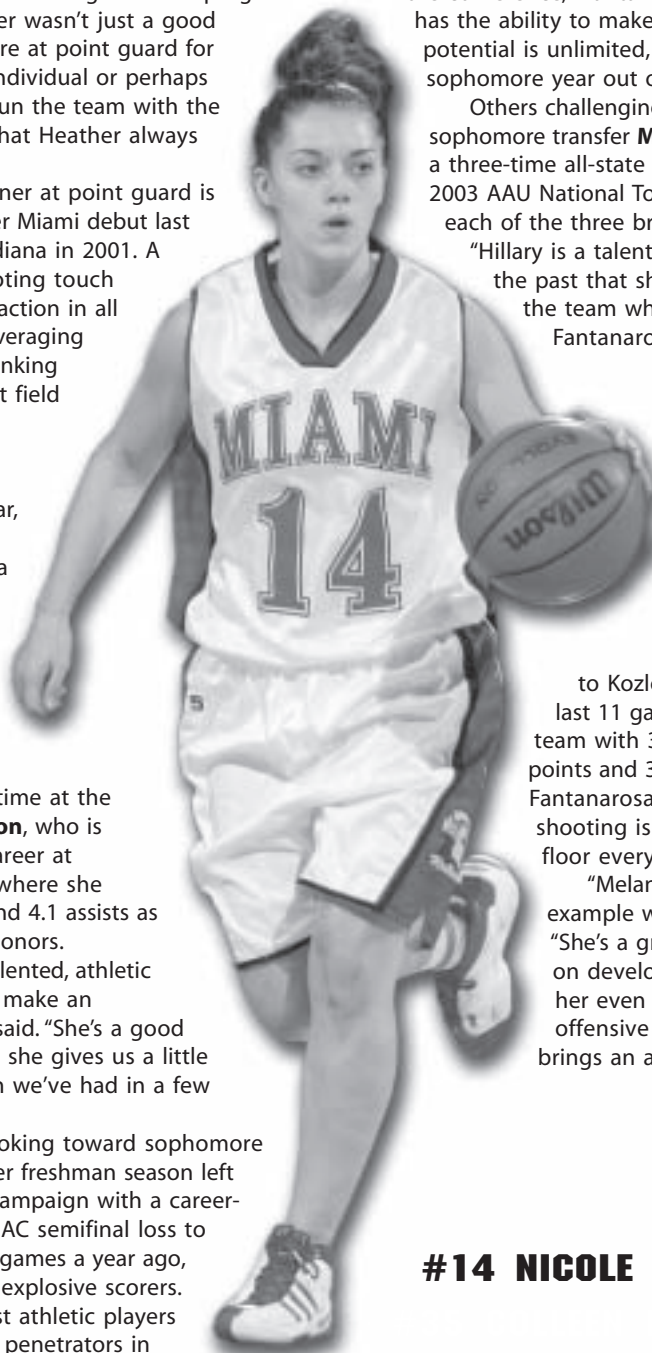
"Hillary is a talented player who has proven at times in the past that she can serve as a tremendous spark for the team when she's playing aggressively," Fantanarosa said.

"Melissa has had a year to learn our system and is feeling more comfortable. She is the type of dangerous long-range shooter who will pull an opponent out of their zone defense.

"Sarah is a tremendous off-the-pass shooter but also has experience as a point guard and gives us another ball handler."

On the other wing, Miami will look to Kozlowski. The senior, who started Miami's last 11 games in 2002-03, was second on the team with 38 3-point field goals and averaged 7.6 points and 3.8 rebounds per game. According to Fantanarosa, though, Kozlowski's three-point shooting is only part of what she brings to the floor every night.

"Melanie has always been a leader by example with her work ethic," Fantanarosa said. "She's a great 3-point shooter, but she's worked on developing a mid-range game, which makes her even more dangerous. Despite being a great offensive player, she's very unselfish and always brings an all-out mentality to the court."



#14 NICOLE MOTTO

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FORWARDS

On the inside, Miami will be looking to a versatile pair of proven performers in Day and **Kim Smith**, as well as an exciting newcomer in **Madalene Ntumba**, to lead the way. All three have filled prominent roles during their careers at Miami, and, according to Fantanrosa, all three still have plenty of potential to fulfill.

Smith, who possesses tremendous athleticism, is coming off an impressive sophomore campaign and is constantly adding new threats to her arsenal.

"Kim Smith was our most improved player a year ago, and she's not finished yet," Fantanrosa said. "She's always been a great athlete and the strongest player on our team, but her basketball skills have improved tremendously. She's worked hard on her shooting and possesses the ability to create a lot of mismatches through her ability to score both inside and outside."

Day, who has started a team-high 75 games in her collegiate career, is the RedHawks' top returning scorer and rebounder, averaging 11.3 points and 6.4 rebounds per game a year ago. A powerful force in the paint, Day also has been able to keep opponents off-balance by knocking down 3-point field goals at a 43 percent clip throughout her career.

A two-year captain, who likely will be looked to by her teammates for a third year of leadership, Day is one of two current RedHawks angling to reach both the 1,000-point and 500-rebound clubs.

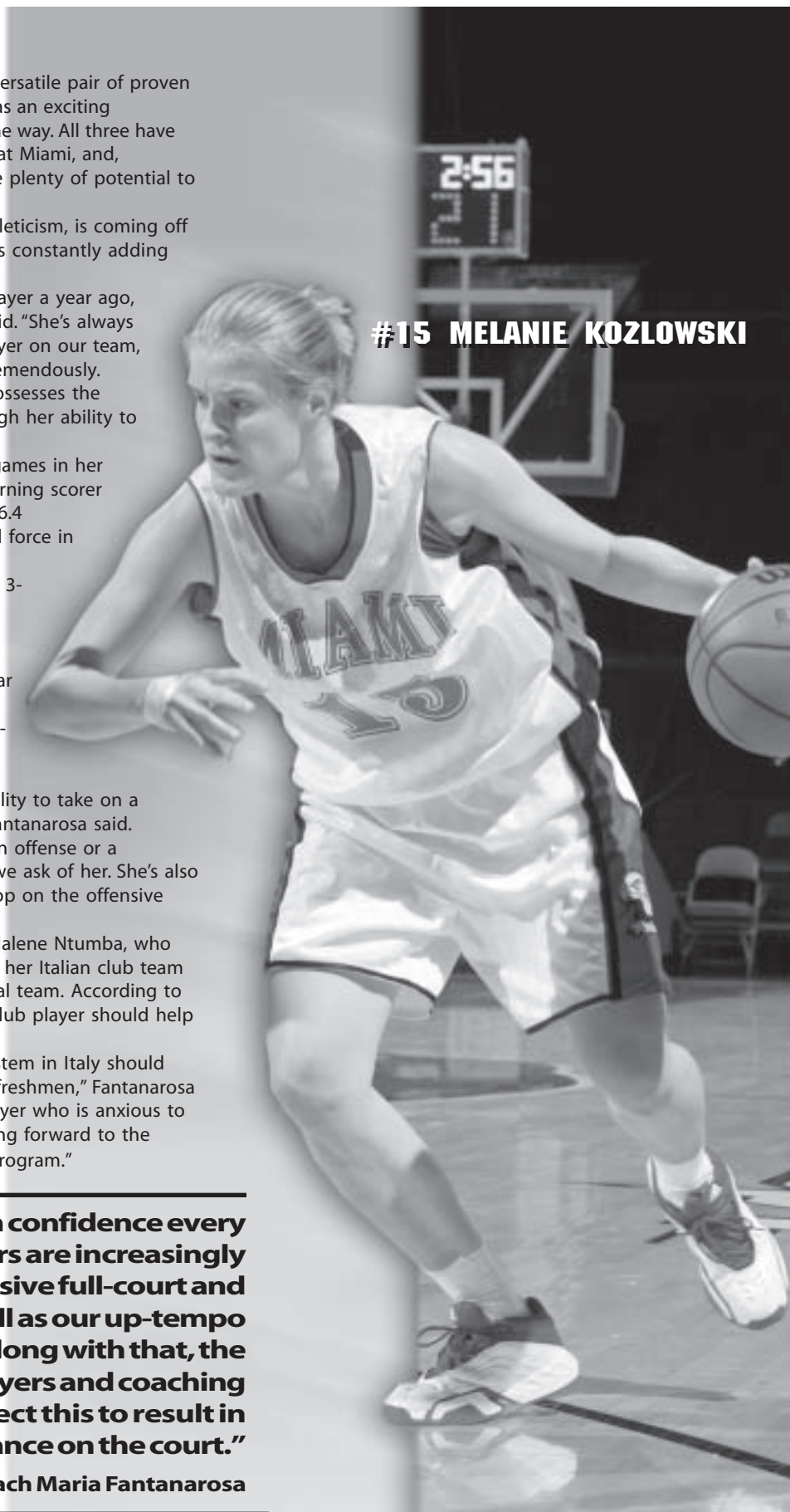
"Colleen is a very hard worker and competitive player who has shown the ability to take on a number of different roles for this team," Fantanrosa said. "Whether she has to be the go-to scorer on offense or a defensive stopper, she takes on whatever we ask of her. She's also our best rebounder and is very hard to stop on the offensive glass."

Also joining the mix is newcomer Madalene Ntumba, who averaged 13.9 points and 8.1 rebounds for her Italian club team and also competed with the Italian National team. According to Fantanrosa, her experience as an Italian club player should help her make an immediate impact.

"Madalene's experience in the club system in Italy should place her a step ahead of most incoming freshmen," Fantanrosa said. "She's very mature and is a strong player who is anxious to contribute to our post play. We're all looking forward to the diversity a foreign player will add to our program."

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—Head Coach Maria Fantanrosa



#15 MELANIE KOZLOWSKI

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CENTER

The MAC's returning Sixth Man of the Year, Lancaster looks to finish a career that has often flashed glimpses of just how dominant she can be. After joining Miami's 1,000-point club a year ago, Lancaster needs just 13 boards to reach the 500-rebound plateau. A career 52 percent shooter from the floor, Lancaster has averaged 12.3 points per game for her career and has the inside track on Miami's post position.

"I expect Kim Lancaster to have her best year as a senior," Fantanarosa said. "With her combination of power and finesse, she has the potential to be one of the best post players in the MAC. Her ability to score and run the floor along with her great vision on the court makes her very dangerous."

Also looking to contribute more in the post this season is 6-foot-4 sophomore **Amber Miller**, who saw limited action last season but could be ready to contribute more in 2003-04.

"Amber has a huge upside," Fantanarosa said. "She developed a lot as a freshman and with more strength and agility this season, she will be tough to stop. She's a good finisher in the paint and a talented shot blocker who could dominate the paint with some more confidence."

SCHEDULE

Miami's road to a fourth consecutive season of 18 or more wins will not be an easy one, as the RedHawks face a difficult nonconference schedule which includes six teams that saw action in the postseason a year ago as well as an always more challenging league slate.

The RedHawks open the 2003-04 season with their second appearance in the prestigious Preseason WNIT, where they face Michigan. A win over the Wolverines would then position the RedHawks to battle either Cincinnati or Liberty, which both competed in last season's NCAA Tournament.

"We're looking forward to competing against a very competitive WNIT field," Fantanarosa said. "Michigan will be one of the better teams in the Big Ten this year, and I expect their aggressive defense to force us to be very sharp."

Other challenging dates for the Red and White include trips to 2003 NCAA Qualifiers Virginia Tech and Indiana State and 2003 WNIT Qualifier Missouri. Over Dec. 6-7, the RedHawks go West to compete in California's Oakland Tribune Classic, which also includes 2003 NCAA Qualifier Tulane and Wichita State. Miami's home dates include bouts with 2003 NCAA Qualifier Valparaiso, 2003 WNIT participant Saint Louis, area rivals Butler and Kentucky and Portland.

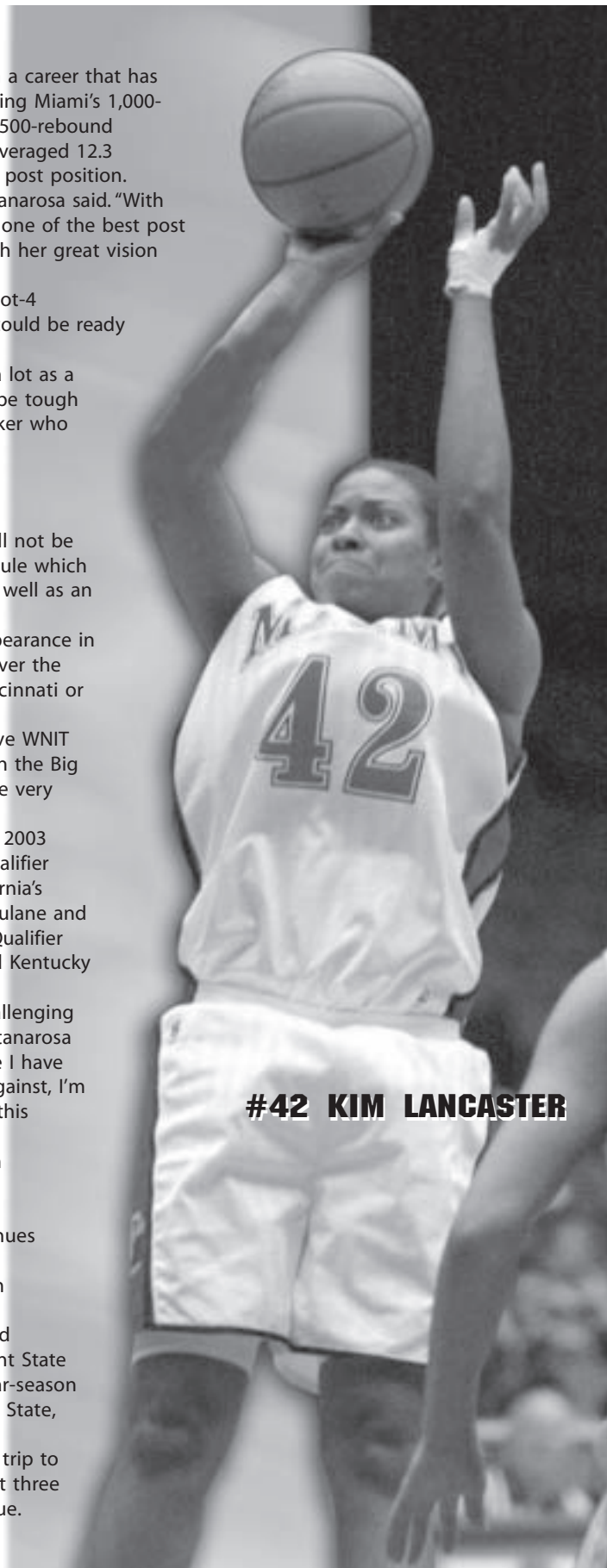
"We always make our preseason schedule with the idea of challenging our players and giving them the opportunity to raise the bar," Fantanarosa said. "I think this year's schedule shows that commitment. But while I have great respect for the quality of the programs we'll be competing against, I'm confident that we can be very competitive and successful against this schedule."

Still more challenges await the RedHawks in the Mid-American Conference, where Fantanarosa sees a wide-open field.

"The MAC returns a number of talented individuals and some dangerous young teams," Fantanarosa said. "This conference continues to develop through recruiting, and every year we take it to a new height. The parity in this league is stronger than ever, and the team that succeeds is going to have play 40 minutes every night."

Miami opens its league season with a difficult three-game road stretch that includes trips to MAC East rivals Buffalo, Akron and Kent State but will have the chance to finish strong with a three-game regular-season ending homestand that includes defending MAC co-champion Ball State, Buffalo and perennial MAC East power Kent State.

From there the RedHawks set their sites on a fifth consecutive trip to Cleveland for the MAC Tournament. Miami has qualified for the last three MAC Semifinals—the longest active streak of any team in the league.



#42 KIM LANCASTER

THE MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Over the span of 57 years, the Mid-American Conference has progressively grown and developed into one of the most aggressive NCAA Division I conferences in the country.

Under the guidance of Commissioner Rick Chryst, the seventh commissioner in the history of the league, the MAC has moved its men's and women's basketball championship into a first-class NBA/WNBA facility at Gund Arena.



Rick Chryst
MAC Commissioner

In the coming years, the MAC will co-host the 2006 NCAA Women's Basketball Midwest Regional and the 2007 Women's Final

Four at Gund Arena, after successfully hosting the 2000 NCAA Men's Basketball Regional at The Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Continuing to lead by example, the MAC provides its student-athletes and member institutions with the best possible opportunities. Since 1946, the MAC has not only stood the test of time, but has thrived and formed a league that its founders could not have imagined or dreamed.

Based in Cleveland since July 1999, following a 15-year stay in Toledo, the MAC has established historic measurements in both football and men's and women's basketball since its move to Northeast Ohio.

The 2002-03 athletic season marked the second straight season that the MAC had two teams involved in bowl games with league champion Marshall (GMAC) winning post season competition for the fifth consecutive season while West Division champion Toledo participated in the Motor City Bowl for the second time in as many years.

During the off-season, the MAC had its best year in the NFL Draft as a record nine players were drafted in the seven-round draft. Record-setting Marshall quarterback Byron Leftwich, who repeated as the MAC Offensive Player of the Year and the Vern Smith Leadership Award recipient, became the highest football draft pick in MAC history as the Jacksonville Jaguars selected him with the seventh overall pick in the first round. The University of Central Florida, which completed its first year of football in the MAC in 2002, had the most players drafted among league schools with four.

Attendance at the Men's Basketball Tournament championship game surpassed the 10,000 mark for the third straight year, as Central Michigan knocked off defending champion Kent State. The Chippewas then went on to defeat nationally-ranked Creighton in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The MAC has advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament in five of the last six years, including the past three seasons.

In women's basketball, Western Michigan became the first non-Ohio team to win the tournament crown since the Broncos won it in 1985 with a win over Ball State, which appeared in the title game for the second straight campaign. It was also the first non-Ohio championship since WMU defeated Central Michigan in 1985. The championship game crowd was the 10th largest among 29 Division I conference tournaments in 2003.

In men's and women's cross country, the MAC produced five All-Americans while the Eastern Michigan men's squad finished third at the NCAA Championship and the Central Michigan men were ninth.

A year after Miami won the MAC's first-ever NCAA Tournament women's soccer contest with a victory over West Virginia, the RedHawks again advanced to the second round in 2002 with a win over Michigan State. Danielle Berkemeier, the 2002 MAC Player of the Year, was tabbed a third-team all-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).



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Western Michigan

In baseball, Eastern Michigan won the MAC Tournament for the first time since 1982 while Western Michigan claimed the softball crown—its first since 1984. It also marked WMU's first NCAA Tournament since 1982.

A total of 23 baseball players were drafted during the MLB's First-Year Player Draft, the second-highest total in league history and the highest since 27 players were picked in 1979. Two of the selections were first round picks – Ball State's Brad Snyder (Cleveland Indians) and Toledo's Mitch Maier (Kansas City Royals). It was the first time in 35 years that the MAC produced a pair of first-round selections, and the fourth time in five seasons that the MAC has had a player picked in the first round.

Individually, a total of 78 student-athletes from across the league captured Verizon Academic All-District honors. Of that total, 11 student-athletes were tabbed Verizon CoSIDA Academic All-Americans, headlined by three football and three softball team members. Women's soccer had a pair of third-team

honorees, while baseball, volleyball and gymnastics (at-large) had one each.

On the field, a total of 35 All-Americans were named in 13 different sports. Women's track and field led the way with five all-Americans, while men's cross country, wrestling and women's basketball followed with four honors each. Baseball, football and women's indoor track and field each had three. Other sports capturing honors included men's basketball and men's indoor and outdoor track and field with two apiece, and one each from women's cross country, women's soccer and field hockey.

In June of 2003 the MAC reached a five-year agreement with ESPN, Inc. that guarantees the league exposure for the term of the agreement on ESPN and ESPN2. ABC/ESPN owns exclusive rights to the MAC Football Championship game and ESPN/ESPN2 owns those same rights to the MAC Men's Basketball Championship.

The MAC's relationship with ESPN, Inc., helped the league receive additional national exposure in February 2003 as part of ESPN's Bracket Buster Saturday. MAC schools Bowling Green and Kent State were on nationally televised games while Ball State and Marshall received ESPN Regional exposure. The MAC will continue as a participant in the 2004 ESPN Bracket Buster event.

In the first year of the television deal, the MAC played its first-ever over-the-air broadcast on ABC — the MAC Football Championship game — and also made nine national appearances on ESPN, ESPN2 and ABC.

The Mid-American Conference was founded as a five-school league on February 24, 1946 in Columbus, Ohio with Ohio, Butler, Cincinnati, Wayne State and Western Reserve admitted as charter members.

The Mid-American Conference has 13 full-time schools and a 14th, UCF, for football only. Comprising the East Division is the University of Akron (joined in 1992), University at Buffalo (1998), University of Central Florida (2002, football only), Kent State University (1951), Marshall University (1954-69, 1997), Miami University (1947) and Ohio University (1946). The West Division members are Ball State University (1973), Bowling Green State University (1952), Central Michigan University (1971), Eastern Michigan University (1971), Northern Illinois University (1975-86, 1997), University of Toledo (1950) and Western Michigan University (1947). Affiliate members include the University of Kentucky in men's soccer, the University of Louisville in field hockey and Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) in men's tennis.

The 14 current football-member institutions have a total enrollment of better than 310,000, with individual enrollments ranging from 16,000-38,000. The MAC's overall enrollment makes it the fourth-largest conference in the United States.

2003-04 MAC COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 15

Miami at Michigan (Preseason WNIT)

Monday, November 17

Miami — Preseason WNIT Second Round

Thursday, November 20

Miami — Preseason WNIT Semifinals TBA

Friday, November 21

Akron at Arizona State T
Ball State vs. Northwestern State
Canisius at Buffalo
Concordia at Central Michigan .
Eastern Michigan vs. Lamar
Loyola Chicago at Northern Illinois
Marshall vs. Morgan State
Miami at Virginia Tech
Ohio at Ohio State
Rice at Kent State
Western Michigan at Michigan

Saturday, November 22

Ball State vs. DePaul/Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Bowling Green at Youngstown State
Eastern Michigan vs. Central Connecticut State/Mercer
Marshall vs. High Point/Murray State

Sunday, November 23

Detroit at Toledo
Northern Illinois at Wisconsin
Western Michigan at Connecticut

Monday, November 24

Saint Louis at Miami

Tuesday, November 25

Ball State vs. IPFW
Buffalo at Colgate
Butler at Eastern Michigan
Central Michigan at Oakland
Detroit at Bowling Green
Duquesne at Toledo
Radford at Marshall
Rhode Island at Kent State
Wright State at Ohio

Wednesday, November 26

Missouri-Kansas City at Western Michigan

Friday, November 28

Ball State vs. Eastern Washington
Bowling Green vs. Southeast Missouri State
Eastern Michigan at Michigan State

Saturday, November 29

Akron vs. South Florida
Ball State vs. East Carolina/Cleveland State
Bowling Green vs. Prairie View/Texas A&M-Corpus Christi
Detroit at Ohio
Toledo at Wichita State
Western Illinois at Northern Illinois

Sunday, November 30

Akron at Best Western Roundball Classic
Valparaiso at Central Michigan
Western Michigan at Illinois State

Tuesday, December 2

Illinois State at Ball State
IPFW at Akron
Northern Illinois at Kansas State
Ohio at Morehead State
Wake Forest at Marshall

Wednesday, December 3

Bowling Green at Bucknell
Kent State at Wisconsin-Green Bay
Toledo at Dayton
Youngstown State at Buffalo

Friday, December 5

Eastern Michigan vs. Florida International
Morehead State at Marshall
Ohio at Hatter Classic
Western Michigan at Arizona State Tournament

Saturday, December 6

Ball State vs. Indiana State
Central Michigan vs. Xavier
Eastern Michigan vs. Drexel/Northwestern
IPFW at Bowling Green
Miami vs. California
Michigan State at Kent State
Ohio at Hatter Classic
Western Michigan at Arizona State Tournament
Wisconsin-Milwaukee at Northern Illinois 2:05 p.m.
Youngstown State at Toledo TBA

Sunday, December 7

Buffalo at Auburn
Central Michigan vs. High Point/East Tennessee State
Cleveland State at Akron
Miami vs. Tulane/Wichita State

Tuesday, December 9

Louisville at Ball State
Toledo at Hampton

Wednesday, December 10

St. John's at Buffalo

Thursday, December 11

Miami at Indiana State

Saturday, December 13

Austin Peay at Ohio
Ball State vs. Kansas
Buffalo at Niagara
Butler at Miami
Central Michigan at Wright State
Kent State at Youngstown State
Michigan State at Toledo
Oakland at Bowling Green

Monday, December 15

Austin Peay at Marshall
Northern Illinois at Southeast Missouri State

Tuesday, December 16

Akron at Wright State
Detroit at Central Michigan
Ohio at Oakland

Wednesday, December 17

Kent State at LSU Tournament
Western Michigan at North Carolina

Thursday, December 18

Kent State at LSU Tournament (Baton Rouge, La.)
vs. TBA TBA
Saint Louis at Northern Illinois 7:05 p.m.

Friday, December 19

Akron at Bucknell 5 p.m.
Central Michigan at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 7 p.m.
Marshall at Texas-Pan American TBA
Utah State at Western Michigan 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 20

Eastern Michigan vs. North Carolina State
Kentucky at Miami
Marquette at Toledo
Ohio at Cleveland State

Sunday, December 21

Central Michigan at Texas-Pan American
Eastern Michigan vs. Baylor
Marshall at Texas A&M
Northern Illinois at Bradley
Oakland at Buffalo
St. Bonaventure at Kent State
Youngstown State at Akron

Monday, December 22

Bowling Green at IUPUI
Eastern Michigan vs. Puerto Rico-Mayaguez
Western Michigan at Detroit

Saturday, December 27

Ball State at Chicago State

Sunday, December 28

Colgate at Central Michigan
Northern Illinois at New Mexico State
Portland at Miami
Toledo at Gatorade Holiday Classic

Monday, December 29

Bowling Green vs. Eastern Kentucky TBA
Kent State at Auburn Tournament
Toledo at Gatorade Holiday Classic

Tuesday, December 30

Akron at Oakland
Bowling Green vs. Morehead State
Central Michigan at IUPUI
Colgate at Eastern Michigan
Kent State at Auburn Tournament
Marshall vs. Lehigh
Northern Illinois at UTEP
Ohio at Evansville
Purdue at Western Michigan
Valparaiso at Miami

Wednesday, December 31

Indiana at Ball State 6 p.m.
Marshall vs. Mississippi/Mt. St. Mary's 1/3 p.m.

Friday, January 2

Miami at Missouri
Robert Morris at Akron
Western Michigan at Montana.
Winthrop at Ohio

Saturday, January 3

Buffalo at Colorado
Cleveland State at Bowling Green
DePaul at Northern Illinois
*Marshall at Ball State
Toledo at Loyola Chicago

Sunday, January 4

Kent State at American
Winthrop at Akron

Wednesday, January 7

*Akron at Eastern Michigan
*Ball State at Bowling Green
*Miami at Buffalo
*Kent State at Marshall
*Northern Illinois at Western Michigan
*Toledo at Central Michigan

Saturday, January 10

*Bowling Green at Northern Illinois
*Buffalo at Western Michigan
*Central Michigan at Eastern Michigan
*Marshall at Ohio
*Miami at Akron
*Toledo at Ball State

Monday, January 12

Buffalo at Cornell

Tuesday, January 13

*Ball State at Ohio
*Eastern Michigan at Toledo

Wednesday, January 14

*Akron at Bowling Green
*Miami at Kent State
*Northern Illinois at Central Michigan
*Western Michigan at Marshall

Saturday, January 17

*Akron at Ball State
*Central Michigan at Bowling Green
*Marshall at Buffalo
*Ohio at Northern Illinois
*Toledo at Kent State
*Western Michigan at Eastern Michigan

Monday, January 19

Holy Cross at Buffalo

Tuesday or Wednesday, January 20/21

Marshall vs. West Virginia

Wednesday, January 21

*Bowling Green at Toledo
*Central Michigan at Buffalo
*Eastern Michigan at Ball State
*Kent State at Western Michigan
*Northern Illinois at Miami
*Ohio at Akron

Saturday, January 24

*Buffalo at Ball State
*Kent State at Northern Illinois
*Marshall at Central Michigan
*Miami at Eastern Michigan
*Toledo at Ohio
*Western Michigan at Akron

Monday, January 26

*Buffalo at Northern Illinois

Tuesday, January 27

*Ball State at Toledo
*Bowling Green at Eastern Michigan
*Miami at Marshall

Wednesday, January 28

*Ohio at Kent State
*Western Michigan at Central Michigan

Saturday, January 31

*Akron at Kent State
*Buffalo at Bowling Green
*Central Michigan at Ball State
*Eastern Michigan at Western Michigan
*Northern Illinois at Toledo
*Ohio at Miami

Tuesday, February 3

*Bowling Green at Miami 7 p.m.
*Ohio at Central Michigan 7 p.m.

*Toledo at Buffalo
*Western Michigan at Northern Illinois

Wednesday, February 4

*Kent State at Eastern Michigan
*Marshall at Akron

Saturday, February 7

*Buffalo at Ohio
*Central Michigan at Kent State
*Eastern Michigan at Marshall
*Northern Illinois at Ball State
*Western Michigan at Bowling Green

Sunday, February 8

*Miami at Toledo

Tuesday, February 10

*Northern Illinois at Akron

Wednesday, February 11

*Ball State at Western Michigan
*Bowling Green at Ohio
*Kent State at Buffalo
*Marshall at Miami
*Toledo at Eastern Michigan

Saturday, February 14

*Akron at Buffalo
*Ball State at Kent State
*Bowling Green at Central Michigan
*Eastern Michigan at Northern Illinois
*Marshall at Toledo

Sunday, February 15

*Western Michigan at Miami

Monday, February 16

*Akron at Ohio
*Marshall at Kent State

Wednesday, February 18

*Central Michigan at Akron
*Eastern Michigan at Buffalo
*Miami at Ohio
*Northern Illinois at Bowling Green
*Western Michigan at Toledo

Saturday, February 21

*Ball State at Eastern Michigan
*Buffalo at Akron
*Kent State at Bowling Green
*Miami at Central Michigan
*Ohio at Western Michigan

Sunday, February 22

*Northern Illinois at Marshall

Tuesday, February 24

*Central Michigan at Western Michigan

Wednesday, February 25

*Akron at Toledo
*Ball State at Miami
*Bowling Green at Marshall
*Buffalo at Kent State
*Eastern Michigan at Ohio

Saturday, February 28

*Central Michigan at Northern Illinois
*Kent State at Akron
*Buffalo at Miami
*Ohio at Marshall
*Toledo at Western Michigan

Sunday, February 29

*Bowling Green at Ball State

Tuesday, March 2

*Akron at Marshall
*Ball State at Northern Illinois
*Eastern Michigan at Central Michigan
*Kent State at Miami
*Ohio at Buffalo
*Toledo at Bowling Green

Saturday, March 6

MAC Women's Basketball Tournament—First Round
(at campus sites)

Wednesday, March 10

MAC Women's Basketball Tournament—Quarterfinals
(Gund Arena, Cleveland, Ohio)

Friday, March 12

MAC Women's Basketball Tournament—Semifinals
(Gund Arena, Cleveland, Ohio)

Saturday, March 13

MAC Women's Basketball Tournament—Finals
(Gund Arena, Cleveland, Ohio)