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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### 2002-03 MIAMI BASKETBALL SCHEDULE/RESULTS (9-8, 4-2 MAC)

#### NOVEMBER

14	OGBM LEGENDS	W, 93-69
23	vs. Valparaiso#	W, 77-54
24	at Michigan State#	W, 86-84
29	vs. Arkansas State%	W, 72-67
30	vs. Georgia Tech%	L, 62-78

#### DECEMBER

7	WRIGHT STATE (DH)	W, 110-69
15	at Saint Louis	L, 55-58
18	ST. FRANCIS (Pa.)	L, 67-74
21	at Kentucky	L, 102-108 (OT)
28	at Butler	W, 72-61
30	CLEMSON (DH)	L, 50-55

#### JANUARY

3	at TCU	L, 58-83
7	AKRON*	W, 84-56
11	at Western Michigan*	L, 60-75
14	at Ohio*	W, 80-78 (OT)
18	TOLEDO*	L, 72-77
20	at Marshall*	W, 72-53
25	at Buffalo*	W, 50-45
28	EASTERN MICHIGAN*	7 p.m.

#### FEBRUARY

3	at Ball State*	7 p.m.
8	KENT STATE*	2 p.m.
13	at Northern Illinois*	7:05 p.m.
15	at Bowling Green*	4 p.m.
19	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	7 p.m.
23	at Kent State*	4 p.m.
26	OHIO	7 p.m.

#### MARCH

1	BUFFALO*	2 p.m.
4	MARSHALL*	7 p.m.
8	MAC Tournament-First Round\$	TBA
12	MAC Quarterfinal^	TBA
14	MAC Semifinal^	Noon/12:30 p.m.
15	MAC Championship^	1 p.m.

# Spartan Chevrolet Classic, East Lansing, Mich.

% Atlanta Marriott NW Classic, Atlanta, Ga.

(DH) Denotes doubleheader

\* Mid-American Conference Game

\$ At campus sites

^ Gund Arena, Cleveland, Ohio

#### 2002-03 STAFF:

##### Head Coach:

Maria Fantanarosa (Miami '90)

##### Asst. Coach

Jessica Smith (Rhode Island '95)

##### Asst. Coach

Lisa Hayden (Miami '95)

##### Asst. Coach

Nicole Like (Xavier '95)

### 2002-03 MIAMI BASKETBALL (9-8, 4-2 MAC)

## MIAMI WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Jan. 28, 2003 • Millett Hall • Oxford, Ohio  
Eastern Michigan University (7-10, 4-2 MAC)

#### 2002-03 Miami Women's Basketball Roster

##### Probable Starters

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	PPG	RPG	APG	MIN
24	Kim Smith	F	5-11	So.	Gary, Ind.	4.2	4.2	1.1	18.5
35	Colleen Day	F	6-0	Jr.	Independence, Ohio	9.4	6.9	1.8	25.1
30	Jana Butler	C	6-2	Sr.	Findlay, Ohio	7.6	3.9	0.9	22.7
25	Cindi Merrill	G	5-10	Fr.	Noblesville, Ind.	7.6	3.4	1.3	25.1
5	Heather Cusick	G	5-8	Sr.	Kokomo, Ind.	15.6	3.4	4.7	31.0

##### Reserves

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	PPG	RPG	APG	MIN
11	Hillary Beck	G	5-5	So	Kokomo, Ind.	1.6	0.6	0.7	4.0
14	Nicki Motto	G	5-5	So.	Dayton, Ohio	4.1	1.7	1.5	13.6
15	Melanie Kozlowski	F	6-0	Jr.	Parma, Ohio	7.7	3.7	0.8	22.4
21	Beth Roederer	G	5-10	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind.	5.3	1.9	2.2	19.6
22	Kelsey Sullivan	G	6-0	Fr.	Springboro, Ohio	1.4	0.4	0.4	5.2
42	Kim Lancaster	F	6-0	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio	9.5	4.8	0.6	20.0
50	Amber Miller	C	6-4	Fr.	Vermilion, Ohio	0.8	0.9	0.0	4.2

**REDHAWKS BREAK FROM DIVISIONAL PLAY; HOST EASTERN MICHIGAN:** Above .500 for the first time since Jan. 3 and on its first winning streak since November, Miami University's women's basketball team returns home Tuesday night to host MAC West Division foe Eastern Michigan University in another important league battle.

Miami, which picked up a pair of divisional road wins over Marshall and Buffalo last week, returns home for the first time in 10 days to host an Eastern Michigan team that has turned its season around since the beginning of league play. EMU, which won just three of its first 11 games, has posted a 4-2 record since the start of MAC play and presently stands fourth in the MAC West Division and in a fifth-place tie with Miami in the overall MAC standings.

Coached by fifth-year mentor **Suzy Merchant**, Eastern Michigan is led by four players averaging in double digits. Sophomore guard **Ryan Coleman** leads all Eagle scorers at 12.7 ppg, while the forward tandem of senior **Abby Wiseman** and freshman **Nikki Knapp** averages 12.2 points apiece. Senior guard **Dru Bishop** is averaging 10.9 ppg. The Eagles rank fifth in the MAC in field goal percentage (.432) and sixth in scoring (67.2), while rating seventh in scoring defense (68.2) and 11th in field goal percentage defense (.435).

Versus five common opponents this season, both Miami and EMU have posted a 4-1 record versus Akron, Buffalo, Butler, Ohio and Toledo. Miami's lone loss came versus Toledo, while Eastern Michigan lost to Buffalo.

**SERIES HISTORY:** Tuesday night marks the 39th meeting between the Eagles and the RedHawks in a series that was dominated by Miami until the 1998-99 season. Miami had won 21 of the previous 22 games against the Eagles until a 1999 meeting at Ypsilanti, where EMU pounded the Red and White, 81-45. Since that clash, the Eagles have run off a three-game winning streak against the RedHawks, winning the three games by an average of 25.7 points. EMU, which trails the overall series 29-9, is one of just two MAC teams that **Maria Fantanarosa** has not defeated during her Miami coaching tenure.

## TALE OF THE TAPE

MIAMI (MAC)	EMU (MAC)
9-8	7-10
4-2	4-2
.414 (8th)	.432 (5th)
.328 (10th)	.323 (11th)
6.5 (3rd)	5.1 (9th)
.689 (8th)	.684 (9th)
.428 (10th)	.435 (11th)
.323 (1st)	.390 (12th)
39.1 (3rd)	32.8 (12th)
+0.4 (3rd)	-3.5 (11th)
+2.9 (3rd)	+1.6 (5th)
72.3 (3rd)	67.2 (6th)
69.1 (10th)	68.2 (7th)

**THE LAST MEETING—EMU 71, Miami 67 (Jan. 23, 2002):** A determined second-half rally by Miami could not make up for a slow start as Eastern Michigan outlasted the RedHawks, 71-67, in Ypsilanti, Mich. The Eagles led by as many as 13 with under 16 minutes to play, but Miami steadily chipped away at the EMU lead until claiming its first lead of the game at 60-59 with 4:20 to play. Eastern Michigan struck back with back-to-back 3-point field goals, however, and would not trail again. **Melanie Kozlowski**, who finished with a career-high 20 points, drained 4-of-7 3-point field goals on the night, while **Heather Cusick** added 16 points and nine assists.

**LOOKING BACK—Miami 50, Buffalo 45:** On a night in which the shooting inside the University at Buffalo's Alumni Arena was as chilly as the blustery Buffalo winter outside, Miami overcame its worst offensive day of the season and slid past the Bulls 50-45 in a key MAC East Division road clash. In a game that was tight throughout, Miami pushed its edge as high as nine points in the first half and led 23-17 going into the locker room. Buffalo rallied three times in the second half, closing to within one point on two occasions and trailed by just two with 2:57 to play. Miami hit 6-of-7 free throws down the stretch, however, securing its third straight win over the Bulls. **Kim Lancaster** tallied 10 points for the RedHawks, who shot just .298 from the field but forced 21 UB turnovers.

**NEXT UP:** Miami is off until Feb. 3 when it embarks on a brutal three-game stretch that pits it against the other three MAC Semifinalists from a year ago. The RedHawks travel to defending MAC West Champion Ball State on Feb. 3 and return home on Feb. 8 to take on defending MAC East Champion Kent State. From there, Miami hits the road, once again, to clash with Northern Illinois on Feb. 13 and Bowling Green on Feb. 15. The Red and White plays four of its final five games at home following the difficult stretch.

**MILLETT MAGIC:** Miami, which has won 18 of its last 24 contests in Millett Hall ended a two-game home losing streak with its 84-56 defeat of Akron on Jan. 7. Last year, Miami finished at 10-3 in Millett Hall overall and 6-2 in league play, finishing the season with seven consecutive home wins. The RedHawks are 31-11 (.738) at home over the past four seasons and have won 12 consecutive home games versus MAC East opponents. The RedHawks are 2-3 at home this season.

**A TALE OF TWO DIVISIONS:** Entering her fifth MAC season, **Maria Fantanarosa** is working to build upon a 41-29 (.586) league record. Miami has risen to the occasion in divisional play over the past four years, posting a 33-10 (.767) record. Overall, Miami has turned away 21 of its last 22 MAC East opponents during the regular season, including a current nine-game winning streak.

Despite their success versus the East, Fantanarosa's RedHawks have not fared as well when heading West. Miami has gone just 8-19 (.296) versus MAC West opponents over the past five seasons and has lost 11 of its last 12 MAC West road games. The RedHawks are in search of their first win versus a MAC West foe this season, having already lost at Western Michigan and to Toledo.

**ROLLING AGAIN:** It had been a long time, but with last Saturday's 50-45 win at Buffalo, Miami's women's basketball team found itself on a winning streak for the first time since

## FANTANAROSA YEAR-BY-YEAR

Year	Overall	MAC	MAC Pct.
97-98	7-20	—	—
98-99	11-15	7-9	.438
99-00	16-12	9-7	.563
00-01	18-11	10-6	.625
01-02	19-11	11-5	.667
02-03	9-8	4-2	.667
Total	80-77	41-29	.586

## FANTANAROSA BY THE MONTH

Year	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
97-98	1-2	1-4	2-9	3-5	0-0
98-99	3-3	3-3	2-6	3-3	0-0
99-00	1-2	5-2	5-3	5-4	0-1
00-01	2-3	4-1	4-4	6-2	2-1
01-02	2-2	4-3	5-4	6-1	2-1
02-03	3-1	2-4	4-3	—	—
Total	12-13	19-17	22-29	23-15	4-3

## MIAMI IN THE DECADE

Year	Overall	MAC	MAC Finish
93-94	16-11	11-7	Fifth
94-95	19-10	13-5	Third
95-96	19-9	13-5	Third
96-97	19-10	12-6	Third
97-98	12-15	9-9	Fourth (East)
98-99	11-15	7-9	Fifth (East)
99-00	16-12	9-7	Second (East)
00-01	18-11	10-6	Second (East)
01-02	19-11	11-5	Second (East)
02-03	9-8	4-2	—
Total	159-111	99-61	.619

## APPROACHING MILESTONES

### Heather Cusick

- Needs 67 points to surpass Mary Ann Myers (1978-82) and Monica Niemann (1991-95) as Miami's career scoring leader.

- Needs one 3-point field goals to become Miami's career record holder for career 3-point field goals.

- Needs 11 steals to crack the MAC's all-time career Top 10 in steals.

### Kim Lancaster

- Needs 52 points to become the 14th player in Miami history to amass 1,000 career points.

- Needs five blocked shots to match Deb Grushon (1979-83) for ninth place on Miami's career blocked shots chart.

### Melanie Kozlowski

- Needs four 3-point field goals to become the seventh player in Miami history with 100 career treys.

### Colleen Day

- Needs 15 rebounds to reach Miami's career top 15 in rebounding.

### 2002-03 MAC STANDINGS

Through Games of Jan. 25, 2003

East Division	MAC			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Kent State	5	1	.833	10	7	.588
<b>Miami</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.667</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>.529</b>
Buffalo	1	4	.200	9	7	.563
Marshall	1	4	.200	5	11	.313
Ohio	1	5	.167	5	12	.294
Akron	1	6	.143	2	16	.111

West Division	MAC			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
W. Michigan	4	0	1.000	10	5	.667
Toledo	5	1	.833	12	5	.706
Ball State	5	1	.833	11	5	.688
E. Michigan	4	2	.667	7	10	.412
N. Illinois	3	3	.500	7	10	.412
Bowling Green	2	3	.400	9	7	.563
C. Michigan	1	5	.167	7	10	.412

### 2002-03 MAC PRESEASON MEDIA POLL

#### East Division

1. Kent State (24) ..... 189
2. **Miami (9)** ..... **174**
3. Marshall ..... 106
4. Ohio ..... 100
5. Buffalo ..... 91
6. Akron ..... 33

#### West Division

1. Ball State (29) ..... 225
2. Western Michigan ..... 173
3. Toledo ..... 162
4. Northern Illinois (4) ..... 152
5. Eastern Michigan ..... 100
6. Bowling Green ..... 73
7. Central Michigan ..... 39

### PRESEASON ALL-MAC TEAMS

#### East Division

Andrea Cszaszar	C	Kent State
<b>Heather Cusick</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>Miami</b>
Valerie Zona	G	Kent State
Ida Dotson	G	Marshall
Jessica Kochendorfer	F	Buffalo

#### West Division

Tamara Bowie	F	Ball State
Kristin Koetsier	C	W. Michigan
Jennifer Youngblood	F	N. Illinois
Francine Miller	G	Bowling Green
Tia Davis	G	Toledo

### 2002-03 INDIVIDUAL HONORS

#### MAC East Player of the Week

Heather Cusick	Nov. 25
Heather Cusick	Nov. 30

#### MAC Scholar Athlete of the Week

Heather Cusick	Nov. 25
Colleen Day	Dec. 9

#### Spartan Chevrolet Classic All-Tournament

Heather Cusick (MVP)  
Jana Butler

#### Atlanta Marriott Classic All-Tournament

Heather Cusick  
Kim Lancaster

November. After starting the season 3-0 with wins over Valparaiso, Michigan State and Arkansas State, the RedHawks endured two losing streaks of three and two games, respectively, but were unable to win back-to-back games until winning at Marshall and at Buffalo last week. Miami, which had three winning streaks of at least four games a year ago, owns a 3-6 record in games that follow wins this season.

**HEAD COACH MARIA FANTANAROSA:** A former standout on the court for the Red and White, **Maria Fantanarosa** is in her fifth season of working the sidelines for the Miami women's basketball program and owns a 73-57 (.562) record at Miami.

Since taking over a team that had no freshman class in 1998, she has guided the team to consecutive MAC Semifinal appearances and three straight MAC East Division runner-up finishes. Fantanarosa also has helped Miami players to all-MAC accolades five times, including 2001-02 MAC Player of the Year Heather Cusick.

A 1990 graduate of Miami, Fantanarosa was a two-time all-MAC honoree for the Red and White. Following her graduation, she went on to serve as an assistant women's basketball coach for Xavier (1990-94) and South Carolina (1994-97) before serving a one-year stint as head coach at Western Carolina (1997-98). One of the most prolific scorers in high school girls basketball history, Fantanarosa's 3,823 career points while at Mt. Carmel Area High School in Kulpmont, Pa., rank among the all-time Top 10 nationally.

**TAKING ON THE WORLD:** Though Miami's 5-6 non-conference record marked Miami's first sub .500 out-of-league record in four seasons, head coach **Maria Fantanarosa** stuck with her theory of using the non-conference schedule to prepare the team for league play. Seven of Miami's non-conference opponents rate among the top 35 percent of all NCAA D-I women's basketball programs, according to the Jan. 27 RPI.com rankings, while the average RPI of Miami's 11 out-of-conference foes is a solid 126.5. The average RPI of the eight teams that have defeated the RedHawks is an even more impressive 80.3. Miami is ranked No. 156 in the RPI and No. 115 in the Sagarin ratings. Miami's strength of schedule ranks 104th in the Sagarin Ratings—the second-highest ranking of any MAC program. A breakdown of Miami's opponents in the RPI and Sagarin rankings is on page 5.

**OFFENSE WINS:** When the offense is working, everything is working for Miami. Aside from a 108-102 overtime loss at Kentucky, Miami is 8-1 this season when scoring at least 70 points and 6-0 when outshooting the opposition from the field. Miami, which is 1-6 when scoring less than 70 points, had shot 46 percent from the field, 39 percent from 3-point range and averaged 81.6 points per outing in wins leading up to last Saturday's triumph at Buffalo in which it shot just 29 percent from the field and netted a season-low 50 points. Through eight defeats, however, the RedHawks have hit just 38 percent of their shots from the field and 28 percent from beyond the arc, while averaging 65.8 points per game.

**"D" ON THE RISE:** Miami, which entered last week ranked 12th in the MAC in scoring defense (71.4 ppg), took its "D" to the next level last week, holding Marshall and Buffalo to an average of just 49.0 points in the two losses. Versus Marshall, Miami's defense forced 21 Thundering Herd turnovers and restricted the Herd to 27 percent shooting from the field—the lowest field goal percentage given up by the RedHawks this season. Against Buffalo, Miami allowed a season-low 45 points—the lowest point total allowed by the Red and White this season—and forced another 21 UB miscues. As a result of last week's performances, Miami's scoring defense jumped to 10th (69.1 ppg).

**POLISHING THE GLASS:** Another important theme in RedHawk wins has been rebounding. Miami, which is averaging 39.1 rebounds per game, ranks third in the MAC in rebounding and fourth in rebounding margin (+0.4). The RedHawks are especially strong on the offensive glass, grabbing 15.4 offensive boards a contest and ranking second in the league. Miami, which is averaging 13.5 second chance points per game—nearly 20 percent of its overall scoring, owns a 6-2 record when out-rebounding the opposition and just a 3-6 mark when being out-rebounded.

**CUSICK ON THE MIAMI CHARTS:** Already Miami's career leader for assists and 20-point games, **Heather Cusick** is about to take sole possession of another Miami career mark. The only player in Miami history to earn all-MAC recognition in each of her first three seasons, Cusick hit two 3-point field goals Monday night at Marshall to move into a tie with Jamie Stewart (1995-99) for first-place all-time at Miami with 208 career treys. The senior's next trey will break Miami's career 3-point field goal record.

Cusick also is just 67 points shy of tying Monica Niemann's (1991-95) scoring record, and 57 field goals short of tying Mary Ann Myers' (1978-82) career field goal record.

**A DAY ON THE GLASS:** Over the past two seasons, junior forward **Colleen Day** has transformed herself into one of the most aggressive rebounders in the conference. After and eight-rebound outing at Buffalo last Saturday, Day's 6.9 rebounds per game rank ninth in the MAC. The junior is even more impressive on the offensive glass, where she is clearing 2.94 offensive boards per game and ranks fourth in the league. With 466 career rebounds to date, Day is just 15 boards shy of cracking Miami's Top 15 all-time rebounders and 34 rebounds short of becoming the 14th RedHawk to amass 500 career boards. Day has three double-digit rebounding outings this season, including a season-best 14 boards in Miami's Dec. 28 win at Butler.

**CLOSING IN ON 1,000:** After a slow start, Miami's **Kim Lancaster** has stepped up her offense, reaching double digits in seven of the past 10 games and closing to within 52 points of Miami's 1,000-point club. Lancaster, who is aiming to be the 14th inductee to the 1,000-point club, could become just the fourth player in Miami women's basketball history to clear 1,000 points during her junior season—joining teammate Heather Cusick, Monica Niemann (1991-95) and Mary Ann Myers (1978-82). Lancaster already ranks among Miami's career top three in terms of field goal percentage and is shooting an impressive 54 percent from the floor this season to rank second in the MAC. Over the past 10 games, Lancaster has averaged 10.2 ppg to rank second on the team.

**NOT JUST ANOTHER SMITH:** Though not a statistical leader for the RedHawks, sophomore forward **Kim Smith** has provided a key physical presence for the Red and White on both ends of the court. Smith, who is averaging 4.2 points and 4.2 rebounds per game in 18.5 minutes of action, earned her first career start on Dec. 28 at Butler and has started every game since. Arguably the most athletic player in the history of the program, the Gary, Ind., native earned an astounding 14 varsity letters in five different sports during her prep career at West Side High. Smith's bench press, which is well over 200 pounds, is the highest on the team. Smith enjoyed a season-high 10-point, eight-rebound outing at Marshall a week ago.

**LONG-RANGE DIVAS:** With a deep arsenal of long-range threats on its roster, Miami has not been shy about launching 3-point field goals. Through 17 games, Miami has fired up a MAC-leading 338 treys (19.9) with six players burying at least 11 long-range attempts. Miami's current roster includes four of the top 12 career 3-point shooters in Miami history, including **Heather Cusick** (1st-208), **Melanie Kozlowski** (7th-94), **Beth Roederer** (9th-66) and **Colleen Day** (12th-41). Miami is 6-3 this season when attempting at least 20 treys and ranks third in the MAC, averaging 6.5 treys per game.

**AS THE BALL TURNS:** Miami's turnover statistics have had plenty of twists and turns this season. After committing just 93 turnovers or a respectable 15.5 turnovers per game through their first six outings, the RedHawks totaled a whopping 117 miscues or 23.4 per game through their next five contests. Miami has gotten off to a solid start in MAC play, averaging 14.2 turnovers per outing through six games and ranking second in the league with a +6.8 turnover margin. Through 17 games, Miami maintains a +2.9 overall turnover margin, which ranks third in the MAC. The RedHawks, who are forcing 20.3 turnovers per game—second only to Eastern Michigan in the MAC—are scoring an average of 19.9 ppg off opponent miscues.

**COMING FROM ALL ANGLES:** While **Heather Cusick** has been Miami's clear scoring leader over the past two seasons, the RedHawk offense is by no means an easy scout. Already this season, eight different RedHawks have tallied in double figures, including seven that have achieved the feat at least three times. Presently, six RedHawks are averaging better than 7.6 ppg, led by Cusick's 15.6 ppg. This season's team has the luxury of six of the Top 45 scorers in Miami women's basketball history—Cusick (3rd-1,541), **Kim Lancaster** (15th-948), **Colleen Day** (36th-635), **Jana Butler** (39th-614) **Beth Roederer** (41st-595) and **Melanie Kozlowski** (44th-564).

**BIG BENCH PLAY:** With 13 scholarship players on her roster, head coach **Maria Fantanarosa** has the luxury of a deep bench for the first time in her career. Last season, Miami's top five players in terms of minutes averaged 29.7 minutes of playing time—led by **Heather Cusick's** 37.5 minutes an outing. This season, the top five RedHawks in terms of playing time are averaging 24.9 minutes per game, with only Cusick, who is down nearly seven minutes a game from last season, averaging more than 30 minutes a game. Miami's bench also has made an impact on the scoreboard, increasing its scoring average from 16.3 ppg last season to 27.2 ppg this year. Miami's reserves have been held under 22 points only once this season and have been outscored just three times.

### Miami's 2002-03 Opponents in the RPI CollegeRPI.com Rankings (Jan. 27, 2003)

RPI	Team	Record vs. D-I
40.	Georgia Tech	13-6
52.	Clemson	11-7
61.	TCU	8-10
68.	Michigan State	11-7
77.	Toledo	12-5
90.	Ball State	11-5
92.	Western Michigan	10-5
95.	Kentucky	9-8
111.	Saint Louis	10-9
114.	St. Francis (Pa.)	11-5
130.	Kent State	10-7
154.	Buffalo	9-7
<b>156.</b>	<b>MIAMI</b>	<b>9-8</b>
160.	Northern Illinois	7-10
171.	Valparaiso	7-8
183.	Wright State	6-11
203.	Eastern Michigan	7-10
208.	Arkansas State	7-12
213.	Marshall	4-11
215.	Bowling Green	9-7
235.	Ohio	5-12
260.	Central Michigan	6-10
284.	Akron	2-16
289.	Butler	3-14

The collegerpri.com formula is 25% team winning percentage, 50% opponents' average winning percentage, and 25% opponents' opponents' average winning percentage.

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### Miami's 2002-03 Opponent s Sagarin Rankings (Jan. 26, 2003)

RPI	Team	Record vs. D-I
47.	Georgia Tech	13-6
53.	Michigan State	11-7
54.	Clemson	11-7
60.	TCU	8-10
65.	Western Michigan	10-5
70.	Ball State	11-5
83.	Toledo	12-5
101.	Saint Louis	10-9
105.	Kentucky	9-8
<b>115.</b>	<b>MIAMI</b>	<b>9-8</b>
120.	St. Francis (Pa.)	11-5
137.	Northern Illinois	7-10
151.	Kent State	10-7
157.	Valparaiso	7-8
160.	Buffalo	9-7
187.	Bowling Green	9-7
198.	Eastern Michigan	7-10
201.	Arkansas State	7-12
209.	Marshall	4-11
229.	Wright State	6-11
233.	Central Michigan	6-10
255.	Ohio	5-12
262.	Butler	3-14
283.	Akron	2-16

Ratings, won-loss records, and schedule strengths are based solely on games between Division I teams. The schedule ratings represent the average schedule difficulty faced by each team in the games that it has played so far. The schedule difficulty of a given game takes into account the rating of the opponent and the location of the game.

**CUSICK AND THE MAC GREATS:** Along with etching her name all over the Miami career record books, **Heather Cusick** also is starting to place her name throughout the Mid-American Conference record book. The senior's 1,541 career points rank 22nd in MAC history, while her 208 3-point field goals and 536 assists rank sixth and 11th, respectively. Miami's point guard also has reached the MAC's Top 12 for career steals with 268. Cusick could become the first player in MAC history to amass 1,500 points, 500 assists, 400 rebounds, 300 steals and 200 3-point field goals. She's only the second MAC Player, joining former Toledo standout Kelly Savage (1985-89), to reach both 500 career assists and 200 career 3-point field goals.

**STEADY AS THEY COME:** When opposing coaches are scouting Miami, they do not have to wonder whether or not point guard **Heather Cusick** will be on the floor. Cusick, who has played in all 104 games of her collegiate career, made her 101st consecutive start Saturday at Buffalo. Opposing teams also can expect Cusick to show up on the stat sheet, where she has scored in double figures in 80 percent (83-of-104) of her career games and notched 29 outings of 20 points or more. Cusick also has dished an assist in 74 straight games and has only been held scoreless once in 104 contests. The senior has made a steal in 84 of the last 85 contests—a 78-game streak ended at TCU on Jan. 3.

**BEYOND HER YEARS:** Freshman **Cindi Merrill**, a Noblesville, Ind., product, has wasted little time in making an impact on Miami's roster. Merrill, who started the first six games this season and has 12 starts to date, is just the third true freshman to make a season-opening start in head coach **Maria Fantanarosa's** five seasons, with **Colleen Day** and **Kim Lancaster** last earning the honor in the Red and White's 2000-01 season opener. Merrill's aggressive style of play has merited her 25.1 minutes per game—the second-highest total on the team—in which she has averaged a solid 7.6 points per game while often drawing Miami's most difficult defensive assignments. Merrill had a career-high 15 points versus Akron in her MAC debut.

**TALENT TRANSFER:** Another newcomer providing the RedHawks with an important boost is sophomore transfer **Nicki Motto**, who transferred to Miami from Indiana last year. Along with providing Miami with valuable minutes at the point, where **Heather Cusick** had averaged more than 34 minutes per game over the previous three seasons, Motto also has been a contributor on the stat sheet, averaging 4.1 points, 1.5 assists and 1.2 3-point field goals per game. Motto enjoyed a career day versus Wright State on Dec. 7 when she tallied 14 points, seven assists and four 3-point field goals.

**FULLY LOADED:** For the first time since she accepted the reigns at Miami prior to the 1998-99 season, head coach **Maria Fantanarosa** has the luxury of four classes of scholarship players on her roster. Hired too late to recruit a freshman class for her first season, Fantanarosa chose to build from scratch instead of signing junior college players, which left the RedHawks without a single senior scholarship player a year ago. With the addition of four freshmen, Miami has 13 scholarship players on its roster. Fantanarosa also has the luxury of her first true senior class, as **Jana Butler**, **Heather Cusick** and **Beth Roederer**, enter their fourth season in her program. All three have been key contributors throughout their Miami careers.

**ROADHAWKS:** The road has become an increasingly friendly place for Miami in recent weeks. After a win at Michigan State during its opening weekend, the Red and White dropped five of its next six road games, including its worst losses of the season at TCU and Western Michigan earlier this month. More recently, however, Miami has reeled off consecutive road wins at Ohio, Marshall and Buffalo for its first three-game road winning streak since winning its last three road games last season. Miami, which plays 16 of its 27 games this season on the road, owns a 5-5 road record this season. Last season, Miami assembled an 8-7 record on the road—its first winning road mark since 1992-93.

**WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN:** As Miami reflects on the non-conference portion of its 2002-03 campaign, it can't help but be haunted by what might have been. Aside from three double-digit losses, Miami was in position to win its four remaining losses. Versus Saint Louis, the RedHawks led by nine in the first half and were back in front with under 12 minutes to play before falling 58-55. Against Saint Francis, the RedHawks rallied from a double-digit second-half deficit to claim the lead with four minutes to play but stalled down the stretch. In perhaps its most heartbreaking loss, Miami led Kentucky by 18 points with less than 14 minutes to play before a UK rally sent the

## TURNOVER MARGIN

Opp.	Miami-Opp.	W/L
vs. Valparaiso	12-17 (+5)	W
at Michigan State	13-15 (+2)	W
vs. Arkansas State	20-22 (+2)	W
at Georgia Tech	19-11 (-8)	L
WRIGHT STATE	13-25 (+12)	W
at Saint Louis	16-19 (+3)	L
SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	25-29 (+4)	L
at Kentucky	20-26 (+6)	L
at Butler	28-22 (-6)	W
CLEMSON	23-14 (-9)	L
at TCU	21-19 (-2)	L
AKRON	12-24 (-12)	W
at W. Michigan	18-21 (+3)	L
at Ohio	20-27 (+7)	W
TOLEDO	9-12 (+3)	L
at Marshall	13-21 (+8)	W
at Buffalo	13-21 (+8)	W
Record with fewer turnovers	8-5	
Record with more turnovers	1-3	
Record when turnovers even	0-0	

## REBOUNDING MARGIN

Opp.	Miami-Opp.	W/L
vs. Valparaiso	44-34 (+10)	W
at Michigan State	31-44 (-13)	W
vs. Arkansas State	42-38 (+4)	W
at Georgia Tech	39-50 (-11)	L
WRIGHT STATE	51-27 (+24)	W
at Saint Louis	39-46 (-7)	L
SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	28-30 (-2)	L
at Kentucky	39-40 (-1)	L
at Butler	45-29 (+16)	W
CLEMSON	41-26 (+15)	L
at TCU	36-47 (-11)	L
AKRON	37-32 (+5)	W
at W. Michigan	37-48 (-11)	L
at Ohio	44-48 (-4)	W
TOLEDO	35-30 (+5)	L
at Marshall	38-51 (-13)	W
at Buffalo	38-36 (+2)	W
Record with fewer rebounds	3-6	
Record with more rebounds	6-2	
Record when rebounds even	0-0	

## BENCH SCORING

Opp.	Miami-Opp.	W/L
vs. Valparaiso	32-17 (+15)	W
at Michigan State	12-23 (-11)	W
vs. Arkansas State	24-15 (+9)	W
at Georgia Tech	40-7 (+33)	L
WRIGHT STATE	50-21 (+29)	W
at Saint Louis	22-11 (+11)	L
SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	22-15 (+6)	L
at Kentucky	23-17 (+6)	L
at Butler	22-21 (+1)	W
CLEMSON	22-12 (+10)	L
at TCU	26-37 (-11)	L
AKRON	26-19 (+7)	W
at W. Michigan	33-12 (+21)	L
at Ohio	29-31 (-2)	W
TOLEDO	31-16 (+15)	L
at Marshall	25-13 (+12)	W
at Buffalo	24-10 (+14)	W
Record with more bench pts.	7-7	
Record with fewer bench pts.	2-1	
Record when bench pts. even	0-0	

game into overtime and lifted the Wildcats to the win. Finally, the RedHawks held an 11-point halftime edge over Clemson before wilting in the second half.

**CUSICK A CANDIDATE FOR NANCY LIEBERMAN AWARD:** Miami point guard **Heather Cusick** has earned recognition on a national level by being listed as a candidate for the Nancy Lieberman Award, which is given annually to the nation's top point guard. Awarded based on outstanding performance, the Lieberman Award has gone to UConn's Sue Bird, the 2001-02 Naismith and Basketball Writers Association Player of the Year, in each of the past three seasons. The MAC Player of the Year last season, Cusick joins an impressive list of 17 candidates that also includes UConn's Diana Taurasi and Tennessee's Kara Lawson. Also on the list are two of Cusick's former Indiana's Finest AAU teammates, Xavier's Amy Waugh and Colorado State's Elizabeth English.

**BOOK SMARTS:** According to the first semester grade reports, Miami's women's basketball team has been getting things done in the classroom as well as on the court. The women's basketball team assembled a team GPA of 3.07 in the fall semester, ranking fifth among all athletic programs at Miami. Junior **Melanie Kozlowski** (Parma, Ohio/Holy Name), an exercise science major, led the way for the RedHawks, posting a perfect 4.0 GPA and earning a spot on the prestigious President's List.

**STRING OF TREYS:** As testament to what has become a fine 3-point shooting tradition, the RedHawks are working to maintain a string of games with at least one 3-point field goal that dates back to March of 1993. Since that game, a MAC Semifinal loss to Kent State, Miami has drained a 3-point bucket in 270 consecutive games—the longest such streak in the MAC. Louisville holds the current NCAA record, which is over 300 games and counting.

**FEAT OF A CENTURY:** As Miami's women's basketball program has proven, the face of college women's basketball is changing. In the first 25 seasons of Miami women's basketball, the Red and White cleared 100 points in a game a grand total of six times. Over the past three seasons, however, the RedHawks have reached the century mark an impressive five times, including twice already this season. **Maria Fantanarosa's** squads have accounted for four of the 10 highest single-game scoring efforts in program history, including the record of 110 points set on Dec. 7 versus Wright State.

**WORLD TRAVELERS:** Miami University's women's basketball team benefited from a one-of-a-kind experience over the summer, traveling to Europe where it played four exhibition games against professional teams and took in a lot of sights. From June 23-July 3, the RedHawks spent time in Switzerland, Germany and France, while amassing a perfect 4-0 record versus teams from Switzerland, Germany and Italy. Along with the team bonding derived from being together in a foreign nation, the RedHawks were able to spend additional time on the court to learn new systems and prepare for the season.

**REDHAWKS TABBED SECOND IN MAC EAST:** Miami University's women's basketball team has been picked to finish second in the Mid-American Conference East Division for the third consecutive season by members of the MAC News Media Association.

Miami received 174 overall points and nine first-place votes from the 33 voting media members. Kent State, which has finished first in the MAC East in each of the first five seasons of divisional play, was picked first overall, meriting 189 overall points and 24 first-place votes. All 33 media members picked Miami and Kent State in first or second place. Rounding out the remainder of a tight MAC East vote were Marshall, which picked up 106 points, Ohio, which garnered 100 points, Buffalo, which earned 91 points, and Akron which merited 33 points.

**CUSICK NAMED TO PRESEASON MAC EAST TEAM:** One-year removed from a remarkable junior season in which she led the Mid-American Conference in scoring and became just the second Miami University women's basketball player to earn MAC Player of the Year honors, senior **Heather Cusick** has been honored by the MAC News Media Association as a member of the preseason MAC East Division all-conference team.

Joining Cusick on the team were Andrea Csaszar and Valerie Zona of Kent State, Ida Dotson of Marshall and Jessica Kochendorfer of Buffalo. The MAC West Division unit consisted of Ball State's Tamara Bowie, Western Michigan's Kristin Koetsier, Northern Illinois' Jennifer Youngblood, Bowling Green's Francine Miller and Toledo's Tia Davis.

## Tracking Miami's Active Career Leaders

(Ranking Indicates All-Time at Miami)

### POINTS

Rk.	Player	Total
1.	Monica Niemann (91-95)	1,608
3.	Heather Cusick	1,541
15.	Kim Lancaster	948
36.	Colleen Day	635
39.	Jana Butler	614
41.	Beth Roederer	595
44.	Melanie Kozlowski	564

### FIELD GOALS

Rk.	Player	Total
1.	Mary Ann Myers (78-82)	594
4.	Heather Cusick	537
13.	Kim Lancaster	388
41.	Colleen Day	224
42.	Jana Butler	215
43.	Beth Roederer	211
48.	Melanie Kozlowski	193

### FIELD GOAL PCT. (Min. 240 Made)

Rk.	Player	Total
1.	Meredith Shelley (93-97)	.582
3.	Kim Lancaster (383-735)	.521

### FREE THROWS

Rk.	Player	Total
1.	Monica Niemann (91-95)	450
5.	Heather Cusick	259
16.	Jana Butler	183
18.	Kim Lancaster	172
27.	Colleen Day	146

### 3-POINT FIELD GOALS

Rk.	Player	Total
t-1.	Jamie Stewart (96-00)	208
t-1.	Heather Cusick	208
7.	Melanie Kozlowski	96
8.	Beth Roederer	66
12.	Colleen Day	41

### 3-POINT FIELD GOAL PCT. (Min. 50 Att.)

Rk.	Player	Total
1.	Colleen Day (41-93)	.441
6.	Heather Cusick (208-599)	.347
9.	Melanie Kozlowski (96-279)	.344

### REBOUNDS

Rk.	Player	Total
1.	Monica Niemann (91-95)	923
16.	Colleen Day	466
18.	Kim Lancaster	447
20.	Heather Cusick	428
21.	Jana Butler	426
45.	Melanie Kozlowski	269

### ASSISTS

Rk.	Player	Total
1.	Heather Cusick	536
19.	Beth Roederer	199
28.	Colleen Day	127

### STEALS

Rk.	Player	Total
1.	Mary Ann Myers (78-82)	417
3.	Heather Cusick	268
16.	Colleen Day	130
24.	Kim Lancaster	106

### BLOCKED SHOTS

Rk.	Player	Total
1.	AuBree Hamilton (96-00)	134
10.	Kim Lancaster	53
12.	Jana Butler	46
15.	Colleen Day	26



# 2002-03 STATISTICS

##	Player	GP	GS	Min	Avg	TOTAL			3-PTS			REBOUNDS				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg							
						FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off									Def	Tot	Avg				
05	CUSICK,Heather	17	17	527	31.0	97	249	.390	29	98	.296	43	55	.782	9	49	58	3.4	36	0	80	62	3	51	266	15.6				
	Conference-Only	6	6	192	32.0	30	86	.349	8	36	.222	13	17	.765	3	16	19	3.2	13	0	26	22	0	20	81	13.5				
42	LANCASTER,Kim	17	0	340	20.0	73	135	.541	0	0	.000	15	28	.536	30	51	81	4.8	23	0	11	18	9	7	161	9.5				
	Conference-Only	6	0	138	23.0	27	50	.540	0	0	.000	4	8	.500	9	19	28	4.7	7	0	8	5	7	1	58	9.7				
35	DAY,Colleen	17	17	426	25.1	56	135	.415	11	32	.344	36	44	.818	50	67	117	6.9	56	5	30	41	3	25	159	9.4				
	Conference-Only	6	6	153	25.5	19	49	.388	4	10	.400	13	15	.867	22	20	42	7.0	22	2	16	13	2	8	55	9.2				
15	KOZLOWSKI,Melanie	17	1	380	22.4	43	125	.344	25	77	.325	20	34	.588	31	32	63	3.7	34	0	13	14	4	12	131	7.7				
	Conference-Only	6	0	114	19.0	10	36	.278	7	23	.304	6	10	.600	9	11	20	3.3	11	0	3	4	1	3	33	5.5				
03	MERRILL,Cindi	17	12	426	25.1	48	128	.375	10	35	.286	24	34	.706	34	24	58	3.4	41	2	22	28	1	17	130	7.6				
	Conference-Only	6	5	166	27.7	22	62	.355	2	11	.182	7	7	1.000	17	11	28	4.7	12	0	6	8	0	4	53	8.8				
30	BUTLER,Jana	16	16	363	22.7	46	100	.460	0	0	.000	29	45	.644	27	35	62	3.9	30	0	14	19	15	14	121	7.6				
	Conference-Only	5	5	114	22.8	10	27	.370	0	0	.000	6	10	.600	10	11	21	4.2	10	0	5	1	3	3	26	5.2				
21	ROEDERER,Beth	17	13	334	19.6	34	87	.391	11	32	.344	11	16	.688	6	27	33	1.9	35	1	38	43	3	11	90	5.3				
	Conference-Only	6	2	106	17.7	12	30	.400	5	14	.357	4	4	1.000	0	4	4	0.7	7	0	10	9	1	5	33	5.5				
24	SMITH,Kim	17	9	314	18.5	26	58	.448	0	0	.000	19	32	.594	22	49	71	4.2	45	2	18	33	8	17	71	4.2				
	Conference-Only	6	6	125	20.8	11	19	.579	0	0	.000	11	18	.611	7	20	27	4.5	17	1	7	13	5	7	33	5.5				
14	MOTTO,Nicole	17	0	231	13.6	24	60	.400	20	54	.370	1	3	.333	4	25	29	1.7	19	0	25	26	1	9	69	4.1				
	Conference-Only	6	0	69	11.5	11	25	.440	8	21	.381	0	0	.000	3	8	11	1.8	9	0	5	6	1	3	30	5.0				
11	BECK,Hillary	10	0	40	4.0	4	12	.333	4	9	.444	4	4	1.000	2	4	6	0.6	2	0	7	4	0	5	16	1.6				
	Conference-Only	6	0	26	4.3	2	8	.250	2	6	.333	2	2	1.000	1	2	3	0.5	1	0	5	2	0	3	8	1.3				
50	MILLER,Amber	10	0	42	4.2	2	5	.400	0	0	.000	4	4	1.000	3	6	9	0.9	4	0	0	2	0	2	8	0.8				
	Conference-Only	4	0	19	4.8	2	4	.500	0	0	.000	4	4	1.000	3	4	7	1.8	3	0	0	2	0	2	8	2.0				
22	SULLIVAN,Kelsey	5	0	26	5.2	3	8	.375	1	1	1.000	0	0	.000	0	2	2	0.4	2	0	2	1	2	2	7	1.4				
	Conference-Only	1	0	2	2.0	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0				
TM TEAM												43	32	75	4.4	0		4												
Conference-Only												11	8	19	3.2	0		0												
<b>Total</b>		<b>17</b>					<b>456</b>	<b>1102</b>	<b>.414</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>.328</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>.689</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>1229</b>	<b>72.3</b>			
Conference-Only		6					156	397	.393	36	121	.298	70	95	.737	95	134	229	38.2	112	3	91	85	20	59	418	69.7			
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>17</b>					<b>419</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>.428</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>.323</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>.697</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>1175</b>	<b>69.1</b>			
Conference-Only		6					135	332	.407	25	78	.321	89	128	.695	86	159	245	40.8	91	2	75	126	17	44	384	64.0			

TEAM STATISTICS	MIA	OPP
<b>SCORING</b>	<b>1229</b>	<b>1175</b>
Points per game	72.3	69.1
Scoring margin	+3.2	-
<b>FIELD GOALS-ATT</b>	<b>456-1102</b>	<b>419-978</b>
Field goal pct	.414	.428
<b>3 POINT FG-ATT</b>	<b>111-338</b>	<b>70-217</b>
3-point FG pct	.328	.323
3-pt FG made per game	6.5	4.1
<b>FREE THROWS-ATT</b>	<b>206-299</b>	<b>267-383</b>
Free throw pct	.689	.697
<b>REBOUNDS</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>657</b>
Rebounds per game	39.1	38.6
Rebounding margin	+0.4	-
<b>ASSISTS</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>239</b>
Assists per game	15.3	14.1
<b>TURNOVERS</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>345</b>
Turnovers per game	17.4	20.3
Turnover margin	+2.9	-
Assist/turnover ratio	0.9	0.7
<b>STEALS</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>148</b>
Steals per game	10.1	8.7
<b>BLOCKS</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>61</b>
Blocks per game	2.9	3.6

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
<b>ALL GAMES</b>	9-8	2-3	5-5	2-0
<b>CONFERENCE</b>	4-2	1-1	3-1	0-0
<b>NON-CONFERENCE</b>	5-6	1-2	2-4	2-0
<b>SEASON RESULTS</b>				
DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATT	
11/23/02	vs Valparaiso	W 77-54	2941	
11/24/02	at Michigan State	W 86-84	3089	
11/29/02	vs Arkansas State	W 72-67	724	
11/30/02	at Georgia Tech	L 62-78	643	
12/07/02	WRIGHT STATE	W 110-69	1569	
12/15/02	at Saint Louis	L 55-58	486	
12/18/02	SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	L 67-74	379	
12/21/02	at Kentucky	L 102-108 (OT)	682	
12/28/02	at Butler	W 72-61	426	
12/30/02	CLEMSON	L 50-55	1,281	
01/03/03	at TCU	L 55-58	1,960	
01/07/03	AKRON	W 84-56	623	
01/11/03	at Western Michigan	L 60-75	1,075	
01/14/03	at Ohio	W 80-78 (OT)	279	
01/18/03	TOLEDO	L 72-77	808	
01/20/03	at Marshall	W 72-53	387	
01/25/03	at Buffalo	W 50-45	691	

## 2002-03 POINTS-REBOUNDS-ASSISTS

Opponent	Date	Score	WL	3/25 MERRILL	05 CUSICK	11 BECK	14 MOTTO	15 KOZLOWSKI	21 ROEDERER	22 SULLIVAN	24 SMITH	30 BUTLER
vs Valparaiso	11/23/02	77-54	W	11-1-0	13-3-8	DNP	3-3-3	12-1-1	4-3-4	0-1-0	2-4-1	15-9-1
at Michigan State	11-24-02	86-84	W	8-3-2	36-7-7	DNP	3-0-0	5-4-1	10-2-2	DNP	0-3-1	11-3-1
vs Arkansas State	11/29/02	72-67	W	7-1-3	17-2-2	DNP	3-1-1	10-7-2	10-2-5	DNP	2-6-1	1-1-1
at Georgia Tech	11/30/02	62-78	L	3-1-0	9-4-6	2-2-1	6-0-0	17-5-0	4-4-1	2-0-0	1-3-2	4-2-1
WRIGHT STATE	12/07/02	110-69	W	14-3-1	18-3-7	6-1-1	14-2-7	13-5-1	3-6-2	5-1-2	7-7-1	9-6-1
at Saint Louis	12/15/02	55-58	L	2-3-2	19-4-4	DNP	0-1-1	6-3-0	4-2-2	DNP	9-3-0	0-4-0
SAINT FRANCIS	12/18/02	67-74	L	7-3-0	16-3-2	DNP	6-1-1	6-4-0	0-0-4	DNP	2-6-2	6-0-0
at Kentucky	12/21/02	102-108	L	13-7-5	16-1-3	DNP	0-3-3	9-2-0	8-6-4	DNP	4-3-1	20-6-1
at Butler	12/28/02	72-61	W	2-5-2	21-4-4	0-0-0	0-1-1	10-6-0	8-1-2	0-0-0	4-3-1	7-3-0
CLEMSON	12/30/02	50-55	L	5-2-0	10-4-7	DNP	3-4-2	8-2-1	5-1-0	DNP	5-5-1	8-3-2
at TCU	01/03/03	58-83	L	5-1-1	10-4-4	0-0-0	1-2-1	2-4-4	1-4-0	DNP	2-1-0	14-4-1
AKRON	01/07/03	84-56	W	15-6-2	8-3-2	0-1-2	11-3-1	0-2-1	13-0-2	DNP	6-4-2	DNP
at WMU	01/11/03	60-75	L	11-8-2	10-1-3	8-0-1	2-2-2	0-0-0	0-2-2	DNP	0-5-1	8-5-2
at Ohio	01/14/03	80-78	W	4-4-1	29-4-6	0-1-0	8-0-2	8-10-1	0-0-1	0-0-0	7-5-1	3-5-0
TOLEDO	01/18/03	72-77	L	8-3-0	15-3-4	0-0-0	3-2-0	15-2-0	9-1-4	DNP	4-3-1	2-3-1
at Marshall	01/20/03	72-53	W	9-3-1	14-3-6	0-0-0	6-4-0	5-1-1	2-0-1	DNP	10-8-1	8-3-1
at Buffalo	01/25/03	50-45	W	6-4-0	5-5-5	0-1-2	0-0-0	5-5-0	9-1-0	DNP	6-2-1	5-5-1

Opponent	Date	Score	WL	35 DAY	42 LANCASTER	50 MILLER
vs Valparaiso	11/23/02	77-54	W	2-7-0	15-9-0	0-1-0
at Michigan State	11-24-02	86-84	W	9-3-1	4-3-1	DNP
vs Arkansas State	11/29/02	72-67	W	13-8-2	9-6-0	DNP
at Georgia Tech	11/30/02	62-78	L	2-8-4	12-6-0	0-0-0
WRIGHT STATE	12/07/02	110-69	W	16-6-1	5-7-1	0-0-0
at Saint Louis	12/15/02	55-58	L	8-10-1	7-6-1	DNP
SAINT FRANCIS	12/18/02	67-74	L	17-3-0	7-3-0	0-0-0
at Kentucky	12/21/02	102-108	L	22-2-1	10-5-0	DNP
at Butler	12/28/02	72-61	W	10-14-2	10-3-0	0-0-0
CLEMSON	12/30/02	50-55	L	0-8-0	6-2-0	DNP
at TCU	01/03/03	58-83	L	5-6-2	18-3-0	0-1-0
AKRON	01/07/03	84-56	W	16-8-1	9-2-4	6-6-0
at WMU	01/11/03	60-75	L	9-4-2	12-5-0	0-0-0
at Ohio	01/14/03	80-78	W	8-7-1	13-6-0	DNP
TOLEDO	01/18/03	72-77	L	12-11-6	4-4-1	0-0-0
at Marshall	01/20/03	72-53	W	6-4-3	10-7-3	2-1-0
at Buffalo	01/25/03	50-45	W	4-8-3	10-4-0	DNP

## 2002-03 MIAMI GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Date	Score	W/L	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
vs Valparaiso	11/23/02	77-54	W	34	68	.500	5	20	.250	4	13	.308	12	32	44	44.0	15	18	12	6	8	77	77.0
at Michigan State	11/24/02	86-84	W	29	60	.483	13	25	.520	15	19	.789	13	18	31	37.5	19	16	13	4	9	86	81.5
vs Arkansas State	11/29/02	72-67	W	27	67	.403	10	24	.417	8	19	.421	19	23	42	39.0	20	17	20	2	17	72	78.3
at Georgia Tech	11/30/02	62-78	L	24	62	.387	6	25	.240	8	14	.571	12	27	39	39.0	25	15	19	1	5	62	74.2
WRIGHT STATE	12/7/02	110-69	W	41	84	.488	13	26	.500	15	22	.682	26	25	51	41.4	16	25	13	3	15	110	81.4
at Saint Louis	12/15/02	55-58	L	19	58	.328	3	14	.214	14	21	.667	8	31	39	41.0	17	11	16	4	7	55	77.0
SAINT FRANCIS	12/18/02	67-74	L	19	53	.358	6	18	.333	23	26	.885	14	14	28	39.1	17	9	25	1	14	67	75.6
at Kentucky	12/21/02	102-108	Lot	39	80	.488	6	17	.353	18	24	.750	20	19	39	39.1	30	20	20	0	8	102	78.9
at Butler	12/28/02	72-61	W	30	58	.517	5	10	.500	7	11	.636	14	31	45	39.8	23	12	28	0	10	72	78.1
CLEMSON	12/30/02	50-55	L	18	53	.340	5	19	.263	9	13	.692	15	26	41	39.9	13	13	23	6	9	50	75.3
at TCU	1/3/03	58-83	L	20	62	.323	3	19	.158	15	22	.682	13	23	36	39.5	20	13	21	2	11	58	73.7
AKRON	1/7/03	84-56	W	32	65	.492	7	22	.318	13	17	.765	11	26	37	39.3	18	17	12	2	15	84	74.6
at W. Michigan	1/11/03	60-75	L	21	67	.313	6	21	.286	12	13	.923	15	22	37	39.2	17	15	18	2	9	60	73.5
at Ohio Bobcats	1/14/03	80-78	Wot	30	80	.375	5	17	.294	15	18	.833	26	18	44	39.5	23	13	20	3	7	80	73.9
TOLEDO	1/18/03	72-77	L	30	72	.417	9	27	.333	3	4	.750	18	17	35	39.2	15	17	9	4	7	72	73.8
at Marshall	1/20/03	72-53	W	26	56	.464	6	20	.300	14	24	.583	12	26	38	39.1	26	17	13	2	8	72	73.7
at Buffalo	1/25/03	50-45	W	17	57	.298	3	14	.214	13	19	.684	13	25	38	39.1	13	12	13	7	13	50	72.3
<b>Miami University</b>		<b>1229</b>		<b>456</b>	<b>1102</b>	<b>.414</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>.328</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>.689</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>1229</b>	<b>72.3</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>1175</b>		<b>419</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>.428</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>.323</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>.697</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>1175</b>	<b>69.1</b>

# INDIVIDUAL CAREER/SEASON HIGHS

## #5 HEATHER CUSICK

### CAREER

**Points:** ..... 36 at Michigan State (11-24-02)  
**Rebounds:** ..... 12 at Toledo (1-8-00)  
**Field Goals:** ..... 12 at Michigan State (11-24-02)  
**Free Throws:** ..... 10 vs. Kent State (3-9-01)  
**Assists:** ..... 11 vs. Austin Peay (11-25-00)  
**Steals:** ..... 7, twice—last vs. Akron (1-7-03)  
**3-PT FG:** ..... 6 at Michigan State (11-24-02)  
**Minutes:** ..... 45 at Valparaiso (11-28-01)

### 2002-03 SEASON

**Points:** ..... 36 at Michigan State (11-24-02)  
**Rebounds:** ..... 7 at Michigan State (11-24-02)  
**Assists:** ..... 8 vs. Valparaiso (11-23-02)  
**Steals:** ..... 7 vs. Akron (1-7-03)  
**3-PT FG:** ..... 6 at Michigan State (11-24-02)

## #11 HILLARY BECK

### CAREER

**Points:** ..... 9 vs. Akron (3-2-02)  
**Rebounds:** ..... 2, twice—last at Ga. Tech (11-30-02)  
**Field Goals:** ..... 3 vs. Akron (3-2-02)  
**FG Attempts:** ..... 7 vs. Akron (3-2-02)  
**Free Throws:** ..... 3 (3-4) at Wright State (11-20-01)  
**Assists:** ..... 4 at Buffalo (2-26-02)  
**Steals:** ..... 4 vs. Marshall (2-19-02)  
**3-PT FG:** ..... 2, twice—last at W. Michigan (1-11-03)  
**Minutes:** ..... 20 vs. Akron (3-2-02)

### 2002-03 SEASON

**Points:** ..... 8 at W. Michigan (1-11-03)  
**Rebounds:** ..... 2 at Georgia Tech (11-30-02)  
**Assists:** ..... 2, twice—last at Buffalo (1-25-03)  
**Steals:** ..... 1, four times—last at WMU (1-11-03)  
**3-PT FG:** ..... 2 at W. Michigan (1-11-03)

## #14 NICKI MOTTO

### CAREER/2002-03 SEASON

**Points:** ..... 14 vs. Wright State (12-7-02)  
**Rebounds:** ..... 3, 3 times—last vs. Akron (1-7-03)  
**Field Goals:** ..... 5 vs. Wright State (12-7-02)  
**Assists:** ..... 7 vs. Wright State (12-7-02)  
**Steals:** ..... 3 vs. Wright State (12-7-02)  
**3-PT FG:** ..... 4 vs. Wright State (12-7-02)  
**Minutes:** ..... 21 vs. Wright State (12-7-02)

## #15 MELANIE KOZLOWSKI

### CAREER

**Points:** ..... 20 at Eastern Michigan (1-23-02)  
**Rebounds:** ..... 10, 3 times—last at Ohio (1-14-03)  
**Field Goals:** ..... 6, twice—last at EMU (1-23-02)  
**Free Throws:** ..... 7 (7-8) at Akron (1-9-02)  
**Assists:** ..... 4 vs. Butler (12-2-01)  
**Steals:** ..... 4 at TCU (1-3-03)  
**3-PT FG:** ..... 5 vs. Toledo (1-18-03)  
**Minutes:** ..... 42 at Valparaiso (11-28-01)

### 2002-03 SEASON

**Points:** ..... 17 at Georgia Tech (11-30-02)  
**Rebounds:** ..... 10 at Ohio (1-14-03)  
**Assists:** ..... 2 vs. Arkansas State (11-29-02)  
**Steals:** ..... 4 at TCU (1-3-03)  
**3-PT FG:** ..... 5 vs. Toledo (1-18-03)

## #21 BETH ROEDERER

### CAREER

**Points:** ..... 21 at Western Michigan (2-17-01)  
**Rebounds:** ..... 6 vs. Wright State (12-7-02)  
**Field Goals:** ..... 8 at Western Michigan (2-17-01)  
**Free Throws:** ..... 6, twice—last vs. Ohio (1-27-01)  
**Assists:** ..... 7 at St. Francis (12-21-01)  
**Steals:** ..... 3, seven times—last vs. Kent St. (3-8-02)  
**3-PT FG:** ..... 4, twice—last vs. WMU (2-17-01)  
**Minutes:** ..... 43 at Valparaiso (11-28-01)

### 2002-03 SEASON

**Points:** ..... 13 vs. Akron (1-7-03)  
**Rebounds:** ..... 6 vs. Wright State (12-7-02)  
**Assists:** ..... 6 at Kentucky (12-21-02)  
**Steals:** ..... 2, 3 times—last at Buffalo (1-25-03)  
**3-PT FG:** ..... 3 vs. Akron (1-7-03)

## #22 KELSEY SULLIVAN

### CAREER/2002-03 SEASON

**Points:** ..... 5 vs. Wright State (12-7-02)  
**Rebounds:** ..... 1 vs. Valparaiso (11-23-02)  
**Field Goals:** ..... 1 at Georgia Tech (11-30-02)  
**Free Throws:** ..... 0  
**Assists:** ..... 2 vs. Wright State (12-7-02)  
**Steals:** ..... 1, twice—last vs. Wright State (12-7-02)  
**3-PT FG:** ..... 1 vs. Wright State (12-7-02)  
**Minutes:** ..... 15 vs. Wright State (12-7-02)

## #24 KIM SMITH

### CAREER

**Points:** ..... 19 at Marshall (2-2-02)  
**Rebounds:** ..... 10 vs. Detroit (12-15-01)  
**Off. Reb.:** ..... 6 vs. Detroit (12-15-01)  
**Def. Reb.:** ..... 7 vs. Northern Illinois (1-19-02)  
**Field Goals:** ..... 8, twice—last at Marshall (2-2-02)  
**Free Throws:** ..... 4, twice—last at Akron (1-9-02)  
**Assists:** ..... 3, twice—last at Akron (1-9-02)  
**Steals:** ..... 5 at Akron (1-9-02)  
**Blocks:** ..... 2, twice—last vs. Ohio (2-23-02)  
**Minutes:** ..... 25 vs. Butler (12-2-01)

### 2002-03 SEASON

**Points:** ..... 10 at Marshall (1-20-03)  
**Rebounds:** ..... 8 at Marshall (1-20-03)  
**Assists:** ..... 2, three times—last vs. Akron (1-7-03)  
**Steals:** ..... 3 vs. Arkansas State (11-29-02)  
**Blocks:** ..... 1, five times—last vs. Akron (1-7-03)

## #25 CINDI MERRILL

### CAREER/2002-03 SEASON

**Points:** ..... 15 vs. Akron (1-7-03)  
**Rebounds:** ..... 8 at W. Michigan (1-11-03)  
**Field Goals:** ..... 7 vs. Akron (1-7-03)  
**Free Throws:** ..... 4 (4-6) at Kentucky (12-21-02)  
**Assists:** ..... 5 at Kentucky (12-21-02)  
**Steals:** ..... 2, 4 times—last vs. Butler (12-28-02)  
**3-PT FG:** ..... 2, twice—last vs. Wright St. (12-7-02)  
**Minutes:** ..... 33 at Kentucky (12-21-02)

## #30 JANA BUTLER

### CAREER

**Points:** ..... 20 at Kentucky (12-21-02)  
**Rebounds:** ..... 11 at Kent State (1-26-02)  
**Off. Reb.:** ..... 5, twice—last at Kent State (1-26-02)  
**Def. Reb.:** ..... 8, three times—last vs. Marshall (3-3-01)  
**Field Goals:** ..... 8 at Kentucky (12-21-02)  
**Free Throws:** ..... 9 vs. Marshall (3-3-01)  
**Assists:** ..... 3, twice—last vs. W. Kentucky (12-18-01)  
**Steals:** ..... 3, three times—last vs. Akron (3-2-02)  
**Blocks:** ..... 3, 3 times—last vs. Clemson (12-30-02)  
**Minutes:** ..... 34 at Kent State (1-26-02)

### 2002-03 SEASON

**Points:** ..... 20 at Kentucky (12-21-02)  
**Rebounds:** ..... 9 vs. Valparaiso (11-29-02)  
**Assists:** ..... 2 vs. Clemson (12-30-02)  
**Steals:** ..... 2, twice—last vs. vs. Clemson (12-30-02)  
**Blocks:** ..... 3, 3 times—last vs. Clemson (12-30-02)

## #35 COLLEEN DAY

### CAREER

**Points:** ..... 28 at Ohio (1-12-02)  
**Rebounds:** ..... 14 at Butler (12-28-01)  
**Off. Reb.:** ..... 9 vs. Butler (12-2-01)  
**Field Goals:** ..... 11 at Ohio (1-12-02)  
**Free Throws:** ..... 7 (7-8) at Wright State (11-20-01)  
**FT PCT:** ..... 1.000 (6-6) at Oregon (11-18-01)  
**Assists:** ..... 6 vs. Toledo (1-18-03)  
**Steals:** ..... 6 vs. Butler (12-2-01)  
**3-PT FG:** ..... 3, twice—last vs. Ball State (1-30-02)  
**Minutes:** ..... 37 vs. Bowling Green (2-9-02)

### 2002-03 SEASON

**Points:** ..... 22 at Kentucky (12-21-02)  
**Rebounds:** ..... 14 at Butler (12-28-01)  
**Assists:** ..... 6 vs. Toledo (1-18-03)  
**Steals:** ..... 3, 4 times—last at Buffalo (1-25-03)  
**3-PT FG:** ..... 2, twice—last at Kentucky (12-21-02)

## #42 KIM LANCASTER

### CAREER

**Points:** ..... 40 vs. Ball State (3-6-01)  
**Rebounds:** ..... 13 vs. Butler (12-2-01)  
**Off. Reb.:** ..... 7 at Detroit (12-6-00)  
**Def. Reb.:** ..... 10 at EMU (1-23-02)  
**Field Goals:** ..... 11, twice—last vs. W. Ky. (12-18-01)  
**Free Throws:** ..... 20 vs. Ball State (3-6-01)  
**Assists:** ..... 5, twice—last vs. WMU (3-6-02)  
**Steals:** ..... 7 vs. Ball State (3-6-01)  
**Blocks:** ..... 4, twice—last vs. Marshall (2-19-02)  
**Minutes:** ..... 41 vs. Ball State (3-6-01)

### 2002-03 SEASON

**Points:** ..... 18 at TCU (1-3-03)  
**Rebounds:** ..... 9 vs. Valparaiso (11-23-02)  
**Assists:** ..... 4 vs. Akron (1-7-03)  
**Steals:** ..... 3 at Kentucky (12-21-02)  
**Blocks:** ..... 3 at Buffalo (1-25-03)

## #50 AMBER MILLER

### CAREER/2002-03 SEASON

**Points:** ..... 6 vs. Akron (1-7-03)  
**Rebounds:** ..... 6 vs. Akron (1-7-03)  
**Off. Reb.:** ..... 2 vs. Akron (1-7-03)  
**Def. Reb.:** ..... 4 vs. Akron (1-7-03)  
**Field Goals:** ..... 2 vs. Akron (1-7-03)  
**Free Throws:** ..... 2 vs. Akron (1-7-03)  
**Steals:** ..... 2 vs. Akron (1-7-03)  
**Blocks:** ..... 0  
**Minutes:** ..... 14 vs. Akron (1-7-03)

### 2002-03 SEASON HIGHS/LOWS

Most Points/Game	110 vs. Wright State, 12-7-02 (W, 110-69)
Fewest Points/Game	50, twice—last at Buffalo, 1-25-03 (W, 50-45)
Most Points Allowed/Game	108 at Kentucky, 12-21-02 (L, 102-108)
Fewest Points Allowed/Game	45 at Buffalo, 1-25-03 (W, 50-45)
Most Points/Half	58 (second half) vs. Wright State, 12-7-02 (W, 110-69)
Fewest Points/Half	15 (first half) at Western Michigan, 1-11-03 (L, 60-75)
Most Rebounds/Game	51 vs. Wright State, 12-7-02 (W, 110-69)
Fewest Rebounds/Game	25 at Michigan State, 11-24-02 (W, 86-84)
Most Assists/Game	25 vs. Wright State, 12-7-02 (W, 110-69)
Fewest Assists/Game	9 vs. Saint Francis, 12-18-02 (L, 67-74)
Most Steals/Game	17 at Arkansas State, 11-29-02 (W, 72-67)
Fewest Steals/Game	5 at Georgia Tech, 11-30-02 (L, 62-78)
Most Blocks/Game	7 at Buffalo, 1-25-03 (W, 50-45)
Fewest Blocks/Game	0, twice—last at Butler, 12-28-02 (W, 72-61)
Most Turnovers/Game	28 at Butler, 12-28-02 (W, 72-61)
Fewest Turnovers/Game	9 vs. Toledo, 1-18-03 (L, 72-77)
Most Field Goals Made/Game	41 vs. Wright State, 12-7-02 (W, 110-69)
Fewest Field Goals/Game	17 at Buffalo, 1-25-03 (W, 50-45)
Most 3-Pointers Made/Game	13, twice—last vs. Wright State, 12-7-02 (W, 110-69)
Fewest 3-Pointers Made/Game	3, three times—last at Buffalo, 1-25-03 (W, 50-45)
Most Free Throws Made/Game	23 vs. Saint Francis, 12-18-02 (L, 67-74)
Fewest Free Throws Made/Game	3 vs. Toledo, 1-18-03 (L, 72-77)
Most Fouls/Game	30 at Kentucky, 12-21-02 (L, 102-108)
Fewest Fouls/Game	13, twice—last at Buffalo, 1-25-03 (W, 50-45)
Highest FG%/Game	.517 (30-of-58) at Butler, 12-28-02 (W, 72-61)
Lowest FG%/Game	.298 (17-of-57) at Buffalo, 1-25-03 (W, 50-45)
Highest 3PT%/Game	.520 (13-of-25) at Michigan State, 11-24-02 (W, 86-84)
Lowest 3PT%/Game	.158 (3-of-19) at TCU, 1-3-03 (L, 58-83)
Highest FT%/Game	.923 (12-of-13) at Western Michigan, 1-11-03 (L, 60-75)
Lowest FT%/Game	.308 (4-of-13) vs. Valparaiso, 11-23-02 (W, 77-54)

### 2002-03 INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Most Points/Game	36, Heather Cusick at Michigan State, 11-24-02 (W, 86-84)
Most Field Goals/Game	12, Heather Cusick at Michigan State, 11-24-02 (W, 86-84)
Field Goal Percentage/Game	.777 (7-of-9), Jana Butler vs. Valparaiso, 11-23-02 (W, 77-54)
Most 3-Pointers Made/Game	6, Heather Cusick at Michigan State, 11-24-02 (W, 86-84)
3-Pt. Percentage/Game	.545 (6-of-11), Heather Cusick at Michigan State, 11-24-02 (W, 86-84)
Most Free Throws Made/Game	9, Colleen Day vs. Saint Francis, 12-18-02 (L, 67-74)
Free Throw Pct./Game	1.000 (6-of-6) Melanie Kozlowski—twice, last at Ohio, 1-14-03 (W, 80-78)
Rebounds/Game	14, Colleen Day at Butler, 12-28-02 (W, 72-61)
Assists/Game	8, Heather Cusick vs. Valparaiso, 11-23-02 (W, 77-54)
Steals/Game	7, Heather Cusick vs. Akron, 1-7-03 (W, 84-56)
Blocked Shots	3, four times—Jana Butler (3); Kim Lancaster (1)—last 1-25-03 (W, 50-45)
Double-Doubles	2, Colleen Day (2)
20-Point Games	5, Heather Cusick (3), Jana Butler (1), Colleen Day (1)

### MIAMI RECORDS WHEN ...

Overall	9-8
MAC	4-2
Home	2-3
Away	5-5
Neutral	2-0
Overtime	1-1
Last 20 games	11-9
Last 10 games	5-5
Last five games	3-2
In games decided by 1-5 pts.	4-3
In games decided by 6-10 pts.	0-2
In games decided by 10-15 pts.	1-1
In games decided by 15 or more pts.	4-2
When scoring less than 60	1-3
When scoring 60-70	0-3
When scoring 71-80	5-1
When scoring 81 or more	3-1
When allowing less than 60	4-2
When allowing 60-70	3-0
When allowing 71-80	1-4
When allowing 81 or more	1-2
Leading at the half	8-3
Trailing at the half	1-5
Tied at the half	—
When outshooting opp. from field	6-0
When being outshot from field	3-8
When shooting 45% or better	6-1
When shooting worse than 45%	3-7
Opponent shoots 45% or better	2-3
Opponent shoots worse than 45%	7-5
When outrebounding opponent	6-2
When being tied or outrebounded	3-6
Committing more turnovers	1-3
Committing same or fewer turnovers	8-5
Shooting more free throws	2-3
Shooting same or fewer free throws	7-5
November	3-1
December	2-4
January	4-3
February	—
March	—
Friday	1-1
Saturday	4-4
Sunday	1-1
Monday	1-1
Tuesday	2-0
Wednesday	0-1
Thursday	—
After a win	3-5
After a loss	5-3
Red Uniforms	7-4
White Uniforms	2-4

### 2002-03 20-POINT GAMES

Player	Pts.	Game	Result
Heather Cusick	36	11-24-02 at Michigan State	W, 86-84
Colleen Day	22	12-21-02 at Kentucky	L, 102-108
Heather Cusick	21	12-28-02 at Butler	W, 72-61
Jana Butler	20	12-21-02 at Kentucky	L, 102-108

### CAREER GAMES PLAYED/ GAMES STARTED

Name	GP	GS
Heather Cusick	104	101
Jana Butler	100	65
Beth Roederer	97	61
Kim Lancaster	75	49
Melanie Kozlowski	75	12
Colleen Day	71	65
Kim Smith	45	9
Hillary Beck	27	0
Cindi Merrill	17	12
Nicole Motto	15	0
Amber Miller	9	-
Kelsey Sullivan	6	0
April Lux	-	-

### 2002-03 DOUBLE-DOUBLES

Player	Pts.	Reb.	Ast.	Game	Result
Colleen Day	10	14	—	12-18-02 at Butler	W, 72-61
Colleen Day	12	11	—	1-18-03 vs. Toledo	L, 72-77

### DOUBLE FIGURE SCORING GAMES

Name	Career	Season
Heather Cusick	83	14
Kim Lancaster	47	9
Colleen Day	31	7
Beth Roederer	26	3
Jana Butler	24	4
Melanie Kozlowski	24	6
Kim Smith	7	1
Cindi Merrill	5	5
Nicole Motto	2	2

### STARTING COMBINATIONS

CUSICK—ROEDERER—MERRILL—DAY—BUTLER	4-3
CUSICK—MERRILL—SMITH—DAY—BUTLER	3-1
CUSICK—ROEDERER—SMITH—DAY—BUTLER	1-3
CUSICK—ROEDERER—MERRILL—SMITH—DAY	1-0
CUSICK—ROEDERER—KOZLOWSKI—DAY—BUTLER	0-1

### THE LAST TIME MIAMI...

<b>Scored 100 Points</b> 12/21/02 at Kentucky (L, 102-108 ot)	<b>Blocked 9 Shots in a Game</b> 3/2/00 vs. Eastern Michigan—9
<b>Surrendered 100 Points</b> 12/21/02 at Kentucky (L, 102-108 ot)	<b>Recorded 20 Steals</b> 12/2/01 vs. Butler—21
<b>Scored 50 Points in a Half</b> 12/21/02 at Kentucky—53-point first half	<b>Committed Fewer Than 10 Turnovers in a Game</b> 1/18/03 vs. Toledo—9
<b>Won in Overtime</b> 1/14/03 at Ohio (W, 80-78 ot)	<b>Player Scored 30 in a Game</b> 11-24-02 Heather Cusick at Michigan State—36
<b>Lost in Overtime</b> 12/21/02 at Kentucky (L, 102-108 ot)	<b>Player Grabbed 20 Rebounds in a Game</b> 11/4/98 AuBree Hamilton vs. Hampton—20
<b>Shot 60% From the Field</b> 2/14/01 at Ohio—.667/32-of-48	<b>Player Had 10 Assists in a Game</b> 11/25/00 H. Cusick vs. Austin Peay—11
<b>Shot 50% From 3-Point Range (10 att.)</b> 12/7/02 vs. Wright State—.500 (13-of-26)	<b>Player Blocked 5 Shots in a Game</b> 2/5/00 Kelli Stamper vs. Akron—5
<b>Shot 85% From the FT Line (10 att.)</b> 12/18/02 vs. Saint Francis—.885 (23-of-26)	<b>Player Had 7 Steals in a Game</b> 1/7/03 Heather Cusick vs. Akron—7
<b>Had 50 Rebounds in a Game</b> 12/7/02 vs. Wright State—51	<b>Player Shot 100% From the Field (5 att.)</b> 12/21/01 Colleen Day vs. St. Francis (Pa.)—6-of-6
<b>Had 25 Assists in Game</b> 12/7/02 vs. Wright State—25	<b>Player Shot 100% From FT Line (10 att.)</b> 1/30/99 Hollie Nelsen at Kent State—10-of-10



## 2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

### Game 1 Miami 77 Valparaiso 54

Nov. 23, 2002—East Lansing, Mich.

Miami struggled out of the gates but found its touch down the stretch, rolling to a 77-54 defeat of Valparaiso University in its first contest of the 2002-03 campaign. The win was the Red and White's first season-opening victory in three seasons.

After a dismal first 10 minutes of play, Miami, which hit just four of its first 18 shots found itself with a slim 10-9 advantage. From there, both teams picked up the pace, with the RedHawks looking inside to forwards Kim Lancaster and Jana Butler, who helped propel the Red and White to a 37-30 half-time lead.

Miami took control early in the second half and was never really challenged again. A Valparaiso free throw at 16:49 closed the RedHawks' advantage to five points, 41-36, but 3-pointers by Heather Cusick and Melanie Kozlowski fueled a 12-1 Miami run that the Crusaders could not recover from. A 3-point field goal from freshman Cindi Merrill with under four minutes to play pushed the Miami advantage to a game-high 27 points.

The RedHawks shot 54 percent from the field in the second half and committed just 12 turnovers for the game, while restricting Valparaiso to a 33 percent field goal percentage and forcing 17 Crusader miscues. The win was Miami's first in a season opener since it defeated Hampton, 81-80, to start the 1998-99 campaign.

Leading Miami were Lancaster and Butler, who contributed 15 points and nine rebounds apiece. Cusick, who tallied just two points in the first half, led Miami in the second half and tallied 13 points and eight assists for the game. Also tallying in double digits for the RedHawks were Kozlowski and Merrill, who poured in 12 and 11, respectively.

Miami	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Merrill, G	5-10	1-3	0-2	1	11	0	1	27
Cusick, G	6-13	1-3	0-0	3	13	8	3	27
Roederer, G	2-5	0-2	0-0	3	4	4	2	22
Butler, F	7-9	0-0	1-2	9	15	1	2	26
Day, F	1-2	0-1	0-0	7	2	0	0	15
Motto	1-6	1-5	0-1	3	3	3	0	19
Kozlowski	4-8	2-6	2-6	1	12	1	0	21
Sullivan	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	5
Smith	1-3	0-0	0-1	4	2	1	0	15
Lancaster	7-12	0-0	1-1	9	15	0	0	20
Miller	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	3
team	34-68	5-20	4-13	44	77	18	8	200
	.500	.250	.308					

Valparaiso	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Gutowski, G	2-9	1-5	3-4	0	8	2	0	35
Strangler, G	3-6	0-0	0-0	8	6	0	0	19
Knoester, C	1-5	0-2	0-0	5	2	4	1	31
Hammel, F	5-11	3-8	1-2	3	14	0	0	27
Gray, F	3-13	0-1	1-2	6	7	0	2	28
Bechtold	2-5	1-2	5-5	1	10	4	0	24
Reed	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	1	3
Taylor	2-3	0-0	1-1	2	5	0	0	12
Baughner	0-2	0-0	0-0	4	0	0	1	13
Vander Meer	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	8
team	19-57	5-19	11-14	34	54	10	5	200
	.333	.263	.786					

Miami	37	40	-	77
Valparaiso	30	24	-	54

### Game 2 Miami 86 Michigan State 84

Nov. 24, 2002—East Lansing, Mich.

Behind a career-high 36 points from senior guard Heather Cusick, Miami claimed the Spartan Chevrolet Classic Championship, defeating Michigan State University, 86-84.

Leading by double digits with six minutes to play, the RedHawks fought off a spirited rally, in which Michigan State buried two 3-point field goals in the final 1:09 to close to within one point. Cusick netted a free throw with 16 seconds remaining to boost Miami's lead to two points, and the RedHawks were able to keep the Spartans off the scoreboard in the closing seconds to collect the win.

Miami, which led most of the game, was sparked out of the gates by Beth Roederer, who tallied eight of Miami's first 10 points, including two 3-pointers. Miami trailed 11-10 with 15:50 remaining in the first half, but Colleen Day hit a layup to put the RedHawks ahead for good.

Michigan State closed early in the second half, trimming Miami's lead to 51-50 by the 15:56 mark, but Cusick, who scored 16 of the first 20 second-half points for Miami, drained one of her six 3-point field goals two possessions later to spark Miami on a 19-6 run. Trailing 74-60 at the 7:34 mark, the Spartans responded with a 14-2 surge over the next four minutes to close back to within two.

The win advanced Miami, which shot 48 percent from the field, to 2-0 for the first time since the 1994-95 campaign. Cusick led the way, totaling the second-highest single-game point total in Miami history, while also snaring seven rebounds, dishing seven assists and swiping five steals. Also tallying in double figures for the RedHawks were senior forward Jana Butler, who contributed 11 points, and Roederer who added 10 team.

Miami	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Day, F	4-8	1-2	0-0	3	9	1	1	22
Butler, F	2-6	0-0	7-8	3	11	3	1	29
Merrill, G	3-6	2-5	0-1	3	8	2	0	31
Cusick, G	12-22	6-11	6-8	7	36	7	5	38
Roederer, G	3-5	2-2	2-2	2	10	2	0	19
Motto	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	3	0	0	7
Kozlowski	2-6	1-4	0-0	4	5	1	0	26
Smith	0-2	0-0	0-0	3	0	1	1	13
Lancaster	2-4	0-0	0-0	3	4	1	1	15
team	29-66	13-25	15-19	31	86	16	9	200
	.483	.520	.789					

Michigan St.	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Bromfield, F	10-22	6-9	2-4	9	28	5	1	36
Shimek, F	3-7	0-0	4-6	11	10	0	1	32
Roehrig, C	6-12	0-0	1-2	8	13	1	0	28
Jackson, G	0-4	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0	13
Bowen, G	3-9	2-8	2-2	0	10	3	1	38
Pagel	1-1	0-0	4-4	5	6	2	0	17
Haynie	5-9	1-1	4-6	1	15	7	3	28
Callier	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	0	8
team	29-66	9-19	17-24	44	84	19	6	200
	.439	.474	.708					

Miami	44	42	-	86
MSU	38	46	-	84

### Game 3 Miami 72 Arkansas State 67

Nov. 29, 2002—Atlanta, Ga.

Miami got off to a big lead early and held off Arkansas State University, 72-67, in first-round action at Georgia Tech's Atlanta Marriott Classic. The win advanced the RedHawks to 3-0 for the just the third time in program history and the first time since 1994.

Things started off slowly for the RedHawks, who found themselves trailing 8-3 by the 16:31 mark of the first half. Miami gradually closed the margin until a Beth Roederer 3-point field goal put it up 16-14 at 11:03. The Lady Indians, who would never lead again from that point, kept the defensive pressure on and managed to tie the game again at 28-28 with under four minutes to play in the half, but Miami, led by Heather Cusick's 14 first-half points, finished strong, building a 39-30 halftime lead.

Miami roared out of the gates in the second half, pushing its lead to double digits for the first time with a Cusick trey less than 30 seconds into the second half and pressing its advantage to a game-high 52-34 by the 16-minute mark. Arkansas State, powered by its athleticism and tenacious defense, managed to slow Miami's offense over the next nine minutes, outscoring the RedHawks 25-7 and forging 59-59 tie by the 7:55 mark.

Using the 3-point arc, Miami busted out of its offensive funk from there and held a 68-63 advantage after Motto rounded out a string of three straight RedHawk treys with her first bucket of the game at 5:23. Miami's defense rose to the occasion from there, restricting ASU to just five points over the five minutes. Melanie Kozlowski and Day, each hit free throws in the final 30 seconds to put the game out of reach.

Leading Miami was Cusick, who contributed 17 points and five steals. Day added 13 points and eight boards, while Roederer, who contributed a game-high five assists, and Kozlowski each poured in 10 points.

Miami	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Day, F	5-10	2-5	1-2	8	13	2	2	33
Butler, C	0-2	0-0	1-2	1	1	1	1	16
Merrill, G	3-6	1-2	0-0	1	7	3	2	15
Roederer, G	3-7	2-3	2-2	2	10	5	2	31
Cusick, G	7-18	2-5	1-2	2	17	2	5	29
Motto	1-4	1-4	0-0	1	3	1	0	14
Kozlowski	3-9	2-5	2-6	7	10	2	2	25
Smith	1-3	0-0	0-0	6	2	1	3	20
Lancaster	4-8	0-0	1-5	6	9	0	0	17
team	27-67	10-24	8-19	42	72	17	17	200
	.403	.417	.421					

ASU	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Abraham, F	1-3	1-3	0-0	2	3	6	2	34
Humphries, F	5-10	0-0	1-1	8	11	0	0	30
McKeirman, C	6-9	0-0	5-7	9	17	1	0	36
Porter, G	3-6	0-1	1-2	4	7	3	0	18
Lowman, G	6-9	2-4	0-0	1	14	2	2	28
Williams	2-5	0-1	0-0	1	4	0	0	5
Webster	3-12	0-1	5-11	3	11	1	1	27
Freeman	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	1
Carter	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	9
Shelby	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0	12
team	26-56	3-10	12-21	38	67	15	6	200
	.464	.300	.571					

Miami	39	33	-	72
Arkansas St.	30	37	-	67

# 2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

## Game 4 Miami 62 Georgia Tech 78

Nov. 30, 2002—Atlanta, Ga.

Doomed by a slow start and the interior presence of Georgia Tech's Sonja Mallory, Miami suffered its first loss of the season, falling to the Yellow Jackets in the championship game of the Atlanta Marriott NW Classic, 78-62.

The RedHawks struggled out of the gates, failing to light the scoreboard until a Melanie Kozlowski 3-point field goal at 13:35 ended a 12-0 game-opening run by the Yellow Jackets. Miami fought on even terms for the remainder of the half, closing to within six by the 11:22 mark, but could not assemble a substantial first-half run. Led by 13 points from Mallory, the Yellow Jackets led 37-25 at the half.

Sparked by 10 combined points from Kozlowski and Kim Lancaster, Miami closed to 45-35 by the 14:55 mark but would get no closer. Georgia Tech used a 6-0 run over the next 1:10 and led by 22 points at the 6:45 mark. The RedHawks made their last serious run over the next several minutes, out-scoring the Yellow Jackets, 10-0, to close the margin to 61-50 with just over seven minutes to play. Mallory took control from there, pouring in nine of her game-high 33 points over the next five minutes.

Leading Miami were Kozlowski, who poured in 17 points, and Lancaster, who netted 12 points.

Miami	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Day, F	0-3	0-1	2-2	8	2	4	1	24
Butler, C	2-6	0-0	0-0	2	4	1	0	14
Merrill, G	1-3	0-0	1-1	1	3	0	0	18
Roederer, G	2-7	0-2	0-0	4	4	1	0	17
Cusick, G	4-9	0-2	1-3	4	9	6	1	29
Beck	0-0	0-0	2-2	2	2	1	0	4
Motto	2-8	2-8	0-0	0	6	0	1	25
Kozlowski	6-15	4-12	1-1	5	17	0	0	27
Sullivan	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	1	3
Smith	0-2	0-0	1-2	3	1	2	0	16
Lancaster	6-8	0-0	0-3	6	12	0	1	20
Miller	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
team	24-62	6-25	8-14	39	62	15	5	200
	.387	.240	.571					

GT	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Stokes, F	6-20	0-0	4-7	8	16	2	1	35
Mallory, F	12-27	0-0	9-12	12	33	1	2	35
Terry, C	3-5	0-0	1-4	7	7	2	1	23
Stewart, G	3-4	0-0	0-0	3	6	5	2	35
Isom, G	3-7	1-4	2-2	3	9	10	2	31
Winn	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	3
Walker	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
Pacariz	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1
Harpring	2-2	0-0	0-0	2	4	0	0	10
Monroe	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Johnson	0-5	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	2	14
Williams	0-1	0-0	2-2	1	2	0	1	3
Guerrant	0-1	0-0	1-2	1	0	0	0	5
Phillips	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
team	29-74	1-4	19-29	50	78	20	9	200
	.392	.250	.655					

Miami	25	37	-	62
Ga. Tech	37	41	-	78

## Game 5 Wright State 69 Miami 110

Dec. 7, 2002—Oxford, Ohio

Miami christened the new scoreboard at Millett Hall in grand fashion, lighting up the scoreboard and the Wright State University Raiders for a record 110 points in a 110-69 home-opening win.

Paced by Colleen Day, who scored eight of Miami's first 16 points, the RedHawks got off to a quick start, scoring the first six points of the game and building a 16-4 lead by the 14:51 mark. Wright State, which got 19 first-half points from Tiffany Webb, rallied briefly to close the score to 20-12 over the next three minutes, but freshman Cindi Merrill reeled off Miami's next 10 points, including back-to-back treys, as the RedHawks rebuilt their lead to 30-17 by the nine-minute mark.

Powered by a 29-15 first-half rebounding edge and 15 first-half Raider turnovers, Miami continued to pull away, assembling a 42-31 edge by halftime.

Miami refused to let up in the second half, burying eight of its first 12 shots and building the lead to 71-41 by 14:33. Wright State would get no closer than 24 points the remainder of the game, as Miami continued to dominate the boards and shot a smoldering 61 percent from the field in the second half.

Heather Cusick, who netted just six first-half points hit all five of her second-half shots to total 12 in the half. A Hillary Beck 3-point field goal with 45 seconds remaining pushed Miami past its 1982 single-game record of 108 points, while also giving the RedHawks a record 58 points in a half.

WSU	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Bussan, F	1-3	1-1	0-0	1	3	0	0	15
Ott, F	2-3	0-1	3-3	3	7	0	0	18
Mays, G	1-5	0-2	0-0	2	2	1	0	19
Webb, G	13-22	1-3	9-9	2	36	2	3	40
Agee, G	0-6	0-0	0-1	4	0	8	2	30
Ransdell	3-7	0-2	3-3	3	9	2	1	31
Krueger	2-3	0-0	0-0	3	4	1	0	22
Glance	1-2	0-0	0-1	2	2	0	0	12
Gray	2-3	0-0	2-2	0	6	0	0	13
team	25-54	2-12	17-19	27	69	14	6	200
	.463	.167	.895					

Miami	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Roederer, F	1-3	1-2	0-1	6	3	2	1	15
Day, F	6-8	0-1	4-5	6	16	1	2	21
Butler, C	3-10	0-0	3-6	6	9	1	2	17
Cusick, G	8-15	2-5	0-0	3	18	7	2	24
Merrill, G	5-11	2-3	2-2	3	14	1	1	17
Beck	2-3	2-3	0-0	1	6	1	1	8
Motto	5-9	4-8	0-0	2	14	7	3	21
Kozlowski	5-9	1-3	2-2	5	13	1	1	19
Sullivan	2-6	1-1	0-0	1	5	2	1	15
Smith	3-6	0-0	1-2	7	7	1	0	17
Lancaster	1-4	0-0	3-4	7	5	1	1	18
Miller	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	8
team	41-84	13-26	15-22	51	110	25	15	200
	.488	.500	.682					

WSU	31	38	-	69
Miami	52	58	-	110

## Game 6 Miami 55 Saint Louis 58

Dec. 15, 2002—St. Louis, Mo.

Defense prevailed over offense, as the host Billikens held Miami to a season low in points and picked up a 58-55 win, dropping the RedHawks to 4-2 on the year.

Junior forward Colleen Day led Miami out of the gates, scoring the RedHawks' first six points as they grabbed a 6-2 lead by the 16:39 mark. Saint Louis rallied briefly, gaining a 10-9 lead by the 13-minute mark, but Miami regained the lead with a Kim Lancaster jumper and would not trail again in the first half.

Following back-to-back buckets from Beth Roederer, Miami grabbed its largest lead of the first half at 25-16, but the Billikens defense stiffened from there, holding Miami without a field goal for the last 8:50 of the half. Saint Louis rallied to tie the game at 25 apiece with 1:07 remaining, but Miami was able to put itself ahead, 27-25, going into the locker room after Heather Cusick sank two free throws.

After a 3-point field goal gave Saint Louis a 28-27 lead to start the second-half scoring, Cusick drained a short jumper in the lane at 18:01 to end Miami's nearly 11-minute stretch without a field goal and put Miami back in front by a point. After exchanging buckets over the next several minutes, Saint Louis applied its full-court pressure defense, and capitalized on a handful of Miami turnovers to pull away for good.

The RedHawks never gave up, closing to within 58-55 after a 25-foot Cusick 3-pointer with 20 seconds to play, but could not get off a quality shot in its final attempt to send the game into overtime.

Miami	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Butler, C	0-3	0-0	0-0	4	0	0	0	15
Day, F	3-12	0-2	2-3	10	8	1	2	35
Merrill, G	0-4	0-1	2-4	3	2	2	2	27
Cusick, G	7-22	1-7	4-5	4	19	4	2	34
Roederer, G	2-6	0-1	0-1	2	4	2	0	16
Motto	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	7
Kozlowski	2-3	2-3	0-0	3	6	0	0	22
Smith	3-4	0-0	3-4	3	9	0	1	16
Lancaster	2-4	0-0	3-4	6	7	1	0	28
team	19-58	3-14	14-21	39	55	11	7	200
	.328	.214	.667					

SLU	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Jones, F	1-3	0-0	1-1	7	3	0	0	15
Lewis, F	5-12	0-0	0-1	16	10	0	0	22
King, G	5-9	1-3	3-4	0	14	3	1	27
Haywood, G	5-15	0-1	2-2	5	12	0	0	27
Jackson, G	3-7	0-1	2-4	3	8	6	1	39
Greer	1-2	0-0	0-0	5	2	0	0	17
Oliver	3-7	0-0	0-3	3	6	4	2	26
Holloway	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	1	0	0	8
Van Deurzen	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
Solomon	1-3	0-0	0-0	3	2	1	1	16
team	24-59	1-5	9-17	46	58	14	5	200
	.407	.200	.529					

Miami	27	28	-	55
SLU	25	33	-	58

## 2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

### Game 7

**Saint Francis (Pa.) 74**

**Miami 67**

Dec. 18, 2002—Oxford, Ohio

Miami showed remarkable resilience despite battling a cold shooting touch and double-digits deficits for much of the night, but a late comeback charge was not enough to avoid a 74-67 loss to Saint Francis (Pa.) University.

Miami found itself in trouble early, as Saint Francis hit six of its first seven shots and stormed out to a 12-3 lead. Heather Cusick ended a 10-0 Red Flash run with a 3-point field goal at 15:02, but Saint Francis, continued its torrid pace and pressed its advantage to 13 points by 11:34.

The Red Flash cooled briefly over the next five minutes, and Nicki Motto brought the RedHawks to within 23-16 with a 3-pointer at 8:13. The teams battled back and forth for the remainder of the half, with Saint Francis leading by as many as 12 with 1:57 remaining and Miami closing to within six with 25 seconds remaining. Saint Francis, which shot 59 percent from the field, led 38-30 at the half.

Miami's shooting woes continued early in the second half, as the RedHawks slid to a 44-32 deficit by the 16:42 mark. Miami's largest deficit of the night came at 14:38 when it trailed 49-34, but the RedHawks, who went nearly six minutes without a field goal to start the half, responded with eight unanswered points. Three-point plays by Kim Lancaster and Colleen Day brought Miami to within four points by the 11-minute mark.

Saint Francis responded with eight unanswered points, but Day brought the Red and White charging back, tallying 10 of Miami's next 12 and knotting the score at 60-60 with a layup at the 4:47 mark. Miami took the lead briefly at 62-60 off a Jana Butler field goal, but Saint Francis took advantage of three consecutive RedHawk miscues and rebuilt a seven-point advantage with less than two minutes to play.

SFU	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Chesick, F	5-9	1-4	6-8	3	17	1	1	33
Van Der Leest, F	0-0	0-0	3-4	6	3	4	4	23
Swink, C	8-8	0-0	0-1	8	16	1	3	30
Hewitt, G	4-7	1-2	1-2	2	10	7	3	35
Ward, G	5-11	0-2	3-5	1	13	1	3	39
Enyeart	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	0	1
Gompers	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	4
Allison	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0	16
Mason	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Schlichter	6-8	3-3	0-0	3	15	1	0	18
team				6				
	28-46	5-12	13-22	30	74	16	14	200
	.609	.417	.591					

MIA	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Roederer, F	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	4	1	16
Day, F	4-9	0-1	9-11	3	17	0	3	25
Butler, C	3-5	0-0	0-0	0	6	0	0	26
Cusick, G	4-13	3-6	5-6	3	16	2	4	35
Kozlowski, G	0-6	0-5	6-6	4	6	0	2	28
Motto	2-3	2-3	0-0	1	6	1	0	18
Smith	1-4	0-0	0-0	6	2	2	2	19
Merrill	2-5	1-3	2-2	3	7	0	2	21
Lancaster	3-6	0-0	1-1	3	7	0	0	10
Miller	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
team				5				
	19-53	6-18	23-26	28	17	67	14	200
	.358	.333	.885					

<b>SFU</b>	38	36	-	74
<b>Miami</b>	30	37	-	67

### Game 8

**Miami 102**

**Kentucky 108 (OT)**

Dec. 21, 2002—Lexington, Ky.

What started off as a dream performance by the Miami women's basketball team ended in a nightmare when the Kentucky Wildcats rallied from an 18-point deficit in the last 14 minutes of regulation and recorded a 108-102 overtime victory over the RedHawks.

After spotting Kentucky a 5-0 lead to start the contest, Miami got behind Colleen Day, who netted seven of the RedHawks' next nine points, and claimed its first lead at 13-11 after a pair of Jana Butler free throws at 14:17. Tied 20-20 at the 10:45 mark, the Red and White took charge with a 14-5 run in which six RedHawks scored.

A Melanie Kozlowski 3-point field goal at 4:03 pressed Miami's advantage into double digits at 45-32 and the RedHawks took a 53-41 advantage into the half. Miami shot 51 percent from the field in the half and forced 17 Wildcat turnovers.

Miami continued to assert a balanced inside attack in the second half, surging to a game-high 68-50 lead with 14:35 to play.

The RedHawks held an 84-73 lead with 3:47 remaining, but Sara Potts and Rita Adams led the Wildcats on a furious rally over the the next three minutes combining for 16 points and knotting the score on an Adams trey with 48 seconds to play. Kentucky took its first lead on a pair of Potts free throws with 32 seconds to play, but Miami sent the game into overtime with a Butler shot with 12 seconds to play.

The Red and White climbed out to an early three-point lead in overtime, but, once again, Kentucky had an answer, and took the lead at 99-98 off an Adams three-point play. The RedHawks, who fouled out four players in the overtime period, took the lead for the last time with a Cusick jumper at 100-99, but Kentucky scored the next four points and would never trail again.

MIA	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Day, F	8-12	2-2	4-4	2	22	1	3	26
Roederer, F	3-8	0-2	2-4	4	8	6	0	27
Butler, C	8-13	0-0	4-4	6	20	1	0	33
Merrill, G	4-10	1-2	4-6	7	13	5	1	33
Cusick, G	6-17	0-5	4-4	1	16	3	1	31
Motto	0-1	0-1	0-0	3	0	3	0	14
Kozlowski	3-7	3-5	0-2	2	9	0	0	30
Smith	2-4	0-0	0-0	3	4	1	0	9
Lancaster	5-8	0-0	0-0	5	10	0	3	23
team				6				
	39-80	6-17	18-24	39	102	20	8	225
	.488	.353	.750					

UK	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Potts, F	5-10	4-5	7-9	5	21	3	1	33
Humphrey, F	6-10	0-0	3-7	11	15	3	0	27
Helm, C	4-9	0-0	4-3	8	12	1	1	33
Adams, G	11-13	2-2	5-7	4	29	8	3	37
Pfeiffer, G	5-14	4-6	0-0	3	14	0	2	39
Ellis	0-0	0-0	2-4	1	2	0	1	12
Payne	2-2	1-1	1-1	1	6	0	0	14
Jones	3-5	0-0	0-0	5	6	0	0	18
Tate	0-0	0-0	3-4	2	3	0	0	12
team				2				
	36-63	11-14	25-41	40	108	15	8	225
	.571	.786	.610					

<b>Miami</b>	53	39	10	-	102
<b>Kentucky</b>	41	51	16	-	108

### Game 9

**Miami 72**

**Butler 61**

Dec. 28, 2002—Indianapolis, Ind.

Miami refused to let lightning strike twice, withstanding a furious Bulldog rally and snapping a three-game losing streak with a 72-61 win.

Driven by an efficient offensive attack and stingy defense, the RedHawks patiently assembled an 18-6 lead over the games' first eight minutes. From there, the Miami offense hit high gear, taking off on an 18-3 run and building a 30-9 advantage by the eight-minute mark. During the stretch, Miami held Butler without a field goal for more than seven minutes.

Butler turned up its defensive intensity over the final seven minutes of the half, slowing Miami's offense and creating a number of turnovers. After brief runs by both teams, Butler rallied at the end of the half, closing to within 41-26. The Red and White shot 58 percent from the field in the half, while restricting Butler to just six field goals and 29 percent shooting.

A back-and-forth battle consumed the first nine minutes of the second half, until a Cusick 3-pointer sparked an 11-0 RedHawk run that gave Miami a game-high 27-point lead. As fast as Miami had built its seemingly back-breaking 64-37 lead, however, a feisty Butler squad erased it with a 15-0 run. Down by just 12 points with under four minutes to play, Butler continued to fluster the RedHawks, who committed 17 second-half turnovers.

Kim Lancaster finally ended a more than five-minute scoring drought for the RedHawks with back-to-back field goals, and Cusick netted four free throws down the stretch as Miami held off the Bulldogs during a wild final three minutes.

MIA	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Smith, F	2-4	0-0	0-1	3	4	1	1	24
Day, F	4-10	1-2	1-2	14	10	2	2	29
Butler, C	3-6	0-0	1-1	3	7	0	1	21
Roederer, G	4-4	0-0	0-0	1	8	2	0	24
Cusick, G	7-13	3-7	4-4	4	21	4	3	30
Merrill	1-3	0-0	0-2	5	2	2	2	20
Beck	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	2
Motto	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	10
Kozlowski	4-7	1-1	1-1	6	10	0	0	23
Sullivan	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Lancaster	5-10	0-0	0-0	3	10	0	0	11
Miller	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	5
team				5				
	30-58	5-10	7-11	45	72	12	10	200
	.517	.500	.636					

Butler	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Mason, F	5-9	0-0	5-6	4	15	1	3	23
Urquhart, C	6-11	0-0	2-6	4	14	1	0	35
Bowden, G	2-7	0-2	2-3	5	6	6	1	35
Monaco, G	1-4	0-2	1-2	3	3	1	1	25
Boeke, G	1-7	0-4	0-0	4	2	2	0	25
Leighton	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Smith	3-8	2-5	6-9	2	14	1	6	21
Pryor	1-10	1-5	2-2	4	5	0	5	27
Budgake	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	2	0	0	8
team				3				
	19-56	3-19	20-30	29	61	12	16	200
	.339	.158	.667					

<b>Miami</b>	41	31	-	72
<b>Butler</b>	26	35	-	61

# 2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

## Game 10 Clemson 55 Miami 50

Dec. 30, 2002—Oxford, Ohio

Miami made the ACC's first visit to Oxford a scary one, but the RedHawks could not hold off a second-half charge by Clemson University that lifted the Tigers to a 55-50 win in Millett Hall.

Looking inside early, Miami got off to a strong start, leading 7-4 at the first media timeout after a Jana Butler layup. Heather Cusick became the first player in Miami women's basketball history to reach 500 career assists with the dish on the Butler scoring play. In a very even start, neither team was able to locate its shooting touch and the score was just 10-9 in favor of Clemson with under nine minutes to play.

Miami continued its strong defensive presence throughout the first half, slowing the Clemson offense and two-time Kodak District II All-American Chrissy Floyd, while building a 15-10 advantage. Despite chilly shooting, Miami claimed its largest lead of the game, 22-16, at 2:15 when Cusick drained the Red and White's first trey. Beth Roederer's trey shortly before the break sent Miami into the break with a 27-16 advantage.

Though Miami maintained its aggressive defense, Clemson converted some tough shots out of the gates and rallied to within five by the 16-minute mark. A Cindi Merrill three-point play temporarily stalled the Lady Tiger rally, but Clemson, which hit 11 of its first 15 second-half shots, surged once again, closing to 34-20 with under 13 minutes to play. The Lady Tigers claimed their first lead in more than 20 minutes, Miami shot just 34 percent for the game and failed to hit a field goal in the final 5:22.

CLEMSON	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Sanders, F	3-6	0-0	0-0	4	6	0	0	19
Roper, F	2-5	0-0	0-0	4	4	3	3	27
White, C	2-5	0-0	4-4	5	8	2	2	36
Queen, G	2-5	0-0	0-0	0	4	3	3	27
Floyd, G	7-17	1-5	6-6	4	21	3	1	36
Slosser	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1
Talley	1-4	0-2	0-0	1	2	1	2	12
Stokes	3-6	0-2	0-0	4	6	2	3	21
Vasils	1-3	0-2	0-0	1	2	1	0	8
Shafer	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	8
Andrew	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	4
Blackmon	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
team				1				
	22-53	1-11	10-10	26	55	15	14	200
	.415	.091	1.000					

MIA	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Smith, F	2-6	0-0	1-2	5	5	1	0	23
Day, F	0-7	0-3	0-0	8	0	0	0	24
Butler, C	3-5	0-0	2-4	3	8	2	2	30
Cusick, G	3-10	1-4	3-4	4	10	7	5	30
Roederer, G	2-3	1-2	0-0	1	5	0	0	18
Motto	1-1	1-1	0-0	4	3	2	2	12
Kozlowski	3-12	2-7	0-0	2	8	1	0	25
Merrill	1-3	0-2	3-3	2	5	0	0	22
Lancaster	3-6	0-0	0-0	2	6	0	0	16
team				10				
	18-53	5-19	9-13	41	50	13	9	200
	.340	.263	.692					

Clemson	16	39	-	55
Miami	27	23	-	50

## Game 11 Miami 58 TCU 83

Jan. 3, 2003—Ft. Worth, Texas

Doomed by dismal starts in each half, Miami was unable to derail a red-hot Texas Christian University squad Friday night at the Lady Frogs' Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, falling 83-58 to finish a difficult non-conference schedule at 5-6.

Miami started on a positive note, striking paydirt on its first possession and grabbing a 2-0 lead on a Jana Butler layup at 19:37. Butler's field goal would be Miami's last for nearly nine minutes, however, as TCU erupted on a 17-2 run and held a 25-5 lead when Colleen Day finally ended Miami's drought at 10:35.

TCU, which shot a blistering 56 percent from the field in the half, continued to roll and pushed its lead as high as 35-11. Miami finally settled down following a timeout and chipped away at the Lady Frogs' lead to close to 49-27 at the half.

The second half continued along the same line as the first, with TCU quickly finding its stride and Miami continuing to struggle. While Miami was held without a field goal for the first six minutes, TCU netted 13 unanswered points and built a 62-27 advantage. Butler finally ended the RedHawk drought with a pair of buckets that keyed a 9-2 Miami run.

Kim Lancaster helped Miami continue its run by scoring nine points over the next three minutes as the Red and White rallied back to within 25 with under eight minutes to play. Miami continued to press for the remainder of the contest but never got closer than 22 points in its worst loss of the season.

MIA	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Smith, F	0-1	0-0	2-2	1	2	0	2	17
Day, F	2-4	1-2	0-0	6	5	2	1	19
Butler, C	5-8	0-0	4-8	4	14	1	2	22
Cusick, G	3-11	2-7	2-2	4	10	4	0	28
Roederer, G	0-8	0-2	1-2	4	1	0	0	24
Merrill	1-5	0-3	3-4	1	5	1	2	29
Beck	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	+0
Motto	0-2	0-2	1-2	2	1	1	0	15
Kozlowski	1-7	0-3	0-0	4	2	4	4	20
Lancaster	8-15	0-0	2-2	3	18	0	0	24
Miller	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	2
team				6				
	20-62	3-19	15-22	36	58	13	11	200
	.323	.158	.682					

TCU	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Evans, F	5-9	0-1	7-9	4	17	3	2	30
Irvin, C	5-8	0-0	5-5	16	15	0	0	23
Baldwin, G	1-3	0-1	0-0	3	2	2	2	20
Shaw, G	4-10	2-4	2-2	5	12	0	0	26
Payne, G	0-4	0-2	0-0	0	0	3	0	23
Browning	1-1	0-0	0-0	3	2	1	0	5
Ortega	3-7	1-4	2-2	1	9	4	3	19
Honer	0-0	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	0	1
Newton	0-1	0-0	3-4	4	3	0	1	9
Pack	1-3	0-0	6-6	2	8	0	5	13
Gantt	5-6	1-2	0-0	1	11	1	2	15
Winn	2-6	0-0	0-0	2	4	0	0	15
Prewitt	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
team				3				
	27-62	4-14	25-28	47	83	14	15	200
	.435	.286	.893					

Miami	27	31	-	58
TCU	49	34	-	83

## Game 12 Akron 56 Miami 84

Jan. 7, 2003—Oxford, Ohio

Miami ended a two-game losing streak and notched its first Mid-American Conference victory, rolling to an 84-56 win over the University of Akron.

In control from the start, the RedHawks held Akron without a field goal for the first six minutes of the game and built a 12-2 advantage by the 14-minute mark. Miami continued to build on its advantage throughout the half, racing to 24-8 edge following a Cindi Merrill layup with six minutes to play and leading by as many as 31-10 after a Nicki Motto 3-pointer at the five-minute mark.

Akron forged a small rally at the end of the half to narrow Miami's halftime edge to 39-22. The RedHawks shot a balmy 52 percent from the field while restricting the Zips to 25 percent shooting.

Miami got off to a quick start in the second half, scoring the first nine points and forcing Akron to call a timeout after falling behind 48-22 with 17:22 to play. The Zips closed the gap to 21 points within two minutes, but the RedHawks quickly recovered and continued to steadily pull away, taking their first 30-point lead with a Motto jumper at 10:39.

The Zips once again chipped away at Miami's lead, narrowing the deficit to 24 points with less than six minutes to play, but they would get no closer. Despite cooling to 47 percent shooting in the second half, Miami got 28 points off 24 Zip turnovers.

AKRON	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Bell, F	0-2	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	0	18
Martin, C	5-10	0-0	3-5	7	13	1	1	32
Carter, G	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	1	0	0	7
Johnson, G	5-6	1-1	1-2	10	12	2	2	30
Harris, G	4-14	2-3	1-2	3	11	1	2	33
Dopoulos	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
Hemmelgarn	1-6	1-3	2-2	3	5	1	1	31
Arnold	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	2	1	0	14
Caranfa	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Marco	0-0	0-0	5-6	1	5	0	0	2
Vujas	2-4	1-3	0-0	5	4	0	0	15
Booms	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	2
Overton	0-2	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	0	9
Crews	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
team				3				
	19-48	5-10	13-21	32	56	10	6	200
	.396	.500	.619					

MIA	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Smith, F	2-4	0-0	2-4	4	6	2	1	21
Day, F	6-12	1-3	3-3	8	16	1	1	26
Cusick, G	3-9	0-3	2-3	3	8	2	7	27
Roederer, G	4-5	3-4	2-2	0	13	2	1	19
Merrill, G	7-10	0-2	1-1	6	15	2	1	30
Beck	0-3	0-2	0-0	1	0	2	1	9
Motto	4-6	3-5	0-0	3	11	1	0	15
Kozlowski	0-4	0-3	0-0	2	0	1	1	16
Lancaster	4-8	0-0	1-2	2	9	1	0	23
Miller	2-4	0-0	2-2	6	60	0	2	14
team				2				
	32-65	7-22	13-17	37	84	17	15	200
	.492	.318	.765					

Akron	22	34	-	56
Miami	39	45	-	84

## 2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

### Game 13

**Miami 60**

**Western Michigan 75**

Jan. 11, 2003—Kalamazoo, Mich.

It was a tale of two halves, but the damage caused by a dismal first half was too much for Miami University's women's basketball team to overcome in a 75-60 loss at Western Michigan.

Western Michigan raced out to an 11-2 lead by the 15:50 mark and continued a torrid pace from which Miami could not recover. The Broncos, who shot 49 percent from the field in the first half restricted Miami to a season-low five first-half field goals while snaring a devastating 48-15 halftime advantage. Miami went without a field goal for the final 7:19 of the half.

The RedHawks, who hit just 16 percent from the field and were 0-of-10 from beyond the 3-point arc, were led by Kim Lancaster's seven first-half points. Western Michigan, which out-rebounded Miami by a commanding 32-15 edge in the first half, was led by Kristin Koetsier, who tallied 13 points, seven rebounds and five blocked shots.

Facing its largest deficit of the season, Miami went to work in the second half out-scoring the Broncos by 14 points in the first eight minutes of the half and closing to 57-38 by the 11:54 mark. Miami scored the same amount of points in the first 5:48 of the second half as it did in the entire first half.

It was a wide-open contest from there, with WMU pushing its lead back to the mid-20's and Miami once again rallying to within 19 with 2:44 to play. The RedHawks held the Broncos without a field goal for the final 5:55 of the game in trimming the final margin to 15 points.

MIA	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Smith,F	0-2	0-0	0-0	5	0	1	1	21
Day,F	3-6	1-1	2-2	4	9	2	1	16
Butler,C	2-10	0-0	4-4	5	8	2	2	24
Cusick,G	4-12	2-6	0-0	1	10	3	2	24
Roederer,G	0-4	0-2	0-0	2	0	2	0	22
Beck	2-4	2-4	2-2	0	8	1	1	6
Motto	1-5	0-4	0-0	2	2	2	2	20
Kozlowski	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	9
Merrill	4-13	1-2	2-2	8	11	2	0	29
Lancaster	5-9	0-0	2-3	5	12	0	0	25
Miller	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	4
team				5				
	21-67	6-21	12-13	37	60	15	9	200
	.313	.286	.923					

WMU	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Koetsier,F	8-13	1-1	2-5	11	19	2	5	31
Crisman,F	0-3	0-0	3-6	6	3	4	2	31
Jillian,G	4-8	0-2	7-8	1	15	4	4	39
Harris,G	4-11	1-4	2-2	4	11	0	2	25
Rost,G	6-12	1-3	2-2	6	15	2	1	30
Doyle	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	2	0	0	1
Verseput	2-2	1-1	0-0	7	5	3	0	13
Shay. Jackson	0-3	0-0	0-0	5	0	0	1	6
Shan. Jackson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Thelen	1-3	1-3	0-1	2	3	1	0	13
Drigget	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Koerber	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	1	8
team				5				
	26-60	5-15	18-26	48	75	16	12	200
	.433	.333	.692					

<b>Miami</b>	15	45	-	60
<b>WMU</b>	48	27	-	75

### Game 14

**Miami 80**

**Ohio 78 (OT)**

Jan. 14, 2003—Athens, Ohio

It took an overtime period and 29 points from senior guard Heather Cusick, but Miami's women's basketball team rebounded to 2-1 in the MAC with a hard-fought 80-78 overtime win over Ohio University in The Convo.

In a game that took on a physical tone from the beginning, baskets were at a premium in the early going. Ohio pulled out to a 10-5 lead three minutes into the game but was held without a basket for the next six minutes as the RedHawks rallied to stake a 14-10 lead.

Miami would maintain a razor-thin edge for much of the first half, but could never provide itself with any more than a four-point cushion. Trailing 29-26 after a Nicki Motto 3-pointer, Ohio finished with a flurry, outscoring Miami 14-5 and seizing a 40-34 halftime edge.

Ohio scored the first four points of the half to secure a 10-point lead by the 18:32 mark, but the RedHawks, sparked by a long Cusick trey as the shot clock expired, stormed back with a 14-2 run.

Tied at 62-62 with less than six minutes to play, Ohio scored five unanswered points over the next two minutes, but Miami responded with a run of its own to knot the score again at 67-67. After Ohio regained the lead, Miami went inside to Jana Butler, who netted her first field goal to send the game into overtime at 69-69.

It was more of the same in overtime, as Miami grabbed a four point lead but Ohio rattled off a 6-0 run of its own. With 1:58 to play, Ohio held a 76-74 lead, but Colleen Day hit a jumper to once again knot the score. After a defensive stop, Melanie Kozlowski was fouled going for an offensive rebound and drained two free throws to put the Red and White back in front for good.

MIA	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Smith,F	3-4	0-0	1-2	5	7	1	1	25
Day,F	3-12	0-2	2-2	7	8	1	0	35
Butler,C	1-3	0-0	1-2	5	3	0	0	21
Merrill,G	2-13	0-0	0-0	4	4	1	1	32
Cusick,G	11-20	3-7	4-4	4	29	6	3	44
Beck	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	2
Motto	3-7	2-6	0-0	0	48	2	1	13
Kozlowski	1-8	0-1	6-6	10	8	1	1	26
Roederer	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0	5
Sullivan	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Lancaster	6-11	0-0	1-2	6	13	0	0	20
team				2				
	30-80	5-17	15-18	44	80	13	7	225
	.375	.294	.833					

OHIO	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Isbell,F	3-4	0-0	3-6	12	9	1	2	27
Wight,F	4-10	2-7	3-3	7	13	1	1	30
Kirkpatrick,F	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	2	1	1	13
Bates,G	2-11	1-4	8-10	6	13	0	0	33
Gay,G	2-8	1-2	5-7	4	10	5	0	45
Johnson	4-13	0-4	3-5	3	11	1	2	27
Orlold	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	9
Bagley	8-9	0-0	4-4	9	20	1	1	32
Byrd	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	9
team				5				
	24-59	4-18	26-35	48	78	10	7	225
	.407	.222	.743					

<b>Miami</b>	34	35	11	-	80
<b>Ohio</b>	40	29	9	-	78

### Game 15

**Toledo 77**

**Miami 72**

Jan. 18, 2003—Oxford, Ohio

A dramatic comeback was not enough to overcome a 16-point second-half deficit as Miami fell to the University of Toledo for the 14th straight time, 77-72.

Neither team led by more than a 3-point basket in the first eight minutes, and the score was just 10-9 in favor of Miami by the second media timeout at 11:47. The back-and-forth battle continued until Toledo picked up the tempo with under five minutes to play.

Sparked by consecutive 3-point field goals by Tia Davis and Kelly Walker, Toledo hit eight consecutive field goals and assembled the first true run of the game to lead 33-26 by halftime.

Despite snaring 10 offensive rebounds in the half, Miami shot just 33 percent from the floor while Toledo drained 48 percent of its attempts.

Toledo's shooting touch carried into the second half, as it drained its first four shots on the way to its first double-digit lead, 41-30, by 17:16. Miami, which connected on just one of its first nine shots in the second half found itself behind by 16 with 6:44 to play.

A 6-0 RedHawk run with under six minutes to play closed the gap back to within 10 points and a Beth Roederer 3-pointer at 2:58 pulled Miami to it closest point in nearly 10 minutes at 69-61. Following a Toledo turnover, Kim Smith trimmed the Toledo edge to just six points with under two minutes to play.

Toledo, which finished the day shooting 58 percent from the floor and 93 percent from the free throw line, had the answers when it needed them most, draining its last eight free throws to hold off a furious Miami rally that included three treys in the final 51 seconds.

TOLEDO	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
T. Davis, F	9-13	1-1	4-4	8	23	3	0	33
Kahle, F	2-6	0-0	1-2	5	5	0	0	27
A. Davis, C	0-2	0-0	0-0	5	0	4	0	29
Blessing, G	5-5	0-0	4-4	2	14	5	1	29
Walker, G	7-15	3-7	2-2	0	19	1	0	36
Gonnella	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	4
Hillis	2-2	0-0	0-0	2	4	0	0	11
Hoogendam	3-5	0-0	2-2	2	8	0	0	13
Young	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	2	1	12
McDonnell	0-1	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	0	6
team				3				
	30-52	4-9	13-14	30	77	15	2	200
	.577	.444	.929					

MIA	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Day,F	4-10	1-1	3-4	11	12	6	3	33
Smith,F	2-3	0-0	0-0	3	4	1	0	19
Butler,C	1-3	0-0	0-0	3	2	1	0	18
Cusick,G	7-20	1-9	0-0	3	15	4	1	32
Merrill,G	4-9	0-1	0-0	3	8	0	1	22
Beck	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Motto	1-2	1-2	0-0	2	3	0	0	9
Kozlowski	5-11	5-10	0-0	2	15	0	0	13
Roederer	4-9	1-4	0-0	1	9	4	2	30
Lancaster	2-5	0-0	0-0	4	4	1	0	21
Miller	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
team				3				
	30-72	9-27	3-4	35	72	17	7	200
	.417	.333	.750					

<b>Toledo</b>	33	44	-	77
<b>Miami</b>	26	46	-	72

# 2002-03 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

## Game 16

**Miami 72**

**Marshall 53**

Jan. 20, 2003—Huntington, W.Va.

Miami showed the ability to bounce back once again, rebounding from an emotional loss by picking up a key MAC East Division road win over Marshall University, 72-53.

Bolstered by a strong effort out of the gates, Miami looked to have the game in control with less than eight minutes to play. The RedHawks were strong on defense and controlled the boards while holding the Thundering Herd to just one field goal over a nearly 10-minute span and building a 25-9 lead. Offensively, Miami exhibited a balanced attack that included four early 3-point field goals.

Just as quickly as Miami's lead was constructed, however, Marshall, which seized control of the offensive glass, broke it back down with a 12-2 run over the next four minutes. The teams exchanged baskets over the remainder of the half, with Miami taking a 33-27 halftime lead to the locker room.

Marshall, which entered the game as the MAC's leader in field goal percentage defense and rebounding, continued to show why early in the second half, rallying to within 41-40 by the 10:03 mark. With the momentum in Marshall's favor and Miami struggling to maintain a razor-thin lead, Heather Cusick stepped to the forefront, tallying eight of Miami's next 11 points and expanding the RedHawk advantage into double digits, 52-42, with eight minutes to play.

With the momentum back on its side, Miami continued to press its advantage, holding Marshall without a field goal over the final 7:57 of the game, and earning its 11th consecutive win over the Herd.

MIA	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Smith, F	2-3	0-0	6-10	8	10	1	2	20
Day, F	2-4	0-1	2-2	4	6	3	0	20
Butler, C	4-7	0-0	0-2	3	8	1	0	24
Merrill, G	3-6	1-3	2-2	3	9	1	0	27
Cusick, G	5-13	2-7	2-4	3	14	6	4	31
Beck	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0+
Motto	2-4	2-3	0-0	4	6	0	0	9
Kozlowski	2-6	1-5	0-1	1	5	1	0	25
Roederer	1-6	0-1	0-0	0	2	1	0	15
Lancaster	5-7	0-0	0-1	7	10	3	1	29
Miller	0-0	0-0	2-2	1	2	0	0	0+
team				4				
	26-56	6-20	14-24	38	72	17	8	200
	.464	.300	.583					

MAR	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Knable, F	2-5	0-0	1-3	10	5	2	2	31
Reed, C	0-3	0-0	2-5	4	2	0	0	20
Shepard-Hall, G	2-11	1-5	1-2	1	6	2	0	33
Harbin, G	5-13	2-6	2-4	11	14	4	4	35
Dotson, G	2-15	0-1	9-6	1	13	0	0	27
Smith	3-5	0-0	0-0	5	6	1	1	17
Kellerman	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Shiflett	0-0	0-0	0-2	1	0	0	0	0+
Fry	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	3
Hackworth	0-4	0-3	0-0	1	0	0	0	7
Swanigan	3-6	0-0	1-3	9	7	0	0	25
team				4				
	17-63	3-15	16-28	51	53	9	7	200
	.270	.200	.571					

<b>Miami</b>	33	39	-	72
<b>Marshall</b>	27	26	-	53

## Game 17

**Miami 50**

**Buffalo 45**

Jan. 25, 2003—Buffalo, N.Y.

On a night when the shooting inside the University at Buffalo's Alumni Arena was as chilly as the blustery Buffalo winter outside, Miami overcame season lows in points and field goal percentage to earn its first back-to-back win since November, defeating Buffalo 50-45.

Tied just 6-6 11:59, neither team was able to generate much offense in the early going. Behind six straight points by Kate McMeeken-Rusco, however, Buffalo began showing signs of life at the 10-minute mark and surged to a 14-11 advantage by 8:09.

Sparked by five points from Beth Roederer over the next two minutes, the RedHawks turned the tide, scoring 10 unanswered points and holding the Bulls without a field goal for nearly six minutes while building a 21-14 advantage with 3:38 remaining in the half. An Erin Lawrenson 3-point field goal ended UB's scoring drought at 2:21 but could not prevent Miami from going into the half with a 23-17 edge.

Behind two buckets from Kim Smith, Miami expanded its lead to nine points early in the second half, but Buffalo rallied behind McMeeken-Rusco, who scored the Bulls' first 11 points and closed to within one point, 29-28, with 14:12 to play. Miami recovered quickly and rebuilt its lead to five, but with 7:59 remaining Buffalo was back within a point at 37-36.

The RedHawks once again expanded their lead, scoring five straight points and holding the Bulls without a basket for nearly four minutes, but Buffalo answered with another rally, trimming Miami's advantage to two with less than three minutes to play. Behind two free throws from Cusick and a Cindi Merrill layup, Miami pushed its advantage back to six points and held on from there.

MIA	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Smith, F	2-3	0-0	2-2	2	6	1	2	19
Day, F	1-5	1-2	1-2	8	4	3	3	23
Butler, C	2-4	0-0	1-2	5	5	1	1	27
Merrill, G	2-11	0-3	2-2	4	6	0	1	27
Cusick, G	0-12	0-4	5-6	5	5	5	3	34
Beck	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0	7
Motto	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
Kozlowski	2-5	1-2	0-3	5	5	0	1	25
Roederer	3-5	1-2	2-2	1	9	0	2	15
Lancaster	5-10	0-0	0-0	4	10	0	0	20
team				3				
	17-57	3-14	13-19	38	50	12	13	200
	.298	.214	.684					

UB	FG	3PT	FT	RB	PTS	A	S	MIN
Burd, F	1-2	0-0	0-0	4	2	0	1	14
Kochendorfer, F	1-8	0-0	2-2	8	4	3	0	28
Rusco, G	9-15	2-4	1-1	5	21	1	2	40
Lawrenson, G	2-9	2-6	0-0	2	6	1	1	27
Bennett, G	1-6	0-1	0-0	5	2	2	0	34
Martin	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	5
Meunier	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	7
Cook	2-5	0-0	0-1	4	4	6	4	33
Hedges	3-4	0-0	0-0	3	6	1	1	12
team				3				
	19-50	4-11	3-4	36	45	15	10	200
	.380	.364	.750					

<b>Miami</b>	23	27	-	50
<b>Buffalo</b>	17	28	-	45