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GAME NOTES

2001 Schedule/Results

AUGUST

26 at Indiana W, 2-1

SEPTEMBER

1 vs. Lehigh # W, 2-1

2 at Syracuse L, 0-2

7 at St. Louis L, 0-2

8 vs. Dartmouth % L, 1-3

9 vs. California % L, 0-2

13 STANFORD L, 0-4

21 at Central Michigan L, 0-4

22 at Ball State L, 0-7

28 No. 14 OHIO L, 0-1 (OT)

29 No. 12 KENT STATE L, 2-6

OCTOBER

3 at No. 9 Louisville L, 0-7

7 at No. 7 Michigan State L, 0-4

12 BALL STATE L, 0-4

13 CENTRAL MICHIGAN L, 0-2

16 No. 10 OHIO STATE L, 1-3

19 at No. 13 Ohio L, 0-9

20 at No. 12 Kent State L, 0-5

26 No. 14 LOUISVILLE L, 0-4

28 APPALACHIAN STATE L, 2-3(2OT)

NOVEMBER

2 vs. Louisville 2:30 p.m.
MAC Tournament

at Syracuse

% at St. Louis

* at Louisville

Home games are in BOLD/CAPS

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2001 - MAC TOURNAMENT

MIAMI FIELD HOCKEY (2-18, 0-10 MAC)

First Round of MAC Tournament • Louisville, Ky.
No. 6 Miami vs. No. 3 Louisville
Friday, Nov. 2 • 2:30 p.m.

TOURNAMENT PREVIEW: After losing their regular season finale, 3-2, in double overtime at home to Appalachian State, the RedHawks travel to Louisville, Ky. for the MAC Tournament. Despite dropping their last 18 contests, the RedHawks hope last season's tournament magic will return in Louisville to help them end their current slide. In last year's tournament Miami advanced to the semifinal round by defeating Central Michigan, 4-2, before falling to Kent State, 6-1.

Miami opens the conference tourney against the No. 3-seeded Louisville Cardinals in Game Two on Friday, Nov. 2 at 2:30 p.m. This season the RedHawks didn't have much success against the host school, dropping two contests by a total of 11-0. Last weekend's solid outing versus Appalachian State ended in ASU's favor but provides confidence for Coach Lil Fesperman and her squad heading into this weekend's tournament.

SCOUTING THE CARDINALS: Falling from their former position of No. 9 to No. 14 in the 2001 STX/NFCA Division I National Coaches Poll, Louisville enters the tournament with a hunger to redeem themselves after setbacks to Ohio and Kent State. The Cardinals record at home this season is 8-1 and is all the incentive they need to make a run at the MAC Championship. With only four losses this season the Cardinals have put together winning streaks of eight and five games.

Louisville's top scoring threat is **Olivia Netzler** with 13 goals and nine assists for 35 points. Captain **Pip Sanders** trails Netzler with five goals and 12 assists while **Susan Sattazhan** rounds out the Cardinals offensive power with nine goals on the season.

In goal for Louisville is **Christy Hershey**, who has maintained 1.02 goals against average in 19 games. Her save percentage is .808, and she has blanked Louisville opponent's seven times this season.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE REDHAWKS WIN: If the RedHawks defeat Louisville in the first round of the tourney, they will advance to the semifinal round to square off against the No. 2 seeded Kent State Golden Flashes. The contest between Kent State and the winner of Louisville/Miami contest will be played Saturday, Nov. 3 at 2:30 p.m. This season the RedHawks didn't have good fortune against the Golden Flashes, dropping both contests, 6-2 and 5-0.

SCOUTING THE GOLDEN FLASHES: If Miami advances to Game Four of the tournament, they will face a Kent State team that has defeated the likes of James Madison, North Carolina, Ohio and Louisville this season. Kent State enters the postseason ranked No. 12 in the STX/NFCA Division I Coaches Poll.

Key players for the Golden Flashes are **Arlette van Cleeff**, **Kristen Clayton** and **Megan Spurling**. van Cleef leads the Golden Flashes and the MAC with 18

GAME RESET**GAME #2**

Date: November 2, 2001
Opponent: Louisville (15-4, 8-3 MAC)
Pass-back: 2:30 p.m.
Site: Louisville, Ky.
Field: Trager Stadium
Series: Miami leads 23-5
Streak: Louisville - 2
First Meeting: 10/24/78 (MU, 3-2)
Last Meeting: 10/26/01 (UL, 4-0)

GAME #4*(if Miami wins game one)*

Date: November 3, 2001
Opponent: Kent State (12-6, 8-2 MAC)
Pass-back: 2:30 p.m.
Site: Louisville, Ky.
Field: Trager Stadium
Series: Kent State leads 25-21
Streak: Kent State - 4
First Meeting: 10/20/77 (MU, 3-0)
Last Meeting: 10/20/01 (KSU, 5-0)

MIAMI QUICK FACTS**HEAD COACH LIL FESPERMAN:**

Fesperman (Appalachian State '74) is in her 25th season as head coach of the Miami field hockey program. She has guided the RedHawks to a 228-227-17 record (.501 winning percentage) and in doing so become the 12th all-time winningest coach in the college ranks.

Her resume' includes 63 all-Mid-American Conference selections and 16 regional all-Americans. Under her guidance, Miami has finished first in the MAC twice, including 1981 when Fesperman was named MAC Coach of the Year.

ASSISTANT COACH:

K.C. Nemeć (Kent State '00) enters into her first season with the RedHawks. Nemeć played and served as a student assistant coach for Kent State and also served as an assistant coach for Hudson and Kent Roosevelt High Schools.

2000 Record: 7-14, 4-6 MAC**Letterwinners Returning (13):**

Butterworth, Carmody, Clarke, Iozzi, Nelson, Plapp, Preikszas, Rodelo, Sanford, Slattery, Snedden, Vaugh, Young.

Letterwinners Lost (4): Bernstein, Palisoul, Phalen, Roche

Home Court: Miami Turf Field (1,000)**All-time Record:** 228-227-17/.501

goals and 11 assists for a total of 47 points. Clayton and Spurling have been equally impressive this season, scoring 21 and 20 points, respectively.

Racking up a 9-6 record in goal for Kent State is **Jodi Lume**. Lume holding opponents to 2.14 goals per game, fourth best in the MAC while registering a .712 save percentage.

THREE OUT OF SIX AIN'T BAD: Three out of the six Mid-American Conference teams are ranked in the top 20 of the 2001 STX/NFCA Division I National Coaches Poll. Those who are among the Division I leaders are: **Ohio** at No. 10, with an overall record of 14-4, **Kent State** at No. 12, with an overall record of 12-6 and **Louisville** at No. 14, with an overall record of 15-4. Miami needs to defeat both Louisville and Kent State to advance to the MAC Championship contest this weekend.

PLAYING WITH THE "BIG GUNS": This season the RedHawks have played eight contests against opponents ranked in the nations top 20. This includes two games each against Louisville, Ohio and Kent State and one against Big Ten opponents Michigan State and Ohio State. Syracuse and California would make that number 10 but they were not ranked when they played against Miami.

The RedHawks best chance at knocking off a ranked school was on Sept. 28 against No. 14 Ohio. Miami battled Ohio through 70 minutes of regulation and 8:50 of seven-on-seven overtime play before Jenn Watt netted the game-winner to lift the Bobcats to victory.

Miami also challenged No. 10 Ohio State for 70 minutes but came up short, 3-1. The RedHawks held the lead in this contest briefly after senior **Cheryl Iozzi (Kettering, Ohio/Kettering)** netted the first goal of the game early in the first period. Also notable was the fact that the goal was scored on her 22nd birthday.

After the Ohio State contest, the RedHawks fell in three straight contests to ranked opponents by a tally of 18-0. Ohio, Kent State and Louisville were the culprits of these three setbacks.

VAUGHN SETS NEW SCHOOL MARK: Senior goalkeeper **Marie Vaughn** set a school record with 19 saves against Ohio on Saturday, Sept. 28. Vaughn shut out the Bobcats for 78:50 before they were able to put away the game-winning goal. She recorded nine saves in the first half, nine in the second and one in the overtime period. Vaughn is ranked first in the MAC and third in the nation with 169 saves on the year.

FRESHMEN PHENOMS: Freshman **Meredith Lee (San Jose, Calif./Lynbrook)** and **Megan Wiegand (Encinitas, Calif./LaCosta Canyon)** have provided some offense this season for the RedHawks' by combining to score five goals. In a span of five games for Miami early in the season, Lee scored two goals and recorded one assist. Wiegand picked up the pace late in the season for her teammate by recording her first multiple goal game of her career against Appalachian State in the season finale with two goals. Wiegand nearly won the game for Miami in double overtime on a penalty stroke but was denied by the ASU goalkeeper.

SHOTS=GOALS, GOALS=WINS: Through 20 games this season the RedHawks have been outshot by their opponents 273-56. Consequently, Miami also is on the short side when it comes to scoring. This season Miami opponents have outscored the RedHawks 74-10. In its two wins, Miami scored four goals to its opponents' two. Since then the RedHawks have lost 18 straight contests and have been outscored 70-8.

COACH FESPERMAN CLIMBING THE CHARTS: Fesperman is in her 25th year as the head coach of the RedHawks. Through the years, she has compiled a 228-227-17 record.

Fesperman has produced 16 regional all-Americans and 63 all-Mid-American Conference selections. She guided Miami to the first MAC Championship in 1981 and was selected MAC Coach of the Year the same year.

Fesperman graduated cum laude from Appalachian State University with a bachelor's degree in health and physical education. She was a three-year

member of the ASU field hockey team and was voted Most Valuable Player her senior year.

REDHAWKS IN ROAD OPENERS: Miami has an all-time record of 7-15-3 (.340) in road-opening games. This season the RedHawks were victorious in their road-opener versus Indiana in Bloomington, Ind., 2-1.

REDHAWKS IN SEASON OPENERS: In their August 26 season-opener versus Indiana, the RedHawks improved their all-time season-opener record to 13-11-1 with a 2-1 victory. This victory ended Miami's two-year streak of losing its season-opener, with both losses coming to Ohio State in 1999 and 2000.

RETURNING ALL-LEAGUE REDHAWKS: Senior **Beth Young** and sophomore **Angie Snedden** return in 2001 as the only all-league performers for Miami from last season. For the second consecutive season, Young was named to the 2001 all-MAC second-team after scoring six goals and tallying eight hand-outs. She finished the season as the second-leading scorer for Miami with 20 points.

Joining Young on the all-MAC second-team was Snedden, who led the RedHawks with 13 goals and two assists. She led the squad with 28 points and topped the season off with a hat trick versus Central Michigan in the MAC Tourney and was named to the all-tournament team for her efforts.

The only all-league performer lost from last season is 2001 graduate, Kari Roche. Roche tied Young with 20 points after scoring seven times and recording six assists.

RISING TO THE TOP: Senior goalkeeper **Marie Vaughn** continued her ascent last season up Miami's top-10 for career shutouts. She is now in a tie for sixth place with nine shutouts heading into her final season with the Red and White.

RECORD WATCH: Senior **Beth Young** has 20 career goals at Miami after three years. She needs only one more goal to move into the top-10 for career goals at Miami.

Young is only two points away from moving into the top-10 all-time at Miami for career points with 52. She has 50 career points after registering an assist in Miami's contest vs. Ohio State on Oct. 16.

YOUNG, PREIKSZAS AND NELSON TAKE CAPTAIN DUTIES IN 2001: Seniors **Karen Preikszas (Medfield, Mass./Medfield)** and **Beth Young**, and junior **Julie Nelson (Bethesda, Md./Bethesda Chevy Chase)** will serve as captains for the 2001 season. Young is serving her second stint as a team captain, she was co-

2001 MAC Field Hockey Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Kent State (5) 35
2. Ohio (1) 28
3. Louisville 23
- 4t. Ball State 16
- 4t. Central Michigan 16
6. **Miami** **8**

RedHawks By State

- California 5
(Lee, Orr, Rodelo, Vaughn, Weigand)
- Ohio 5
(Bielek, Gilbert, Iozzi, Lindsay, Young)
- Missouri 3
(Carmody, Moran, Slattery)
- Massachusetts 2
(Clarke, Preikszas)
- Canada 1
(Snedden)
- Illinois 1
(Collias)
- Kansas 1
(Plapp)
- Maryland 1
(Nelson)
- Michigan 1
(McClain)
- New York 1
(Butterworth)

2001 MIAMI REDHAWKS NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Class	Pos.	Hometown/High School
1	Diane Collias	Fr.	M/B	River Forest, Ill./Oak Park & River Forest
2	Julie Nelson	Jr.	B	Bethesda, Md./Bethesda Chevy Chase
4	Maya Gilbert	Fr.	F	Kent, Ohio/Kent Roosevelt
5	Megan Wiegand	Fr.	F	Encinitas, Calif./LaCosta Canyon
7	Katie Moran	Fr.	B	St. Louis, Mo./Nerinx Hall
8	Kate Carmody	So.	M	St. Louis, Mo./Villa Duchesne
9	Gillian Lindsay	Fr.	M	Cleveland Hts, Ohio/Cleveland Heights
10	Amy Butterworth	So.	B	Rochester, N.Y./Brighton
11	Shallen McClain	So.	M	Ann Arbor, Mich./Huron
12	Lauren Slattery*	So.	M	St. Louis, Mo./Cor Jesu Academy
13	Beth Young	Sr.	M/F	Toledo, Ohio/Maumee Valley C.D.
14	Lauren Plapp	So.	B	Overland Park, Kan./The Barstow School
15	Karen Preikszas	Sr.	B	Medfield, Mass./Medfield
16	Cheryl Iozzi	Sr.	F	Kettering, Ohio/Kettering
17	Angie Snedden	So.	F	Ontario, Canada/St. Christopher's Secondary
19	Sarah Clarke	Jr.	B	Bridgewater, Mass./West Bridgewater
21	Meredith Lee	Fr.	M	San Jose, Calif./Lynbrook
22	Sara Bielek	Fr.	F	Mentor, Ohio/The Andrews School
25	Marie Vaughn	Sr.	GK	Davis, Calif./Davis
51	Lisa Rodelo*	Sr.	GK	Escondido, Calif./San Pasqual
77	Kerri Orr	Fr.	GK	San Diego, Calif./Serra

MIAMI UNIVERSITY, PLEASE

When referring to Miami, please use Miami University, Miami University (Ohio) or Miami (Ohio). Please do not use Miami of Ohio, University of Miami of Ohio, etc. The latter are not proper names for our institution. Also, in 1997, the University began using its new nickname, the RedHawks. It is one word with a capital H.

THANK YOU.

TEAM TRENDS

Miami is ...

- 0-8 at home
- 1-8 on the road
- 1-2 on neutral sites
- 0-13 when scored 3 or more goals
- 6-20 when scored 1 or more goals
- 1-16 when led at halftime
- 3-3 when tied at halftime
- 16-1 when trailed at halftime
- 13-0 when there were 0-5 shots
- 5-2 when there were 6-10 shots
- 2-18 when there were 11+ shots
- 1-2 with more penalty corners
- 1-16 with less penalty corners
- 0-0 on Mondays
- 0-0 on Tuesdays
- 0-1 on Wednesdays
- 0-1 on Thursdays
- 0-6 on Fridays
- 1-6 on Saturdays
- 1-4 on Sundays
- 1-0 in August
- 1-9 in September
- 0-9 in October
- 0-0 in November
- 2-17 in day games
- 0-1 in night games

STX/NFHCA DI Coaches Poll

Institution (record)	Points
1. Maryland (15-3)	565 (15)
Old Dominion (15-4)	565 (14)
3. Wake Forest (13-3)	520
4. North Carolina (14-5)	490
5. Michigan (13-4)	452
6. Michigan State (15-4)	431
7. Princeton (13-2)	385
8. Virginia (12-6)	364
9. Ohio State (12-4)	359
10. Ohio (14-4)	296
11. William & Mary (14-4)	272
12. Kent State (12-6)	263
13. Penn State (12-6)	258
14. Louisville (15-4)	217
15. Duke (9-8)	159
16. Iowa (11-4)	151
17. James Madison (11-8)	117
18. Syracuse (13-3)	80
19. Northeastern (13-6)	64
20. California (10-4)	45

Others receiving votes: Dartmouth (14), Stanford (8), Boston University (4), Delaware (4), Boston C. (3), Harvard (3), Villanova (1)

captain in 2000 with Kari Roche, while Preikszas and Nelson are captaining the RedHawks for the first time in their careers.

SNEDDEN'S 28 POINTS ONE OF MIAMI'S BEST: Last season as a freshman, **Angie Snedden** registered one of the strongest seasons in Miami field hockey history. Her 13 goals and two assists gave her 28 points, good enough to tie for ninth on the Miami top 10 for points in a single season. The season record for points is held by Kathy Kiernan, '85, who registered 57 points in 1983.

FIVE NAMED TO THE NFHCA NATIONAL ACADEMIC SQUAD: Seniors **Cheryl Iozzi**, **Karen Preikszas** and **Beth Young** and sophomores **Kate Carmody (St. Louis, Mo./Villa Duchesne)** and **Lauren Plapp (Overland Park, Kan./The Barstow School)** were named to the academic squad in late February, 2001.

The NFHCA National Academic Squad recognizes student-athletes who excel both on the field and in the classroom. To be considered for the squad, a player must earn a varsity letter and achieve at least a 3.0 grade point average.

SNEDDEN COMPETES IN 2001 CANADIAN GAMES: Coach Fesperman had to let her all-MAC performer Snedden go during preseason practices to compete in the 2001 Canadian Games, held Aug. 13-17. Snedden, who hails from Ontario, competed for the Ontario National Team and helped her squad to a silver medal finish.

A fierce competitor, Snedden tallied two goals for her team including one in their semifinal victory over Saskatchewan, 4-1. Her other goal was in a 2-1 victory over Alberta.

FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA: Miami's field hockey team features athletes from all over the country, spanning from Massachusetts to California. The RedHawks come from nine different states and one foreign country.

SLATTERY AND RODELO TO REDSHIRT: Senior **Lisa Rodelo (Escondido, Calif./San Pasqual)** and sophomore **Lauren Slattery (St. Louis, Mo./Cor Jesu Academy)** will sit out this campaign as medical redshirts. A goalkeeper for the RedHawks, Rodelo had back surgery over the summer and will save her eligibility for next season. Slattery had reconstructive knee surgery during the offseason, which is why she will not play in 2001.

FRESH FACES AND STICKS: Eight RedHawks on this year's squad are in their first season of varsity field hockey, many of whom will be seeing significant playing time.

"This year's freshmen class comes from a broad range of successful high school programs," said Fesperman. "I expect to see several of them make an impact on this year's squad."

The freshmen include **Sara Bielek (Mentor, Ohio/The Andrews School)**, **Diane Collias (River Forest, Ill./Oak Park & River Forest)**, **Maya Gilbert (Kent, Ohio/Kent Roosevelt)**, **Meredith Lee (San Jose, Calif./Kati Moran (St. Louis, Mo./Nerinx Hall)**, **Kerri Orr (San Diego, Calif./Serra)** and **Megan Wiegand (Encinitas, Calif./LaCosta Canyon)**.

MAC Statistical Leaders

Goals Scored	Goals Against Average
1. A. van Cleeff, Kent State 18	1. C. Hershey, Louisville 1.02
2. E. Holtzman, Ohio 15	2. T. Elliott, Ohio 1.29
3. O. Netzler, Louisville 13	3. J. Spero, Central Michigan 2.13
4. A. Haynes, Ball State 12	4. J. Lume, Kent State 2.14
Points	Saves
1. A. van Cleeff, Kent State 47	1. M. Vaughn, Miami 169
2. O. Netzler, Louisville 35	2. S. McDowell, Ball State 103
3. E. Holtzman, Ohio 34	3. J. Spero, Central Michigan 100

Friday, November 2

Saturday, November 3

Sunday, November 4



2001 MAC Tournament Brackets at Louisville, Ky.

2001 MAC Final Standings

	MAC			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Ohio	9	1	.900	14	4	.778
Kent State	8	2	.800	12	6	.667
Louisville	7	3	.700	15	4	.789
CMU	4	6	.400	7	10	.412
Ball State	2	8	.200	5	12	.294
Miami	0	10	.000	2	18	.100

Upcoming Schedule:

(Site of MAC Tournament in Louisville at Trager Stadium)

Nov. 2

- Central Michigan vs. Ball State, noon
- Louisville vs. Miami, 2:30p.m.

Nov. 3

- TBA vs. Ohio, noon
- TBA vs. Kent State, 2:30p.m.

Nov. 3

- TBA vs. TBA, 1p.m.

Recent Action:

Oct. 26

- Kent State 2, Ball State 1
- Ohio 2, Central Michigan 1
- Louisville 4, Miami 0

Oct. 27

- Ohio 4, Ball State 1
- Louisville 4, Appalachian State 0

Oct. 28

- Appalachian State 3, Miami 2 (OT)

