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GAME NOTES

2001 Schedule/Results

AUGUST

26 at Indiana 1 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

1 vs. Lehigh # 1 p.m.

2 at Syracuse 1 p.m.

7 at St. Louis 4 p.m.

8 vs. Dartmouth % 1 p.m.

9 vs. California % 1 p.m.

13 STANFORD 2 p.m.

21 at Central Michigan 3 p.m.

22 at Ball State 1 p.m.

28 OHIO 3 p.m.

29 KENT STATE 1 p.m.

OCTOBER

3 at Louisville 3 p.m.

7 at Michigan State 1 p.m.

12 BALL STATE 3 p.m.

13 CENTRAL MICHIGAN 5:30 p.m.

16 OHIO STATE 2 p.m.

19 at Ohio 2 p.m.

20 at Kent State 7 p.m.

26 LOUISVILLE 3 p.m.

28 APPALACHIAN STATE 1 p.m.

NOVEMBER

2-4 MAC Tournament *

at Syracuse

% at St. Louis

* at Louisville

Home games are in BOLD/CAPS

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2001 MIAMI FIELD HOCKEY (0-0)

Miami at Indiana (0-0)

August 26, 2001

Game site: Bloomington, Ind. at 1 p.m.

Head-to-Head series: Miami leads 2-0

2001 SEASON OPENER: The RedHawks open up the 2001 campaign at Indiana this season after hosting the Hoosiers in 2000. This Sunday's contest is not only the season-opener for the field hockey team but the first official contest for any Miami sport.

Miami has been strong in season-openers with a 12-11-1 all-time record, although it has lost its last two openers and the last four-out-of-five. The last two season-openers have been at Ohio State for the RedHawks and this year coach Fesperman is hoping that the change of scenery will change their fortune.

The Red and White travel to Indiana with a 2-5-1 record in season-opener contests away from Oxford, Ohio. The field hockey team has traditionally started off slow on the road with a 6-15-3 tally in road-openers, but are geared up to reverse the trend this in 2001.

LAST MEETING VERSUS INDIANA: The RedHawks tied a 16-year old record last season with a 9-0 victory over the Hoosiers. Playing in front of their home-crowd, the RedHawks scored nine goals in the last 47:55 of the contest. Leading the charge for Miami was senior **Cheryl Iozzi (Kettering, Ohio/Fairmont)** and sophomore **Angie Snedden (Ontario, Canada)** with two goals a piece. Five other Miami players tallied goals while the combination of senior **Marie Vaughn (Davis, Calif./Davis)** and sophomore **Lauren Plapp (Overland Park, Kan./The Barstow School)** shut down the Indiana offense.

COACH LIL FESPERMAN: Fesperman is in her 25th year as the head coach of the RedHawks. Through the years, she has compiled a 226-209-17 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.

RETURNING ALL-LEAGUE REDHAWKS: Senior **Beth Young (Toledo, Ohio/Maumee Valley C.D.)** 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.

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)	
Colorado	1
(Brown)	
England	1
(Sanford)	
Illinois	1
(Collias)	
Kansas	1
(Plapp)	
Maryland	1
(Nelson)	
Michigan	1
(McClain)	
New York	1
(Butterworth)	

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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.

RIISING TO THE TOP: Senior goalkeeper **Marie Vaughn** continued her ascent up the top-10 for career shutouts at Miami last season. 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, Young, currently has 20 career goals at Miami after three years. She needs only one more goal to move into the top-ten for career goals at Miami. If she continues to score at her current pace, she is projected to finish her career at Miami with 27 goals in a tie for sixth on the all-time charts.

SNEDDEN'S 28 POINTS ONE OF MIAMI'S BEST: Last season as a freshman, 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-ten 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 (Medfield, Mass./Medfield)**, and Young and sophomores **Kate Carmody (St. Louis, Mo./Villa Duchesne)** and **Lauren Plapp** 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 August 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 of Alberta.

FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA: Miami's field hockey team features athletes from all over the country, spanning from Massachusetts to California. Currently, the RedHawks come from 10 different states and two different countries.

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: Nine 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)**, **Sunita Brown (Colorado Springs, Colo./Fountain Valley)**, **Diane Collias (River Forest, Ill./Oak Park & River Forest)**, **Maya Gilbert (Kent, Ohio/Kent Roosevelt)**, **Meredith Lee (San Jose, Calif./Lynbrook)**, **Gillian Lindsay (Cleveland Heights, Ohio/Cleveland Heights)**, **Katie Moran (St. Louis, Mo./Nerinx Hall)**, **Kerri Orr (San Diego, Calif./Serra)** and **Megan Weigand (Encinitas, Calif./LaCosta Canyon)**.