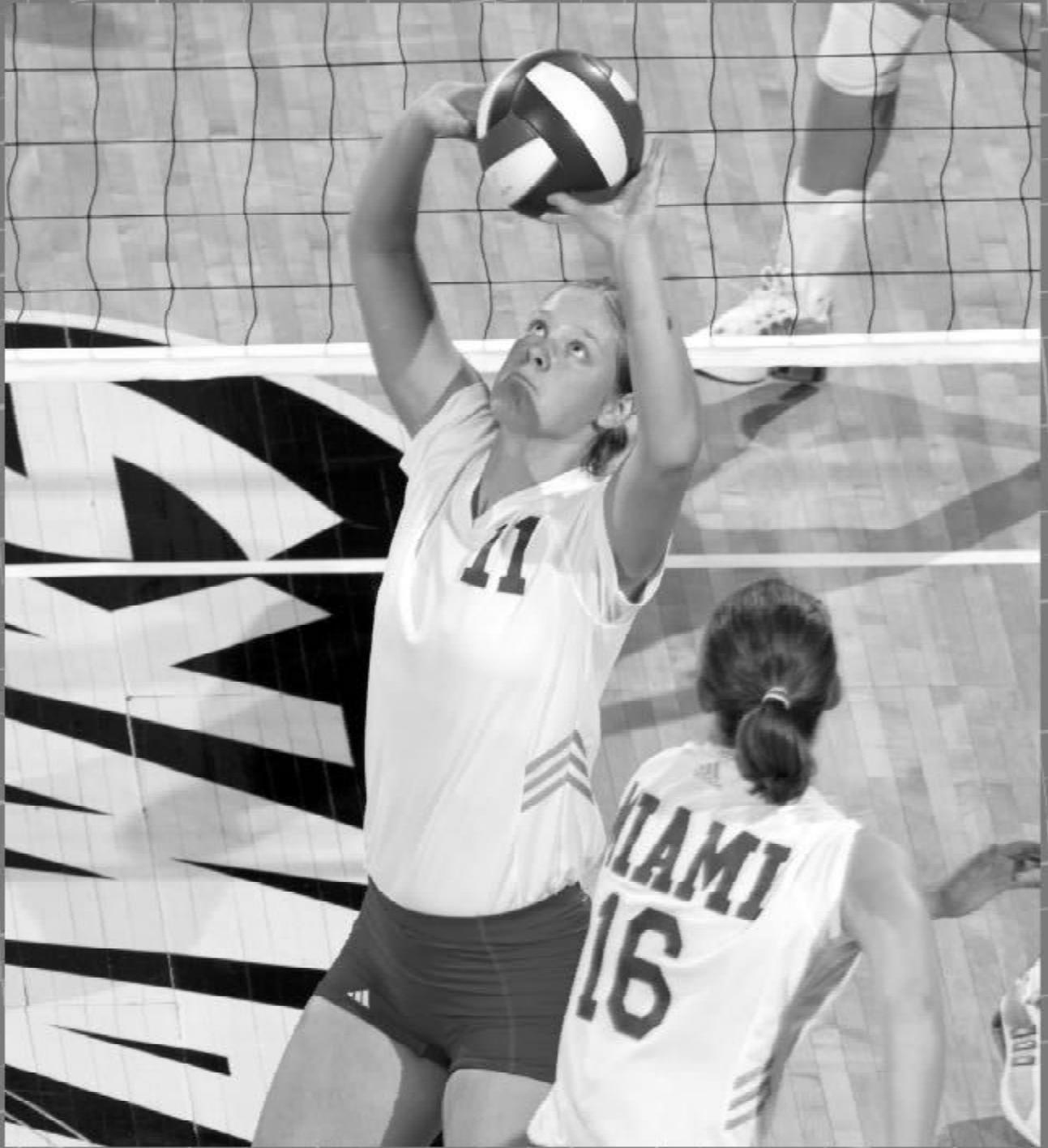


2004 REDHAWK VOLLEYBALL

Miami

U N I V E R S I T Y

2003 IN REVIEW





REDHAWKS ACE MAC RECORD: Spurred by 14 service aces in its second game against Hofstra, Miami set a Mid-American Conference record for service aces in a match, launching 23 versus the Pride. The record was three shy of tying the NCAA record for service aces in a four-game match.

WALTERS TIES MIAMI SERVICE ACE RECORD: Serving up eight aces against Hofstra, outside hitter **Kristen Walters** tied the Miami record for service aces in a match with eight. She produced six aces in the second game against the Pride, including four of Miami's last five points of the set. Walters' tied Kathy Tepe's eight aces in 1986 and Wendy Tepe's eight in 1985.

BUROKER TABBED FIRST-TEAM ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT IV: For the second consecutive year, outside hitter **Tara Buroker** garnered First-Team CoSIDA Academic All-District IV honors. Buroker, who boasted a 3.96 grade-point average last fall while majoring in marketing, was one of only six first-team selections from District IV. She also was named to the six-member Academic All-MAC Team for a second straight year.

In 2002, Buroker became the youngest player in program history to attain first-team academic all-district honors and is one of only four players to earn the honor twice in a career.

SLUSSER NAMED TO MAC ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM: Middle hitter **Lauren Slusser** was named to the six-member Mid-American Conference Volleyball All-Freshman Team. Slusser became just the second RedHawk to earn all-Freshman team laurels since the award was instituted in 1997. Middle hitter Susan Poll earned the accolade in 2000.

HAPPY ENDINGS: While the 2003 regular season was less than a storybook affair, the way the regular season concluded could not have been scripted much better in a fairy tale ending. Entering the final MAC weekend already predetermined as the No. 13 seed in the forthcoming MAC Tournament and with nothing on the line but pride, Miami put together back-to-back upset wins over Eastern Michigan and Akron. Entering the weekend, Eastern Michigan was still in the hunt for the West Division title, while Akron had already clinched the No. 3 seed in the MAC Tournament. Miami downed both teams in four-game matches. In its final match of 2003, the RedHawks again played the role of the spoiler, downing Wake Forest in five games and possibly knocking the Demon Deacons out of an NCAA Tournament at-large berth.

MISS ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM: In 2002, outside hitter **Tara Buroker** was the only RedHawk named to all three all-tournament teams (Miami Classic, Georgia Tech Invitational and TCU Invitational). Buroker opened the 2003 season being named to two all-tournament teams to string together five consecutive all-tournament team honors. She was named to the Hokie Classic All-Tournament Team in Miami's season-opening weekend and earned Denver Invitational All-Tournament Team honors the following weekend. Buroker's string was snapped at the Miami Best Western/Sycamore Inn Classic.

WOLFORD PLACES NAME ON SINGLE-SEASON DIG LISTS: Libero **Suzy Wolford** placed her name on Miami's single-season dig and digs per game charts. Wolford recorded a team-best 429 digs, which ranks fourth on Miami's single-season list. Wolford's 3.49 digs per game rank sixth on the top-10 list.

20/20 VISION: Outside hitter **Tara Buroker** produced the only 20/20 performance for the RedHawks in 2003, collecting a career-high 28 kills and a season-best 22 digs in a five-game match with Buffalo. For the match, Buroker averaged 5.6 kills and 4.4 digs per game, while touting a .390 hitting percentage to pace Miami.

ZENT: MIAMI'S ACE IN THE HOLE: Serving up only seven aces in 2002, outside hitter **Angie Zent** made drastic strides at the service line in 2003. She posted a team-best 50 for the season, just eight shy of placing her name on the single-season list. The last MAC regular-season weekend alone, Zent launched four service aces. Over the final three weeks of the MAC regular season, she averaged 0.60 aces per game on 15 aces while making just 12 service errors. For the season, Zent kept her service ace-to-error ratio in check, serving 0.86 aces for every error (50:58). Zent ranked among conference leaders in service aces, ranking third in MAC-only contests (0.48) and fifth in all matches (0.43).

SMART COOKIES: Both semesters during the 2003-04 academic year, Miami University's volleyball team led all RedHawk squads in team term grade-point average. Additionally, the team earned the American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award, which was awarded to squads which post a 3.30 GPA or better for the 2003-04 academic year.

MAC NUGGETS: Several Miami players ranked among Mid-American Conference statistical leader. The following is the list of RedHawk volleyball players and their conference rankings:

All Matches:

Angie Zent	Service Aces (0.43), 5th
Tara Buroker	Kills (3.38), 12th
Megan Clark	Assists (8.75), 13th
Suzy Wolford	Digs (3.49), 15th

In MAC Action:

Angie Zent	Service Aces (0.48) 3rd
Tara Buroker	Kills (3.38), 13th

**MIAMI HONOR ROLL
CoSIDA Academic All-District IV**

Tara Buroker (First Team)

Academic All-MAC

Tara Buroker

MAC All-Freshman Team

Lauren Slusser

MAC East Division Player of the Week

Melinda McCormick (Nov. 17)

MAC Female Scholar-Athlete of Week

Tara Buroker (Sept. 8)

Hokie Classic All-Tournament Team

Tara Buroker
Angie Zent

Denver Invit. All-Tournament Team

Tara Buroker

Miami Classic All-Tournament Team

Kristen Walters

DePaul Invit. All-Tournament Team

Angie Zent
Suzy Wolford





2003 MIAMI VOLLEYBALL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

No.	NAME	GP-MP-MS	K	K/Gm	E	TA	Pct	A	A/Gm	SA	DIG	D/Gm	BS	BA	Total	B/Gm
1	SLUSSER	120-33-32	275	2.29	122	665	.230	13	0.11	33	71	0.59	9	82	91	0.76
	MAC ONLY	57-16-15	136	2.39	55	334	.243	10	0.18	16	28	0.49	5	45	50	0.88
2	WOLFORD	123-33-2	10	0.08	18	93	-.086	37	0.30	0	429	3.49	0	0	0	0.00
	MAC ONLY	59-16-1	3	0.05	10	41	-.171	14	0.24	0	199	3.37	0	0	0	0.00
3	PFOHL	69-25-5	52	0.75	25	136	.199	12	0.17	5	96	1.39	1	4	5	0.07
	MAC ONLY	22-10-3	28	1.27	11	77	.221	1	0.05	1	32	1.45	0	3	3	0.14
4	CLARK	83-31-16	57	0.69	29	150	.187	726	8.75	24	150	1.81	5	22	27	0.33
	MAC ONLY	39-14-11	27	0.69	12	74	.203	391	10.03	7	79	2.03	3	14	17	0.44
5	ZENT	117-33-26	298	2.55	148	922	.163	12	0.10	50	180	1.54	17	25	42	0.36
	MAC ONLY	56-16-12	128	2.29	73	413	.133	5	0.09	27	90	1.61	9	11	20	0.36
7	YAUSS	51-17-1	3	0.06	3	14	.000	5	0.10	0	77	1.51	0	0	0	0.00
	MAC ONLY	34-11-1	1	0.03	3	9	-.222	5	0.15	0	47	1.38	0	0	0	0.00
8	SIMPSON	34-20-0	3	0.09	2	21	.048	1	0.03	1	19	0.56	0	0	0	0.00
	MAC ONLY	15-9-0	2	0.13	1	16	.062	1	0.07	1	6	0.40	0	0	0	0.00
9	WALTERS	106-30-20	186	1.75	94	524	.176	44	0.42	24	156	1.47	5	50	55	0.52
	MAC ONLY	52-14-8	74	1.42	41	226	.146	25	0.48	10	84	1.62	2	26	28	0.54
10	KAPTEYN	47-21-5	43	0.91	36	133	.053	4	0.09	12	12	0.26	1	19	20	0.43
	MAC ONLY	19-9-2	24	1.26	19	73	.068	3	0.16	7	5	0.26	1	10	11	0.58
11	McCORMICK	69-22-17	54	0.78	27	129	.209	644	9.33	15	127	1.84	4	16	20	0.29
	MAC ONLY	28-8-5	20	0.71	10	46	.217	252	9.00	5	48	1.71	2	6	8	0.29
12	CENTERS	83-26-22	155	1.87	73	380	.216	28	0.34	20	56	0.67	1	51	52	0.63
	MAC ONLY	40-14-11	80	2.00	33	189	.249	16	0.40	8	28	0.70	1	24	25	0.62
14	BUROKER	120-32-31	406	3.38	158	1145	.217	49	0.41	22	357	2.97	20	36	56	0.47
	MAC ONLY	60-16-16	203	3.38	71	562	.235	29	0.48	6	185	3.08	9	15	24	0.40
16	POLL	80-23-22	176	2.20	68	449	.241	7	0.09	12	52	0.65	4	44	48	0.60
	MAC ONLY	44-13-12	89	2.02	32	234	.244	2	0.05	7	22	0.50	1	21	22	0.50
	MIAMI	124-33-33	1718	13.85	803	4761	.192	1582	12.76	218	1782	14.37	67	349	241.5	1.95
	MAC ONLY	60-16-16	815	13.58	371	2294	.194	754	12.57	95	853	14.22	33	175	120.5	2.01
	Opponents	124-33-33	1881	15.17	735	4696	.244	1683	13.57	206	1821	14.69	93	491	338.5	2.73
	MAC ONLY	60-16-16	945	15.75	352	2302	.258	857	14.28	108	902	15.03	51	232	167.0	2.78

TEAM STATISTICS

	MIAMI	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	1718	1881
Errors	803	735
Total Attacks	4761	4696
Attack Pct	.192	.244
Kills/Game	13.9	15.2
SET		
Assists	1582	1683
Assists/Game	12.8	13.6
SERVE		
Aces	218	206
Errors	314	305
Attempts	2947	3127
Serve Pct	.893	.902
Aces/Game	1.8	1.7
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	206	218
Errors/Game	1.7	1.8
Attempts	2587	2452
Reception Pct	.920	.911
DEFENSE		
Digs	1782	1821
Digs/Game	14.4	14.7
BLOCKING		
Block Solo	67	93
Block Assist	349	491
Total Blocks	241.5	338.5
Blocks Per Game	1.9	2.7
Block Errors	81	68
BALL HANDLING ERRORS	62	52
ATTENDANCE		
Total	4750	4799
Dates/Avg Per Date	13/365	14/343
Neutral site #/Avg	6/42	
Current win streak	1	-
Home win streak	2	-

TEAM RECORD

	W-L
Overall	11-22
Conference	4-12
Home	4-9
Away	3-11
Neutral	4-2
3 games	4-10
4 games	4-9
5 games	3-3

2003 RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Score-by-game	Time	Att.
8/29	at Virginia Tech^	L 1-3	21-30,17-30,30-28,19-30	2:03	248
8/30	vs East Tennessee St.^	W 3-0	31-29,30-20,30-24	1:31	148
8/30	vs Campbell^	W 3-0	30-20,30-22,30-19	1:20	104
9/5	vs Illinois State#	L 1-3	21-30,30-28,22-30,24-30	2:00	NA
9/6	at Denver#	L 2-3	30-23,28-30,30-20,15-30,11-15	2:15	NA
9/6	vs UCF#	W 3-1	30-21,27-30,30-18,30-22	1:30	NA
9/9	BUTLER	L 0-3	25-30,20-30,27-30	1:30	275
9/12	CINCINNATI%	L 0-3	23-30,22-30,26-30	1:14	513
9/13	EASTERN KENTUCKY%	L 1-3	30-20,29-31,29-31,31-33	2:13	237
9/13	HOFSTRA%	W 3-1	25-30,30-11,30-26,30-17	1:39	300
9/17	OHIO STATE	L 1-3	30-22,24-30,17-30,21-30	1:40	586
9/19	at DePaul@	W 3-2	19-30,30-27,33-31,23-30,16-14	2:25	347
9/20	vs Tennessee@	L 0-3	17-30,27-30,22-30	1:30	NA
9/20	vs IUPUI@	W 3-0	31-29,30-19,30-27	1:30	NA
9/26	TOLEDO*	W 3-0	32-30,30-20,30-28	1:31	337
9/27	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	L 1-3	31-29,21-30,28-30,27-30	2:05	371
10/1	at Ohio*	L 0-3	17-30,20-30,16-30	2:00	225
10/3	BUFFALO*	L 2-3	29-31,27-30,30-25,30-27,13-15	2:13	381
10/4	MARSHALL*	L 1-3	30-21,30-32,16-30,27-30	2:01	315
10/8	at Wright State	L 1-3	30-32,17-30,30-23,23-30	1:58	187
10/11	at Western Michigan*	L 1-3	31-33,30-20,21-30,28-30	2:35	860
10/14	at Ball State*	L 0-3	23-30,23-30,12-30	1:15	741
10/17	at Kent State*	L 0-3	10-30,17-30,26-30	2:15	280
10/18	at Akron*	L 0-3	19-30,24-30,21-30	1:22	225
10/25	OHIO*	L 0-3	22-30,18-30,18-30	1:17	435
10/31	at Marshall*	W 3-2	30-28,21-30,22-30,31-29,15-11	2:29	249
11/2	KENT STATE*	L 2-3	30-25,25-30,30-21,26-30,11-15	2:09	325
11/7	at Bowling Green*	L 1-3	24-30,30-20,29-31,27-30	1:50	461
11/8	at Central Michigan*	L 0-3	25-30,26-30,19-30	1:30	387
11/14	EASTERN MICHIGAN*	W 3-1	15-30,30-23,30-25,30-27	1:54	333
11/15	AKRON*	W 3-1	30-25,30-22,26-30,30-24	1:35	342
11/18	at Ball State&	L 0-3	21-30,22-30,26-30	1:23	464
11/29	at Wake Forest	W 3-2	22-30,30-28,22-30,30-26,16-14	2:10	125

^ at Hokie Classic (Blacksburg, VA)
 # at Denver Invitational (Denver, CO)
 % Miami Best/Western Sycamore Inn Classic (Oxford, OH)
 @ DePaul Invitational (Chicago, IL)
 *Mid-American Conference Match
 & MAC Tournament First Round Match (Muncie, IN)

MATCH WINS BY #GAMES	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Miami	0	0	4	4	3	11
Opponents	0	0	10	9	3	22

GAMES WON BY GAME	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Miami	13	12	13	7	3	48
Opponents	20	21	20	12	3	76

POINTS BY GAME	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Miami	834	845	838	492	82	3091
Opponents	928	893	917	535	84	3357



**VIRGINIA TECH, 3
MIAMI, 1**

Aug. 29, 2003—Blacksburg, Va.

Despite an aggressive serving night by the RedHawks, which resulted in nine service aces, Miami fell in four games to host Virginia Tech in its first match of the Hokie Classic, 21-30, 17-30, 30-28, 19-30. Middle hitter Lauren Slusser launched four service aces in her Miami debut, while setter Melinda McCormick served up a career high three service aces.

Aided by a block from Slusser and outside hitter Kristen Walters and a kill by Walters, Miami opened up an early 4-2 lead in the first game. Virginia Tech came back to claim a 14-11 lead, but a pair of Hokie attack errors and back-to-back service aces by McCormick handed Miami a 15-14 edge. Middle hitter Susan Poll drilled a kill to pull the RedHawks within one, 19-20, but the Hokies went on a 10-2 scoring surge to claim the first game, 30-21.

The teams went back and forth through the early stages of the second game until Virginia Tech went on a crushing 14-2 run to take a 22-9 lead. With game point on the line, 14-29, Miami rattled off three straight points off a kill and a service ace from outside hitter Angie Zent and a kill by outside hitter Tara Buroker. With no room for error and a 12-point deficit to overcome, a Miami service error proved costly as the Hokies took the second game, 30-17.

Down by four in the third game, Miami chiseled away at its 8-12 deficit to posted a 15-14 edge, highlighted by service aces from Slusser and Buroker. Battling back and forth, no team led by more than two until Miami took a 29-25 advantage off kills by Poll, outside hitter Amy Pfohl and Slusser and a Buroker block. Virginia Tech closed the gap to one, 29-28, but Zent put the game away for the RedHawks with a kill.

In the fourth game, Miami owned a 9-7 edge until Virginia Tech went on a 15-5 surge which put the Hokies up 22-15. From there Virginia Tech rolled to the 30-19 Game Four win.

Buroker and Zent knocked down 10 kills apiece to lead the RedHawks. Buroker also notched 11 digs and three blocks and led the RedHawks with 13 points. Libero Suzy Wolford posted a team-high 12 digs and Slusser notched three blocks and accounted for 12 points. McCormick added five kills, 32 assists and seven digs.

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	4	6-3-16	.188	0	4	2	3
Clark	2	0-0-0	.000	4	0	1	0
Zent	4	10-2-30	.267	1	1	6	0
Walters	4	4-4-24	.000	0	0	6	2
McCormick	4	5-2-10	.300	32	3	7	0
Poll	4	9-2-26	.269	1	0	2	2
Wolford	4	0-0-0	.000	2	0	12	0
Pfohl	3	4-3-10	.100	1	0	3	0
Yauss	2	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Simpson	2	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Buroker	4	10-10-46	.000	2	1	11	3
Totals	4	48-26-162	.136	43	9	50	6.0

VIRGINIA TECH	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Markowski	4	5-1-14	.286	48	1	12	2
Kapp	3	8-0-16	.500	0	1	4	2
Brugger	4	10-7-30	.100	3	0	18	1
Hill	4	8-3-21	.238	5	0	1	4
Spicer	4	25-6-54	.352	2	0	15	2
Kupec	4	13-2-21	.524	0	1	4	5
Esbrook	1	1-2-4	-.250	0	0	1	1
McPeak	4	0-0-0	.000	1	2	6	0
Bayer	3	0-0-1	.000	1	1	4	0
Smith	2	0-0-0	.000	2	0	5	0
Totals	4	70-21-161	.304	62	6	70	9.0

Miami(1)	21	17	30	19
Virginia Tech(3)	30	30	28	30

**MIAMI, 3
EAST TENNESSEE ST., 0**

Aug. 30, 2003—Blacksburg, Va.

A career-high five service aces from outside hitter Angie Zent sparked the RedHawks to a three-game win over East Tennessee State on the second day of the Hokie Classic. Miami inched out a 31-29 win in the first game and then rolled to 30-20 and 30-24 wins.

Despite jumping out to a 7-2 lead, Miami was unable to stop the Bucs as they produced eight unanswered points to claim a 10-7 advantage. ETSU increased its lead to five, 19-14, but kills by Zent, middle hitter Lauren Slusser and outside hitter Tara Buroker aided a spurt to pull the RedHawks within one, 18-19. The Bucs preserved a slight edge until Slusser put away a kill to knot the game, 25-25. Consecutive kills by Buroker and a service ace by setter Megan Clark handed Miami a 29-27 edge. ETSU came back to tie the game, 29-29, but a kill from Buroker and an ETSU net violation gave the first game to the RedHawks, 31-29.

ESTU got the opening point of the second game, but a kill and back-to-back service aces by Zent handed Miami a lead it would not relinquish. A block by middle hitter Susan Poll and outside hitter Amy Pfohl handed Miami its largest lead of the game, 29-18. ESTU collected a kill and a block before Pfohl ended the game for the RedHawks with a kill, 30-20.

In the third game, the teams were neck and neck until Miami went on a 6-0 run, highlighted by three Zent service aces, to hand the RedHawks an 18-13 advantage. Miami led by as many as nine, including a 29-20 score off a kill by Slusser. With match point on the line, ETSU held off the RedHawks and pulled within five, 24-29. Buroker iced the match for Miami with a kill to make the Game Three score 30-24.

Buroker and Zent led the team with 15.5 points apiece. Buroker collected a game-best 14 kills, while Zent notched 10 kills and 10 digs along with her five service aces. Libero Suzy Wolford recorded a match-best 14 digs, while setter Melinda McCormick tallied 43 assists and 10 digs. Poll paced the RedHawks with three blocks, and Slusser added 11 kills and two blocks.

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	3	11-7-23	.174	0	1	0	2
Zent	3	10-3-24	.292	1	5	10	1
McCormick	3	2-1-4	.250	43	0	10	0
Centers	3	3-2-9	.111	1	0	0	2
Buroker	3	14-4-29	.345	1	1	8	1
Poll	3	6-4-15	.133	0	0	1	3
Wolford	3	0-0-1	.000	1	0	14	0
Pfohl	2	1-1-2	.000	0	0	0	1
Clark	3	0-0-0	.000	1	1	7	0
Simpson	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Walters	1	2-1-5	.200	0	0	0	0
Totals	3	49-23-112	.232	48	8	50	5.0

EAST TENNESSEEST.	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Robinson	3	0-0-1	.000	33	1	6	1
Sartor	3	5-3-19	.105	1	0	5	3
Allen	3	12-3-29	.310	1	3	7	1
Freeburg	3	8-4-29	.138	0	0	4	0
Steldie	3	9-7-27	.074	0	0	9	0
Scandiffio	3	6-2-15	.267	0	0	2	3
Scherich	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Pittinger	3	0-0-0	.000	0	0	3	0
Terrell	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Irvin	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Totals	3	40-19-120	.175	35	4	36	5.0

Miami(3)	31	30	30
East Tennessee St.(0)29	20	24	

**MIAMI, 3
CAMPBELL, 0**

Aug. 30, 2003—Blacksburg, Va.

Outside hitter Jordan Centers collected a match-best 11 kills, a .429 hitting percentage and 11.5 points to pace Miami as it upended Campbell in three games—30-20, 30-22 and 30-19—to end its stint in the Hokie Classic.

Miami never trailed in the first game against Campbell. Four service aces bolstered the RedHawks in the first game, including the game-winning service ace from outside hitter Amy Pfohl. A kill by Centers set up game point for the RedHawks.

Down 12-16 in the second game, Miami collected five unanswered points to take a 17-16 edge. A kill by outside hitter Tara Buroker and a block by Centers and middle hitter Natalie Kapteyn capped the RedHawk spurt. The teams went back and forth until Miami manufactured another five-point run to claim a 27-20 lead. Middle hitter Susan Poll knocked down two kills during the surge. The Camels collected two more points, but a kill by Buroker cinched the game for the RedHawks, 30-22.

Miami found itself behind early in the third game, 1-4, but kills by middle hitter Lauren Slusser and a pair of consecutive kills by Centers knotted the game, 4-4, and the RedHawks never trailed again. With the game tied 9-9, Miami went on an 11-2 run to post a 20-11 lead. A solo block by Kapteyn handed Miami its largest lead of the game, 26-14. Campbell closed the gap to nine, 28-19, but back-to-back kills by Slusser iced the game for the RedHawks, 30-19.

Libero Suzy Wolford notched a match-best 14 digs, while setter Megan Clark posted 40 assists, eight digs and three blocks for the RedHawks. Buroker collected 10 kills in two games. Poll led the team with 12 points off eight kills, three service aces and two blocks in two games.

CAMPBELL	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Hensel	3	0-1-5	-.200	21	0	6	2
Batson	2	0-1-6	-.167	2	0	0	1
Cochrane	2	6-7-27	-.037	0	0	5	0
Tempilin	3	9-5-26	.154	1	0	1	1
Rusin	3	3-1-9	.222	0	0	1	1
Turner	3	8-5-20	.150	0	0	4	0
Hoffman	3	0-3-3	-1.000	0	0	2	0
Brackeen	3	0-0-0	.000	0	0	2	0
Sorrenti	1	1-1-3	.000	0	0	0	2
Coffman	3	1-0-5	.200	0	0	4	0
Totals	3	28-24-104	.038	24	0	25	4.0

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	2	7-1-10	.600	0	0	0	0
Clark	3	2-6-11	-.364	40	2	8	3
Zent	3	3-4-17	-.059	0	0	1	0
Centers	3	11-2-21	.429	3	0	2	1
Buroker	2	10-5-21	.238	1	0	5	0
Poll	2	8-1-14	.500	0	3	4	2
Wolford	3	0-0-1	.000	0	0	14	0
Pfohl	3	2-3-5	-.200	0	1	4	0
Simpson	2	1-0-1	-1.000	0	0	3	0
Walters	1	2-1-7	.143	0	0	3	0
Kapteyn	2	2-1-3	.333	0	0	1	2
Totals	3	48-24-111	.216	44	6	45	4.0

Campbell(0)	20	22	19
Miami(3)	30	30	30



**ILLINOIS STATE, 3
MIAMI, 1**

Sept. 5, 2003—Denver, Colo.

Outside hitters Tara Buroker and Angie Zent collected 16 kills apiece, but it was not enough as Miami fell in four games to Illinois State (21-30, 30-28, 22-30, 24-30) in the opening match of the Denver Invitational.

Miami got off to a slow start in the first game. After the RedHawks took a 2-1 edge, Illinois State rattled off 11 unanswered points to capture an 11-2 advantage and a lead it would not relinquish. The Redbirds were able to increase their lead to 12, leading 19-7 at one point. Miami was able to cut the gap to eight on three occasions—18-26, 19-27, 20-28—but the deficit was too much to overcome as Illinois State captured the first game, 30-21.

In the second game, the teams were neck and neck in the early stages, and Miami owned a 7-6 edge off a kill by Zent. Illinois State, however, manufactured another significant run, this time stringing together 12 straight points to post a 19-8 lead. Miami chipped away at the ISU lead and pulled within two off a Zent kill, 21-23. The Redbirds gained a four-point cushion, 27-23, but Miami dug deep and outscored ISU 7-1 down the stretch to post the 30-28 Game Two win. Buroker knotted the game, 27-27, with a kill. Then, middle hitter Susan Poll tied the set, 28-28, with a powerful solo block. Poll and Buroker put down respective kills to ice the game for Miami.

Trailing from the onset of the third set, Miami had to play catch-up for the rest of the game. A kill by Zent pulled Miami within one, 9-10, but Illinois State went on a 6-0 spurt to claim a 16-9 lead. Kills by Zent, middle hitter Lauren Slusser and setter Megan Clark helped close the gap to one, 22-23. That would be as close as the RedHawks would get at the Redbirds scored the final seven points of the third game to win 30-22.

Miami owned a 10-8 edge in the fourth game, but that would be its last lead of the game. Illinois State led by as many as six, 22-16, but Miami was able to close within two off a kill by Buroker, 22-24. The Redbirds went on to take the fourth game and the match 30-24.

In addition to her 16 kills, Buroker posted a match-high 15 digs, a .343 hitting percentage and four blocks for the RedHawks.

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	4	5-8-17	.176	0	1	2	2
Wolford	4	0-0-6	.000	2	0	9	0
Zent	4	16-6-43	.233	1	1	7	1
Walters	3	1-0-4	.250	1	0	0	0
Buroker	4	16-4-35	.343	1	0	15	4
Poll	4	5-5-15	.000	0	0	6	3
Pfohl	4	0-0-0	.000	1	1	6	0
Clark	4	3-1-8	.250	38	1	4	3
Simpson	2	0-1-1	.1000	0	0	0	0
Kapteyn	2	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	2
McCormick	1	0-0-0	.000	1	0	1	0
Centers	4	4-6-14	.143	0	0	1	1
Totals	4	50-31-143	.133	45	4	51	10

ILLINOIS STATE	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Boyce	3	3-2-13	.077	1	0	3	0
Rogers	4	7-6-16	.063	3	0	1	5
Rikili	4	5-1-10	.400	49	2	3	1
Kabbes	4	18-4-26	.538	1	1	5	2
Doombos	4	21-7-55	.255	0	0	3	6
Grubb	4	7-5-22	.091	2	0	10	2
McCarthy	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	1	0
Graham	2	0-0-0	.000	1	0	0	0
White	4	0-0-0	.000	1	0	14	0
Janik	4	0-0-1	.000	0	0	5	0
Knowles	3	8-1-17	.412	0	1	8	1
Totals	4	69-26-160	.269	57	4	53	10.5

Miami (1)	21	30	22	24
Illinois State (3)	30	28	30	30

**DENVER, 3
MIAMI, 2**

Sept. 6, 2003—Denver, Colo.

Despite two games with hitting percentages above .400, Miami was unable to outlast host Denver in a five-game loss at the Denver Invitational. The RedHawks fell 30-23, 28-30, 30-20, 15-30 and 11-15.

Outside hitter Angie Zent collected the first three points of the match for Miami off a kill and back-to-back service aces as Miami went on a 7-0 run to open the first game. Denver battled its way back and closed the gap to one, 19-20, but two kills by middle hitter Susan Poll, an ace from middle hitter Lauren Slusser and a kill from Zent iced the first game for Miami. The RedHawks were bolstered by a .424 hitting percentage en route to the 30-23 win.

In the second game, Miami quickly found itself down eight points, 3-11. Chiseling away at the Denver lead, the RedHawks gained their first edge, 16-15, off powerful kills by Zent and Slusser and a Pioneer attack error. Following an 18-18 tie, Denver took a four-point lead, 22-18. Eventually the Pioneers cushioned their lead to six, 26-20. Miami was able to pull within one, 26-27, off two kills by outside hitter Kristen Walters. However, Denver went on to capture the second game, 30-28.

The teams went back and forth through the early stages of the third game until Miami went on a 7-2 run to post a 20-13 lead. An ace by Poll, two kills by Zent and a block by Zent and Slusser helped Miami gain an 11-point edge, 28-17. Denver pulled within nine, 20-29, but a Pioneer net violation handed Miami its 30th point and the third game, 30-20.

Denver went on a 12-1 run in the fourth game to post a 26-11 lead and roll to a 30-15 win.

Miami opened up a 4-1 lead in the fifth game off a pair of service aces by Buroker and a kill by libero Suzy Wolford. A kill by Zent gave Miami a 5-2 lead, but the Pioneers collected three kills and benefited from a RedHawk attack error to post a 7-5 advantage. The Pioneers went on to build a 10-7 lead, but Miami was able to come back and knot the game, 11-11. A block by Walters and Slusser and an ace from Walters aided the Miami surge. That would be as close as Miami would get as the Pioneers collected the final four points to win the match, 15-11.

Zent paced the RedHawks with 16 kills, four service aces and three blocks, while Buroker added 14 kills. Walters notched 11 kills, while Wolford posted a match-best 15 digs.

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	5	6-2-17	.235	0	1	3	4
Zent	5	16-6-36	.278	0	4	7	3
Walters	5	11-5-29	.207	3	1	4	2
McCormick	5	5-2-9	.333	43	1	5	3
Buroker	5	14-6-37	.216	3	2	7	1
Poll	5	8-5-22	.136	1	1	2	3
Wolford	5	2-0-2	1.000	1	0	15	0
Pfohl	4	0-1-2	.500	1	0	2	0
Clark	4	0-1-1	.1000	2	0	3	0
Totals	5	62-28-155	.219	54	10	48	9.0

DENVER	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Halt	5	15-3-29	.414	0	0	11	4
Ball	5	1-0-3	.333	49	2	6	3
Baron	3	7-3-16	.250	0	1	1	4
Hughes	5	8-7-25	.040	2	3	14	6
England	3	8-3-16	.313	0	0	1	5
Hunter	5	13-5-25	.320	0	0	6	3
Rudelson	5	19-2-32	.531	0	0	1	4
Parker	2	0-1-3	.333	10	0	2	0
Karas	3	0-0-0	.000	1	0	7	0
Adamis	3	0-2-2	.1000	0	1	9	0
Miller	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	71-26-151	.298	62	7	58	17.0

Miami (2)	30	28	30	15	11
Denver (3)	23	30	20	30	15

**MIAMI, 3
UCF, 1**

Sept. 6, 2003—Denver, Colo.

In its final match at the Denver Invitational, Miami pulled out a four-game win over UCF, 30-20, 27-30, 30-18, 30-22.

A nine-point spurt, highlighted by three kills from outside hitter Tara Buroker, a block by Buroker and middle hitter Susan Poll and two kills by setter Megan Clark handed Miami a 25-13 lead in the first game. The Golden Knights closed to within nine, 20-29, but a UCF service error handed the game to Miami, 30-20.

A block by Poll and Buroker pulled Miami within one of UCF in the second game, 5-6, however, the RedHawks quickly found themselves at a 5-10 disadvantage. The RedHawks inched their way back to knot the game, 18-18, with the help of a kill by outside hitter Kristen Walters, a big block by Walters and a block by Clark and middle hitter Lauren Slusser. UCF built a small cushion, but Miami was able to tie the game again, 25-25. The Golden Knights, however, went on to outscore the RedHawks 5-2 down the stretch to take the second game, 30-27.

In the third game, Miami led from the start and never looked back. UCF came within one, 10-11, but Miami went on a 14-2 surge to post a 25-12 advantage. Buroker served up two aces and Poll put down three kills during the run. From there, Miami rolled to the 30-18 Game Three win. Miami posted an impressive .552 hitting percentage in the third set.

Down 3-8 in the fourth game, Miami battled back to take a one-point lead, 12-11, off three kills by outside hitter Angie Zent and two kills by Slusser. Miami went on to build a four-point edge, 18-14, off kills by Buroker, Walters and Poll. UCF cut the RedHawk lead to one, 21-20, but a barrage of blocks by Clark and Slusser, Zent and Slusser and Walters gave Miami back its four-point edge, 24-20. A kill by Slusser and a UCF attack error handed Miami a 26-22 lead. A kill by Buroker iced the game for the RedHawks, 30-22.

Buroker led the RedHawks with a match-best 18 kills. Walters, Slusser and Poll posted 12, 11 and 10 kills, respectively. Slusser also collected five blocks, while Buroker added a match-high three service aces. Clark tallied 51 assists, 10 digs, eight kills and three blocks, while libero Suzy Wolford posted a match-high-tying 13 digs.

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	4	11-3-22	.364	0	1	3	5
Clark	4	8-1-13	.538	51	0	10	3
Walters	4	12-4-22	.364	1	2	5	4
Centers	2	2-1-4	.250	1	0	0	0
Buroker	4	18-6-39	.308	3	3	8	3
Poll	4	10-4-22	.273	0	0	5	2
Wolford	4	1-1-5	.000	2	0	13	0
Pfohl	4	0-1-1	.1000	3	1	8	0
Zent	2	5-3-14	.143	1	0	3	1
Simpson	1	0-0-2	.000	0	0	1	0
Kapteyn	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	67-24-144	.299	62	7	56	11.0

UCF	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Mitchell	4	6-2-18	.222	0	0	0	3
Jarvis	4	8-8-26	.000	3	2	11	0
Stoutjesdyk	4	9-4-20	.250	1	0	3	5
Klinkenborg	4	4-4-13	.000	1	1	2	3
Watts	4	15-8-48	.146	0	0	3	3
Frank	4	8-3-16	.313	36	0	9	3
Arah	1	1-1-4	.000	0	0	1	1
Kohnen	1	0-0-0	.000	1	0	1	0
Whalen	4	0-0-0	.000	2	0	13	0
Spalata	4	0-0-0	.000	2	1	5	0
Total	4	51-30-145	.145	46	4	47	9.0

Miami (3)	30	27	30	30
UCF (1)	21	30	18	22



BUTLER, 3 MIAMI, 0

Sept. 9, 2003—Oxford, Ohio

In its home opener, Miami suffered a three-game loss to Butler, 25-30, 20-30, 27-30.

A .159 hitting percentage hindered the RedHawks in the first game. After trailing, 13-17, Miami went on a 4-1 run to close the gap to one, 17-18. A block and a kill by outside hitter Tara Buroker sparked the RedHawk spurt. That, however, would be as close as the RedHawks could get. Butler collected four unanswered points, two of which were kills by outside hitter Kali Carter, to take a 24-18 lead. Butler went on to take the first game, 30-25.

In the second game, Butler took a commanding 19-6 lead of an 8-0 run, which was sparked by three kills from middle blocker Candice Washington. Miami went on an 8-2 surge to make the score 14-21 off a pair of kills from outside hitter Angie Zent and kills from outside hitter Kristen Walters and Buroker. The deficit, however, proved to be too much to overcome as the Bulldogs captured the second game, 30-20.

The third game was a back-and-forth battle. After Miami's opening 3-0 lead, no team led by more than two points, until the RedHawks posted a 20-17 lead off a service ace by setter Megan Clark, a kill by Walters and a block Walters, Zent and middle hitter Lauren Slusser. Butler came back to tie the game, 21-21, and the two teams went back and forth until the Bulldogs collected the final three points of the game off kills by Carter and outside hitter Areal Bienemy and a block by middle blocker Krystal Hendrix to ice the match, 30-27.

Zent paced the RedHawks with 10 kills, four blocks and two service aces, while libero Suzy Wolford notched a team-best 10 digs.

BUTLER	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Hendrix	3	9-4-18	.278	0	0	0	3
Mathews	3	3-3-8	.000	37	1	13	3
Bienemy	3	14-4-26	.385	2	0	1	1
Knightly	3	9-2-24	.292	1	0	15	0
Carter	3	15-2-40	.325	3	2	7	1
Washington	3	7-4-16	.188	0	0	2	5
Peters	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Moreau	2	1-0-2	.500	0	0	0	2
Cress	3	0-0-0	.000	2	0	10	0
Campagna	2	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Gallagher	3	0-0-1	.000	3	2	5	0
Totals	5	58-19-135	.289	48	5	53	8.0

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	3	4-1-17	.176	1	0	2	2
Zent	3	10-5-31	.161	1	2	6	4
Walters	3	6-5-21	.048	3	0	9	2
McCormick	3	2-2-6	.000	17	1	8	0
Buroker	3	6-4-32	.062	1	0	7	2
Poll	2	7-1-12	.500	0	1	0	2
Wolford	3	0-0-1	.000	2	0	10	0
Pfohl	3	0-0-1	.000	0	0	2	0
Clark	2	2-0-2	1.000	11	1	3	0
Simpson	2	0-0-0	.000	0	0	1	0
Kapteyn	2	3-0-4	.750	0	0	1	0
Totals	3	40-18-127	.173	36	5	49	7.5

Butler (3)	30	30	30
Miami (0)	25	20	27

CINCINNATI, 3 MIAMI, 0

Sept. 12, 2003—Oxford, Ohio

In its first match of the Miami Best Western/Sycamore Inn Classic, Cincinnati topped Miami in three games, 30-23, 30-22, 30-26.

Cincinnati took a quick 6-1 lead in the first game and posted a nine-point edge, 17-9, off kills by UC outside hitter Julie DuPont. Miami was able to pull within four, 15-19, with help from a kill and a block by outside hitter Amy Pfohl. The Bearcats went on to post a 10-point lead, 26-16, assisted by a pair of blocks by middle blocker Rachel Torblaa and setter Laura Lauder. Miami cut the lead to eight off a service ace by middle hitter Lauren Slusser and eventually closed the gap to five, 23-28, off two more kills by Pfohl. Cincinnati, however, iced the first game off respective kills by Lauder and DuPont, 30-23.

In the second game, Cincinnati took a commanding 13-1 lead off two service aces by outside hitter Maria Pongonis and a service ace from Torblaa. A service ace by Miami outside hitter Tara Buroker cut the UC lead to seven, 14-21. Three kills by Slusser and a kill by Buroker shrunk the gap more, 21-26. Cincinnati ended the second game with a 4-1 run to make the final score 30-22.

For the first time in the match, Miami was able to lead Cincinnati, posting 7-4 advantage off a service ace by outside hitter Angie Zent. The Bearcats came back to knot the game, 11-11, and never looked back as they claimed the 30-26 Game Three win.

Zent paced the RedHawks with nine kills, while Buroker tallied eight kills and 13 digs. Slusser added four blocks and two service aces.

CINCINNATI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Olson	3	0-0-1	.000	0	1	3	0
Torblaa	3	3-5-14	-.143	0	2	3	5
Lauder	3	3-0-5	.600	36	0	5	3
DuPont	3	16-8-35	.229	1	0	9	5
Pongonis	3	10-3-18	.389	1	4	8	1
Hellsten	3	3-4-13	-.077	0	0	1	6
Garrison	3	0-0-1	.000	2	0	14	0
Newell	3	11-2-18	.500	3	0	0	3
Totals	3	46-22-105	.229	43	7	43	12.0

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	3	5-4-14	.071	0	2	1	4
Zent	3	9-4-26	.192	0	1	5	1
Walters	3	5-1-11	-.364	2	1	6	2
Kapteyn	3	2-3-14	-.071	0	2	2	2
McCormick	3	2-4-10	-.200	30	0	0	2
Buroker	3	8-6-24	.083	0	1	13	2
Wolford	3	0-0-1	.000	1	0	6	0
Pfohl	2	3-1-8	.250	1	0	1	1
Clark	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Totals	3	34-23-108	.102	34	7	34	8.0

Cincinnati (3)	30	30	30
Miami (0)	23	22	26

EASTERN KENTUCKY, 3 MIAMI, 1

Sept. 13, 2003—Oxford, Ohio

Miami posted an impressive 30-20 win its first game against Eastern Kentucky, but the Colonels took three straight games off the RedHawks by two points apiece (31-29, 31-29, 33-31) in Miami's second match of the Miami Best Western/Sycamore Inn Classic.

In the first game, Eastern Kentucky took a 10-8 lead off a kill by outside hitter Jessica Sabath. Miami went on a 9-3 run, highlighted by two kills and a service ace from outside hitter Tara Buroker to post a 17-13 lead. From there, Buroker collected three more kills and iced the game with a service ace en route to the 30-20 Game One triumph for the RedHawks.

Miami posted an early 7-4 lead in the second game but soon found itself trailing the Colonels, 13-16. The RedHawks collected three unanswered points, capped by a service ace from middle hitter Lauren Slusser to even the game, 16-16. From there, it was a back-and-forth battle until two RedHawk miscues and a kill by Sabath handed the second game to EKV, 31-29.

In the third game, Miami found itself playing catch up throughout the set. EKV built a 27-22 lead, but a kill and a service ace by outside hitter Angie Zent helped Miami knot the game, 28-28. A RedHawk service error handed the Colonels a 29-28 edge, but a kill by outside hitter Kristen Walters again tied the game. EKV Middle blocker Liz Guard and outside hitter Lesley Aldridge teamed up on a block for EKV and Aldridge iced the game for the Colonels with a kill, 31-29.

Despite leading 27-24 late in the fourth game, Miami could not hold off the Colonels, who edged Miami 33-31 to capture the match.

Kill by setter Kelly Jennings and a block by Guard and outside hitter Denise Grundhoefer handed the game to EKV.

For the RedHawks Walters collected a career-high 20 kills and libero Suzy Wolford added 21 digs. Buroker notched 17 kills, 10 digs, two blocks and two service aces.

E. KENTUCKY	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Brozek	4	4-6-18	-.111	0	0	1	3
Moeller	4	1-0-4	.250	2	1	5	0
Jennings	4	4-0-11	.364	52	0	7	1
Aldridge	4	19-4-37	.405	3	0	24	3
Guard	4	14-1-34	.382	1	1	3	7
Sabath	4	15-6-48	.188	1	1	23	2
Kuzma	4	0-0-1	.000	0	0	5	0
Grundhoefer	4	6-5-21	.048	1	0	2	3
Totals	4	63-22-174	.236	59	3	70	10.0

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	4	10-5-20	.250	0	2	2	1
Pfohl	4	5-3-15	.133	1	0	19	0
Walters	4	20-4-47	.340	0	0	4	2
Kapteyn	4	4-6-15	-.133	1	0	1	2
McCormick	2	2-1-5	.200	26	0	6	0
Buroker	4	17-5-51	.235	2	2	10	2
Wolford	4	2-1-7	.143	3	0	21	0
Clark	2	2-0-4	.500	33	2	9	0
Zent	3	7-3-20	.200	0	1	3	1
Yauss	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Simpson	4	0-0-0	.000	0	0	4	0
Totals	4	69-28-184	.223	66	7	79	5.0

Eastern Kentucky (3)	20	31	31	33
Miami (1)	30	29	29	31



**MIAMI, 3
HOFSTRA, 1**

Sept. 13, 2003—Oxford, Ohio

Outside hitter Kristen Walters' Miami single-match-tying eight service aces lifted Miami to a Mid-American Conference record 23 service aces as the RedHawks downed Hofstra in four games, 25-30, 30-11, 30-26 and 30-17.

Two kills by outside hitter Tara Buroker spurred Miami to an early 4-2 lead, however, a kill by Elizabeth Curly handed Hofstra a 12-11 advantage, and a deficit from which Miami was not able to recover from. Hofstra built lead to eight, 28-20, but Miami went on a 5-1 run before Tessa Sphar iced the game for the Pride with a kills, 30-25. Middle hitter Lauren Slusser paced the RedHawks with three service aces in the first game, while Catherine Durakis collected two for the Pride.

Bolstered by 14 service aces, Miami collected a decisive 30-11 win in the second game. Walters launched six aces in the second game for the RedHawks, while outside hitter Angie Zent, setter Megan Clark and middle hitter Jordan Centers served up two apiece. Four of Walters' aces accounted for four of Miami's final five points of the game.

It was a back-and-forth battle in the third game until Hofstra went on an 8-1 run to post a 26-21 lead, sparked by two Durakis service aces. Miami, however went on to post nine unanswered points to take the third game, 30-26. Zent served up two aces and Buroker knocked down two kills for the RedHawks down the stretch.

After an 8-8 tie, Miami surged to a 30-17 Game Four triumph. Setter Megan Clark and Centers cinched the match for the RedHawks, with kills.

For the RedHawks, Buroker collected a match-best 16 kills and 11 digs. Libero Suzy Wolford tallied a match-high 20 digs, while Centers added 11 kills and five blocks. Walters added 13 kills and four blocks to her eight service aces.

HOFSTRA	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Durakis	4	0-0-1	.000	2	4	6	0
Arnette	4	3-0-8	.375	25	1	11	1
Sphar	4	10-4-36	.167	2	0	11	3
Pollo	4	11-4-35	.200	0	1	14	3
Pratte	4	2-2-10	.000	2	2	3	3
Curley	4	4-3-12	.083	0	1	0	3
Maier	1	0-0-0	.000	1	0	0	0
Smith	4	4-3-14	.071	1	0	1	6
Rivera	3	0-3-5	-.600	0	0	1	0
Levy	4	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Schaefer	1	1-0-1	1.000	0	0	0	0
Tatar	1	1-0-1	1.000	0	0	1	0
Totals	4	36-19-123	.138	33	9	52	10.0

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	4	8-5-26	.115	1	3	2	0
Zent	4	8-3-26	.192	1	4	4	0
Walters	4	13-3-27	.370	2	8	6	4
McCormick	3	3-1-6	.333	28	2	3	0
Centers	4	11-4-16	.438	1	2	3	5
Buroker	4	16-7-42	.214	2	0	11	1
Wolford	4	0-2-5	-.400	1	0	20	0
Pfohl	4	2-0-5	.400	2	1	6	0
Clark	2	5-0-6	.833	20	2	3	0
Simpson	1	0-0-1	.000	0	0	1	0
Kapteyn	1	0-0-0	.000	0	1	0	0
Totals	4	66-25-160	.256	58	23	59	5.0

Hofstra (1)	30	11	26	17
Miami (3)	25	30	30	30

**OHIO STATE, 3
MIAMI, 1**

Sept. 17, 2003—Oxford, Ohio

Ohio State's volleyball team earned its first win in Oxford, downing Miami in four games, 22-30, 30-24, 30-17, 30-21.

It was an evenly matched contest through much of the first game until Miami went on a 9-0 run to overcome a two-point deficit and post a 24-17 lead. The surge was highlighted by three kills from outside hitter Kristen Walters and a block by Walters and middle hitter Jordan Centers. From there, Miami rolled to a 30-22 Game One win with setter Melinda McCormick icing the game with a service ace. A .441 hitting percentage bolstered the RedHawks in the first game, as Miami had just one attack error in 34 attempts.

Like the first game, the second game was relatively a back-and-forth battle. Miami trailed 20-21 when the Buckeyes went on an 8-2 spurt, sparked by a service ace by outside hitter Stacey Gordon and a pair of kills each from middle blocker Katherine Grant and outside hitter Heather Whalen, to claim a 29-22 edge. Back-to-back kills by Miami's Walters held off the Buckeyes momentarily until Grant cinched the game for Ohio State with a kill, 30-24.

Ten unanswered points spurred the Buckeyes in the third set. With Miami trailing just one point, 11-12, Ohio State put together a surge that was too much for the RedHawks to overcome. Several RedHawk miscues and two kills by OSU outside hitter Amanda Miller aided the spurt. Early in the set, Miami's Centers and outside hitter Tara Buroker collected service aces. Ohio State went on to take the third game, 30-17.

The Buckeyes opened the fourth game on a 7-0 run. A Buroker service ace closed the gap to one, 9-10, and a kill from outside hitter Angie Zent knotted the game, 11-11. That would be as close as the RedHawks would get as Ohio State rolled to a 30-21 Game Four win with Gordon leading the Buckeyes with 10 of her match-high 23 kills in the fourth set.

Walters paced the RedHawks with 12 kills, three blocks and a .348 hitting percentage, while Buroker tallied 10 kills, a career-high-tying four service aces and four blocks. McCormick added 32 assists and 10 digs, while Centers tallied five blocks.

OHIO STATE	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Kastein	4	0-0-0	.000	2	0	10	0
Whalen	4	7-5-22	.091	4	0	8	2
Shackelford	4	4-4-12	.000	0	1	1	4
McCarthy	4	6-0-11	.545	45	1	3	1
Gordon	4	23-7-47	.340	0	3	11	6
Grant	4	11-3-19	.421	0	0	1	4
Tengnas	4	0-0-0	.000	2	0	12	0
Miller	4	11-2-23	.391	1	0	3	1
Schardt	3	0-0-0	.000	0	0	2	0
Totals	4	62-21-134	.306	54	5	51	11.0

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	4	6-2-13	.308	1	0	3	1
Zent	4	6-7-27	-.037	0	0	4	2
Walters	4	12-4-23	.348	1	0	4	3
McCormick	4	4-1-9	.333	32	1	10	0
Centers	4	4-2-8	.250	2	1	0	5
Buroker	4	10-4-37	.162	0	4	8	4
Wolford	4	1-2-5	-.200	1	0	11	0
Pfohl	4	0-0-0	.000	1	0	2	0
Clark	2	0-1-1	-1.000	4	0	1	0
Simpson	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Kapteyn	3	1-0-4	.250	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	44-23-127	.165	42	6	43	8.5

Ohio State (3)	22	30	30	30
Miami (1)	30	24	17	21

**MIAMI, 3
DEPAUL, 2**

Sept. 19, 2003—Chicago, Ill.

Setter Megan Clark served up a career-high six aces as Miami captured a spirited five-game match over host DePaul at the DePaul Invitational, 19-30, 30-27, 33-31, 23-30, 16-14.

Trailing 6-12 in the first game, Miami rattled off four unanswered points to pull within two, 10-12, off a kill from middle hitter Jordan Centers, a block by Centers and outside hitter Kristen Walters and two service aces by Clark. From there, the Blue Demons went on a 6-1 spurt to post an 18-11 lead and rolled to the 30-19 Game One win.

Miami constructed an 8-3 lead with help from three kills by Walters to open the second game. DePaul crept back and knotted the game, 19-19. The teams went back and forth until Miami posted a 29-26 edge off a kill from outside hitter Angie Zent and a block by Clark and middle hitter Lauren Slusser. From there, Miami went on to the 30-27 win.

A 5-0 run with kills by Zent and Centers catapulted Miami to a 14-8 advantage in the third game. DePaul cut the gap to two, 14-12 and eventually posted a 24-20 lead. The RedHawks scraped away at the DePaul lead with a block by Centers and outside hitter Tara Buroker, a powerful solo block by Walters and a kill by Buroker to claim a 27-25 lead. Neither team relented, but a kill by Clark and a DePaul attack error gave Miami the third game, 33-31.

In the fourth game, DePaul led from the onset and never looked back. Miami was able to tie things up twice in the early stages, but DePaul chunked out points throughout the first part of the game to lead by as many as 10. Trailing 14-24, Miami put together a seven-point run off four kills by Zent and a service ace by Slusser to shrink the gap to three, 21-24. DePaul, however, went on to outscore Miami 6-2 stretch to win the fourth game, 30-23.

Miami opened a 4-0 lead in the fifth game off back-to-back service aces by Clark and a kill by Zent. A Walters service ace and a kill by Slusser gave Miami another four-point cushion, 9-5, but DePaul shrunk the lead to one, 9-8. A kill by Walters knotted it, 14-14, and kills by Buroker and another by Walters iced the fifth game for the RedHawks, 16-14.

Zent paced the RedHawks with 17 kills and added 10 digs. Walters notched 13 kills, while Buroker added 12 kills and 11 digs. Libero Suzy Wolford posted a match-best 21 digs, while Clark tallied 44 assists and 11 digs.

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	5	7-6-26	.038	0	2	2	3
Pfohl	4	1-0-3	.333	0	0	5	0
Clark	5	5-2-13	.231	44	6	11	1
Walters	5	13-6-30	.233	2	1	6	2
Centers	5	8-9-25	-.040	0	1	5	2
Buroker	5	12-5-39	.179	0	0	11	2
Wolford	5	0-0-5	.000	3	0	21	0
Zent	5	17-6-45	.244	1	0	10	3
Simpson	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	1	0
Kapteyn	2	0-2-3	-.667	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	63-36-189	.143	50	10	72	8.0

DEPAUL	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Cotter	5	13-9-46	.087	1	0	11	3
Griffin	5	8-3-27	.185	1	0	2	3
West	5	1-4-9	-.333	54	2	10	4
Moorberg	5	15-10-38	.132	2	2	20	1
Goreham	5	12-4-26	.308	1	2	1	5
Marks	5	18-5-37	.351	0	1	4	10
Hayes	5	0-0-0	.000	0	0	16	0
Ingersoll	2	1-0-3	.333	0	0	2	1
Holmes	5	2-1-5	.200	2	1	9	1
Totals	5	70-36-191	.178	61	8	75	17.0

Miami (3)	19	30	33	23	16
DePaul (2)	30	27	31	30	14



2003 Match Recaps

**TENNESSEE, 3
MIAMI, 0**

Sept. 20, 2003—Chicago, Ill.

In Miami's second game at the DePaul Invitational, the RedHawks fell in three games to Tennessee, 17-30, 27-30, 22-30.

A kill by middle hitter Jordan Centers pulled Miami within one in the first game, 11-12.

Tennessee, however, built its lead to six off a barrage of kills, 17-11. The Lady Vols continued to pull away and went on a nine-point scoring run to end the game in their favor, 30-17.

The teams went back and forth through the early stages of the second game until Tennessee built a five-point lead, 18-13, with help from three RedHawk attack errors and a service error. Tennessee eventually cushioned its lead to six, 20-14, but a kill by outside hitter Tara Buroker, a big block by outside hitter Angie Zent and middle hitter Lauren Slusser and three devastating kills on the slide attack by Slusser shrunk the gap to two, 19-21. Respective kills from Centers and Zent and block by Centers and outside hitter Kristen Walters evaporated the Lady Vol lead, knotting the game, 22-22. After trailing by two, another Buroker kill and a Centers service ace again tied the game, 25-25. That was as close as Miami would get as the Lady Vols went on to take the second game, 30-27.

Trailing 3-5 in the early stages of the third game, Slusser ignited an 8-0 RedHawk run with a kill. Miami surged to an 11-5 lead and eventually built its lead to seven, 14-7. Tennessee chipped away at the RedHawk lead and put together a 4-0 spurt to post a 20-18 advantage. Tennessee outscored Miami 10-4 down the stretch and went on to take the third game 30-22.

For Miami, Slusser tallied a match-high-tying 12 kills, while Buroker added 11 kills and 10 digs. Walters added 10 digs, while Centers posted two service aces and a team-best four blocks.

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	3	12-3-24	.375	0	0	5	1
Clark	3	0-1-2	-.500	18	1	3	0
Zent	3	9-6-33	.091	0	0	3	2
Walters	3	6-7-24	-.042	1	0	10	3
Centers	3	6-3-14	.214	0	2	2	4
Buroker	3	11-3-33	.242	0	0	10	0
Wolford	3	0-0-3	.000	0	0	7	0
Pfohl	2	0-1-1	-1.000	0	0	1	0
Kapteyn	1	0-0-1	.000	0	0	0	0
McCormick	2	0-2-3	-.667	19	0	2	0
Totals	3	44-26-138	.130	38	3	43	5.0

TENNESSEE	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Gifford	3	4-1-11	.273	2	0	7	5
Buggs	2	0-0-0	.000	0	0	4	0
Andre	3	11-3-19	.421	0	2	0	4
Morris	3	12-3-26	.346	3	1	13	3
Blum	3	6-4-19	.105	0	2	4	6
Knylych	3	5-0-12	.417	31	0	9	1
Fullove	3	1-0-3	.333	1	0	13	0
Sadowski	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	1	0
Rudy	1	0-0-1	.000	0	0	0	0
Piantadosi	3	7-0-15	.467	0	0	1	2
Totals	3	46-11-106	.330	37	5	52	11.0

Miami (0)	17	27	22
Tennessee (3)	30	30	30

**MIAMI, 3
IUPUI, 0**

Sept. 20, 2003—Chicago, Ill.

Miami ended its stint at the DePaul Invitational on a good note, sweeping IUPUI, 31-29, 30-19 and 30-27.

Trailing 23-27 in the first game, Miami persevered and battled its way back into the game. A kill by middle hitter Natalie Kapteyn and a pair of kills from outside hitter Jordan Centers tied the game, 29-29. IUPUI miscued on an attack and outside hitter Kristen Walters connected for a kill to cinch the game for the RedHawks, 31-29.

Back-to-back kills by Lauren Slusser, a trio of Centers service aces and a block by Slusser and setter Melinda McCormick catapulted Miami from a 1-2 deficit to an 8-2 advantage in the second game. IUPUI crept back within two, 7-9, off two kills and a service ace. With a four-point cushion, 14-10, Miami rattled off five unanswered points, sparked by a kill from outside hitter Amy Pfohl and a Slusser/McCormick block, to increase its advantage, 19-10. Eventually, Miami posted a 13-point edge, 29-16, aided by a kill, a service ace and a block by outside hitter Angie Zent. IUPUI staved off the RedHawks with a kill and two service aces, but Pfohl drilled a kill to give Miami the 30-19 win.

Quickly IUPUI captured an 8-3 lead in the third game. A 7-0 run aided by a Kapteyn service ace and kill lifted Miami to a 13-10 advantage. With two Slusser kills, Miami was able to up its lead to four, 24-20. The Jaguars pulled within one twice late in the game, 26-25 and 28-27, but back-to-back kills by Pfohl iced the game for the RedHawks, 30-27.

For Miami, Slusser knocked down 13 kills and four blocks and posted a .524 hitting percentage. Zent tallied 14 kills, two service aces and a .407 hitting percentage, while McCormick added 23 assists and four blocks. Centers tallied four service aces.

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	3	13-2-21	.524	0	0	2	4
Zent	3	14-3-27	.407	0	2	4	1
Walters	2	3-4-13	-.077	1	1	3	0
Kapteyn	3	5-3-10	.200	0	1	2	0
McCormick	2	0-1-5	-.200	23	0	3	4
Centers	3	6-2-14	.286	0	4	4	0
Wolford	3	0-0-1	.000	0	0	9	0
Pfohl	2	6-0-6	1.000	0	0	2	0
Clark	1	0-0-3	.000	18	0	0	0
Yauss	2	0-0-0	.000	0	0	1	0
Simpson	2	0-0-0	.000	0	0	2	0
Totals	3	47-15-100	.320	42	8	32	5.0

IUPUI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Vinson	2	2-4-9	-.222	0	2	1	4
Bailey	3	6-6-19	.000	0	1	1	1
Smith	3	3-0-4	.750	30	3	4	0
McConnell	3	0-1-1	-1.000	0	0	0	0
Pallikan	3	12-6-26	.231	1	2	7	1
Hewitt	3	0-1-1	.000	1	1	3	0
Sobocinski	1	1-1-4	.000	0	0	0	0
Jones	3	0-0-0	.000	3	0	7	0
Holladay	2	10-3-22	.318	0	0	2	0
Pflum	1	2-0-4	.500	0	0	0	0
Spaulding	3	3-5-12	-.167	1	0	1	1
Totals	3	39-26-102	.127	36	9	26	5.0

Miami (3)	31	30	30
IUPUI (0)	29	19	27

**MIAMI, 3
TOLEDO, 0**

Sept. 26, 2003—Oxford, Ohio

In its Mid-American Conference opener, Miami took down the Toledo Rockets in three games 32-30, 30-20, 30-28. Outside hitter Tara Buroker led the way to victory with 14 kills and a .370 hitting percentage, while the entire team hit .272 (46-18-103) for the match.

In the first game of the match, which saw 15 ties and six lead changes, Miami needed extra points to decide a winner as it finally came away with the 32-30 victory. Eight service errors by the RedHawks kept it a close game as the Toledo hitters connected on only .079 (14-11-38) of their hits. Buroker notched six kills, while middle hitter Lauren Slusser and middle hitter Jordan Centers each tagged three kills.

Toledo made a late charge in the first game, thanks in part to the hitting of Rachel Mohler and Corrie Magnus who had five and four kills, respectively.

Miami opened up a four-point lead in the second game, 9-5, on a strong serving run from outside hitter Kristen Walters. Strong serving expanded the early lead for the RedHawks to seven, 24-17, which forced Toledo's head coach to call timeout. The RedHawks went on the win the game 30-20 with balanced hitting, .217 (10-5-23), and zero service errors. The Rockets had more kills, 12-10, than the Red and White, but also committed 10 hitting and six service errors, respectively.

With the RedHawks attempting the three-game sweep, Toledo jumped out to a 21-17 lead to force the issue on the home team. Miami and Buroker, who had 14 kills in the final game, outscored Toledo 13-11 down the stretch to win the third game, 30-28.

Clark won the setters battle also for the RedHawks, recording 34 assists and three kills on four attempts, compared to her counterpart, Toledo's Carrie McCaw, who had 31 assists and two kills on eight attempts.

Narrowly missing a double-double for Miami was outside hitter Angie Zent, who had nine kills and nine digs in the match.

TOLEDO	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Culver	3	6-3-14	.214	1	1	2	3
Bean	3	6-7-26	-.038	2	0	6	1
Magnus	3	7-2-13	.385	0	1	3	5
McCaw	3	2-1-8	.125	31	3	4	4
Pogue	3	6-3-15	.200	0	0	2	5
Mohler	3	9-4-21	.238	0	2	1	0
Kreher	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Meinhart	3	1-3-5	-.400	0	0	1	0
Sarich	3	0-1-2	-.500	0	0	5	0
Murphy	3	1-2-4	-.250	0	0	7	0
Totals	3	38-26-108	.111	34	7	31	10.0

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	3	7-4-17	.176	0	0	0	3
Clark	3	3-0-4	.750	34	0	7	1
Zent	3	9-6-21	.143	0	2	9	0
Walters	3	5-1-14	.286	2	3	3	2
Centers	3	7-1-13	.462	1	0	0	2
Buroker	3	14-4-27	.370	1	0	6	1
Wolford	3	0-2-5	-.400	2	0	9	0
Pfohl	2	1-0-2	.500	0	0	0	0
Simpson	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Totals	3	46-18-103	.272	40	5	34	5.0

Toledo (0)	30	20	28
Miami (3)	32	30	30



**NORTHERN ILLINOIS, 3
MIAMI, 1**

Sept. 27, 2003—Oxford, Ohio

Seeking its second Mid-American Conference victory in as many nights, the Miami volleyball team fell just short as visiting Northern Illinois won the four-game match, 29-31, 30-21, 30-28, 30-27. Outside hitter Tara Buroker notched a double-double for the RedHawks with 14 kills and 12 digs.

The Huskies jumped out to a quick 8-4 lead in the first game before a service error started a 4-2 Miami rally to cut the deficit to two, 10-8. The frame swayed back and forth for the next 20 or so points until NIU opened up a three-point lead at 22-19 on a block by Corinne Walsh and Kate McCullagh. Four consecutive service aces, courtesy of outside hitter Angie Zent brought the game back in Miami's favor, 26-25, setting up a 31-29 win for RedHawks.

Game two began and ended in favor of the Huskies as they picked up a 9-2 lead in the early goings, and then finished off the 30-21 win with a kill by Walsh. NIU setter Marie Zidek brought her match assist total to 30 with 17 helpers in the second-game win. The Huskies killed 20 points in the second game for a .500 hitting percentage (20-3-34).

Trailing again in the third game, 13-6, the RedHawks rallied with a 12-7 flurry to pull within two, 20-18, and force an NIU timeout. A service ace by middle hitter Jordan Centers finally gave Miami the lead, 25-24, but sparked a 3-0 run by the Huskies to run the NIU lead back to two, 27-25. Newlin finished off the game, 30-28, with a kill to give the Huskies a 2-1 advantage in the match.

Needing a win in the fourth game to continue the match, the RedHawks could not battle back from an early six-point deficit, 14-8, as NIU went on to win the match with a 30-27 Game Four victory. Miami did pull within three points, 22-19, but NIU's Brooke Dodson, who finished with a match-high 18 kills, tallied the final point for Northern Illinois.

Buroker was the RedHawks' notched 14 kills and 12 digs, while setter Megan Clark tallied 47 assists for Miami.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Markowski	4	14-4-27	.370	0	0	3	1
Dodson	4	18-7-45	.244	0	0	11	1
Newlin	4	15-6-38	.237	7	2	10	2
Zidek	4	1-0-5	.200	58	1	7	2
Walsh	4	10-2-16	.500	0	1	2	7
Lobdell	4	15-6-36	.250	0	2	14	0
Guide	4	1-0-1	1.000	3	0	12	0
McCullagh	3	0-1-2	-.500	0	0	0	3
Totals	4	74-26-170	.282	68	6	59	9.0

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	4	10-4-22	.273	0	1	3	6
Clark	4	4-2-13	.154	47	1	5	2
Zent	4	5-4-18	.056	0	3	4	1
Walters	4	11-5-27	.222	3	1	7	6
Centers	4	9-2-18	.389	0	1	1	5
Buroker	4	14-5-40	.225	2	0	12	3
Wolford	4	1-1-2	.000	1	0	13	0
Pfohl	4	6-1-15	.333	0	1	6	1
Simpson	1	0-0-0	.000	1	0	1	0
Totals	4	60-24-155	.232	54	8	52	13.0

Northern Illinois (3)	29	30	30	30
Miami (1)	31	21	28	27

**OHIO, 3
MIAMI, 0**

Oct. 1, 2003—Athens, Ohio

In its first Mid-American Conference road match, Miami University's volleyball squad suffered a 3-0 loss at Ohio, 17-30, 20-30, 16-30.

Ohio jumped out to a quick 6-1 advantaged and rolled from there in the first game. A block by middle hitter Lauren Slusser closed the gap to nine, 12-21, and a kill by Slusser staved off match point, 17-29. However, a Bobcat kill iced the game for Ohio, 30-17.

Again Ohio captured a quick lead, posting a 5-0 edge at the onset of the second game. A kill by middle hitter Jordan Centers pulled the RedHawks within four, 9-13. The Bobcats went on to post a 10-point advantage until outside hitter Angie Zent caught fire. Zent knocked down three kills and a block as Miami shrunk the Bobcat lead to five, 18-23. That would be as close as the RedHawks would get as Ohio outscored Miami 7-2 down the stretch to claim the second game, 30-20.

It was a tight game in the early stages of the third set. Miami posted an early 2-1 lead off a kill by outside hitter Kristen Walters. Ohio went on to lead by as many as three, but kills by senior setter Melinda McCormick, Zent and Centers knotted the game, 9-9. Again Ohio gained a small cushion, but a kill by Centers closed the gap to one, 11-12. That's when Ohio went on a 9-0 run to sieze a 21-11 lead. From there, the Bobcats took the match with a 30-16 Game Three win.

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	3	6-5-20	.050	1	0	4	1
Pfohl	2	1-1-6	.000	0	0	1	1
Walters	3	4-3-23	.043	1	1	5	0
McCormick	3	4-2-7	.286	13	1	4	0
Centers	3	4-4-13	.000	1	0	5	1
Buroker	3	8-6-44	.045	2	0	5	1
Wolford	2	0-1-2	-.500	2	0	7	0
Clark	1	0-0-1	.000	5	0	3	0
Zent	2	5-2-13	.231	0	0	3	1
Yauss	1	0-0-1	.000	0	0	3	0
Totals	3	32-24-130	.062	25	2	40	4.0

OHIO	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Parra	3	0-0-2	.000	1	1	8	0
Judice	3	14-2-25	.480	0	0	2	2
Winkfield	3	9-2-22	.318	0	1	8	1
Hageman	3	16-2-31	.452	2	1	7	9
Smith	3	0-1-2	-.500	3	0	11	0
Adamovsky	3	1-0-5	.200	44	0	8	2
Gaughran	1	0-0-1	.000	0	0	0	0
Fiene	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Blackburn	3	0-0-0	.000	1	0	19	0
Schetzlsle	3	13-3-24	.417	0	0	1	4
Elliott	3	3-2-9	.111	0	0	0	2
Totals	3	56-12-121	.364	51	3	64	16.5

Miami (0)	17	20	16
Ohio (3)	30	30	30

**BUFFALO, 3
MIAMI, 2**

Oct. 3, 2003—Oxford, Ohio

Despite a career effort by junior outside hitter Tara Buroker, who collected a career-high 28 kills and a season-best 22 digs, it was not enough as Miami suffered a five-game loss to Buffalo, 29-31, 27-30, 30-25, 30-27, 13-15.

Trailing 17-27 in the first game, Miami staged a valiant comeback, putting together a 10-1 run to pull within one of the Bulls, 27-28. Buroker drilled five kills and a block for the RedHawks, while outside hitter Angie Zent added two kills. The Bulls took a two-point edge, 29-27, but Zent retaliated for Miami with a kill and then knocked down a block to knot the game, 29-29. A kill by Buffalo's Alexis Bouie and a RedHawk ball handling error ended the first game in favor of the Bulls, 31-29.

In the second game, kills by outside hitter Kristen Walters and Buroker and a Buffalo ball handling error handed Miami its largest lead of the game, 17-12. Two other times the RedHawks would lead the Bulls by five points—the latest a 22-17 edge off a setter Megan Clark service ace—but Buffalo crept back and tied the game, 25-25 and went on to take the game, 30-27.

Three service aces by middle hitter Natalie Kapteyn sparked Miami in the third game as the RedHawks battled back from an early deficit to knot the set twice before taking a 19-16 lead. A service ace by middle hitter Lauren Slusser and a block by Kapteyn and Zent helped Miami surge to the three-point lead. Four kills by Buroker down the stretch and a kill by Zent iced the game for the RedHawks, 30-25.

Trailing by as many as six in the fourth game, an 8-1 spurt catapulted Miami to a 23-20 lead. Slusser collected two kills and assisted on a block with Clark during the RedHawk surge. Buffalo came back to tie the game, 23-23. A service ace by Slusser extended the RedHawk lead to 27-24, but the Bulls pulled within one, 27-26. Buroker connected for a kill and middle hitter Susan Poll and Clark knocked down a block to cinch the game for Miami, 30-27.

Miami fell behind early in the fifth game, but came back to tie the game 6-6 off two kills apiece from Buroker and Poll. Again the RedHawks were able to tie things up, 11-11 but would get as close as 12-13 as the Bulls seized the 15-13 win off a Miami service error.

Clark posted a season-best 63 assists and added a career-best 15 digs. Zent and Walters added 16 kills apiece and 17 and 12 digs, respectively. Libero Suzy Wolford also produced 17 digs.

BUFFALO	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Brown	5	1-1-6	.000	51	1	12	2
Schranz	5	14-6-47	.170	2	1	12	1
Morzenti	5	10-7-39	.077	0	0	13	6
Bouie	5	12-4-32	.250	0	0	2	2
Matikosh	5	10-6-36	.111	2	2	13	3
Weekly	5	15-4-28	.393	0	1	4	12
Haskell	5	1-1-2	.000	1	0	13	0
Totals	5	63-29-190	.179	56	5	69	15.0

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	4	3-5-19	-.105	0	2	0	2
Clark	5	5-0-8	.625	63	1	15	2
Zent	5	16-8-47	.170	2	3	17	2
Walters	5	16-7-36	.250	5	0	12	5
Buroker	5	28-5-59	.390	4	0	22	1
Poll	5	8-6-28	.071	1	0	1	3
Wolford	5	0-1-3	-.333	2	0	17	0
Pfohl	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Yauss	2	0-0-0	.000	0	0	2	0
Kapteyn	3	6-5-15	.067	0	3	1	3
Totals	5	82-37-215	.209	77	9	87	10.0

Buffalo (3)	31	30	25	27	15
Miami (2)	29	27	30	30	13



MARSHALL, 3 MIAMI, 1

Oct. 4, 2003—Oxford, Ohio

Miami claimed a 30-21 win in the first game, but dropped the next three games to Marshall, 30-32, 16-30 and 27-30.

Back-to-back service aces by middle hitter Natalie Kapteyn and a kill by outside hitter Angie Zent pushed Miami to a 5-3 edge and a lead it would not relinquish. Middle hitter Susan Poll connected on all four attack attempts to lead the RedHawks in the first game with a 1.000 hitting percentage, while Kapteyn served up three aces en route to the 30-21 Game One win for the RedHawks.

With a service ace from middle hitter Lauren Slusser and kills by outside hitter Kristen Walters, setter Megan Clark and Poll, Miami claimed a 23-18 edge. The Thundering Herd, however, went on a 5-0 run to knot the game, 23-23. The teams went back and forth, but the Thundering Herd took the second game, 32-30.

Bolstered by a .314 hitting percentage in the third game, Marshall took the lead from the onset of the game and never looked back as the Thundering Herd collected a 30-16 Game Three win.

Several times early in the fourth game Miami owned three-point advantages with the last coming at 11-8 off a Marshall ball handling error. The Thundering Herd came back to take a 12-11 lead and the two teams went back and forth until Marshall pulled away to a 23-19 lead. Marshall extended its lead to 29-24, but a kill by Clark, a service ace by Poll and a block by Zent and Slusser held off the Thundering Herd and pulled the RedHawks within two, 29-27, however a kill by Isabell Anderer cinched the match for Marshall, 30-27.

Poll paced the RedHawks with 12 kills and a match-best .571 hitting percentage. Buroker notched 11 kills and a match-high 19 digs, while Zent recorded four service aces and 11 digs.

MARSHALL	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Sims	4	3-1-7	.286	0	3	2	8
Wilk	4	4-6-17	-.118	1	0	10	1
Stein	4	3-3-10	.000	52	1	6	2
King	4	6-5-16	.062	2	0	6	0
Sanlin	4	14-2-26	.462	0	0	4	4
Michal	4	8-3-22	.227	2	1	4	3
Barnard	4	0-0-1	.000	0	0	8	0
Kastein	4	0-0-0	.000	0	0	1	0
Bimberg	3	10-2-22	.364	0	2	1	1
Anderer	4	13-3-25	.400	1	2	12	1
Totals	4	61-25-146	.247	58	9	54	120

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Clark	4	3-2-9	.111	40	0	8	0
Zent	4	8-4-25	.160	1	4	11	3
Walters	4	6-7-26	-.038	2	1	1	2
Kapteyn	2	1-1-6	.000	0	3	0	0
Buroker	4	11-6-31	.161	1	0	19	2
Poll	4	12-0-21	.571	0	2	1	1
Slusser	3	4-4-15	.000	0	1	0	3
Wolford	4	0-0-1	.000	1	0	11	0
Pfohl	1	1-1-6	.000	0	0	0	0
Yauss	3	0-0-0	.000	1	0	0	0
Simpson	1	1-0-4	.250	0	0	0	0
Centers	2	0-1-1	-1.000	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	47-26-145	.145	46	11	51	65

Marshall (3)	21	32	30	30
Miami (1)	30	30	16	27

WRIGHT STATE, 3 MIAMI, 1

Oct. 8, 2003—Dayton, Ohio

Miami came up short at Wright State, falling to the Raiders in four games, 30-32, 17-30, 30-23 and 23-30.

Despite a seven-point deficit in the first game, 8-15, Miami scraped away at the Raider lead to knot the game, 28-28. The RedHawks went on a 5-0 run, highlighted by a block from outside hitter Jordan Centers and middle hitter Lauren Slusser and a service ace by outside hitter Angie Zent, to cap the surge. The two teams traded points until back-to-back Raider kills gave WSU the first game, 32-30.

Six Wright State service aces catapulted the Raiders to a 15-4 lead and a deficit too much for the RedHawks to overcome as WSU rolled to the 30-17 Game Two win. Outside hitter Tara Buroker and middle hitter Natalie Kapteyn each served up aces for the RedHawks.

In the third game, Miami pulled out to a seven-point edge, 14-7, with help from a Slusser/Centers block and a pair of Buroker kills. WSU inched within two points several times, but a pair back-to-back kills from Zent and Poll extended the lead to six, 27-21. Another kill by Poll and block by the Centers/Slusser tandem put Miami at game point, 29-22, but WSU responded with a block. Centers put down a kill to cinch the game for the RedHawks, 30-23.

Wright State took a 7-4 lead early in the fourth game, but a kill from Slusser and a devastating block by Buroker, knotted the game, 7-7. Eventually a 5-0 Raider run handed WSU a seven-point lead, 17-10. Slusser collected two kills and a block down the stretch, while Zent added a kill and a block, but it was not enough as the Raiders took the match with the 30-23 Game Four win.

For the RedHawks, Zent collected 14 kills, while Poll added 12 and Slusser and Buroker tallied 10 apiece. Libero Suzy Wolford posted a match-best 20 digs, while Buroker added 14 digs.

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	4	10-5-21	.238	0	0	5	6
Zent	4	14-3-47	.234	0	2	9	1
McCormick	2	0-0-3	.000	21	0	7	1
Centers	4	4-5-23	-.043	2	0	6	5
Buroker	4	10-9-40	.025	0	2	14	3
Poll	4	12-7-37	.135	1	0	4	3
Wolford	4	0-0-3	.000	2	0	20	0
Pfohl	2	0-0-0	.000	0	0	3	0
Clark	2	1-1-5	.000	24	1	4	0
Yauss	4	0-0-0	.000	0	0	6	0
Kapteyn	3	0-0-1	.000	0	1	0	0
Totals	4	51-30-180	.117	50	6	78	120

WRIGHT STATE	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Naseman	4	14-5-41	.220	0	0	15	3
Skaro	4	7-6-29	.034	5	3	10	0
Kidd	4	11-1-24	.417	0	3	7	8
Sipiorski	4	14-7-29	.241	1	0	4	2
Scheltrema	4	1-0-5	.200	51	3	16	1
Tiffin	4	9-6-29	.103	0	0	5	2
Schultz	3	4-2-13	.154	0	0	2	1
Smerz	4	0-0-2	.000	0	0	18	0
Gerlach	1	1-0-2	.500	0	0	3	0
Totals	4	61-27-174	.195	57	9	80	100

Miami (3)	30	17	30	23
Wright State (1)	32	30	23	30

WESTERN MICHIGAN, 3 MIAMI, 1

Oct. 11, 2003—Kalamazoo, Mich.

After a non-conference tilt, Miami returned to Mid-American Conference action and suffered a four-game loss at Western Michigan. The RedHawks fell to the Broncos 31-33, 30-20, 19-30 and 28-30.

Although Miami manufactured a solid .467 hitting percentage in the first game, a sizzling .606 hitting percentage by WMU aided the Broncos in edging the RedHawks 33-31. In the second game, Miami out-hit the Broncos .219 to 0.31 en route to the 30-20 win. However with the match knotted 1-1, the Broncos went on to take the next two games, edging the RedHawks in the fourth set, 30-28, to prevent a five-game contest.

Outside hitter Tara Buroker paced the RedHawks with a team-best 20 kills and .410 hitting percentage, while outside hitter Angie Zent and outside hitter Jordan Centers each notched 11 kills. Centers also served up three aces and knocked down four blocks for the RedHawks. Setter Megan Clark added 54 assists and libero Suzy Wolford tallied a team-leading 11 digs.

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	4	8-3-22	.227	0	1	1	2
Wolford	4	0-0-0	.000	0	0	11	0
Clark	4	1-0-9	.111	54	1	8	2
Zent	4	11-6-30	.167	0	0	8	0
Centers	4	11-4-21	.333	0	3	5	4
Buroker	4	20-4-39	.410	0	0	6	1
Poll	4	9-1-18	.444	1	1	2	4
Pfohl	2	3-0-8	.375	0	0	6	0
Yauss	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Simpson	2	0-0-1	.000	0	0	1	0
Kapteyn	2	1-1-3	.000	1	0	0	0
Totals	4	64-19-151	.298	56	6	48	70

WESTERN MICHIGAN	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Duffy	4	0-0-0	.000	2	0	14	0
Ramsey	4	14-6-30	.267	0	0	3	2
Tierney	4	6-2-11	.364	0	0	3	3
Shay-Jackson	4	8-1-17	.412	1	2	2	6
Malone	4	25-5-38	.526	2	0	12	1
Sulewski	4	6-1-11	.455	52	0	6	4
Fissel	4	7-4-23	.130	0	1	9	1
West	4	0-0-0	.000	0	0	3	0
Scates	1	0-0-1	.000	0	0	0	0
Shan-Jackson	4	0-0-3	.000	1	4	6	0
Totals	4	66-19-134	.351	58	7	58	90

Miami (1)	31	30	21	28
Western Michigan (3)	33	20	30	30



**BALL STATE, 3
MIAMI, 0**

Oct. 14, 2003—Muncie, Ind.

In the first of three Mid-American Conference road contest in a one-week span, Miami suffered a three-game loss at Ball State, 23-30, 23-30 and 12-30.

Off a pair of kills from outside hitter Amy Pfohl and middle hitter Susan Poll and a block by middle hitter Lauren Slusser and setter Megan Clark, Miami opened up an 11-5 edge in the first game. Ball State crept back to knot the game 14-14 and 15-15 before taking a 20-16 lead off a 5-1 run. The Cardinals extended their lead to six, 24-18, but a kill by Poll and a block by the trio of Poll, Pfohl and outside hitter Jordan Centers helped pull the RedHawks within three, 21-24. Ball State, however, went on a 6-2 run to round out the game, 30-23.

Ball State quickly jumped out to a 7-2 edge in the second game with the help of several RedHawk miscues. Eventually, the Cardinals built their lead to 11, 19-8. Miami dug deep and went on a 10-1 run to shrink the gap to two, 18-20. Outside hitter Tara Buroker knocked down a block and two kills, while Poll added a service ace during the run. The RedHawks would trail by two one more time off a Buroker kill, 19-21, but Ball State ended the second game on a 9-4 run to capture the set, 30-23.

Kills by Pfohl, Centers and Buroker helped Miami attain an early 3-1 edge. A Ball State block handed the Cardinals a 5-4 edge and a lead they would not relinquish. The Cardinals went on a 13-1 run to build a 21-8 lead. From there BSU rolled to a 30-12 Game Three win.

For the RedHawks, Pfohl and Poll collected nine kills. Pfohl also tallied 12 digs, while libero Suzy Wolford added a match-best 16 digs.

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	3	4-3-18	.056	0	0	1	3
Pfohl	3	9-4-20	.250	1	0	12	1
Clark	3	0-2-3	-.667	18	0	7	2
Centers	3	5-2-16	.188	3	0	3	3
Buroker	3	8-5-31	.097	0	0	6	1
Poll	3	9-5-27	.148	0	1	4	2
Wolford	3	0-0-2	.000	0	0	16	0
Zent	1	0-1-3	-.333	0	0	0	0
Simpson	3	0-0-0	.000	0	0	2	0
McCormick	2	0-0-1	.000	12	0	5	0
Totals	3	35-22-121	.107	34	1	56	6.5

BALL STATE	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Fancher	3	0-0-0	.000	1	2	8	0
Obras	3	19-6-45	.289	1	2	11	2
Baldwin	3	0-2-8	-.250	40	0	10	2
Oliver	3	10-1-20	.450	0	1	4	3
Gibson	3	5-1-19	.211	1	1	2	3
Cochran	3	9-1-21	.381	1	2	6	1
Burleson	1	2-0-2	1.000	0	0	1	1
Keller	3	0-0-2	.000	0	0	14	0
Westhof	3	3-2-10	.100	0	0	1	2
Totals	3	48-13-127	.276	44	8	57	7.0

Miami (0)	23	23	12
Ball State(3)	30	30	30

**KENT STATE, 3
MIAMI, 0**

Oct. 17, 2003—Kent, Ohio

Continuing a five-match road stretch, Miami suffered a three-game loss at Kent State, 10-30-, 17-30, 26-30.

The Golden Flashes posted a quick 6-0 lead in the first game and was bolstered by a .467 hitting percentage for the set. A pair of kills by middle hitter Susan Poll helped Miami move within five, 2-7, but Kent State rolled to the 30-10 Game One win.

Miami was able to keep things close in the early stages of the second game, but Kent State went on an 8-2 run to post a 13-6 lead. From there, the Golden Flashes rolled to the 30-17 win. Poll collected three kills for the RedHawks in the second game, while middle hitter Lauren Slusser and outside hitter Jordan Centers knocked down a block.

The teams practically went point-for-point to start the third game. A kill and an ace by outside hitter Tara Buroker lifted the RedHawks to a 7-6 lead. Kent State went on a 9-2 run to post a 19-13 lead. Two kills from setter Megan Clark and a Slusser service ace helped Miami shrink the gap to three, 18-21. KSU was able to extend its lead to five, 24-19, but an outside hitter Kristen Walters-sparked surge pulled the RedHawks within two, 23-25. Walters collected two kills and assisted on a block with Slusser during the spurt. That was as close as the RedHawks would get, however, as Kent State went on to take the third game, 30-26.

For the RedHawks, Slusser and Buroker each tallied two service aces. Walters notched five kills and a .571 hitting percentage, while libero Suzy Wolford collected eight digs.

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	3	4-1-10	.300	0	2	1	2
Pfohl	3	1-2-8	-.125	0	0	6	0
Clark	2	3-1-4	.500	15	0	2	0
Centers	2	3-3-12	.000	0	0	1	1
Buroker	3	3-6-16	-.188	3	2	5	0
Poll	3	5-0-10	.500	0	1	1	0
Wolford	3	0-1-3	-.333	0	0	8	0
Zent	3	3-5-16	-.125	0	0	2	0
Simpson	2	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Walters	3	5-1-7	.571	1	0	4	1
Kapteyn	1	1-0-2	.500	0	0	0	0
McCormick	2	1-1-3	.000	10	0	1	0
Totals	3	29-21-91	.088	29	5	31	2.0

KENT STATE	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Butts	3	2-1-3	.333	28	1	9	0
Griffin	3	10-2-26	.308	0	0	3	0
Holt	3	7-3-17	.235	1	6	8	2
Weilert	3	9-0-14	.643	0	1	1	3
Warnke	3	3-2-8	.125	1	0	3	3
Ladurner-Schnitzer	3	8-0-14	.571	2	2	2	4
Kessel	1	1-0-2	.500	4	0	0	0
Corniffe	1	0-1-2	-.500	0	0	0	0
Pelton	3	0-0-0	.000	2	0	3	0
Wilber	1	1-1-2	.000	0	0	0	0
Mang	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	1	0
Shanklin	2	0-1-1	-.1000	0	0	2	0
Totals	3	41-11-89	.337	38	10	32	6.0

Miami (0)	10	17	26
Kent State (3)	30	30	30

**AKRON, 3
MIAMI, 0**

Oct. 18, 2003—Akron, Ohio

Rounding out its five-match road stretch, Miami lost a three-game match at Akron, 19-30, 24-30, 21-30.

Spurred by a 7-2 run midway through the first game, Akron pulled out to a 20-11 lead. A kill by outside hitter Angie Zent and a block by setter Megan Clark and middle hitter Lauren Slusser helped Miami pull within eight, 14-22. The Zips eventually extended their lead to 11, 15-26. Miami was able close the gap to nine, with its last nine-point deficit off an outside hitter Kristen Walters kill, 19-28. A RedHawk service error and ball handling error ended the game in favor of the Zips, 30-19.

Miami found itself down 3-6 early in the second game. A 4-0 RedHawk run ignited by a Slusser block and fired by kills from Clark and Buroker and a block by Clark and Slusser handed Miami a 7-6 edge. Again the RedHawks were at a disadvantage, this time by a 10-14 margin. A much more inspired RedHawk squad showed its face as Miami chiseled away at the Akron lead to post a 16-15 edge. Three powerful Miami solo blocks by Buroker, Walters and Slusser paced the RedHawks in their come-back. The teams went back and forth until the Zips pulled away to a 24-21 advantage. Off a Walters kill, Miami was able to shrink the Zip lead to one, 23-24, but Akron went on a 6-1 run down the stretch to capture the second game, 30-24.

The RedHawks trailed from the onset of the third game, but a Clark service ace tied the game, 7-7, and a kill by outside hitter Jordan Centers knotted the set, 8-8. From there, the Zips went on a 10-2 run to post an 18-10 kill lead. Miami was able to pull within five, 15-20, off a solo block by Clark, but Akron rolled to the 30-21 Game Three win.

For the RedHawks Buroker collected a career-high three solo blocks and tallied a team-best 10 digs, while Slusser and Zent added eight kills apiece. Miami collected eight solo blocks as a team, three off the program's single-match record.

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	3	8-4-19	.211	0	0	3	2
Clark	3	3-2-8	.125	32	1	9	3
Zent	3	8-5-25	.120	0	0	7	0
Walters	3	3-3-15	.000	1	0	7	3
Buroker	3	6-4-29	.069	1	0	10	4
Poll	2	2-1-5	.200	0	0	0	2
Wolford	3	0-2-5	-.400	0	0	5	0
Pfohl	3	2-2-5	.000	0	0	1	0
Kapteyn	3	2-1-8	.125	1	0	3	2
Centers	1	3-1-6	.333	0	0	1	0
Totals	3	37-25-125	.096	35	1	46	12.0

AKRON	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Nugent	3	10-5-26	.192	0	0	3	6
Hopper	3	9-5-26	.154	0	0	6	1
Schmiedel	3	4-0-8	.500	29	0	10	2
Lewis	3	9-5-22	.182	1	1	17	3
Sullenberger	3	5-4-16	.062	3	3	1	1
Morlock	3	7-1-15	.400	4	0	7	4
Snider	3	0-0-2	.000	1	0	6	0
Totals	3	44-20-115	.209	38	4	50	9.0

Miami (0)	19	24	21
Akron (3)	30	30	30



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OHIO, 3 MIAMI, 0

Oct. 25, 2003—Oxford, Ohio

After a five-match road stretch and returning home for the first time since October 4, Miami hosted Ohio but suffered a three-game loss to the Bobcats, 22-30, 18-30, 18-30.

Three times throughout the early stages of the first game Ohio led by as many as seven, including an 18-11 edge off a kill by outside hitter Ashley Elliott. Miami crept back to within four points twice—15-19 off a kill by outside hitter Angie Zent and 20-24 off a block by setter Megan Clark and middle hitter Susan Poll. The Bobcats, however, ended the first game on a 6-2 run to capture the set off a kill by middle hitter Julia Winkfield, 30-22.

On a block by Zent and middle hitter Lauren Slusser, Miami was able to post a 7-5 edge in the second game. Ohio rattled off three unanswered points off a pair of outside hitter Holly Schetzlsle kills and a service ace by setter Savannah Parra to post an 8-7 advantage. Miami was able to pull within one five times, the last time off an Ohio service error to make the score 13-14. From there, the Bobcats went on a 13-2 surge to make the score 27-15 and eventually notched the 30-18 Game Two win.

Bolstered by a .452 hitting percentage in the third game, Ohio quickly notched a 6-1 lead early in the set. A service ace by middle hitter Natalie Kapteyn and a block by outside hitter Tara Buroker pushed Miami within two, 4-6. Ohio extended its lead to 15-9 off an outside hitter Lindsay Judice kill and eventually took the game, 30-18, on a kill by middle hitter Jenna Gaughran.

For the RedHawks, Buroker notched 11 digs, while Poll tallied three blocks.

OHIO	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Parra	2	0-0-0	.000	1	1	2	0
Judice	3	12-4-22	.364	0	3	4	3
Winkfield	3	6-3-17	.176	0	1	1	3
Hageman	3	13-1-22	.545	0	0	7	6
Fiene	3	0-0-0	.000	0	0	4	0
Adamovsky	3	1-1-8	.000	39	1	4	3
Gaughran	1	2-0-2	1.000	0	0	0	0
Ruszkowski	1	0-0-0	.000	1	0	1	0
Smith	1	0-0-0	.000	1	0	2	0
Blackburn	3	0-0-0	.000	1	0	15	0
Kell	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Schetzlsle	3	10-3-22	.318	0	0	2	1
Elliott	3	3-3-8	.000	0	0	0	2
Totals	3	47-15-101	.317	43	6	42	11.0

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	2	0-3-9	.333	0	0	0	1
Clark	3	1-2-6	.167	27	0	5	2
Zent	2	6-5-21	.048	0	0	3	2
Centers	3	4-3-10	.100	1	0	1	0
Buroker	3	5-3-17	.118	2	1	11	2
Poll	3	5-1-11	.364	0	0	3	3
Wolford	3	0-1-2	.500	0	0	4	0
Pfohl	1	4-0-7	.571	0	0	0	0
Yauss	3	0-0-0	.000	0	0	3	0
Walters	3	1-2-6	.167	0	0	2	1
Kapteyn	2	5-5-13	.000	0	1	0	0
Totals	3	31-25-102	.059	30	2	32	7.0

Ohio (3)	30	30	30
Miami (0)	22	18	18

MIAMI, 3 MARSHALL, 2

Oct. 31, 2003—Huntington, W.Va.

Miami captured a thrilling five-game win at Marshall to end a 10-match drought, 30-28, 21-30, 22-30, 31-29 and 15-11.

Trailing early in the first game, Miami rebounded to take a 14-9 lead with help from kills by outside hitters Tara Buroker and Kristen Walters. Two service aces by outside hitter Angie Zent and a pair of Marshall attack errors knotted the game, 25-25. The teams went back and forth until a kill by middle hitter Susan Poll iced the game for Miami, 30-28.

Aided by kills from Poll and Walters, Miami quickly took a 4-1 lead in the second game. Marshall pulled within one, 7-6, but Miami held a two-point cushion, 8-6. From there, Marshall went on a 6-0 run to post a 12-8 lead and never looked back as the Thundering Herd claimed the second game, 30-21.

Middle hitter Natalie Kapteyn opened the third game teaming up with Walters and Buroker on blocks to post a 2-0 lead for the RedHawks. Kills by setter Melinda McCormick, Kapteyn and Zent spurred Miami to an 8-4 lead. Miami led 17-13 when Marshall went on an 8-1 spurt to take a 21-18 lead. A kill by middle hitter Lauren Slusser and a block by Walters pulled Miami within one, 20-21, but the Thundering Herd went on a 4-0 surge to post a 25-20 edge. From there, Marshall went on a 5-2 run to take the third game, 30-22.

A service ace by Walters and a kill by McCormick helped Miami gain an early 4-1 edge in the fourth game. Eventually, the Herd knotted the game 9-9 and it was tight until Miami claimed a 21-18 edge. Marshall tied the game, 21-21 and the teams traded points until Marshall took a 26-24 lead. A kill by Zent helped Miami knot the game, 26-26. Zent cinched the game with a kill and a service ace, 31-29.

In the fifth game, kills by Slusser and Walters sparked Miami to a 3-1 lead, but Marshall came back to tie the game, 4-4. A kill by Zent, a block by Slusser and McCormick and a powerful Slusser kill handed the RedHawks a four-point edge, 11-7. Marshall pulled within one, 12-11, however, Miami rattled off the final three points, two of which came of Buroker kills, to take the fifth game 15-11.

For the RedHawks, Buroker collected 13 kills and 19 digs, while Slusser tallied 13 kills and five blocks.

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	5	13-6-27	.259	8	0	4	5
Clark	2	2-1-4	.250	16	1	1	1
Yauss	5	0-2-2	.000	0	0	8	0
Walters	5	9-2-30	.233	5	1	12	4
Buroker	5	13-5-39	.205	1	1	19	1
Poll	2	7-6-23	.043	0	0	1	0
Wolford	5	0-0-5	.000	2	0	16	0
Zent	5	10-4-39	.154	0	3	3	2
Simpson	2	0-1-2	.500	0	0	0	0
Kapteyn	3	5-3-16	.125	1	0	1	4
McCormick	4	4-1-7	.429	23	0	7	3
Totals	5	63-29-194	.175	56	6	72	11.0

MARSHALL	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Sims	5	12-2-22	.455	0	0	8	9
Stein	5	8-3-18	.278	65	1	15	1
King	5	13-10-41	.073	4	1	24	3
Sanlin	5	7-6-21	.048	0	0	5	4
Michal	5	15-3-32	.375	4	2	10	5
Anderer	5	13-6-35	.200	0	1	12	2
Barnard	5	0-0-0	.000	4	0	12	0
Wilk	1	0-1-1	1.000	0	0	0	0
Bimberg	1	1-0-2	.500	0	0	0	0
Harper	4	13-5-26	.308	0	0	2	2
Jasin	1	0-0-1	.000	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	82-36-199	.231	77	5	88	14.5

Miami (3)	30	21	22	31	15
Marshall (2)	28	30	30	29	11

KENT STATE, 3 MIAMI, 2

Nov. 2, 2003—Oxford, Ohio

Middle hitter Lauren Slusser drilled a career-high 23 kills and produced a sizzling .571 hitting percentage to lead all players, however, it was not enough as Miami was edged by Kent State, 30-25, 25-30, 30-21, 26-30, 15-11.

Slusser connected on all seven of her attack attempts and knocked down two blocks to spark Miami in the first game. A kill by Slusser helped Miami claim a 15-6 lead. Kent State went on a 4-0 run to pull within three, 27-24. After a kill by Miami middle hitter Susan Poll, another KSU kill kept the Golden Flashes within three, 28-25. A kill by outside hitter Angie Zent iced the first game for the RedHawks, 30-25.

No team held more than a three-point edge throughout much of the second game. A pair of Zent's seven kills for the game helped Miami gain a 25-23 edge. Kent State, however, rattled off seven straight points to take the second game, 30-25.

After holding a slight, 11-9 edge in the third game, Miami collected five unanswered points—sparked by two kills apiece from Zent and Slusser—to capture a 16-9 lead. KSU pulled within four, 22-18 but would only get as close as four again, 23-19, as Miami went on a 7-2 run to seize the third game, 30-21.

Capped by a Zent service ace, Miami held a 13-10 lead in the fourth game until Kent State went on a 5-0 run to claim a 15-13 edge. The teams went back and forth, and a Buroker kill pulled Miami within one, 25-26. KSU outscored Miami 4-1 down the stretch to win the fourth game, 30-26.

Bolstered by a scorching .643 hitting percentage in the fifth game, Kent State collected 10 points off kills, while committing just one error in 14 attempts. Zent started the fifth set with a service ace for the RedHawks, but Miami quickly found itself trailing 6-10. Miami closed the gap to two, 8-10 and would get as close as two twice more—the last time at 11-13—but a RedHawk service error and a KSU kill cinched the game for the Golden Flashes, 15-11.

In addition to her career-high 23 kills, Slusser tallied five blocks and three service aces for Miami. Buroker notched 13 kills and a match-best 17 digs, while Zent added 11 kills and four service aces. Setter Melinda McCormick tallied 45 assists.

KENT STATE	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Corniffe	3	8-5-27	.111	0	1	2	0
Holt	5	18-9-33	.209	1	3	15	6
Weilert	5	8-3-17	.294	1	0	4	4
Warnke	5	7-2-21	.238	1	0	4	5
Ladurner-Schnitzer	5	10-4-27	.222	2	4	8	2
Butts	5	5-1-13	.308	45	1	7	1
Griffin	2	7-5-18	.111	1	0	3	1
Pelton	3	0-0-0	.000	2	0	10	0
Wilber	2	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	1
Mang	5	1-0-2	.500	1	0	7	0
Shanklin	3	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	64-29-168	.208	54	9	60	13.0

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	5	23-3-35	.571	1	3	4	5
Zent	5	11-4-39	.179	1	4	2	0
Walters	5	7-7-21	.000	2	3	10	2
McCormick	5	0-0-4	.000	45	2	4	3
Buroker	5	13-6-40	.175	3	0	17	1
Poll	5	6-5-22	.045	0	0	3	0
Wolford	5	0-0-2	.000	1	0	15	0
Clark	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Yauss	5	0-2-2	1.000	0	0	6	0
Kapteyn	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Centers	5	1-0-1	.000	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	60-27-166	.199	53	12	61	7.0

Kent State (3)	25	30	21	30	15
Miami (2)	30	25	30	26	11



**BOWLING GREEN, 3
MIAMI, 1**

Nov. 7, 2003—Bowling Green, Ohio

Miami suffered a four-game loss at Bowling Green, 24-30, 30-20, 29-31 and 17-30.

Early kills from outside hitter Angie Zent, middle hitter Lauren Slusser and outside hitter Jordan Centers handed Miami a 3-2 lead in the first game. Bowling Green rattled off three unanswered points to post a 5-3 edge and never looked back. Trailing by seven, 9-16, Miami was able to shrink the gap to four, 14-18, with help from two kills by setter Melinda McCormick and kills by middle hitter Susan Poll and outside hitter Tara Buroker. The RedHawks were as close as 22-26 until BGSU posted three straight points to post a 22-29 edge. BGSU eventually took the first game on a kill, 30-24.

A 5-0 surge in the second game catapulted the RedHawks to a 9-3 edge. Poll collected two kills, while Centers added a kill and a service ace and Buroker notched a kill. The Falcons pulled with in two, 9-7, but back-to-back McCormick service aces and a block by the Centers/Slusser tandem spurred Miami to a 24-12 lead. BGSU was eventually able to close the gap to seven, 26-19, but a pair of kills by Zent and another block by Centers and Slusser iced the second game for the RedHawks, 30-20.

Zent knocked down a solo block, BGSU committed four miscues and Buroker collected a kill as Miami pulled out to a 6-1 edge in the third game. Bowling Green notched six unanswered points to post a 7-6 advantage. From there, the teams went back and forth until two Buroker kills and a kill by outside hitter Kristen Walters handed the RedHawks a 20-17 lead. Again the Falcons chipped away at the Miami advantage to claim a 24-22 lead of their own. A kill by Buroker and a block by Zent and Poll knotted the game, 24-24, and Miami eventually was at game point, 29-27, off a powerful block by Zent. Bowling Green, however, collected four unanswered points to inch out the third game, 31-29.

In the fourth game, the Falcons went on a 5-0 run to capture a 15-9 lead and never looked back as Bowling Green ended the match with a 30-17 Game Four win. Walters posted five kills in the fourth game for the RedHawks.

For Miami, libero Suzy Wolford tallied a match-best 21 digs. Buroker added 13 kills and 13 digs, while Slusser tallied five blocks and two service aces.

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	4	8-2-22	.273	0	2	2	5
Zent	4	7-5-28	.071	0	2	5	4
McCormick	4	3-3-7	.000	35	2	7	0
Centers	3	4-4-13	.000	0	1	2	2
Buroker	4	13-6-44	.159	1	0	13	1
Poll	4	7-4-20	.150	0	0	1	2
Wolford	4	1-1-3	.000	0	0	21	0
Clark	1	0-0-0	.000	5	0	1	0
Yauss	4	1-1-2	.000	3	0	6	0
Simpson	1	0-0-2	.000	0	1	0	0
Walters	4	6-2-14	.286	2	0	6	1
Totals	4	50-28-155	.142	46	8	64	8.0

BOWLING GREEN	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Norris	4	7-7-33	.000	0	0	17	3
Rennau	4	5-8-25	.120	1	0	6	1
Bedricky	4	6-2-17	.235	1	3	9	3
Mohr	4	10-8-27	.074	0	1	5	6
Mareski	4	3-1-11	.182	49	4	5	4
Twite	4	26-4-45	.489	0	0	0	4
Gothke	4	1-0-1	1.000	2	0	14	0
Manser	2	1-3-5	-.400	0	0	2	0
Voshell	4	0-0-0	.000	0	3	2	0
Totals	4	59-33-164	.159	53	11	60	13.0

Miami(1)	24	30	29	17
Bowling Green(3)	30	20	31	30

**CENTRAL MICHIGAN, 3
MIAMI, 0**

Nov. 8, 2003—Mount Pleasant, Mich.

Middle hitter Lauren Slusser collected 11 kills and outside hitter Jordan Centers notched 10 kills as Miami dropped a three-game decision at Central Michigan, 25-30, 26-30, 19-30.

A service ace by outside hitter Angie Zent, a solo block from setter Megan Clark and a Chippewa service error lifted Miami to a 12-11 edge in the first game. CMU, however, went on a 9-2 spurt to post a 20-14 lead and never trailed again. Off a kill from outside hitter Tara Buroker, Miami closed the gap to three, 21-24, but CMU went on to claim the first game on a Meghan Moore kill, 30-25.

Two kills apiece by Centers and Slusser and a service ace by Buroker quickly gave the RedHawks a 6-2 lead in the second game.

Central Michigan rattled off seven unanswered points, four off Emily Lovejoy kills, to take a 9-7 edge. Zent knocked down a kill and Slusser served up an ace to knot the game, 9-9. The score would be tied eight more times—the last coming at 23-23 off a Buroker kill—before CMU took the lead for good. A Slusser kill brought Miami within one, 25-26, but the Chippewas outscored the RedHawks 4-1 down the stretch to take the second game, 30-26.

Again, Miami jumped out to an early lead. Buroker tallied two kills and Slusser, Zent and Centers each recorded one kill as Miami posted a 7-3 edge. From there, Central Michigan went on a 7-0 run to take a 10-7 advantage and a lead it would not relinquish. Miami battled back to tie the game, 11-11, off back-to-back service aces by Clark. After pulling within three points off a kill by Zent, 18-21, the Chippewas went on a 9-1 surge to take the third game, 30-19.

In addition to Centers' and Slussers' double-figure kill performances, Buroker and Wolford posted 11 and 10 digs, respectively.

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	3	11-3-24	.333	0	1	4	1
Clark	3	2-0-5	.400	35	2	8	2
Zent	3	8-4-25	.160	0	2	8	1
Kapteyn	2	3-3-10	.000	0	0	2	2
Centers	3	10-2-18	.444	2	0	1	1
Buroker	3	8-0-20	.400	2	1	11	0
Wolford	3	0-0-0	.000	1	0	10	0
Yauss	2	0-0-0	.000	0	0	3	0
Walters	2	0-0-1	.000	0	0	4	0
Poll	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	1	0
Totals	3	42-12-110	.273	40	6	50	5.0

CENTRAL MICHIGAN	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Reynolds	3	14-3-31	.355	0	3	10	2
Passen	3	9-1-20	.400	1	2	1	2
Glombowski	3	0-0-4	.000	49	0	1	1
Ochmanek	3	0-0-0	.000	2	1	5	0
Moore	3	16-1-23	.652	0	0	2	2
Lovejoy	3	17-4-35	.371	0	1	12	0
Dum	1	0-0-1	.000	0	0	0	0
McCrite	3	0-0-0	.000	2	0	15	0
Fant	3	8-3-19	.263	0	0	1	1
Totals	3	64-12-133	.391	54	7	47	4.0

Miami(0)	25	26	19
Central Michigan(3)	30	30	30

**MIAMI, 3
EASTERN MICHIGAN, 1**

Nov. 14, 2003—Oxford, Ohio

Miami took three straight games off Eastern Michigan, 30-22, 30-25 and 30-27 after dropping the first game 15-30 to seize a four-game win over the Eagles.

Outside hitter Tara Buroker paced the RedHawks with 16 kills, 14 digs and a .371 hitting percentage, while setter Melinda McCormick collected 55 assists and 10 digs.

Eastern Michigan's Emily Busch connected on five of her eight attack attempts for a .625 hitting percentage and served up an ace to pace the Eagles in the first set. A kill by Buroker left the RedHawks trailing 4-5 early in the first game. A 9-1 surge by the Eagles pushed Eastern Michigan to a 14-5 lead and EMU never looked back as it took the first game, 30-15.

Miami took an early 5-2 lead in the second game off a kill and a service ace by outside hitter Jordan Centers and a kill by McCormick. Eastern Michigan came back to post a 12-10 lead. A kill by Buroker and back-to-back service aces by middle hitter Lauren Slusser handed Miami the lead for good, 13-12. Slusser iced the second game for Miami with a kill, 30-23.

In the third game, it was relatively close until Miami broke out to a six-point advantage, 19-13, off a balanced RedHawk attack. The Eagles pulled to within two, 21-19, but Miami went on to take the third game, 30-25, with six kills apiece from Buroker and outside hitter Angie Zent.

Again, Miami jumped out to an early lead in the fourth game, posting a 13-8 advantage with help from a block by Buroker and middle hitter Susan Poll and a Buroker kill. EMU rallied to tie the game, 16-16. Miami regained its edge until EMU's Lauren Viney served up an ace to again knot the game, 20-20. Kills by Poll and McCormick and a Centers service ace handed Miami a 23-20 edge and a lead it would not relinquish. The Eagles came within two points on four occasions, but Miami took the fourth game, 30-27.

In addition to Buroker and McCormick, Slusser added 14 kills, a .429 hitting percentage, two service aces and four blocks, while Zent tallied 13 kills and two service aces. Centers notched nine kills and three service aces in the win.

EASTERN MICHIGAN	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Wagenmaker	4	10-2-18	.444	0	0	2	2
Busch	4	17-3-35	.400	1	1	1	6
Viney	4	1-2-8	-.125	61	3	9	3
Nighswander	4	13-5-39	.205	1	1	14	1
B. Piccolini	4	17-4-32	.406	0	2	7	5
Baltare	4	5-4-20	.050	0	1	15	0
Cudney	4	0-0-0	.000	1	0	15	0
Mack	4	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Hinkle	2	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Schaetzke	2	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
L. Piccolini	3	5-3-13	.154	0	0	2	0
Totals	4	68-23-165	.273	64	8	65	10.0

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	4	14-2-28	.429	0	2	1	4
Zent	4	13-7-36	.167	0	2	4	1
McCormick	4	4-1-8	.375	55	0	10	1
Centers	4	9-2-19	.368	3	3	0	1
Buroker	4	16-3-35	.371	3	0	14	2
Poll	4	7-2-22	.227	0	1	4	2
Wolford	4	1-0-2	.500	1	0	14	0
Yauss	4	0-0-1	.000	1	0	8	0
Simpson	2	1-0-7	.143	1	0	2	0
Walters	4	1-1-6	.000	1	0	7	1
Totals	4	66-18-164	.293	64	8	64	6.0

Eastern Michigan(1)	30	23	25	27
Miami(3)	15	30	30	30



MIAMI, 3 AKRON, 1

Nov. 15, 2003—Oxford, Ohio

Shaking things up over the final weekend of the MAC regular season and entering the MAC Tournament on a two-match win streak, Miami upset Akron, 30-25, 30-22, 26-30, 30-24.

Outside hitter Tara Buroker hammered out 23 kills in the win, while libero Suzy Wolford added 22 digs.

Behind a sizzling .405 hitting percentage and a solid blocking effort in the first game, Miami took a 1-0 lead in the match. The RedHawks had to battle back to tie the game five times before taking the lead for good, 18-17. Miami went on a 4-0 surge off two kills by middle hitter Lauren Slusser, a kill by outside hitter Jordan Centers and a block by Slusser, Centers and Buroker to take a 23-18 lead. From there, Miami continued to chunk out points until Slusser iced the game with a kill, 30-25.

With a Slusser kill starting off the second game, Miami took the lead from the onset and never looked back. Early on Miami led by as many as five, including a 15-10 edge off a Slusser service ace. Akron crawled back within one, 19-18, but Miami went on to outscore the Zips 11-4 down the stretch to seize the game, 30-22.

In the third game, Akron jumped out to a 10-7 lead. The Zips owned a 14-11 lead until Miami collected five unanswered points with help from a block by middle hitter Susan Poll and Buroker, two kills by Poll and a Buroker kill to lift the RedHawks to a 16-14 edge. After the Zips a 17-16 lead, the teams were tied five times before Akron went on a 5-0 surge to post a lead it would not relinquish. From there the Zips went on to take the third game, 30-26.

Miami led through the early stages of the fourth set until the Zips claimed a 15-13 lead. The RedHawks rattle off five straight points off two kills from Buroker, a block by Buroker and Poll and a kill by Centers to post a 17-15 advantage. Akron would get as close as two, 24-22, but a block by setter Melinda McCormick and kills by Poll and Buroker spurred Miami down the stretch as the RedHawks claimed the match off the 30-24 Game Four win.

In addition to Buroker and Wolford, Slusser posted 13 kills and five blocks, while Poll chipped in 12 kills, a scorching .550 hitting percentage and three blocks. McCormick notched 59 assists and 10 digs, while Centers tallied 11 kills, eight digs and five blocks.

AKRON	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Nugent	4	16-1-28	.536	0	2	4	4
Hopper	3	2-3-8	.125	1	0	1	0
Schmiedel	4	3-0-12	.250	61	0	5	2
Lewis	4	14-8-43	.140	1	0	21	4
Sullenberger	4	14-2-32	.375	0	1	2	2
Morlock	4	16-6-33	.303	1	0	3	1
Divoky	2	0-0-0	.000	0	0	1	0
Kocinski	3	3-1-6	.333	0	0	6	0
Snider	4	0-0-2	.000	0	0	16	0
Rush	1	0-0-0	.000	1	0	0	0
Bachor	2	2-2-8	.000	2	0	7	0
Totals	4	70-23-172	.273	67	3	66	8.0

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	4	13-3-27	.370	0	1	0	5
Zent	4	8-3-27	.185	1	2	4	3
McCormick	4	4-2-9	.222	59	0	10	1
Centers	4	11-4-28	.250	5	0	8	5
Buroker	4	23-3-51	.392	3	1	9	3
Poll	4	12-1-20	.550	0	1	0	3
Wolford	4	0-0-4	.000	1	0	22	0
Yauss	4	0-0-1	.000	0	0	8	0
Walters	3	0-0-0	.000	0	0	4	0
Totals	4	71-16-167	.329	69	5	65	10.5

Akron (1)	25	22	30	24
Miami (3)	30	30	26	30

BALL STATE, 3 MIAMI, 0

Nov. 18, 2003—Muncie, Ind.

Miami's Mid-American Conference Tournament stint ended with a three-game loss at No. 4 seed Ball State, 21-30, 22-30, 26-30.

The teams were tied eight times in the first game before Ball State went on a 5-0 run to post an 18-13 lead. Miami was able to pull within three points three times off a block by middle hitter Lauren Slusser and outside hitter Tara Buroker, off a kill by Slusser and finally off a kill by Buroker to make the score 19-22. Ball State rattled off four unanswered points to extend its lead to 26-19 and eventually took the first game, 30-21. Slusser posted five kills and a .667 hitting percentage for the RedHawks in the set.

Spurred by a pair of kills from outside hitter Jordan Centers, Miami built an early 9-6 lead in the second game. A solo block by Buroker and a kill by outside hitter Angie Zent helped Miami gain a four-point edge, 17-13. Ball State, however, went on a 5-0 spurt to take an 18-17 advantage. A kill by libero Suzy Wolford knotted the game, 19-19, but the Cardinals collected four straight points to take a 23-19 lead. Ball State knocked down five kills as they outscored the RedHawks 7-3 down the stretch to capture the second game, 30-22. The Cardinals were bolstered by a .462 hitting percentage in the game.

In the third game, no team held more than a two-point edge until a Miami service error and a BSU block gave the Cardinals an 11-8 lead. Trailing 15-10, Miami scraped away at the Cardinal lead with blocks by Buroker and middle hitter Susan Poll and the Zent/Poll tandem and kills by McCormick and Poll evened the score, 15-15. Back-to-back kills by Buroker handed Miami a 22-20 edge. Ball State came back to knot the game four times before taking a 26-25 edge. A Zent kill tied the game, 26-26, but the Cardinals ended the game on a 4-0 run to take the match on a 30-26 Game Three win.

Buroker paced the RedHawks with 13 kills, 18 digs and three blocks, while Poll and Slusser tallied 10 kills apiece. Wolford notched 11 digs.

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	3	10-4-18	.333	0	0	5	2
Zent	3	5-5-28	.000	0	0	4	1
McCormick	2	3-0-6	.500	24	1	6	1
Centers	3	5-3-14	.143	0	0	0	0
Buroker	3	13-5-30	.267	1	0	18	3
Poll	3	10-2-25	.320	1	0	4	2
Wolford	3	1-0-3	.333	2	0	16	0
Clark	3	2-2-4	.000	21	0	3	0
Yauss	3	1-0-3	.333	0	0	11	0
Walters	3	2-2-6	.000	2	0	2	1
Totals	3	52-23-137	.212	51	1	69	6.0

BALL STATE	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Fancher	3	0-0-0	.000	1	1	2	0
Obas	3	12-2-41	.244	2	2	8	3
Westhof	3	13-2-20	.550	0	1	5	4
Baldwin	3	3-0-10	.300	38	2	12	2
Gibson	3	7-2-19	.263	0	0	4	5
Cochran	3	10-2-28	.286	3	0	10	1
Burleson	3	7-3-16	.250	1	0	0	2
Keller	3	1-0-1	1.000	3	0	15	0
Totals	3	53-11-135	.311	48	6	56	10.0

Miami (0)	21	22	26
Ball State (3)	30	30	30

MIAMI, 3 WAKE FOREST, 2

Nov. 29, 2003—Winston-Salem, N.C.

Four players recorded double figures in kills as Miami edged Wake Forest in a five-game road match to conclude the season, 22-30, 30-28, 22-30, 30-26, 16-14.

Miami inched out a 30-28 win in the second game to even the match at one game apiece. The RedHawks were bolstered by a .318 hitting percentage in the fourth game to stave off the Demon Deacons, who hit .233 as a team in the set, and post a 30-26 win to send the match to a deciding game. In the fifth game, Miami produced a .350 hitting percentage, connecting on eight of 20 attempts and making just one attack error to pull out the thrilling 16-14 Game Five win.

The match was Miami's sixth five-game contest of the season. The RedHawks improved to 3-3 in five-game matches with the win.

Setter Melinda McCormick and middle hitter Susan Poll ended their Miami careers on a strong note. McCormick tallied 53 assists, 11 digs, six kills and an impressive .857 hitting percentage, while Poll notched 12 kills and four blocks, including two solo blocks for the RedHawks.

Outside hitter Tara Buroker paced the RedHawks with 18 kills and 16 digs. Freshman Jordan Centers (Norwalk, Ohio/St. Paul) added 11 kills, a .345 hitting percentage, two service aces and two blocks, while outside hitter Angie Zent posted 11 kills. Libero Suzy Wolford and defensive specialist Rachel Yauss each recorded 12 digs.

MIAMI	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Slusser	5	8-6-26	.077	0	0	4	1
Zent	5	11-6-35	.143	0	0	4	0
McCormick	5	6-0-7	.857	53	1	11	1
Centers	5	11-1-29	.345	2	2	5	2
Buroker	5	18-4-48	.292	3	0	16	1
Poll	5	12-5-27	.259	1	0	2	4
Wolford	5	0-2-3	-.667	0	0	12	0
Clark	1	0-1-3	-.333	6	0	1	0
Yauss	5	1-0-2	.500	0	0	12	0
Walters	5	0-2-5	-.400	0	0	4	0
Kapteyn	2	2-2-6	.000	0	0	0	1
Totals	5	69-29-191	.209	65	3	71	6.0

WAKE FOREST	GP	K-E-At.	Pct.	A	SA	D	B
Bohart	5	7-4-24	.125	58	0	9	1
Hauff	5	12-5-19	.368	0	1	5	7
Rydberg	5	19-4-46	.283	2	4	17	2
DeLisle	5	20-1-35	.543	0	1	15	3
Stern	5	8-5-25	.120	2	0	8	3
Doane	4	0-0-0	.000	0	1	1	0
Schulte	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Williams	5	6-2-19	.211	0	0	2	4
Fisher	2	1-0-5	.200	1	0	1	1
Nicholas	1	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0	0
Schaefer	5	0-0-0	.000	1	0	14	0
Totals	3	53-11-135	.311	48	6	56	10.0

Miami (3)	22	30	22	30	16
Wake Forest (2)	30	28	30	26	14