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GAME NOTES: Oct. 31, 2002

2002 SCHEDULE

AUGUST

30-31	MIAMI CLASSIC	
30	vs. IPFW	W, 3-1
31	vs. DELAWARE	W, 3-0
	vs. WASHINGTON	L, 0-3

SEPTEMBER

3	at Cincinnati	L, 0-3
6-7	at Georgia Tech Invitational	
6	vs. Florida A&M	W, 3-2
7	vs. #22 Louisville	L, 0-3
	vs. Georgia Tech	L, 1-3
10	at Dayton	L, 0-3
13-14	at TCU Invitational	
13	vs. Stephen F. Austin	W, 3-1
14	vs. San Jose State	W, 3-2
	vs. TCU	L, 1-3
18	at No. 13 Ohio State	L, 1-3
21	WESTERN ONTARIO (Exh.)	W, 3-0
27	at Toledo*	L, 0-3
28	at Eastern Michigan*	L, 0-3

OCTOBER

4	at Ohio*	L, 1-3
5	at Marshall*	L, 1-3
11	BUFFALO*	W, 3-0
13	KENT STATE*	W, 3-1
16	at Northern Illinois*	L, 2-3
19	BOWLING GREEN*	L, 1-3
23	BALL STATE*	L, 2-3
25	MARSHALL*	W, 3-0

NOVEMBER

1	OHIO*	7 p.m.
3	AKRON*	3 p.m.
8	at Kent State*	7 p.m.
13	at Ball State*	7 p.m.
15	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	7 p.m.
16	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	7 p.m.
22	at Akron*	7:30 p.m.
23	at Buffalo*	5 p.m.
26	MAC Quarterfinals at Top Four Seeds	TBA
29-30	MAC Tournament at Highest Remaining Seed	TBA

*Denotes Mid-American Conference Match

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Miami Volleyball (8-14; 3-7 MAC) at

Friday, Nov. 1 vs Ohio (17-7; 7-3 MAC), 7 p.m.

Millett Hall—Oxford, OH

Sunday, Nov. 3 vs Akron (18-4; 9-1 MAC), 3 p.m.

Millett Hall—Oxford, OH

REDHAWK VOLLEYBALL TEAM HOSTS TOP EAST DIVISION TEAMS

For the second straight week, the Miami University volleyball team's two home matches will be no small task for the RedHawks as they host two of the Mid-American Conference's top teams. Friday night's match pits the RedHawks (8-14; 3-7 MAC) against the Ohio Bobcats, who are ranked second in the East Division with a 17-7 overall record and 7-3 MAC mark. On Sunday, Miami faces the East Division's top team—the Akron Zips. Akron enters the weekend with a league best 18-4 overall record and a 9-1 conference mark. Last weekend, the Zips toppled Ball State in three games to hand the Cardinals their first MAC loss, but Ohio edged the Zips on Saturday in five games.

MIAMI

RedHawks	Nickname	Bobcats
Oxford, Ohio	Location	Athens, Ohio
Red and White	Colors	Hunter Green and White
Mid-American	Conference	Mid-American
Carolyn Condit	Head Coach	Mike Lessinger
359-233/19	School Record/Years	48-34/2
458-313/23	Career Record/Years	48-34/2
15-12	2001 Record	11-16
11-7/T-2nd East	Conference Record/Finish	9-9/T-4th East
4/2	Starters Returning/Lost	4/2
7/5	Letterwinners Returning/Lost	8/5
40-7	Series Record	7-40

OHIO

MIAMI

RedHawks	Nickname	Zips
Oxford, Ohio	Location	Akron, Ohio
Red and White	Colors	Blue and Gold
Mid-American	Conference	Mid-American
Carolyn Condit	Head Coach	Mike Sweitzer
359-233/19	School Record/Years	217-155/11
458-313/23	Career Record/Years	217-155/11
15-12	2001 Record	17-9
11-7/T-2nd East	Conference Record/Finish	11-7/T-2nd East
4/2	Starters Returning/Lost	5/1
7/5	Letterwinners Returning/Lost	7/2
19-7	Series Record	7-19

AKRON

ABOUT OHIO

Last weekend, the Bobcats picked up two MAC victories, topping Kent State in three games and Akron in five games to extend their record to 17-7. Laura Hageman leads the team with 3.11 kills per game, 3.42 digs per game, and a team-best 1.31 blocks

per game. Lindsay Judice adds another 3.19 kills per game and 2.59 digs per game.

SERIES VERSUS THE BOBCATS

Miami owns a 40-7 lead in the series with Ohio. Last season, the RedHawks and Bobcats each claimed a victory on their home court. Miami fell to Ohio earlier this year in a four-game match in Athens.

ABOUT AKRON

The Zips split a pair of matches last week, beating Ball State in three games and falling to Ohio in five games. The loss to Ohio snapped a 13-match winning streak for Akron. Sandy Lewis paces the Zips with 3.76 kills per game and 3.13 digs per game, while Jenn Snyder adds 3.41 kills per game and a team-best 3.53 digs per game. Monica Morlock is Akron's top blocker, averaging 1.25 blocks per game. Rachel Rush orchestrates the Akron offense, averaging 9.18 assists per game.

SERIES VERSUS THE ZIPS

The RedHawks are 19-7 in the series with Akron and are 12-2 when facing the Zips in Oxford. Miami beat Akron in their last meeting in four games. The RedHawks have dropped four of their last six contests to the Zips.

BALL STATE 3, MIAMI 2

Sophomore outside hitter **Angie Zent** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Northrup) had a career night for the RedHawks with 22 kills 28 digs and three solo blocks. However, the RedHawks were edged in a five-game match by West Division leader Ball State, 30-28, 25-30, 26-30, 30-25, 15-13.

Early in the first game, Miami took a 5-2 lead and maintained its edge until Ball State went on a 7-0 run to own a 26-23 lead. A kill by junior middle hitter **Susan Poll** (Grand Rapids, Mich./East Kentwood) and a service ace from freshman middle hitter **Lindsey Sullenberger** (Piqua, Ohio/Piqua) helped the RedHawks knot the game, 27-27. The two teams traded points to keep the game tied, 28-28. Senior middle hitter **Jennifer Eaton** (Cincinnati, Ohio/Ursuline Academy) pounded a critical kill to give the RedHawks a one-point lead and a bad set by BSU ended the first game with the RedHawks on top 30-28.

Again the RedHawks took an early lead, 6-3, but Ball State chipped away to take and 8-7 advantage. The RedHawks were able to regain the lead and post a 13-11 edge, but that was short lived as the Cardinals went on a 5-0 run to capture a lead they would not relinquish, and they went on to take the second game 30-25.

In the third game, it was Ball State who jumped out the early lead and maintained throughout, posting the 30-26 triumph. The RedHawks knotted the game, 8-8 on a service ace by Zent and then tied it up again, 9-9, off an Eaton kill, but that would be as close as the RedHawks would get.

Despite a 16-20 deficit in the fourth game, Miami persevered to send the match to a deciding game with a 30-25 win. The RedHawks tied the game, 23-23, with consecutive kills from Zent, but Ball State was able to regain its lead 25-23. Miami, however went on a 7-0 run to end the game. Poll spearheaded the late surge with a kill, a solo block and a block assist with sophomore outside hitter **Tara Buroker** (Bluffton, Ohio/Bluffton).

In the fifth game, Miami jumped out to a 6-3 lead and maintained its three-point advantage at 13-10. Ball State, however recorded the final five points to take the match 15-13. Zent posted an impressive four kills, one block and one assist in the deciding game.

In addition to Zent's career night, Buroker produced 18 kills and 28 digs, while Poll added 10 kills and six blocks (3 solo, 3 assist). The three solo blocks tie Poll's career-high. Eaton added 12 kills and seven blocks.

MIAMI 3, MARSHALL 0

Regaining some of its home court momentum, Miami downed Marshall in three games to hand the Thundering Herd only their second Mid-American Conference loss of the season, 31-29, 30-27, 30-26.

In the first game, Miami led by as many as seven through the early stages of the game. Marshall inched its way back to knot the game, 19-19, but Miami was able to capture a 28-25 lead. The Herd tallied four straight points to gain a one-point edge,

MAC STANDINGS (as of 10/28/02)

East Division	MAC	OVERALL
Akron	9-1	18-4
Ohio	7-3	17-7
Marshall	6-3	15-7
Kent State	5-5	12-10
Miami	3-7	8-14
Buffalo	1-10	9-16

West Division	MAC	OVERALL
Ball State	9-1	14-7
E. Michigan	7-4	19-5
W. Michigan	5-5	11-12
C. Michigan	5-5	9-14
N. Illinois	4-6	11-11
Toledo	2-7	10-11
Bowling Green	2-8	7-15

THIS WEEK AROUND THE MAC

Wednesday, Oct. 30

Bowling Green at Toledo, 7 p.m.
Central Michigan at Eastern Michigan, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 1

Akron at Marshall, 7 p.m.
Ball State at Western Michigan, 7 p.m.
Eastern Michigan at Bowling Green, 7 p.m.
Kent State at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Ohio at Miami, 7 p.m.
Toledo at Northern Illinois, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 2

Ball State at Eastern Michigan, 7 p.m.
Bowling Green at Kent State, 7 p.m.
Central Michigan at Marshall, 7 p.m.
Ohio at Northern Illinois, 7 p.m.
Toledo at Western Michigan, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 3

Akron at Miami, 3 p.m.
Western Illinois at Eastern Michigan, 1 p.m.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Monday, Oct. 21

Kent State def. Central Michigan, 3-2

Tuesday, Oct. 22

Morehead State def. Ohio, 3-1

Wednesday, Oct. 23

Ball State def. Miami, 3-2
Western Michigan def. IPFW, 3-1

Friday, Oct. 25

Akron def. Ball State, 3-0
Bowling Green def. Central Michigan, 3-0
Western Michigan def. Buffalo, 3-0
Ohio def. Kent State, 3-0
Miami def. Marshall, 3-0
Eastern Michigan def. Northern Illinois, 3-1
IPFW def. Toledo, 3-1

Saturday, Oct. 26

Ohio def. Akron, 3-2
Eastern Michigan def. Buffalo, 3-0
Ball State def. Marshall, 3-1
Central Michigan def. Northern Illinois, 3-2
Western Michigan def. Toledo, 3-1

Sunday, Oct. 27

Eastern Michigan def. Valparaiso, 3-1

AVCA/USA Today Top 25 Coaches' Poll (as of Oct. 28)

1. USC (18-0), 2. Hawai'i (19-0), 3. Florida (20-1), 4. Nebraska (19-1), 5. UC Santa Barbara (21-0), 6. Stanford (19-3), 7. Minnesota (22-3), 8. Northern Iowa (22-2), 9. Long Beach State (18-3), 10. Pepperdine (14-6), 11. Penn State (18-3), 12. Santa Clara (17-3), 13. North Carolina (21-2), 14. Arizona (11-7), 15. Wisconsin (15-6), 16. Eastern Washington (23-1), 17. Washington State (15-6), 18. UCLA (12-9), 19. Arizona State (10-5), 20. South Carolina (17-4), 21. Missouri (18-4), 22. Utah (16-6), 23. Georgia Tech (22-4), 24. Texas (17-4), 25. Michigan State (14-6). **Others:** Kansas State (107), San Diego (90), Washington (86), California (52), Louisville (31), Northwestern (23), Fresno State (21), Notre Dame (16).

NUMBERS WATCH

Career Block Assists

1. Kristin Wagner (1989-92)	347
2. Nichole Putman (1991-94)	335
3. Lori Reinart (1993-96)	331
4. Sarah Dickman (1986-89)	307
Julie Sterk (1995-98)	307
6. Jennifer Eaton (1999-02)	296
7. Karen Lepley (1985-88)	295
8. Kelly McCullough (1999-02)	289
9. Molly Higgins (1987-90)	264
10. Kathy Tepe (1983-86)	262

Career Solo Blocks

1. Wendy Tepe (1983-86)	108
2. Kathy Tepe (1983-86)	98
3. Kristin Wagner (1989-92)	92
4. Julie Sterk (1995-98)	79
5. Nichole Putman (1991-94)	61
6. Sarah Dickman (1986-89)	57
7. Lauren Hirsch (1994-97)	55
8. Karen Lepley (1985-88)	53
9. Lori Reinart (1993-96)	49
10. Alissia Thompson (1996-99)	46
Jennifer Eaton (1999-02)	46

MILESTONE MARKER

Career Kills

1. Stephanie Otten (1992-1995)	1528
2. Kathy Tepe (1983-86)	1398
3. Lori Reinart (1993-96)	1372
4. Angel Miller (1988-91)	1344
5. Kristin Wagner (1989-92)	1264
6. Wendy Tepe (1983-86)	1258
7. Karen Lepley (1985-88)	1188
8. Mindy Collins (1996-99)	1185
9. Julie Sterk (1995-98)	1176
10. Jenny Schwarber (1989-92)	1087
Kelly McCullough (1999-02) ..	1027

Career Digs

1. Stephanie Otten (1992-95)	1467
2. Jenny Schwarber (1989-92)	1354
3. Angel Miller (1988-91)	1157
4. Mindy Collins (1996-99)	1155
5. Karen Lepley (1985-88)	1154
6. Rosie Palmer (1994-97)	1066
7. Nichole Putman (1991-92)	1035
8. Maggie Clark (1995-98)	973
9. Erika Eagan (1999-02)	947
10. Molly Higgins (1987-90)	939
11. Wendy Tepe (1983-86)	923

29-28. However, a kill by sophomore outside hitter **Tara Buroker** and back-to-back kills from senior middle hitter **Jennifer Eaton** iced the game for the RedHawks, 31-29.

Despite a 2-7 deficit in the second game, the RedHawks went on a 15-5 run to capture its largest lead of the game, 17-12. From there the RedHawks rolled to a 30-27 win. A block by Eaton and freshman setter **Megan Clark** (Solon, Ohio/Solon) put down a big block to end the game for Miami.

Back-to-back service aces by freshman middle hitter **Lindsey Sullenberger** highlighted the third game and handed the RedHawks their largest lead of the third set, 20-14. A kill by junior middle hitter **Susan Poll** ended the match for the RedHawks with Miami taking the third game, 30-26.

Poll paced the Red and White with 16 kills, 400 hitting percentage and five blocks, while Buroker added a team-best 13 digs. Senior outside hitter **Kelly McCullough** (Hudson, Ohio/Hudson) notched 11 kills and nine digs, and Eaton posted 12 kills. Clark posted 45 assists.

SENSATIONAL SOPHOMORES

Sophomore outside hitters **Angie Zent** and **Tara Buroker** were pivotal parts of the solid effort the RedHawks put forth last week. In a five-game battle with Ball State, Zent, making just the fourth start of her career, stepped in and was a pillar of strength in the RedHawk lineup with 22 kills, a .400 hitting percentage, 28 digs and three solo blocks—all career-high numbers. Buroker also manufactured impressive numbers against the Cardinals, posting 18 kills and 28 digs. For the week, Buroker averaged 3.25 kills per game, and a team-best 5.12 digs per game, while Zent paced the Red and White averaging 3.50 kills per game and 4.38 digs per game.

20/20 VISION

For the first time this season, Miami had a player amass more than 20 kills and 20 digs in a single match. Sophomore outside hitter **Angie Zent** produced 22 kills and 28 digs in a five-game match for the RedHawks.

EATON MOVES TO SIXTH ON CAREER BLOCK ASSIST CHART

Collecting eight block assists last week, senior middle hitter **Jennifer Eaton** moved to sixth on Miami's career block assist chart. Eaton now owns 296 career block assists and needs 12 more to move No. 4 and 52 more to capture the record of 347. Senior outside hitter **Kelly McCullough** owns 289 career block assists and is No. 8 on the career list. Both are chasing Miami's career standard of 347. McCullough needs seven block assists to take over No. 6. With 46 solo blocks, Eaton also is tied for 10th on the RedHawks' career solo block list.

SOLID WEEK FOR POLL

Junior middle hitter **Susan Poll** helped the RedHawks to a near upset of the previously unbeaten Ball State Cardinals and paced the RedHawks as Miami toppled Marshall in three games to hand the Thundering Herd only their second league loss of the season. Poll's slide attack was virtually unstoppable against Marshall as she led the RedHawks with 16 kills, nine of which came in the third game, including four of Miami's final six points. Against the Herd, Poll averaged an impressive 5.33 kills per game and 1.67 blocks per game and connected on 40 percent of her attacks. In the five-game loss to Ball State Poll produced 1.20 blocks per game and tied a career high with three solo blocks against the Cardinals. For the week, she averaged 3.25 kills per game and 1.38 blocks per game.

MCCULLOUGH NEARING CAREER KILL TOP TEN LIST

With 60 more kills, senior outside hitter Kelly McCullough will place her name on Miami's career kill list. McCullough enters the weekend with 1,027 career kills. Earlier this month, McCullough became just the 13th player in school history to record 1,000 career kills when she produced 11 kills against Bowling Green.

MAC NUGGETS

Six Miami players rank among Mid-American Conference leaders in the latest MAC statistics (10/28). Senior middle hitter **Jennifer Eaton** ranks fifth in blocks (1.16), while junior middle hitter **Susan Poll** is 12th in blocks (1.04) and seventh in hitting

percentage (.289). Sophomore outside hitter **Tara Buroker** averages 3.67 digs per game to rank sixth, while freshman setter **Megan Clark** averages 9.28 assist per game to rank ninth. Senior outside hitter **Kelly McCullough** is 11th in service aces (0.34). In league matches, Poll ranks fifth in blocks (1.29) and eighth in hitting percentage (.312), while Eaton is 11th in blocks (1.08) and 15th in service aces (0.32). Buroker averages 3.79 digs per game to rank 11th, and junior setter **Melinda McCormick** averages 7.54 assists per game to rank 12th.

EATON NAMED MAC'S EAST DIVISION PLAYER OF THE WEEK AND FEMALE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Leading Miami University's volleyball team to its first pair of Mid-American Conference wins of the season and snapping a six-match losing skid, senior middle hitter **Jennifer Eaton** was named the MAC East Division Player of the Week and Female Scholar-Athlete of the Week.

Eaton paced the RedHawks with a .529 hitting percentage for the weekend as Miami upped its record to 7-11 and 2-4 in MAC action with a three-game win over Buffalo (30-24, 30-18, 30-18) and a four-game win over Kent State (30-25, 29-31, 30-28, 30-20). In Miami's win over Buffalo, Eaton averaged 3.00 kills per game and notched a .692 hitting percentage. She made no hitting errors and connected on nine of 13 attempts. Against Kent State, Eaton collected her second double-double of the season, notching 11 kills and 13 digs. She also added a team-best seven blocks to her performance to average 1.75 blocks per game against the Golden Flashes and also posted a .429 hitting percentage and launched two service aces. She made only two attack errors all weekend. Over the weekend matches, Eaton averaged 1.29 blocks, 2.86 kills, and 2.71 digs per game in addition to her stellar .529 hitting percentage.

This is the second career conference player of the week and scholar-athlete of the week honor for Eaton. Following back-to-back triple-doubles last season, Eaton garnered her first player of the week accolade.

TOUGH FOES

Six of Miami's 12 non-conference opponents advanced to the 2001 NCAA Tournament: Louisville, Georgia Tech, Ohio State, Cincinnati, San Jose State and Florida A&M. Four of those six reached the second round, while Ohio State went on to the regional semifinal. One team is ranked in the AVCA/USA Today Coaches' Poll and two others are receiving votes. Georgia Tech is No. 23, while Ohio State and Washington are receiving votes.

ROAD WARRIORS

Following the Miami Best Western/Sycamore Inn Classic, the RedHawks host only one home match over a five-week span. Miami played in the Georgia Tech and TCU tournaments and at Cincinnati, No. 13 Ohio State and Dayton over the first two and a half weeks of that stretch. The RedHawks returned home to host Western Ontario on Sept. 21 before opening league action on the road for two straight weekends.

McCULLOUGH LAUNCHES CAREER-HIGH FIVE ACES

Earlier this season senior outside hitter **Kelly McCullough** tallied four service aces against Stephen F. Austin. This weekend, McCullough launched a career-best five service aces against Kent State to help lift the RedHawks to their second consecutive conference win. In the first game against the Golden Flashes, McCullough served up three consecutive aces.

POLL RECORDS TWO CAREER HIGHS

Junior middle hitter **Susan Poll** set two career-high marks the first weekend in October. Poll tallied 20 kills over four games at Ohio on Oct. 4 to pace the RedHawks, while she notched 10 blocks (2 solo; 8 assist) in four games at Marshall on Oct. 5.

POLL NAMED MAC EAST DIVISION PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Following a weekend where she earned TCU Invitational MVP laurels, Miami University junior middle hitter **Susan Poll** was named Mid-American Conference East Division Player of the Week. Poll earned tournament MVP honors, the first of her

MIAMI DOUBLE-DOUBLE CLUB

Tara Buroker

17 kills; 29 digs vs. IPFW (8-31)
11 kills; 17 digs at Cincinnati (9-3)
17 kills; 18 digs vs. Florida A&M (9-6)
11 kills; 16 digs at Georgia Tech (9-7)
13 kills; 11 digs vs. SFA (9-13)
15 kills; 19 digs vs. San Jose St. (9-14)
11 kills; 11 digs at Ohio State (9-18)
11 kills; 11 digs at Ohio (10-4)
14 kills; 14 digs at Marshall (10-5)
13 kills; 11 digs vs Buffalo (10-11)
15 kills; 21 digs at N. Illinois (10-16)
18 kills; 17 digs vs. BGSU (10-19)
18 kills; 28 digs vs. Ball State (10-23)

Erika Eagan

10 kills; 20 digs vs. IPFW (8-31)
13 kills; 15 digs vs. San Jose St. (9-14)
10 kills; 18 digs at Marshall (10-5)
10 kills; 16 digs vs. Kent State (10-13)

Kelly McCullough

13 kills; 10 digs vs. Florida A&M (9-6)
13 kills; 10 digs vs. TCU (9-14)
10 kills; 11 assists at EMU (9-28)
13 kills; 10 digs vs. Kent State (10-13)

Jennifer Eaton

13 kills; 16 digs vs. Florida A&M (9-6)
11 kills; 13 digs vs. Kent State (10-13)

Angie Zent

22 kills; 28 digs vs. Ball State (10-23)

MIAMI HONOR ROLL

MAC East Division Player of the Week

Tara Buroker (9-2)
Susan Poll (9-16)
Jennifer Eaton (10-14)

MAC Female Scholar Athlete of the Week

Jennifer Eaton (10-14)

Miami Classic All-Tournament Team

Tara Buroker
Erika Eagan
Susan Poll

Georgia Tech All-Tournament Team

Tara Buroker

TCU Invitational All-Tournament Team

Susan Poll (MVP)
Tara Buroker

AND THE SURVEY SAYS ...

For the fifth time since the Mid-American Conference went to two divisions six years ago, Miami was picked to win the East Division in the preseason coaches' poll. The RedHawks earned seven of 13 possible first-place votes and 70 total points. Akron followed with four first-place votes and 61 points, while Ohio and Kent State each received one first-place vote. Ohio was predicted to finish third, and the Golden Flashes were tabbed fourth. Marshall and Buffalo round out the East Division, respectively. Eastern Michigan edged Ball State in the voting to take the West Division and tournament titles.

East Division

- 1. Miami (7) 70
- 2. Akron (4) 61
- 3. Ohio (1) 51
- 4. Kent State (1) 49
- 5. Marshall 26
- 6. Buffalo 16

West Division

- 1. Eastern Michigan (4) 77
- 2. Ball State (3) 69
- 3. Western Michigan (2) 68
- 4. Northern Illinois (4) 60
- 5. Bowling Green 42
- 6. Toledo 34
- 7. Central Michigan 14

MAC Tournament Winner

- Eastern Michigan 5
- Ball State 2
- Akron 1
- Kent State 1
- Northern Illinois 1
- Toledo 1

Two coaches were undecided on picking a tournament champion.

career, and was on only the second all-tournament team of her career. Earlier this season, Poll was named to the Miami Classic All-Tournament Team. For the week, she averaged 3.60 kills and had a .350 hitting percentage to lead the team. Never having served up an ace in her career, Poll registered four over the week, including a career-high two against San Jose State. Against the Horned Frogs, she paced the team with 4.00 kills per game and a .394 hitting percentage. In the opening match of the tournament against Stephen F. Austin, Poll averaged 3.50 kills per game and produced a .440 hitting percentage. This is the first player of the week honor for Poll.

BUROKER NAMED TO THIRD ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

For three straight weeks, sophomore outside hitter **Tara Buroker** (Bluffton, Ohio/Bluffton) was named to an all-tournament team, earning TCU Invitational All-Tournament Team honors on Sept. 14. Buroker has been named to every all-tournament team this season.

ENDURANCE DAY

On Sept. 14, the RedHawks' endurance was tested as the squad played nine games over a seven-hour stretch. Miami upended San Jose State in a grueling five-game match, which started at 10 a.m. and lasted two hours and 15 minutes. The RedHawks then had to turn around and face host TCU at 3 p.m. with little recovery time but came up short in a four-game loss to the Horned Frogs in a two-hour match. With the morning win over San Jose State, Miami assured itself the tournament title.

BUROKER NAMED MAC EAST DIVISION PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sophomore outside hitter **Tara Buroker** wasted no time making her presence felt on the court for the RedHawks in their season-opening weekend and earned Mid-American Conference East Division Player of the Week honors for her efforts. For the weekend, Buroker, who earned Miami Classic All-Tournament Team laurels, paced the RedHawks averaging 4.20 digs and 3.40 kills per game. This is the first player of the week honor for Buroker.

MIAMI CLASSIC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Three players earned all-tournament team laurels at the Miami Best Western/Sycamore Inn Classic: sophomore outside hitter **Tara Buroker**, senior outside hitter **Erika Eagan** and junior middle hitter **Susan Poll**. This was the first time any of the three players have earned all-tournament team honors.

BUROKER'S "BUR"-EAK OUT

Sophomore outside hitter **Tara Buroker**, the youngest captain named during head coach Carolyn Condit's 19-year tenure, burst out of the gates in Miami's season opener against IPFW to amass a career-best 29 digs, 17 kills and a .385 hitting percentage to lead the RedHawks in all three categories. In the first game against the Mastodons, Buroker compiled an impressive 15 of her 29 digs. For the weekend, Buroker paced the RedHawks averaging 4.20 digs and 3.40 kills per game.



THE CONDIT FILE

As one of the most prolific coaches in Mid-American Conference volleyball history, Miami head coach Carolyn Condit continues her quest to keep Miami among the elite programs of the MAC.

Success is synonymous with Condit, who embarks on her 19th season at the Miami helm. She is the winningest volleyball coach in Miami history and has the most conference victories of any volleyball coach in the Mid-American Conference with a 190-95 MAC mark. Her 1998 squad produced the best season in the history of the program, winning the school's fourth consecutive Mid-American Conference Championship and advancing to the NCAA Tournament for the fourth straight season. The 1998 RedHawks recorded the program's first NCAA Tournament win in a 3-0 domination of Nevada.

Eleven of Condit's teams have advanced to the Mid-American Conference Tournament since it was re-instituted in 1987. A record-tying seven teams have advanced to the championship match, while three

have captured the title. Five of Condit's teams wore the MAC Crown in the 1990's ('90, '95, '96, '97, '98), while her teams advanced to postseason competition seven out of nine years, including five jaunts in the NCAA Tournament. For her efforts, Condit has earned MAC Coach of the Year accolades four times ('90, '92, '96, '98).

Additionally, Condit has compiled a 359-233 overall record at Miami. With Miami's four-game win over Marshall to end the regular season on Nov. 17, 2001, Condit attained her 350th Miami win. One match later, with a four-game win over Akron in the quarterfinals of the 2001 Mid-American Conference Tournament, Condit amassed her 450th career win. She now owns a 458-313 career mark in 23 seasons. On January 26, 2002, Condit was inducted into Miami University's Athletic Hall of Fame in recognition of her successes at Miami.

During a four-year span (1995-98), Miami earned two automatic and two at-large invitations to the NCAA Tournament, with the 1995 squad becoming the first in MAC volleyball history to receive an at-large bid to the NCAA.

In Condit's 19 years at Miami, the program has produced 22 All-MAC performers, who won 48 conference awards, while 21 student-athletes received 33 academic All-MAC awards.

Condit Month-by-Month at Miami

Year	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
2002	2-1	3-8	3-5			8-14
2001	—	5-6	5-3	5-3		15-12
2000	—	4-10	5-4	1-5	—	10-19
1999	—	6-5	7-4	3-4	—	16-13
1998	—	10-4	9-1	7-2	1-1	27-8
1997	1-2	9-2	6-2	7-1	0-1	23-8
1996	2-1	8-3	7-2	7-0	0-1	24-7
1995	—	12-3	7-1	5-3	—	24-7
1994	—	8-6	5-4	4-3	2-2	19-15
1993	—	4-10	3-7	3-3	—	10-20
1992	—	5-10	9-1	3-4	—	17-15
1991	0-3	11-1	7-2	4-5	4-1	26-12
1990	0-1	11-2	8-1	6-2	—	25-6
1989	—	5-7	5-5	4-1	—	14-13
1988	—	5-7	6-5	3-6	—	14-18
1987	—	2-8	6-9	3-4	—	11-21
1986	—	8-4	10-2	9-2	—	27-8
1985	—	9-2	10-2	9-1	—	28-5
1984	—	9-2	7-8	5-2	—	21-12
TOTALS	5-8	134-99	125-72	87-50	7-6	359-233

Condit vs. 2002 Opponents

	Rec.	Last Mtg.
Akron	14-7	2001
Ball State	18-21	2002
Bowling Green	21-13	2002
Buffalo	8-0	2002
Central Michigan	19-12	2001
Cincinnati	9-5	2002
Dayton	8-3	2002
Delaware	2-0	2002
Eastern Michigan	17-8	2002
Florida A&M	1-0	2002
Georgia Tech	0-2	2002
IPFW	1-1	2002
Kent State	26-7	2002
Louisville	3-9	2002
Marshall	9-2	2002
Northern Illinois	10-9	2002
Ohio	27-5	2002
Ohio State	1-3	2002
San Jose State	1-0	2002
Stephen F. Austin	2-0	2002
TCU	1-1	2002
Toledo	24-5	2002
Washington	0-2	2002
Western Michigan	12-17	2001
Western Ontario	1-0	2002

Condit By The Numbers

771	—Matches Coached
458	—Career Wins
359	—Miami Victories
190	—MAC Triumphs
163	—Wins at Millett Hall
48	—All-MAC Awards
33	—Academic all-MAC Awards
24	—Highest RPI Ranking
22	—Athletes earning all-MAC recognition
21	—Athletes earning academic all-MAC honors
17	—Longest winning streak in program's history
11	—MAC Tournament Appearances
8	—All-District II honorees
7	—MAC Title Appearances
5	—MAC Championships
5	—NCAA Tourney Appearances
4	—MAC Players of the Year
4	—MAC Coach of the Year Awards
4	—GTE Academic All-Americans
3	—MAC Tournament Crowns
3	—Players inducted into the Miami Athletic Hall of Fame
2	—Universities coached at (Xavier and Miami)
.714	—Millett Hall winning pct.
.675	—MAC winning percentage
.610	—Miami winning percentage
.596	—Career winning percentage

Miami Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr./Elig.	Hometown/High School
1	Lauren Slusser%	MH	5-11	Fr./Fr.	Columbus Grove, OH/Columbus Grove
2	Suzy Wolford	S	5-7	Fr./Fr.	Batavia, IL/Batavia
3	Amy Pfohl**	OH	6-0	Sr./Jr.	Toledo, OH/St. Ursula Academy
4	Megan Clark	S	5-9	Fr./Fr.	Solon, OH/Solon
5	Angie Zent	OH	6-0	Jr./So.	Ft. Wayne, IN/Northrop
6	Erika Eagan***	OH	6-0	Sr./Sr.	Bloomington, IL/Tri-Valley
8	Linda Young	OH	5-11	Fr./Fr.	Minster, OH/Minster
9	Kristen Walters	OH	6-1	So./Fr.	Springfield, OH/Shawnee
10	Natalie Kapteyn	MH	6-0	Fr./Fr.	Grand Rapids, MI/East Kentwood
11	Melinda McCormick**	S	6-0	Sr./Jr.	Kalamazoo, MI/Loy Norrix
12	Jennifer Eaton***	MH	6-0	Sr./Sr.	Cincinnati, OH/Ursuline Academy
13	Kelly McCullough***	OH	5-10	Sr./Sr.	Hudson, OH/Hudson
14	Tara Buroker*	OH	5-11	Jr./So.	Bluffton, OH/Bluffton
15	Lindsey Sullenberger	MH	5-11	Fr./Fr.	Piqua, OH/Piqua
16	Susan Poll**	MH	6-0	Jr./Jr.	Grand Rapids, MI/East Kentwood
17	Lindsay Simpson	L/MH	5-8	Fr./Fr.	Cincinnati, OH/Lakota West

Miami Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr./Elig.	Hometown/High School
14	Tara Buroker*	OH	5-11	Jr./So.	Bluffton, OH/Bluffton
4	Megan Clark	S	5-9	Fr./Fr.	Solon, OH/Solon
6	Erika Eagan***	OH	6-0	Sr./Sr.	Bloomington, IL/Tri-Valley
12	Jennifer Eaton***	MH	6-0	Sr./Sr.	Cincinnati, OH/Ursuline Academy
10	Natalie Kapteyn	MH	6-0	Fr./Fr.	Grand Rapids, MI/East Kentwood
11	Melinda McCormick**	S	6-0	Sr./Jr.	Kalamazoo, MI/Loy Norrix
13	Kelly McCullough***	OH	5-10	Sr./Sr.	Hudson, OH/Hudson
3	Amy Pfohl**	OH	6-0	Sr./Jr.	Toledo, OH/St. Ursula Academy
16	Susan Poll**	MH	6-0	Jr./Jr.	Grand Rapids, MI/East Kentwood
17	Lindsay Simpson	L/MH	5-8	Fr./Fr.	Cincinnati, OH/Lakota West
1	Lauren Slusser%	MH	5-11	Fr./Fr.	Columbus Grove, OH/Columbus Grove
15	Lindsey Sullenberger	MH	5-11	Fr./Fr.	Piqua, OH/Piqua
9	Kristen Walters	OH	6-1	So./Fr.	Springfield, OH/Shawnee
2	Suzy Wolford	S	5-7	Fr./Fr.	Batavia, IL/Batavia
8	Linda Young	OH	5-11	Fr./Fr.	Minster, OH/Minster
5	Angie Zent	OH	6-0	Jr./So.	Ft. Wayne, IN/Northrop

Head Coach: Carolyn Condit (19th season)

Assistant Coaches: Lisa Dankovich and Paco Labrador

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Ben Rodeffer

* denotes number of letters earned

% will redshirt 2002 season

Pronunciations

Tara Buroker	..... Ber-OH-ker
Erika Eagan	..... EE-gan
Jennifer Eaton	..... EE-ton
Natalie Kapteyn	..... KAP-tine
Amy Pfohl	..... fole
Susan Poll	..... paul

Miami By Class

Seniors	..... 3
Juniors	..... 3
Sophomores	..... 2
Freshmen	..... 8

Miami By State

Ohio	..... 10
Illinois	..... 2
Indiana	..... 1
Michigan	..... 3

Miami By Position

Outside Hitter	..... 8
Middle Hitter	..... 5
Setter	..... 3
Libero	..... 1

Miami By Letters

Three	..... 3
Two	..... 3
One	..... 1

Miami Career/Season Highs

#2 Suzy Wolford Fr., L/S

Career/Season Highs	
Kills	1, twice
Digs	9 vs Ball State (10/23/02)
Block Asst.	2 at Georgia Tech (9/8/02)
Solo Blocks	0
Assists	27 vs Bowling Green (10/19/02)
Service Aces ...	2 vs Bowling Green (10/19/02)

#4 Megan Clark Fr., S

Career/Season Highs	
Kills	3, twice
Digs	9, twice
Block Assists	3 at Cincinnati (9/3/02)
Solo Blocks	1 vs Ball State
Assists	59, twice
Service Aces	2, three times

#5 Angie Zent So, OH

Career/Season Highs	
Kills	22 vs Ball State (10/23/02)
Digs	28 vs Ball State (10/23/02)
Block Assists ...	3 vs Bowling Green (10/19/02)
Solo Blocks	3 vs Ball State (10/23/02)
Assists	4 vs Ball State (10/23/02)
Service Aces	1, twice

#6 Erika Eagan Sr., OH

Career Highs	
Kills	21 at Ohio (11/9/01)
Digs	28 vs. Kent State (11/3/01)
Block Assists	10 at Toledo (10/13/00)
Solo Blocks	2, four times
Assists	6 vs. Marshall (10/28/00)
Service Aces	5 vs. SFA (9/13/02)

Season Highs	
Kills	19 vs. Florida A&M (9/6/02)
Digs	20 vs. IPFW (8/30/02)
Block Assists	3 vs. Delaware (8/31/02)
Solo Blocks	1, three times
Assists	3 vs. IPFW (8/30/02)
Service Aces	5 vs. SFA (9/13/02)

#8 Linda Young Fr., OH

Career/Season Highs	
Kills	0
Digs	0
Block Assists	0
Solo Blocks	0
Assists	0
Service Aces	0

#9 Kristen Walters Fr., OH

Career/Season Highs	
Kills	1, three times
Digs	8 vs. IPFW (8/30/02)
Block Assists	0
Solo Blocks	0
Assists	2 vs. Louisville (9/7/02)
Service Aces	0

#10 Natalie Kapteyn Fr., MH

Career/Season Highs	
Kills	0
Digs	0
Block Assists	0
Solo Blocks	0
Assists	0
Service Aces	0

#11 Melinda McCormick Jr., S

Career Highs	
Kills	5 at Akron (11/2/01)
Digs	9, three times
Block Assists	4 at Valparaiso (9/1/01)
Solo Blocks	1 at Marshall (11/10/01)
Assists	61 vs. Kent State (11/3/01)
Service Aces	2 at IPFW (9/4/01)

Season Highs	
Kills	4 at E. Michigan (9/28/02)
Digs	4 at E. Michigan (9/28/02)
Block Assists	1 vs Ball State (10/23/02)
Solo Blocks	0
Assists	35 vs. Ball State (8/31/02)
Service Aces	0

#12 Jennifer Eaton Sr., MH

Career Highs	
Kills	22 vs. Kent State (11/3/01)
Digs	20, three times
Solo Block	3, twice
Block Assists	10, three times
Assists	5 vs. St. Mary's (9/11/99)
Service Aces	4 at Buffalo (10/7/01)

Season Highs	
Kills	17 vs. San Jose St. (9/14/02)
Digs	16 vs. Florida A&M (9/6/02)
Solo Blocks	2, three times
Block Assists	7 vs. Florida A&M (9/6/02)
Assists	2, three times
Service Aces	3 at E. Michigan (9/28/02)

#13 Kelly McCullough Sr., OH

Career Highs	
Kills	27 vs. N. Illinois (9/22/01)
Digs	14, twice
Solo Block	2, several times
Block Assists	9 at IPFW (9/4/01)
Assists	11 at E. Michigan (9/28/02)
Service Aces	4 vs. SFA (9/13/02)

Season Highs	
Kills	17 vs. San Jose St. (9/14/02)
Digs	10, twice
Solo Block	2 vs. SFA (9/13/02)
Block Assists.. ..	6 vs. N. Illinois (10/16/02)
Assists	11 at E. Michigan (9/28/02)
Service Aces	4 vs. SFA (9/13/02)

#14 Tara Buroker OH., OH

Career Highs	
Kills	17, twice
Digs	29 vs. IPFW (8/30/02)
Solo Blocks	1, several times
Block Assists	4, twice
Assists	5 vs Ball State (10/23/02)
Service Aces	4, twice

Season Highs	
Kills	17, twice
Digs	29 vs. IPFW (8/30/02)
Solo Blocks	1, three times
Block Assists	4 vs. Florida A&M (9/6/02)
Assists	5 vs Ball State (10/23/02)
Service Aces	4 vs N. Illinois (10/16/02)

#15 Lindsey Sullenberger Fr., MH

Career/Season Highs	
Kills	1, twice
Digs	1 at E. Michigan (9/28/02)
Block Assists	1 vs. Louisville (9/7/02)
Solo Blocks	0
Assists	0
Service Aces	3, twice

#16 Susan Poll Jr., MH

Career Highs	
Kills	18 vs. Illinois St. (9/1/01)
Digs	7 vs. IPFW (8/30/02)
Solo Blocks	3, twice
Block Assists	7 vs BGSU (10/19/02)
Assists	1, several times
Service Aces	2 vs. San Jose St. (9/14/02)

Season Highs	
Kills	17 at N. Illinois (10/16/02)
Digs	7 vs. IPFW (8/30/02)
Solo Blocks	3 vs. Ball State (10/23/02)
Block Assists	7 vs Bowling Green (10/19/02)
Assists	1 vs. IPFW (8/30/02)
Service Aces	2 vs. San Jose St. (9/14/02)

#17 Lindsay Simpson Fr., L

Career/Season Highs	
Kills	0
Digs	13 at TCU (9/14/02)
Block Assists	0
Solo Blocks	0
Assists	2 vs. Delaware (8/31/02)
Service Aces	0