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GAME NOTES: Nov. 6, 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*	L, 2-3
3	AKRON*	L, 2-3
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 (8-16; 3-9 MAC) at

Friday, Nov. 8 vs Kent State (14-10; 7-5 MAC), 7 p.m.
M.A.C. Center—Kent, OH

REDHAWK VOLLEYBALL TEAM TRIES FOR FIRST ROAD WIN

Following a five-match homestand, Miami University's volleyball team tries for its first road win of the season, traveling to Kent State for a 7 p.m. battle on Friday, Nov. 8. This is the lone contest of the week for the RedHawks. Last week, the Red and White suffered narrow losses to the East Division's top two teams—Akron and Ohio—taking each squad to five-games and falling in the fifth game by a two-point margin. Sophomore outside hitter **Tara Buroker** (Bluffton, Ohio/Bluffton) recorded a career-high 34 digs against the Zips on Sunday.

BUROKER NAMED MAC FEMALE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Sophomore outside hitter **Tara Buroker** spearheaded Miami's defensive effort in narrow losses to the East Division's top two teams and earned Mid-American Conference Female Scholar-Athlete of the Week honors for her efforts, the conference office announced Tuesday. For the week, Buroker averaged an impressive 5.40 digs per game, which included 20 digs in a five-game match versus Ohio and a career-high 34 digs in a five-game match against Akron. Her 34 digs, an average of 6.80 digs per game, is the most by any Miami player in more than six years. She also notched five blocks against the Zips and averaged 0.60 blocks per game for the week and a team-high-tying 2.90 kills per game. With two double-double's last weekend, Buroker upped her season sum to a team-best 15 and now has recorded more than 20 digs on five occasions, eclipsing 28 digs in four of those matches. This is the first MAC Scholar-Athlete of the Week accolade for Buroker, who earned MAC East Division Player of the Week laurels in Miami's opening weekend of competition.

McCULLOUGH RECORDS TRIPLE-DOUBLE

Senior outside hitter **Kelly McCullough** (Hudson, Ohio/Hudson) chalked up another milestone to her Miami career last weekend when she notched a triple-double—the first of her career—in a five-game match over Ohio on Friday night. McCullough notched 13 kills a career-high 18 digs and a match-best 10 blocks (2 solo; 8 assist). This is the first RedHawk triple-double of the season.

OH SO CLOSE

Over its past six matches, Miami has gone to five games in four contests, dropping all four final games by a two-point margin to Northern Illinois, Ball State, Ohio and Akron. In its other loss, a four-game decision to Bowling Green, Miami also lost the fourth game by two points.

MORE CAREER MILESTONES

Freshman middle hitter **Lindsey Sullenberger** (Piqua, Ohio/Piqua) achieved a career milestone against Akron, serving up four aces. With her devastating jump serve, Sullenberger has recorded service aces in six of Miami's last eight matches, including multiple service aces in five contests.

MIAMI

RedHawks	Nickname	Golden Flashes
Oxford, Ohio	Location	Kent, Ohio
Red and White	Colors	Blue and Gold
Mid-American	Conference	Mid-American
Carolyn Condit	Head Coach	Moria Kanim
359-235/19	School Record/Years	90-87/6
458-315/23	Career Record/Years	90-87/6
15-12	2001 Record	16-12
11-7/T-2nd East	Conference Record/Finish	9-9/T-4th East
4/2	Starters Returning/Lost	3/3
7/5	Letterwinners Returning/Lost	8/4
40-7	Series Record	7-40

KENT STATE**MAC STANDINGS (as of 11/4/02)**

East Division	MAC	OVERALL
Akron	10-2	19-5
Ohio	9-3	19-7
Marshall	8-3	17-7
Kent State	7-5	14-10
Miami	3-9	8-16
Buffalo	1-11	9-17

West Division	MAC	OVERALL
Ball State	11-1	16-7
E. Michigan	9-5	22-6
W. Michigan	6-6	12-13
N. Illinois	5-7	12-12
C. Michigan	5-7	9-16
Bowling Green	3-10	8-17
Toledo	2-10	10-14

THIS WEEK AROUND THE MAC**Tuesday, Nov. 5**

Oakland at Central Michigan, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 6

Marshall at Ohio, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 8

Ball State at Bowling Green, 6 p.m.

Buffalo at Marshall, 7 p.m.

Eastern Michigan at Toledo, 7 p.m.

Miami at Kent State, 7 p.m.

Northern Illinois at Akron, 7:30 p.m.

W. Michigan at C. Michigan, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 9

Ball State at Central Michigan, 7 p.m.

Buffalo at Ohio, 7 p.m.

Northern Illinois at Kent State, 7 p.m.

Toledo at Marshall, 7 p.m.

W. Michigan at E. Michigan, 7 p.m.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS**Wednesday, Oct. 30**

Bowling Green def. Toledo, 3-0

Eastern Michigan def. Central Michigan, 3-0

Friday, Nov. 1

Marshall def. Akron, 3-2

Ball State def. Western Michigan, 3-1

Eastern Michigan def. Bowling Green, 3-1

Kent State def. Buffalo, 3-1

Ohio def. Miami, 3-2

Northern Illinois def. Toledo, 3-0

Saturday, Nov. 2

Ball State def. Eastern Michigan, 3-0

Kent State def. Bowling Green, 3-1

Marshall def. Central Michigan, 3-0

Ohio def. Northern Illinois, 3-0

Western Michigan def. Toledo, 3-1

Sunday, Nov. 3

Akron def. Miami, 3-2

Eastern Michigan def. Western Illinois, 3-0

AVCA/USA Today Top 25 Coaches' Poll (as of Nov. 4)

- Hawai'i (21-0), 2. USC (19-1), 3. Florida (22-1), 4. Stanford (21-3), 5. Nebraska (21-1), 6. UC Santa Barbara (23-0), 7. Minnesota (24-3), 8. Northern Iowa (24-2), 9. Long Beach State (20-3), 10. Pepperdine (16-6), 11. Santa Clara (20-3), 12. North Carolina (23-2), 13. Wisconsin (17-6), 14. Penn State (18-5), 15. Eastern Washington (24-1), 16. Arizona (12-8), 17. Washington State (16-7), 18. South Carolina (19-4), 19. UCLA (13-10), 20. Missouri (20-4), 21. **Washington (15-7)**, 22. Utah (19-6), 23. Arizona State (10-7), 24. **Georgia Tech (23-5)**, 25. Kansas State (15-6). **Others:** Michigan State (130), Michigan (97), San Diego (60), Texas (43), Notre Dame (28), California (23), South Florida (9), Arkansas (7), Fresno State (3).

ABOUT KENT STATE

Last weekend, the Golden Flashes pounded out four-game wins over Buffalo and Bowling Green to improve their record to 14-10 overall and 7-5 in Mid-American Conference action. The Golden Flashes are paced by Danielle Holt, who averages 4.08 kills per game. Anne Butts leads Kent State in assists, averaging 11.66 per game.

SERIES VERSUS THE GOLDEN FLASHES

Miami owns a 40-7 lead in the series with Kent State, having defeated the Golden Flashes in four games on Oct. 13 in Oxford. Last season, the RedHawks split the series with Kent State as each team won on its home court in five games. Having dropped their last two matches at Kent State, the RedHawks' last win in Kent was a four-game win in 1998.

OHIO 3, MIAMI 2

With 13 kills, a career-high 18 digs and 10 blocks, senior outside hitter **Kelly McCullough** produced her first career triple-double as Miami University's volleyball team dropped a 2-3 decision to Ohio University, 30-28, 27-30, 17-30, 30-17, 13-15. Miami jumped out to a 10-6 lead in the first game, but the Bobcats went on a 6-2 run to knot the game, 12-12. A 6-0 RedHawk run gave Miami its largest lead of the game, 21-14. Back-to-back kills from sophomore outside hitter **Tara Buroker** and a block by McCullough and senior middle hitter **Jennifer Eaton** (Cincinnati, Ohio/Ursuline Academy) spurred the RedHawk run. Ohio was able to close within one, 27-28, but a kill by sophomore outside hitter **Angie Zent** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Northrup) iced the game for the RedHawks, 30-28.

Despite trailing 14-22 in the second game, Miami persevered to go on a 6-1 run and pulled within three, 20-23. McCullough teamed up with Eaton and junior middle hitter **Susan Poll** (Grand Rapids, Mich./East Kentwood) to put down a pair of blocks during the Miami spurt. Again Ohio increased its advantage, this time leading by six, 27-21. The RedHawks were able to come within two, 27-29 off a Buroker kill, but Ohio won the game, 30-27, on a Miami service error.

A trio of successive service aces by freshman middle hitter **Lindsey Sullenberger** catapulted Miami from a three-point deficit in the third set to tie the game, 15-15. However, a 15-2 run by the Bobcats ended the game with Ohio on top 30-17.

In the fourth game, Miami jumped out of the gates quickly, opening up a 7-0 lead, bolstered by a trio of kills from Poll, including two to open the game. Eventually, the RedHawks opened up a 14-2 lead. Ohio was able to cut the RedHawk lead to eight, 18-10. Two kills by McCullough and a block by Eaton spearheaded a 5-0 run to hand the RedHawks a 29-16 lead. McCullough ended the fourth game with a kill as the RedHawks took the 30-17 decision.

In the fifth game, the two teams went back and forth until Ohio rattled off four unanswered points to capture a 9-5 advantage. Miami was able to close within one, 13-14, but a kill by Ohio's Lindsay Judice thwarted the RedHawk comeback as the Bobcats took the match with a 15-13 game-five win.

McCullough also added four service aces to her triple-double, while Poll recorded a match-best 18 kills and had a .441 hitting percentage. Buroker tallied 15 kills and 20 digs, and Eaton produced 10 kills and eight blocks.

NUMBERS WATCH

Career Block Assists

1. Kristin Wagner (1989-92)	347
2. Nichole Putman (1991-94)	335
3. Lori Reinart (1993-96)	331
4. Jennifer Eaton (1999-02)	307
Sarah Dickman (1986-89)	307
Julie Sterk (1995-98)	307
7. Kelly McCullough (1999-02)	301
8. Karen Lepley (1985-88)	295
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. Jennifer Eaton (1999-02)	49
Lori Reinart (1993-96)	49
10. Alissia Thompson (1996-99)	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. Jenny Schwarber (1989-92)	1087
9. Mindy Collins (1996-99)	1185
10. Julie Sterk (1995-98)	1176
Kelly McCullough (1999-02) ..	1051

AKRON 3, MIAMI 2

Although Miami University's volleyball team jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the match, Akron rebounded to take the next three games to put the RedHawks in their fourth five-game match in six contests, dropping all four final games by a two-point margin. The East Division leading Zips captured a 24-30, 27-20, 30-27, 30-17, 16-14 win.

Sophomore outside hitter **Tara Buroker** had an outstanding defensive effort for Miami, producing a career-high 34 digs along with five blocks. She also posted a team-best 14 kills for the RedHawks.

After a 5-5 tie in the first game, Miami pounded out 12 unanswered points to take its largest lead of the contest, 17-5. Two kills apiece from senior outside hitter **Kelly McCullough** and senior middle hitter **Jennifer Eaton** and two blocks by the duo highlighted the 12-point spurt. The Zips, however, gained momentum and closed to within two, 20-22, but Miami rounded out the first set on an 8-4 run, and junior middle hitter **Susan Poll** knocked down a kill to ice the game for the RedHawks, 30-24.

Despite trailing through much of the second game, and down by as many as four, 14-18, Miami dug deep to rattle off five unanswered points and take the 19-18 edge. Poll tallied a kill and freshman middle hitter **Lindsey Sullenberger** added a service ace during the run. Trailing 23-25, Miami notched six straight points to take a 29-25 lead. Sophomore outside hitter **Angie Zent** put down a big block and had a kill to account for two of the RedHawks' six points during the run. The Zips were able to close the gap to two, 29-27, but a kill by McCullough ended the second game with the RedHawks on top 30-27.

Miami lead by as many as four early in the third game, 7-3, thanks to back-to-back service aces by Sullenberger, but Akron manufactured a 7-1 run to capture a 15-11 edge and a lead it would not relinquish. The Zips opened up a six-point lead, 21-15, however the RedHawks battled back to cut the edge to one, 27-28. That would be as close as Miami would get as the Zips received their final two points off a Miami service error and a kill by senior Katie Kuzior to take the third game, 30-27.

In the fourth game, Akron jumped out to a quick 9-2 lead and rolled from there as the Zips went on to post a 30-17 win in the fourth set. Akron was tallying points in clusters, with its greatest run being a 6-0 spurt midway through the set, highlighted by a Jenn Snyder service ace.

Miami jumped out to a 4-2 lead in the fifth game with kills by Zent, Poll and Buroker and a block by the Poll/Buroker duo. Akron battled back to knot the game, 6-6, but Miami progressively built a three-point edge, 10-7. Again, the Zips climbed back into the game and tied things up at 10-10. Kills from Poll and Buroker helped Miami put the set at game point with a 14-12 lead, but a Snyder service ace and kills by Akron's Kuzior and Sandy Lewis iced the game for the Zips, 16-14.

For the RedHawks, McCullough tallied 11 kills, 11 digs and five blocks, while Eaton notched 12 kills 11 digs and six blocks. Sullenberger recorded a career-best four service aces, and Poll added 11 kills and four blocks.

SENSATIONAL SOPHOMORES

Sophomore outside hitters **Angie Zent** and **Tara Buroker** were pivotal parts of the solid effort the RedHawks put forth against Ball State and Marshall. 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 AND McCULLOUGH CONTINUE TO CLIMB BLOCK CHARTS

Collecting 11 block assists last week, senior middle hitter **Jennifer Eaton** moved into a tie for fourth on Miami's career block assist chart. Eaton now owns 307 career block assists and needs 24 more to move No. 3 and 40 more to capture the record of 347. Senior outside hitter **Kelly McCullough** owns 301 career block assists and is No. 7 on the career list. Both are chasing Miami's career standard of 347. McCullough needs seven block assists to take over No. 4. With 48 solo blocks, Eaton also is tied for ninth on the RedHawks' career solo block list.

McCULLOUGH NEARING CAREER KILL TOP TEN LIST

With 25 more kills, senior outside hitter **Kelly McCullough** will place her name on Miami's career kill list. McCullough enters the weekend with 1,051 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

Seven Miami players rank among Mid-American Conference leaders in the latest MAC statistics (11/4). Senior middle hitter **Jennifer Eaton** ranks fourth in blocks (1.19), while junior middle hitter **Susan Poll** is 13th in blocks (1.01) and sixth in hitting percentage (.288). Sophomore outside hitter **Tara Buroker** averages 3.86 digs per game to rank fifth, while freshman setter **Megan Clark** averages 9.12 assists per game to rank 10th. Senior outside hitter **Kelly McCullough** is 11th in service aces (0.35) and 12th in blocks (1.02). In league matches, freshman middle hitter **Lindsey Sullenberger** is fourth in service aces (0.50), Poll ranks eighth in blocks (1.19) and 10th in hitting percentage (.305), while Eaton is 11th in blocks (1.15). Buroker averages 4.12 digs per game to rank seventh, Clark ranks 11th in assists (7.91) and junior setter **Melinda McCormick** averages 7.27 assists per game to rank 13th. McCullough ranks 14th in blocks (1.08) and 15th in service aces (0.31)

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. Two teams are ranked in the AVCA/USA Today Coaches' Poll. Washington is No. 21 and Georgia Tech is No. 24.

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

MIAMI DOUBLE-DOUBLE CLUB

Tara Buroker

13 kills; 18 digs; 10 blocks
vs. Ohio (11-1)

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)
15 kills; 20 digs vs. Ohio (11-1)
14 kills; 34 digs vs. Akron (11-3)

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)
11 kills; 11 digs vs. Akron (11-3)

Jennifer Eaton

13 kills; 16 digs vs. Florida A&M (9-6)
11 kills; 13 digs vs. Kent State (10-13)
12 kills; 11 digs vs. Akron (11-3)

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)
Tara Buroker (11-5)

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.

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. 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 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 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 190-97 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 359-235 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 458-315 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	0-2		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	87-52	7-6	359-235

Condit vs. 2002 Opponents

	Rec.	Last Mtg.
Akron	14-8	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	27-6	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

773	—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
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
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 14 vs Akron (11/3/02)
Block Assists 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 2 vs. Ohio (11/1/02)

#8 Linda Young Fr., OH

Career/Season Highs

Kills 0
Digs 2 vs. Akron (11/3/02)
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, twice
Block Assists 1 vs. Akron (11/3/02)
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, twice
Block Assists 1, twice
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, several 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 18 vs. Ohio (11/1/02)
Solo Block 2, several times
Block Assists 9 at IPFW (9/4/01)
Assists 11 at E. Michigan (9/28/02)
Service Aces 5 vs. Kent State (10/13/02)

Season Highs

Kills 17 vs. San Jose St. (9/14/02)
Digs 18 vs. Ohio (11/1/02)
Solo Block 2, twice
Block Assists 8 vs. Ohio (11/1/02)
Assists 11 at E. Michigan (9/28/02)
Service Aces 5 vs. Kent State (10/13/02)

#14 Tara Buroker OH., OH

Career Highs

Kills 17, twice
Digs 34 vs. Akron (11/3/02)
Solo Blocks 1, several times
Block Assists 4, three times
Assists 5 vs Ball State (10/23/02)
Service Aces 4, twice

Season Highs

Kills 17, twice
Digs 34 vs. Akron (11/3/02)
Solo Blocks 1, several times
Block Assists 4, twice
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, three times
Digs 3 vs. Akron (11/3/02)
Block Assists 1, twice
Solo Blocks 0
Assists 0
Service Aces 4 vs. Akron (11/3/02)

#16 Susan Poll Jr., MH

Career Highs

Kills 18, twice
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 18 vs. Ohio (11/1/02)
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