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Quick Facts

OHIO UNIVERSITY

LocationAthens, Ohio
 Founded 1804
 Enrollment 28,804
 Nickname Bobcats
 Colors Hunter Green and White
 Conference Mid-American (East Division)
 Home Field Bob Wren Stadium (4,000)
 President Dr. Roderick J. McDavis (Ohio '70)
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TEAM INFORMATION

2005 Overall Record: 25-25-1
 2005 MAC Record (Finish): 9-10 (4th-East)
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 5/4
 Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost: 3/3
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 13/7

PROGRAM INFORMATION

First Year: 1892 (114th Season)
 All-Time Record: 1708-1168-10
 First Year in MAC: 1947 (61st Season)
 All-Time MAC Record: 624-432-2
 Winning Seasons: 81
 MAC Championships (Last): 15 (1997)
 School Record for Wins (Year): 43 (1997)

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Series Schedule

DATE(S)	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Feb. 18-19	Memphis	Memphis, Tenn.
Feb. 24-26	Western Kentucky	Bowling Green, Ky.
March 2	West Virginia State	Athens, Ohio
March 3	Ohio Wesleyan	Athens, Ohio
March 4	Otterbein	Athens, Ohio
March 5	Rio Grande	Athens, Ohio
March 7	Cleveland State	Athens, Ohio
March 10-12	Le Moyne	Athens, Ohio
March 17-19	Michigan State	Athens, Ohio
March 21	Virginia Tech	Blacksburg, Va.
March 24-26	Northern Illinois	Athens, Ohio
March 28	Youngstown State	Athens, Ohio
March 31-April 2	Toledo*	Toledo, Ohio
April 4	Marshall	Athens, Ohio
April 5	Cincinnati	Athens, Ohio
April 7-9	Ball State*	Muncie, Ind.
April 11	West Virginia	Athens, Ohio
April 14-16	Eastern Michigan*	Athens, Ohio
April 18	Pittsburgh	Athens, Ohio
April 19	Xavier	Athens, Ohio
April 21-23	Buffalo*	Buffalo, N.Y.
April 25	Duquesne	Athens, Ohio
April 28-30	Kent State*	Athens, Ohio
May 2	Youngstown State^	Niles, Ohio
May 5-7	Akron*	Athens, Ohio
May 9	Dayton	Dayton, Ohio
May 12-14	Miami*	Oxford, Ohio
May 16	Cleveland State	Cleveland, Ohio
May 18-20	Bowling Green*	Athens, Ohio
May 24-28	MAC Tournament	TBA

Home games played at Bob Wren Stadium

* Mid-American Conference

^ Eastwood Field

Gameday Schedule

Pregame countdown clock for home games

Game Time	1:00	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:00
Gates Open	11:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00
Visitor BP	11:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00
Home BP	11:40	2:40	3:40	4:40	5:40
Visitor Infield	12:20	3:20	4:20	5:20	6:20
Home Infield	12:30	3:30	4:30	5:30	6:30
Field Prep	12:45	3:45	4:45	5:45	6:45
Lineups	12:45	3:45	4:45	5:45	6:45
Coach/Umpire Meet	12:50	3:50	4:50	5:50	6:50
National Anthem	12:55	3:55	4:55	5:55	6:55
First Pitch	1:00	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:00

* all doubleheaders will have 30 minutes between games *

2006 Numerical Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT/WT	CL/EL	B/T	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL/LAST SCHOOL
1	Zach Elmer	LHP	5-11/185	Fr./Fr.	R/L	Delaware, Ohio/Olentangy HS
2	Chris Hunt	IF	5-10/165	Jr./Jr.	R/R	Middletown, Ohio/Monroe HS
3	John Angelicchi*	RHP	5-10/180	So./So.	L/R	Woodmere, Ohio/Woodmere HS
4	Brandon Besl	IF	6-1/215	Fr./Fr.	R/R	Cincinnati, Ohio/Oak Hills HS
5	J.T. Osburn	IF	6-1/205	Jr./Jr.	R/R	Warrenton, Va./Fauquier HS/Potomac State JC
8	Derek Witt**	RHP	6-1/180	Sr./Sr.	R/R	Powell, Ohio/Olentangy HS
9	Jon Vondrell*	IF	6-2/195	Sr./Jr.	R/R	Centerville, Ohio/Centerville HS
10	Hayden Johnston	IF	5-11/185	Fr./Fr.	R/R	Strattanville, Pa./Clarion-Limestone HS
11	Bryant Witt**	IF	5-10/160	Jr./Jr.	R/R	Powell, Ohio/Olentangy HS
12	Dusty Hammond**	IF	5-8/170	Jr./Jr.	L/R	Bellefontaine, Ohio/Bellefontaine HS
13	Kyle Smudz	IF	6-2/220	Fr./Fr.	L/L	Concord Twp., Ohio/N.D.-Cathedral Cath. HS
14	Michael Forchione	C	5-9/175	Jr./So.	R/R	Akron, Ohio/Copley HS
16	Daniel Utts*	LHP	5-11/180	Jr./Jr.	L/L	Circleville, Ohio/Circleville HS
17	Matt Stiffler*	OF	6-1/170	So./So.	L/L	Bellbrook, Ohio/Bellbrook HS
19	Brent Simonson	C	6-2/195	So./Fr.	R/R	Westlake, Ohio/St. Edward HS
20	Chris Klimko	C	5-10/180	Fr./Fr.	R/R	McKeesport, Pa./McKeesport HS
21	Willie Walker**	OF	5-10/200	Jr./Jr.	L/L	Marysville, Ohio/Fairbanks HS
22	Kirk Payne	OF	6-0/180	So./Fr.	L/R	Hilliard, Ohio/Hilliard-Davidson HS
23	Andrew Shisila	RHP	6-1/200	So./So.	R/R	Mentor, Ohio/Lake Catholic HS
24	Yale Silverman**	RHP	5-10/200	Gr./Sr.	R/R	Baton Rouge, La./McKinley HS
25	Jason Selhorst	C	6-1/175	So./So.	R/R	Ottawa, Ohio/Ottawa-Glandorf HS
26	Jared Willis**	OF	6-0/175	Jr./Jr.	R/R	Logan, W.Va./Logan HS
27	Kevin Mementowski	RHP	5-10/190	So./Fr.	R/R	Parma, Ohio/Parma HS
28	Brent DeCoster	RHP	6-4/185	So./So.	R/R	Westlake, Ohio/St. Ignatius HS
29	Adam Goodpasture	LHP	6-0/180	Fr./Fr.	L/L	Columbus, Ohio/Hilliard-Davidson HS
30	Matt Schlarb	RHP	6-1/188	Fr./Fr.	R/R	Lexington, Ohio/Lexington HS
31	Ryan Planck	OF	6-5/220	Jr./Jr.	R/R	Canton, Ohio/Jackson HS
32	Kurt Smith	RHP	6-4/230	Fr./Fr.	R/R	Cincinnati, Ohio/Country Day HS
33	Chris Rigo	RHP	6-3/185	Fr./Fr.	R/R	Westlake, Ohio/St. Ignatius HS
35	Zeke Isaacs**	RHP	6-2/190	Jr./Jr.	R/R	West Carrollton, Ohio/West Carrollton HS
37	Anthony Gressick***	P/OF	6-3/200	Sr./Sr.	R/R	Lancaster, Ohio/Fisher Catholic HS
38	Matt Gault	C	6-1/170	Jr./So.	R/R	Findlay, Ohio/Findlay HS
39	Daniel Weiss*	LHP	6-2/205	Jr./Jr.	L/L	Cincinnati, Ohio/Anderson HS
40	Chris Pitts	OF	6-0/190	Fr./Fr.	R/R	The Plains, Ohio/Athens HS
41	Cody Neyman	RHP	6-2/220	So./So.	R/R	Dravosburg, Pa./McKeesport HS

* letters earned

Head Coach: 6 Joe Carbone (Ohio '70, 18th Year)

Assistant Coach/Pitching: 7 Marc Cornell (Ohio '05, First Year)

Assistant Coach/Hitting: 18 Scott Malinowski (Ohio '00, Third Year)

Student Assistant: 34 Dan O'Rourke (Ohio '06, First Year)

Team Manager: Jesse Shkolnik



Preseason Position Evaluations

Catcher

Perhaps Ohio's biggest chore in the 2006 season will be replacing four-year starter and program's all-time hit leader Ben Crabtree. The Roxbury, Conn., native left Athens after a senior season in which he broke the school's hit record and earned All-MAC, All-Mideast Region and All-America honors. Crabtree has moved on to the professional ranks, leaving sophomore Jason Selhorst as the only returner with significant experience behind the dish. Selhorst made nine appearances as a true freshman last season, hitting .444 (8-for-18) with a pair of runs and an RBI.

First Base

A quality offensive returner and three newcomers will battle for playing time at first base in 2006. Junior Jon Vondrell burst onto the scene last season, hitting .308 with three homers and 15 RBIs in 35 games—22 starts. Freshmen Brandon Besl and Kyle Smudz will get a look at first, as will J.T. Osburn, a junior college All-America transfer.

Middle Infield

A pair of two-year starters return for their junior campaigns up the middle for the Bobcats. Second baseman Dusty Hammond finished second on the team with a .331 average in 2005, while shortstop Bryant Witt hit .259 and started all 51 games. Chris Hunt also may figure into the mix.



Third Base

A hole was left at the hot corner with the graduation of Brian Colopy after the 2005 season. Colopy was a .231 hitter and started all 51 games for Ohio last season. Hayden Johnston may take the reins at third, but he'll have some company. Brandon Besl and J.T. Osburn will fight Johnston for the starting spot.

Outfield

Several returners will get a chance to move into the starting lineup and a familiar face will see his first time in the outfield as a Bobcat in 2006. Willie Walker, perhaps Ohio's best defensive outfielder, returns for a third season and will battle with Matt Stiffler, Jared Willis and Ryan Planck for an outfield spot. Each has had experience in the lineup, but has not been a regular except for Walker. Ohio's top returning bat, Anthony Gressick, will man the outfield for the first time in his career, moving from first base for his senior season.



Pitching Staff

Derek Witt, the 2005 Great Lakes League Pitcher of the Year, will return as Ohio's most consistent starting pitcher. Witt won a team-high six games—four complete games—with a 3.13 ERA in 11 starts.

Anthony Gressick had some of the Bobcats' most dominant pitching performances and will return in 2006 as the regular Sunday starter. Gressick won three games with a team-best 2.67 ERA in 2005.

John Angelicchi made five starts as a true freshman last season and posted a 3-0 record.

Senior Yale Silverman led the club with four saves in 2005 and returns after making a team-high 20 appearances for the Bobcats last season.

Dan Weiss and Daniel Utts are the most seasoned middle relievers out of the bullpen. The duo combined for 31 appearances in Ohio's 51 games last season.

Six true freshmen could potentially see significant innings on the hill. With the addition of the recruiting class to complement an already-experienced staff, the depth of Ohio's arms is as strong as it has been in recent years.