

2006 OHIO VOLLEYBALL

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2005 NCAA Volleyball Tournament
Seattle Regional
First & Second Rounds
Nov. 30 - Dec. 2



Thurs. Nov. 30
4:30 p.m.
Intercollegiate Athletics Facility
Purdue University
West Lafayette, Ind.

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Live Stat: www.ohiobobcats.com

THE CAT FIGHT BEGINS

The No. 20 Ohio Bobcats will square off against the Kentucky Wildcats in the first round of the 2006 NCAA Volleyball Tournament on Nov. 30. The match will start at 4:30 p.m. at host site Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

Series Information: It is the fourth overall meeting between the Cats with Kentucky leading the series 2-1.

Ticket Information: 1-800-49-SPORT or 765-494-3194

Live Stats: www.ohiobobcats.com

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BOBCAT UPDATE

Ohio won 21 straight matches before dropping its season finale to Louisville, 3-1, last weekend. Middle blocker Melissa Griffin registered a career-high 23 kills as the Bobcats ended the season with a 28-4 record.

This week the Bobcats are ranked 20th in the CSTV/AVCA Top 25 Coaches Poll and 18th in the Molten/Volleyball Women's College Top 20.

Senior Savannah Parra was named MAC Setter of the Year and junior Griffin was named to the All-MAC Academic Team for the second straight year.

TOURNEY VETS

It is the fourth straight year that the Ohio Bobcats have participated in the NCAA Volleyball Tournament. With three NCAA tournament appearances already in the books, the Bobcats keep hedging closer to the ultimate goal of a national championship, advancing another round each tournament appearance. After being eliminated in the first round in 2003, they won their first ever NCAA tourney match in 2004. The Bobcats reached the "Sweet 16" in 2005, dropping Alabama and in-state foe Ohio State on its home court.

SCOUTING KENTUCKY

The Kentucky Wildcats finished the season 18-11 overall and 11-9 in the Southeastern Conference (SEC). Kentucky's attack is led by Nicole Britenriker with 3.63 kills per game. She also tallies 2.63 digs a game and totals 110 blocks on the season. Ashlee Fisher chips in 3.20 kills per game and Queen Nzenwa averages 3.12. The defense is led by Jenni Casper with 4.79 digs per game and Nzenwa with a team-best 1.21 blocks a game.

Kentucky earned four Southeastern Conference awards. Setter Sarah Rumely was named the SEC. Junior Nicole Britenriker and sophomore Queen Nzenwa were each named to the Second Team, while Rumely also received All-Freshman team accolades.

COMPARING THE OPPOSITION

	Ohio	Kentucky
Hitting %	.286	.213
Kills/G	17.3	15.8
Assists/G	15.9	14.5
Digs/G	18.4	15.8
Blocks/G	2.3	2.4

2006 SCHEDULE

28-4, (16-0 MAC)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/25	#3 Washington#	L, 3-0
8/26	#9 Wisconsin#	L, 3-2
9/1	Portland%	W, 3-0
9/2	Davidson%	W, 3-0
9/2	Liberty%	W, 3-0
9/8	Maryland^	W, 3-1
9/8	Stony Brook^	W, 3-0
9/9	Yale^	W, 3-0
9/15	Brown&	W, 3-0
9/15	San Diego&	L, 1-3
9/16	UC Santa Barbara&	W, 3-0
9/22	Akron*	W, 3-0
9/23	Buffalo*	W, 3-1
9/28	KENT STATE*	W, 3-0
9/30	EASTERN MICH*	W, 3-0
10/6	Ball State*	W, 3-0
10/7	Toledo*	W, 3-0
10/13	BUFFALO*	W, 3-0
10/14	AKRON*	W, 3-0
10/20	WESTERN MICH*	W, 3-0
10/21	N. ILLINOIS*	W, 3-0
10/27	Bowling Green*	W, 3-2
10/29	Miami*	W, 3-0
11/3	Kent State*	W, 3-0
11/4	Central Mich*	W, 3-1
11/10	MIAMI*	W, 3-1
11/11	BOWLING GREEN*	W, 3-0
11/17	Eastern Mich. ^	W, 3-2
11/18	Western Mich. ^	W, 3-0
11/19	Bowling Green^	W, 3-0
11/24	Notre Dame!	W, 3-1
11/25	Louisville!	L, 3-1
11/30	Kentucky+	4:30 p.m.

* Mid-American Conference match
Home matches in BOLD CAPS
All times local to site
AVCA Showcase
% Mizuno Wildcat Classic
^ Stony Brook Tournament
& San Diego Tournament
! Louisville Tournament
^ MAC Tournament
+ NCAA Tournament

University Information

Location	Athens, Ohio
Founded	1804
Enrollment	28,751
Nickname	Bobcats
Colors	Hunter Green & White
Home Court	Convocation Center (13, 080)
Conference	Mid-American
President	Dr. Roderick J. McDavis
Director of Athletics	Kirby Hocutt
Senior Women's Administrator	Amy Dean
Athletics Department Phone	(740) 593-1300
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Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Geoff Carlston (Minnesota '93)
Record at Ohio	93-13 (4th year)
Career Record	142-55 (6th year)
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Team Information

All-Time NCAA Record	375-390 (.490)
All-Time MAC Record	168-224 (.428)
2005 Overall Record	33-3
2005 MAC Record (Finish)	16-0 (1st overall)
2005 Home Record	11-0
2005 Road Record	11-2
2005 Neutral Record	11-1
2005 Record vs. Nationally Ranked	2-3
2005 Record vs. Regionally Ranked	16-3
Starters Returning/Lost	4 + Libero/2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	8/3

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GOOD THINGS COME IN FOURS

The terminology used to describe Ohio volleyball these days includes statements like four straight, four consecutive or four in a row. As repetitive as they seem, the phrases explain the ever-increasing accomplishments the Bobcats have achieved in the past four years.

Since becoming Ohio's tenth head volleyball coach in 2003, Geoff Carlston has taken the Ohio volleyball program to an unprecedented level of success, winning four consecutive Mid-American Conference regular season and tournament championships. Not often does a new head coach come into a program and make such an immediate impact, but in Carlston's first year, the Bobcats won the MAC tournament for the first time which led to a first-ever appearance in the NCAA tournament.

In just four years as a Division I head coach, Carlston has accumulated 117 career wins and has led the Bobcats to a 75-1 record versus MAC opponents; including back-to-back-to-back undefeated conference seasons (2004-2006).

The Ohio volleyball team won its fourth straight Mid-American Conference Tournament championship last weekend. The Bobcats defeated Eastern Michigan, 3-2, in the quarterfinals, Western Michigan, 3-0, in the semifinals and Bowling Green, 3-0, in the finals.

Ohio has become an elite MAC program and is progressively making marks on the national scene. With three NCAA tournament appearances already in the books, the Bobcats keep hedging closer to the ultimate goal of a national championship, advancing another round each tournament appearance. After being eliminated in the first round in 2003, they won their first ever NCAA tourney match in 2004. The Bobcats reached the "Sweet 16" in 2005, dropping Alabama and in-state foe Ohio State on its home court. The Bobcats look to continue their progress this year as they await seeding for this year's tourney.

Throughout the Bobcats four-year success they've accrued a variety of notable achievements, including:

Becoming the third team in the history of the MAC Tournament to win four straight conference tournament crowns. Ball State was the last squad to do it when it won four straight from 1992-95.

Four straight MAC Tournament MVPs. Laura Hageman (2003), Briana Adamovsky (2004), Savannah Parra (2005) and Melissa Griffin (2006).

Setting a season attendance record of 11,285 during the 2006 season and eight straight weeks in the NCAA national volleyball attendance poll.

Three MAC Player of the Year selections, two MAC Freshman of the Year selections, nine All-MAC First Team and All-MAC Second Team selections, five All-MAC Freshman Team members and two MAC Honorable Mentions.

Tying the national lead with 33 wins in 2005, setting a school and conference record in the process.

Leading the nation in kills per game (17.98) and assists per game (16.70) at the end of the 2005 season.

Having the longest home court winning streak in the nation (37) in 2005. The Bobcats are still undefeated at The Convo with 45 straight home victories dating back to Sept. 28, 2003.

24 straight weeks listed among the nation's top-25.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

The Mid-American Conference announced that senior Savannah Parra is the MAC Setter of the Year.

Parra, Ohio's all-time single season assists leader, has totaled 1,391 assists this season for a career total of 3,155. She's third overall in Ohio's all-time career assists leaders.

Parra was selected to the All-MAC Second Team for the second year in a row and has been nationally ranked in assists for majority of the season; including a current 16th place with 13.34 assists per game. With the exception of two weeks, Parra has led the MAC in assists per game every week. She has also totaled 13 double-doubles this year. Early in the season Parra was tabbed Tournament MVP of the Holiday Inn Express Invitational.

WHAT A START!

MAC Freshman of the Year Ellen Herman continues to stay on top of the Bobcat attack and has led the team in kills per game for majority of the season. The 6-1 outside hitter has totaled 464 kills which places fourth on Ohio's all-time list for most kills in a single season. It's also the most kills that any player has ever registered as a freshman.

Herman has had 30 double-digit kills performances out of the Bobcats 32 matches; including a career-high 27 kills in quarterfinals of the MAC Tournament. She was also selected to the all-tournament team.

Herman also was the only freshman selected first team All-MAC. She also was an All-Freshman Team selection. On Sept. 2 she was selected as MAC East Player of the Week.

GRIFFIN EARNS ACADEMIC HONOR

For the second straight year Melissa Griffin has been named to the Academic All-MAC Volleyball Team.

Griffin, a hearing/speech and language sciences major, owns a 3.75 grade point average.

ALL-MAC

The Ohio volleyball team landed seven players on all-conference teams and freshman Ellen Herman was named MAC Freshman of the Year.

Herman also made the All-Freshman team and is the only freshman on the All-MAC First Team.

Melissa Griffin joined Herman on the first-team after earning second-team honors a year ago. Griffin surpassed 1,000 career kills this season and is a two-time MAC Player of the Week.

Stephanie Blackburn made the first team for the second year in a row and Savannah Parra made the second team for a second straight year. Amanda Andersen was a second-team selection after being named MAC Freshman of the Year a year ago.

Michaele Blackburn earned a second-team selection after leading the Bobcat defense with 4.78 digs per game. Blackburn is Ohio's all-time leader in digs and is only nine digs away from reaching 2,000 in her career.

MVP

Middle blocker Melissa Griffin was named the MVP of the MAC tourney last weekend after averaging 4.91 kills in Ohio's 3-0 tourney record. Griffin hit a team-best .393 on the weekend which placed her third overall in tournament performances. She posted 21 kills against Eastern Michigan in the Bobcats first match, 16 kills against Western Michigan in the semifinals and 17 kills against Bowling Green in the finals.

Griffin was also named to the all-tournament team, marking her fourth all-tourney selection of the season. Griffin was also selected the all-tournament team at the AVCA Showcase, the Mizuno Wildcat Classic and the Holiday Inn Express Invitational. She's also a member of the All-MAC Academic Team.

Griffin was named MAC East Player of the Week two times this season (Nov. 6 & 13). She's received the honor five times in her career. Griffin also finished conference play as the conference leader with a .404 hitting

OHIO IN THE AVCA TOP 25 POLL

Week 25 - Nov. 27	No. 20
Week 24 - Nov. 20	No. 18
Week 23 - Nov. 13	No. 18
Week 22 - Nov. 6	No. 19
Week 21 - Oct. 30	No. 22
Week 20 - Oct. 23	No. 22
Week 19 - Oct. 16	No. 21
Week 18 - Oct. 9	No. 21
Week 17 - Oct. 2	No. 21
Week 16 - Sept. 25	No. 21
Week 15 - Sept. 18	No. 20
Week 14- Sept. 11	No. 16
Week 13- Sept. 5	No. 17
Week 12 -Preseason	No. 15
Week 11 - Final 2005	No. 14
Week 10- Dec. 5, 2005	No. 15
Week 9 - Nov. 28, 2005	No. 20
Week 8 - Nov. 21, 2005	No. 20
Week 7 - Nov. 14, 2005	No. 21
Week 6 - Nov. 7, 2005	No. 20
Week 5 - Oct. 31, 2005	No. 20
Week 4 - Oct. 24, 2005	No. 21
Week 3 - Oct. 17, 2005	No. 22
Week 2 - Oct. 10, 2005	No. 23
Week 1 - Oct. 3, 2005	No. 24

Nov. 29, 2004 No. 25
(first ever national ranking)



CARLSTON REACHES MILESTONE - GARNERS 100 WINS IN FOUR YEARS

Four seasons into his tenure Geoff Carlston has reached 100 career wins as a Division I head coach. He's become the winningest coach in Ohio volleyball history with a 118-15 record and a .890 winning percentage.

Carlston has the highest winning percentage (.980) in Mid-American Conference history.

His teams are 63-1 in league contests and undefeated in MAC Tournament play, capturing four regular season and four tournament championships. This year Carlston led the Bobcats to their fourth consecutive MAC Championship, becoming the first MAC team in almost 10 years to win four straight conference crowns.

Under Carlston, the Bobcats have won more matches than any other volleyball team in the program's 31-year history. Three of his players have earned MAC Player of the Year honors, 15 were all-conference honorees and three were

All-American honorable mention selections. His Bobcats have led the MAC in hitting percentage and opponent's hitting percentage all three seasons, ranking among the national leaders in both categories, and have been among the league's best in kills and blocks.

He has solidified the Ohio volleyball program as one to be reckoned with on the national scene. The Bobcats entered the 2006 season ranked 15th in the country. Entering week four of the season the Bobcats are ranked at No. 21. In 2005, the Bobcats spent 11 weeks in the top 25 and defeated Alabama and Ohio State to make their first ever appearance in the Sweet 16 to finish the season ranked 14th in the nation, the highest ranking in program history.

Carlston's charges were listed 29th in the final AVCA Coaches Poll last year. He also was recognized as the 2003 Mid-American Conference and NCAA Mideast Region Coach of the Year.

CARLSTON'S RECORD AT OHIO

Year	O-W	O-L	O-%	C-W	C-L	C-%	Finish
2006	24	3	.842	16	0	1.000	--
2005	33	3	.917	16	0	1.00	1-All
2004	29	3	.906	16	0	1.00	1-All
2003	28	5	.848	15	1	.938	1-All
TOTAL	118	15	.887	63	1	.984	--

OHIO ALL-TIME NCAA COACHING RECORDS

Geoff Carlston (2003-present)	118-15, 63-1 MAC	.890
Mike Lessinger (2000-02)	56-36, 35-19 MAC	.607
Ellen Dempsey (1994-99)	86-99, 41-62 MAC	.465
Lynn Davidson (1988-93)	64-101, 20-56 MAC	.388
Gwen Hoover (1980)	12-21, 2-6 MAC	.364
Cindy Maxhimer (1981-82)	23-47, 7-13 MAC	.329
Jamie Ianni (1983-87)	44-96, 12-67 MAC	.314
Ohio Volleyball	403-415, 180-224	.493

NUMERICAL ROSTER

#	NAME	Pos.	Ht.	CL.-EL.	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL	PRONUNCIATION GUIDE
1	Savanah Parra	S	5-8	SR-SR	Temecula, Calif./Chaparral	PAR-a
2	Jenna Gaughran	OH	6-2	SR-SR	Centerville, Ohio/Centerville	GORE-an
3	Stephanie Blackburn	OH	5-10	JR-JR	Cincinnati, Ohio/Ursuline Academy	
4	Ellen Herman	OH	6-1	FR-FR	Toledo, Ohio/Central Catholic	
5	McKenzie Mauck	MB	6-2	SO-SO	Muncie, Ind./Delta	
6	Molly Mangan	DS	5-8	SO-SO	Clare, Ill./Sycamore	MANG-an
7	Whitney Maiden	OH	6-0	SO-SO	Nelsonville, Ohio/Nelsonville York	
8	Jill DeArmond	S	6-0	SO-SO	Ft. Wayne, Ind./Homestead	DEE-Arm-uhnd
9	Janice Maticic	DS	5-5	SR-SO	Middletown, Ohio/Lakota East	MAT-a-sick
10	Michael Blackburn	DS	5-6	SR-SR	Cincinnati, Ohio/Ursuline Academy	Michelle
12	Melissa Griffin	MB	6-2	JR-JR	Whitehall, Mich./Whitehall	
13	Jane Sytsma	MB	6-3	FR-FR	Madison, Wis./Memorial	SIT-sma
14	Sarah Petrulis	DS	5-6	FR-FR	Westlake, Ohio/Magnificat	pa-TRU-lis
15	Amanda Andersen	MB	6-2	SO-SO	Lino Lakes, Minn./Centennial	

Head Coach: Geoff Carlston (Minnesota '93)

Assistant Coach: Nadia Edwards (Penn State '01)

Assistant Coach: Don Gromala (Iowa State '04)

CAN YOU DIG IT

Senior libero Michael Blackburn surpassed 2,000 career digs in Ohio's win over Eastern Michigan in the quarterfinals of the MAC tournament. Blackburn totaled 48 digs in the tournament. After last weekend's Thanksgiving tourney she has 2,081.

FOLLOW THE CROWD

With eight home matches played this season, the Ohio volleyball team totaled 11,285 fans, marking the most fans that volleyball has ever accumulated in a single season.

The Bobcats average a crowd of 1,411, which places No. 23 in the recent NCAA 2006 Division I Women's Volleyball Attendance Poll.

Ohio broke its attendance record twice this season; including the crowd of 2,036 on last weekend when the Bobcats played host to the Bowling Green Falcons on Nov. 11. The 2,036 crowd broke the record of 1,804 that was set earlier in the season on Sept. 30. The crowd of 1,804 broke the record of 1,248 that was set last season.

Ohio has been ranked in the volleyball attendance poll for seven consecutive weeks with its highest ranking being at No. 20 on Oct. 2.

Ohio is the only MAC school ranked in the national attendance poll and the crowd of 2,036 is the biggest that any MAC school has had this season.

Date	No.	Average (Matches)
10/2	20	1,320 (2)
10/9	21	1,320 (2)
10/16	25	1,168 (4)
10/23	26	1,254 (6)
10/30	26	1,254 (6)
11/6	25	1,254 (6)
11/13	23	1,411 (8)

OHIO VS. NCAA

As a team, the Ohio Bobcats are ranked in four categories in the NCAA weekly rankings (11/19). Ohio is fourth in kills per game (17.27), sixth in hitting percentage (.290), seventh in assists per game (15.82) and ninth in W-L percentage (.900). The rankings are based upon the top 30 teams in the nation. Individually, setter Savannah Parra is 16th with 13.34 assists per game and Melissa Griffin is 22nd in hitting percentage with a .381.

OHIO IN THE RANKINGS

The Ohio volleyball team enters the week ranked No. 20 in the CSTV/AVCA Top 25 Coaches Poll. It's the 14th straight week that the Bobcats have been ranked in the poll this season and the 25th straight week overall that they've been ranked in the national poll; starting on Oct. 3, 2005.

The Bobcats entered the 2006 season ranked No. 15 in the CSTV/AVCA Preseason Poll, marking the first time in school history that Ohio has began the season ranked. The Bob

DOUBLE OR NOTHING

Ohio has outdug their opponents all season long thanks to the teamwork of sisters Michael Blackburn and Stephanie Blackburn.

The Blackburns heads Ohio's defense that averages 18.4 digs per game to its opponents 15.4 average. Michael Blackburn spears the defense with 4.74 digs per game and Stephanie follows with 4.32. Michael is Ohio's all-time leader in digs and recently surpassed 2,000 career digs. Stephanie surpassed 1,000 career digs and 1,000 career kills this year.

ALL-AROUND PLAYER

When it comes to contributing on offense and defense junior Stephanie Blackburn is the player. Blackburn averages 3.19 kills and 4.32 digs a game. Blackburn has 17 double-doubles and has been selected to three of four all-tournament teams.

CSTV/AVCA TOP 25

RANK	SCHOOL	Pts Rec.
1	Nebraska	1492
2	Stanford	1440
3	Washington	1343
4	UCLA	1317
5	Penn State	1275
6	Southern Calif.	1201
7	Florida	1154
8	Texas	1060
9	Minnesota	1022
10	Wisconsin	934
11	Utah	838
12	Hawai'i	815
13	Oklahoma	782
14	Cal Poly	666
15	California	653
16	LSU	612
17	San Diego	573
18	Ohio State	508
19	New Mexico State	350
20	Ohio	313
21	Santa Clara	241
22	BYU	201
23	Purdue	187
24	Perpperdine	162
25	Duke	107

Others Receiving Votes and appearing on two or more ballots: Louisville 92; Long Beach State 51; Iowa State 27; Colorado 21; Sacramento State 13; Missouri 11; Michigan State 9; Oregon 9; Colorado State 8; Bowling Green 6.

Four schools were listed on only one ballot for a total of 7 points.

Next poll : December 4, 2006

GOOD INTENTIONS

Head Volleyball Coach Geoff Carlston has announced that high school seniors Michelle Jantsch, Melissa Szkutnik and Susan Jacobi have signed national letters of intent to attend Ohio University and play volleyball for the Bobcats beginning in the fall of 2007.

Prepvolleyball.com rated Jantsch, a native of Mission Hills, Kans., the No. 50 recruit in the nation following her four-year career at St. Teresa's Academy. Jantsch, a 5-10 setter, led her high school team to its first-ever state championship in 2006 and was named to the all-state, all-district and all-regional first teams. Jantsch was awarded the Evelyn Gates Volleyball Award, an award given to the top player in Kansas. She also is a Wendy's High School Heisman candidate.

Jantsch has eight varsity letters, including four in volleyball and four in soccer. In both her sophomore and junior years, Jantsch helped her soccer team reach the Missouri State Championship and was named to the all-state team both years. Her club volleyball team (KC Power) placed fifth at the 2006 National Junior Olympic Championship, where she was named to the all-tournament team. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has earned first honors each semester of high school.

Prepvolleyball.com rated Szkutnik, a native of Perrysburg, Ohio, the No. 54 recruit in the nation following her four-year career at Perrysburg High School. Szkutnik, a 6-1 outside hitter/middle blocker, was named to the 2006 Women's National A2 Team and was the Premier Volleyball Club Junior Player of the Year.

Szkutnik, a three-year varsity letterwinner, was a second-team All-Ohio selection as a junior. She was named to the District 7 First Team and was the District 7 Player of the Year. She was selected to the Central Catholic All-Tournament Team three years straight and was named Elite Camp MVP in 2006.

Prepvolleyball.com rated Jacobi, a native of Louisville, Kentucky, the No. 93 recruit in the nation following her four-year career at Presentation Academy. Jacobi, a 6-1 outside hitter, was voted the fifth-best female athlete in Louisville by the Best of Louisville Magazine. Jacobi was named to the district all-tournament team in 2005 and 2006 and to the regional all-tournament team in 2006.

Jacobi, a three-year varsity letterwinner, received the Presentation Academy Varsity Volleyball Offensive Player of the Year award in 2005 and 2006. She was named to the Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association 2006 All-State First Team.

OHIO AGAINST RANKED TEAMS

Following Ohio's participation in the AVCA Showcase, the Bobcats are now 4-8 against ranked opponents under Head Coach Geoff Carlston. Ohio has wins against #23 Missouri in 2003, #18 Pepperdine in 2004, and #16 Tennessee and #19 Ohio State in 2005.

HOME SWEET HOME

Ohio has won 45 consecutive matches on its home court since Sept. 28, 2002. It's the second best home winning streak in the nation. Nebraska leads the nation with 46 straight home victories.

AVCA SHOWCASE

Ohio opened the 2006 season at the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Showcase in Madison, Wis. Ohio suffered a 0-2 record after facing 2005 NCAA champs Washington and No. 9 Wisconsin. The Bobcats' participation in the showcase marked the first time that a MAC program had ever been invited to the tourney.

CONFERENCE OPENERS

With a win over Akron on Sept. 22, Ohio is 11-15 in conference openers.

Special Notes:

- Ohio has won 11 conference openers on the road
- Ohio has won 15 conference matches at home
- Ohio is on a five-match winning streak in MAC openers

MILESTONE WATCH

Player	Milestone	Needs	Has
Amanda Andersen	1,000 career kills	389	611
	100 career digs	8	92
	200 career blocks	14	186
Michaele Blackburn	200 career assists	39	161
	2,500 career digs	419	2,081
Stephanie Blackburn	1,500 career kills	378	1,122
	150 career assists	59	141
	150 career aces	28	122
	1,500 career digs	276	1,224
	150 career blocks	24	126
Jill DeArmond	50 career kills	13	37
	300 career assists	64	236
	50 career digs	12	38
Jenna Gaughran	500 career kills	203	297
	50 career assists	20	30
	300 career digs	43	257
	100 career blocks	23	77
Melissa Griffin	1,500 career kills	316	1184
	150 career assists	34	116
	500 career digs	300	200
	500 career blocks	169	331
Ellen Herman	500 career kills	36	464
	100 career digs	20	80
	100 career blocks	48	52
Whitney Maiden	25 career kills	13	12
	25 career digs	17	8
Molly Mangan	25 career kills	16	9
	500 career digs	141	359
Janice Maticic	50 career assists	2	48
	500 career digs	111	389
McKenzie Mauck	50 career kills	8	42
Savanah Parra	3,500 career assists	345	3,155
	1,000 career digs	34	966
	100 career blocks	19	81
Jane Sytsma	150 career kills	18	132
	100 career blocks	4	96

2006 DOUBLE-DOUBLES

Stephanie Blackburn (19)
 10 kills, 26 digs
 vs. Wisconsin 8/26
 11 kills, 15 digs
 vs. Portland, 9/1
 12 kills, 10 digs
 vs. Davidson, 9/1
 10 digs, 26 assists
 vs. Maryland, 9/8
 17 kills, 20 digs
 vs. Yale, 9/9
 11 kills, 16 digs
 vs. Akron, 9/22
 16 kills, 15 digs
 vs. Buffalo, 9/23
 10 kills, 19 digs
 vs. Eastern Mich, 9/30
 14 kills, 18 digs
 vs. Ball State, 10/6
 19 kills, 20 digs
 vs. Western Michigan, 10/20
 10 kills, 24 digs
 vs. Northern Illinois, 10/21
 12 kills, 17 digs
 vs. Bowling Green, 10/27
 10 kills, 11 digs
 vs. Kent State, 11/3
 11 kills, 15 digs
 vs. Miami, 11/10
 11 kills, 26 digs
 vs. Eastern Mich., 11/17
 17 kills, 13 digs
 vs. Western Mich., 11/18
 11 kills, 12 digs
 vs. Bowling Green, 11/19

Savanah Parra (13)
 10 digs, 39 assists
 vs. Washington, 8/25
 10 digs, 52 assists
 vs. Wisconsin 8/26
 10 digs, 26 assists
 vs. Liberty, 9/2
 16 digs, 43 assists
 vs. San Diego, 9/15
 12 digs, 36 assists
 vs. Brown, 9/15
 12 digs, 50 assists
 vs. Akron, 9/22
 12 digs, 41 assists
 vs. Akron, 10/13
 11 digs, 49 assists
 vs. Northern Illinois, 10/21
 12 digs, 53 assists
 vs. Central Michigan, 11/4
 11 digs, 72 assists
 vs. Eastern Michigan, 11/17
 11 digs, 48 assists
 vs. Western Mich., 11/18

LAST TIME THE BOBCATS...

Had 80 Kills	vs. Eastern Michigan (83)	11/17/2006
Had 200 Attacks	vs. Bowling Green (207)	9/27/2006
Hit .400	vs. Akron (.417)	10/14/2006
Had 75 Assists.....	vs. Eastern Michigan (75)	11/17/2006
Had 10 Aces	vs. Central Michigan (12)	11/5/2005
Had 20 Blocks	vs. Stony Brook (26)	9/8/2006
Had 100 Digs.....	vs. E. Michigan (122)	10/17/2003

LAST TIME A BOBCAT...

Had 30 Kills	Amber Merrill (32) vs. Morehead State	11/14/2000
Had 60 Assists.....	Savanah Parra (66) vs. Sacramento State	10/27/06
Had 10 Blocks	Melissa Griffin (14) vs Stony Brook	9/8/2006
Had 5 Aces	Stephanie Blackburn (5) vs. Brown	9/15/2006
Had 30 Digs.....	Michaele Blackburn (36) vs. E. Michigan	10/17/2003
2 w/ 20+ Kills	Ellen Herman (27) & Melissa Griffin (21)	
	..... vs. Eastern Michigan	11/17/2006
4 w/ 10+ Kills.....	Amanda Andersen (16), Stephanie Blackburn (15)	
	..... Melissa Griffin (13), Ellen Herman (12)	
	..... vs. Miami	10/29/2006
2 w/ 20+ Digs.....	Stephanie & Michaele Blackburn (24 each)	
	..... vs. Northern Illinois	10/21/2006
4 w/ 10+ Digs.....	Stephanie Blackburn (26), M. Blackburn (18)	
	..... Sarah Petrusis (15) Savanah Parra (11)	
	..... vs. Eastern Michigan	11/17/2006
Double-Double.....	Savanah Parra (53 assists, 12 digs)	
	..... vs. Central Michigan	11/4/2006
Triple-Double .	Briana Adamovsky (10 Kills, 44 Assists, 12 Digs)	
	..... vs. Wake Forest	8/18/2002

MATCH WINS BY #GAMES

	1	2	3	4	5	Total
OHIO.....	0	0	19	7	2	- 28
Opponents.....	0	0	1	2	1	- 4

GAMES WON BY GAME

	1	2	3	4	5	Total
OHIO.....	27	24	25	2	2	- 84
Opponents.....	2	5	5	3	1	- 16



MAC PLAYER OF THE WEEKS

Ellen Herman - Sept. 12
 Stephanie Blackburn - Oct. 9
 Melissa Griffin - Nov. 6
 Melissa Griffin - Nov. 13

MATCH HIGHS

ATTACK PERCENT

.773 Melissa Griffin
 vs Portland (Sep 01, 2006)

KILLS

27 Ellen Herman
 vs Eastern Michigan (Nov. 17, 2006)

TOTAL ATTEMPTS

63 Ellen Herman
 vs Eastern Michigan (Nov. 17, 2006)

ASSISTS

72 Savanah Parra
 vs Eastern Michigan (Nov. 17, 2006)

DIGS

26 Michaele Blackburn
 vs Eastern Michigan (Nov. 17, 2006)

ACES

5 Stephanie Blackburn
 vs BROWN (Sep 15, 2006)

BLOCKS

14 Melissa Griffin
 vs. Stony Brook (Sept 8, 2006)

TEAM MATCH HIGHS

ATTACK PERCENT

.464 vs Yale (Sep 09, 2006)

KILLS

83 vs Eastern Mich. (Nov. 17, 2006)

ASSISTS

75 vs Eastern Mich. (Nov. 17, 2006)

DIGS

92 vs Northern Illinois (Oct. 21, 2006)

#1 SAVANAH PARRA

Kills - 4 vs. Toledo, 10/7
Hitting% -.500 vs. Toledo, 10/7
Assists - 72 vs. Eastern Michigan, 11/7
Aces -5 vs. Bowling Green, 11/11
Digs - 16 vs. San Diego, 9/15
Blocks - 4 vs. Notre Dame, 11/24

#2 JENNA GAUGHRAN

Kills - 5 vs. Wisconsin, 8/26
Hitting% - .176 vs. Wash., 8/25
Assists - 2 vs. Wisconsin, 8/26
Aces - 1 vs. Wisconsin, 8/26
Digs - 7 vs. Brown, 9/15
Blocks - 2 vs. Wisconsin, 8/26

#3 STEPHANIE BLACKBURN

Kills - 18 vs. Notre Dame, 11/24
Hitting% - .545 vs. Buffalo, 10/13
Assists - 6 vs. Davidson, 9/1
Aces - 5 vs. Brown, 9/15
Digs - 26 vs. Eastern Michigan, 11/17
Blocks - 6 vs. Central Michigan, 11/4

#4 ELLEN HERMAN

Kills - 27 vs. Eastern Michigan, 11/17
Hitting% - .682 vs. Yale, 9/9
Assists - 1 vs. Bowling Green, 10/27
Aces - 2 vs. Portland, 9/1
Digs - 7 vs. Western Michigan, 10/20
Blocks - 5 vs. Central Michigan, 11/4

#5 MCKENZIE MAUCK

Kills - 9 vs. Yale, 9/9
Hitting% - .800 vs. Yale, 9/9
Assists - 1 vs. Portland, 9/1
Aces - none
Digs - 2 vs. Kent State, 9/28
Blocks -4 vs. Yale, 9/9

#6 MOLLY MANGAN

Kills - 1 vs. Northern Illinois, 10/21
Hitting% - none
Assists - 2 vs. Northern Illinois, 10/21
Aces - 4 vs. Buffalo, 10/13
Digs - 19 vs. Bowling Green, 10/27
Blocks - none

#7 WHITNEY MAIDEN

Kills - 2 vs. Brown, 9/15
Hitting% - .500 vs. Brown, 9/15
Assists - 1 vs. Portland, 9/1
Aces - none
Digs - 1 vs. Akron, 10/14
Blocks - 2 vs. Davidson, 9/1

#8 JILL DEARMOND

Kills - 7 vs. Portland, 9/1
Hitting% - .875 vs. Portland, 9/1
Assists - 44 vs. Portland, 9/1
Aces - 1 vs. Portland, 9/1
Digs - 6 vs. Miami, 11/10
Blocks - 1 vs. Liberty, 9/1

#9 JANICE MATAIC

Kills - 1 vs. Western Michigan, 10/21
Hitting% - .200 vs. Western Michigan, 10/21
Assists - 5 vs. Miami, 10/29
Aces - 2 vs. Buffalo, 9/23
Digs - 18 vs. Miami, 11/10
Blocks - 1 vs. Bowling Green, 10/27

#10 MICHAELE BLACKBURN

Kills - 1 vs. Miami, 10/29
Hitting% - 1.000, Toledo, 10/7
Assists - 8 vs. Northern Illinois, 10/21
Aces - 2 vs. Maryland, 9/2
Digs - 26 vs. Eastern Michigan, 9/30
Blocks - 1 vs. Santa Barbara, 9/16

#12 MELISSA GRIFFIN

Kills - 23 vs. Louisville, 11/25
Hitting% - .773 vs. Portland, 9/1
Assists - 8 vs. Northern Illinois, 10/21
Aces - 1 vs. Portland, 9/1
Digs - 5 vs. Brown, 9/15
Blocks - 14 vs. Stony Brook, 9/8

#13 JANE SYTSMA

Kills - 12 vs. Akron, 9/22
Hitting% - .667 vs. Kent State, 11/3
Assists - 2 vs. Louisville, 11/25
Aces - 1 vs. Akron, 10/4
Digs - 2 vs. Western Michigan, 10/20
Blocks - 9 vs. Stony Brook, 9/8

#14 SARAH PETRULIS

Kills - none
Hitting% - none
Assists - 1 vs. Miami, 10/29
Aces - none
Digs - 15 vs. Eastern Michigan, 11/17
Blocks - none

#15 AMANDA ANDERSEN

Kills - 18 vs. Eastern Michigan, 11/17
Hitting% - .500 vs. Miami, 10/29
Assists - 3 vs. Western Michigan, 10/20
Aces - 2 vs. Central Michigan, 11/4
Digs - 7 at Bowling Green, 10/27
Blocks - 6 vs. Louisville, 11/25

PRESEASON WRAP-UP

The Ohio volleyball team participated in four tournaments this preseason, posting an 8-3 record. The Bobcats earned two tournament titles and went on a six-match win streak (Sept. 1-15).

AVCA Showcase (0-2) – Aug. 25-26

- Ohio is the first MAC program to ever be invited to the tournament.
- The Bobcats faced two nationally-ranked programs including, Washington and Wisconsin in a televised game on CSTV.
- Junior Melissa Griffin was named to the all-tournament team.
- Bobcats faced the highest ranked opponent in school history. (No. 3 Washington)

Mizuno Wildcat Classic (3-0) – Sept. 1-2

- The Bobcats swept all opponents (Davidson, Portland, Liberty) to spark a three-match winning streak and nine-game winning streak.
- The Bobcats were named tourney champions.

Holiday Inn Express Volleyball Invitational (3-0)

Sept. 8-9

- The Bobcats were the tourney champions after defeating Maryland, Stony Brook and Yale.
- Ohio defeated three-time ACC champs Maryland.
- The Bobcats extended their match win streak to six
- Savannah Parra was named tourney MVP after averaging 12.9 assists per game
- Melissa Griffin and Stephanie Blackburn were named to the all-tournament team

USD Invitational (2-1) – Sept. 15-16

- Ellen Herman and Stephanie Blackburn were named to the all-tournament team
- The Bobcats six-match winning streak was broken with a lost to San Diego

IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

The Bobcats have participated in the NCAA Tournament in each of the past three seasons, the only three appearances in the program's history. Ohio's first-ever appearance in tournament came in 2004 when they were knocked out in the first round by Kansas State in Manhattan, Kan. They earned their first-ever tourney victory in 2005 when they defeated Pittsburgh, but fell to Ohio State in the second round in Columbus, Ohio. Last year the Bobcats captured two tournament victories, defeating Alabama and Ohio State in Columbus before falling to Arizona in the Sweet 16 in Palo Alto, Calif.

MEDIA INFORMATION

E-mail Service

Every press release that is released by Ohio Athletics Broadcasting and Media Relations is available via e-mail. To be added to this distribution list, please send an e-mail request to sports.media@ohio.edu

Gameday Information

Interested members of the media are provided with a game program, team game notes, media guide (when requested) and standard NCAA statistics as soon as possible after the conclusion of the competition.

Player/Coach Interviews

Please arrange all interviews during the week through Assistant Director of Media Relations Quenjana Adams via telephone at 740-593-1299.

Postgame Interviews

Ohio's locker room is closed to all media. Interviews for either team may be arranged through Quenjana Adams at the conclusion of each match.

Practices

The Ohio volleyball team's practice schedule is 3-6 p.m. during the week. Most practices are open to the media. Please contact Quenjana Adams for updates on the practice schedule and player/coach availability.

Web Site

The official Web site of Ohio Athletics is ohiobobcats.com. In addition to press releases, specific team information (rosters, schedules, statistics, bits, etc.) for all 20 varsity sports is available. Box scores from most sporting events are available in the schedule/results section of the particular sport and links to Ohio Sports Network radio broadcasts are also included.



MEDIA ROSTER



1

Savanah Parra
SR • S • 5-8
Temecula, Calif.

- 2005 Mideast Region H.M.
- 2005 2nd Team All-MAC



2

Jenna Gaughran
SR • OH • 6-2
Centerville, Ohio

- 82 career matches played
- 10+ kills three times in 2005



3

Stephanie Blackburn
JR • OH • 5-10
Cincinnati, Ohio

- 2005 Mideast Region H.M.
- 2005 1st Team All-MAC



4

Ellen Herman
FR • OH • 6-1
Toledo, Ohio

- Two-time All-Ohio
- HS kills and blocks records



5

McKenzie Mauck
SO • MB • 6-2
Muncie, Ind.

- 16 matches played in 2005
- Two-time Ind. HS champ



6

Molly Mangan
SO • DS • 5-8
Claire, Ill.

- 27 matches played in 2005
- Two-time HS MVP



7

Whitney Maiden
SO • OH • 6-0
Nelsonville, Ohio

- 8 matches played in 2005
- 13 combined letters in HS



8

Jill DeArmond
SO • S • 6-0
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

- 17 matches played in 2005
- 3.84 APG as a reserve



9

Janice Maticic
SR • DS • 5-5
Liberty Twp., Ohio

- Played in every match in 2005
- Walked on as a JR



10

Michaele Blackburn
Sr • L • 5-6
Cincinnati, Ohio

- Ohio's all-time digs leader
- Career starter at libero



12

Melissa Griffin
JR • MB • 6-2
Whitehall, Mich.

- 2005 2nd Team All-MAC
- 2005 Academic All-MAC



13

Jane Sytsma
FR • MB • 6-3
Madison, Wis.

- Two-Time All-Wisconsin
- Sister plays at Virginia Tech



14

Sarah Petrus
FR • DS • 5-6
Westlake, Ohio

- 3rd Team All-Ohio
- Brother played FB and TR at Princeton



15

Amanda Andersen
SO • MB • 6-2
Lino Lakes, Minn.

- 2005 MAC FR of the Year
- MVP at Pacific Tournney



Geoff Carlston
Head Coach
Fourth Season

- 90-11, 47-1 (MAC) at Ohio
- Three-time MAC Coach of the Year