

Ohio State Men's Basketball

2017-18 Outlook

2017-18 OHIO STATE QUICK FACTS

Location	Columbus, Ohio (pop. 2.0m)
Founded	1870
Enrollment	57,466 (Columbus), 64,868 (All campuses)
Nickname	Buckeyes
Colors	Scarlet (PMS 200) and Gray (PMS 429)
Mascot	Brutus Buckeye
President	Dr. Michael Drake (Stanford)
Athletics Director	Eugene Smith (Notre Dame, '77)
Faculty Rep.	John E. Davidson (University of the South, '82)
Conference	Big Ten

BASKETBALL HISTORY

First Year	1898
All-Time Record	1,643-1,069 (118 seasons)*
NCAA Appearances	27 (1939-44-45-46-50-60-61-62-68-71-80-82-83-85-87-90-91-92-06-07-09-10-11-12-13-14-15)
NCAA Record	49-26
National Championships	1 (1960)
National Runners-up	4 (1939-61-62-07)
NCAA Final Fours	10 (1939-44-45-46-60-61-62-68-07-12)
NCAA Elite Eights	14 (1939-44-45-46-50-60-61-62-68-71-92-07-12-13)
NCAA Sweet 16s	14 (1960-61-62-68-71-80-83-91-92-07-10-11-12-13)
NIT Appearances	9 (1979-84-86-88-89-93-03-08-16)
NIT Record	19-8
NIT Championships	2 (1986, 2008)
NIT Runners-up	1 (1988)
All-Time Big Ten Reg. Season Rcd.	778-700 (105 seasons)*
Big Ten Championships (reg. season)	20 (1925-33-39-44-46-50-60-61-62-63-64-68-71-91-92-06-07-10-11-12)
Outright Big Ten Titles	13 (1925-39-44-46-50-60-61-62-71-92-06-07-11)
Big Ten Tourney Title Game Appearances/Titles	8/4 (2003-06-07-09-10-11-12-13/2007-10-11-13)
Big Ten Tournament Record	26-13
Home Court	Value City Arena (19,049/18,809-students present)
Year Opened/1st Game	1998-99/Oakland (11/13/98), W 89-61
VCA Home Record	235-44 (19 years)*

2016-17 INFORMATION

Overall Record	17-15
Big Ten Record/Place	7-11/11th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	9/2
Starters Returning/Lost	3/2

TEAM FACTS

Head Coach	Chris Holtmann (Taylor, 1994)
Record at Ohio State (Yrs.)	0-0 (1st Year)
Career Record (Yrs.)	114-85 (6 yrs.)
Big Ten Regular-Season Record	0-0 (1st Year)
Assistant Coaches	Ryan Pedon (1st yr./Wooster, 2000) Mike Schrage (1st yr./Indiana, 1998) Terry Johnson (1st yr./IPFW, 1998)
Dir. of Basketball Operations	David Egelhoff (11th yr./Ohio State, 2001)
Dir. of Player Development	Scoonie Penn (1st Yr.)
Assistant to the Head Coach	Mike Netti
Video Coordinator	Kyle Davis
Athletic Trainer	Vince O'Brien
Head OSU Athletics Physician	Dr. James Borchers
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*113 games (82-31) vacated by the NCAA between 1998-99 and 2001-02, including 56 Big Ten games (41-15) and 56 games at VCA (49-7).

Starting Five

- Mike Conley Jr. was elected into the Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame in 2017 and will be officially recognized during Hall of Fame Weekend on the Ohio State campus the weekend of Oct. 7. Conley is the 39th men's basketball student-athlete to be elected to the Athletics Hall of Fame. Conley, now in his 11th season with the Memphis Grizzlies, was the No. 4 overall pick in the 2007 NBA Draft after leading the Buckeyes to the NCAA National Championship game in 2007.

- Evan Turner, who was Ohio State's 38th Hall of Fame inductee a season ago, was recognized Sept. 9 during Ohio State's matchup with Oklahoma on the gridiron for his donation of \$500,000 to the men's basketball program. The donation will be used for graphics and to name the hallway outside the men's basketball practice facility. Turner was the National Player of the Year in college basketball in 2010 and was the No. 2 pick in the NBA Draft that year (Philadelphia).

- New at home games this year, the Buckeyes will join the students in singing Carmen Ohio following each game. Players and coaches will line up in front of the student section (behind team benches).

- Ohio State will appear on four major television networks in 2017-18. This season marks the first year in which FOX will televise Big Ten Conference games. The Buckeyes, who have traditionally appeared on CBS, the Big Ten Network and the ESPN family of networks, will appear on FOX and/or FS1 four times this season. The first appearance will be at Wisconsin Dec. 2 (5 p.m./FOX).

- With the new television deal in place this season with FOX, Ohio State will play Big Ten Conference games on each day of the week at least once this season. Traditionally league games were played Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays on ESPN networks, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays on the Big Ten Network and Sundays on CBS. During the course of the regular-season Ohio State will play two games on Monday, three each on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, six on Thursday and seven each on Saturday and Sunday.

Holtmann Era Begins in Columbus

June 9, 2017 marked the first day of the Chris Holtmann era at Ohio State. After six seasons as a head coach, including the last three at Butler, Holtmann becomes the 14th head coach in Ohio State men's basketball history. In his young career to date, Holtmann already has earned coach of the year honors in both the Big South Conference (2013), where he spent three seasons coaching Gardner-Webb (2001-13), and in the Big East (2017) in the final of three seasons with the Bulldogs. His first game in Columbus will be the 200th of his head coaching career (114-85).

Veterans to Lead Host of Newcomers

Seniors Kam Williams, now in his fifth year, and Jae'Sean Tate are the most experienced Buckeyes on the 2017-18 roster with 102 and 95 games played, respectively. Keita Bates-Diop, who sat out the majority of the 2016-17 season with a stress fracture, is next at 75 games played. No other returning player has appeared in more than 32 games in an Ohio State uniform. Heading into the 2017-18 campaign, Ohio State will have seven players new to the program.

Bates-Diop Returns

After sitting out all but nine games in 2016-17 with a stress fracture in his left leg, Keita Bates-Diop is back healthy and expected to make significant contributions to the Buckeyes this season. Bates-Diop has two seasons of eligibility remaining after receiving a medical redshirt after last season. In two full seasons and nine appearances before the injury a year ago, Bates-Diop has averaged eight points and just over four rebounds a game in 75 career appearances. His ability to block shots (72 career rejections) and convert at the foul line (99-131/.756) also adds balance to the Ohio State offensive and defensive efforts this year.

Ohio Well Represented on 2017-18 Roster

The Top 2 Ohio high school basketball players during the 2016-17 season are part of The Buckeyes' 2017-18 roster in Chris Holtmann's first year in Columbus. The state's top player, forward Kaleb Wesson of nearby Westerville, Ohio, signed with the Buckeyes in November of 2016. The No. 2 player in the state from a year ago, forward Kyle Young, took a different route to becoming

a Buckeye. Young, a Massillon, Ohio, native, committed to Butler while Holtmann was coaching in Indianapolis last year. Once Holtmann and his three assistants from Butler agreed to take over the Ohio State program, Young decided to return to his home state and play for the Buckeyes. In all, seven players on Ohio State's current roster hail from the state of Ohio.

Buckeyes Add One of Indiana's Best

Chris Holtmann and his staff wasted no time working to build Ohio State's roster for the 2017-18 season upon taking the job in Columbus in early June. Seven players returned from the 2016-17 roster with one freshman (Kaleb Wesson) set to join the 2017-18 Buckeyes when Holtmann settled in as Ohio State's 14th head coach in men's basketball. Soon after, another highly-touted regional prospect elected to join Ohio State's 2017-18 roster. Musa Jallow, a 6-5 Bloomington, Indiana, native completed requirements to graduate from Bloomington North High School early and reclassify from the class of 2018-19 to 2017-18 and become a Buckeye. One of top players in the state of Indiana, Jallow gives the Buckeyes a quality scorer, rebounder and defender.

Bench Gets Deeper

In addition to adding a pair of scholarship student-athletes in the freshman class, the Buckeyes also grew the roster with a graduate transfer and three additional walk-ons for a roster of 14 heading into the 2017-18 season. Andrew Dakich took an unconventional route to Columbus through Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he played for the Wolverines before electing to transfer to Ohio State after completing his degree (history) at Michigan with a year of eligibility remaining. He is studying sports coaching at Ohio State in a master's program. Connor Fulton, a freshman guard from Salt Lake City had planned to join Butler as a preferred walk-on before Chris Holtmann and his staff took over at Ohio State. Fulton elected to alter his path to Columbus in the same capacity once Holtmann became a Buckeye. A pair of local products also elected to don the Scarlet and Gray after starting their careers elsewhere. Juniors Matt Lehmann, who prepped locally at Bishop Watterson, and Danny Hummer, from nearby Upper Arlington, completed the Ohio State roster for this season. Lehmann played briefly for West Virginia before transferring to Ohio State to continue his academic pursuits. Hummer played for Air Force before electing to return to Columbus and join the Buckeyes.

Schedule to Test Buckeyes in 2017-18

Chris Holtmann inherited one of the more difficult schedules in recent memory at Ohio State. The season tips off officially at 7 p.m. Nov. 10 vs. Robert Morris to begin the Chris Holtmann era in Columbus. An exhibition game vs. the College of Wooster is slated for 4 p.m. Nov. 5, giving Ohio State fans their first look at the Buckeyes this season.

Noting the 2017-18 Ohio State Schedule

- * The Buckeyes will again take part in the annual Big Ten/ACC Challenge. Ohio State welcomes Clemson to Columbus Nov. 29 this year.
- * In honor of Nike's Phil Knight's 80th birthday, Ohio State will travel to Portland, Oregon, for three games the week of Thanksgiving after a home game vs. Northeastern Nov. 19 for the PK80 Invitational Nov. 23-26. Ohio State opens the event in Portland vs. Gonzaga Nov. 23.
- * Now in its fourth year, Ohio State will again play in the CBSSports Classic. The event will take place in New Orleans this season Dec. 23. The Buckeyes take on defending national champion North Carolina while Kentucky takes on UCLA. The Buckeyes face both teams that squared off for the 2017 NCAA title this season (Gonzaga and UNC).
- * Two Big Ten Conference games will be played in early December this year as the conference showcases its annual postseason tournament a week earlier than normal at Madison Square Garden in New York (Feb. 28-March 4). Ohio State travels to Wisconsin for a Dec. 2 matchup with the Badgers before returning home to take on Michigan Dec. 4 in Columbus.
- * Two of Ohio State's nine league road games will be played in non-traditional venues this season. Ohio State faces Northwestern Jan. 17 at Allstate Arena in Rosemont, Illinois, while renovations take place at the Wildcats' Welsh-Ryan Arena. The Buckeyes and Minnesota will play at Madison Square Garden in New York Jan. 20 as part of the 2018 Big Ten Super Saturday double-header with the hockey programs from Minnesota and Michigan State.
- * The Buckeyes will have 18 home games in 2017-18 plus an exhibition contest vs. the College of Wooster Nov. 5.
- * Eight Big Ten Conference opponents take on the Buckeyes once this year. Ohio State plays host to Illinois, Maryland, Michigan State and Nebraska and travel only to Minnesota (neutral site), Northwestern (Allstate Arena, Rosemont, Illinois), Purdue and Wisconsin. The Buckeyes play Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Penn State and Rutgers both home and away.
- * Ohio State will play 17 regular-season games against 14 teams that advanced to postseason play in 2017. Eleven games are scheduled vs. 2017 NCAA Tournament teams (Wisconsin, Gonzaga, Northwestern, Maryland, Minnesota, Texas Southern, North Carolina, Michigan (2), Purdue and Michigan State) while six contests pit the Buckeyes vs. 2017 NIT squads (Illinois, Clemson, Indiana (2) and Iowa (2)).
- * Every Ohio State game will be available on BTN, ESPN, FOX or CBS platforms. At least one home game (Michigan State) and a neutral site game (North Carolina) are scheduled for CBS.

2016-17 Ohio State Results/Schedule (17-15, 7-11)		
Date	Opp. (TV)	W/L Score (AP)
NOVEMBER (6-1)		
6-Sun.	Walsh (Exh.) (BTNPlus)	W..... 85-67
11-Fri.	1-at Navy (CBSSN)	.....W.....78-68
14-Mon.	2-NC Central (ESPN)	.....W..... 69-63
17-Thur.	3-Providence (BTN)	.....W..... 72-67
21-Mon.	2-Western Carolina (BTN)	.....W..... 66-38
23-Wed.	2-Jackson St. (ESPN3)	.....W..... 78-47
25-Fri.	2-Marshall (BTN)	.....W..... 111-70
30-Wed.	4-at Virginia (ESPN2)	.....L.....61-63(6)
DECEMBER (4-2)		
3-Sat.	FDU (BTNPlus)	.....W..... 70-62
6-Tues.	Florida Atlantic (ESPN3)...	L ot 77-79
10-Sat.	Connecticut (BTN)	.....W..... 64-60
17-Sat.	5-vs. UCLA (CBS)	.....L.....73-86(2)
20-Tues.	Youngstown St. (ESPN3)	.....W..... 77-40
22-Thur.	UNC Asheville (ESPN2)	.....W..... 79-77
JANUARY (3-7, 3-7)		
1-Sun.	at Illinois (BTN)	.....L.....70-75
5-Thur.	Purdue (ESPN)	.....L..... 75-76(20)
8-Sun.	at Minnesota (BTN)	.....L.....68-78
12-Thur.	at Wisconsin (ESPN2)	.....L.....66-89(18)
15-Sun.	Michigan State (CBS)	.....W..... 72-67
18-Wed.	at Nebraska (BTN)	.....W.....67-66
22-Sun.	Northwestern (BTN)	.....L..... 72-74
25-Wed.	Minnesota (BTN)	.....W..... 78-72
28-Sat.	at Iowa (ESPN2)	.....L.....72-85
31-Tues.	No. 17 Maryland (ESPN)	.....L..... 71-77(17)
FEBRUARY (4-4, 4-4)		
4-Sat.	at Michigan (ESPN2)	.....W.....70-66
8-Wed.	Rutgers (BTN)	.....W..... 70-64
11-Sat.	at Maryland (ESPN)	.....L.....77-86(21)
14-Tues.	at Michigan State (ESPN)	.....L.....66-74
18-Sat.	Nebraska (BTN)	.....L..... 57-58
23-Thur.	Wisconsin (ESPN)	.....W..... 83-73(16)
28-Tues.	at Penn State (BTN)	.....W.....71-70
MARCH (0-2, 0-1)		
4-Sat.	Indiana (ESPN)	.....L..... 92-96
8-Wed.	6-Rutgers (BTN)	.....L.....57-66

Home games in **Bold** // 1-Veterans Classic, Annapolis, Maryland // 2-Global Sports Invitational, Columbus, Ohio // 3-Gavitt Tipoff Games, Columbus, Ohio // 4-Big Ten/ACC Challenge, Charlottesville, Virginia // 5-CBSports Classic, Las Vegas, Nevada // 6-Big Ten Tournament, Washington, D.C.



Two on Pace for 1,000 Career Points

Jae'Sean Tate became the 54th player to accomplish the feat of scoring 1,000 career points at Ohio State with 20 points at Maryland Feb. 11. He has 1,094 points (11.5 ppg.) 95 career appearances. This year, fifth-year senior Kam Williams (779 career points) and redshirt junior Keita Bates-Diop (600) are within striking distance or reaching 1,000 points. Williams scored 300 points as a junior and 290 during his sophomore season. Bates-Diop tallied 388 points as a sophomore in 2015-16. He missed all but nine games a year ago with a leg injury.

Buckeyes to Play in 2017 PK80 Event in Portland

Ohio State has been selected to play in the PK80-Phil Knight Invitational Nov. 23-26, 2017 in Portland, Oregon. The event honors Nike founder Phil Knight, who will turn 80 years old this year. Sixteen Nike schools will travel to Portland to participate in the event. Those schools are: Arkansas, Butler, Connecticut, Duke, Florida, Georgetown, Gonzaga, Michigan State, North Carolina, Ohio State, Oklahoma, Oregon, Portland, Portland State, Stanford and Texas. Two eight-team events -- consisting of three games per team -- will run simultaneously in the two buildings (the Rose Quarter's Moda Center and Veterans Memorial Coliseum) with the crowning of two bracket champions. All games from Portland will be televised on ESPN networks.

106 Years in Big Ten

Ohio State celebrated 105 years as a member of the Big Ten Conference in men's basketball in 2017. The Buckeyes finished in the No. 6 spot in the 1913 conference standings, the first season of league play. Over 105 seasons, Ohio State has earned 20 Big Ten regular-season titles with 27 NCAA tournament appearances, one national championship (1960) and 10 trips to the Final Four. Ten former coaches and players are members of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame while 51 student-athletes have been drafted by National Basketball Association teams, including 24 in the first round.

CBS Sports Classic-Year 4

CBS Sports has brought together four of the nation's most prestigious college basketball teams the last three years and will do so again over the next three. Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio State and UCLA, will again meet for a college basketball showcase, the CBSSPORTS CLASSIC in 2017, 2018 and 2019. CBS Sports will again broadcast a doubleheader in 2017 following the first year of the event in Chicago (2014) and the 2015 Classic in Brooklyn. These four schools have combined to win 26 national championships and are among the winningest college basketball programs of all-time. The event debuted at the United Center in Chicago Dec. 20, 2014. North Carolina faced Ohio State and UCLA took on Kentucky. The CBS SPORTS CLASSIC moved to Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York, Dec. 19, 2015, where the Buckeyes knocked off No. 4 Kentucky 74-67. The teams travelled to Las Vegas in 2016 where the Buckeyes faced UCLA. Ohio State will take on North Carolina Dec. 23, 2017 in New Orleans. The dates and locations for the 2018 and 2019 games have not been determined. The Buckeyes are 1-2 in the event to date with a win over Kentucky and losses to North Carolina and UCLA.



Kam Williams

HEAD COACH CHRIS HOLTMANN

Chris Holtmann Era Begins in Columbus

Chris Holtmann at a Glance

- Enters First Season as Ohio State Head Coach (0-0 Record; 2017 to present)
- Three Seasons as Butler Head Coach (70-31 Record; 2015-17)
- Six Season as a Head Coach (114-85 Record; 2011-13, 2015-17)
- 2016-17 BIG EAST Coach of the Year
- 2016-17 John McLendon Award Winner (collegeinsiders.com)
- 2016-17 and 2014-15 Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2014-15 Naismith National Coach of the Year Finalist
- Three Seasons as Gardner-Webb Head Coach (44-54 Record; 2011-13)
- 2013 Big South Conference Coach of the Year

Following three incredibly successful seasons at Butler, Chris Holtmann agreed to take over the Ohio State men's basketball program June 9, 2017. He was introduced as Ohio State's 14th head coach in the history of the program June 12, 2017.

Holtmann led the Bulldogs to a 70-31 record over three seasons (2014-17) as head coach at Butler, including a 25-9 mark in 2016-17. The Bulldogs advanced to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2011 in his final year in Indianapolis. Butler's 2016-17 season included a 14-5 regular-season record against 12 teams that made the 2017 tournament field.

The Bulldogs had non-conference wins over Arizona, Cincinnati, Northwestern, Vanderbilt, Vermont, and Bucknell, in addition to a pair of wins over Villanova. Butler's win over Villanova at Hinkle Fieldhouse on Jan. 4, 2017 was the second win over a No. 1-ranked team in Butler history.

The 2016-17 campaign marked the third-consecutive season Butler made the NCAA Tournament and won at least one NCAA Tournament game under Holtmann. He joined Roy Williams, John Calipari and Mike Brey as the only active coaches to lead their current teams to NCAA Tournament wins each of their first three seasons.

Holtmann is one of only two coaches in Butler history to lead the Bulldogs to the NCAA Tournament in each of his first three seasons – Brad Stevens is the other.

A highly-touted recruiter, Holtmann and his staff signed the two highest-ranked classes in Butler history (2016, 2017).

Picked to finish sixth in the preseason BIG EAST coaches poll, Butler posted a 12-6 BIG EAST mark to place second in the 2016-17 league standings. Those same BIG EAST coaches selected Holtmann as the conference's Coach of the Year.



Holtmann is the 2016-17 recipient of the John McLendon Award, presented annually by Collegeinsider.com to college basketball's coach of the year. Additionally, for the second time in three seasons at Butler, Holtmann was named a finalist for the Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year Award.

The 2015-16 Bulldogs averaged 79.9 points per game, which ranked in the Top 25 nationally. But-



- **Full Name:** Christopher Holtmann
- **Born:** Nov. 11, 1971
- **Hometown:** Nicholasville, Kentucky
- **High School:** Jessamine County HS
- **Alma Mater:** Taylor, 1994 (Psychology); Ball State, 2000 (Masters/Athletic Administration)

• **Playing Career:** Lettered from 1991-94 at Taylor (Ind.) University. As a senior, earned All-America honors while leading Taylor to a No. 1 ranking in the NAIA rankings.

• **Coaching Career:** Taylor (GA), 1997; Geneva (asst.), 1998-99; Taylor (asst.), 1999-2003; Gardner-Webb (asst.), 2003-08; Ohio (asst.), 2008-10; Gardner-Webb (head coach), 2010-13; Butler (asst.), 2013-14; Butler (head coach), 2014-17; Ohio State (head coach), 2017 to present.

• **Assisted Under:** Paul Patterson (Taylor); Jeff Santarsiero (Genevia); Rick Scruggs (Gardner-Webb); John Groce (Ohio); Brandon Miller (Butler).

• **Highlights:** Big South Coach of the Year (2013), Big East Coach of the Year (2017); Collegeinsider.com John McLendon National Coach of the Year (2017); NAIA All-American (1994).

ler opened the season with an 11-1 non-conference record, climbing as high as ninth in the *Associated Press* poll and 10th in the *USA Today* Coaches Poll.

To say that Holtmann's initial season at the helm of the Butler program was a success would be an understatement. He guided a Butler team that was picked to tie for seventh in the BIG EAST to a 23-11 campaign, a tie for second place in the BIG EAST regular season race and a berth in the 2015 Tournament.

Along the way, the Bulldogs knocked off five teams ranked in the "Top 25" at the time, including No. 5/6 North Carolina at the Battle 4 Atlantis, and picked up a second round NCAA Tournament win.

Butler, unmentioned in the national polls at the start of the season, was among teams receiving votes or ranked in the "Top 25" in 16 of the final 17 weeks of the season. The Bulldogs climbed to as high as No. 15 in the AP national poll and No. 18 in the *USA Today* national poll. Butler tied the fourth-best

What They're Saying

"Chris Holtmann is one of the very best coaches in the country. He is very skilled as a teacher and tactician, and is very principled in his approach. For Chris, winning is a byproduct of doing things the right way, and the cultures he has established reflect just that. Ohio State has a great one in Chris Holtmann. He's the real thing." - Jay Bilas, ESPN

HEAD COACH CHRIS HOLTMANN

HOLTMANN'S CAREER RECORD BY YEAR

AS AN ASSISTANT

Year	School	Record	Conference	Postseason
1998-99	Geneva	11-20		
1999-2000	Taylor	19-14	6-8	
2000-01	Taylor	17-16	7-7	
2001-02	Taylor	25-7	11-3	
2002-03	Taylor	25-9	10-4	NAIA First Round
2003-04	Gardner-Webb	9-20	6-14	
2004-05	Gardner-Webb	18-12	13-7	
2005-06	Gardner-Webb	9-20	6-14	
2006-07	Gardner-Webb	9-21	7-11	
2007-08	Gardner-Webb	16-16	9-7	
2008-09	Ohio University	15-17	7-9	
2009-10	Ohio University	22-15	7-9	
2013-14	Butler	14-17	4-14	

AS A HEAD COACH

Year	School	Record	Conf/Place	Postseason
2010-11	Gardner-Webb	11-21	6-12/9th	
2012-12	Gardner-Webb	12-20	6-12/9th	
2013-13	Gardner-Webb	21-13	11-5/2nd (South)	CIT First Round
3-Year Gardner-Webb Record	Record	44-54	23-29	
2014-15	Butler	23-11	12-6/3rd	NCAA Third Round
2015-16	Butler	22-11	10-8/4th	NCAA Third Round
2016-17	Butler	25-9	12-6/2nd	NCAA Sweet 16
3-Year Butler Record	Record	70-31	34-20	
2017-18	Ohio State			
First Year at Ohio State				
6-Year Collegiate Record		114-85 (.572)		3 NCAA/1 CIT

turnaround in BIG EAST history (+8) and matched the 11th-highest single season win total in school history. For his efforts, Holtmann was named a finalist for both the Naismith National Coach of the Year Award and the Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year Award.

Holtmann left a position as head coach at Gardner-Webb to become an assistant coach at Butler prior to the 2013-14 season. After one year as an assistant, Holtmann found himself back in the lead chair. On Oct. 2, 2014, Butler Head Coach Brandon Miller requested and was granted a medical leave of absence. Holtmann was appointed interim head coach and given the task of leading the Bulldogs through the start of the 2014-15 season. Three months later, on Jan. 2, 2015, Butler removed the "interim" tag and named Holtmann head coach of the Bulldogs.

Holtmann served as head coach at Gardner-Webb for three seasons (2011-13), leading the North Carolina school through a successful rebuilding effort. He took the Runnin' Bulldogs from eight wins in 2009-10 to a school Division I record 21 victories and a berth in the CollegeInsider.com postseason tournament in his last year. Gardner-Webb won 10 of its final 11 games in 2012-13 and finished a game

Holtmann in March

Chris Holtmann is one of four active head coaches to win at least one NCAA Tournament game in his first three years at a school (Butler - 2015, '16, '17).

out of first place in the Big South Conference. For his efforts, Holtmann was named Big South Conference Coach of the Year and NABC District 3 Coach of the Year.

Prior to taking the head coaching position at Gardner-Webb, Holtmann spent two seasons as an assistant coach at Ohio University under former Butler and Ohio State assistant John Groce. Holtmann helped build back-to-back top classes as recruiting coordinator for the Bobcats, and he was part of the staff that led Ohio to the 2010 Mid-American Conference Tournament title and an upset of No. 3 seed Georgetown in the opening round of the 2010 NCAA Tournament. Before his stint at Ohio, he served for five seasons as an assistant coach at Gardner-Webb, including four seasons as Associate Head Coach.

Holtmann Career Highlights

As a Coach
2013 Big South Coach of the Year
2017 Big East Coach of the Year
2017 CollegeInsider.com National Coach of the Year

As a Student-Athlete
1994 NAIA All-American

A native of Nicholasville, Ky., Holtmann was an NAIA All-American guard at Taylor University. He helped lead Taylor to a 25-9 record, a No. 1 national ranking and a berth in the NAIA National Tournament in 1993-94. He served as a graduate assistant coach at Taylor in 1997-98, spent one season as an assistant coach at Geneva College and then returned to Taylor as an assistant coach under head coach Paul Patterson. In his final two seasons at Taylor, the Trojans posted a 50-16 record, won back-to-back conference titles and ranked in the "Top 15" of the NAIA national poll.

Holtmann earned a degree in psychology from Taylor in 1994 and a master's degree in athletic administration from Ball State in 2000. He and his wife, Lori, have one daughter, Nora Jane.

2017-18 OHIO STATE BUCKEYES

BY CLASS

Graduate (1)

Andrew Dakich

Seniors (2)

Jae'Sean Tate
Kam Williams

Juniors (5)

Keita Bates-Diop
Danny Hummer
C.J. Jackson
Joey Lane
Matt Lehmann

Sophomores (2)

Micah Potter
Andre Wesson

Freshmen (4)

Connor Fulton
Musa Jallow
Kaleb Wesson
Kyle Young

BY STATE/ COUNTRY

Ohio (7)

Danny Hummer
Matt Lehmann
Micah Potter
Jae'Sean Tate
Andre Wesson
Kaleb Wesson
Kyle Young

Illinois (2)

Keita Bates-Diop
Joey Lane

Indiana (2)

Andrew Dakich
Musa Jallow

Maryland (1)

Kam Williams

North Carolina (1)

C.J. Jackson

Utah (1)

Connor Fulton

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	H.S./Last School
0	Micah Potter*	C	6-9	240	So.	Mentor, Ohio	Montverde Academy
1	Jae'Sean Tate***	F	6-4	230	Sr.	Pickerington, Ohio	Pickerington Central
2	Musa Jallow	G	6-5	200	Fr.	Bloomington, Ind.	North
3	C.J. Jackson*	G	6-1	175	Jr.	Charlotte, N.C.	Eastern Florida State
13	Andrew Dakich	G	6-2	190	Gr.	Zionsville, Ind.	Univ. of Michigan
14	Joey Lane**	G	6-1	180	Jr.	Deerfield, Ill.	Deerfield
15	Kam Williams****	G	6-2	185	R-Sr.	Baltimore, Md.	Mount St. Joseph
24	Andre Wesson*	F	6-6	220	So.	Westerville, Ohio	South
25	Kyle Young	F	6-8	205	Fr.	Massillon, Ohio	Jackson
33	Keita Bates-Diop***	F	6-7	235	R-Jr.	Normal, Ill.	University High
34	Kaleb Wesson	F	6-9	270	Fr.	Westerville, Ohio	South
40	Danny Hummer	G	6-0	175	Jr.	Upper Arlington, Ohio	Air Force Academy
43	Matt Lehmann	G	6-4	205	Jr.	Columbus, Ohio	Bishop Watterson
45	Connor Fulton	G	6-4	175	Fr.	Salt Lake City, Utah	Alta

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	H.S./Last School
33	Keita Bates-Diop***	F	6-7	235	R-Jr.	Normal, Ill.	University High
13	Andrew Dakich	G	6-2	190	Gr.	Zionsville, Ind.	Univ. of Michigan
45	Connor Fulton	G	6-4	175	Fr.	Salt Lake City, Utah	Alta
40	Danny Hummer	G	6-0	175	Jr.	Upper Arlington, Ohio	Air Force Academy
3	C.J. Jackson*	G	6-1	175	Jr.	Charlotte, N.C.	Eastern Florida State
2	Musa Jallow	G	6-5	200	Fr.	Bloomington, Ind.	North
14	Joey Lane**	G	6-1	180	Jr.	Deerfield, Ill.	Deerfield
43	Matt Lehmann	G	6-4	205	Jr.	Columbus, Ohio	Bishop Watterson
0	Micah Potter*	C	6-9	240	So.	Mentor, Ohio	Montverde Academy
1	Jae'Sean Tate***	F	6-4	230	Sr.	Pickerington, Ohio	Pickerington Central
15	Kam Williams****	G	6-2	185	R-Sr.	Baltimore, Md.	Mount St. Joseph
24	Andre Wesson*	F	6-6	220	So.	Westerville, Ohio	South
34	Kaleb Wesson	F	6-9	270	Fr.	Westerville, Ohio	South
25	Kyle Young	F	6-8	205	Fr.	Massillon, Ohio	Jackson

*Letters earned

COACHES AND STAFF

Chris Holtmann, Head Coach
Ryan Pedon, Assistant Coach
Mike Schrage, Assistant Coach
Terry Johnson, Assistant Coach
Scoonie Penn, Director of Player Development
David Egelhoff, Director of Basketball Operations
Mike Netti, Special Assistant to the Head Coach
Vince O'Brien, Athletic Trainer
Quadrian Banks, Strength and Conditioning Coach
Kyle Davis, Video Coordinator
Greg Oden, Student Assistant Coach

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Players

Jae'Sean Tate JAY-shawn
Keita Bates-Diop KAY-tah Bates DEE-opp

Coaches

Mike Schrage SHRAW-gee

MAJORS

Keita Bates-Diop Economics
Andrew Dakich Sports Coaching
Connor Fulton Exploration
Danny Hummer Economics
C.J. Jackson Exploration
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Matt Lehmann Sport Industry
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Jae'Sean Tate Sport Industry
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PLAYERS BY HEIGHT

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Kam Williams 6-2
C.J. Jackson 6-1
Joey Lane 6-1
Danny Hummer 6-0



2016-17 Ohio State Buckeyes
Buckeyes Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 09, 2017)
All games



RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	17-15	13-6	4-7	0-2
CONFERENCE	7-11	4-5	3-6	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	10-4	9-1	1-1	0-2

#	Player	gp-gs	min	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds					pts	avg						
				fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf			dq	a	to	blk	stl	
01	Tate, Jae'Sean	32-32	1021	31.9	182-333	.547	8-36	.222	86-150	.573	62	143	205	6.4	101	3	64	72	15	34	458	14.3
02	Loving, Marc	32-32	1086	33.9	123-295	.417	58-152	.382	89-120	.742	33	117	150	4.7	69	0	60	89	17	18	393	12.3
13	Lyle, JaQuan	31-23	908	29.3	121-264	.458	33-81	.407	77-107	.720	10	88	98	3.2	50	0	142	75	2	32	352	11.4
32	Thompson, Trevor	32-20	737	23.0	125-219	.571	0-0	.000	90-125	.720	86	207	293	9.2	111	9	14	45	48	12	340	10.6
33	Bates-Diop, Keita	9-3	210	23.3	37-74	.500	3-15	.200	10-14	.714	12	35	47	5.2	13	0	12	14	12	2	87	9.7
15	Williams, Kam	32-29	981	30.7	108-276	.391	50-133	.376	34-37	.919	9	58	67	2.1	48	1	31	34	4	24	300	9.4
03	Jackson, C.J.	32-9	611	19.1	58-147	.395	26-81	.321	37-55	.673	13	66	79	2.5	52	0	92	42	0	27	179	5.6
00	Potter, Micah	30-12	422	14.1	43-99	.434	17-51	.333	21-35	.600	35	57	92	3.1	68	1	8	20	11	8	124	4.1
24	Wesson, Andre	29-0	336	11.6	19-52	.365	13-37	.351	15-28	.536	15	21	36	1.2	33	0	9	18	5	6	66	2.3
14	Lane, Joey	4-0	12	3.0	2-5	.400	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	0	2	2	0.5	0	0	0	2	0	1	7	1.8
10	Bell, David	15-0	91	6.1	8-18	.444	0-0	.000	4-7	.571	10	19	29	1.9	17	0	2	3	7	2	20	1.3
23	Jent, Jimmy	4-0	10	2.5	1-4	.250	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	4	4	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.8
Team											39	51	90				9					
Total.....		32	6425		827-1786	.463	211-592	.356	464-680	.682	324	868	1192	37.2	562	14	434	423	121	166	2329	72.8
Opponents.....		32	6425		791-1902	.416	278-780	.356	372-560	.664	351	768	1119	35.0	615	-	417	386	98	158	2232	69.8

TEAM STATISTICS	OSU	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	2329	2232	11/11/16	at Navy	w 78-68	4116
Points per game	72.8	69.8	11/14/16	N.C. CENTRAL	w 69-63	9787
Scoring margin	+3.0	-	11/17/16	PC	w 72-67	11089
FIELD GOALS-ATT	827-1786	791-1902	11/21/16	WESTERN CAROLINA	w 66-38	10452
Field goal pct	.463	.416	11/23/16	JACKSON STATE	w 78-47	10513
3 POINT FG-ATT	211-592	278-780	11/25/16	MARSHALL	w 111-70	14355
3-point FG pct	.356	.356	11/30/16	at Virginia	L 61-63	14566
3-pt FG made per game	6.6	8.7	12/03/16	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	w 70-62	11570
FREE THROWS-ATT	464-680	372-560	12/06/16	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	Lot 77-79	11862
Free throw pct	.682	.664	12/10/16	UCONN	w 64-60	12313
F-Throws made per game	14.5	11.6	12/17/16	vs UCLA	L 73-86	19298
REBOUNDS	1192	1119	12/20/16	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	w 77-40	11417
Rebounds per game	37.2	35.0	12/22/16	UNC ASHEVILLE	w 79-77	11480
Rebounding margin	+2.3	-	* 01/01/17	at Illinois	L 70-75	12221
ASSISTS	434	417	* 01/05/17	PURDUE	L 75-76	13221
Assists per game	13.6	13.0	* 01/08/17	at Minnesota	L 68-78	11267
TURNOVERS	423	386	* 01/12/17	at Wisconsin	L 66-89	17287
Turnovers per game	13.2	12.1	* 01/15/17	MICHIGAN STATE	w 72-67	17449
Turnover margin	-1.2	-	* 01/18/17	at Nebraska	w 67-66	15635
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	1.1	* 01/22/17	NORTHWESTERN	L 72-74	13369
STEALS	166	158	* 01/25/17	MINNESOTA	w 78-72	11206
Steals per game	5.2	4.9	* 01/28/17	at Iowa	L 72-85	15138
BLOCKS	121	98	* 01/31/17	MARYLAND	L 71-77	12887
Blocks per game	3.8	3.1	* 02/04/17	at Michigan	w 70-66	12196
ATTENDANCE	234156	161814	* 02/08/17	RUTGERS	w 70-64	11077
Home games-Avg/Game	19-12324	11-12956	* 02/11/17	at Maryland Terrapins	L 77-86	17950
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	2-9649	* 2/14/17	at Michigan State	L 66-74	14797
			* 02/18/17	NEBRASKA	L 57-58	13044
			* 02/23/17	WISCONSIN	w 83-73	11505
			* 02/28/17	at Penn State	w 71-70	7343
			* 03/04/17	INDIANA	L 92-96	15560
			3/8/17	vs Rutgers	L 57-66	0

* - Conference game

2017-18 OHIO STATE SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME	SERIES
November				
5-Sun.	Wooster (Exh.)	BTN Plus	4 p.m.	
10-Fri.	Robert Morris	BTN Plus	7 p.m.	3-0
12-Sun.	Radford	BTN Plus	2:30 p.m.	2-0
16-Thurs.	Texas Southern	BTN	7 p.m.	First Meeting
19-Sun.	1-Northeastern	BTN Plus	2 p.m.	0-1
23-Thurs.	2-Gonzaga	ESPN2	Midnight (9 p.m. PT)	1-0
24-Fri.	2-Florida/Stanford	ESPN2	9/11 p.m.	8-5/0-3
26-Sun.	2-TBD	TBD	TBD	
29-Wed.	3-Clemson	ESPN2	7:15	0-1

December

2-Sat.	at Wisconsin	FOX	5 p.m.	87-70
4-Mon.	Michigan	FS1	6:30 p.m.	96-76
9-Sat.	William & Mary	BTN Plus	Noon	First Meeting
16-Sat.	Appalachian State	BTN	6 p.m.	First Meeting
19-Tues.	The Citadel	BTN	7 p.m.	First Meeting
23-Sat.	4-vs. North Carolina	CBS	1:30 p.m.	2-11
30-Sat.	Miami (Ohio)	ESPNU	Noon	6-2

January

4-Thurs.	at Iowa	ESPNU	7 p.m.	73-77
7-Sun.	Michigan State	CBS	1:30/4:30 p.m.	56-68
11-Thurs.	Maryland	ESPN/2	7 p.m.	5-6
14-Sun.	at Rutgers	BTN	7 p.m.	4-2
17-Wed.	5-at Northwestern	BTN	9 p.m.	117-46
20-Sat.	6-vs. Minnesota	BTN	Noon	85-57
22-Mon.	Nebraska	BTN	8 p.m.	14-4
25-Thurs.	Penn State	BTN	8 p.m.	34-14
30-Tues.	Indiana	ESPN/2	7 p.m.	77-105

February

4-Sun.	Illinois	FS1	Noon	71-102
7-Wed.	at Purdue	BTN	8:30 p.m.	83-86
10-Sat.	Iowa	BTN	6/8 p.m.	
15-Thurs.	at Penn State	BTN	8 p.m.	
18-Sun.	at Michigan	CBS	1 p.m.	
20-Tues.	Rutgers	BTN	7 p.m.	
23-Fri.	at Indiana	FS1	8 p.m.	

Feb./March

28/4-Wed.-Sun 7-at Big Ten Tournament

Home games in **Bold** // 1-PK80, Columbus, Ohio // 2-PK80, Portland, Oregon // 3-Big Ten/ACC Challenge, Columbus, Ohio // 4-CBSSports Classic, New Orleans // 5-at Allstate Arena, Rosemont, Illinois // 6-at Madison Square Garden, New York // 7-at Madison Square Garden, New York.