



# ***BEARCATS*** <sup>®</sup> — 2006

***SOPHOMORE JESSIE NEVITT***

## CHALLENGES AWAIT BEARCATS DURING 2006 SEASON

Since Reed Sunahara took over the reigns of the University of Cincinnati volleyball program in 2000, the goals for the Bearcats have been simple, yet lofty. Each year, Sunahara expects his team to compete for a conference championship and make a push for an NCAA Tournament appearance. In that regard, the 2006 season is no different for the Bearcats.

"We are looking to have another good year," the seventh-year head coach says. "Our goal is to win the BIG EAST Championship, that's our goal every year, and to make it to the NCAA Tournament. If we can stay healthy, we have a good shot at reaching those goals."

Last season, Sunahara guided a Bearcat program that had lost two-time All-American Julie DuPont, to a 20-12 record. The 20-win campaign was the 11th

straight for the UC program. But, for the second straight year, the Bearcats missed making the NCAA Tournament and Sunahara and company are squarely focused on stopping that streak at two.

To do that, UC will rely on a mix of experience and youth. Seniors Myanna Hellsten and Noel Olson headline the contingent of veterans. Both have played in every match of their collegiate careers and the duo will be leaned on to lead an otherwise youthful bunch.

Though only a sophomore, middle blocker Jessie Nevitt exploded onto the scene last year and will be an impact player both offensively and defensively this season. In addition to Nevitt, the always improving Jenny Custer is back, giving the Bearcats plenty of reasons to smile in 2006.

"We are a year older, but still young," Sunahara continues. "Despite that, I think we will be a year better this season. With the kids coming in that will add to the nucleus we already have, if the chemistry is good, we will have a great year."

As always, that won't be easy as the Bearcats will be challenged by a tough non-conference schedule, before embarking on the rigors of their second BIG EAST campaign. A total of seven NCAA Tournament qualifiers from last year dot the schedule, including traditional power UCLA and perennial BIG EAST frontrunners Louisville and Notre Dame. UC should benefit from having all but the Cardinals in the friendly confines of Fifth Third Arena, while the BIG EAST Championship will also be held in the venue.

### OUTSIDE HITTERS

The story at outside hitter reads nearly the same as it did last year as key losses will leave the Bearcats with a young group. At least two of the starting jobs will be up for grabs, with junior Jenny Custer returning as the only accomplished player in the group.

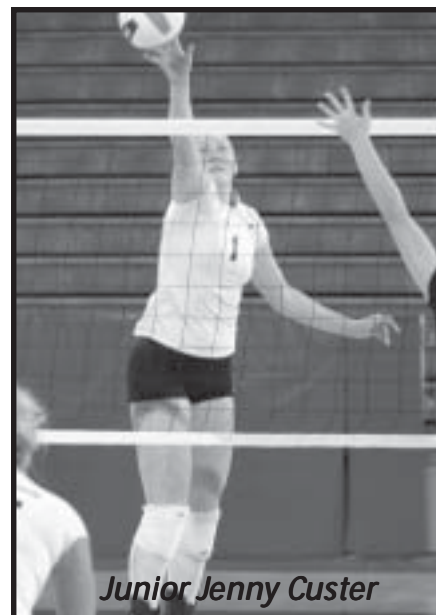
Custer would appear to have the edge after starting all of last season on the right side. She provided an offensive spark in her first season as a starter, averaging 3.13 kills per game. Custer can expect a push from Schroeder, though.

The two holes that must be filled were held last season by Maria Pongonis (graduated) and Erin Maldo (injured). Pongonis was the squad's MVP and a second team all-conference pick last season after pacing the team with 3.66 kills per game. Maldo was also a factor in her first year as a starter, averaging 2.35 kills per game. She will be sidelined for the entire season after

sustaining an injury during the spring.

Four players will vie for playing time on the outside with any combination of the group getting a shot. Sophomores Jessica Elley and Lindsey Peterson each saw limited time last year, but have gained valuable experience in the off-season. Peterson travelled to Argentina as part of a USA All-Star team and she will try to translate the experience into a starting job at UC. Elley enjoyed an outstanding spring and will also be right in the fold. Redshirt freshman Jami Torok will also challenge after missing all of last season.

The wildcard in the mix will be freshman Katey Schroeder, who can play in the middle, on the outside and at opposite. An all-state performer in high school, she will battle for a job out of the gate.



*Junior Jenny Custer*

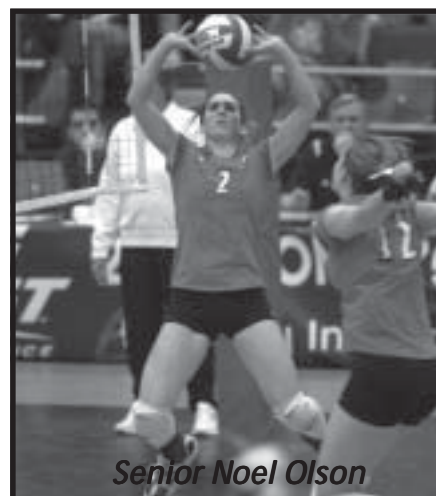
### SETTERS

The Bearcat offense will flow through senior Noel Olson, who will enter 2006 in her third-year as the Bearcats' primary setter. Also in the mix will be freshman Laurie Weber, who will both challenge Olson and provide depth for the Bearcats.

Olson has improved her play each year and averaged a career-best 12.63 assists per game last season to rank second in the BIG EAST. Her consistency and continued improvement will be keys in the team's success in 2006. The addition of Weber will benefit Olson with a push for playing time and a back-up with setting experience for the first time in two years.

Weber was an accomplished setter on the prep level. A former district player of the year, she provides the squad the depth it lacked at the position last year. Weber is a versatile player and could see time as a defensive specialist as well.

The Bearcats also have the benefit of having former setter Jenny Custer in the fold. Though she is an outside hitter by trade, Custer spent the early stages of the 2004 season as a setter in UC's 6-2 alignment and can fill in should the need arise.



*Senior Noel Olson*



## MIDDLE BLOCKERS

The middle should be the strength of the team as both of last year's starters return and will be bolstered by a talented freshman.

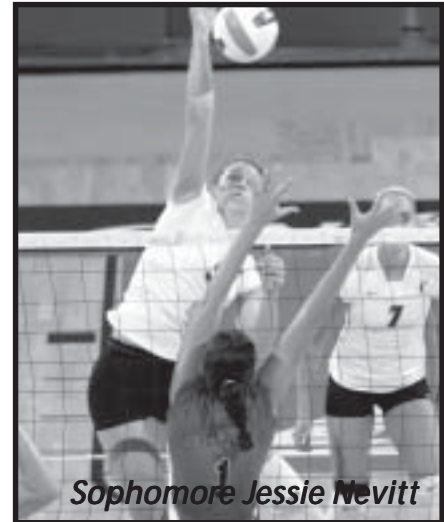
The returnees are good ones in former conference freshmen of the year Myanna Hellsten and Jessie Nevitt. At 6-3 and 6-2, respectively, the duo should be a force both offensively and defensively in 2006.

Nevitt burst onto the scene last year, turning in one of the top performances ever by a UC freshman. After redshirting in 2004, Nevitt earned a long list of honors, including BIG EAST Rookie of the Year, first team all-conference and honorable mention All-American. Nevitt has the talent both offensively and defensively to be one of the league's premier players

this year. Another season of experience will also be of benefit for her.

Hellsten will try to regain the form that landed her third team all-conference honors in 2003. Already ranked as one of the top blockers in school history, Hellsten saw her kills per game and hitting percentage drop off last season. A resurgence by her will give UC another offensive weapon.

Providing depth in the middle and pushing the incumbents will be Katey Schroeder, one of the city of Cincinnati's top prep players. Sophomore Jessica Elley can also fill in if needed in the middle.



*Sophomore Jessie Nevitt*

## LIBERO/DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST

In its fifth season in women's college volleyball, the libero has proven to be a crucial position for teams across the country.

The Bearcats are in an interesting position with the libero position as last year's starter is gone, but the regular from two years ago returns.

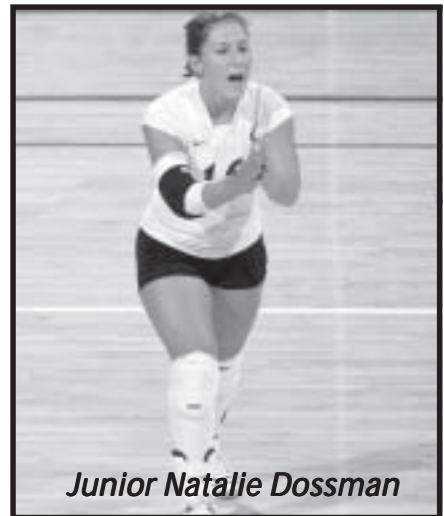
That returnee is team captain Natalie Dossman. Dossman was solid as the libero in 2004, leading the squad with over three digs per game. She spent her sophomore campaign as a defensive specialist, but will be back in the libero battle again this season.

Dossman's biggest competition for playing time will be talented freshman Jaime Frey. A former all-state performer and club standout, Frey will be in the

mix for playing time early on. Classmate Laurie Weber could also see time here.

The duo will fight to fill the role vacated by Melissa Zenz who transferred, despite breaking the UC single season digs mark last year.

The libero is a defensive specialist who can sub in and out of a game without counting against a team's substitution limit, however the player can only play the back line and cannot attack or set. A new rule for the 2004 season allows the libero to serve during one of the team's rotations.



*Junior Natalie Dossman*

## CAPSULE LOOK AT THE BEARCATS

### Outside Hitters

#### Returning Starters:

Jenny Custer	6-0	Jr.	3.13 k/g	2.00 d/g
Erin Maldo*	5-11	Jr.	2.35 k/g	1.05 d/g

#### Other Key Returnees:

Lindsey Peterson	6-0	So.	1.11 k/g	0.75 d/g
Jessica Elley	6-2	So.	0.74 k/g	1.33 d/g

#### Newcomers:

Katey Schroeder	6-2	Fr.		
Jami Torok	6-0	R-Fr.		

#### Loss:

Maria Pongonis	3.66 k/g	3.54 d/g
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For the second year in a row, the Bearcats will have to replace their top outside hitter with the loss of Pongonis. This young group will be led by Custer, who was a regular each of the last two years. Custer and Schroeder will battle for the right-side job, with the latter also in the left-side battle. In addition to Schroeder, Elley, Peterson and Torok will all make a play for time.

\*out for season due to injury

### Setters

#### Returning Starter:

Noel Olson	5-7	Sr.	12.63 a/g	1.88 d/g
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#### Newcomer:

Laurie Weber	5-9	Fr.		
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Olson has improved each year of her career and has the inside track at the starting job. Weber will challenge Olson for playing time in her first year of collegiate competition.

### Middle Blockers

#### Returning Starters:

Myanna Hellsten	6-3	Sr.	2.14 k/g	0.89 b/g
Jessie Nevitt	6-2	R-So.	3.11 k/g	1.38 b/g

#### Other Key Returnee:

Jessica Elley	6-2	So.	0.74 k/g	0.18 b/g
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#### Newcomer:

Katey Schroeder	6-2	Fr.		
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The middle is the strength for the Bearcats as former conference freshmen of the year Nevitt and Hellsten both return. Nevitt was named an All-American following last season and will be UC's top threat offensively. Schroeder and Elley will also fight for time, in addition to contributing as outside hitters.

### Libero/Defensive Specialist

#### Returning Starter:

Natalie Dossman	5-3	Jr.	1.86 d/g
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#### Newcomer:

Jaime Frey	5-8	Fr.	
Laurie Weber	5-9	Fr.	

#### Loss:

Melissa Zenz	5.22 d/g
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Dossman, this year's team captain, shifted from libero to defensive specialist last year and will likely hold that role again this year. Frey, an outstanding prep defender, will be counted on to replace Zenz, who transferred.



## Jenny Custer

### Why Cincinnati?

I came to UC mainly because of the players and the coaching staff. I loved Coach Sunahara and his coaching style. I also really liked the dorms and the facilities.

### 2005 Season Highs

Kills	19 vs. Western Kentucky (10/5)
Att	46 vs. Louisville (10/16)
SA	5 vs. St. John's (9/23)
Ast	6 vs. Pittsburgh (10/23)
Digs	15 vs. West Virginia (10/21)
BS	2 at IUPUI (9/27)
BA	7 at Seton Hall (10/9)
TB	8 at IUPUI (9/27)

### Career Highs

Kills	19 vs. Western Kentucky (10/5/05)
Att	46 vs. Louisville (10/13/05)
SA	5 vs. St. John's (9/23/05)
Ast	22 vs. Miami (OH) (9/7/04)
Digs	15 vs. West Virginia (10/21/05)
BS	2 at IUPUI (9/27/05)
BA	7 at Seton Hall (10/9/05)
TB	8 at IUPUI (9/27/05)

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# JENNY CUSTER

6-0 • Junior • Outside Hitter/Setter • Colorado Springs, Colo.

### 2005 Season (Sophomore)

- Ranked second on squad, averaging a career-high 3.13 kills per game.
- Also held career-highs of 2.00 digs and 0.81 blocks per game.
- Tied for sixth in the BIG EAST with 0.39 aces per game.
- Named MVP of the State Farm Bearcat Invitational after averaging 4.00 kills and 1.91 digs per game and hitting .441 in three UC victories.
- Had career-high 19 kills on .484 hitting vs. Western Kentucky (10/5).
- Recorded first career double-double with 15 kills and 13 digs vs. Tulsa (9/2).
- Had first 10 double-doubles of career and 22 double-figure kill performances.

### 2004 Season (Freshman)

- Played in 32 matches, seeing time as both a setter and an outside hitter.
- Averaged 1.29 digs per game, including a season-best eight at Wright State (10/19).
- Tallied at least 20 assists in all four matches in which she played setter. Posted career-high 22 in win over Miami (Ohio) (9/7).
- Registered season-high six kills vs. Kent State (9/4).
- Fifth on team with 25 aces.
- Totaled five blocks in collegiate debut against Bradley (9/3).

**High School:** Led Doherty High to a state championship as a senior ... named tournament MVP by the *Rocky Mountain News* ... an all-state and all-area selection as both a junior and senior ... earned a total of 11 varsity letters, competing in volleyball (4), basketball (3), soccer (3) and tennis (1) ... was named the Rotary Champions Foundation Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year as well as being inducted into Doherty's Athletic Hall of Fame ... a nominee for the Fred Steinmark High School Athlete of the Year, as one of the top eight athletes in Colorado ... a National Honor Society member who graduated seventh in her class.

**Personal:** Born Aug. 23, 1985 ... daughter of Duane and Jayne Custer ... older sister Jaden played volleyball at Creighton.

**Academic Major:** Biology

**Honors:** Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll (2004-05); Topcat Scholar (2004-05), Bearcat Scholar (2004-05, 2005-06).

### Coach Sunahara on Custer:

*"Jenny has the potential to be an impact player in the BIG EAST for the next two years."*



### CUSTER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	MP	GP	K	K/G	E	TA	Pct.	A	A/G	SA	D	D/G	BS	BA	BT	B/G
2004	32	111	34	0.31	26	118	.068	118	1.02	25	143	1.29	0	19	19	0.17
2005	30	112	351	3.13	128	891	.250	55	0.49	44	224	2.00	3	88	91	0.81
Career	62	223	385	1.73	154	1009	.229	168	0.75	69	367	1.65	3	107	110	0.49





## Natalie Dossman

### Why Cincinnati?

I came to the University of Cincinnati because I wanted to play volleyball at a highly competitive level. It was also the program that most stressed constant hard work and getting better which was something that was very important to me. UC was the most welcoming and friendly campus I visited and Coach Sunahara made me feel like I belonged in this program more than any other program in the country.

### 2005 Season Highs

Kills	1 at DePaul (10/28)
Att	1 vs. multiple opponents
SA	2 at Kentucky (11/26)
Ast	2 vs. two opponents
Digs	13 vs. Pittsburgh (10/23)
BS	N/A
BA	N/A
TB	N/A

### Career Highs

Kills	1 vs. two opponents
Att	2 at Marquette (10/1/04)
SA	2 at Kentucky (11/26/05)
Ast	4 vs. Washington State (9/10/04)
Digs	19 vs. Saint Louis (10/22/04)
BS	N/A
BA	N/A
TB	N/A

# 16 NATALIE DOSSMAN

5-3 • Junior • Defensive Specialist • Indianapolis, Ind.

### 2005 Season (Sophomore)

- Played in 26 matches after returning from injury.
- Averaged 1.86 digs per game as a defensive specialist.
- Had first double-figure dig performance with 13 vs. Pittsburgh (10/23).
- Added 10 digs in Syracuse (11/11) match.
- Finished with 11 digs in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. St. John's (11/18) and again at Kentucky (11/26).

### 2004 Season (Freshman)

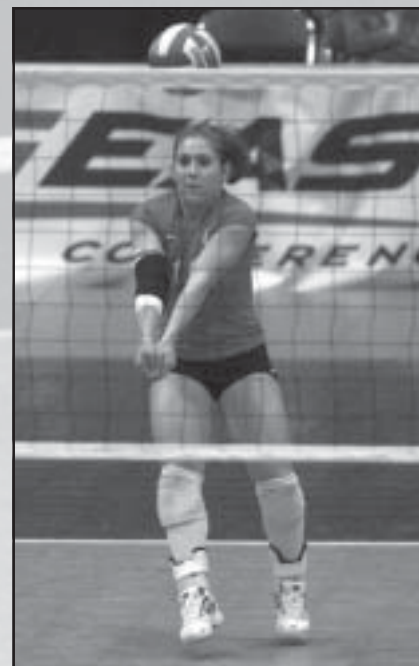
- Led team with 3.32 digs per game.
- Started at libero in all but one match as a true freshman.
- Reached double-figure digs in 22 matches, including eight times in 13 league matches.
- Averaged 3.25 digs per game in Conference USA play.
- Recorded a career-high 19 digs vs. C-USA foe Saint Louis (10/22).

**High School:** A four-year letterwinner at Bishop Chatard High ... named to *Indianapolis Star* All-City second team as a senior ... also earned all-city honors as a sophomore and junior ... helped squad to city and sectional championships as a junior ... member of national champion club team as a freshman ... earned two letters in track.

**Personal:** Born July 2, 1986 ... daughter of Jim and Chris Dossman ... father played basketball and baseball at Marian College ... has an older sister, Emily, a younger sister, Stephanie, and a younger brother, Timothy.

**Academic Major:** Health promotions.

**Honors:** Topcat Scholar (2005-06), team's Scholar-Athlete of the Quarter (Spring 2006).



### Coach Sunahara on Dossman:

*"She is the catalyst of our team. She has improved alot during her career and will lead our defense this year."*

### DOSSMAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	MP	GP	K	K/G	E	TA	Pct.	A	A/G	SA	D	D/G	BS	BA	BT	B/G
2004	33	111	1	0.01	1	7	.000	15	0.14	0	368	3.32	0	0	0	0.00
2005	26	97	1	0.01	1	6	.000	12	0.12	5	180	1.86	0	0	0	0.00
<b>Career</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>2.63</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>



**Jessica Elley**

**Why Cincinnati?**

I chose to come to Cincinnati because of the players on the team...they are the best! I also feel that our team has the potential to do great things.

**2005 Season Highs**

Kills ..... 11 at Georgetown (11/6)  
 Att ..... 21 vs. two opponents  
 SA ..... 1 vs. multiple opponents  
 Ast ..... 2 at Dayton (11/8)  
 Digs ..... 17 at Dayton (11/8)  
 BS ..... N/A  
 BA ..... 3 vs. two opponents  
 TB ..... 3 vs. two opponents

**Career Highs**

Kills ..... 11 at Georgetown (11/6/05)  
 Att ..... 21 vs. two opponents  
 SA ..... 1 vs. multiple opponents  
 Ast ..... 2 at Dayton (11/8/05)  
 Digs ..... 17 at Dayton (11/8/05)  
 BS ..... N/A  
 BA ..... 3 vs. two opponents  
 TB ..... 3 vs. two opponents

**13 JESSICA ELLEY**

6-2 • Sophomore • Outside Hitter/Right Side • Gilbert, Ariz.

**2005 Season (Freshman)**

- Saw action in a total of 20 matches as a true freshman.
- Made first career start at Georgetown (11/6) in place of injured Jenny Custer and totaled career-best 11 kills on .381 hitting.
- Tallied career-best 17 digs at Dayton (11/8) and 12 vs. Syracuse (11/11).
- Recorded first career kill in season-opener vs. Texas-Pan American (9/2).

**High School:** Led Gilbert High to four regional and one state championship ... squad made three trips to state tournament ... a three-time all-state selection, twice earning first team honors ... named area Player of the Year as a senior by the *East Valley Tribune* ... also named the Fiesta Region and Southwest Player of the Year ... named a Senior Ace by *prepvolleyball.com* ... was also a four-time all-region selection as a goalie in soccer ... named the region's defensive player of the year three times ... helped soccer squad to three regional titles and three trips to the state tournament.

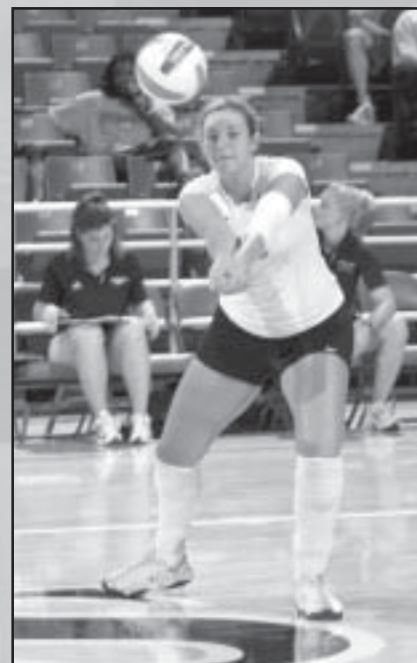
**Personal:** Born Feb. 14, 1987 ... daughter of Gordon and MarySusan Elley ... has one older brother, Richard, and one older sister, Susanne

**Academic Major:** Pre-business

**Honors:** Bearcat Scholar (2005-06).

**Coach Sunahara on Elley:**

*"Jessica turned the corner this spring and is making big strides. She can become a really good player for this program."*



**ELLEY'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	MP	GP	K	K/G	E	TA	Pct.	A	A/G	SA	D	D/G	BS	BA	BT	B/G
2005	20	39	29	0.74	15	80	.175	5	0.13	4	52	1.33	0	7	7	0.18
Career	20	39	29	0.74	15	80	.175	5	0.13	4	52	1.33	0	7	7	0.18





## Myanna Hellsten

### Why Cincinnati?

I came to Cincinnati because it felt like a good fit and it was a big school. I liked the options I had academically and the philosophy of the program of always getting better was very appealing.

### 2005 Season Highs

Kills	14 vs. two opponents
Att	31 vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee (9/15)
SA	N/A
Ast	1 vs. multiple opponents
Digs	5 vs. West Virginia (10/21)
BS	3 at Georgetown (11/6)
BA	9 at Seton Hall (10/9)
TB	9 at Seton Hall (10/9)

### Career Highs

Kills	14 vs. three opponents
Att	31 vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee (9/15/05)
SA	4 at Tulane (10/30/04)
Ast	3 at Marquette (10/1/04)
Digs	8 vs. two opponents
BS	3 vs. two opponents
BA	10 at Memphis (11/1/03)
TB	10 vs. two opponents

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# MYANNA HELLSTEN

6-3 • Senior • Middle Blocker • Austin, Texas

2003 AVCA Freshman of the Year

### Career Milestones

- Among the UC career leaders in hitting percentage (ninth-.279), blocks per game (tie, seventh-1.18), block assists (fifth-366) and total blocks (eighth-414).

### 2005 Season (Junior)

- Ranked fifth on squad with 2.14 kills and second with 0.89 blocks per game.
- Twice tied career-high with 14 kills in wins over Connecticut (9/25) and Western Kentucky (10/5).
- Five efforts of .400-plus hitting, including high of .500 twice.
- Totaled season-high nine blocks at Seton Hall (10/9). Twice recorded eight blocks.
- A member of the preseason All-BIG EAST squad.
- Recorded double figure kills 10 times.

### 2004 Season (Sophomore)

- Named to All-Conference USA third team.
- Ranked fourth in C-USA in hitting percentage (.323) and fifth in blocks per game (1.35).
- Named C-USA Player of the Week after posting career-highs of 14 kills, four aces and three solo blocks at Tulane (10/30).
- Registered season-high 10 blocks against Saint Louis (11/21).
- Recorded five blocks or more 17 times, including six in conference play.
- Reached double figure kills on 12 occasions, including four times in league play.
- Tied for fifth in blocks (1.30) and listed eighth in hitting percentage (.333) against C-USA opponents.

### 2003 Season (Freshman)

- Named Conference USA and AVCA Regional Freshman of the Year.
- Ranked second in C-USA with 1.30 blocks per game.
- Led all players with 1.59 blocks per game during C-USA play.
- Set the C-USA Freshman record for total blocks in a season with 149.

- Tied school record for blocks assists in a four-game match with 10 at Memphis (11/1).
- Recorded five or more blocks 15 times, including eight during league play.
- Reached double-figure kills on eight occasions, including career-best 12 against three opponents.
- Hit over .300 14 times, including high of .688 vs. George Mason (8/30).
- Earned C-USA Player of the Week award after averaging 2.75 kills, 1.62 blocks and 1.12 digs per game, while hitting .326 in wins over Southern Miss (10/24) and Tulane (10/26).

**High School:** A three-time all-state performer at St. Michael's Academy ... led St. Michael's to three state championships and a 91-23 overall record ... nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award as a senior ... also an excellent basketball player, helping team to a state championship and two runner-up finishes, while being ranked the 51st best senior basketball player in Texas ... served as senior class president, while being named to the National Honor Society.

**Personal:** Born Nov. 3, 1984 ... daughter of John and Donna Hellsten ... is an only child.

**Academic Major:** Interdisciplinary studies

**Honors:** Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Medal for GPA 3.75 or better (2002-03, 2003-04), Topcat Scholar (2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06).

### Coach Sunahara on Hellsten:

*"Myanna is revived and will bring alot of energy to this team."*

### HELLSTEN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	MP	GP	K	K/G	E	TA	Pct.	A	A/G	SA	D	D/G	BS	BA	BT	B/G
2003	33	115	230	2.00	81	549	.271	13	0.11	19	88	0.77	14	135	149	1.30
2004	33	117	284	2.43	90	600	.323	17	0.15	39	84	0.72	17	141	158	1.35
2005	32	120	257	2.14	102	637	.243	6	0.05	0	38	0.32	17	90	107	0.89
<b>Career</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>2.19</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>1786</b>	<b>.279</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>1.18</b>



## Erin Maldo

### Why Cincinnati?

I came to UC because I wanted to get away from home somewhat and I really liked the campus, team and coaches. Also they had the type of dorms I was looking for.

### 2005 Season Highs

Kills ..... 17 vs. West Virginia (10/21)  
 Att ..... 40 vs. Pittsburgh (10/23)  
 SA ..... 1 vs. multiple opponents  
 Ast ..... 2 vs. Cal State Northridge (9/10)  
 Digs ..... 10 vs. Pittsburgh (10/23)  
 BS ..... 2 vs. two opponents  
 BA ..... 4 vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee (9/16)  
 TB ..... 4 vs. multiple opponents

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 BS ..... 2 vs. two opponents  
 BA ..... 4 vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee (9/16/05)  
 TB ..... 4 vs. multiple opponents

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## ERIN MALDO

5-11 • Junior • Outside Hitter • Frederick, Md.

### 2006 Season (Junior)

- Will redshirt after sustaining injury during spring season.

### 2005 Season (Sophomore)

- Averaged career-highs of 2.35 kills and 1.05 digs per game. Tallied a career-best 17 kills in win over West Virginia (10/21).
- Reached double figure kills in 13 matches.
- Earned first career double-double with 16 kills and 10 digs vs. Pittsburgh (10/23).
- Recorded then career-high 15 kills vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee (9/16).
- Led team with 13 kills in win over DePaul (10/28).
- Tied for team-high honors with 16 kills at Notre Dame (10/30).

### 2004 Season (Freshman)

- Saw action in 13 matches, including first career start at Wright State (10/19).
- Recorded career-high 14 digs against Wright State.
- Tallied season-best four kills in collegiate debut vs. UMBC (9/4).

- Averaged 0.62 kills and 0.95 digs per game.
- Had a pair of kills against then-No. 1 Minnesota (9/20).

**High School:** A four-year starter and three-year captain at Gov. Thomas Johnson High ... named *Washington Post* Area Player of the Year as a senior ... earned four all-county awards ... county player of the year as a junior and senior ... helped squad to state semifinals twice and regional finals twice ... a top 100 player according to *prepvolleyball.com* ... graduated with high honors.

**Personal:** Born June 24, 1986 ... daughter of Ray and Jeri Maldo ... has one older sister, Nicole.

**Academic Major:** Business

**Honors:** Topcat Scholar (2005-06), Bearcat Scholar (2004-05, 2005-06).

### Coach Sunahara on Maldo:

*"We will definitely miss Erin's abilities this year while she rehabs from her injury."*



### MALDO'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	MP	GP	K	K/G	E	TA	Pct.	A	A/G	SA	D	D/G	BS	BA	BT	B/G
2004	13	21	13	0.62	20	54	-.130	0	0.00	1	20	0.95	0	3	3	0.14
2005	32	116	273	2.35	130	774	.185	8	0.07	9	122	1.05	8	46	54	0.47
<b>Career</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>2.09</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>.164</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>1.04</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>0.42</b>





## Jessie Nevitt

### Why Cincinnati?

I chose Cincinnati because I loved the atmosphere when I came on my visit. I heard nothing but wonderful things about Coach Sunahara and the team was very welcoming. As for academics, the city of Cincinnati has infinite opportunities for co-oping and numerous majors to choose from.

### 2005 Season Highs

Kills	19 vs. two opponents
Att	37 vs. two opponents
SA	4 at DePaul (10/28)
Ast	2 vs. Louisville (10/16)
Digs	6 vs. multiple opponents
BS	3 vs. two opponents
BA	11 vs. two opponents
TB	13 at Marshall (9/20)

### Career Highs

Kills	19 vs. two opponents
Att	37 vs. two opponents
SA	4 at DePaul (10/28/05)
Ast	2 vs. Louisville (10/16/05)
Digs	6 vs. multiple opponents
BS	3 vs. two opponents
BA	11 vs. two opponents
TB	13 at Marshall (9/20/05)

# 5 JESSIE NEVITT

6-2 • R-Sophomore • Middle Blocker • Kennesaw, Ga.

2005 First Team All-BIG EAST • 2005 BIG EAST Rookie of the Year • 2005 AVCA All-American

### 2005 Season (Redshirt Freshman)

- Named to All-BIG EAST first team and touted as the BIG EAST Rookie of the Year.
- Tabbed first team all-region by the AVCA and an honorable mention All-American.
- Led team in hitting percentage (.337) and blocks per game (1.38), ranking third and fourth, respectively in the BIG EAST. Ranked third on team with 3.11 kills per game.
- Named BIG EAST Rookie of the Week five times (9/19, 9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/7).
- Listed seventh on UC's single season lists for hitting and blocks per game.
- Ranked eighth on the single season block assists chart and tied for eighth in total blocks.
- Set school record for most total blocks in a match with 13 at Marshall (9/20). Also broke four-game block assists record with 11 vs. New Mexico State (9/3).
- Recorded career-high 19 kills vs. Louisville (10/16) and West Virginia (10/21).
- Hit .654 in Rutgers (10/1) match to notch the fourth-highest single match performance in school history.
- Recorded fifth-best effort by hitting .652 at South Florida (11/4).
- Member of All-Tournament Team at State Farm Bearcat Invitational presented by the Vernon Manor Hotel.
- Had double-figure kills in 20 matches, including 11 of 14 league contests.
- Played in Argentina over the summer with a USA All-Star Team.

### 2004 Season (Freshman)

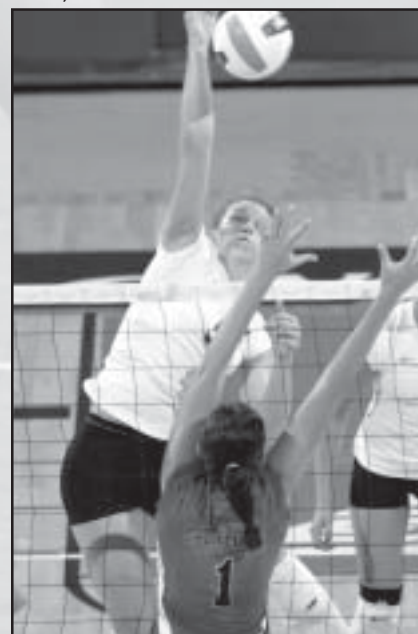
- Redshirted while learning from starting middle blockers Myanna Hellsten and Rachel Torblaa.

**High School:** A first team all-state selection as a senior at Kennesaw Mountain High ... named *Atlanta Journal Constitution* Area Player of the Year ... set school records for kills in a season and career ... also lettered in basketball and track ... earned two state championships in the high jump ... earned four team MVP honors on the basketball court, leading the team in scoring and rebounding each year ... graduated with honors and earned scholar athlete awards.

**Personal:** Born Jan. 29, 1986 ... daughter of Jack and Amanda Nevitt ... has older sister, Julie, and older brother, James ... father played basketball at Huntingdon College, while uncle, Chuck, played in the NBA.

**Academic Major:** Facilities and hospitality management.

**Honors:** Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll (2004-05), Bearcat Scholar (2003-04), Topcat Scholar (2005-06).



### Coach Sunahara on Nevitt:

"We are expecting her to have another great year. With a year more experience, she should be that much better this season."

### NEVITT'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	MP	GP	K	K/G	E	TA	Pct.	A	A/G	SA	D	D/G	BS	BA	BT	B/G
2004																
2005	32	120	373	3.11	95	824	.337	5	0.04	40	83	0.69	26	139	165	1.38
Career	32	120	373	3.11	95	824	.337	5	0.04	40	83	0.69	26	139	165	1.38



## Noel Olson

### Why Cincinnati?

When I came on my visit to Cincinnati, the coaches seemed excited to have me and the players seemed to all get along very well. At that point I could see myself spending my college career here - I really liked the campus, the program stressed hard work, and most importantly, the team was so nice and welcoming.

### 2005 Season Highs

Kills	8 vs. Pittsburgh (10/23)
Att	15 vs. Pittsburgh (10/23)
SA	4 vs. two opponents
Ast	63 at Rutgers (10/1)
Digs	14 vs. two opponents
BS	1 vs. two opponents
BA	3 vs. multiple opponents
TB	3 vs. multiple opponents

### Career Highs

Kills	8 vs. Pittsburgh (10/23/05)
Att	15 vs. Pittsburgh (10/23/05)
SA	4 vs. two opponents
Ast	66 at Southern Miss (10/29/04)
Digs	14 vs. two opponents
BS	1 vs. multiple opponents
BA	5 vs. two opponents
TB	6 vs. Saint Louis (11/20/04)

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# NOEL OLSON

5-7 • Senior • Setter • Wheaton, Ill.

### Career Milestones

- Ranks fifth in school history with 3,049 total assists and sixth with 8.66 assists per game.

### 2005 Season (Junior)

- Ranked second in the BIG EAST with 12.63 assists per game. Led all players with 13.35 assists per game in conference play.
- Finished campaign ranked sixth on UC's single season assists list and seventh on the assists per game chart.
- Dished out season-high 63 assists in win over Rutgers (10/1). Added 60 in Connecticut (9/25) victory.
- Had best match of season with career-highs of eight kills and 14 digs, along with 53 assists in win over Pittsburgh (10/23).
- Totaled eight double-doubles.
- Led offense that placed five hitters in double figure kills five times during the season. Averaged 13.32 assists per game in those contests.

### 2004 Season (Sophomore)

- Became team's primary setter during the fifth match of the year.
- Ranked third in Conference USA in assists per game (12.35).
- Dished out career-high 66 assists in four-game win over Southern Miss (10/29).
- Ranked eighth in school history in assists in a season (1,445) and 10th in assists per game (12.35).
- Was third in the conference in assists per game in league matches at 13.49.
- Averaged 1.79 digs and 0.44 blocks per game.
- Recorded 50+ assists 13 times, including seven times against C-USA opponents.
- Had four kills and career-high six blocks in C-USA Tournament win over Saint Louis (11/21).

### 2003 Season (Freshman)

- Played in all 33 matches as a defensive specialist. Also backed up Laura Lauder at setter.
- Saw most extensive action at setter vs. Brown (9/19), handing out a then career-best 22 assists.
- Double-digit digs in four contests, including 12 vs. DePaul (10/5).

**High School:** Led St. Francis High to a state championship as a senior ... earned spot on state all-tournament team ... named team's most valuable player as a senior ... garnered all-conference and all-area accolades during senior year ... member of the National Honor Society and student government ... also involved with Big Brothers and Big Sisters program.

**Personal:** Born Jan. 26, 1985 ... daughter of Dave and Kathy Olson ... father played baseball at Centenary College ... has one older sister, Lauren, and one younger sister, Danni.

**Academic Major:** Psychology

**Honors:** Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll (2004-05), Topcat Scholar (2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06), Bearcat Scholar (2003-04).

### Coach Sunahara on Olson:

*"Now in her fourth year, we need Noel to lead this pack. If she is consistent, she will do a good job for us."*

### OLSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	MP	GP	K	K/G	E	TA	Pct.	A	A/G	SA	D	D/G	BS	BA	BT	B/G
2003	33	115	7	0.06	3	20	.200	88	0.77	19	212	1.84	0	2	2	0.02
2004	33	117	36	0.31	27	112	.080	1445	12.35	18	210	1.79	4	47	51	0.44
2005	32	120	70	0.58	26	192	.229	1516	12.63	27	225	1.88	2	49	51	0.43
<b>Career</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>.176</b>	<b>3049</b>	<b>8.66</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>1.84</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>0.30</b>





## Lindsey Peterson

### Why Cincinnati?

When I took my unofficial visit to Cincinnati, I got a chance to visit with the team and see the campus and the potential of both really left an impression on me. The new facilities that were under construction portrayed a strong commitment to the athletic programs by the university. The players were very positive about the volleyball program and the coaches, and it seemed like a good fit for me.

### 2005 Season Highs

Kills	13 vs. Pittsburgh (10/23)
Att	46 vs. Pittsburgh (10/23)
SA	4 vs. West Virginia (10/21)
Ast	1 vs. two opponents
Digs	12 vs. Pittsburgh (10/23)
BS	1 vs. two opponents
BA	4 vs. West Virginia (10/21)
TB	4 vs. West Virginia (10/21)

### Career Highs

Kills	13 vs. Pittsburgh (10/23/06)
Att	46 vs. Pittsburgh (10/23/06)
SA	4 vs. West Virginia (10/21/06)
Ast	1 vs. two opponents
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BS	1 vs. two opponents
BA	4 vs. West Virginia (10/21/06)
TB	4 vs. West Virginia (10/21/06)

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## LINDSEY PETERSON

6-0 • Freshman • Outside Hitter • Arlington, Texas

### Summer 2006

- Played for the USA Select All-True Freshman Team that travelled to Argentina.

### 2005 Season (Freshman)

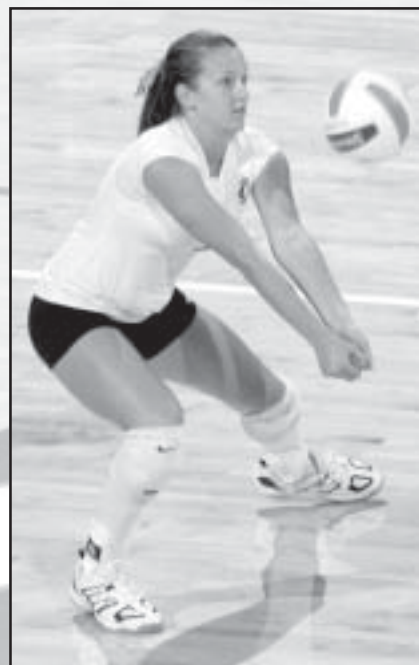
- Appeared in 27 matches as a true freshman.
- Averaged 1.11 kills and 0.75 digs per game in limited action.
- Had first career double-double with career-highs of 13 kills and 12 digs in win over Pittsburgh (10/23).
- Finished Syracuse (11/11) match with 10 kills.
- Recorded personal-highs of four aces and four blocks in win over West Virginia (10/21).

**High School:** Led Lamar High to a district championship as a senior ... named a High School All-American and a Senior Ace by *prepvolleyball.com* ... a first team all-state member as a senior ... tabbed District Hitter of the Year ... named all-area first team by the *Dallas Morning News* ... a two-time all-district selection and twice named all-area by the *Fort Worth Star Telegram* ... National Honor Society member.

**Personal:** Born April 19, 1987 ... daughter of Craig and Mary Jo Peterson ... older sister, Lauren, plays volleyball at Wake Forest.

**Academic Major:** Business

**Honors:** Bearcat Scholar (2005-06).



### Coach Sunahara on Peterson:

*"She gained lots of valuable experience in Argentina. If she uses that experience, she will do really well this year."*

### PETERSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	MP	GP	K	K/G	E	TA	Pct.	A	A/G	SA	D	D/G	BS	BA	BT	B/G
2005	27	56	62	1.11	60	250	.008	2	0.04	11	42	0.75	2	11	13	0.23
Career	27	56	62	1.11	60	250	.008	2	0.04	11	42	0.75	2	11	13	0.23



# 15 JAMI TOROK

6-0 • R-Freshman • Outside Hitter • Cincinnati, Ohio

## 2005 Season (Freshman)

• Redshirted while recovering from shoulder injury.

**High School:** Led McAuley High to a pair of district championships ... a two-time all-state selection, including second team in 2004 ... was twice named all-conference and was tabbed first team as a senior ... named school's Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year ... helped club team win the Junior Olympics national championship, while picking up tournament MVP honors ... National Honor Society member.

**Personal:** Born Jan. 16, 1987 ... daughter of Marc and Karen Torok ... has two younger sisters, Kellie and Karlie ... mother, the former Karen Mohaupt, lettered in volleyball at UC in 1977.

**Academic Major:** Biology

**Honors:** Bearcat Scholar (2005-06).

## Jami Torok

### Why Cincinnati?

One of the major reasons I decided to play at the University of Cincinnati was because it is a big Division I program that is "extremely" close to home. I wanted my family and friends to be able to see my team in action. My mom was also an influence on my decision because she played at UC and had nothing but positive memories. Lastly, I came here because of the other players.

## Coach Sunahara on Torok:

*"Jami is working hard and we look forward to seeing what she has to offer our team on the court."*

## TOROK'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	MP	GP	K	K/G	E	TA	Pct.	A	A/G	SA	D	D/G	BS	BA	BT	B/G
2005																

# 9 JAIME FREY

5-8 • Freshman • Outside Hitter/Def. Specialist • Cincinnati, Ohio



**High School:** A three-time all-conference selection at Roger Bacon High, including two first team accolades ... was a third team all-state selection as a senior ... led team to back-to-back state championships in final two years ... school finished ranked No. 3 nationally in 2005 ... teams went 56-2 in final two seasons ... helped the Cincy Classic club team win a national championship in 2002, while helping Team Z earn a No. 3 ranking in 2005.

**Personal:** Born July 20, 1988 ... daughter of Joe and Connie Frey ... has three older brothers, Joe, Jeff and Dave.

**Academic Major:** Exploratory studies

## Jaime Frey

### Why Cincinnati?

I chose to come to UC because I like many aspects of the volleyball program. I like the players, the coaches, and the new facilities. I also like the new improvements on campus. Lastly, I like that UC is close to home and the volleyball program is very family oriented.

## Coach Sunahara on Frey:

*"Jaime is a versatile player who will definitely help our defense and passing."*





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**KATEY SCHROEDER**

6-2 • Freshman • Middle Blocker/Right Side • Cincinnati, Ohio

**Coach Sunahara on Schroeder:**

*"She has lots of potential. Once she gets stronger and catches up to the college game, she will be a great player."*

**High School:** A four-year letterwinner at McNicholas High School ... earned four all-state awards, including a first team mention as a senior ... was also a first team all-conference, all-city and all-district selection ... was honored with the Buddy LaRosa Award and team MVP and best offensive player awards ... ranked as the 96th best prospect in the nation by *prepvolleyball.com* ... played on the club level for Team Z, finishing third in the nation ... a National Honor Society member.

**Personal:** Born Feb. 19, 1988 ... daughter of Kevin and Debbie Schroeder ... has one older sister, Kelley.

**Academic Major:** Communication science disorders

**Katey Schroeder****Why Cincinnati?**

There are many reasons I knew Cincinnati was the perfect place for me. As soon as I met the coaches, walked the campus, and met the players on the team I loved it. It'll be great playing in my hometown (plus I love my Skyline Chili!). I am excited to be a Bearcat.



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**LAURIE WEBER**

5-9 • Freshman • Setter/Defensive Specialist • Lorain, Ohio

**High School:** Graduated from Clearview High, after previous school, Lorain Catholic, closed ... a three-time all-county and all-district selection ... named 2005 District Player of the Year ... earned all-conference accolades twice ... was team captain and MVP as a senior ... nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman in 2005 ... also played three years of basketball, setting the school record for most three-pointers in a game and season ... National Honor Society member.

**Personal:** Born Sept. 26, 1988 ... daughter of Brian and Diane Weber ... older brother Anthony plays baseball at Notre Dame College.

**Academic Major:** Exploratory studies

**Laurie Weber****Why Cincinnati?**

After visiting a variety of schools, I came to realize that Cincinnati is the greatest fit for me. Not only is the campus beautiful, but everyone is very friendly and easy to talk to, which is a hard thing to find in most places. To attend a school with such pride and dedication to success makes me proud to say I am a Bearcat!

**Coach Sunahara on Weber:**

*"We will use Laurie in whatever situation we need her for. She will be our Miss Versatility."*



## 2005 BEARCATS SENIOR

**Maria Pongonis • OH • Cincinnati, Ohio • McNicholas HS**



- A second team All-BIG EAST selection as a senior.
- Tied for fifth in school history with 3.02 career digs per game. Ranks seventh in kills per game (3.33), ninth in kills (1,065) and 10th in attempts (3,022).
- Led team with 3.66 kills per game and ranked second with 3.54 digs per game as a senior.
- Became 11th player in school history with over 1,000 career kills, accomplishing the feat in just three seasons.
- Finished career with 44 double-doubles, including 22 during senior campaign.
- Was second on team in kills as a sophomore and junior.
- Twice named to the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll for having a cumulative GPA over 3.0.
- A member of UC's Legion of Excellence for having the team's highest cumulative GPA.
- A team co-captain as a senior.

### PONGONIS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	MP	GP	K	K/G	E	TA	Pct.	A	A/G	SA	D	D/G	BS	BA	BT	B/G
2002*	8	17	23	1.35	18	82	.061	3	0.18	3	22	1.29	0	1	1	0.06
2003	28	96	330	3.44	144	816	.228	23	0.24	34	269	2.80	5	35	40	0.42
2004	32	112	325	2.90	179	933	.156	18	0.16	43	299	2.67	3	37	40	0.36
2005	31	102	410	3.66	202	1271	.164	14	0.12	37	397	3.54	8	40	48	0.43
<b>TOTAL!</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1065</b>	<b>3.33</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>3020</b>	<b>.179</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>3.02</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>0.40</b>

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