



2005 Season Recap

2005 Record	20-12
Home	9-3
Away	8-6
Neutral	3-3
BIG EAST Conference	9-5
BIG EAST Finish	4th
Home	4-3
Away	5-2
BIG EAST Tournament	1-1
Vs. Ranked Opponents	0-5

All-BIG EAST Conference

Jessie Nevitt	first team
.....	Rookie of the Year
Maria Pongonis	second team

AVCA All-Region

Jessie Nevitt	first team
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AVCA All-American

Jessie Nevitt	honorable mention
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BIG EAST Honors

Jenny Custer	honor roll (Sept. 19)
Jessie Nevitt	honor roll (Oct. 3)
.....	Rookie of the Week
(Sept. 19, Sept. 26, Oct. 10, Oct. 24, Nov. 7)	
Erin Maldo	honor roll (Oct. 31)
Maria Pongonis	honor roll (Nov. 7)

2005 Schedule/Results

9/2	vs. Texas-Pan American	W3-0
9/2	vs. Tulsa	L1-3
9/3	at New Mexico State	L1-3
9/8	at 7Hawaii	L0-3
9/9	vs. 10UCLA	L2-3
9/10	vs. Cal State Northridge	W3-1
9/15	Jacksonville State	W3-0
9/16	George Washington	W3-0
9/16	UW-Milwaukee	W3-2
9/20	at Marshall	L2-3
9/23	St. John's*	W3-1
9/25	Connecticut*	W3-1
9/27	at IUPUI	W3-2
10/1	at Rutgers*	W3-1
10/2	at Villanova*	L0-3
10/5	Western Kentucky	W3-1
10/9	at Seton Hall*	W3-1
10/12	at Morehead State	W3-0
10/16	6Louisville*	L1-3
10/18	Wright State	W3-0
10/21	West Virginia*	W3-1
10/23	Pittsburgh*	W3-2
10/28	at DePaul*	W3-0
10/30	at 7Notre Dame*	L0-3
11/4	at South Florida*	W3-0
11/6	at Georgetown*	W3-0
11/8	at Dayton	L1-3
11/11	Syracuse*	L1-3
11/13	Marquette*	L0-3
11/18	vs. St. John's^	W3-1
11/19	vs. 8Notre Dame^	L0-3
11/26	at Kentucky	W3-1

* Denotes BIG EAST match

^ BIG EAST Tournament

Volleyball

The 2005 volleyball season at Cincinnati was another successful one as the Bearcats contested their first BIG EAST schedule. Despite narrowly missing their goal of qualifying for the NCAA Tournament, the Bearcats did post their 11th straight 20-win season, while also advancing to the semifinals of their first BIG EAST Tournament.

WINNING TRADITION: Cincinnati continued to improve upon its winning tradition in 2005, stretching a pair of impressive streaks. With its win over Kentucky in the season finale, UC recorded its 20th win of the season, improving its streak of 20-win campaigns to 11. By virtue of the Bearcats' win over Western Kentucky on Oct. 5, UC earned its 10th win of the year, stretching that streak to 14 consecutive seasons. UC put another stamp on its winning tradition, capturing the 725th win in program history at DePaul on Oct. 28.

CONFERENCE STANDOUTS: A pair of Bearcats were named to the 2005 All-BIG EAST teams. Redshirt freshman middle blocker Jessie Nevitt was named to the league's first team, as well as earning Rookie of the Year honors. Senior outside hitter Maria Pongonis was tabbed as a second-team all-conference player. Nevitt's selection of the Rookie of the Year keeps alive a strong tradition of excellent freshmen for UC, as six Bearcats have been selected conference rookie or freshman of the year since 1994.

MORE AWARDS FOR NEVITT: In addition to earning a spot on the All-BIG EAST first team and capturing the league's Rookie of the Year Award, redshirt freshman Jessie Nevitt capped a successful first year of competition with an honorable mention All-American accolade. A first team all-region choice by the AVCA, Nevitt joins Bearcat greats Julie DuPont and Laura Lauder as the only UC players ever to garner All-American status.

BEARCATS GAIN EXPOSURE: The Bearcats made a total of five live television appearances in 2005, including two national broadcasts. The Bearcats twice appeared on ESPN, the newest branch of ESPN. UC made its first appearance on the network at home on Oct. 16 vs. Louisville and followed that up with its Oct. 30 contest at Notre Dame. The Bearcats also had all three of their matches at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Challenge in Hawaii broadcast on local television.

SCORING RECORDS: The Bearcats have established or tied a trio of scoring records this season with some offensive explosions. A look at the marks:

- On Sept. 15 vs. Jacksonville State, UC earned a 44-42 game win, setting a record for most points in a game since the inception of rally scoring in 2001. The previous high of 39 came against Wright State on Sept. 14, 2002.
- UC's 104 total points in the JSU match was also a school record for a three-game contest. The old record of 99 had stood since the Wright State match on Sept. 14, 2002.
- On Oct. 5 against Western Kentucky, UC scored a total of 128 points, tying the record for a four-game match. That mark was aided by a 38-36 win, along with a 32-30 loss. The Bearcats tied the mark established on Sept. 29, 2001 vs. TCU.

DEFENSE, DEFENSE: After twice breaking school records for most points scored earlier this season, Cincinnati established a new defensive mark in its Oct. 12 win over Morehead State by allowing the Eagles just 46 points in three games. The total matched the effort of a Sept. 14, 2002 win over Austin Peay that set the mark for fewest points allowed in a three-game match since the inception of rally scoring. The -.044 hitting by Morehead also marked the second time this year UC had held an opponent under zero hitting (-.017 vs. Texas-Pan American, Sept. 2). The Bearcats backed up the Morehead effort by holding Wright State to .017 hitting on Oct. 18.



2005 University of Cincinnati Volleyball Statistics

Overall: 20-12

BIG EAST: 9-5

Home: 9-3

Away: 8-6

Neutral: 3-3

Game Record: 69-51

Player	MP	GP	Attack					Set		Serve			Dig		Blocking			
			Kills	K/G	Err	TA	Pct.	Ast	A/G	SA	SE	RE	Digs	D/G	BS	BA	BT	B/G
Maria Pongonis	31	112	410	3.66	202	1271	.164	14	0.12	37	48	67	397	3.54	8	40	48	0.43
Jenny Custer	30	112	351	3.13	128	891	.250	55	0.49	44	62	3	224	2.00	3	88	91	0.81
Jessie Nevitt	32	120	373	3.11	95	824	.337	5	0.04	40	49	1	83	0.69	26	139	165	1.38
Erin Maldo	32	116	273	2.35	130	774	.185	8	0.07	9	39	32	122	1.05	8	46	54	0.47
Myanna Hellsten	32	120	257	2.14	102	637	.243	6	0.05	0	0	1	38	0.32	17	90	107	0.89
Lindsey Peterson	27	56	62	1.11	60	250	.008	2	0.04	11	13	6	42	0.75	2	11	13	0.23
Jessica Elley	20	39	29	0.74	15	80	.175	5	0.13	4	15	0	52	1.33	0	7	7	0.18
Noel Olson	32	120	70	0.58	26	192	.229	1516	12.63	27	45	1	225	1.88	2	49	51	0.43
Natalie Dossman	26	97	1	0.01	1	6	.000	12	0.12	5	3	13	180	1.86	0	0	0	0.00
Melissa Zenz	32	120	0	0.00	1	6	-.167	28	0.23	6	12	36	627	5.22	0	0	0	0.00
TEAM												28						
CINCINNATI	32	120	1826	15.22	760	4931	.216	1651	13.76	183	286	188	1990	16.58	66	470	301.0	2.51
Opponents	32	120	1740	14.50	804	4926	.190	1609	13.41	188	312	183	2006	16.72	58	502	309.0	2.58

2005 Volleyball Results

Date	Opponent	Scores	W/L	Att	Rec	BIG EAST	Kill Leader	Dig Leader
Sept. 2	vs. Texas-Pan American\$	30-14, 30-21, 30-25	W, 3-0	50	1-0	---	Pongonis - 19	Zenz - 17
Sept. 2	vs. Tulsa\$	32-34, 30-22, 27-30, 25-30	L, 1-3	75	1-1	---	Pongonis - 19	Zenz - 28
Sept. 3	at New Mexico State\$	26-30, 30-22, 22-30, 22-30	L, 1-3	997	1-2	---	Custer - 16	Zenz - 26
Sept. 8	at Hawaii%i	21-30, 17-30, 22-30	L, 0-3	6251	1-3	---	Pongonis - 13	Zenz - 20
Sept. 9	vs. UCLA%	30-25, 30-32, 22-30, 30-27, 9-15	L, 2-3	---	1-4	---	Pongonis - 15	Zenz - 25
Sept. 10	vs. Cal State Northridge%	28-30, 30-25, 30-24, 30-23	W, 3-1	---	2-4	---	Custer - 18	Zenz - 29
Sept. 15	JACKSONVILLE STATE^	30-20, 44-42, 30-24	W, 3-0	317	3-4	---	Custer - 17	Zenz - 13
Sept. 16	GEORGE WASHINGTON^	30-23, 30-28, 30-11	W, 3-0	137	4-4	---	Pongonis - 13	Zenz - 17
Sept. 16	WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE^	30-18, 30-20, 31-33, 20-30, 15-13	W, 3-2	317	5-4	---	Pongonis - 17	Zenz - 22
Sept. 20	at Marshall	30-27, 28-30, 27-30, 30-24, 11-15	L, 2-3	342	5-5	---	Pongonis - 18	Pongonis, Zenz - 15
Sept. 23	ST. JOHN'S*	28-30, 30-21, 30-26, 30-22	W, 3-1	231	6-5	1-0	Custer - 17	Zenz - 14
Sept. 25	CONNECTICUT*	30-26, 30-26, 21-30, 30-19	W, 3-1	203	7-5	2-0	Nevitt - 17	Pongonis - 23
Sept. 27	at IUPUI	26-30, 30-20, 26-30, 30-28, 15-8	W, 3-2	171	8-5	---	Custer, Nevitt - 16	Zenz - 19
Oct. 1	at Rutgers*	30-20, 23-30, 30-26, 34-32	W, 3-1	110	9-5	3-0	Pongonis - 19	Pongonis, Zenz - 12
Oct. 2	at Villanova*	25-30, 22-30, 29-31	L, 0-3	239	9-6	3-1	Pongonis - 11	Zenz - 19
Oct. 5	WESTERN KENTUCKY	38-36, 30-25, 30-32, 30-24	W, 3-1	361	10-6	---	Custer - 19	Zenz - 18
Oct. 9	at Seton Hall*	30-26, 36-34, 15-30, 30-21	W, 3-1	85	11-6	4-1	Custer - 17	Zenz - 21
Oct. 12	at Morehead State	30-16, 30-14, 30-16	W, 3-0	108	12-6	---	Custer - 11	Zenz - 13
Oct. 16	LOUISVILLE*	30-26, 17-30, 26-30, 28-30	L, 1-3	551	12-7	4-2	Nevitt - 19	Zenz - 20
Oct. 18	WRIGHT STATE	30-23, 30-24, 30-20	W, 3-0	227	13-7	---	Nevitt - 16	Zenz - 23
Oct. 21	WEST VIRGINIA*	30-26, 30-20, 27-30, 30-22	W, 3-1	297	14-7	5-2	Nevitt - 19	Zenz - 34
Oct. 23	PITTSBURGH*	29-31, 30-22, 19-30, 30-23, 15-9	W, 3-2	243	15-7	6-2	Custer, Maldo - 16	Zenz - 21
Oct. 28	at DePaul*	30-24, 30-18, 30-19	W, 3-0	289	16-7	7-2	Maldo - 13	Zenz - 13
Oct. 30	at Notre Dame*	24-30, 27-30, 27-30	L, 0-3	976	16-8	7-3	Maldo, Pongonis - 16	Zenz - 13
Nov. 4	at USF*	30-16, 30-19, 30-15	W, 3-0	428	17-8	8-3	Nevitt, Pongonis - 16	Zenz - 13
Nov. 6	at Georgetown*	30-20, 30-28, 30-26	W, 3-0	87	18-8	9-3	Pongonis - 16	Zenz - 16
Nov. 8	at Dayton	24-30, 30-26, 20-30, 27-30	L, 1-3	462	18-9	---	Pongonis - 17	Zenz - 26
Nov. 11	SYRACUSE*	32-30, 27-30, 27-30, 29-31	L, 1-3	614	18-10	9-4	Nevitt, Pongonis - 13	Zenz - 21
Nov. 13	MARQUETTE*	26-30, 16-30, 24-30	L, 0-3	256	18-11	9-5	Pongonis - 10	Zenz - 20
Nov. 18	vs. St. John's@	30-22, 30-22, 28-30, 31-29	W, 3-1	---	19-11	---	Pongonis - 19	Pongonis - 20
Nov. 19	vs. Notre Dame@	20-30, 20-30, 14-30	L, 0-3	---	19-12	---	Pongonis - 10	Zenz - 12
Nov. 26	at Kentucky	30-27, 24-30, 30-25, 30-24	W, 3-1	309	20-12	---	Pongonis - 16	Zenz - 27

* - BIG EAST Matches \$ - Las Cruces Hilton Classic (Las Cruces, N.M.) % - Waikiki Beach Marriott Challenge (Honolulu, Hawaii)

^ - State Farm Bearcat Invitational (Fifth Third Arena) @ - BIG EAST Tournament (Louisville, Ky.)



2005 Roster

Head Coach: Reed Sunahara

Assistant Coaches: Steve Aird, Chrissy Smith

Manager: Hannah May

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Ltr.	Hometown/Last School
1	Jenny Custer	RS	6-0	So.	2nd	Colorado Springs, Colo./Doherty
2	Noel Olson	S	5-7	Jr.	3rd	Wheaton, Ill./St. Francis
3	Lindsey Peterson	OH	6-0	Fr.	1st	Arlington, Texas/Lamar
5	Jessie Nevitt	MB	6-2	R-Fr.	1st	Kennesaw, Ga./Kennesaw Mountain
7	Maria Pongonis*	OH	6-0	Sr.	3rd	Cincinnati, Ohio/McNicholas
12	Myanna Hellsten*	MB	6-3	Jr.	3rd	Austin, Texas/St. Michael's Academy
13	Jessica Elley	OH/MB	6-2	Fr.	1st	Gilbert, Ariz./Gilbert
14	Erin Maldo	OH	5-11	So.	2nd	Frederick, Md./Gov. Thomas Johnson
15	Jami Torok	OH	6-0	Fr.	—	Cincinnati, Ohio/McAuley
16	Natalie Dossman	DS/L	5-3	So.	2nd	Indianapolis, Ind./Chatard
17	Melissa Zenz	L	5-8	Fr.	1st	Cincinnati, Ohio/Ursuline Academy

** 2005 Captain*