

2010 CINCINNATI BEARCATS LACROSSE




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SCHEDULE/RESULTS		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
March 5	at Detroit	W, 10-6
MARCH 7	DUQUESNE	L, 14-13 (2OT)
MARCH 13	PRESBYTERIAN	W, 18-4
March 20	at Oregon	L, 14-8
March 22	at No. 9 Stanford	L, 19-4
March 23	at Fresno State	W, 17-3
March 24	at St. Mary's (CA)	W, 12-7
MARCH 30	LOUISVILLE*	L, 13-9
April 3	at No. 13 Loyola*	L, 16-6
APRIL 9	NO. 14 GEORGETOWN*	L, 21-8
APRIL 14	NO. 19 OHIO STATE	L, 20-5
April 17	at No. 12 Notre Dame*	L, 15-5
APRIL 18	JACKSONVILLE	W, 15-9
APRIL 23	NO. 11 SYRACUSE*	L, 19-3
APRIL 25	CONNECTICUT*	L, 12-11 (OT)
April 30	at Villanova*	5:30 p.m.
May 2	at Rutgers*	Noon
2010 BIG EAST Championship		
May 6-8	BIG EAST Championship	New Brunswick, N.J.
* Denotes BIG EAST Conference game. Home games in BOLD CAPS .		
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2010 TEAM CAPTAINS		
Captains	Patty Kelly, Haley Marvine, Natalie Starvaggi	

GAME 16: CINCINNATI AT VILLANOVA		
Friday, April 30 ▶ 5:30 p.m. ▶ Villanova Stadium (12,000) ▶ Villanova, Pa.		
GAME 17: CINCINNATI AT NO. 19 RUTGERS		
Sunday, May 2 ▶ 1 p.m. ▶ Yurak Field (5,000) ▶ New Brunswick, N.J.		
		
CINCINNATI BEARCATS	VILLANOVA WILDCATS	RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS
Record: 5-10, 0-6 BIG EAST Rankings: N/A Last Game: April 25, 2010 L, 12-11 (ot) vs. Connecticut Head Coach: Lellie Swords Alma Mater: James Madison '96 Career Record: 14-34 (Third season) Record at UC: Same Up Next: 2010 Fall Season	Record: 7-7, 0-6 (BIG EAST) Rankings: N/A Last Game: April 24, 2010 L, 17-15 at Loyola (Md.) Head Coach: Jebb Chagan Alma Mater: Widener '96 Career Record: 32-79 Record at VU: 29-51 (Sixth season) VU vs. UC: 0-1 Up Next: May 2 Louisville, 12:30 p.m.	Record: 10-4, 3-3 BIG EAST Rankings: 19 Last Game: April 30, 2010 Louisville Head Coach: Laura Brand-Sias Alma Mater: Rutgers '99 Career Record: 79-66 (Ninth season) Record at RU: 68-59(10th season) RU vs. UC: 1-0 Up Next: Host BIG EAST Championship
STREAKS, STORYLINES, SIDEBARS		
THE MATCH-UPS The University of Cincinnati lacrosse team finishes the 2010 season on the road, playing at Villanova on Friday, April 30, at 5:30 p.m. and visiting No. 19 Rutgers on Sunday, May 2, at noon. The Bearcats will look to snap a two-game losing skid and win its first BIG EAST Conference game. Villanova has lost its last five games and Rutgers, which hosts Louisville on Friday, April 30, is coming off a 12-11 overtime victory over No. 12 Notre Dame on April 24.		
LAST TIME OUT Laura Simanski scored three goals but UC lost in overtime, 12-11, to Connecticut in BIG EAST Conference action on Sunday, April 25, at Nippert Stadium. Connecticut scored the first five goals of the game but the Bearcats maintained their composure, scoring the final three goals of the first half. Marissa Pierson put UC on the scoreboard with a free position goal and Simanski and MacKenzie Parsons each posted unassisted goals. Cincinnati scored the first two goals of the second half, tying the game at five. Katie Kiriazoglou scored on a pass from Natalie Starvaggi and Ali Mattingly scored a commanding unassisted goal to knot the score. The Huskies scored back-to-back goals, taking a 7-5 lead, but Kiriazoglou scored on a pass from Maddie Fink and Rachel Mercier scored on a free position attempt to tie the score again. A Huskie goal with 11:18 in the second half sparked a two-goal spurt by UC, one from Simanski and another from Parsons. Connecticut scored the next three goals to regain the lead, 11-9. Fink scored on a free position shot with 2:34 to go and Simanski calmly took the ball down the field off a Huskie turnover and scored with 57 seconds remaining in the game. Neither team was able to score in the first 3-minute period of overtime. Connecticut found the back of the net with 1:10 left in the second overtime period that served as the game-winner. Katherine Russo has six saves in goal for Cincinnati. UC scored eight second half goals and out-shot the Huskies, 27-18.		
2010 SENIORS Prior to UC's game against Connecticut on April 25, Cincinnati honored seniors Jess Kazaks, Patty Kelly, Shannon Lynes, and Jen Mott for their contributions at UC.		
VS. OPPONENTS Villanova is in its first season as a member of the BIG EAST Conference in women's lacrosse. Last season UC defeated the Wildcats at Nippert Stadium, 11-10. UC hosted Rutgers in 2009 in a BIG EAST game and lost, 15-10.		
STREAKIN' Sophomore Laura Simanski had her team-high point-streak of 16 games snapped against No. 11 Syracuse. Simanski recorded a point in every game her freshman year until the Bearcats played Loyola. She started her streak with two		

goals against Louisville last season and had a point in every 2010 game. MacKenzie Parsons is leading the team with a 6-game point streak that began at No. 14 Georgetown.

CAS SCHOLAR ATHLETE

Senior Patty Kelly was named the College of Applied Science Scholar Athlete of the Month for the month of March. Kelly, a tri-captain, has a 3.60 grade point average in electronic media.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Katherine Russo was named the BIG EAST Conference Defensive Player of the Week (March 8) after her outstanding performances in the first two games of the season for the Bearcats. Russo's honor is the second time that a Cincinnati player has earned a weekly conference honor after the first week of play in a season. Last season,

Laura Simanski was named the BIG EAST's Offensive Player of the Week after the opening week of play for UC.

BIG EAST HONOR ROLL

Katherine Russo recorded 34 saves, 21 against Jacksonville, and was named to the BIG EAST Honor Roll as a result of her efforts (April 19). Laura Simanski totaled 12 points, including 11 goals in a 2-1 road trip; had five points, including four goals in a 12-7 win at St. Mary's (Calif.) and earned BIG EAST Honor Roll plaudits (March 29). Katie Kiriazoglou recorded a school-record eight points and a school-record five assists in UC's victory over Presbyterian and earned BIG EAST Honor Roll status as a result (March 15). Katie Liberatore was named to the BIG EAST Honor Roll after the first week of play this season (March 8). She finished the week with seven points, including five goals against Duquesne.

HEAD COACH LELLIE SWORDS

Lellie Swords begins her third season as the head coach of the University of Cincinnati's women's lacrosse program after building a resume that includes a playing and coaching career at the premier level. Dedicated to the complete development of her student-athletes, Swords provides her athletes the opportunity to succeed athletically, academically, and as contributing members of the community.

In 2009 the Bearcats began the season with a three-game win streak and ended the season on a two-game win streak. Cincinnati scored 58 more goals, controlled 48 more draws, picked up 15 more ground balls, and tallied 76 more points than the inaugural team, showing improvement in every statistical category.

Academically in 2009, the lacrosse team was one of 23 teams honored with the 2008-09 BIG EAST Conference Team Academic Excellence Award. The award recognizes the highest collective grade-point average in each conference sport. The squad also posted a perfect Academic Progress Report score in 2008 and Lindsey Marshall graduated magna cum laude in the summer of 2009. Additionally, five UC players earned IWLCA Academic Squad honors for the 2008-09 academic year. Jess Kazaks, Lauren Kelly, Patty Kelly, Shannon Lynes, and Lindsey Marshall were each recognized by the IWLCA for the excellence in the classroom.

Swords has also encouraged her athletes to become active members of the community, varying from volunteering time around the holidays at the Drop Inn Center to visiting the Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Other community service projects have included Adopt a Family, Adopt a Troop, Toys for Tots, Sports Buddies, Cincinnati Kid Fest, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Ronald McDonald House, Winners Walk Tall, Friends of Jaclyn Foundation, Bras for Bridges, and Breast Cancer Awareness. The Bearcats have also given back to the lacrosse community as well. During the summer and fall, the team hosted several clinics for

area youth.

Swords became UC's first intercollegiate women's lacrosse coach on Feb. 16, 2007, and led the Bearcats to the first win in school history on March 7, 2008, against Saint Mary's. She was selected as one of three BIG EAST coaches to serve on the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) Board of Directors.

Prior to her coaching stop at UC, Swords helped Johns Hopkins build one of the premier women's lacrosse programs in the nation. The Blue Jays posted a 56-28 record during her time on the Baltimore campus. In 2003 and again in 2005, she directed a defense that was ranked in the Top 10 nationally.

After beginning her coaching career at George Mason, Swords moved on to Cornell where she worked primarily with the Big Red defense. During her three-year stay in Ithaca, N.Y., Cornell was ranked as high as No. 15 in the national polls and won the ECAC Championship in 2000.

In 2001, Swords was an assistant coach at the St. Paul's School for Girls in Baltimore while concurrently serving as a volunteer assistant at Hopkins.

A four-year letterwinner at James Madison, Swords started all 35 games over her final two seasons. She led the team in interceptions in each of her final two seasons and was awarded the squad's Unsung Hero award in 1996. She also garnered Virginia I/South II honors as a senior.

The Cherry Hill, N.J., native graduated from JMU in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology and minor in business. She continued her playing career on Team Toyota until retirement in 2005.

Swords' husband, Kyle, played professional soccer in the A-League with the Hershey Wildcats and Charleston Battery, and in the indoor league with the Harrisburg Heat and Baltimore Blast. He is currently serving as a volunteer assistant coach for the UC women's soccer team. The Swords have three children, RYANNE, Killian, and Jameson.

2010 QUICK FACTS

Location	Cincinnati, OH 45221
Founded	1819
Enrollment	39,667
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	BIG EAST
Nickname	Bearcats
Colors	Red & Black
Home Field	Nippert Stadium
Capacity	35,000
President	Dr. Gregory H. Williams
Alma Mater, Year	Ball State, 1966
Athletics Director	Mike Thomas
Alma Mater, Year	Colorado State, 1983
Faculty Representative	Dr. Fritz Russ

HISTORY

First Year of Lacrosse	2008
All-time Record	14-34
NCAA appearances/last	NA

2009 TEAM INFORMATION

Overall Record	7-10
BIG EAST Record	0-7
Points Leader	Laura Simanski (52)
Leading Scorer	Laura Simanski (47 goals)
Leading Assists	Lauren Houck (11 assists)
Ground Ball Leader	LB Zinkand (42 ground balls)

2010 TEAM INFORMATION

Starters Returning/Lost	11/1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	24/3
2010 Captains	Natalie Starvaggi, Patty Kelly, Haley Marvine

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Lellie Swords (James Madison, 1996)
Overall Record (Years)	14-34 (Third)
Record at Cincinnati (Years)	Same
Assistant Coach	Lauren Schwarzmans (Johns Hopkins, 2008)
Year at Cincinnati	2nd
Assistant Coach	Christy Finch (Northwestern, 2008)
Year at Cincinnati	1st
Volunteer Assistant	Adam Paulus
Year at Cincinnati	2nd

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MISSING MARSHALL

The Bearcats lost one starter from the 2009 season, senior Lindsey Marshall. Marshall finished her career as the school leader in career goals (64), career caused turnovers (39), career ground balls (59) and career points (69).

KELLY KELLY

Senior Patty Kelly is one of the 2010 team captains and her sister, junior Lauren Kelly, became the school leader in career ground balls in UC's win over Presbyterian. She now has 64 career ground balls, passing Lindsey Marshall's previous record of 59 ground balls but she is currently ranked third in UC history after Paige Stratton surpassed her career total of 64. Stratton has 76 career ground balls. Lauren Kelly needs to cause seven turnovers to become the school leader in career caused turnovers.

SMOOTH SIMANSKI

Sophomore attack Laura Simanski became the school's leader in career goals against Saint Mary's. She has 36 goals in 2010 and 92 career goals, passing Lindsey Marshall's previous record of 64 career goals. She leads the team with 40 points on the year.

DROPPIN' DIMES

Freshman attack Katie Kiriazoglou has handed out five assists in a game — a UC record — three times this season and has a team-high 22 assists. She is the school leader in career assists, passing the previous school record of 11, against Fresno State.

TURNING THE PAIGE

Junior Paige Stratton has a team-high 36 ground balls this season, surpassing teammate Lauren Kelly as the career leader at UC with 76. Stratton plays defense and has scored one goal, starting every game in 2010.

STAR SHINING

Junior Natalie Starvaggi recorded three unassisted goals against Louisville and has 14 goals and 11 assists on the year. The tri-captain has 31 ground balls this season, pushing her career total to 65, which places second in the school record book.

MAC ATTACK

Sophomore MacKenzie Parsons has scored 12 times this season and has picked up 25 ground balls and caused a team-high 16 turnovers.

ALI

Sophomore attack Ali Mattingly, the tallest player on UC's squad, has a team-high 29 draw controls. She has recorded a point in the last three games and has scored eight goals on 12 shots and has handed out four assists.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Natalie Starvaggi — Star - vah - gee
 Katelyn Wettig — Wet - ig
 Katie Kiriazoglou — Keer - ah - zog - lou
 Jess Kazaks — Kay - zacks
 Laura Simanski — Suh - man - skee
 Maggie Hague — Hayg
 Shannon Lynes — Lines
 LB Zinkand — Zink - hand
 Katie Liberatore — Lee - bruh - tory
 Adrianna Piontek — Pee - on - teck
 Lellie Swords — Lell - ee Sords

2010 UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI LACROSSE NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Ht.	Pos.	Cl.	Hometown/Last School
1	Natalie Starvaggi	5-5	M	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Mount Notre Dame
2	Katelyn Wettig	5-2	M	Fr.	Street, Md./North Harford
3	MacKenzie Parsons	5-3	A	So.	Hudson, Ohio/Hudson
4	Lori Banky	5-6	A	So.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Mt. Lebanon
5	Katie Kiriazoglou	5-8	A	Fr.	Abingdon, Md./John Carroll
6	Kylie Ramsland	5-4	A	R-Fr.	Catonsville, Md./Chapelgate Christian Acad.
7	Jess Kazaks	5-1	A	Sr.	Patchogue, N.Y./Ohio
8	Laura Simanski	5-4	A	So.	Reisterstown, Md./Roland Park
9	Gabby Sinmaz	5-4	D	So.	Dublin, Ohio/Dublin Jerome
10	Jenn Doran	5-10	A	So.	Venetia, Pa./Peters Township
11	Lynsey Burton	5-3	A	Jr.	Smithtown, N.Y./Ohio
12	Maggie Hague	5-8	A	So.	Dublin, Ohio/Dublin Coffman
13	Cathy Hebert	5-4	D	So.	Lutherville, Md./Roland Park
14	Ali Mattingly	6-0	A	So.	Davidsonville, Md./South River
15	Shannon Lynes	5-5	A	Sr.	Ellicott City, Md./Ohio
16	Karen Skelton	5-9	D	Jr.	Worthington, Ohio/Thomas Worthington
17	Paige Stratton	5-3	D	Jr.	Annapolis, Md./Annapolis
18	Gwen Branscome	5-2	D	So.	Pylesville, Md./North Harford
19	LB Zinkand	5-4	D	So.	Timonium, Md./Notre Dame Prep
21	Lauren Kelly	5-5	D	Jr.	Timonium, Md./Ohio
23	Allison Bell	5-7	D	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Sycamore
24	Patty Kelly	5-6	D	Sr.	Timonium, Md./Maryland
25	Katie Liberatore	5-5	A	Fr.	Finksburg, Md./Notre Dame Prep
26	Rachel Mercier	5-4	M	So.	Catonsville, Md./Chapelgate Christian Acad.
28	Adrianna Piontek	5-4	D	Fr.	Mason, Ohio/Mason
30	Marissa Pierson	5-5	M	Fr.	Sykesville, Md./Century
31	Tiffany Smith	5-5	D	R-So.	Cleveland Heights, Ohio/Cleveland Heights
32	Maddie Fink	5-7	M	Fr.	Alpharetta, Ga./Chattahoochee
33	Katherine Russo	5-9	G	So.	Westminster, Md./Winters Mills
37	Jen Mott	5-5	A	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Sycamore
42	Jen Davis	5-5	G	Fr.	Columbus, Ohio/Bexley
45	Haley Marvine	5-10	G	Jr.	Alpharetta, Ga./Chattahoochee

Head Coach: Lellie Swords

Assistant Coaches: Lauren Schwarzmann, Christy Finch

Volunteer Assistant: Adam Paulus

Manager: Marissa Hiatt

Trainer: Jessica Heider