



2010 CINCINNATI BEARCATS LACROSSE

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SCHEDULE/RESULTS			GAME 8: CINCINNATI VS. LOUISVILLE	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	Tuesday, March 30 ▶ 5 p.m. ▶ Nippert Stadium (35,000) ▶ Cincinnati, Ohio	
March 5	at Detroit	W, 10-6		
MARCH 7	DUQUESNE	L, 14-13 (20T)		
MARCH 13	PRESBYTERIAN	W, 18-4	CINCINNATI BEARCATS Record: 4-3 Rankings: N/A Last Game: March 24, 2010 W, 12-7 at Saint Mary's Head Coach: Lellie Swords Alma Mater: James Madison '96 Career Record: 13-27 (3rd season) Record at UC: Same Up Next: April 3 at Loyola (Md.), Noon	LOUISVILLE CARDINALS Record: 4-3 Rankings: N/A Last Game: March 27, 2010 L, 11-9 at No. 8 Notre Dame Head Coach: Kellie Young Alma Mater: Mount Holyoke, '93 Record at UofL: 26-14 (3rd season) UofL vs. UC: 2-0 Up Next: April 2 at Old Dominion, 4 p.m.
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*	5 P.M.		
April 3	at Loyola*	Noon		
APRIL 9	GEORGETOWN*	4 P.M.		
APRIL 14	OHIO STATE	5 P.M.		
April 17	at Notre Dame*	3 p.m.		
APRIL 18	JACKSONVILLE	2 P.M.	STREAKS, STORYLINES, SIDEBARS	
APRIL 23	SYRACUSE*	5 P.M.	THE MATCH-UP	
APRIL 25	CONNECTICUT*	NOON	The University of Cincinnati lacrosse team returns home after a four-game road swing that included victories over Fresno State and Saint Mary's. The Bearcats started the trip with losses at Oregon and No. 9 Stanford, but rebounded with the wins, giving them a 4-3 overall record. Louisville comes to UC after a close loss to No. 8 Notre Dame, 11-9. The Cardinals are also 4-3 overall and will serve as UC's first BIG EAST opponent in 2010.	
April 30	at Villanova*	5:30 p.m.	LAST TIME OUT	
May 2	at Rutgers*	1 p.m.	Laura Simanski scored four goals and Katie Liberatore added three to lead UC to a 12-7 win over Saint Mary's (CA). The Bearcats scored three goals before the Gaels got on the scoreboard. Simanski, Liberatore, and Maddie Fink each took a feed from Katie Kiriazoglou. Natalie Starvaggi took a pass from Liberatore to give UC its fourth goal. SMC posted another goal before Simanski scored on a free position attempt and Liberatore took a pass from Starvaggi to give UC a 6-2 advantage at the end of the first half. MacKenzie Parsons started the scoring in the second half, assisted by Starvaggi. The two teams traded six goals with Liberatore scoring from Simanski, and Simanski scoring on a free position attempt. With the score 9-5, the Bearcats collected an unassisted goal. SMC scored two goals before Simanski scored again on a free position attempt and Kiriazoglou scored an unassisted goal with 19 seconds remaining.	
2010 BIG EAST Championship			NATIONALLY RANKED	
May 6-8	BIG EAST Championship	New Brunswick, N.J.	In UC's games through March 21, Cincinnati was ranked No. 1 in the nation for its ground balls per game average (33.0). UC currently has a 25.9 ground balls per game average as a team and is ranked third nationally. Sophomore goalkeeper Katherine Russo was ranked No. 1 in the country (out of 300) for her .605 save percentage. She currently has a .534 save percentage and is ranked ninth.	
* Denotes BIG EAST Conference game. Home games in BOLD CAPS .			STREAKIN'	
SPORTS COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE			Junior tri-captain Natalie Starvaggi snapped a 13-game streak of recording at least one point in a game in UC's 19-4 loss at No. 9 Stanford. Sophomore Laura Simanski now has the team's longest point-streak, 11. Simanski recorded a point in every game her freshman year until the Bearcats played Loyola. She started her streak with two goals against Louisville and has a point in every game this season. Freshmen Katie Kiriazoglou and Katie Liberatore each had a point a game this season until UC's loss at No. 9 Stanford.	
Richard E. Lindner Center Suite 860 2751 O'Varsity Way Cincinnati, OH 45221-0021 Phone: 513.556.5191 Fax: 513.556.0619 Website: www.GoBEARCATS.com			CAS SCHOLAR ATHLETE	
Lara Thornton Associate Director/Lacrosse Contact 513.295.4520 lara.thornton@uc.edu			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.	
2010 TEAM CAPTAINS				
Captains Patty Kelly, Haley Marvine, Natalie Starvaggi				

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Katherine Russo was named the BIG EAST Conference Defensive Player of the Week 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 the Bearcats.

BIG EAST HONOR ROLL

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 plaudit. 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. Katie Liberatore was named to the BIG EAST

Honor Roll after the first week of play this season. She finished the week with seven points, including five goals against Duquesne.

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 60 career ground balls, passing Lindsey Marshall's previous record of 59 ground balls. She needs to cause nine turnovers to become the school leader in career caused turnovers.

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 bachelors 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	13-27
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)	13-27 (Third)
Record at Cincinnati (Years)	Same
Assistant Coach	Lauren Schwarzmann (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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SMOOTH SIMANSKI

Sophomore attack Laura Simanski became the school's leader in career goals against Saint Mary's. She has 19 goals in 2010 and 66 career goals, passing Lindsey Marshall's previous record of 64 career goals.

DROPPIN' DIMES

Freshman attack Katie Kiriazoglou has twice handed out five assists in a game — a UC record — and has a team-high 16 assists through seven games. She is the school leader in career assists, passing the previous school record of 11, against Fresno State. She leads the team with 26 points on the year.

FAB FRESHMAN

Freshman attack Katie Liberatore is second on the team with 11 goals and has recorded 20 points so far this season.

WELCOME RETURN

Kylie Ramsland and Tiffany Smith both returned to the roster after suffering season-ending injuries in 2009. Smith has played in two games while Ramsland has played in one, scoring on her only shot, at Fresno State.

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