



2010 CINCINNATI BEARCATS LACROSSE

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SCHEDULE/RESULTS			GAME 3: CINCINNATI VS. PRESBYTERIAN	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	Saturday, March 13 ▶ Noon ▶ Nippert Stadium (35,000) ▶ Cincinnati, Ohio	
March 5	at Detroit	W, 10-6		
MARCH 7	DUQUESNE	L, 14-13 (2OT)		
MARCH 13	PRESBYTERIAN	NOON		
March 20	at Oregon	1 p.m. (PST)	CINCINNATI BEARCATS Record: 1-1 Rankings: N/A Last Game: March 7, 2010 L, 14-13 (2 ot) Head Coach: Lellie Swords Alma Mater: James Madison '96 Career Record: 10-25 (3rd season) Record at UC: Same Up Next: March 20 at Oregon, 1 p.m. (PST)	PRESBYTERIAN BLUE HOSE Record: 1-6 Rankings: N/A Last Game: March 9, 2010 W, 13-11 vs. Bryant Head Coach: Kristina Llanes Alma Mater: Pfeiffer '04 Record at PC: 4-17 (2nd season) PC vs. UC: 0-1 Up Next: March 21 at Howard, 4 p.m.
March 22	at Stanford	1 p.m. (PST)		
March 23	at Fresno State	4 p.m. (PST)		
March 24	at St. Mary's (CA)	3 p.m. (PST)		
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.		
APRIL 23	SYRACUSE*	5 P.M.	STREAKS, STORYLINES, SIDEBARS	
APRIL 25	CONNECTICUT*	NOON		
April 30	at Villanova*	5:30 p.m.		
May 2	at Rutgers*	1 p.m.	THE MATCH-UP The University of Cincinnati hosts Prebsyterian on Saturday, March 13, in a noon game at Nippert Stadium. The Bearcats will look to bounce back after a double-overtime, sudden death loss to Duquesne on Sunday, March 7. Presbyterian is coming off its first victory of the season, defeating Bryant on Tuesday, March 9. Admission is free for all of UC's home lacrosse games in 2010.	
2010 BIG EAST Championship			LAST TIME OUT Katherine Russo set a school record with 23 saves but UC was unable to score the first goal in the sudden death, double overtime game against Duquesne. Cailin Colegrove scored for Duquesne with 1:47 remaining in the fifth period on a free position attempt, giving the Dukes the victory. The Bearcats had five goals from freshman Katie Liberatore, who handed out an assist to classmate Katie Kiriazoglou with five seconds remaining in the second period, sending the game to its first overtime. Laura Simanski recorded four goals and Kiriazoglou hit the back of the net twice, while Natalie Starvaggi and Ali Mattingly each scored once for UC.	
May 6-8	BIG EAST Championship	New Brunswick, N.J.	NATIONALLY RANKED Sophomore goalkeeper Katherine Russo is ranked No. 2 in the country (out of 300) for saves per game (15.0 per game) and save percentage (0.625). Russo recorded seven saves and earned a win in goal in UC's season opener, a 10-6 win at Detroit. In UC's home opener against Duquesne, Russo set a school record with 23 saves. Sophomore attack Laura Simanski leads the nation in ground balls, averaging six per game. She also ranks No. 86 in goals per game (2.5). Junior Natalie Starvaggi, sophomore Rachel Mercier and junior Paige Stratton also rank in the Top 50 in ground balls. Starvaggi is ranked No. 22 with 3.5, and Mercier and Stratton both rank No. 43 with 3.0 ground balls per game. Freshman attack Katie Liberatore leads UC with seven points this season (6 G, 1 A) and is ranked No. 31 in the country with her 3.0 goals per game average.	
* Denotes BIG EAST Conference game. Home games in BOLD CAPS .			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.	
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2010 TEAM CAPTAINS				
Captains	Patty Kelly, Haley Marvine, Natalie Starvaggi			

BIG EAST HONOR ROLL

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. She was the only freshman player named to the BIG EAST Honor Roll for the week.

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, is three ground balls away from becoming the school leader in career ground balls. She needs to cause nine turnovers to become the school leader in career caused turnovers.

BURTON BRINGS IT

Junior attack Lynsey Burton scored the first goal in program history at the 22:10 mark on a free position shot at Vanderbilt in 2008. Last season she scored UC's first goal

in the first three games of the season, at Presbyterian, at Duquesne, and at Robert Morris. She ranks third in school history with 37 career goals.

AGAINST THE BLUE HOSE

Last season the Bearcats played its season opener at Presbyterian College and won, 16-6. Cincinnati scored 12 goals in the first period and held on for the win, getting four goals from Laura Simanski and three from Natalie Starvaggi.

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
 Rachel Mercier — Mur - sear
 Adrianna Piontek — Pee - on - teck
 Lellie Swords — Lell-ee Sords

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 IWLCAC 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 IWLCAC 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 (IWLCAC) 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, Rianne, 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	9-24
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 Marvinne

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Lellie Swords (James Madison, 1996)
Overall Record (Years)	9-24 (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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