

# 2010 CINCINNATI BEARCATS LACROSSE



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SCHEDULE/RESULTS		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
March 5	at Detroit	W, 10-6
<b>MARCH 7</b>	<b>DUQUESNE</b>	<b>L, 14-13 (2OT)</b>
<b>MARCH 13</b>	<b>PRESBYTERIAN</b>	<b>W, 18-4</b>
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
<b>MARCH 30</b>	<b>LOUISVILLE*</b>	<b>L, 13-9</b>
April 3	at No. 13 Loyola*	L, 16-6
<b>APRIL 9</b>	<b>NO. 14 GEORGETOWN*</b>	<b>L, 21-8</b>
<b>APRIL 14</b>	<b>OHIO STATE</b>	<b>5 P.M.</b>
April 17	at Notre Dame*	3 p.m.
<b>APRIL 18</b>	<b>JACKSONVILLE</b>	<b>2 P.M.</b>
<b>APRIL 23</b>	<b>SYRACUSE*</b>	<b>5 P.M.</b>
<b>APRIL 25</b>	<b>CONNECTICUT*</b>	<b>NOON</b>
April 30	at Villanova*	5:30 p.m.
May 2	at Rutgers*	1 p.m.
<b>2010 BIG EAST Championship</b>		
May 6-8	BIG EAST Championship	New Brunswick, N.J.
<i>* Denotes BIG EAST Conference game. Home games in <b>BOLD CAPS</b>.</i>		
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2010 TEAM CAPTAINS		
Captains	Patty Kelly, Haley Marvine, Natalie Starvaggi	

GAME 11: CINCINNATI VS. NO. 19 OHIO STATE	
Wednesday, April 14 ▶ 5 p.m. ▶ Nippert Stadium (35,000) ▶ Cincinnati, Ohio	
	
<b>CINCINNATI BEARCATS</b>  <b>Record:</b> 4-6, 0-3 BIG EAST <b>Rankings:</b> N/A <b>Last Game:</b> April 9, 2010 L, 21-8 vs. No. 14 Georgetown <b>Head Coach:</b> Lellie Swords Alma Mater: James Madison '96 <b>Career Record:</b> 13-30 (3rd season) <b>Record at UC:</b> Same  <b>Up Next:</b> April 17 at Notre Dame, 3 p.m.	<b>OHIO STATE BUCKEYES</b>  <b>Record:</b> 7-4, 1-2 American Lacrosse Conference <b>Rankings:</b> No. 19 <b>Last Game:</b> April 10, 2010 L, 19-8 at No. 10 Vanderbilt <b>Head Coach:</b> Sue Stimmel Alma Mater: Temple '84 <b>Record at Ohio State:</b> 120-108 (15th season) <b>Ohio State vs. UC:</b> 2-0  <b>Up Next:</b> April 18 vs. Penn State, 1 p.m.
STREAKS, STORYLINES, SIDEBARS	
<b>THE MATCH-UP</b> The University of Cincinnati lacrosse team seeks its first win over in-state rival Ohio State on Wednesday, April 14, at 5 p.m. in Nippert Stadium. The Bearcats, now 4-6 on the season, will play the Buckeyes for the third time in three years. Ohio State, ranked No. 19, is 7-4 overall. Cincinnati will look to snap a three-game losing skid while Ohio State is coming off a 19-8 loss to No. 10 Vanderbilt.	
<b>LAST TIME OUT</b> Laura Simanski scored three goals for the second straight game but UC was unable to stop No. 14 Georgetown. Ali Mattingly scored UC's first goal of the game on an assist from Katie Liberatore with 25:19 on the clock. Georgetown added three more scores to its four goals before Simanski put the Bearcats' second goal on the board. Simanski, MacKenzie Parsons, and Rachel Mercier scored UC's final three goals of the first half in the last seven minutes, but the Hoyas took a 14-5 lead into the locker room. Georgetown scored the first four goals of the second half when Liberatore took a pass from Simanski with 17:01 remaining. Simanski and Mercier scored UC's final two goals of the game but the Hoyas tacked on three more goals making the final score 21-8. Katherine Russo had eight saves in goal for the Bearcats, who won the draw control battle, 17-14. Georgetown had 33 fouls to Cincinnati's 19 and took 33 shots compared to UC's 18.	
<b>VS. OPPONENTS</b> Cincinnati has more draw controls on the season than its opponents, controlling 114 to its opponent's 107. The Bearcats have a 42.9 shot percentage, compared to 40.6 shot percentage by their opponents.	
<b>STREAKIN'</b> Sophomore Laura Simanski has the team's longest point-streak, 13. 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 has a point in every 2010 game. Freshmen Katie Kiriazoglou and Katie Liberatore each had a point a game this season until UC's loss at No. 9 Stanford. University of Cincinnati lacrosse coach Lellie Swords is extending an invitation to local lacrosse teams of any age to participate in Girls Lacrosse Day by attending Sunday's (April 18) game against Jacksonville University at 2 p.m. in Nippert Stadium.	
<b>GIRLS LAX DAY</b> All female lacrosse teams in the Cincinnati area, of any age, are invited. Admission is free for all UC home lacrosse games. After the game UC players will be available for autographs. UC lacrosse players will come to a game to cheer	

on the team which brings the most players on their team to the game.

### 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 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.

### HEAD COACH LELLIE SWORDS

**L**ellie 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

### 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).

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 Womens' 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	13-30
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)	13-30 (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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**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 61 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.

**SMOOTH SIMANSKI**

Sophomore attack Laura Simanski became the school's leader in career goals against Saint Mary's. She has 26 goals in 2010 and 73 career goals, passing Lindsey Marshall's previous record of 64 career goals. She leads the team with 29 points on the year and has the team's most draw controls with 19.

**DROPPIN' DIMES**

Freshman attack Katie Kiriazoglou has twice handed out five assists in a game — a UC record — and has

a team-high 17 assists through nine games. She is the school leader in career assists, passing the previous school record of 11, against Fresno State.

**FAB FRESHMAN**

Freshman attack Katie Liberatore is second on the team with 16 goals and has recorded 26 points so far this season.

**STAR SHINING**

Junior Natalie Starvaggi recorded three unassisted goals against Louisville and has 10 goals and seven assists on the year. The tri-captain has a team-high 27 ground balls this season.

**MAC ATTACK**

Sophomore MacKenzie Parsons has scored six times this season and has picked up 17 ground balls and caused a team-high 10 turnovers.

**ALI**

Sophomore attack Ali Mattingly, the tallest player on UC's squad, has 14 draw controls. She has scored five goals on seven shots and has handed out three 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