

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	1 p.m. (PST)
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.
APRIL 25	CONNECTICUT*	NOON
April 30	at Villanova*	5:30 p.m.
May 2	at Rutgers*	1 p.m.
2010 BIG EAST Championship		
May 6-8	BIG EAST Championship	New Brunswick, N.J.
<i>* Denotes BIG EAST Conference game. Home games in BOLD CAPS.</i>		
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2010 TEAM CAPTAINS		
Captains	Patty Kelly, Haley Marvine, Natalie Starvaggi	

GAME 4: CINCINNATI AT OREGON	
Saturday, March 20 ▶ 1 p.m. (PST) ▶ Pape Field (2,000) ▶ Eugene, Oregon	
	
CINCINNATI BEARCATS Record: 2-1 Rankings: N/A Last Game: March 13, 2010 W, 18-4 vs. Presbyterian Head Coach: Lellie Swords Alma Mater: James Madison '96 Career Record: 11-25 (3rd season) Record at UC: Same Up Next: March 22 at Stanford, 1 p.m. (PST)	OREGON DUCKS Record: 3-3 Rankings: N/A Last Game: March 13, 2010 W, 15-11 vs. Iona Head Coach: Jen Larsen Alma Mater: Virginia '96 Record at Oregon: 56-42 (6th season) UO vs. UC: 0-0 Up Next: March 22 at Hofstra, 4 p.m.
STREAKS, STORYLINES, SIDEBARS	
THE MATCH-UP The University of Cincinnati lacrosse team hits the road after two home games, heading west for a four-game road swing. The Bearcats, now 2-1 on the year, will play at Oregon on Saturday, March 20 at 1 p.m. (PST). The game marks the second time the Bearcats have faced an opponent from the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation. Last season UC defeated Fresno State, a member of the MPSF, at Nippert Stadium, 18-3. Cincinnati is coming off an 18-4 victory over Presbyterian while the Ducks defeated Iona, 15-11. Both teams have had seven days rest.	
LAST TIME OUT Katie Kiriazoglou scored three goals and handed out five assists, setting a school record for points and assists in a game, leading UC to an 18-4 victory over visiting Presbyterian College. Kiriazoglou spent the first half setting up her teammates, recording all of her assists in the first period. The Bearcats owned a 13-0 advantage at halftime, marking the first time UC has shut out an opponent in a half. Kiriazoglou provided assists for Laura Simanski, Katie Liberatore, Ali Mattingly, Gabby Sinmaz, and for Marissa Pierson's first collegiate goal. In the second half, Kiriazoglou found the back of the net three times, all off assists from teammate Liberatore. Natalie Starvaggi set up two goals in the second stanza, one to Jen Mott, who notched her first collegiate goal, and one to LB Zinkand in the final minute of the game.	
NATIONALLY RANKED As a team, Cincinnati is ranked No. 1 in the nation for its ground balls per game average (34.0). Sophomore goalkeeper Katherine Russo is ranked No. 1 in the country (out of 300) for her .654 save percentage. She is seventh in the country with 11.0 saves per game. Russo recorded four saves and earned a win in goal in UC's 18-4 win over Presbyterian and in the previous game, against Duquesne, she set a school record with 23 saves. Sophomore attack Laura Simanski and junior Natalie Starvaggi are ranked No. 3 and No. 4, respectively, in ground balls per game. Simanski averages 4.33 ground balls and Starvaggi get 4.0 ground balls per game. 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.	
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.

BIG EAST HONOR ROLL

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.

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. She ranks third in school history with 37 career goals.

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

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, 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	11-25
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)	11-25 (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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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

The Automated ScoreBook
Cincinnati Overall Individual Statistics
All games (as of Mar 19, 2010)

Overall: 2-1 Conf: 0-0 Home: 1-1 Away: 1-0 Neut: 0-0

##	Player	gp-gs	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	sog	sog%	gw	up	dn	fpg-fps	gb	dc	t/o	ct	pen-min	foul	rc	yc
25	LIBERATORE, Katie	3-3	8	5	13	14	.571	12	.857	0	0	0	1-2	8	2	9	0	-	2	0	0
8	SIMANSKI, Laura	3-3	7	0	7	22	.318	16	.727	0	0	1	1-3	13	3	5	4	1-3.0	7	0	0
5	KIRIAZOGLU, Katie	3-3	7	6	13	11	.636	9	.818	0	0	1	1-2	5	1	10	1	-	2	0	0
3	PARSONS, MacKenzie	3-3	3	0	3	16	.188	10	.625	0	0	0	0-2	8	6	8	4	1-3.0	5	0	0
1	STARVAGGI, Natalie	3-3	3	5	8	11	.273	9	.818	0	0	0	2-4	12	4	7	2	-	6	0	0
9	SINMAZ, Gabby	3-0	2	0	2	6	.333	3	.500	0	0	1	-	3	1	1	1	-	5	0	0
14	MATTINGLY, Ali	3-3	2	0	2	2	1.000	2	1.000	0	0	0	1-1	0	4	0	1	-	1	0	0
19	ZINKAND, LB	3-3	2	1	3	5	.400	2	.400	1	0	0	-	3	6	2	2	-	3	0	0
26	MERCIER, Rachel	3-0	1	1	2	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0	0	-	8	6	5	0	2-3.5	5	0	0
30	PIERSON, Marissa	3-0	1	0	1	2	.500	2	1.000	0	0	0	-	2	0	2	0	-	2	0	0
32	FINK, Maddie	3-0	1	0	1	3	.333	2	.667	0	0	0	0-1	3	0	1	1	-	2	0	0
10	DORAN, Jenn	3-0	1	0	1	1	1.000	1	1.000	1	0	1	-	3	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
7	KAZAKS, Jess	1-0	1	0	1	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
15	LYNES, Shannon	1-0	1	0	1	2	.500	2	1.000	0	0	0	1-1	0	0	1	0	-	1	0	0
37	MOTT, Jen	1-0	1	0	1	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
23	BELL, Allison	3-3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	-	4	1	1	0	-	3	0	0
18	BRANSCOME, Gwen	3-3	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0	0	-	4	1	1	1	1-0.5	9	0	0
17	STRATTON, Paige	3-3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	-	8	2	4	0	1-0.5	5	0	0
16	SKELTON, Karen	2-1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	-	2	0	0	1	-	2	0	0
11	BURTON, Lynsey	2-0	0	1	1	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0	0	-	3	0	1	1	1-3.0	5	0	0
33	RUSSO, Katherine	3-3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	-	5	0	2	0	-	0	0	0
45	MARVINE, Haley	2-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	-	1	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
24	KELLY, Patty	3-2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	-	2	0	1	0	-	1	0	0
13	HEBERT, Cathy	2-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	-	1	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
4	BANKY, Lori	3-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	-	0	1	0	0	-	1	0	0
12	HAGUE, Maggie	1-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	-	0	2	0	0	-	1	0	0
2	WETTIG, Katelyn	3-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	-	1	0	2	0	-	3	0	0
21	KELLY, Lauren	1-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	-	3	0	2	0	-	0	0	0
28	PIONTEK, Adrianna	1-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
31	SMITH, Tiffany	1-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
Total		3	41	19	60	100	.410	75	.750	2	0	4	7-16	102	40	65	19	7-13.5	74	0	0
Opponents		3	24	13	37	73	.329	62	.849	1	4	0	5-19	98	33	72	16	4-4.5	62	0	1

##	Goalie	gp-gs	min	ga	gaavg	saves	pct	w	l	t	shots faced
33	RUSSO, Katherine	3-3	150:42	18	7.17	34	.654	2	1	0	63
45	MARVINE, Haley	2-0	39:31	6	9.11	4	.400	0	0	0	10
Total		3	190:13	24	7.57	38	.613	2	1	0	73
Opponents		3	190:13	41	12.93	34	.453	1	2	0	100

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	OT3	Total
Cincinnati	25	16	0	0	0	41
Opponents	9	14	0	0	1	24

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	OT3	Total
Cincinnati	16	17	2	2	1	38
Opponents	11	21	2	0	0	34

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	OT3	Total
Cincinnati	48	49	2	1	0	100
Opponents	33	32	3	2	3	73

Attendance Summary	CIN	Opponent
Total	271	142
Dates/Avg Per Date	2/136	1/142
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

Shots on Goal	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	OT3	Total
Cincinnati	36	37	2	0	0	75
Opponents	25	31	2	2	2	62

MAN-UP OPPS: Cincinnati -- 0-4 .000, Opponents -- 4-7 .571.