



# MGYM: No. 4 Buckeyes Face Penn State in State College

Ohio State looks to build off season-high team total of 422.200

OHIO STATE AT MICHIGAN		MEET INFORMATION	
Head Coach .....	Rustam Sharipov	2017 Record .....	(6-1, 4-1 B1G)
Year at OSU/Record .....	5th/77-62-2	CGA Ranking .....	No. 4
Assistant Coach .....	Casimiro Suarez	Date .....	Feb. 11, 2017
Assistant Coach .....	Bob Gauthier	Place .....	State College, Pa.
		Site .....	Rec Hall
		Live Results .....	<a href="http://gopsusports.com/livestats/m-gym/20170211.htm">gopsusports.com/livestats/m-gym/20170211.htm</a>
		TV .....	None

## OHIO STATE MEN'S GYMNASTICS NOTES

Feb. 11 // at Penn State // State College, Pa.

2017 SCHEDULE		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
<b>JANUARY</b>		
14	Windy City Invitational.....	2nd/6, 403.450
20	vs. UIC .....	W, 412.150-381.500
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
04	vs. Michigan* .....	W, 422.200-404.350
11	at Penn State <sup>1</sup> .....	4 p.m.
16	Winter Cup <sup>2</sup> .....	4/10 p.m.
18	Winter Cup <sup>2</sup> .....	7p.m.
<b>MARCH</b>		
04	Arnold Challenge <sup>3</sup> .....	2 p.m.
11	at Oklahoma <sup>4</sup> .....	6 p.m.
24	at Illinois <sup>5</sup> .....	8 p.m.
<b>APRIL</b>		
07	Big Ten Championships <sup>5</sup> .....	8 p.m.
08	Big Ten Championships <sup>5</sup> .....	8 p.m.
21	NCAA Qualifier <sup>6</sup> .....	All Day
22	NCAA Championships <sup>6</sup> .....	6 p.m.

All times ET | Home meets in St. John Arena  
<sup>\*</sup>Notes Conference Meets  
<sup>1</sup>State College, Pa.  
<sup>2</sup>Las Vegas, Nev.  
<sup>3</sup>Columbus Convention Center  
<sup>4</sup>Norman, Okla.  
<sup>5</sup>Champaign, Ill.  
<sup>6</sup>West Point, N.Y.

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**COLUMBUS, Ohio** - No. 4 Ohio State travels to University Park, Pa., on Saturday for a dual meet with No. 6 Penn State.

Events at Rec Hall are scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. ET.

**SCOUTING THE NITTANY LIONS**  
No. 6 Penn State 8-1 (1-4 B1G) this season. The Nittany Lions defeated their first eight opponents before dropping a dual meet last weekend to Illinois (411.350-404.650).

Penn State ranks fifth in the nation in team scoring average at 409.800 points per meet. The Nittany Lions excel on the pommel horse (68.563) and parallel bars (69.600). Both of those averages rank No. 3 in the nation.

**SERIES HISTORY VS. PENN STATE**  
Ohio State leads the all-time series with Michigan 73-53. The his will be the first meeting between the two institutions in 2017.

**LAST TIME OUT**  
The Buckeyes scored a season-high 422.200 points on their way to a commanding win over Michigan (404.950). Ohio State's team score is the fourth-highest in the NCAA in 2017.

Jake Dastrup lead the way for the Scarlet and Gray capturing two event titles at the meet. He won the pommel with a score of 14.900 matching his prior career best. He then took home the title on the parallel bars with a readout of 14.700.

Dastrup and teammate Jake Martin, who were both honored on Senior Day, combined to win three total events. Martin went out with a bang on the last high-bar routine of his career in St. John Arena. The fifth-

year senior awed the crowd with a stellar routine of 14.850.

Martin's high bar score of 14.580 currently ranks No. 3 in the NCAA, and Dastrup's readout on parallel bars is the sixth-best nationally.

**BUCKEYES IN THE RANKINGS**  
**TEAM**  
Ohio State enters the week ranked No. 4 in the College Gymnastics Association (CGA) National Rankings.

The Buckeyes are one of six Big Ten schools ranked within the Top 10 as Illinois (No. 3), Minnesota (No. 5), Penn State (No. 6), Nebraska (No. 7) and Michigan (No. 10) also received votes.

OSU owns the No. 4 average all-around score in the nation so far this season, along with a No. 2 ranking on pommel horse with an average score of 69.417.

**INDIVIDUAL (TOP 10 NATIONALLY)**  
Sean Melton - No. 3 (HB) No. 4 (floor), T5th (parallel bars)  
Jake Dastrup - No. 4, parallel bars  
Alec Yoder - No. 6, pommel horse  
Brandon Jacoby - No. 7, pommel horse  
Jake Martin - No. 5 - all-around, No. 7 - high bar  
Tristan Burke - No. 9, rings

**OHIO STATE NAMED BIG TEN FAVORITE**  
Ohio State was named the preseason favorite in the Big Ten Conference in a poll of league coaches for the third-straight season.

Minnesota was voted second overall. Illinois was ranked third, followed by Penn State and Nebraska. Iowa and Michigan rounded out the sixth and seventh spots.

## BURKE & MARTIN - GYMNASTS TO WATCH

Martin and Burke were hit with the label of Gymnasts to Watch this season. Martin, a redshirt senior, is poised to have a strong comeback year; he only competed in three meets in 2016 before an injury sidelined him for the season. The redshirt senior is a two-time All-American (2014 all-around and vault), and he was named to the 2014 All-Big Ten First Team in the midst of capturing a title on the vault.

Burke represented the Buckeyes on the floor exercise, rings and vault at the 2016 NCAA Championships as a freshman. The Royse City, Texas native was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Week after winning the all-around competition in his college debut at the Windy City Invitational becoming the first Buckeye to win that event since Randy Monahan (2004).

## MELTON, MARTIN & RICKLY NAMED TEAM CAPTAINS

Seniors Jake Martin and Andrew Rickly along with redshirt junior, Sean Melton, were elected team captains for the 2016-17 season.

The Buckeyes will be led by a trio of captains for a third-consecutive season and only the seventh time in the history of the program. The first time the squad featured three captains was 2001, when the Buckeyes won their last national championship.

## ALL-AMERICAN RETURNEES

The Buckeyes have four All-Americans returning from last year's third-place showing at the NCAA Championships. 2016 Big Ten Gymnast of the Year and All-American, Sean Melton, will look to lead the Scarlet and Gray back to the NCAA Championships. Other All-Americans returning include Alec Yoder, Seth Delbridge and Alex Wilson.

## TEAM WELCOMES FOUR NEWCOMERS

Ohio State welcomes the addition of four freshmen to the team this season: Michael Chan, Robert Costea, Andrew Brower and Coleson Stodghill.

## BUCKEYES SIGN THREE ATHLETES TO NLIS

Max Andryushchenko, Tristan Lopez and Sean Neighbarger have signed their National Letters of Intent and will be Buckeyes come the 2017-18 academic year.

All three athletes will bring a significant amount of experience to Columbus when they arrive. All three boast a distinctive skill set that will help Ohio State for the years to come.

"These guys have big shoes to fill, but I'm very confident that these guys will blend in just fine," head coach Rustam Sharipov said. "All three of them are hard workers and we couldn't be more excited to welcome them into our family."

## UP NEXT

A select few Buckeyes will travel to Las Vegas for the Winter Cup (Feb. 16 and 18). Following the Winter Cup, Ohio State will only have three regular season meets left on the schedule. They will host the Arnold Challenge (March 4), make a trek to Oklahoma (March 11) and close out the regular season at Illinois (March 24).

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## RETURNING BUCKEYES 2017 SEASON HIGHS AND CAREER HIGHS

Gymnast	Floor		Pommel Horse		Rings		Vault		Parallel Bars		High Bar		All-Around	
	2017	Career	2017	Career	2017	Career	2017	Career	2017	Career	2017	Career	2017	Career
Evan Bluemel	-	-	-	14.60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Joey Bonanno	12.95	14.60	-	-	-	-	13.75*	-	13.75*	-	-	-	-	-
Andrew Brower	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tristan Burke	13.30	14.95	-	14.15	14.25	15.20	13.90	15.45	13.10	14.45	12.70	13.75	-	86.00
Michael Chan	14.20*	14.20*	-	-	-	-	14.25*	14.25*	-	-	14.05*	-	14.05*	-
Chris Coombs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robert Costea	-	-	8.90*	8.90*	13.40*	-	13.40*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jake Dastrup	14.00	15.40	14.90*	14.90*	-	-	-	15.15	14.75	15.40	-	-	-	-
Seth Delbridge	13.70*	13.70*	-	-	13.70*	13.70*	14.45	15.35	13.60	14.55	14.35	15.05	76.50	76.50
Samuel DeWitt	-	-	-	13.30	-	14.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Josh Hurwitz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brandon Jacoby	-	13.85	14.50*	14.50*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ryan Lemezis	-	-	-	-	12.90	14.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jake Martin	14.30	15.35	14.40	15.60	14.05	15.15	14.15	15.50	14.35	15.40	14.85	15.80	83.40	89.45
Paris McGee Jr.	13.45	13.45	-	-	-	-	14.45	14.25	-	-	-	-	-	-
Logan Melander	-	14.30	13.90	14.80	13.70*	-	13.70*	-	15.15	-	-	-	14.25	-
Sean Melton	14.40	15.45	-	15.35	14.10	16.05	-	15.35	14.60	16.175	14.55	15.55	-	91.60
Andrew Rickly	-	13.00	-	-	-	14.10	-	-	14.35*	-	14.35*	-	14.50	15.25
Joey Smith	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coleson Stodghill	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.75*	-	11.75*	-
David Szarvas	-	-	13.95*	-	13.95*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meyer Williams	14.15	15.30	-	-	-	-	14.05	14.70	13.55*	-	13.55	12.55*	12.55*	-
Alex Wilson	-	15.30	-	12.65	13.50	14.65	-	15.25	-	15.20	-	-	-	-
Alec Yoder	-	15.20	14.65	15.85	-	15.60	14.40	15.00	14.30	15.05	-	15.15	-	90.15

# 2017 OHIO STATE BUCKEYES

NAME	YEAR	EVENTS	HOMETOWN (CLUB)
Evan Bluemel	Jr.	PH	Strongsville, Ohio (Gymnastics World)
Joey Bonanno	So.	FX, V, PB, SR	Fitchburg, Mass. (Sterling Gymnastics)
Andrew Brower	Fr.	AA	Old Bridge, N.J. (USGDCCII Gymnastics)
Tristan Burke	So.	AA	Royse City, Texas (WOGA Gymnastics)
Michael Chan	Fr.	AA	Louisville, Ky. (Queen City Gymnastics)
Chris Coombs	So.	FX, PH, PB, SR	Louisville, Ky. (Champions Gymnastics)
Robert Costea	Fr.	PH, SR	Charlotte, N.C. (Zenith Gymnastics)
Jake Dastrup	R-Jr.	AA	Lindon, Utah (Arete Gymnastics/U.S.O.T.C.)
Seth Delbridge	Jr.	AA	Floyds Knobs, Ind. (Champions Gymnastics)
Samuel Dewitt	Jr.	PH, SR	Annapolis, Md. (Top Flight)
Josh Hurwitz	R-So.	PH, SR	Solon, Ohio (Gymnastics World)
Brandon Jacoby	Jr.	FX, PH	Simi Valley, Calif. (Platinum Gymnastics)
Ryan Lemezis	R-Jr.	PH, SR	Aurora, Ill. (Premier West)
Jake Martin	R-Sr.	AA	Oviedo, Fla. Orlando (Metro Gymnastics/U.S.O.T.C.)
Paris McGee Jr.	R-So.	FX, V	West Haven, Conn. (Inflight Gymnastics Center)
Logan Melander	Sr.	FX, PH, V, SR, HB	Tacoma, Wash. (Black Hills Gymnastics)
Sean Melton	R-Jr.	AA	Orlando, Fla. (Orlando Metro Gymnastics/U.S.O.T.C.)
Andrew Rickly	Sr.	PH, SR, PB, HB	Lewis Center, Ohio (Hocking Valley Gymnastics Center)
Joey Smith	R-Fr.	PB, HB	Columbus, Ohio (Integrity Gymnastics)
Coleson Stodghill	Fr.	AA	Evergreen, Colo. (5280 Gymnastics)
David Szarvas	So.	PH	Shreveport, La. (Jill's Gymnastics)
Meyer Williams	Jr.	FX, SR, V, PB	Dallas, Texas (Ridgewood Gymnastics)
Alex Wilson	Jr.	AA	Sugar Land, Texas (Champions Gymnastics)
Alec Yoder	So.	AA	Indianapolis, Ind (InterActive Academy)

## COACHES

Rustam Sharipov - Head Coach  
 Casimiro Suarez - Assistant Coach  
 Bob Gauthier - Assistant Coach  
 Drew Moling - Director of Operations

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## UNIVERSITY FACTS

Location ..... Columbus, Ohio (pop. 1.7m)  
 Founded ..... 1870  
 Enrollment ..... 58,322  
 Nickname ..... Buckeyes  
 Colors ..... Scarlet (PMS 200) and Gray (PMS 429)  
 Mascot ..... Brutus Buckeye  
 President ..... Michael V. Drake  
 Director of Athletics ..... Eugene Smith  
 Faculty Representative ..... John E. Davidson  
 Conference ..... Big Ten (1913)

## MEN'S GYMNASTICS HISTORY

First Year ..... 1924  
 All-Time Record ..... 1,171-794-8  
 National Team Championships ..... 3 (1985-96-2001)  
 NCAA Individual Champions ..... 27  
 All-America Honors ..... 161  
 All-Americans ..... 56  
 Big Ten Team Championships ..... 12  
 1983co-85-87-93-94-96-97-2001-02-05-06-07  
 Big Ten Individual Titles ..... 75  
 All-Big Ten Selections ..... 81  
 Academic All-Big Ten Selections ..... 137  
 Facility ..... Steelwood Athletic Training Facility  
 Meet Facility/Capacity ..... St. John Arena/13,276

## TEAM FACTS

Head Coach ..... Rustam Sharipov, fifth season  
 Alma Mater, Year ..... Kharkov State, 1997  
 E-mail ..... sharipov.1@osu.edu  
 Assistant Coach ..... Casimiro Suarez, fifth season  
 Assistant Coach ..... Bob Gauthier, fifth season  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost ..... 14/6  
 All-Americans Returning/Lost ..... 5/2

## TEAM RECORDS SINCE 2013\*

**Floor Exercise – 75.40**  
 vs. Oklahoma ..... 2014  
**Pommel Horse – 75.85**  
 vs. Oklahoma ..... 2014  
**Rings – 74.65**  
 at Michigan ..... 2014  
**Vault – 75.10**  
 at Windy City Invitational ..... 2014  
**Parallel Bars - 74.45**  
 vs. Oklahoma ..... 2014  
**High Bar – 75.10**  
 at Michigan ..... 2014  
**Team Total - 446.150**  
 vs. Oklahoma ..... 2014  
 \*Computed under the FIG Code of Points

## INDIVIDUAL RECORDS SINCE 2008

**All-Around**  
 Brandon Wynn ..... 90.00, 2010  
**Floor Exercise**  
 Eddie Hay ..... 15.75, 2008  
 Danny Steiner ..... 15.75, 2013  
**Pommel Horse**  
 Michael Newburger ..... 16.25, 2014  
**Still Rings**  
 Brandon Wynn ..... 16.30, 2010 & 2011  
**Vault**  
 Jimmy Wickham ..... 16.45, 2008  
**Parallel Bars**  
 Sean Melton ..... 16.05, 2014  
**High Bar**  
 Jake Martin ..... 15.80, 2014



# RUSTAM SHARIPOV

## HEAD COACH

KHARKOV, UKRAINE

FIFTH SEASON

**Rustam Sharipov** (roos-TOM SHARE-ee-pahv) was named the head coach of the Ohio State men's gymnastics team in the summer of 2011. Sharipov, previously an assistant coach at the University of Oklahoma from 2005-11, brings the experience of three Olympic medals, including two gold, to Columbus as the eighth head coach in program history.

Last season, Ohio State was named the preseason favorite in the Big Ten and ranked No. 3 in the nation prior to losing its Top 3 gymnasts to injury. The Buckeyes would go on to finish fifth at the Big Ten championships and NCAA Qualifier, with Drew Moling (rings) and Alex Johnson (high bar) earning All-America honors. Johnson also won his first career Big Ten title on high bar.

The 2014 CGA Central Regional Coach of the Year, Sharipov led the Buckeyes to a fifth-place finish at the NCAA championships and a second-place finish at the Big Ten championships during the 2014 season. Sharipov helped Sean Melton to four All-American awards, Big Ten freshman of the year honors and Big Ten individual championships on high bar and parallel bars. Jake Martin was a two-event All-American and Big Ten champion on vault, while Jeff Treleven earned his third All-American honor on vault and Johnson his first All-American award on high bar.

Throughout the 2014 season, Sharipov coached the Buckeyes to a program-record team score of 446.150, (the sixth-highest score all-time) in a Senior Day upset win over No. 1 Oklahoma in addition to new team program records on all six events and new individual program records on four events (pommel horse, vault, parallel bars and high bar).

In 2013, Sharipov guided Michael Newburger to the 2013 NCAA Championship on pommel horse. The Austin, Texas, native scored a 15.450 to become only the second gymnast in program history to win a national title on pommel. In addition to Newburger, Sharipov coached Danny Steiner and Treleven to All-America honors on floor exercise and vault, respectively, at the 2013 NCAA Individual Event Finals.

Ohio State placed fourth overall at the 2013 Big Ten Championships, one place higher than the previous season. Under Sharipov's guidance, Steiner placed second overall on floor exercise, earning Second Team All-Big Ten honors for his performance.

Sharipov led the Buckeyes to a record-setting season in 2012, as five members of the team (Ty Echard, Misha Koudinov, Kris Done, Newburger and Steiner) earned All-America status at the 2012 NCAA Individual Event Finals, tying the season program record with the 1993 and 2002 campaigns, respectively.

Sharipov coached Echard, a 2012 Nissen-Emerly Award finalist, to a share of the Big Ten pommel horse title and subsequent First Team All-Big Ten honors. He also guided Koudinov to a third-place tie on floor exercise and a second-place finish on parallel bars at the Big Ten championships.

A native of Kharkov, Ukraine, Sharipov was named 2006 National Co-Assistant Coach of the Year, helping the Sooners claim the NCAA championship that year. In 2008, Sharipov helped guide the team to a second national title and was named co-assistant coach of the year for the second time in his career. In 2011, he was named the CGA West Region assistant coach of the year, leading the Sooners to an NCAA runner-up finish in the team finals.

After retiring from competitive gymnastics in 2000, Sharipov moved to the United States and began his coaching career at the Bart Conner Gymnastics Academy in Norman, Okla. After one year, Sharipov accepted a coaching position at the Houston Gymnastics Academy where he worked with some of the top gymnasts in the nation, including U.S. national team members Sean Townsend and Todd Thornton. In 2004, he was the head coach for the U.S. team that won the gold medal at the Junior Pacific Alliance Competition and in 2002 was the coach of the U.S. team that took gold at the Junior Pan American Games.

As a gymnast, Sharipov began his competitive career as the Soviet junior national champion in 1989 before bringing home the all-around championship at the 1990 U.S. Olympic Cup. Sharipov helped the Unified Team to an Olympic gold medal at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. He put on a show at the 1992 European Championships, winning high bar and taking second on parallel bars. Sharipov also took first on parallel bars at the CIS championships and the DTB Cup, and added a high bar championship at the Tokyo Cup.

In 1993 Sharipov continued his success, taking first in the all-around at both the Nikon International and the International Championships of Romania, along with a third-place finish in the event at the European Cup. At the 1994 World Championships, Sharipov was a member of the third-place team and was the runner-up on parallel bars.

In 1995, after winning championships on parallel bars at the French International and the Cottbus International along with an all-around title at the International Championships of Romania, Sharipov had an impressive showing at the European Cup, winning gold on high bar and parallel bars. He followed that up in 1996 with perhaps the best year of his career, taking first on parallel bars at the European championships before adding a gold medal on the same apparatus at the World championships.

The crowning moment of Sharipov's athletic career came at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, where he won the gold medal on parallel bars and was a member of the bronze-medal Ukrainian team.

A 1997 graduate of Kharkov State in Ukraine, Sharipov was awarded the title of Master of Sport in 1992. The honor represents the highest athletic level one can reach in the former Soviet Union.

Sharipov and his wife, Amber, have four daughters: Ksenia, Maya, Isabella, and Lilia; and one son, Raistlin.



### Sharipov By the Numbers at Ohio State

10 All-Americans (18 All-America awards)

4 Big Ten champions (5 event titles)

1 national champion (Michael Newburger, pommel horse - 2013)

### Coaching Experience

2011-Present - Head Coach, The Ohio State University

2005-2011 - Assistant Coach, University of Oklahoma

2001-05 - Houston Gymnastics Academy

2000-01 - Bart Conner Gymnastics

### Coaching Accomplishments

2014 - CGA Central Region coach of the year

2011 - Pan American Games coach (coached former Buckeye Brandon Wynn to gold medal on rings)

2010 - World championships personal coach

2010 - Head Coach, gold-medal U.S. Pan American team

2008 - National co-assistant coach of the year (Oklahoma)

2006 - National co-assistant coach of the year (Oklahoma)

2004 - Head Coach, gold-medal Jr. Pacific Alliance team

2002 - Head Coach, gold-medal Jr. Pan American team

1992 - "Master of Sport," Soviet Union

### Gymnastics Accomplishments

1996 - Gold Medalist on parallel bars, Atlanta Olympic Games

1996 - Team bronze medal (Ukraine), Atlanta Olympic Games

1996 - Parallel Bars champion, World championships

1996 - Parallel Bars champion, European championships

1995 - High bar gold medalist, European Cup

1995 - Parallel bars co-gold medalist, European Cup

1995 - Fifth in all-around, European Cup

1995 - All-Around champion, Championships of Romania

1995 - Parallel bars champion, Cottbus International

1995 - Parallel bars champion, French International

1994 - Parallel bars runner-up, World championships

1994 - Third-place team, World championships

1994 - Parallel bars co-champion, European championships

1994 - All-Around and still rings champion, Chunichi Cup

1993 - Third place in all-around, European Cup

1993 - All-Around, still rings, parallel bars, high bar champion at Championships of Romania

1993 - First-place team at Diet Coke Mixed Duos

1993 - All-Around and parallel bars champion, Nikon International

1992 - Olympic gold medal team (Unified Team)

1992 - High bar champion, European championships

1992 - Parallel bars runner-up, European championships

1992 - Parallel bars champion, CIS championships

1992 - Parallel bars champion, DTB Cup

1992 - High bar champion, Tokyo Cup

1991 - Alternate, Soviet Union world-championship team

1990 - All-around champion, U.S. Olympic Cup

1989 - National champion, Soviet junior championships



## CASIMIRO SUAREZ

### ASSISTANT COACH

HAVANA, CUBA  
FIFTH SEASON

**Casimiro Suarez** was named assistant coach of the Ohio State men's gymnastics team in the summer of 2011 and is in his fifth season with the Buckeyes.

Suarez, a native of Havana, Cuba, came to Ohio State after coaching at Orlando Metro Gymnastics in Florida from 2002-2011. A U.S. Junior National Team coach since 2004, he was named the Junior Olympic coach of the year in 2010. Suarez served as the Cuban women's national team coach from 1991-1994, was the Brazilian women's national team coach from 1995-1998, and also spent three seasons at Oklahoma as an assistant coach for the women's team from 1998-2000. Suarez coached former Buckeye Tai Lee to many prestigious awards, including the state and regional eight champion and a 10.0 honor awarded to the region's outstanding high school senior in academics and gymnastics.

As a gymnast, Suarez was a member of the Cuban National Team for 16 years and won nine all-around national titles. He competed in the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow, finishing sixth on high bar. Suarez also participated in the World championships seven times.

Suarez has a degree from the School of Superior Physical Education in Havana, Cuba, and brings 20 years of coaching experience to Columbus.

#### Coaching Accomplishments

- Has 20 years of coaching experience at the junior, collegiate and international levels
- U.S. junior national team coach since 2004
- 2010 Junior Olympic Coach of the Year
- Coach at Orlando Metro Gymnastics, 2002-2011
- Head Coach - Cuba women's national team, 1991- 1994
- Head Coach - Brazil women's national team, 1995-1998
- Assistant Coach - University of Oklahoma women's team, 1998-2000
- First coach to claim team championships at both the junior and senior levels at Pan American Games with Brazil national team (1996-junior; 1997-senior)
- Assistant Coach, 2014 Senior Pan American Championships (with Sean Melton)
- Coached Olympic qualifier Soraya Carvalho in 1996

#### Gymnastics Accomplishments

- Member of the 1980 Cuban National Team at the Olympics Games in Moscow, placing sixth on high bar
- Spent 16 years as a member of the Cuban National Team
- Nine-time all-around national champion (1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987)
- Competed in seven World championships
- Two-time all-around champion at Pan-American Games (1979 and 1983)
- Claimed team gold medal with Cuban national team at 1991 Pan-American Games, placing second on vault
- Claimed first place on high bar at 1986 World Cup
- Notched a perfect 10.0 on high bar at the 1981 World Championships in Moscow
- Competed in three World University Games championships (1981, 1983 and 1985)
- Two-time record in all sport competitions in all competing athletes with 19 medals (13 gold, five silver and one bronze)
- Posted six gold medals and one bronze medal in a 1983 competition
- Selected as a Top 10 Athlete in Latin America in both 1979 and 1983
- Holds the all-time record new elements in gymnastics code 5 known as "Suarez" (five on high bar and three parallel bars elements; currently has two on high bar and three on parallel bars)



## BOB GAUTHIER

### ASSISTANT COACH

LINDON, UTAH  
FIFTH SEASON

**Bob Gauthier** was named assistant coach of the Ohio State men's gymnastics team in the fall of 2011 and is in his fifth season with the Buckeyes.

Gauthier, a native of Lindon, Utah, arrived at Ohio State after spending more than 20 years as a men's head coach for all ages and levels at various local gyms. As coach of Arete Gymnastics, Gauthier coached four gymnasts who were on the junior national development team, including a two-time pommel horse national champion.

An All-American and team captain at BYU, Gauthier was an assistant coach and team recruiter for the Cougars from 1985 to 1990 and a judge at NCAA collegiate sanctioned events for 11 years (1985-1996). Gauthier was also member of the USA Gymnastics team from 1985 to 1988.

A graduate of BYU in 1990 with a degree in physical education and health promotion, Gauthier was named Utah coach of the year in 2009 and 2011.

