



OHIO STATE ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

Fawcett Center, 6th Floor | 2400 Olentangy River Rd. | Columbus, Ohio 43210

2015 SCHEDULE

Jan.	9	at Pittsburgh	W, 194.675-190.825
	17	No. 5 Michigan, WVU	2nd/3, 195.025
	24	Iowa	W, 196.200-195.225
	31	at Minnesota	L, 196.325-194.550
Feb.	6	at Bowling Green	W, 195.650-195.200
	8	Rutgers	W, 194.875-193.800
	14	at No. 11 Penn State	4 p.m.
	20	Boise State	7 p.m.
	28	SEMO	4 p.m.
March	7	at Denver	6 p.m.
	14	Big Ten Quad\$	TBA
	21	Big Ten Championships#	TBA
April	4	NCAA Regionals!	TBA
	18	NCAA Championships@	TBA

All times Eastern

\$ Lincoln, Neb.; # Ann Arbor, Mich.;
! Columbus, Ohio; @ Fort Worth, Texas

No. 24 Ohio State Travels to No. 11 Penn State for Saturday Afternoon Dual

Buckeyes defeated Bowling Green and Rutgers last weekend

COLUMBUS, Ohio - The No. 24 Ohio State women's gymnastics team travels to No. 11 Penn State for a 4 p.m. meet Saturday.

Live video and results can be found on the women's gymnastics schedule page at OhioStateBuckeyes.com or fans can follow Twitter.com/OhioState_WGYM for updates.

LAST TIME OUT

Ohio State won at Bowling Green and at home against Rutgers last weekend. The Buckeyes topped the Falcons, 195.650-195.200, Friday night before defeating the Scarlet Knights, 194.875-193.800, Sunday afternoon.

Alexis Mattern won the floor exercise title with a career-best 9.925 Friday night before winning the all-around title Sunday with a career-high 39.125.

IN THE RANKINGS

Ohio State is one of six Big Ten teams ranked in the 2015 GymInfo Coaches' poll. No. 5 Michigan leads the conference, followed by No. 7 Nebraska, No. 11 Penn State, No. 15 Illinois, No. 22 Minnesota and No. 24 Ohio State.

As a team, Ohio State sits 14th on floor exercise, 20th on balance beam and 24 on vault.



Alexis Mattern

BIG PRESEASON POLL

Ohio State was selected fourth in the Big Ten Preseason Coaches' Poll, the conference office announced Dec. 11. In addition, sophomore Tenille Funches and freshman Taylor Harrison were named gymnasts to watch in the conference.

The Buckeyes were picked behind Michigan, Nebraska and Illinois while Minnesota rounds out the top five teams in the conference.

ABRAMS NAMED TEAM CAPTAIN

Junior Rachel Abrams has been selected captain of the Buckeyes for the 2015 season. The Kingwood, Texas, native competed in all 13 meets as a freshman in 2013 before suffering a season-ending injury in her first meet last year. Abrams is a two-time NACGC/W Scholastic All-American was named Academic All-Big Ten as a sophomore last year.

OHIO STATE SIGNS A PAIR FOR 2016

Ohio State head coach Carey Fagan announced the signing of two gymnasts to National Letters of Intent during the November early signing period. Casey Carvalho (Georgetown, Ontario) and Jamie Stone (Chesapeake, Va.) have signed NLIs with Ohio State for the 2016 season.

UP NEXT

The Buckeyes host Boise State at 7 p.m. Feb. 20.

This Week in Ohio State Women's Gymnastics

Meet 7 at No. 11 Penn State
Sat., Feb. 14 - 7 p.m.

VIDEO

OhioStateBuckeyes.com

LIVE RESULTS

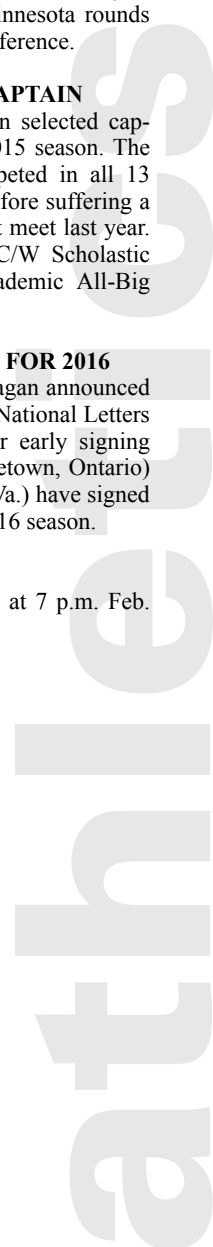
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UNIVERSITY FACTS

LocationColumbus, Ohio (pop. 1.7m)
 Founded1870
 Enrollment63,058
 Nickname Buckeyes
 Colors Scarlet (PMS 200) and Gray (PMS 429)
 Mascot Brutus Buckeye
 President Dr. Michael V. Drake
 Director of Athletics Eugene Smith
 Faculty Representative John Bruno
 Conference Big Ten (1913)

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS HISTORY

First Year1970
 All-Time Record 355-241-5 (.606)
 National Championship Appearances9
 AIAW (1981-82);
 (NCAA 1983-85-86-87-89-90-12)
 NCAA Regional Appearances.....36
 All-America Honors8
 Academic All-America Selections65
 Big Ten Championships5 (1983-84-85-86-87)
 Big Ten Individual Champions14
 All-Big Ten Selections70
 Academic All-Big Ten Selections135
 Big Ten Weekly Award Selections23
 Facility Steelwood Athletic Training Facility
 Meet Facility/Capacity St. John Arena/13,276

TEAM FACTS

Head CoachCarey Fagan, 11th season
 Alma Mater, Year Penn State '98
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 Record at Ohio State (Yrs.) 69-67-2 (11)
 Career Record (Yrs.) 69-67-2 (11)
 Assistant Taylor Jones, first season
 Alma Mater Ohio State, '12
 Assistant.....Randy Monahan, first season
 Alma Mater Ohio State, '05
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost8/4
 2014 Big Ten Championship finish6th

2015 ROSTER

NAME	POS.	YR.	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
Rachel Abrams	All-Around	Jr.	Kingwood, Texas (Kingwood)
Michelle Burns	All-Around	So.	St. Louis, Mo. (Cor Jesu Academy)
Maggie Dunn	All-Around	Jr.	Attleboro, Mass. (Bishop Feehan)
Megan Feltham	All-Around	Fr.	Lewisburg, Pa. (Allentown Central Catholic)
Tenille Funches	All-Around	So.	Chicago, Ill. (King College Prep)
Sarah Grady	All-Around	Sr.	The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands)
Taylor Harrison	All-Around	Fr.	Suffolk, Va. (Tabb)
Kaitlyn Hofland	All-Around	Fr.	Brampton, Ontario (Christ the King)
Samantha Kent	All-Around	Jr.	Millville, Mass. (Blackstone Millville)
Erin Malone	All-Around	So.	Southington, Conn. (Southington)
Alexis Mattern	All-Around	Fr.	Harrisburg, Pa. (Bishop McDevitt)
Stefanie Merkle	All-Around	Fr.	Petersburg, Ontario (KCI)
Jaine VanPutten	All-Around	So.	Piscataway, N.J. (Piscataway)

Coaches

Carey Fagan - Head Coach (11th season)
 Taylor Jones - Assistant Coach
 Randy Monahan - Assistant Coach

2015 OHIO STATE BUCKEYES



Rachel Abrams
Junior
Kingwood, Texas



Michelle Burns
Sophomore
St. Louis, Mo.



Maggie Dunn
Junior
Attleboro, Mass.



Megan Feltham
Freshman
Lewisburg, Pa.



Tenille Funches
Sophomore
Chicago, Ill.



Sarah Grady
Senior
The Woodlands, Texas



Taylor Harrison
Freshman
Suffolk, Va.



Kaitlyn Hofland
Freshman
Brampton, Ontario



Samantha Kent
Junior
Millville, Mass.



Erin Malone
Sophomore
Southington, Conn.



Alexis Mattern
Freshman
Harrisburg, Pa.



Stefanie Merkle
Freshman
Petersburg, Ontario



Jaine VanPutten
Sophomore
Piscataway, N.J.

CAREY FAGAN HEAD COACH



Hometown: North Canton, Ohio
High School: Hoover
Alma Mater: Penn State, 1998 (B.A. in media studies and speech communications)

Family: Husband, Ryan, and son, Brady

Coaching Awards: 2012 National Coach of the Year, 2007 and 2011 Big Ten Coach of the Year, 2009 and 2012 Central Region Coach of the Year

Gymnastics Career: While at Penn State, Fagan was a three-year letterwinner, serving as captain her senior year in 1998. During her collegiate career, the Nittany Lions were consistently ranked in the Top 10. She was the recipient of the "Penn State Pride" award in 1996 and 1998 for outstanding team leadership and also was a member of the "Spirit of the Lion" Academic/Athletic Honor Society in 1998 for excellence in the classroom and in the gym.

Away from Gymnastics: Carey enjoys running, shopping, spending time with her family and playing with their dog, Eddie.

The Ohio State women's gymnastics program continues to climb up the rankings under the leadership of Carey Fagan. Entering her 11th season at the helm in 2015, Fagan has produced five of the eight All-Americans in the program's history, and led the Buckeyes to the NCAA National Championships for the first time in 23 years in 2012.

With Fagan as an assistant coach in 2003-04, the Buckeyes finished with an average team score that ranked No. 42 in the nation. In 2004-05, her first season as head coach, that ranking rose to No. 38, then the Buckeyes upped their position to No. 27 and qualified for the NCAA regional championships in 2006. Fagan earned her first Big Ten Coach of the Year award in 2007 and led the Buckeyes into the Top 20 at No. 19 before tying for 18th in 2008. The 2009 squad continued the growing trend, posting four team totals that ranked in the Top 10 all-time Ohio State scores, including the fourth-best mark. Rebecca Best became the sixth Buckeye All-American and Taylor Jones was named Big Ten Rookie of the Year, the second in OSU history. With a 195.735 regional qualifying score, the Buckeyes finished ranked in the nation's Top 15 - a feat unmatched by an Ohio State squad in over a decade. For her team's success, Fagan was recognized as the 2009 Central Region Coach of the Year, her first career regional coaching laurel.

In 2011, Fagan picked up her second Big Ten Coach of the Year honor and guided the Buckeyes to their sixth-consecutive NCAA regional appearance, missing the NCAA Championships by one-tenth of a point. Fagan helped guide Sarah Miller to 2011 Big Ten Freshman of the Year laurels and first team All-Big Ten honors along with Colleen Dean.

The 2012 season saw Fagan named the first NACGC/W National Coach of the Year in program history after guiding the Buckeyes to a 10th-place NCAA finish. Under Fagan's direction, Sarah Miller and Colleen Dean were named second team All-Americans and Miller garnered first team All-Big Ten honors for the second-consecutive season. The Buckeyes set a program-record team score 197.625 in a dual meet win against Denver as 14 individual career highs were set. In addition, Ohio State almost knocked off perennial power and No. 2 Oklahoma on Senior Day in Columbus, falling 196.825-196.700.

In 2013, Ohio State notched a fourth-place finish at NCAA Regionals and saw Miller earn first team All-Big Ten honors and Aly Marohn and Melanie Shaffer garner second team laurels. Miller and Marohn each tied for the Big Ten Championship on balance beam and Miller and Shaffer went on to compete at the NCAA Championships in Los Angeles, Calif.

Last season, Fagan's 12th year overall in Columbus - the first two as an assistant coach and now 10 as head coach Ohio State finished fourth at the NCAA Athens Regional. Miller and Shaffer were named first team All-Big Ten while Victoria Aepli was a second team All-Big Ten pick.

"My coaching philosophy has always been to train the individual, not the team," Fagan said. "I believe each athlete has individual needs and my role as a coach is to figure out what each person needs to be successful and to implement workouts and training techniques to help each team member reach her full potential. In the sport of gymnastics, self confidence is critical for successful performance. I really focus on building confidence in my student-athletes so that when it comes time to perform, they know they are ready to compete."

At Ohio State, Fagan has coached two student-athletes to back-to-back All-America honors. In 2009, Rebecca Best received the national laurel on floor as a sophomore after traveling to the NCAA championships as an alternate her first season. In 2008, Kaylan Clevinger (2006-08) earned All-America honors on the uneven bars, becoming the first Buckeye to earn the accolade since 1999. Clevinger made two national appearances on bars (2007 and 2008) and earned All-Big Ten honors in the same years.

A 1994 graduate of Hoover High School in North Canton, Ohio, Fagan graduated from Penn State in 1998 with a Bachelor of Arts in speech communication and a Bachelor of Arts in media studies and also was a full-scholarship gymnast at Penn State. The Nittany Lions won the NCAA Northeast Regional championship all four years of Fagan's career (1995-98) and also qualified each year to the NCAA national championships.

While at Penn State, Fagan was a three-year letterwinner, serving as captain her senior year in 1998. She was only able to compete for three seasons of her eligibility at Penn State because of a severe leg fracture at the end of her sophomore season. Fagan returned to competition during her senior year after undergoing three surgeries and was able to compete on the uneven bars, helping the team to a Top 10 finish at the NCAA national championships in 1998.

Fagan was the recipient of the "Penn State Pride" award in 1996 and 1998 for outstanding team leadership and also was a member of the "Spirit of the Lion" Academic/Athletic Honor Society in 1998 for excellence in the classroom and in the gym. Additionally, Fagan was honored by the University with the establishment of the "Carey Hoyt Perseverance Award," which is given to athletes who overcome injuries and obstacles to return to competition and contribute to the team's success.

Prior to attending Penn State, Fagan competed at the senior elite level at the Parkette National Training Center. She also was a member of the Junior Olympic National Team and a member of the Region 5 National Team in 1994.

Fagan came to Ohio State in 2001 to join the OSU coaching staff as an assistant coach under the direction of Larry Cox. When Cox stepped down following the 2003-04 season, it was Fagan who was handed the reigns of the Ohio State program. Fagan began her coaching career as an undergraduate assistant at Penn State. After graduation from Penn State in 1998, Fagan landed a corporate marketing job in Albuquerque, N.M., with a large commercial real estate firm. In addition to this position, Fagan also coached gymnastics part-time in the evenings.

Fagan resides in Dublin with her husband, Ryan, and 12-year-old son, Brady.

2015 SEASON, CAREER HIGHS

Gymnast	Vault		Bars		Beam		Floor		All-Around	
	2015	Career	2015	Career	2015	Career	2015	Career	2015	Career
Rachel Abrams	-	9.750	9.875	9.875	-	-	-	9.675	-	-
Michelle Burns	9.850	9.850	-	-	9.675	9.700	9.825	9.825	-	-
Maggie Dunn	-	9.775	9.625	9.825	9.775	9.825	9.675	9.800	-	-
Tenille Funches	9.875	9.900	9.775	9.875	9.875	9.875	9.850	9.850	39.150	39.275
Sarah Grady	9.800	9.900	9.800	9.825	9.800	9.800	-	-	-	-
Taylor Harrison	9.850	9.850	-	-	9.825	9.825	9.850	9.850	-	-
Samantha Kent	-	-	9.850	9.850	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erin Malone	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.800	9.800	-	-
Alexis Mattern	9.850	9.850	9.775	9.775	9.800	9.800	9.925	9.925	39.125	39.125
Stefanie Merkle	9.850	9.850	-	-	9.800	9.800	9.925	9.925	-	-
Jaine VanPutten	9.800	9.800	9.750	9.775	-	-	9.750	9.750	-	-

Date	OSU Rank	Opponent (Rank)	OSU Score	Opp. Score	Site	Overall	Big Ten
Jan. 9	18	Pittsburgh	194.675	190.825	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1-0	0-0
Jan. 17	15(t)	No. 5 Michigan, West Virginia	195.025	196.975, 194.175	Columbus, Ohio	2-1	0-1
Jan. 24	20	Iowa	196.200	195.225	Columbus, Ohio	3-1	1-1
Jan. 31	16	Minnesota	194.550	196.325	Minneapolis, Minn.	3-2	1-2
Feb. 6	22	Bowling Green	195.650	195.200	Bowling Green, Ohio	4-2	1-2
Feb. 8	22	Rutgers	194.875	193.800	Columbus, Ohio	5-2	2-2

2015 INDIVIDUAL BESTS

Event	Individual	Score	Date	Location
V	Funches	9.875	1/24/15	Columbus, Ohio
	Funches	9.875	2/8/15	Columbus, Ohio
UB	Abrams	9.875	1/24/15	Columbus, Ohio
BB	Funches	9.875	2/6/15	Bowling Green, Ohio
FX	Merkle	9.925	1/24/15	Columbus, Ohio
	Mattern	9.925	2/6/15	Bowling Green, Ohio
AA	Funches	39.150	2/6/15	Bowling Green, Ohio

2015 TEAM BESTS

Event	Score	Date	Location
V	49.100	1/24/15	Columbus, Ohio
UB	48.900	1/24/15	Columbus, Ohio
BB	49.050	1/24/15	Columbus, Ohio
FX	49.200	2/6/15	Bowling Green, Ohio
TEAM	196.200	1/24/15	Columbus, Ohio

Bold score indicates team best; (#) indicates Top 3 finish

No. 18 Ohio State at Pittsburgh - W, 194.675-190.825

Jan. 9, 2015 - Pittsburgh, Pa.

Name	V	UB	B	F	AA
Abrams	-	9.675	-	-	-
Burns	-	-	9.025	9.725	-
Dunn	-	9.625	9.775 (t-2)	9.675	-
Funches	9.800 (t-3)	8.875	9.725	9.750 (3)	38.150 (1)
Grady	9.800 (t-3)	9.600	-	-	-
Harrison	9.775	-	9.775 (t-2)	9.550	-
Kent	-	9.700 (3)	-	-	-
Mattern	9.850 (1)	-	9.650	9.875 (1)	-
Merkle	9.750	-	9.725	9.700	-
VanPutten	9.800 (t-3)	9.675	-	-	-
Team	49.025 (1)	48.275 (1)	48.650 (1)	48.725 (1)	194.675 (1)

No. 15(t) Ohio State vs. No. 5 Michigan, West Virginia - 2nd/3, 195.025

Jan. 17, 2015 - Columbus, Ohio

Name	V	UB	B	F	AA
Abrams	-	9.800	-	-	-
Burns	9.850 (t-3)	-	9.200	9.525	-
Funches	9.850 (t-3)	9.800	9.750	9.650	39.050
Grady	9.725	9.725	9.725	-	-
Harrison	9.775	-	9.775	9.700	-
Kent	-	9.750	-	-	-
Mattern	9.650	9.775	9.750	9.775	38.950
Merkle	9.700	-	9.700	9.850 (t-2)	-
VanPutten	-	9.700	-	9.600	-
Team	48.900 (3)	48.850 (2)	48.700 (3)	48.575 (2)	195.025 (2)

No. 20 Ohio State vs. Iowa - W, 196.200-195.225

Jan. 24, 2015 - Columbus, Ohio

Name	V	UB	B	F	AA
Abrams	-	9.875 (3)	-	-	-
Burns	9.725	-	9.675	9.825	-
Funches	9.875 (t-1)	9.100	9.825 (t-2)	9.800	38.600 (2)
Grady	9.775	9.750	9.800	-	-
Harrison	9.850 (t-3)	-	9.825 (t-2)	9.850 (t-2)	-
Kent	-	9.850	-	-	-
Malone	-	-	-	9.725	-
Mattern	-	9.675	9.800	-	-
Merkle	9.800	-	9.800	9.925 (1)	-
VanPutten	9.800	9.750	-	9.750	-
Team	49.100 (1)	48.900 (2)	49.050 (1)	49.150 (1)	196.200 (1)

No. 16 Ohio State at Minnesota - L, 196.325-194.440

Jan. 31, 2015 - Minneapolis, Minn.

Name	V	UB	B	F	AA
Abrams	-	9.650	-	-	-
Burns	-	-	9.675	9.325	-
Funches	9.825 (t-2)	9.600	9.800	9.775	39.000 (3)
Grady	9.675	9.675	9.725	-	-
Harrison	9.825 (t-2)	-	9.775	9.800	-
Kent	-	9.275	-	-	-
Malone	-	-	-	9.775	-
Mattern	9.600	9.725	9.175	9.825 (t-3)	38.325
Merkle	9.750	-	9.675	9.825 (t-3)	-
VanPutten	9.625	9.550	-	-	-
Team	49.100 (2)	48.900 (2)	48.650 (2)	49.000 (2)	194.550 (2)

No. 22 Ohio State at Bowling Green - W, 195.650-195.200

Feb. 6, 2015 - Bowling Green, Ohio

Name	V	UB	B	F	AA
Abrams	-	9.775 (t-3)	-	-	-
Burns	-	-	9.650	9.800	-
Funches	9.725	9.775 (t-3)	9.875 (1)	9.775	39.150 (2)
Grady	9.700	9.775 (t-3)	9.800	-	-
Harrison	9.850 (t-1)	-	9.800	9.850	-
Kent	-	8.150	-	-	-
Malone	-	-	-	9.800	-
Mattern	9.750	9.700	9.700	9.925 (1)	39.075 (3)
Merkle	9.850 (t-1)	-	9.725	9.825	-
VanPutten	9.750	9.600	-	-	-
Team	48.925 (1)	48.625 (1)	48.900 (1)	49.200 (1)	195.650 (1)

No. 22 Ohio State vs. Rutgers - W, 194.875-193.800

Feb. 8, 2015 - Columbus, Ohio

Name	V	UB	B	F	AA
Abrams	-	9.825 (1)	-	-	-
Burns	-	-	9.525	9.725	-
Funches	9.875 (1)	9.725	9.300	9.850 (3)	38.750 (2)
Grady	9.675	9.800 (2)	9.750 (3)	-	-
Harrison	9.800 (3)	-	9.300	9.775	-
Kent	-	9.750	-	-	-
Malone	-	-	-	9.750	-
Mattern	9.775	9.750	9.725	9.875 (t-1)	39.125 (1)
Merkle	9.600	-	9.725	9.875 (t-1)	-
VanPutten	9.750	9.675	-	-	-
Team	48.875 (1)	48.850 (1)	48.025 (1)	49.125 (1)	194.875 (1)