



OHIO STATE ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

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2016 SCHEDULE

Jan.	9	at Washington	W, 194.275-193.725
	16	at No. 1(t) Michigan	L, 196.950-195.275
	23	at Iowa	L, 196.375-195.025
	30	No. 18 Minnesota	L, 196.075-194.900
Feb.	6	at Rutgers w/Yale	1st/3, 196.350
	13	Penn State	4 p.m.
	19	at Boise State	9 p.m.
	27	Pittsburgh, Eastern Mich.	4 p.m.
March	6	at WVU w/Bowling Green	2 p.m.
	12	Big Ten Five-Team	4 p.m.
	19	Big Ten Championships#	TBA
April	2	NCAA Regionals\$	TBA
	15	NCAA Championships@	TBA

All times Eastern

Lincoln, Neb.; \$ TBA; @ Fort Worth, Texas

No. 23 Ohio State Welcomes Penn State in Saturday Co-Ed Meet

Buckeyes posted season-high 196.350 to win tri-meet at Rutgers last Saturday

COLUMBUS, Ohio - The Ohio State women's gymnastics team hosts Penn State in a co-ed meet at 4 p.m. Saturday in St. John Arena. The Ohio State men's gymnastics team also takes on the Nittany Lions.

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

The Buckeyes earned a season-high 196.350 in a tri-meet win at Rutgers with Yale Saturday afternoon at the Rutgers Athletic Center.

Kaitlyn Hofland posted career highs on vault, bars and beam in the Buckeyes' tri-meet win. The freshman tied for third on vault with a 9.800, tied for first on bars at 9.875 and won balance beam with a 9.925. In addition, Taylor Harrison won the all-around title with a 39.175.

A LOOK AT 2016

The Buckeyes return 10 letterwinners off the 2015 NCAA Regional squad and welcome five newcomers to go along with redshirt freshman Kaitlyn Hofland, who missed all of last season with an injury.



IN THE RANKINGS

Ohio State sits at No. 23 in the Road to Nationals rankings this week. No. 3 Michigan leads the conference, followed by No. 14 Nebraska, No. 18 Minnesota and No. 20 Illinois.

The Buckeyes also square off with No. 10 Boise State Feb. 19 in Boise.

As a team, Ohio State ranks 20th nationally on vault and 23rd on uneven bars.

BIG PRESEASON POLL

Ohio State was selected fifth in the Big Ten Pre-season Coaches' Poll, the conference office announced Dec. 10. In addition, sophomore Taylor Harrison and redshirt freshman Kaitlyn Hofland were named gymnasts to watch in the conference.

The Buckeyes were picked behind Michigan, Nebraska, Illinois and Penn State.

TICKETS

Season tickets, on sale now, include a ticket to each of the four home meets and are just \$26 for adults and \$16 for youth. Single-meet tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for youth.

For more information about the benefits of purchasing season tickets, or to purchase season tickets, contact the Athletic Ticket Sales Team by phone at 1-800-GOBUCKS (select option 2) or by e-mail at AthleticSales@osu.edu to speak with an account executive.

For more information on Ohio State women's gymnastics tickets, visit <http://www.ohiostate-buckeyes.com/tickets/w-gym-information.html>.

UP NEXT

The Buckeyes travel to nationally-ranked Boise State for a 9 p.m. ET meet Feb. 19.

This Week in Ohio State Women's Gymnastics

Meet 6 vs. Penn State
Sat., Feb. 13 - 4 p.m.

VIDEO
OhioStateBuckeyes.com

LIVE RESULTS
OhioStateBuckeyes.com

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UNIVERSITY FACTS

Location.....Columbus, Ohio (pop. 1.5m)
Founded.....1870
Enrollment.....51,818 (Columbus campus)
.....59,091 (all campuses)
Nickname.....Buckeyes
Colors.....Scarlet (PMS 200) and Gray (PMS 429)
Mascot.....Brutus Buckeye
Director of Athletics.....Eugene Smith
President.....Dr. Michael Drake
Faculty Representative.....John Bruno
Conference.....Big Ten (1913)

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS HISTORY

First Year.....1970
All-Time Record.....361-249-6 (.606)
National Championship Appearances.....9
.....AIAW (1981-82);
.....(NCAA 1983-85-86-87-89-90-12)
NCAA Regional Appearances.....37
All-America Honors.....8
Academic All-America Selections.....65
Big Ten Championships.....5 (1983-84-85-86-87)
Big Ten Individual Champions.....14
All-Big Ten Selections.....71
Academic All-Big Ten Selections.....142
Big Ten Weekly Award Selections.....23
Facility.....Steelwood Athletic Training Facility
Meet Facility/Capacity.....St. John Arena/13,276

TEAM FACTS

Head Coach.....Carey Fagan, 12th season
Alma Mater, Year.....Penn State '98
Gymnastics Office Phone Number.....614-292-9429
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Record at Ohio State (Yrs.).....75-75-3 (11)
Career Record (Yrs.).....75-75-3 (11)
Assistant.....Taylor Jones, second season
Alma Mater.....Ohio State, '12
Assistant.....Randy Monahan, second season
Alma Mater.....Ohio State, '05
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....10/1
2014 Big Ten Championship finish.....9th

2016 ROSTER

NAME	POS.	YR.	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
Rachel Abrams	All-Around	Sr.	Kingwood, Texas (Kingwood)
Michelle Burns	All-Around	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Cor Jesu Academy)
Casey Carvalho	All-Around	Fr.	Georgetown, Ontario (Georgetown District)
Maggie Dunn	All-Around	Sr.	North Attleboro, Mass. (Bishop Feehan)
Tenille Funches	All-Around	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. (King College Prep)
Taylor Harrison	All-Around	So.	Suffolk, Va. (Tabb)
Kaitlyn Hofland	All-Around	R-Fr.	Brampton, Ontario (Christ the King)
Samantha Kent	All-Around	Sr.	Millville, Mass. (Blackstone Millville)
Erin Malone	All-Around	Jr.	Southington, Conn. (Southington)
Alexis Mattern	All-Around	So.	Harrisburg, Pa. (Bishop McDevitt)
Janelle McClelland	All-Around	Fr.	Bidwell, Ohio (River Valley)
Stefanie Merkle	All-Around	So.	Petersburg, Ontario (KCI)
Addyson Ruby	All-Around	Fr.	Overland Park, Kan. (Olathe East)
Jamie Stone	All-Around	Fr.	Chesapeake, Va. (Western Branch)
Jennifer Taylor	All-Around	Fr.	Troy, Mo. (Buchanan)
Jaine VanPutten	All-Around	Jr.	Piscataway, N.J. (Piscataway)

Coaches

Carey Fagan - Head Coach (12th season)
Taylor Jones - Assistant Coach
Randy Monahan - Assistant Coach

2016 OHIO STATE BUCKEYES



Rachel Abrams
Senior
Kingwood, Texas



Michelle Burns
Junior
St. Louis, Mo.



Casey Carvalho
Freshman
Georgetown, Ontario



Maggie Dunn
Senior
North Attleboro, Mass.



Tenille Funches
Junior
Chicago, Ill.



Taylor Harrison
Sophomore
Suffolk, Va.



Kaitlyn Hofland
Redshirt Freshman
Brampton, Ontario



Samantha Kent
Senior
Millville, Mass.



Erin Malone
Junior
Southington, Conn.



Alexis Mattern
Sophomore
Harrisburg, Pa.



Janelle McClelland
Freshman
Bidwell, Ohio



Stefanie Merkle
Sophomore
Petersburg, Ontario



Addyson Ruby
Freshman
Overland Park, Kan.



Jamie Stone
Freshman
Chesapeake, Va.



Jennifer Taylor
Freshman
Troy, Mo.



Jaine VanPutten
Junior
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 12th 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.

The 2014 season was another success as 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.

Last season, Fagan's 13th year overall in Columbus - the first two as an assistant coach and now 11 as head coach, Ohio State once again advanced to an NCAA Regional as freshman Alexis Mattern garnered second team All-Big Ten honors and another freshman, Taylor Harrison, competed as an individual at the NCAA Championships after posting a fourth-place all-around finish at the NCAA Columbus Regional.

"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 13-year-old son, Brady.

2016 SEASON, CAREER HIGHS

	Vault		Bars		Beam		Floor		All-Around	
	2016	Career	2016	Career	2016	Career	2016	Career	2016	Career
Gymnast										
Rachel Abrams	-	9.750	9.825	9.875	-	-	9.750	9.750	-	-
Michelle Burns	-	9.850	-	-	-	9.800	-	9.825	-	-
Maggie Dunn	-	9.775	9.775	9.825	9.800	9.825	-	9.800	-	-
Tenille Funches	-	9.900	9.825	9.875	-	9.875	9.600	9.850	-	39.275
Taylor Harrison	9.800	9.900	9.800	9.800	9.900	9.900	9.850	9.850	39.175	39.300
Kaitlyn Hofland	9.800	9.800	9.875	9.875	9.925	9.925	-	-	-	-
Samantha Kent	-	-	9.850	9.850	9.850	9.850	-	-	-	-
Erin Malone	9.550	9.800	-	-	-	-	9.850	9.850	-	-
Alexis Mattern	9.850	9.875	9.800	9.800	9.825	9.825	9.900	9.925	39.225	39.225
Janelle McClelland	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.750	9.750	-	-
Stefanie Merkle	9.750	9.850	9.025	9.825	9.825	9.825	9.775	9.925	38.100	39.325
Jamie Stone	9.875	9.875	-	-	-	-	9.825	9.825	-	-
Jaine VanPutten	9.800	9.850	-	9.800	-	-	-	9.750	-	-

Date	OSU Rank	Opponent (Rank)	OSU Score	Opp. Score	Site	Overall	Big Ten
Jan. 9	22	Washington	194.275	193.725	Seattle, Wash.	1-0	0-0
Jan. 16	-	Michigan (No. t-1)	195.275	196.950	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1-1	0-1
Jan. 23	25	Iowa	195.025	196.375	Iowa City, Iowa	1-2	0-2
Jan. 30	-	Minnesota (No. 18)	194.900	196.075	Columbus, Ohio	1-3	0-3
Feb. 6	-	Rutgers, Yale	196.350	194.900, 190.300	Piscataway, N.J.	3-3	1-3

2016 INDIVIDUAL BESTS					2016 TEAM BESTS			
Event	Individual	Score	Date	Location	Event	Score	Date	Location
V	Stone	9.875	1/30/16	Columbus, Ohio	V	49.125	2/6/16	Piscataway, N.J.
	Stone	9.875	2/6/16	Piscataway, N.J.	UB	49.075	1/30/16	Columbus, Ohio
UB	Hofland	9.875	2/6/16	Piscataway, N.J.	BB	49.100	2/6/16	Piscataway, N.J.
BB	Hofland	9.925	2/6/16	Piscataway, N.J.	FX	49.075	2/6/16	Piscataway, N.J.
FX	Mattern	9.900	2/6/16	Piscataway, N.J.	TEAM	196.350	2/6/16	Piscataway, N.J.
AA	Mattern	39.225	1/23/16	Iowa City, Iowa				

Bold score indicates team best; (#) indicates Top 3 finish
No. 22 Ohio State at Washington - W, 194.275-193.725
Jan. 9, 2016 - Seattle, Wash.

Name	V	UB	B	F	AA
Abrams	-	9.750	-	9.725	-
Dunn	-	-	9.600	-	-
Harrison	-	9.500	9.825 (1)	9.775 (t-3)	-
Hofland	9.750 (t-2)	9.775	9.650	-	-
Kent	-	9.850 (t-1)	9.325	-	-
Malone	9.550	-	-	9.575	-
Mattern	9.850 (1)	9.750	9.750	9.775 (t-3)	39.125 (2)
McClelland	-	-	-	9.600	-
Merkle	9.725	9.025	9.775	9.575	38.100
Stone	9.275	-	-	-	-
VanPutten	9.725	-	-	-	-
Team	48.600 (1)	48.625 (1)	48.600 (1)	48.450 (2)	194.275 (1)

Ohio State at No. 1(t) Michigan - L, 196.950-195.275
Jan. 16, 2016 - Ann Arbor, Mich.

Name	V	UB	B	F	AA
Abrams	-	9.725	-	9.750	-
Dunn	-	9.625	9.775	-	-
Harrison	9.800	9.525	9.900 (2)	9.850 (t-3)	39.075 (3)
Hofland	9.700	9.700	9.825	-	-
Kent	-	9.725	9.775	-	-
Malone	-	-	-	8.925	-
Mattern	9.825 (t-3)	9.750	9.050	9.850 (t-3)	38.475
McClelland	-	-	-	9.625	-
Merkle	9.750	-	9.750	9.725	-
Stone	9.800	-	-	-	-
VanPutten	9.750	-	-	-	-
Team	48.925 (2)	48.525 (2)	49.025 (2)	48.800 (2)	195.275 (2)

Ohio State at Iowa - L, 196.375-195.025
Jan. 23, 2016 - Iowa City, Iowa

Name	V	UB	B	F	AA
Abrams	-	9.400	-	9.750	-
Dunn	-	9.625	9.150	-	-
Funches	-	9.750	-	-	-
Harrison	9.775	-	9.175	9.850 (t-2)	-
Hofland	9.750	9.850 (t-2)	9.725	-	-
Kent	-	9.800	9.850 (3)	-	-
Malone	-	-	-	9.850 (t-2)	-
Mattern	9.800	9.800	9.775	9.850 (t-2)	39.225 (3)
McClelland	-	-	-	9.750	-
Merkle	9.700	-	9.750	9.725	-
Stone	9.850 (t-1)	-	-	-	-
VanPutten	9.675	-	-	-	-
Team	48.875 (2)	48.825 (2)	48.275 (2)	49.050 (2)	195.025 (2)

Ohio State vs. No. 18 Minnesota - L, 196.075-194.900
Jan. 30, 2016 - Columbus, Ohio

Name	V	UB	B	F	AA
Abrams	-	9.825	-	9.725	-
Dunn	-	9.775	9.775	-	-
Funches	-	9.825	-	-	-
Harrison	9.625	-	9.900 (t-1)	9.850 (2)	-
Hofland	9.725	9.850 (t-3)	9.100	-	-
Kent	-	9.800	9.225	-	-
Malone	-	-	-	9.125	-
Mattern	9.750	8.250	9.700	9.775 (t-3)	37.475 (3)
McClelland	-	-	-	9.700	-
Merkle	9.400	-	9.750	9.775 (t-3)	-
Stone	9.875 (1)	-	-	-	-
VanPutten	9.675	-	-	-	-
Team	48.650 (2)	49.075 (2)	48.350 (2)	48.825 (1)	194.900 (2)

Ohio State at Rutgers w/Yale - 1st/3, 196.350

Feb. 6, 2016 - Piscataway, N.J.

Name	V	UB	B	F	AA
Abrams	-	9.525	-	-	-
Dunn	-	9.750	9.800	-	-
Funches	-	9.775	-	9.600	-
Harrison	9.800 (t-3)	9.800	9.725	9.850 (2)	39.175 (1)
Hofland	9.800 (t-3)	9.875 (t-1)	9.925 (1)	-	-
Kent	-	9.850 (3)	9.350	-	-
Malone	-	-	-	-	-
Mattern	9.850 (2)	-	9.825 (t-3)	9.900 (1)	-
McClelland	-	-	-	9.750	-
Merkle	9.750	-	9.825 (t-3)	9.750	-
Stone	9.875 (1)	-	-	9.825 (t-3)	-
VanPutten	9.800 (t-3)	-	-	-	-
Team	49.125 (1)	49.050 (1)	49.100 (1)	49.075 (1)	196.350 (1)