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Ohio State vs. Arizona

Ohio State will be facing the Wildcats for just the third time in history Saturday in Portland in the third round of the 2015 NCAA Tournament. Ohio State is 2-0 in the series. The Buckeyes defeated Arizona Dec. 29, 1971 in Los Angeles 90-47. The Buckeyes were ranked No. 6 nationally in that game, the first for OSU that year in the UCLAN Classic. The most recent game between the two schools was March 28, 2013, also in Los Angeles, in the 2013 NCAA West Regional Semifinals. The No. 7 ranked Buckeyes downed the No. 22 Wildcats 73-70.

Ohio State vs. the Pac 12

Ohio State is 38-36 all-time vs. teams representing the Pacific 12 Conference. The Buckeyes have faced every team except Colorado and have a 2-0 record vs. Arizona. The Wildcats are the last Pac 12 team to face the Buckeyes. Ohio State defeated Arizona 73-70 in the 2013 NCAA West Regional semifinals. That game was played in Los Angeles March 28, 2013.

OSU vs. The Pac 12

Arizona	2-0
Arizona State	2-1
California	9-9
Colorado	
Oregon	3-1
Oregon State	3-1
Southern California	4-3
Stanford	0-3
UCLA	4-5
Utah	2-2
Washington	4-8
Washington State	5-3
Totals	38-36

Last Time vs. Arizona

LaQuinton Ross hit a late 3-pointer to lift Ohio State to a 73-70 win over Arizona in the 2013 NCAA West Regional Semifinals in Los Angeles (March 28, 2013). Ross hit the tiebreaking 3-pointer with 2 seconds to play, and Ohio State advanced to the West Regional final. Ross, Ohio State's remarkable reserve, scored 14 of his 17 points in the second half for the second-seeded Buckeyes, who rallied from an early 11-point deficit. With Ross making a series of tough shots capped by that dramatic 3, Ohio State weathered the sixth-seeded Wildcats' late charge for its 11th consecutive victory since mid-February. Deshaun

March 21, 2015

Opponent:..... No. 5 Arizona Wildcats (32-3)
Site:..... Moda Center (19,980)
Game Time:..... 5:15 p.m. ET/2:15 p.m. Pacific
Television:..... CBS
Talent:..... Kevin Harlan (Play-By-Play)
 Reggie Miller, Dan Bonner (Expert Analysis)
 Rachel Nichols (Sideline)
Radio:..... OSU-IMG Sports Network (56 stations)
Satellite Radio:..... Sirius 92/XM 202
Local Radio:..... WBNS-FM 97.1, AM-1460
Radio Talent:..... Paul Keels (Play-By-Play)
 Ron Stokes (Expert Analysis)

Thomas scored 20 points for Ohio State, and Aaron Craft added 13 before ceding Ohio State's final shot to Ross. Craft hit an awfully similar 3-pointer against Iowa State a week earlier to send the Buckeyes forward with a 78-75 victory.

Matta vs. Former Assistants

Since becoming a head coach 15 seasons ago at Butler (2001), assistant coaches who have worked for Thad Matta during stints at Butler, Xavier and Ohio State have gone on to become successful head coaches. Matta is 13-5 in games coached against his former assistant coaches. Matta teams have faced squads coached by Sean Miller, twice. The first was a 78-71 overtime win vs. Xavier with Miller as head coach March 17, 2007 in the second round of the 2007 NCAA Tournament in Lexington, Ky. The only other meeting was with Miller coaching Arizona in the 2013 NCAA West Regional semifinal in Los Angeles. Ohio State won that game 73-70. The two Matta/Miller matchups came down to the wire. No. 1 Ohio State needed a late 3-pointer from Ron Lewis to send the game into overtime in Lexington. No. 7 ranked Ohio State also needed a late 3 from LaQuinton Ross to break a 70-all tie with two seconds to play, giving the Buckeyes the win over Arizona in 2013.

Former Matta Assistant Coaches

Matta's record vs.
 Todd Lickliter (Iowa 5-1, Butler 1-0)
 Brad Stevens (Butler 1-2, Boston Celtics)
 John Groce (Illinois 4-1, Ohio Univ.)
 Sean Miller (Arizona 1-0, Xavier 1-0)
 Archie Miller (Dayton, 0-1)
 Alan Major (Charlotte, 0-0)
 Brandon Miller (Butler, 0-0)

Ohio State and the NCAA Tournament

Ohio State is making its 27th appearance in the NCAA tournament. Overall, Ohio State has a 49-25 record all-time in NCAA tournament play. The Buckeyes have advanced to play in 10 Final Fours, have finished as the runner up four times (1939, 1961, 1962, 2007) and own one title (1960). Ohio State finished third four times (1944, 1945, 1946, 1968). The Buckeyes played in four-consecutive NCAA "Sweet 16s," a record accomplishment for Ohio State and the longest streak in the country from 2010-13. Ohio State last accomplished three consecutive "Sweet 16s" from 1960-62. The Buckeyes have made 14 "Sweet 16" appearances in NCAA tournament play.

OHIO STATE IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Region/Seed	Rcd	
1939	Eastern *	2-1#	Final
1944	Eastern *	1-1#	Semifinals
1945	Eastern *	1-1#	Semifinals
1946	Eastern *	2-1#	Semifinals
1950	Eastern *	1-1	Reg. Finals
1960	Mideast *	4-0#	Final
1961	Mideast *	3-1#	Final
1962	Mideast *	3-1#	Final
1968	Mideast *	3-1#	Semifinals
1971	Mideast *	1-1	Reg. Finals
1980	West/4	1-1	Reg. Semifinals
1982	East/8	0-1	First Round
1983	East/3	1-1	Reg. Semifinals
1985	Midwest/4	1-1	2nd Rnd.
1987	Southwest/9	1-1	2nd Rnd.
1990	West/8	1-1	2nd Rnd.
1991	Midwest /1	2-1	Reg. Semifinals
1992	Southwest/1	3-1	Reg. Finals
2006	Minneapolis/2	1-1	2nd Rnd.
2007	South/1	5-1#	Final
2009	Midwest/8	0-1	1st Rnd.
2010	Midwest/2	2-1	Reg. Semifinals
2011	East/1	2-1	Reg. Semifinals
2012	East/2	4-1	Semifinals
2013	West/2	3-1	Regional Finals
2014	South/6	0-1	2nd Round
2015	West/10	1-0	
Totals		49-25 (.662)	

* Teams were not seeded prior to 1979.
 # Final Four Appearance

Final Four Appearances: 10 (1939, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1968, 2007, 2012)

NCAA Championships: 1 (1960)

Record by Region:

In East: 14-9 (.609)
 In South/Southeast: 9-4 (.692)
 In Midwest: 5-4 (.556)
In West: 6-3 (.667)
 In Mideast: 14-4 (.778)
 Minneapolis: 1-1 (.500)

Record by Seed:

As No. 1 seed: 12-4 (.775)
 As No. 2 seed: 8-3 (.727)
 As No. 3 seed: 1-1 (.500)
 As No. 4 seed: 2-2 (.500)
 As No. 6 seed: 0-1 (.000)
 As No. 8 seed: 1-3 (.250)
 As No. 9 seed: 1-1 (.500)
As No. 10 seed: 1-0 (1.000)

Ohio State in the NCAA Tournament--Matta Era

Ohio State has played in 26 NCAA Tournament games since Thad Matta took over the program 11 years ago (2005-present). The Buckeyes are 18-8 under Matta's direction in NCAA tournament play.

The Buckeyes In the NCAA (Matta Era 2005-Present)

		In B1G			in B1G
Wins	18	2nd	FTM	431	2nd
Win Pct.	.693	2nd	FTA	581	2nd
FGM	657	2nd	FT%	.742	3rd
FGA	1,459	2nd	Rebs	895	2nd
FG%	.450	4th	Assists	345	2nd
3FGM	190	3rd	Steals	164	2nd
3FGA	500	3rd	Blocks	114	1st
3FG%	.380	3rd	Points	1,935	2nd
2FG%	.487	5th	Pts./game	74.4	1st

Game Highs

Points: 98 vs. George Mason (W, 98-66) 3/20/11
FGM: 36(59) vs. George Mason (W, 98-66) 3/20/11
FGA: 71 (34) vs. Iowa (W, 95-70) 3/22/13
FG%: .610 (36-59) vs. G. Mason (W, 98-66) 3/20/11
3FGM: 16 (26) vs. George Mason (W, 98-66) 3/20/11
3FGA: 26 (16) vs. George Mason (W, 98-66) 3/20/11
3FG%: .615 (16-26) vs. G. Mason (W, 98-66) 3/20/11
FTM: 35 (41) vs. Memphis (W, 92-76) 3/24/07
FTA: 42 (31) vs. Syracuse (W, 77-70) 3/24/12
FT%(10 att): .933 (14-15) vs. Kansas (L, 64-62) 3/31/12
OREbs: 16(3) last vs. Loyola, Md. (W, 78-59) 3/15/12
DREbs: 33(2) last vs. Loyola, Md. (W, 78-59) 3/15/12
Rebs: 49 vs. Loyola, Md. (W, 78-59) 3/15/12
Assists: 26 vs. UTSA (W, 75-46) 3/18/11
Steals: 13 vs. Cincinnati (W, 81-66) 3/22/12
Blocks: 12 vs. UC-SB (W, 68-51) 3/19/10

The Buckeyes in the 2015 Postseason

D'Angelo Russell is averaged 23.3 points in three postseason games this season. He is shooting 46 percent from the field (24-52), 40 percent from 3-point range (10-25) and 80 percent from the foul line (12-15). He also has contributed eight assists, six blocks and five steals in a wins vs. Minnesota and VCU and a loss to Michigan State. Shannon Scott in Ohio State's second leading scorer this year in postseason play with 14.3 ppg. Scott also has 25 assists and is perfect at the foul line (9-9). Freshman Jae'Sean Tate is the leading rebounder with 6.3 boards a game. Senior Amir Williams has made 7-of-9 field goals (.778). As a team, the Buckeyes and their opponents each have scored 221 points (73.7 ppg.).

The 2015 Buckeyes-Career NCAA

The 2014-15 Ohio State roster has 39 games of combined NCAA Tournament experience, including 15 starts. The team has a total of 186 points, 112 rebounds, 49 assists, 24 steals and 29 blocks in NCAA play. Senior Sam Thompson has played in 11 NCAA Tournament games to go with six starts. He has scored 66 points to go with 37 rebounds in NCAA play. Shannon Scott has been in 10 NCAA games, averaging 3.9 ppg. and 3.0 rebounds. He has handed out 31 assists and recorded 13 steals. Amir Williams has made nine appearances to with six starts in NCAA Tournament games. He has tallied 23 rebounds and 21 points to go along with 15 blocks. Trey McDonald has made three appearances in the NCAA tournament, scoring seven points and grabbing four rebounds. Marc Loving has appeared in two NCAA contests, tallying seven points. Four other Buckeyes: Keita Bates-Diop, D'Angelo Russell, Jae'Sean Tate and Kam Williams each saw their first NCAA tournament action Thursday against VCU. Russell tallied 28 points and six rebounds while Tate went for 12 points and eight boards and Bates-Diop connected on a pair of 3-pointers for six points.

The 2015 Buckeyes-- Career Postseason Stats

Following the game against VCU, the Buckeyes continue in the 2015 NCAA Tournament with 92 total appearances and 37 starts in postseason competition (combined Big Ten and NCAA tournament games). Sam Thompson has appeared in 22 postseason games as a Buckeye, 15 in a starting role. He averages 6.8 points and 2.6 rebounds while connecting on 51 percent from the field (54-107). Amir Williams has made 20 postseason appearances, 14 as a starter. He averages 2.9 points and 3.1 rebounds. Shannon Scott made his first postseason start last Thursday in the Big Ten Conference opener for the Buckeyes vs. Minnesota. He has appeared in 21 postseason games (3 starts), averaging 5.4 points and 3.4 assists. In three postseason starts, D'Angelo Russell is averaging 23.3 points and 5.7 boards per game while Jae'Sean Tate, also in three postseason starts, is averaging 8.0 points and 6.3 rebounds per game.

The 2015 NCAA Tournament

The No. 10-seeded (West Regional) Buckeyes have a 24-10 record after opening the 2015 NCAA Tournament with a 75-72 overtime win over VCU Thursday. Thad Matta, in his 11th year as head coach at Ohio State, has taken the Buckeyes to nine NCAA tournaments during his time in Columbus, including a title game appearance in 2007. The Buckeyes have appeared in the last seven NCAA tournaments. The Buckeyes finished the 2015 Big Ten regular season with an 11-7 record, good for sixth overall. Ohio State was the No. 6 seed in the Big Ten tournament last week in Chicago. The Buckeyes have won 20 Big Ten titles and are making their 27th appearance in the NCAA tournament.

OSU/Thad Matta

Ohio State vs. 2015 NCAA Field: 524-498 (.513)/98-71 (.580)
vs. South Region: 101-96 (.513)/22-11 (.667)
vs. East Region: 81-80 (.503)/16-15 (.516)
vs. West Region: 104-85 (.550)/17-18 (.471)

vs. Midwest Region: 238-237 (.501)/43-27 (.614)
2015 Buckeyes vs. NCAA Field: 9 teams (4-9)
East: Louisville (0-1), Michigan State (0-2); **West:** Wisconsin (0-1), North Carolina (0-1), VCU (1-0); **Midwest:** Purdue (1-1), Maryland (1-0), Indiana (1-1); **South:** Iowa (0-2).

Noting the VCU Game

- Ohio State is 49-25 all-time in NCAA Tournament Play.
- Ohio State is 2-0 in overtime games this season and 7-10 all-time in overtime games on neutral courts. The Buckeyes are 42-52 all-time in overtime games. Ohio State's last overtime game in NCAA tournament play was in 2009, a 74-72 double-overtime loss for the eighth-seeded Buckeyes vs. ninth-seeded Siena.
- It is Ohio State's first all-time selection as a No. 10 seed. Ohio State improves to 1-0 as the No. 10 seed.
- Ohio State is 34-15 all-time vs. members of the Atlantic 10 Conference. The game marked the first meeting all-time between Ohio State and Virginia Commonwealth.
- VCU made 10 3-pointers with 26 attempts. Six NCAA Tournament opponents have made 10 or more 3s vs. Ohio State. The Buckeyes are 5-1 in those games. The 26 attempts is the second most by an opponent vs. OSU in an NCAA game. The 10 made 3s is tied for third.
- The last five Ohio State NCAA Tournament games have been decided by four or fewer points. Ohio State is 3-2 in those games.
- Three players scored in double figures for the Buckeyes: D'Angelo Russell (28), Amir Williams (13) and Jae'Sean Tate (12).
- The Buckeyes trailed 30-29 at the half, ending the half on a 6-0 run. Ohio State is 4-10 this season when down after the first 20 minutes.
- The Buckeyes outscored the Rams 40-22 in the paint.
- Ohio State owned a 13-7 advantage in fast break points.
- Ohio State has scored 14 points off 11 Ram turnovers.
- Thad Matta is 299-93 during his career at Ohio State and 401-124 overall as a head coach. Matta became the winningest coach in Ohio State basketball program history with the win vs. Minnesota March 12, 2015. That was win 298, passing Fred Taylor (297 wins from 1959-76).
- The Buckeyes are 18-8 under Matta's direction in the NCAA Tournament, making their seventh-straight NCAA appearance. In postseason competition at Ohio State, Matta is 45-15 overall with a 22-7 record in the Big Ten Tournament, 18-8 in NCAA Tournament and 5-0 in NIT.
- Matta is 60-18 during March in his career.
- Matta is 4-8 in overtime contests at Ohio State.
- With 28 points vs. VCU, D'Angelo Russell passed Michael Redd (638) to become Ohio State's all-time freshman scoring leader with 666 point this season. It is his 16th game with 20+ points this season.
- The 28 points scored by Russell is tied for 10th in Ohio State history for points scored in an NCAA Tournament game.

- Russell connected on 10 of 20 shots from the floor. With 228 field goals made this season, Russell moves into second place all-time among freshman scorers.
- Russell went 4-7 from 3-point range, totaling 94 3-pointers this season.
- Russell collected six rebounds and has grabbed 191 boards this season.
- Russell added one assist vs. the Rams. He has totaled 168 season assists, ranking third all-time among freshman Buckeyes.
- Shannon Scott tallied nine points and 10 assists vs. VCU. He has recorded 10 or more assists five times this season.
- Scott has recorded eight career games with 10+ assists. The Buckeyes are 8-0 in those contests.
- The 10 assists credited to Scott are tied for second most in an NCAA Tournament game by an Ohio State player. Aaron Craft dished out 15 helpers vs. George Mason (3/20/11) and 10 vs. Gonzaga (3/17/12).

- With 527 career assists, Scott is third in Ohio State history in career assists. With 206 assists in his senior campaign, he is also third amongst Buckeyes. He needs 14 to pass Jamar Butler (219) for second all-time in season assists.
- Sam Thompson played in his 145th career game, Thompson tied William Buford for most games played in Ohio State history.
- Thompson recorded his 100th career steal vs. VCU with one theft vs. the Rams.
- Thompson scored two points vs. VCU, totaling 983 career points as a Buckeye.
- Thompson earned five rebounds and has tallied 399 career boards.
- Amir Williams scored 13 points, connecting on 4 of 5 shots and 5 of 6 from the free-throw line.

- With 186 blocks for his career, A. Williams ranks fifth on Ohio State's all-time list for blocked shots acquired in a career. He needs two more to surpass Brad Sellers for the No. 4 spot.
- Jae'Sean Tate recorded 12 points vs. VCU, surpassing 300 points this season (301), and eight rebounds.
- Keita Bates-Diop scored six points vs. the Rams, making both attempts from 3-point range. The first three came in the second half to give Ohio State a 62-60 lead with 3:36 to play in regulation. His second triple came with the game tied at 68 with 2:34 left in overtime putting OSU up 71-68.

Matta Reaches Career, Ohio State History

Thad Matta has made a habit of achieving records and milestones over his coaching career, which spans 15 years. After a season at Butler, three at Xavier and the last 11 in Columbus, Matta coached his 500th career game as a head coach Dec. 13 vs. Morehead State. As an Ohio State head coach, the 13th in the history of the program, Matta set the all-time wins record, surpassing Fred Taylor's 297 career wins over 18 seasons from 1959-1976, with a 79-73 win vs. Minnesota March 12, 2015 in Chicago. The recent Minnesota win also gave him his 400th career victory (401-124). Matta teams

Last time vs. Arizona



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
Arizona vs Ohio State
 03-28-13 4:47 PM at Staples Center (Los Angeles, Calif.)



Arizona 70 • 27-8

##	Player	Total	3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min	
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def								Tot
44	Hill, Solomon	f	7-11	1-2	1-2	1	2	3	3	16	3	1	0	0	32
35	Tarczewski, Kaleb	c	1-1	0-0	2-2	1	1	2	3	4	0	2	1	0	16
02	Lyons, Mark	g	6-12	2-6	9-10	0	1	1	3	23	0	3	0	1	35
03	Parron, Kevin	g	2-8	1-5	2-2	2	5	7	2	7	2	1	0	1	29
13	Johnson, Nick	g	3-9	1-2	2-2	0	7	7	3	9	1	3	1	3	36
20	Mayes, Jordin		0-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	10
21	Ashley, Brandon		2-4	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	1	4	1	0	0	1	18
33	Jerrett, Grant		2-5	1-2	2-2	1	4	5	2	7	0	0	0	0	24
	Team					2	0	2			1				
	Totals		23-52	6-18	18-20	9	21	30	20	70	7	11	2	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-24 50.0% 2nd half: 11-28 39.3% Game: 23-52 44.2% Deadball Rebounds 0.1
 3FG % 1st Half: 5-8 62.5% 2nd half: 1-10 10.0% Game: 6-18 33.3%
 FT % 1st Half: 9-10 90.0% 2nd half: 9-10 90.0% Game: 18-20 90.0%

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##	Player	Total	3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min	
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def								Tot
01	Thomas, Deshaun	f	7-14	3-6	3-4	0	1	1	2	20	0	2	0	0	40
12	Thompson, Sam	f	3-8	2-3	3-4	2	6	8	2	11	1	1	0	1	38
23	Williams, Amir	c	1-3	0-0	0-0	3	1	4	2	2	0	1	2	1	16
04	Craft, Aaron	g	3-9	0-0	7-9	0	5	5	4	13	5	2	0	1	33
32	Smith Jr., Lenzelle	g	2-7	0-1	2-2	3	5	8	1	6	2	0	1	1	35
03	Scott, Shannon		1-3	0-1	2-2	0	0	0	1	4	0	1	0	0	13
10	Ross, LaQuinton		5-8	2-2	5-5	0	1	1	2	17	0	1	0	0	18
30	Ravenel, Evan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	7
	Team					3	0	3							
	Totals		22-52	7-13	22-26	11	21	32	18	73	9	8	3	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-30 40.0% 2nd half: 10-22 45.5% Game: 22-52 42.3% Deadball Rebounds 1.1
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-8 50.0% 2nd half: 3-5 60.0% Game: 7-13 53.8%
 FT % 1st Half: 6-7 85.7% 2nd half: 16-19 84.2% Game: 22-26 84.6%

Officials: Les Jones, Ed Corbett, Brian O'Connell
 Technical fouls: Arizona-None. Ohio State-None.
 Attendance: 18232
 2013 NCAA Men's D1 Basketball West Regional Semifinal

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Arizona	38	32	70
Ohio State	34	39	73

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	Bench
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	
ARIZ	32	9	9	6	11
OSU	26	14	8	5	21

Last FG - ARIZ 2nd-00:21, OSU 2nd-00:02.
 Largest lead - ARIZ by 11 1st-07:01, OSU by 10 2nd-11:02.

Score tied - 2 times.
 Lead changed - 2 times.

have never failed to win at least 20 games. His Ohio State teams have averaged 27.2 victories over his 11 full years in Columbus.

Matta's Career Milestone Games

100th Game 11/25/03 L at Ball State, 63-75, 3rd year at Xavier
 200th Game 11/28/05 W vs. Virginia Tech, 69-58, 2nd year at OSU
 300th Game 2/28/09 L at Purdue, 50-75, 5th year at OSU
 400th Game 1/21/12 W at Nebraska, 79-45, 8th year at OSU
 500th Game 12/13/14 W vs. Morehead St., 87-71, 11th year at OSU
 Win 297 3/4/15 at Penn State (77-67), tied Fred Taylor for OSU career wins record
 Win 298 3/12/15 vs. Minnesota (79-73), sets Ohio State record for career wins

100 Game Rcd.	79-21 (.790)		
200 Game Rcd.	151-49 (.755)	2nd 100 gms.	72-28 (.720)
300 Game Rcd.	225-75 (.750)	3rd 100 gms.	74-26 (.740)
400 Game Rcd.	309-91 (.773)	4th 100 gms.	84-16 (.840)
500 Game Rcd.	385-115 (.770)	5th 100 gms.	76-24 (.760)
Career Record	401-124 (.764)	6th 100 gms.	16-9 (.640)

100th Win, 80-70 vs. Louisville (3/18/04), TD Waterhouse Centre, Orlando, Fla
 200th Win, 65-47 at Northwestern (2/13/2008), Welsh Ryan Arena
 300th Win, 64(2)-35 vs. Texas-Pan American (12/3/2012), Value City Arena
 400th Win, 79-73 vs. Minnesota (3/12/15), United Center, Chicago
 100th Win at OSU, 63-54(17) vs. Michigan State (3/9/08), Value City Arena

200th Win at OSU, 74(2)-66 at South Carolina (12/17/11), Colonial Life Arena, Columbia, S.C.

Ohio State Career Coaching Records (10 or more years)

Thad Matta	2005-	11	299-93 (.763)
Fred Taylor	1959-76	18	297-158 (.653)
Harold G. Olsen	1923-46	24	259-197 (.568)
Eldon Miller	1977-86	10	174-120 (.592)

Matta Continues to Build Impressive Ohio State Resumé

Thad Matta has accomplished a remarkable list of accomplishments in 11 years as head coach of the Buckeyes. Matta's teams have never failed to win 20 games, a record streak (11 seasons) in Ohio State history. In fact, Matta has never failed to reach the 20-win plateau in 15 years as a head coach. Ohio State (24-10) reached 20 wins in 2014-15 with a win at home over Nebraska (2/26/15). Ohio State has reached 30 or more wins three times, all with Matta at the helm. Back-to-back seasons with 30 wins in 2010-11 (34) and 2011-12 (31) only trail the 35 wins recorded in 2006-07, the Ohio State record for single-season victories. In addition, Matta has won five Big Ten regular-season titles, including three of the last six (2010-12), four Big Ten postseason tourna-

ment crowns in seven title game opportunities, nine NCAA tournament appearances, including four-consecutive (2010-13) runs to the "Sweet 16," a pair of Final Four trips (2007, 2012) and a title game appearance in 2007. Throw in a National Invitation Tournament title in 2008 and Matta has guided the Buckeyes to postseason play in 10-consecutive attempts and in every year in which Ohio State was eligible.

MATTA YEAR-BY-YEAR

Year	Record	Big Ten/Finish	Postseason
2004-05	20-12	8-8/6th	
2005-06	26-6	12-4/1st	NCAA Rd. 2
2006-07	35-4	15-1/1st	NCAA Title Game
2007-08	24-13	10-8/5th	NIT Championship
2008-09	22-11	10-8/4th-T	NCAA Rd. 1
2009-10	29-8	14-4/1st-T	NCAA Sweet 16
2010-11	34-3	16-2/1st	NCAA Sweet 16
2011-12	31-8	13-5/1st-T	NCAA Final Four
2012-13	29-8	13-5/2nd-T	NCAA Elite Eight
2013-14	25-10	10-8/5th	NCAA Rd. 2
2014-15	24-10	11-7/6th	

Seniors Posting Lofty Wins Total

The Ohio State four-year senior class of Shannon Scott, Sam Thompson, Amir Williams and Trey McDonald have experienced great success over their careers. The group owns one Big Ten regular-season title, two Big Ten Tournament title game appearances with one Big Ten Tournament title (2013), two NCAA "Sweet 16" appearances, two "Elite Eights" and one trip to the Final Four (2012). The four have a chance to become one of the Top 5 senior classes in terms of wins in Ohio State history.

MOST CAREER WINS BY FOUR-YEAR CLASS

Rk.	Wins	Four-Year Seniors	Yr.-by-Yr. Wins
1.	129	David Lighty (2007-2011)	35,24,7,29,34
2.	123	No 4-year seniors (2010-13)	29,34,31,29
3.	119	Aaron Craft, Lenzelle Smith Jr. (2011-14)	34,31,29,25
4.	116	William Buford (2009-12)	22,29,34,31
5.	110	Danny Peters, Mark Titus (2007-10)	35,24,22,29
6.	109	Shannon Scott, Sam Thompson, Amir Williams, Trey McDonald	31,29,25,24

Climbing the Charts

The 2014-15 Buckeyes are climbing several Ohio State Top 10 charts in team and individual all-time and single season lists. Following the win over Virginia Commonwealth the current Ohio State team is:

No. 11 in total points	2,577
No. 7 in 3-pointers made	231
No. 8 in 3-pointers attempted	620
No. 9(t) in steals	262
No. 9 in assists	525
No. 4(t) in blocks	175

Ohio State Individuals

Sam Thompson

145 games played, No. 3(t)

Shannon Scott

142 career games played, No. 6
210 career steals, No. 2
206 season assists (2014-15), No. 3
527 career assists, No. 3

Amir Williams

133 games played, No. 9(t)
186 blocks, No. 5

D'Angelo Russell

94 made 3-pointers, No. 5 all-time
No. 1 for an OSU freshman
666 points in 2014-15, OSU freshman record
228 field goals, No. 2 for an OSU freshman
116 made free throws, No. 4 (OSU freshman)
191 rebounds, No. 8 for an OSU freshman
169 assists, No. 3 for an OSU freshman
55 steals, No. 4 for an OSU freshman

Jae'Sean Tate

.589 (123-209) FG Pct, No. 4 for an OSU freshman

Buckeye Bullets

- D'Angelo Russell was selected to the United States Basketball Writers Association 2015 Freshman All-America Team Tuesday. Ohio State's rookie guard leads the Buckeyes in scoring (19.6 ppg.) and rebounding (5.6 rpg.). He is second in assists (169) and steals (55). Russell, who has scored 10 or more points in 32-consecutive games, has scored 20 or more points 16 times this season and twice has reached the 30-point plateau.

- Thad Matta has put together a stellar record in the month of March over his career. He is No. 2 among active coaches with a 60-18 record in March over his 15-year career.

- Russell was named one of five finalists March 8 for the Jerry West Award, honoring the best shooting guard in the country. The winner will be named April 10.

- Russell was named to the Wooden Award 15 finalists list March 7, he is one of three underclassmen remaining in contention for the honor, which recognizes the national player of the year. The winner will be named April 10.

- Russell was named (March 4) one of 10 semifinalists for the 2015 Naismith Trophy Men's College Player of the Year, presented by AT&T. Four finalists will be named March 22 with the winner named April 5.

- Russell also has been selected as a finalist by the U.S. Basketball Writers Association as one of 14 outstanding players for the 2015 Oscar Robertson Trophy, given annually the nation's top player.

- Rookie Jae'Sean Tate set a career high with 22 points vs. Nebraska Feb. 26. He now has three 20-point games to his credit, all in Big Ten Conference play. In those games at Indiana (9-10 shooting/20 pts.), at Rutgers (8-11/20 pts.) and vs. Nebraska at home (8-9/22 pts.), he made a combined 25-of-30 field goals (.833).

- Jae'Sean Tate currently holds the No. 4 spot among freshmen in Ohio State history in season field goal shooting percentage at 58.9 pct. (123-209). His father, Jermaine Tate, is No. 5 at 56.9 pct. (115-202). Jermaine played his freshman season at Ohio State in 1996.

- Since entering the starting lineup 14 games ago at Northwestern, Tate has averaged 11.3 points and 5.7 rebounds per game. He has made 71-118 field goal attempts (.602), blocked nine shots and recorded 11 steals in 27.4 minutes per game.

- Thad Matta has led the Buckeyes to 24 wins to date ... all 15 of his previous teams have reached at least 20 wins, which includes one year at Butler, three at Xavier and all 11 at Ohio State.

- Freshman D'Angelo Russell has scored 666 (19.6 ppg.) points this season in 34 games ... he is the 32nd Buckeye all-time to reach 500 points in a single season ... The last freshman to score 500+ in a season at Ohio State was Jared Sullinger in 2011 with 635 points (17.2 ppg.) ... Matta teams have had at least one 500-point scorer in 10 of 11 seasons prior to this year. A total of 15 Buckeyes (22 total seasons) have reached 600+ points at least once. Six players have multiple 600+ point seasons led by Jerry Lucas with three. Three Ohio State freshmen have reached 600 points in a season--Michael Redd with 658 in 1998 and Jared Sullinger with 635 in 2011.



2014-15 Ohio State Men's Basketball
Ohio State Buckeyes Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 19, 2015)
All games



RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	24-10	18-2	4-6	2-2
CONFERENCE	11-7	7-2	4-5	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	13-3	11-0	0-1	2-2

#	Player	gp-gs	min	Total			3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds			pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg	
				fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg									
00	Russell, D'Angelo	34-34	1151	33.9	228-496	.460	94-224	.420	116-154	.753	35	156	191	5.6	72	0	169	101	11	55	666	19.6
12	Thompson, Sam	34-34	1104	32.5	129-279	.462	20-79	.253	62-92	.674	32	100	132	3.9	66	0	62	42	31	45	340	10.0
02	Loving, Marc	31-19	741	23.9	93-201	.463	46-100	.460	62-81	.765	38	75	113	3.6	65	1	20	35	10	16	294	9.5
01	Tate, Jae'Sean	34-15	743	21.9	123-209	.589	3-19	.158	52-100	.520	64	107	171	5.0	85	3	12	41	21	31	301	8.9
03	Scott, Shannon	34-34	1034	30.4	112-273	.410	22-78	.282	43-58	.741	36	89	125	3.7	51	0	206	79	4	58	289	8.5
23	Williams, Amir	32-28	620	19.4	75-113	.664	0-0	.000	56-90	.622	53	97	150	4.7	70	0	10	33	51	21	206	6.4
15	Williams, Kam	34-0	491	14.4	70-155	.452	28-81	.346	21-23	.913	6	28	34	1.0	22	0	18	6	2	17	189	5.6
33	Bates-Diop, Keita	32-0	322	10.1	44-93	.473	18-39	.462	19-28	.679	13	55	68	2.1	24	0	17	13	19	10	125	3.9
31	Lee, Anthony	21-6	230	11.0	31-50	.620	0-0	.000	10-19	.526	16	32	48	2.3	37	1	3	13	8	1	72	3.4
55	McDonald, Trey	34-0	401	11.8	39-73	.534	0-0	.000	17-33	.515	40	51	91	2.7	52	1	8	16	18	7	95	2.8
34	Lorbach, Jake	8-0	13	1.6	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	0.0
Team											47	45	92				3					
Total.....		34	6850		944-1943	.486	231-620	.373	458-678	.676	380	835	1215	35.7	546	6	525	384	175	262	2577	75.8
Opponents.....		34	6850		767-1896	.405	231-720	.321	364-521	.699	383	742	1125	33.1	610	9	440	495	96	170	2131	62.7

TEAM STATISTICS	OSU	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	2577	2131	11/14/14	MASSACHUSETTS-LOWELL	w 92-55	13256
Points per game	75.8	62.7	11/18/14	MARQUETTE	w 74-63	13233
Scoring margin	+13.1	-	11/23/14	SACRED HEART	w 106-48	12941
FIELD GOALS-ATT	944-1943	767-1896	11/26/14	CAMPBELL	w 91-64	12508
Field goal pct	.486	.405	11/28/14	JAMES MADISON	w 73-56	14310
3 POINT FG-ATT	231-620	231-720	12/2/14	at LOUISVILLE	L 55-64	22784
3-point FG pct	.373	.321	12/6/14	COLGATE	w 70-50	14054
3-pt FG made per game	6.8	6.8	12/10/14	HIGH POINT	w 97-43	13012
FREE THROWS-ATT	458-678	364-521	12/13/14	MOREHEAD STATE	w 87-71	14578
Free throw pct	.676	.699	12/17/14	NORTH CAROLINA A&T	w 97-55	14585
F-Throws made per game	13.5	10.7	12/20/14	vs North Carolina	L 74-82	19726
REBOUNDS	1215	1125	12/22/14	MIAMI	w 93-55	15018
Rebounds per game	35.7	33.1	12/27/14	WRIGHT STATE	w 100-55	15874
Rebounding margin	+2.6	-	* 12/30/14	IOWA	L 65-71	15189
ASSISTS	525	440	* 1/3/15	ILLINOIS	w 77-61	16028
Assists per game	15.4	12.9	* 01/06/15	at Minnesota	Wot 74-72	13138
TURNOVERS	384	495	* 01/10/15	at Indiana	L 66-69	15563
Turnovers per game	11.3	14.6	* 1/13/15	MICHIGAN	w 71-52	15548
Turnover margin	+3.3	-	* 01/17/15	at Iowa	L 67-76	15400
Assist/turnover ratio	1.4	0.9	* 01/22/15	at Northwestern	w 69-67	7117
STEALS	262	170	* 1/25/15	INDIANA	w 82-70	17322
Steals per game	7.7	5.0	* 1/29/15	MARYLAND	w 80-56	14483
BLOCKS	175	96	* 02/04/15	at Purdue	L 58-60	12087
Blocks per game	5.1	2.8	* 02/08/15	at Rutgers	w 79-60	8003
ATTENDANCE	292968	197373	* 2/11/15	PENN STATE	w 75-55	13262
Home games-Avg/Game	20-14648	10-13025	* 2/14/15	at Michigan State	L 56-59	14797
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	4-16780	* 02/22/15	at Michigan	L 57-64	12618
			* 2/26/15	NEBRASKA	w 81-57	13712
			* 3/1/15	PURDUE	w 65-61	15978
			* 3/4/15	at Penn State	w 77-67	8745
			* 3/8/15	WISCONSIN	L 48-72	18077
			3/12/15	vs Minnesota	w 79-73	16549
			3/13/15	vs Michigan State	L 67-76	17230
			3/19/15	vs VCU	Wot 75-72	13616

* - Conference game