

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

The men's hockey team had one of the best seasons in program history, posting 25 wins and earning the team's third all-time bid into the NCAA championship. The Buckeyes were led offensively by junior R.J. Umberger, a Hobey Baker finalist, second team All-American and first team All-CCHA selection. The squad was outstanding defensively, as it ranked second in the nation with an OSU all-time season low 2.21 goals allowed per game. Junior goalie Mike Betz led the way, as he posted 20 wins for the second consecutive season and broke the Ohio State record for career goalie wins and season goals-against average.

CCHA STANDINGS

	Conference						Overall					
	GP	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA	W	L	T	GF	GA
Ferris State	28	22	5	1	45	121	64	31	10	1	188	100
Michigan	28	18	7	3	39	111	72	30	10	3	167	103
OHIO STATE	28	16	8	4	36	90	63	25	13	5	129	95
Michigan State	28	17	10	1	35	113	83	23	14	2	154	118
Northern Michigan	28	14	13	1	29	91	83	22	17	2	144	120
Miami	28	13	12	3	29	90	90	21	17	3	132	101
Notre Dame	28	13	12	3	29	90	90	17	17	6	122	123
Western Michigan	28	13	14	1	27	92	101	15	21	2	122	147
Alaska-Fairbanks	28	10	11	7	27	78	104	15	14	7	111	130
Nebraska-Omaha	28	9	17	2	20	64	97	13	22	5	98	135
Bowling Green	28	5	20	3	13	71	116	8	25	3	94	143
Lake Superior	28	3	24	1	7	40	103	6	28	4	60	146

2002-03 Record – 25-13-5 overall, 16-8-4/3rd CCHA (14-3-2 home/6-5-2 away/ 5-5-1 neutral)
Head Coach – John Markell, eighth year (Bowling Green '79)

Date	Opponent	Result	OSU Goals	OSU/OPP SOG	OSU Goalie (Saves)	OSU PP	OSU PK	OSU PIM	OSU Att.	OSU Record (CCHA)
Oct. 4	WATERLOO ¹	W, 6-2	Umberger 2, Steckel, Guenin, Knapp, Bencharski	43/13	Betz (9) Caruso (2)	2/7	5/6	10/20	504	0-0-0 (0-0-0)
Oct. 12	vs. Minnesota ²	L, 2-7	Umberger, Spector	23/51	Betz (44)	0/6	6/11	14/28	15,204	0-1-0 (0-0-0)
Oct. 18	at UAF	W, 6-3	Bencharski 2, Knapp 2, Lafleche, Steckel	29/31	Betz (28)	2/7	7/8	9/18	4,261	1-1-0 (1-0-0)
Oct. 19	at UAF	T ot, 1-1	Knapp	43/30	Betz (29)	0/2	4/4	4/8	4,161	1-1-1 (1-0-1)
Oct. 25	CLARKSON	W, 4-2	Umberger 2, Steckel, May	36/28	Betz (26)	0/6	4/4	4/8	4,930	2-1-1 (1-0-1)
Oct. 27	CLARKSON	W, 4-3	Olsgard, Steckel, Knapp, Lafleche	27/25	Betz (22)	1/3	5/6	8/27	4,927	3-1-1 (1-0-1)
Nov. 1	CORNELL	L, 1-3	Umberger	29/13	Betz (10)	1/7	4/4	4/8	5,504	3-2-1 (1-0-1)
Nov. 3	COLGATE	W, 6-2	Bencharski, Olsgard, Kesler, Bittner, Knapp, Lafleche	42/26	Caruso (24)	2/9	8/9	10/20	5,016	4-2-1 (1-0-1)
Nov. 8	at LSSU	W, 4-1	Kesler, Umberger, Caponigri, Knapp	42/17	Betz (16)	2/5	5/5	8/16	2,146	5-2-1 (2-0-1)
Nov. 9	at LSSU	W, 5-2	Olsgard, May, Lafleche 2, Bencharski	36/25	Caruso (23)	1/4	6/6	9/18	2,234	6-2-1 (3-0-1)
Nov. 15	MSU	W, 5-2	Steckel, Caponigri 2, Kesler, May	37/20	Betz (18)	2/3	3/3	8/16	6,703	7-2-1 (4-0-1)
Nov. 16	MSU	W, 4-1	Andress 2, Bencharski, Caponigri	34/20	Betz (19)	1/5	6/6	10/20	6,248	8-2-1 (5-0-1)
Nov. 22	at Ferris State	L, 2-4	Umberger, Steckel	33/33	Betz (29)	1/8	5/6	6/12	1,792	8-3-1 (5-1-1)
Nov. 23	at Ferris State	L ot, 1-2	Pelley	26/31	Caruso (29)	0/5	8/8	14/39	1,783	8-4-1 (5-2-1)
Dec. 6	MIAMI	W, 4-0	Umberger 2, Kesler, Steckel	30/19	Betz (19)	1/5	5/5	7/25	5,823	9-4-1 (6-2-1)
Dec. 7	MIAMI	W, 5-3	Umberger, Lafleche, Steckel, Olsgard, May	33/19	Betz (16)	4/11	7/8	9/26	6,634	10-4-1 (7-2-1)
Dec. 13	UNO	W, 4-1	Umberger 2, Caponigri, Steckel	42/15	Betz (14)	1/3	2/2	2/4	5,407	11-4-1 (8-2-1)
Dec. 14	UNO	W, 3-1	Pelley, Umberger 2	40/20	Betz (19)	1/5	3/4	5/10	5,767	12-4-1 (9-2-1)
Dec. 28	vs. UMass ³	T ot, 2-2	Bencharski, Umberger	27/27	Betz (25)	1/6	4/6	8/16	6,697	12-4-2 (9-2-1)
Dec. 29	vs. Cornell ³	W, 1-0	Umberger	22/24	Caruso (24)	0/5	4/4	5/10	6,004	13-4-2 (9-2-1)
Jan. 3	vs. Princeton ⁴	W, 4-1	Umberger, Pelley, May, Lafleche	38/20	Betz (19)	0/4	3/4	4/8	5,430	14-4-2 (9-2-1)
Jan. 7	FINDLAY	W, 4-0	May, Umberger, Bittner, Caponigri	47/15	Caruso (15)	3/6	4/4	7/14	5,153	15-4-2 (9-2-1)
Jan. 16	BGSU	W, 6-3	Titus, Pelley, Caponigri, Andress 2, Bittner	50/18	Betz (15)	0/5	3/4	5/10	5,791	16-4-2 (10-2-1)
Jan. 17	BGSU	W, 6-1	Bencharski, Kesler 2, May, Bittner, Umberger	53/26	Caruso (25)	2/4	4/5	9/18	11,287	17-4-2 (11-2-1)
Jan. 24	at UNO	L, 0-4	--	41/21	Betz (17)	0/4	2/4	9/29	8,314	17-5-2 (11-3-1)
Jan. 25	at UNO	L, 1-3	Bittner	33/29	Caruso (26)	0/5	6/7	10/28	8,314	17-6-2 (11-4-1)
Jan. 31	at Notre Dame	T ot, 3-3	Andress, Caponigri, Steckel	40/33	Betz (30)	1/11	4/6	8/16	1,838	17-6-3 (11-4-2)
Feb. 1	at Notre Dame	W, 2-0	Caponigri, Kesler	43/23	Betz (23)	1/7	8/8	9/18	2,721	18-6-3 (12-4-2)
Feb. 7	WMU	W ot, 3-2	Steckel, Pelley, Umberger	29/17	Betz (15)	1/5	8/8	10/20	9,875	19-6-3 (13-4-2)
Feb. 8	WMU	W, 3-2	Kesler, Bittner, Lafleche	47/22	Betz (20)	2/7	4/4	6/12	9,867	20-6-3 (14-4-2)
Feb. 13	at Miami	W, 4-1	Bittner, Bencharski, Andress, Olsgard	34/24	Betz (23)	2/5	5/6	9/18	2,086	21-6-3 (15-4-2)
Feb. 15	vs. Miami ⁵	L, 1-0	--	24/23	Betz (22)	0/4	4/4	6/12	3,024	21-7-3 (15-5-2)
Feb. 21	UAF	L, 1-4	Umberger	41/26	Betz (22)	0/1	1/1	3/6	7,920	21-8-3 (15-6-2)
Feb. 22	UAF	L, 4-5	Olsgard 2, Umberger, Pelley	28/26	Caruso (15) Betz (6)	0/3	2/3	3/6	9,073	21-9-3 (15-7-2)
Feb. 28	at NMU	L, 2-5	Bencharski, Andress	20/22	Betz (17)	1/3	5/6	8/16	3,016	21-10-3 (15-8-2)
March 1	at NMU	W, 4-1	Lafleche, Umberger, Guenin, May	17/12	Betz (11)	1/7	5/5	9/18	3,149	22-10-3 (16-8-2)
March 7	MICHIGAN	T ot, 4-4	Pelley 2, Spector, Kesler	31/37	Betz (33)	1/4	4/5	8/16	12,696	22-10-4 (16-8-3)
March 8	MICHIGAN	T ot, 3-3	Umberger, Caponigri, Bencharski	41/31	Betz (28)	1/6	2/4	8/24	13,628	22-10-5 (16-8-4)
March 14	vs. UNO ⁶	W, 4-1	May 2, Umberger, Kesler	57/18	Betz (17)	1/8	6/6	6/12	1,973	23-10-5 (16-8-4)
March 15	vs. UNO ⁶	W, 3-1	Olsgard, Umberger, Lafleche	40/20	Betz (19)	1/5	1/2	6/12	1,643	24-10-5 (16-8-4)
March 20	vs. Notre Dame ⁷	W, 3-2	Latorre, Kesler, Guenin	25/22	Betz (20)	0/3	2/2	4/8	6,374	25-10-5 (16-8-4)
March 21	vs. Michigan ⁸	L, 0-3	--	31/24	Betz (21)	0/5	7/7	14/36	12,967	25-11-5 (16-8-4)
March 22	vs. NMU ⁹	L, 1-4	Umberger	32/22	Betz (18)	1/10	8/10	13/26	19,097	25-12-5 (16-8-4)
March 29	vs. Boston Coll. ¹⁰	L, 0-1	--	26/21	Betz (20)	0/7	5/5	8/16	6,583	25-13-5 (16-8-4)

OSU game-winning goal in bold; ¹Exhibition game played at CoreComm Ice Haus in Columbus (statistics do not count in season totals); ²Hall of Fame Game, Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul, Minn.; ³Everblades College Classic, Estero, Fla.; ⁴Mellon Arena, Pittsburgh; ⁵Cincinnati Gardens, Cincinnati; ⁶CCHA Tournament First Round, Nationwide Arena, Columbus, Ohio; ⁷CCHA Super Six Championship Quarterfinal, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit; ⁸CCHA Super Six Championship Semifinal, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit; ⁹CCHA Super Six Championship Third-Place Game, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit; ¹⁰NCAA East Regional, Dunkin' Donuts Center, Providence, R.I.

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##	Name	OVERALL										CONFERENCE									
		GP	G	A	Pts	Sh	+/-	Pen-Min	PP	SH	GW	GP	G	A	Pts	Sh	+/-	Pen-Min	PP	SH	GW
22	R.J. Umberger	43	26	27	53	217	+2	8-16	9	1	8	28	15	23	38	141	+2	4-8	4	0	6
9	Scott May	43	10	25	35	132	+5	24-56	5	0	3	28	5	18	23	89	+6	16-40	3	0	0
27	Paul Caponigri	42	10	22	32	116	+7	27-73	2	1	1	27	9	15	24	77	+8	21-61	1	1	1
17	Ryan Kesler	40	11	20	31	98	+6	22-44	4	1	3	28	8	13	21	77	+2	15-30	4	0	2
77	Doug Andress	43	7	16	23	139	+17	13-26	3	0	1	28	7	10	17	82	+12	8-16	3	0	1
11	Daymen Bencharski	42	10	9	19	110	-1	24-56	5	0	2	28	8	5	13	81	-1	16-40	4	0	2
20	Miguel Lafleche	43	10	8	18	88	0	5-10	3	0	3	28	6	6	12	67	0	5-10	1	0	2
39	Dave Steckel	36	10	8	18	85	+10	25-50	4	1	0	23	8	6	14	59	+8	14-28	4	1	0
12	Dan Knapp	17	6	12	18	29	+6	7-14	0	0	1	11	4	7	11	15	+4	4-8	0	0	1
73	JB Bittner	43	7	10	17	84	+7	16-32	2	1	0	28	5	9	14	57	+5	11-22	2	0	0
16	Chris Olsgard	43	8	5	13	57	+8	23-46	1	1	1	28	5	3	8	35	+4	17-34	1	1	1
10	Rod Pelley	43	8	3	11	80	-3	13-26	2	0	1	28	7	2	9	52	-2	10-20	2	0	0
2	Nate Guenin	42	2	9	11	50	+9	37-85	0	0	1	27	1	8	9	26	+9	25-61	0	0	0
44	Eric Skaug	40	0	10	10	48	+11	12-43	0	0	0	28	0	7	7	32	+7	6-12	0	0	0
7	Pete Broccoli	41	0	9	9	32	+4	18-36	0	0	0	28	0	6	6	20	-3	9-18	0	0	0
5	Scott Titus	43	1	6	7	36	+9	15-30	0	0	0	28	1	4	5	25	+6	10-20	0	0	0
24	Lee Spector	35	2	3	5	35	+6	5-10	0	0	0	24	1	1	2	27	+1	3-6	0	0	0
18	Luke Pavlas	30	0	5	5	25	-1	8-27	0	0	0	19	0	3	3	14	-1	7-25	0	0	0
3	Reed Whiting	42	0	4	4	27	+5	15-30	0	0	0	27	0	2	2	16	+2	7-14	0	0	0
26	T.J. Latorre	12	1	1	2	9	+1	4-8	0	0	0	6	0	1	1	1	0	1-2	0	0	0
34	Mike Betz	35	0	1	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	24	0	1	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
25	Jack Popiel	2	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Ryan Smith	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Thomas Welsh	6	0	0	0	5	-1	0-0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	-1	0-0	0	0	0
	TM TEAM	8	0	0	0	0	0	4-8	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	2-4	0	0	0
	Total	43	129	213	342	1499	+107	326-728	40	6	25	28	90	150	240	997	+68	211-479	29	3	16
	Opponents	43	95	147	242	1026	-121	332-724	30	7	13	28	63	95	158	670	-74	211-463	17	4	8

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		GP	Minutes	GA	EN	Avg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T	GP	Minutes	GA	EN	Avg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T
1	Dave Caruso	8	460:10	12	0	1.56	181	.938	5	2	0	5	280:10	10	0	2.14	118	.922	2	2	0
34	Mike Betz	36	2140:12	80	0	2.24	750	.904	20	11	5	24	1416:49	51	0	2.16	489	.906	14	6	4
	TM EMPTY NET	9	6:14	0	3	0.00	0	.000	0	0	0	7	4:37	0	2	0.00	0	.000	0	0	0
	Total	43	2606:36	95	3	2.19	931	.910	25	13	5	28	1701:36	63	2	2.22	607	.909	16	8	4
	Opponents	43	2606:36	129	4	2.97	1370	.916	13	25	5	28	1701:36	90	2	3.17	907	.912	8	16	4

OVERALL					CONFERENCE				
SHOTS ON GOAL	Shots	Avg/G	Pct		SHOTS ON GOAL	Shots	Avg/G	Pct	
Ohio State	1473	35.07	.088		Ohio State	997	35.61	.090	
Opponents	1005	23.93	.094		Opponents	670	23.93	.094	

POWER PLAYS				POWER PLAYS			
Goals	Chances	Pct		Goals	Chances	Pct	
Ohio State	40	229	.175	Ohio State	29	146	.199
Opponents	30	224	.134	Opponents	17	145	.117

GOALS BY PERIOD					GOALS BY PERIOD						
	1	2	3	OT	Total		1	2	3	OT	Total
Ohio State	40	39	49	1	129	Ohio State	26	27	36	1	90
Opponents	23	37	33	1	94	Opponents	17	22	23	1	63

INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM RANKINGS

Team National Statistics
 2nd in scoring defense (2.21)
 3rd in penalty killing percentage (86.9)
 12th in team winning percentage (.640)
 15th in scoring margin (.79)
 Individual National Statistics
R.J. Umberger
 T2nd in game winning goals (8)
 T20th in goals per game (.60)
 T22nd in power play goals (9)
 30th in points per game (1.23)
Mike Betz
 5th in goals against average (2.24)
 21st in winning percentage (.625)
 Individual CCHA Statistics (League Games)
R.J. Umberger
 2nd in points (38)
 2nd in game winning goals (6)
 3rd in assists (23)
 4th in goals (15)
Mike Betz
 1st in goals against average (.906)
 5th in shutouts (2)
 Individual CCHA Statistics (All games)
R.J. Umberger
 2nd in game winning goals (8)
 3rd in points (53)
 3rd in goals (26)
 3rd in pwer play goals (9)
 9th in assists (27)
Mike Betz
 1st in goals against average (.904)
 7th in shutouts (2)

Doug Andress
 CCHA Defensive Player of the Week (Jan. 19)

Mike Betz
 All-CCHA Second Team
 CCHA Mike and Marian Ilitch Humanitarian Award
 CCHA Best Goaltender Award
 CCHA Defensive Player of the Week (Feb. 9)
 Bobby Brown Most Valuable Player

JB Bittner
 Scarlet and Gray Award

Pete Broccoli
 Josph W. Smith Best Defensive Player

Paul Caponigri
 CCHA Offensive Player of the Week (Nov. 18)

Dave Caruso
 CCHA All-Academic Special Mention
 CCHA Rookie of the Week (Dec. 31)

Nate Guenin
 CCHA All-Rookie Team Honorable Mention

Ryan Kesler
 CCHA All-Rookie Team Honorable Mention
 CCHA Rookie of the Month (December)
 CCHA Rookie of the Week (Nov. 4, Dec. 16, Feb. 9)
 George Burke Most Valuable Freshman

Dan Knapp
 CCHA Rookie of the Week (Oct. 21)

Miguel Lafleche
 CCHA All-Academic Honorable Mention
 Academic All-Big Ten

Rod Pelley
 Most Improved Player

Lee Spector
 CCHA All-Academic Special Mention

Scott Titus
 CCHA All-Academic Team
 Verizon At-Large Academic All-Dist. IV Third Team
 Center Ice Club Scholar-Athlete Award
 Academic All-BigTen
 NSCA All-American

R.J. Umberger
 Hobey Baker Finalist
 JOFA West Second Team All-American
 All-CCHA First Team
 CCHA All-Academic Honorable Mention
 Academic All-Big Ten
 Ohio State Perani Cup Winner
 IHCCA National Player of the Month (December)
 CCHA Player of the Month (December)
 CCHA Off. Player of the Week (Dec. 9, 16, 31)
 USCHO.com Off. Player of the Week (Dec. 9)
 Everblades Classic All-Tournament Team
 Leading Scorer Award

Reed Whiting
 CCHA All-Academic Special Mention
 Academic All-Big Ten