

The Ohio State men's hockey team had an outstanding season, highlighted by the squad's championship run at the CCHA Super Six and a second consecutive berth in the NCAA championship tournament. After a first-round sweep of Bowling Green in the CCHA tournament, the Buckeyes advanced to the CCHA Super Six at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit for the third year in a row. At the championship tournament, the Buckeyes won three games in three days to claim Ohio State's first league title since 1972, as No. 4-seed OSU came from behind to win in overtime in both its quarterfinal and semifinal games. Against No. 5 Notre Dame in the quarterfinals, the Buckeyes won, 6-5 in overtime, with Tyson Strachan scoring the overtime gamewinner and Matt Beaudoin leading the way with a career-best four points. Against No. 2 Miami (Ohio) in the semifinals, the Buckeyes came from a goal down three times before JB Bittner tallied the winner just 23 seconds into over-

time to give OSU a 4-3 win and send the Buckeyes into the championship game for the first time since 1998. In the title game, the Buckeyes defeated two-time defending champion and top-seed Michigan, 4-2, to become the first school from outside the state of Michigan to win the league title since 1988. Buckeye senior Paul Caponigri received the Bill Beagan Trophy as the tournament's MVP, while Doug Andress, Rod Pelley, Dave Carsuo and Caponigri were named to the all-tournament team.

The team ended the year 26-16-0 (16-12-0 CCHA), tying for the third-highest total in program history. It

marked the third 20-win season in a row, the first time the team had at least 20 wins in three consecutive years since 1979-81.

Individually, Doug Andress picked up CCHA Best Defensive Defense-man honors, the first Buckeye to be so honored. Andress and Nate Guenin were honorable mention All-CCHA

selections, while Andrew Schembri was a league all-rookie team honorable mention pick. Mike Betz set the program records for career saves (3,328) and career shutouts (11), while three Buckeyes broke the 100-point mark for their careers - Caponigri (132), Scott May (117) and Dave Steckel

**Bobby Brown Most Valuable Player**  
Paul Caponigri

**Scarlet and Gray Award**  
Dave Steckel

**Joseph W. Smith Best Defensive Player**  
Doug Andress

**George Burke Most Valuable Freshman**  
Sean Collins

**Center Ice Club Scholar-Athlete Award**  
Nate Guenin

**Leading Scorer Award**  
Paul Caponigri

**CCHA Best Defensive Defenseman**  
Doug Andress

**CCHA Super Six Championship MVP**  
Paul Caponigri

**CCHA All-Tournament Team**  
Doug Andress  
Paul Caponigri  
Dave Carsuo  
Rod Pelley

**All-CCHA Honorable Mention**  
Doug Andress  
Nate Guenin

**CCHA All-Academic Team**  
Nate Guenin

**CCHA All-Academic Special Mention**  
Thomas Welsh  
Reed Whiting

**Academic All-Big Ten**

**Nate Guenin**  
Thomas Welsh  
Reed Whiting

**CCHA All-Rookie Team Honorable Mention**  
Andrew Schembri

**All-USCHO Second Team**  
Doug Andress

**OSU Perani Cup Winner**  
Mike Betz

**InsideCollegeHockey.com Player of the Week**  
Mike Betz (Nov. 4)

**USCHO.com**  
**Defensive Player of the Week**  
Mike Betz (Nov. 5)

**CCHA Player of the Month/  
Honorable Mention National Player of the Month**  
Paul Caponigri (November, March)

**CCHA Rookie of the Month/  
Honorable Mention National Rookie of the Month**  
Matt Beaudoin (March)

**CCHA Defensive Player of the Week**  
Mike Betz (Oct. 19, Nov. 3, Nov. 17)  
Sean Collins (March 7)  
Nate Guenin (Oct. 6)

**CCHA Offensive Player of the Week**  
Dave Steckel (Oct. 5, Feb. 2)

**CCHA Rookie of the Week**  
Andrew Schembri (Feb. 15)

**Everbldes Classic All-Tournament**

**Final Team Rankings**  
USCHO.com - 6th  
USA Today/American Hockey Magazine - 9th  
INCH Ranking - 10th

**Individual and Team Rankings**  
Team National Statistics  
10th in winning percentage (.619)  
15th in scoring defense (2.52)  
16th in scoring margin (.67)  
17th in scoring offense (3.19)  
T18th in penalty-killing percentage (.850)

**Individual National Statistics**  
Doug Andress  
6th in defenseman points per game (.76)  
JB Bittner  
T6th in gamewinning goals (5)  
Scott May  
T7th in Shorthanded Goals (3)  
Dave Steckel  
T15th in gamewinning goals (4)  
T20th in shorthanded goals (2)

**Individual CCHA Statistics (League Games)**  
Doug Andress  
T8th in defenseman scoring (16)  
Mike Betz  
5th in goals-against average (2.40)  
7th in save percentage (.912)  
5th in goalie winning percentage (.565)  
JB Bittner  
2nd in gamewinning goals (4)  
T7th in shorthanded goals (1)  
T9th in power-play goals (4)  
Scott May  
T3rd in shorthanded goals (2)  
T3rd in gamewinning goals (3)  
T8 in points (26)

**T9th in power-play goals (4)**  
Paul Caponigri  
T8th in assists (16)  
T9th in gamewinning goals (2)  
Dan Knapp  
T5th in plus/minus (+14)  
T9th in gamewinning goals (2)  
Andrew Schembri  
T9th in power-play goals (4)  
T8th in freshman scoring (19)  
Lee Spector  
T9th in gamewinning goals (2)  
Dave Steckel  
T3rd in shorthanded goals (2)

**Individual CCHA Statistics (All Games)**  
Doug Andress  
1st in defenseman scoring (32)  
T5th in plus/minus (+16)  
T6th in assists (27)  
JB Bittner  
T1st in gamewinning goals (5)  
T6th in power-play goals (6)  
Paul Caponigri  
3rd in plus/minus (+21)  
T7th in goals (17)  
9th in points (39)  
T9th in assists (22)  
T9th in gamewinning goals (3)  
Dan Knapp  
T9th in plus/minus (+14)  
T9th in gamewinning goals (3)  
Scott May  
T2nd in shorthanded goals (3)  
T9th in gamewinning goals (3)  
Dave Steckel  
T4th in gamewinning goals (4)  
T5th in shorthanded goals (2)  
T7th in goals (17)  
Matt Waddell  
8th in plus/minus (+15)

# Men's Ice Hockey

**2003-04 RECORD** - 26-16-0 Overall, 16-12-0/4th CCHA (12-6-0 home/9-7-0 away/5-3-0 neutral); Head Coach - John Markell, ninth year; Assistant Coaches - Casey Jones, Steve Brent

Date	Opponent	Result	OSU Goals	OSU/OPP SOG	OSU Goalie (Saves/GA)	OSU PP	OSU PK	OSU P/PIM	Att.	Overall (CCHA)
Sept. 26	W'FRD LAURIER <sup>1</sup>	W, 4-1	Bittner, Schembri, May, Bencharski	32/20	Betz (13/1)	0/14	10/11	18/36	1,027	0-0-0 (0-0-0)
Oct. 3	vs. Denver <sup>2</sup>	L, 2-5	Caponigri, Steckel	25/29	Betz (24/5)	1/10	6/7	8/16	2,150	0-1-0 (0-0-0)
Oct. 4	vs. Miami <sup>2</sup>	W, 5-3	Caponigri, Steckel 2, May	29/33	Caruso (30/3)	1/7	7/10	13/26	2,670	1-1-0 (0-0-0)
Oct. 10	NOTRE DAME	L, 2-5	Pelley, Caponigri	33/29	Caruso (24/5)	0/4	5/7	8/16	2,948	1-2-0 (0-1-0)
Oct. 11	NOTRE DAME	W, 3-1	Bencharski, Bittner, Steckel	39/30	Betz (29/1)	0/5	4/4	5/10	1,956	2-2-0 (1-1-0)
Oct. 17	at Michigan State	W, 5-0	Knapp, Guenin, Caponigri, Bittner, Spector	30/24	Betz (24/0)	2/5	4/4	7/14	6,519	3-2-0 (2-1-0)
Oct. 18	at Michigan State	W, 4-1	Bittner, Spector, May 2	21/24	Betz (23/1)	1/3	4/4	6/12	6,523	4-2-0 (3-1-0)
Oct. 24	MERCYHURST	L, 2-3	Bencharski, Bittner	30/22	Betz (19/3)	2/5	6/8	8/16	2,103	4-3-0 (3-1-0)
Oct. 31	UAF	W, 4-2	Steckel, Olsgard, Bittner, Pelley	32/21	Betz (19/2)	1/5	4/4	10/20	2,158	5-3-0 (4-1-0)
Nov. 1	UAF	W, 3-2	Knapp, Schembri, Bittner	32/43	Betz (41/2)	1/5	4/4	7/14	2,357	6-3-0 (5-1-0)
Nov. 7	at NMU	L, 1-2	Caponigri	32/23	Betz (21/2)	0/4	3/3	5/10	3,348	6-4-0 (5-2-0)
Nov. 8	at NMU	W, 6-1	Caponigri 3, Bittner, Whiting, Beaudoin	28/14	Betz (13/1)	0/5	4/5	10/28	3,746	7-4-0 (6-2-0)
Nov. 14	MICHIGAN	L, 0-4	--	30/31	Betz (27/4)	0/4	4/4	6/12	9,954	7-5-0 (6-3-0)
Nov. 15	MICHIGAN	W, 5-2	May, Spector, Steckel, Bittner, Knapp	29/46	Betz (44/2)	0/3	4/4	13/37	4,381	8-5-0 (7-3-0)
Nov. 21	at Colgate	W, 2-1	Pelley, Caponigri	16/33	Caruso (32/1)	0/6	6/7	9/18	1,921	9-5-0 (7-3-0)
Nov. 22	at Cornell	W, 4-3	Steckel 2, Caponigri, Bittner	26/26	Betz (23/3)	1/3	5/8	11/22	3,836	10-5-0 (7-3-0)
Nov. 29	at Bowling Green	W, 7-0	May, Steckel 2, Waddell, Guenin, Bittner, Schembri	26/26	Betz (26/0)	3/7	7/7	9/21	9/21	2,532
11-5-0 (8-3-0)										
Dec. 5	MIAMI	L, 1-2	Pelley	33/33	Betz (31/2)	0/6	6/7	8/24	4,607	11-6-0 (8-4-0)
Dec. 6	at Miami	L, 2-4	Caponigri, Bencharski	31/30	Betz (27/4)	0/10	7/9	11/22	2,319	11-7-0 (8-5-0)
Dec. 27	vs. Maine <sup>3</sup>	W, 4-2	Beaudoin, Steckel, Address, May	36/21	Betz (19/2)	2/9	5/7	10/20	7,255	12-7-0 (8-5-0)
Dec. 28	vs. Cornell <sup>3</sup>	LOT, 3-4	Bernard, Caponigri, Waddell	23/17	Betz (13/4)	1/6	2/2	3/14	6,258	12-8-0 (8-5-0)
Jan. 6	QUINNIPIAC	W, 1-0	Schembri	50/14	Caruso (14/0)	0/5	2/2	2/4	1,774	13-8-0 (8-5-0)
Jan. 9	at Michigan	L, 2-3	Pelley, Knapp	29/29	Betz (26/3)	0/4	6/8	9/18	6,915	13-9-0 (8-6-0)
Jan. 10	at Michigan	L, 1-7	Pelley	28/16	Betz (11/5)	1/6	5/7	16/56	6,859	13-10-0 (8-7-0)
Caruso (10/2)										
Jan. 16	LSSU	W, 5-0	May 2, Steckel, Schembri, Anderson	42/17	Betz (17/0)	0/3	3/3	3/6	4,183	14-10-0 (9-7-0)
Jan. 17	LSSU	W, 3-2	Caponigri, Schembri, Bittner	30/29	Betz (27/2)	1/4	4/6	6/12	4,090	15-10-0 (10-7-0)
Jan. 23	MSU	L, 2-4	Olsgard, Pelley	44/26	Betz (15/3)	0/4	2/2	7/22	5,251	15-11-0 (10-8-0)
Caruso (7/0)										
Jan. 24	MSU	L, 0-3	--	28/25	Betz (22/2)	0/5	5/6	7/14	8,341	15-12-0 (10-9-0)
Jan. 31	at Bowling Green	W, 4-3	Steckel, Schembri, Olsgard, Welsh	30/17	Betz (14/3)	1/7	8/9	14/28	4,210	16-12-0 (11-9-0)
Feb. 6	at Ferris State	L, 2-5	May 2	42/27	Betz (22/5)	2/6	2/2	6/12	1,801	16-13-0 (11-10-0)
Feb. 7	at Ferris State	W, 6-0	Knapp 3, Schembri 2, Anderson	45/26	Caruso (26/0)	2/6	8/8	11/22	2,269	17-13-0 (12-10-0)
Feb. 13	UNO	W, 3-1	Schembri 2, Knapp	27/25	Caruso (24/1)	0/5	6/6	7/14	5,511	18-13-0 (13-10-0)
Feb. 14	UNO	W, 4-3	Schembri, Anderson, Knapp, May	27/25	Caruso (22/3)	3/8	4/5	11/22	4,601	19-13-0 (14-10-0)
Feb. 20	at WMU	L, 1-4	Collins	20/32	Caruso (28/4)	0/4	6/6	10/20	3,036	19-14-0 (14-11-0)
Feb. 21	at WMU	W, 5-1	Anderson, Caponigri, Address, Beaudoin, May	18/30	Betz (29/1)	1/5	8/9	17/53	3,321	20-14-0 (15-11-0)
March 5	at Miami	LOT, 3-4	May, Collins, Beaudoin	33/23	Betz (19/4)	1/6	6/8	8/16	2,850	20-15-0 (15-12-0)
March 6	MIAMI	W, 5-4	Knapp 2, Pelley, Steckel, Spector	23/28	Betz (24/4)	3/4	5/7	9/18	8,001	21-15-0 (16-12-0)
March 12	BGSU <sup>4</sup>	W, 3-2	Beaudoin, Caponigri, Anderson	40/30	Betz (28/2)	0/1	3/3	3/6	1,793	22-15-0 (16-12-0)
March 13	BGSU <sup>4</sup>	W, 5-2	Collins, Steckel 2, May, Address	45/17	Betz (13/2)	0/5	4/5	6/23	2,055	23-15-0 (16-12-0)
Holowaty (2/0)										
March 18	vs. Notre Dame <sup>5</sup>	WOT, 6-5	Pelley, Steckel, May, Beaudoin 2, Strachan	49/34	Betz (14/5)	3/5	4/5	8/16	6,238	24-15-0 (16-12-0)
Caruso (15/0)										
March 19	vs. Miami <sup>6</sup>	WOT, 4-3	Pelley, Caponigri, Knapp, Bittner	28/21	Caruso (18/3)	0/2	1/2	3/6	11,651	25-15-0 (16-12-0)
March 20	vs. Michigan <sup>7</sup>	W, 4-2	Caponigri, Address 2, Knapp	32/28	Caruso (26/2)	1/1	3/3	5/10	17,895	26-15-0 (16-12-0)
March 26	vs. Wisconsin <sup>8</sup>	LOT, 0-1	--	28/29	Caruso (28/1)	0/4	6/6	6/12	5,223	26-16-0 (16-12-0)

OSU game-winning goal in bold; <sup>1</sup>Exhibition game played at OSU Ice Arena in Columbus (statistics do not count in season totals); <sup>2</sup>Lefty McFadden College Hockey Invitational, Dayton, Ohio; <sup>3</sup>Everblades College Classic, Estero, Fla.; <sup>4</sup>CCHA Tournament First Round; <sup>5</sup>CCHA Super Six Quarterfinal, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit, Mich.; <sup>6</sup>CCHA Super

##	Name	OVERALL										CONFERENCE									
		GP	G	A	Pts	Sh	+/-	Pen-Min	PP	SH	GW	GP	G	A	Pts	Sh	+/-	Pen-Min	PP	SH	GW
27	Paul Caponigri	39	17	22	39	103	+21	17-42	2	1	3	26	9	16	25	57	+7	13-26	1	0	2
9	Scott May	41	15	19	34	114	+4	21-42	4	3	3	27	11	15	26	70	+4	18-36	4	2	3
77	Doug Address	42	5	27	32	104	+16	14-28	1	1	1	28	1	15	16	58	+8	9-18	0	0	0
39	Dave Steckel	41	17	13	30	138	+13	22-44	4	2	4	28	8	9	17	92	+4	15-30	1	2	1
21	Dan Knapp	41	13	17	30	80	+14	20-48	4	0	3	28	11	13	24	52	+14	14-36	3	0	2
10	Andrew Schembri	41	11	12	23	69	+4	21-50	4	0	2	28	10	9	19	46	+2	12-32	4	0	1
19	Rod Pelley	42	10	12	22	113	+2	19-38	3	0	0	28	7	7	14	82	-2	13-26	2	0	0
7	JB Bittner	39	12	8	20	84	+7	8-16	6	1	5	25	9	2	11	58	+3	5-10	4	1	4
2	Nate Guenin	29	2	15	17	57	+13	34-92	0	0	0	21	2	9	11	44	+8	29-82	0	0	0
5	Sean Collins	41	3	13	16	45	+9	23-57	0	0	0	28	2	10	12	32	+5	16-32	0	0	0
26	Matt Beaudoin	40	7	7	14	44	-3	13-26	2	0	0	26	3	3	6	21	-4	9-18	1	0	0
55	Matt Waddell	41	2	11	13	37	+15	17-34	1	0	0	27	1	8	9	25	+10	14-28	1	0	0
13	Bryce Anderson	31	5	6	11	41	+4	11-33	1	0	1	20	4	5	9	28	+1	9-29	1	0	0
11	Daymen Bencharski	25	3	7	10	65	+2	10-20	1	0	0	15	2	3	5	37	+2	6-12	0	0	0
24	Lee Spector	37	4	5	9	31	+1	13-26	1	0	2	25	4	4	8	20	+2	7-14	1	0	2
16	Chris Olgard	39	3	5	8	48	+3	30-79	0	0	0	27	3	4	7	32	+6	20-59	0	0	0
25	Tyson Strachan	30	2	5	7	30	+1	4-8	0	0	1	19	0	4	4	22	+1	2-4	0	0	0
8	Thomas Welsh	24	1	6	7	37	-2	2-4	0	0	1	16	1	5	6	28	-3	2-4	0	0	1
20	Dave Barton	21	0	6	6	12	+5	8-19	0	0	0	17	0	6	6	11	+5	8-19	0	0	0
3	Reed Whiting	40	1	3	4	28	+3	18-36	0	0	0	26	1	3	4	20	+4	14-28	0	0	0
44	Kenny Bernard	32	1	2	3	26	-3	9-26	1	0	0	19	0	2	2	14	-2	8-24	0	0	0
34	Mike Betz	31	0	1	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	-									
1	Dave Caruso	14	0	1	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	7	0	1	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
TM	TEAM	5	0	0	0	0	0	7-14	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3-6	0	0	0
	Total	42	134	223	357	1306	+129	341-782	35	8	26	28	89	153	242	849	+75	246-573	23	5	16
	Opponents	42	106	170	276	1116	-145	318-711	35	2	16	28	70	111	181	762	-84	229-525	20	2	12

##	Name	OVERALL										CONFERENCE									
		GP	Minutes	GA	EN	Avg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T	GP	Minutes	GA	EN	Avg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T
33	Kelly Holowaty	1	0:53	0	0	0.00	2	1.000	0	0	0	-									
1	Dave Caruso	14	761:48	25	0	1.97	304	.924	9	3	0	7	350:55	15	0	2.56	141	.904	3	2	0
34	Mike Betz	31	1777:45	79	0	2.67	704	.899	17	13	0	23	1326:16	53	0	2.40	551	.912	13	10	0
TM	EMPTY NET	5	7:26	0	2	0.00	0	.000	0	0	0	3	5:56	0	2	0.00	0	.000	0	0	0
	Total	42	2547:52	106	2	2.50	1010	.907	26	16	0	28	1683:07	70	2	2.50	692	.911	16	12	0
	Opponents	42	2547:52	134	5	3.16	1172	.901	16	26	0	28	1683:07	89	1	3.17	760	.896	12	16	0

	SHOTS ON GOAL	OVERALL			SHOTS ON GOAL	CONFERENCE						
		Shots	Avg/G	Pct		Shots	Avg/G	Pct				
	Ohio State	1306	31.10	.103	Ohio State	849	30.32	.105				
	Opponents	1116	26.57	.095	Opponents	762	27.21	.092				
	POWER PLAYS	Goals	Chances	Pct	POWER PLAYS	Goals	Chances	Pct				
	Ohio State	35	212	.165	Ohio State	23	143	.161				
	Opponents	35	233	.150	Opponents	20	158	.127				
	GOALS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	OT	Total	GOALS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	OT	Total
	Ohio State	41	53	38	2	134	Ohio State	30	36	23	0	89
	Opponents	27	35	41	3	106	Opponents	20	21	28	1	70