Ohio State’s string of All-Americans continued on the heels of Tracey Hall’s graduation in 1988 as Nikita Lowry, a Kodak All-Region selection in 1988, became the Buckeyes’ third All-American in 1989.

The 6-foot forward gave a preview of her future success as a sophomore. Although she was not in the starting lineup, Lowry ranked second on the team in scoring (13.6 ppg) and led the squad in free throw accuracy (.767). In fact, Lowry prevailed as the only non-starter among the Big Ten’s Top 15 scorers. A native of Detroit, Mich., her efforts did not go unnoticed, as she claimed second team All-Big Ten honors and OSU’s sixth player award.

Lowry dominated the Big Ten as a junior. She led the conference in scoring (23.7 ppg), becoming the first OSU player to average more than 20 points in a season since Frani Washington in 1978-79. Lowry also paced the conference in field-goal percentage (.616) and steals (3.1 spg) and co-led in the rebounding column (8.4 rpg). Lowry’s “break out” year included a 28-point, 12-rebound performance to help OSU beat then-No. 1 Iowa (58-54) before a sellout crowd of 13,320 in St. John Arena. Additionally, she established career highs for scoring (36 points against Illinois) and rebounding (14, two times at Cal-State Fullerton and Iowa) and capped the campaign with a unanimous first team All-Big Ten pick and OSU’s most valuable player award.

An off-season knee injury slowed Lowry’s progress at the start of her senior season. The Buckeyes opened the 1988-89 campaign ranked in the polls, but lost three of their first five games. Lowry, however, came back to lead the Big Ten in scoring for the second straight year with an average of nearly 19 points per game. The team ended the season with an overall record of 24-6 and as co-champions in the Big Ten with a 16-2 conference mark. In addition to earning All-America honors, Lowry was a unanimous first team All-Big Ten selection and winner of the Chicago Tribune’s Silver Basketball award.

Graduating in 1990 with a bachelor of science degree in economics, she has enjoyed coaching stops at Michigan, Ohio State, Detroit and New Mexico State. Lowry was hired as an assistant at Old Dominion University in the summer of 2002.

In September 2000, Lowry was honored with an induction into the Ohio State Sports Hall of Fame.