

Ohio State Men's Basketball

2019-20 Outlook

2019-20 QUICK FACTS

Location	Columbus, Ohio (pop. 2.0m)
Founded	1870
Enrollment	59,837 (Columbus), 66,444 (All campuses)
Nickname	Buckeyes
Colors	Scarlet (PMS 200) and Gray (PMS 429)
Mascot	Brutus Buckeye
President	Dr. Michael Drake (Stanford)
Athletics Director	Eugene Smith (Notre Dame, '77)
Faculty Rep.	John E. Davidson (University of the South, '82)
Conference	Big Ten

BASKETBALL HISTORY

First Year	1898
All-Time Record	1,688-1,093 (120 seasons)*
NCAA Appearances	29 (1939-44-45-46-50-60-61-62-68-71-80-82-83-85-87-90-91-92-2006-07-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-18-19)
NCAA Record	51-28
National Championships	1 (1960)
National Runners-up	4 (1939-61-62-07)
NCAA Final Fours	10 (1939-44-45-46-60-61-62-68-07-12)
NCAA Elite Eights	14 (1939-44-45-46-50-60-61-62-68-71-92-07-12-13)
NCAA Sweet 16s	14 (1960-61-62-68-71-80-83-91-92-07-10-11-12-13)
NIT Appearances	9 (1979-84-86-88-89-93-03-08-16)
NIT Record	19-8
NIT Championships	2 (1986, 2008)
NIT Runners-up	1 (1988)
All-Time Big Ten Reg. Season Record	801-715 (107 seasons)*
Big Ten Championships (reg. season)	20 (1925-33-39-44-46-50-60-61-62-63-64-68-71-91-92-06-07-10-11-12)
Outright Big Ten Titles	13 (1925-39-44-46-50-60-61-62-71-92-06-07-11)
B1G Tournament Title Game Appearances/Titles	8/4 (2003-06-07-09-10-11-12-13/2007-10-11-13)
Big Ten Tournament Record	27-15
Home Court	Value City Arena (19,049/18,809-students present)
Year Opened/1st Game	1998-99/Oakland (11/13/98), W 89-61
VCA Home Record	262-52 (21 years)*

2018-19 INFORMATION

Overall Record	20-15
Big Ten Record/Place	8-12/8th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	9/4
Starters Returning/Lost	3/2

TEAM FACTS

Head Coach	Chris Holtmann (Taylor, 1994)
Record at Ohio State (Yrs.)	45-24 (3rd yr.)
Career Record (Yrs.)	159-109 (9 yrs.)
Big Ten Regular-Season Record	23-15 (3rd yr.)
NCAA Tournament Appearances/Rcd.	5 (6-5)
Assistant Coaches	Ryan Pedon (3rd yr./Wooster, 2000) Terry Johnson (3rd yr./IPFW, 1998) Jake Diebler (1st yr./Valparaiso, 2009)
Director of Basketball Operations	David Egelhoff (18th yr./Ohio State, 2001)
Director of Professional Development	Terence Dials (1st yr.)
Assistant to the Head Coach	Mike Netti (3rd yr.)
Video Coordinator	Kyle Davis
Athletic Trainer	Jeff Deits
Head OSU Athletics Physician	Dr. James Borchers
Team Physician	Dr. Grant Jones
Strength/Conditioning	Quadrian Banks
Equipment Manager	Eric Buchanan

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*113 games (82-31) vacated by the NCAA between 1998-99 and 2001-02, including 56 Big Ten games (41-15) and 56 games at VCA (49-7).

Buckeyes Earn NABC Academic Honor, Lane Named B1G Distinguished Scholar

The National Association of Basketball Coaches named the 2018-19 Buckeyes a winner of the NABC Team Academic Excellence Award after the squad posted a team GPA of 3.03 last year. It marks the second-consecutive year Chris Holtmann's team has earned the honor. In addition, Joey Lane, a senior on the 2018-19 squad, was awarded the Big Ten's Distinguished Scholar award for posting a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 over the 2018-19 school year. He earned a degree in marketing last spring. Lane, Musa Jallow, Danny Hummer and Kyle Young also were named 2019 Academic All-Big Ten.

Five Earn Degrees

Shortly after the 2018-19 season ended, five current and former Buckeyes were awarded Ohio State degrees during 2019 Spring Commencement ceremonies. Danny Hummer, who has one year of eligibility remaining this season, C.J. Jackson and Joey Lane received degrees after playing in 2018-19. Andrew Dakich, who played for one season (2018) and is currently a program assistant with the basketball program, earned his graduate degree. Greg Oden, who led the Buckeyes to the 2007 National Championship game, completed his undergraduate degree as well.

Cincinnati Game Second Earliest Opener in Ohio State History

When Ohio State tips vs. Cincinnati in the 2019-20 opener, the game will be the second earliest opening date in Ohio State history. The Nov. 6 date with the Bearcats in Columbus is second only to the Nov. 5, 2004 opener, the first game of the Thad Matta era, vs. Towson State in the Guardian's Classic at Value City Arena. Ohio State won that game 74-53.

Ohio State Travels to Chapel Hill for Big Ten/ACC Challenge

North Carolina will host the Buckeyes in the annual Big Ten/ACC Challenge in Chapel Hill Dec. 4. Ohio State last played in the Dean Smith Center Nov. 29, 2006, a 98-96 win for the No. 7 Tar Heels vs. the No. 3 Buckeyes. Ohio State went on to play for the NCAA title that season behind Greg Oden, Mike Conley Jr., and Dequan Cook. All three were drafted in the first round of the NBA draft in 2007 with Oden going No. 1 overall to Portland.

Villanova Announced as Gavitt Games Foe

The Villanova Wildcats will travel to Columbus for a Nov. 26 game vs. the Buckeyes in the 2019 Gavitt Games, a series which features Big Ten and Big East foes in honor of the late Dave Gavitt, a pioneer from the Big East. Ohio State is 2-1 vs. the Wildcats all-time.

Kaleb Wesson Tests NBA Waters, Returns for Junior Year

Kaleb Wesson elected to enter his name into the 2019 NBA Draft process to gain feedback into his goal of becoming a professional basketball player. After going through the process he elected to return to Ohio State for his junior year. Wesson made the decision in late May.

Sueing Selects Ohio State, Eligible in 2020-21

Justice Sueing joined the Ohio State program in May of 2019 following a transfer from the University of California. Sueing, a 6-foot, 6-inch forward from Honolulu, Hawaii, will have two years of eligibility with the Buckeyes after sitting out the 2019-20 campaign to satisfy NCAA transfer rules. Sueing played 31 games for the Golden Bears a season ago. He averaged 14.3 points and 6.0 rebounds while shooting better than 78 percent from the foul line (129-165).

Diebler Added to Coaching Staff

Jake Diebler, who spent three seasons with Ohio State as the team's video coordinator (2014-16) was hired as an assistant coach with the Buckeyes after spending the last two years as an assistant at Vanderbilt. Diebler, older brother of Ohio State great Jon Diebler, is a 2009 graduate of Valparaiso. He was a standout high school player at Upper Sandusky (Ohio).

Diallo Picks Ohio State

Ibrahima Diallo, a 6-foot, 10-inch center from Senegal, signed a letter of intent to play for Chris Holtmann and the Buckeyes in mid-April 2019. Diallo

enters the 2019-20 season along with a stellar freshman class. He joins forwards Alonzo Gaffney and E.J. Liddell and guard D.J. Carton. Diallo played a season ago at Prolific Prep in California where he averaged 11 points, 11 rebounds and nearly four blocks a game.

Buckeyes Enter 2019-20 With 20+ Wins in 14 of the Last 15 Seasons

Ohio State has 29 seasons with 20 or more wins and three with 30 or more. Holtmann has won at least 20 games in each of his two years at Ohio State and the Buckeyes have won 20 or more in 14 of the last 15 seasons.

Buckeyes, West Virginia to Meet in December

Ohio State and West Virginia will play Dec. 29 at Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse in Cleveland, Ohio. The Buckeyes and Mountaineers have played 16 times previously with Ohio State owning the series lead 9-7. Tickets for the event are available at rocketmortgagefieldhouse.com.

Penn Departs for NBA Coaching Position

James "Scoonie" Penn left the Ohio State basketball staff in August to take an assistant coaching position with the Memphis Grizzlies. Penn was the director of player development with the Buckeyes the last two seasons. He played for Ohio State in both 1999 and 2000, earning Big Ten Player of the Year accolades as a senior.

Dials Returns to Ohio State, Men's Basketball Program

Chris Holtmann, head coach of the Buckeyes, announced the addition of Terence Dials, the 2006 Big Ten Player of the Year, as the director of professional development for the men's basketball program. Dials will be responsible for professional development and community service opportunities and well as arranging internships, mentors and other career growth initiatives for student athletes.

December Big Ten Games, Other Schedule Notes

- Ohio State will play its first seven games of the season, plus an exhibition, at home with six at Value City Arena and one at St. John Arena. Three of the four non-Big Ten games in December will be played outside Columbus (vs. North Carolina in Big Ten/ACC Challenge, vs. Kentucky in CBSSports Challenge (Las Vegas) and vs. West Virginia in Cleveland Classic).
- The Buckeyes again will take part in the annual Big Ten/ACC Challenge. Ohio State travels to North Carolina this year Dec. 4.
- Now in its sixth year, Ohio State will again play in the CBSSports Classic. The event will take place in Las Vegas this season Dec. 21. The Buckeyes take on Kentucky while North Carolina and UCLA play in the second game.
- Villanova will travel to Ohio State Nov. 13. The game is part of The Gavitt Games, which pits members of the Big Ten vs. Big East opponents.
- The annual Big Ten Tournament will be contested in Indianapolis in 2020, Chicago in 2021 and then back to Indianapolis in 2022.
- The Buckeyes will have 18 home games in 2019-20 plus an exhibition contest vs. Cedarville Oct. 30.
- Seven Big Ten teams (Minnesota, Indiana, Michigan, Penn State, Maryland, Wisconsin and Nebraska) battle the Buckeyes twice during the regular season with three (Illinois, Purdue, Rutgers) traveling only to Columbus. Ohio State hits the road to face Iowa, Michigan State and Northwestern this year.
- Two Big Ten Conference games will be played in December. Ohio State faces Penn State at home Dec. 7 and then travels to Minnesota Dec. 15. The Buckeyes are 4-0 in December conference games the last two years with wins at Wisconsin and vs. Michigan in 2017 and victories over Minnesota in Columbus and Illinois in Chicago in 2018.
- Ohio State will play 19 regular-season games against 13 teams that advanced to postseason play in 2019. Fifteen games are scheduled vs. 2019 NCAA Tournament teams (Maryland-2, Minnesota-2, Michigan State-1, Michigan-2, Wisconsin-2, Villanova-1, Purdue-1, Cincinnati-1, Iowa-1, Kentucky-1, North Carolina-1) while four contests pit the Buckeyes vs. 2019 NIT squads (Indiana-2, Nebraska-2).
- Every Ohio State game will be televised and/or streamed. CBS will feature the Buckeyes five times, FOX/FS1 will carry eight OSU games, ESPN Networks will broadcast nine games with BTN showing 10 games, which includes two BTN+ (Cedarville and Purdue Fort Wayne) games.

Matta Enters Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame

Thad Matta, who coached Ohio State from 2005-17, was among those entered into the Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame during induction ceremonies Sept. 6-7. Matta, the all-time wins leader with 337 among the Buckeyes' 14 head coaches all-time, guided Ohio State to a pair of Final Fours and nine NCAA Tournament appearances during his tenure.

Carmen's Crew Wins TBT

Carmen's Crew, a team comprised primarily of former Ohio State players, won The Basketball Tournament (TBT) over the summer to claim the winner-take-all prize of \$2 million. William Buford knocked down a pair of free throws in the championship game vs. the team of mostly former Marquette players, to secure

2018-19 Ohio State Results/Schedule (20-15, 8-12)

Date	Opp. (TV)	W/L	Score (AP)
November (6-1)			
1-Thurs.	UNC Pembroke-Exh.	W	81-63
7-Wed.	at Cincinnati (ESPN2)	W	64-56
11-Sun.	1-Purdue FW (BTN)	W	107-61
15-Thurs.	2-at Creighton (FS1)	W	69-60
18-Sun.	1-S. Carolina St (BTN+)	W	89-61
20-Tues.	1-Samford (BTN+)	W	68(23)-50
23-Fri.	3-Cleveland St. (FS1)	W	89(23)-62
28-Wed.	4-Syracuse (ESPN2)	L	62(16)-72
December (6-0, 2-0)			
2-Sun.	Minnesota (BTN)	W	79(16)-59
5-Wed.	5-vs. Illinois (BTN)	W	77(19)-67
15-Sat.	Bucknell (BTN)	W	73(15)-71
18-Tues.	Youngstown St. (BTN)	W	75(15)-56
22-Sat.	6-UCLA (CBS)	W	80(15)-66
29-Sat.	High Point (BTN)	W	82(13)-64
January (1-6, 1-6)			
5-Sat.	Michigan State (FOX)	L	77(14)-86(8)
9-Wed.	at Rutgers (BTN)	L	61(16)-64
12-Sat.	at Iowa (BTN)	L	62(16)-72
18-Fri.	Maryland (FS1)	L	61-75(19)
23-Wed.	Purdue (BTN)	L	67-79
26-Sat.	at Nebraska (FS1)	W	70-60
29-Tues.	at Michigan (ESPN2)	L	49-65(5)
February (5-3, 5-3)			
2-Sat.	Rutgers (BTN)	W	76-62
7-Thurs.	Penn State (ESPN)	W	74-70
10-Sun.	at Indiana (CBS)	W	55-52
14-Thurs.	Illinois (ESPN2)	L	56-63
17-Sun.	at Michigan State (CBS)	L	44-62(11)
20-Wed.	Northwestern (BTN)	W	63-49
23-Sat.	at Maryland (ESPN)	L	62-72(24)
26-Tues.	Iowa (BTN)	W	90-70(22)
March (2-5, 2-5)			
2-Sat.	at Purdue (ESPN)	L	51-86(14)
6-Wed.	at Northwestern (BTN)	L	50-68
10-Sun.	Wisconsin (CBS)	L	67-73(21) OT
14-Thurs.	5-Indiana (BTN)	W	79-75
15-Fri.	5-Michigan State (BTN)	L	70-77(6)
22-Fri.	7-Iowa State (TBS)	W	62-59(24)
24-Sun.	7-Houston (TNT)	L	59-74(11)
<small>Home games in Bold // 1-Buckeye Classic, Value City Arena, Columbus // 2-Gavitt Games, Omaha, Nebraska // 3-Buckeye Classic, St. John Arena, Columbus // 4-Big Ten/ACC Challenge, Columbus // 5-at United Center, Chicago, Illinois // 6-CBSSports Classic, United Center, Chicago, Illinois // 7-NCAA First Round, BOK Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma</small>			

the title. Former Buckeyes David Lighty, Aaron Craft, Evan Ravenal, Jon Diebler and LaQuinton Ross also were on the Carmen's Crew roster. The team was coached by Jared Sullinger and Evan Turner.

HEAD COACH CHRIS HOLTSMANN

Chris Holtmann Era in Columbus

Chris Holtmann at a Glance

- Enters third season as Ohio State Head Coach (45-24 Record; 2017 to present)
- Three seasons as Butler Head Coach (70-31 Record; 2015-17)
- Eight seasons as a head coach (159-109 Record)
- 2017-18 Big Ten Coach of the Year
- 2017-18 Naismith National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2018 USBWA District V Coach of the Year
- 2016-17 BIG EAST Coach of the Year
- 2016-17 John McLendon Award Winner (collegeinsiders.com)
- 2016-17 and 2014-15 Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2014-15 Naismith National Coach of the Year Finalist
- Three Seasons as Gardner-Webb Head Coach (44-54 Record; 2011-13)
- 2013 Big South Conference Coach of the Year



Chris Holtmann begins his third season at the helm of the Buckeyes in 2019-20 following an inaugural season at Ohio State in which he was named the 2018 Big Ten Coach of the Year while leading the Buckeyes to a 25-9 overall record, a No. 2 finish in the Big Ten regular-season standings (15-3) and a second round appearance in the 2018 NCAA Tournament.

His second edition of Ohio State basketball also advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament and finished the year with a 20-15 record.

The Big Ten Coach of the Year award in 2018 was the second COY honor in as many seasons, and third overall for Holtmann, who earned Big East COY in 2017. The Big East award culminated three seasons as head coach at Butler University. Holtmann became the 14th head coach in Ohio State history when he was named to the position June 9, 2017.

The Buckeyes exceeded any and all expectations in Holtmann's first season in Columbus. Picked to finish no better than 11th in preseason media polls, the Buckeyes stormed out to a 9-0 record in Big Ten Conference play, the best start to a league season by a first-year Big Ten coach in 95 years.

Highlighting the 2018-19 season were home wins over Michigan, overcoming a first-half 20-point deficit, and No. 1 Michigan State along with a road victory at No. 3 Purdue, the Boilermakers' only home loss of the season.

Holtmann, the USBWA District V Coach of the Year and a finalist for the 2018 Naismith COY Award, not only earned awards in 2017-18, he coached award winners as well.

Keita Bates-Diop, who suffered a season-ending leg injury early in the 2016-17 season, returned to the Ohio State roster as a redshirt junior in 2017-18 to become the 2018 Big Ten Player of the Year while also earning Consensus Second Team All-America honors (*Associated Press*, NABC, *Sporting News*, USBWA). He helped the Buckeyes to the most wins (25) under a first-year head coach in Ohio State history. Bates-Diop also was a 2018 First Team All-Big Ten selection while teammate Jae'Sean Tate was named Second Team All-Big Ten. Kaleb Wesson earned a spot on the 2018 Big Ten All-Freshman Team.

As a team, the Buckeyes returned to the national rankings prior to a road game at Northwestern in which Ohio State, ranked No. 20 in the weekly *Associated Press* poll, downed the Wildcats 71-65 Jan. 17, 2018.



- **Full Name:** Christopher Holtmann
- **Born:** Nov. 11, 1971
- **Hometown:** Nicholasville, Kentucky
- **High School:** Jessamine County HS
- **Alma Mater:** Taylor, 1994 (Psychology); Ball State, 2000 (Masters/Athletic Administration)

• **Playing Career:** Lettered from 1991-94 at Taylor (Ind.) University. As a senior, earned All-America honors while leading Taylor to a No. 1 ranking in the NAIA rankings.

• **Coaching Career:** Taylor (GA), 1997; Geneva (asst.), 1998-99; Taylor (asst.), 1999-2003; Gardner-Webb (asst.), 2003-08; Ohio (asst.), 2008-10; Gardner-Webb (head coach), 2010-13; Butler (asst.), 2013-14; Butler (head coach), 2014-17; Ohio State (head coach), 2017 to present.

• **Assisted Under:** Paul Patterson (Taylor); Jeff Santarsiero (Genevia); Rick Scruggs (Gardner-Webb); John Groce (Ohio); Brandon Miller (Butler).

• **Highlights:** Big South Coach of the Year (2013), Big East Coach of the Year (2017); Collegeinsider.com John McLendon National Coach of the Year (2017); NAIA All-American (1994).

Ohio State remained in the poll the remainder of the season, reaching as high as the No. 8 spot before ending the season at No. 17.

Following three incredibly successful seasons at Butler, Holtmann agreed to take over the Ohio State men's basketball program June 9, 2017. He was introduced as Ohio State's 14th head coach in the history of the program June 12, 2017.

Holtmann led the Bulldogs to a 70-31 record over three seasons (2014-17) as head coach at Butler, including a 25-9 mark in 2016-17. The Bulldogs advanced to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2011 in his final year in Indianapolis. Butler's 2016-17 season included a 14-5 regular-season record against 12 teams that made the 2017 tournament field.

The Bulldogs had non-conference wins over Arizona, Cincinnati, Northwestern, Vanderbilt, Vermont and Bucknell, in addition to a pair of wins over Villanova. Butler's win over Villanova at Hinkle Fieldhouse Jan. 4, 2017 was the second win over a No. 1-ranked team in Butler history.

The 2016-17 campaign marked the third-consecutive season Butler made the NCAA Tournament and won at least one NCAA Tournament game under Holtmann. At the time, he joined Roy Williams, John Calipari and Mike Brey as the only active coaches to lead their current teams to NCAA Tournament wins each of their first three seasons.

Holtmann is one of only two coaches in Butler history to lead the Bulldogs to the NCAA Tournament in each of his first three seasons – Brad Stevens is the other.

HEAD COACH CHRIS HOLTMANN

HOLTMANN'S CAREER RECORD BY YEAR

A highly-touted recruiter, Holtmann and his staff signed the two highest-ranked classes in Butler history (2016, 2017).

Picked to finish sixth in the preseason BIG EAST coaches poll, Butler posted a 12-6 BIG EAST mark to place second in the 2016-17 league standings. Those same BIG EAST coaches selected Holtmann as the conference's Coach of the Year.

Holtmann was the 2016-17 recipient of the John McLendon Award, presented annually by Collegelnsider.com to college basketball's coach of the year. Additionally, for the second time in three seasons at Butler, Holtmann was named a finalist for the Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year Award.

The 2015-16 Bulldogs averaged 79.9 points per game, which ranked in the Top 25 nationally. Butler opened the season with an 11-1 non-conference record, climbing as high as ninth in the *Associated Press* poll and 10th in the *USA Today* Coaches Poll.

To say that Holtmann's initial season at the helm of the Butler program was a success would be an understatement. He guided a Butler team that was picked to tie for seventh in the BIG EAST to a 23-11 campaign, a tie for second place in the BIG EAST regular-season race and a berth in the 2015 NCAA Tournament.

Along the way, the Bulldogs knocked off five teams ranked in the Top 25 at the time, including No. 5/6 North Carolina at the Battle 4 Atlantis, and picked up a second round NCAA Tournament win.

Butler, unmentioned in the national polls at the start of the season, was among teams receiving votes or ranked in the Top 25 in 16 of the final 17 weeks of the season. The Bulldogs climbed to as high as No. 15 in the AP national poll and No. 18 in the *USA Today* national poll. Butler tied the fourth-best turnaround in BIG EAST history (+8) and matched the 11th-highest single-season win total in school history. For his efforts, Holtmann was named a finalist for both the Naismith National Coach of the Year Award and the Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year Award.

Holtmann left a position as head coach at Gardner-Webb to become an assistant coach at Butler prior to the 2013-14 season. After one year as an assistant, Holtmann found himself back in the lead chair. On Oct. 2, 2014, Butler head coach Brandon Miller requested and was granted a medical leave of absence. Holtmann was appointed interim head coach and given the task of leading the Bulldogs through the start of the 2014-15 season. Three months later, on Jan. 2, 2015, Butler removed the interim tag and named Holtmann head coach of the Bulldogs.

Holtmann served as head coach at Gardner-Webb for three seasons (2011-13), leading the North Carolina school through a successful rebuilding effort. He took the Runnin' Bulldogs from eight wins in 2009-10 to a school Division I record 21 victories and a berth in the Collegelnsider.com postseason tourna-

AS AN ASSISTANT				
Year	School	Record	Conference	Postseason
1998-99	Geneva	11-20		
1999-2000	Taylor	19-14	6-8	
2000-01	Taylor	17-16	7-7	
2001-02	Taylor	25-7	11-3	
2002-03	Taylor	25-9	10-4	NAIA First Round
2003-04	Gardner-Webb	9-20	6-14	
2004-05	Gardner-Webb	18-12	13-7	
2005-06	Gardner-Webb	9-20	6-14	
2006-07	Gardner-Webb	9-21	7-11	
2007-08	Gardner-Webb	16-16	9-7	
2008-09	Ohio University	15-17	7-9	
2009-10	Ohio University	22-15	7-9	
2013-14	Butler	14-17	4-14	
AS A HEAD COACH				
Year	School	Record	Conf/Place	Postseason
2010-11	Gardner-Webb	11-21	6-12/9th	
2012-12	Gardner-Webb	12-20	6-12/9th	
2013-13	Gardner-Webb	21-13	11-5/2nd (South)	CIT First Round
3-Year Gardner-Webb Record		44-54	23-29	
2014-15	Butler	23-11	12-6/3rd	NCAA Third Round
2015-16	Butler	22-11	10-8/4th	NCAA Third Round
2016-17	Butler	25-9	12-6/2nd	NCAA Sweet 16
3-Year Butler Record		70-31	34-20	
2017-18	Ohio State	25-9	15-3/2nd	NCAA Second Round
2018-19	Ohio State	20-15	8-12/8th	NCAA Second Round
2019-20	Ohio State			
2-Year Ohio State Record		45-24	23-15	
8-Year Collegiate Record		159-109 (.593)		5 NCAA/1 CIT

ment in his last year. Gardner-Webb won 10 of its final 11 games in 2012-13 and finished a game out of first place in the Big South Conference. For his efforts, Holtmann was named Big South Conference Coach of the Year and NABC District 3 Coach of the Year.

Prior to taking the head coaching position at Gardner-Webb, Holtmann spent two seasons as an assistant coach at Ohio University under former Butler and Ohio State assistant John Groce. Holtmann helped build back-to-back top classes as recruiting coordinator for the Bobcats, and he was part of the staff that led Ohio to the 2010 Mid-American Conference Tournament title and an upset of No. 3-seed Georgetown in the opening round of the 2010 NCAA Tournament. Before his stint at Ohio, he served for five seasons as an assistant coach at Gardner-Webb, including four seasons as associate head coach.

A native of Nicholasville, Ky., Holtmann was an NAIA All-American guard at Taylor University. He helped lead Taylor to a 25-9 record, a No. 1 national ranking and a berth in the NAIA National Tournament in 1993-94. He served as a graduate assistant coach at Taylor in 1997-98, spent one season as an assistant coach at Geneva College and then returned to

Taylor as an assistant coach under head coach Paul Patterson. In his final two seasons at Taylor, the Trojans posted a 50-16 record, won back-to-back conference titles and ranked in the Top 15 of the NAIA national poll.

Holtmann earned a degree in psychology from Taylor in 1994 and a master's degree in athletic administration from Ball State in 2000. He and his wife, Lori, have one daughter, Nora Jane.

2019-20 OHIO STATE BUCKEYES

BY CLASS

Seniors (2)

Danny Hummer
Andre Wesson

Juniors (5)

Musa Jallow
Justice Sueing
CJ Walker
Kaleb Wesson
Kyle Young

Sophomores (4)

Justin Ahrens
Harrison Hookfin
Luther Muhammad
Duane Washington Jr.

Freshmen (4)

D.J. Carton
Ibrahima Diallo
Alonzo Gaffney
E.J. Liddell

BY STATE/ COUNTRY

Ohio (7)

Justin Ahrens
Alonzo Gaffney
Harrison Hookfin
Danny Hummer
Andre Wesson
Kaleb Wesson
Kyle Young

California (1)

Duane Washington Jr.

Hawaii (1)

Justice Sueing

Illinois (1)

E.J. Liddell

Indiana (2)

Musa Jallow
CJ Walker

Iowa (1)

D.J. Carton

New Jersey (1)

Luther Muhammad

Senegal (1)

Ibrahima Diallo

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	H.S./Last School
0	Alonzo Gaffney	F	6-9	198	Fr.	Cleveland, Ohio	Brewster Academy
1	Luther Muhammad*	G	6-3	185	So.	Newark, N.J.	Hudson Catholic
2	Musa Jallow**	G	6-5	200	Jr.	Bloomington, Ind.	North
3	D.J. Carton	G	6-2	190	Fr.	Bettendorf, Iowa	Bettendorf
4	Duane Washington Jr.*	G	6-3	190	So.	Grand Rapids, Mich.	Sierra Canyon
10	Justin Ahrens*	F	6-5	180	So.	Versailles, Ohio	Versailles
13	CJ Walker	G	6-1	195	R-Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind.	Florida State
14	Justice Sueing	F	6-6	210	Jr.	Honolulu, Hawaii	California
15	Ibrahima Diallo	C	6-10	220	Fr.	Senegal	Prolific Prep
24	Andre Wesson***	F	6-6	220	Sr.	Westerville, Ohio	South
25	Kyle Young**	F	6-8	205	Jr.	Canton, Ohio	Jackson
32	E.J. Liddell	F	6-6	236	Fr.	Belleville, Ill.	West
34	Kaleb Wesson**	F	6-9	270	Jr.	Westerville, Ohio	South
40	Danny Hummer*	G	6-0	175	R-Sr.	Upper Arlington, Ohio	Air Force Academy
42	Harrison Hookfin*	F	6-5	220	So.	Lebanon, Ohio	Lebanon

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	H.S./Last School
10	Justin Ahrens*	F	6-5	180	So.	Versailles, Ohio	Versailles
3	D.J. Carton	G	6-2	190	Fr.	Bettendorf, Iowa	Bettendorf
15	Ibrahima Diallo	C	6-10	220	Fr.	Senegal	Prolific Prep
0	Alonzo Gaffney	F	6-9	198	Fr.	Cleveland, Ohio	Brewster Academy
42	Harrison Hookfin*	F	6-5	220	So.	Lebanon, Ohio	Lebanon
40	Danny Hummer*	G	6-0	175	R-Sr.	Upper Arlington, Ohio	Air Force Academy
2	Musa Jallow**	G	6-5	200	Jr.	Bloomington, Ind.	North
32	E.J. Liddell	F	6-6	236	Fr.	Belleville, Ill.	West
1	Luther Muhammad*	G	6-3	185	So.	Newark, N.J.	Hudson Catholic
14	Justice Sueing	F	6-6	210	Jr.	Honolulu, Hawaii	California
13	CJ Walker	G	6-1	195	R-Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind.	Florida State
4	Duane Washington Jr.*	G	6-3	190	So.	Grand Rapids, Mich.	Sierra Canyon
24	Andre Wesson***	F	6-6	220	Sr.	Westerville, Ohio	South
34	Kaleb Wesson**	F	6-9	270	Jr.	Westerville, Ohio	South
25	Kyle Young**	F	6-8	205	Jr.	Canton, Ohio	Jackson

*Letters earned

COACHES AND STAFF

Chris Holtmann, Head Coach
Ryan Pedon, Assistant Coach
Terry Johnson, Assistant Coach
Jake Diebler, Assistant Coach
David Egelhoff, Director of Basketball Operations
Mike Netti, Special Assistant to the Head Coach
Jeff Deits, Athletic Trainer
Quadrian Banks, Strength and Conditioning Coach
Terence Dials, Director of Professional Development
Kyle Davis, Video Coordinator
Andrew Dakich, Program Assistant
Robbie Rucki, Program Assistant

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Players

Justin Ahrens ARNS
Musa Jallow MOOSE-uh JAHL-oh

Coaches

Quadrian Banks KWAY-dree-un

MAJORS

Justin Ahrens Exploration
D.J. Carton Communication
Ibrahima Diallo Sport Industry
Alonzo Gaffney Sport Industry
Harrison Hookfin Biology
Danny Hummer Master's of Public Administration
Musa Jallow Exercise Science
E.J. Liddell Communication
Luther Muhammad Exploration
Justice Sueing Psychology
CJ Walker Sport Industry
Duane Washington Jr. Sport Industry
Andre Wesson Economics
Kaleb Wesson Sport Industry
Kyle Young Sport Industry

PLAYERS BY HEIGHT

Ibrahima Diallo 6-10
Alonzo Gaffney, Kaleb Wesson 6-9
Kyle Young 6-8
E.J. Liddell, Justice Sueing, Andre Wesson 6-6
Justin Ahrens, Harrison Hookfin, Musa Jallow 6-5
Luther Muhammad, Duane Washington Jr. 6-3
D.J. Carton 6-2
CJ Walker 6-1



2018-19 Ohio State Buckeyes
Ohio St. Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 27, 2019)
All games



Overall record: 20-15 Conf: 8-12 Home: 12-6 Away: 4-7 Neutral: 4-2

#	Player	gp-gs	min	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds					pts	avg						
				fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf			dq	a	to	blk	stl	
34	Kaleb Wesson	32-31	829	25.9	156-312	.500	26-75	.347	130-177	.734	77	144	221	6.9	103	5	59	73	21	33	468	14.6
03	C.J. Jackson	34-31	1045	30.7	137-337	.407	62-168	.369	73-95	.768	17	118	135	4.0	63	1	119	76	6	41	409	12.0
24	Andre Wesson	35-34	1049	30.0	102-237	.430	37-110	.336	59-79	.747	45	97	142	4.1	101	3	62	62	15	20	300	8.6
32	Keyshawn Woods	35-15	961	27.5	108-257	.420	27-90	.300	40-49	.816	14	93	107	3.1	80	1	86	47	5	23	283	8.1
01	Luther Muhammad	34-28	905	26.6	83-222	.374	36-96	.375	56-74	.757	16	76	92	2.7	67	1	59	49	2	32	258	7.6
04	Duane Washington Jr.	35-2	603	17.2	91-246	.370	41-134	.306	22-34	.647	9	78	87	2.5	45	0	37	37	0	10	245	7.0
25	Kyle Young	31-14	636	20.5	78-116	.672	1-6	.167	28-48	.583	48	88	136	4.4	65	1	28	23	16	17	185	6.0
10	Ahrens, Justin	25-4	239	9.6	25-61	.410	19-49	.388	10-11	.909	4	40	44	1.8	23	0	8	14	5	6	79	3.2
23	LeDee, Jaedon	26-2	171	6.6	18-47	.383	0-3	.000	41-55	.745	18	27	45	1.7	27	0	6	12	6	3	77	3.0
02	Musa Jallow	35-13	525	15.0	36-85	.424	12-36	.333	18-26	.692	31	70	101	2.9	42	1	23	29	9	17	102	2.9
14	Lane, Joey	15-1	38	2.5	4-8	.500	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	0	6	6	0.4	3	0	6	3	0	2	11	0.7
40	Hummer, Danny	9-0	21	2.3	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	0	1	1	0.1	4	0	1	4	0	2	2	0.2
42	Hookfin, Harrison	1-0	1	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											49	49	98					10				
Total.....		35	7023		839-1931	.434	264-774	.341	477-650	.734	328	888	1216	34.7	623	13	494	439	85	206	2419	69.1
Opponents.....		35	7019		814-1929	.422	236-722	.327	454-613	.741	310	861	1171	33.5	651	16	408	426	107	217	2318	66.2

TEAM STATISTICS	OSU	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	2419	2318	11/07/18	at Cincinnati	w 64-56	12012
Points per game	69.1	66.2	11/11/18	PURDUE FORT WAYNE	w 107-61	12040
Scoring margin	+2.9	-	11-15-18	at Creighton	w 69-60	17146
FIELD GOALS-ATT	839-1931	814-1929	11/18/18	SOUTH CAROLINA ST.	w 89-61	10935
Field goal pct	.434	.422	11/20/18	SAMFORD	w 68-50	10725
3 POINT FG-ATT	264-774	236-722	11/23/18	CLEVELAND ST.	w 89-62	13276
3-point FG pct	.341	.327	11/28/18	SYRACUSE	L 62-72	16962
3-pt FG made per game	7.5	6.7	* 12/02/18	MINNESOTA	w 79-59	11668
FREE THROWS-ATT	477-650	454-613	* 12/05/18	vs Illinois	w 77-67	5285
Free throw pct	.734	.741	12/15/18	BUCKNELL	w 73-71	14241
F-Throws made per game	13.6	13.0	12/18/18	YOUNGSTOWN ST.	w 75-56	12637
REBOUNDS	1216	1171	12/22/18	vs UCLA	w 80-66	15124
Rebounds per game	34.7	33.5	12/29/18	HIGH POINT	w 82-64	14264
Rebounding margin	+1.3	-	* 01/05/19	MICHIGAN ST.	L 77-86	18809
ASSISTS	494	408	* 01/09/19	at Rutgers	L 61-64	5379
Assists per game	14.1	11.7	* 01/12/19	at Iowa	L 62-72	14528
TURNOVERS	439	426	* 01/18/19	MARYLAND	L 61-75	14716
Turnovers per game	12.5	12.2	* 01/23/19	PURDUE	L 67-79	12736
Turnover margin	-0.4	-	* 01/26/19	at Nebraska	w 70-60	15890
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	1.0	* 01/29/19	at Michigan	L 49-65	12707
STEALS	206	217	* 02/02/19	RUTGERS	w 76-62	14961
Steals per game	5.9	6.2	* 02/07/19	PENN ST.	w 74-70	15824
BLOCKS	85	107	* 02/10/19	at Indiana	w 55-52	17222
Blocks per game	2.4	3.1	* 02/14/19	ILLINOIS	L 56-63	12420
ATTENDANCE	250595	227622	* 02/17/19	at Michigan St.	L 44-62	14797
Home games-Avg/Game	18-13922	11-13508	* 02/20/19	NORTHWESTERN	w 63-49	12032
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	6-13172	* 02/23/19	at Maryland	L 62-72	17569
			* 02/26/19	IOWA	w 90-70	14118
			* 03/02/19	at Purdue	L 51-86	14804
			* 03/06/19	at Northwestern	L 50-68	6534
			* 03/10/19	WISCONSIN	Lot 67-73	18231
			03/14/19	vs Indiana	w 79-75	16207
			03/15/19	vs Michigan St.	L 70-77	17369
			03/22/19	vs Iowa St.	w 62-59	12443
			03/24/19	vs Houston	L 59-74	12606

* - Conference game

2019-20 OHIO STATE SCHEDULE

2019-20 Men's Basketball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	TV	Time (ET)
NOVEMBER					
Wednesday	30	Cedarville (exh.)	Columbus, Ohio	BTN+	7 p.m.
NOVEMBER					
Wednesday	6	Cincinnati	Columbus, Ohio	FS1	8:30 p.m.
Sunday	10	UMass Lowell	Columbus, Ohio	ESPNU	4 p.m.
Wednesday	13	Villanova-1	Columbus, Ohio	FS1	7 p.m.
Monday	18	Stetson-2	Columbus, Ohio	BTN	8:30 p.m.
Friday	22	Purdue Fort Wayne-2	Columbus, Ohio	BTN+	7 p.m.
Monday	25	Kent State-2a	Columbus, Ohio	BTN	6:30 p.m.
Friday	29	Morgan State	Columbus, Ohio	BTN	9 p.m.
DECEMBER					
Wednesday	4	at North Carolina-3	Chapel Hill, N.C.	ESPN	9:30 p.m.
Saturday	7	Penn State	Columbus, Ohio	BTN	TBA
Sunday	15	at Minnesota	Minneapolis, Minn.	BTN	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	17	Southeast Missouri State	Columbus, Ohio	BTN	7 p.m.
Saturday	21	vs. Kentucky-4	Las Vegas, Nev.	CBS	5:15 p.m.
Sunday	29	vs. West Virginia-5	Cleveland, Ohio	FS1	Noon
JANUARY					
Friday	3	Wisconsin	Columbus, Ohio	FS1	7 p.m.
Tuesday	7	at Maryland	College Park, Md.	ESPN/2	7 p.m.
Saturday	11	at Indiana	Bloomington, Ind.	FOX	Noon
Tuesday	14	Nebraska	Columbus, Ohio	FS1	6:30 p.m.
Saturday	18	at Penn State	University Park, Pa.	ESPN/2/U	Noon
Thursday	23	Minnesota	Columbus, Ohio	FS1	6:30 p.m.
Sunday	26	at Northwestern	Evanston, Ill.	BTN	6:30 p.m.
FEBRUARY					
Saturday	1	Indiana	Columbus, Ohio	ESPN/2	Noon
Tuesday	4	at Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	ESPN/2	7 p.m.
Sunday	9	at Wisconsin	Madison, Wis.	CBS	1 p.m.
Wednesday	12	Rutgers	Columbus, Ohio	BTN	7 p.m.
Saturday	15	Purdue	Columbus, Ohio	FOX	Noon
Thursday	20	at Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	ESPN/2	7 p.m.
Sunday	23	Maryland	Columbus, Ohio	CBS	4 p.m.
Thursday	27	at Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	ESPN/2/U	9 p.m.
MARCH					
Sunday	1	Michigan	Columbus, Ohio	CBS	4 p.m.
Thursday	5	Illinois	Columbus, Ohio	ESPN/2	7 p.m.
Sunday	8	at Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	CBS	4:30 p.m.
Wednesday-Sunday	11-15	Big Ten Tournament-6	Indianapolis, Ind.		

Home games in **Bold** // All Times Eastern // 1 - 2019 Gavitt Games, Value City Arena, Columbus, Ohio // 2 - 2019 Ohio State Classic, Value City Arena, Columbus, Ohio // 2a - Ohio State Classic, St. John Arena, Columbus, Ohio // 3 - Big Ten/ACC Challenge, Dean Smith Center, Chapel Hill, N.C. // 4 - CBSSports Classic, T-Mobile Arena, Las Vegas // 5 - Cleveland Classic, Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse, Cleveland, Ohio // 6 - at Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis