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2011-12 OUTLOOK

100 YEARS IN BIG TEN

Ohio State will celebrate 100 years as a member of the Big Ten Conference in men's basketball in 2012. The Buckeyes finished in the No. 6 spot in 1913, the first season of league play. Over the 99 previous seasons, Ohio State has earned 19 Big Ten regular-season titles with 23 NCAA tournament appearances and one national championship (1960) and nine trips to the Final Four. Eight former coaches and players are members of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame while nearly 50 student-athletes have been drafted by National Basketball Association teams, including 22 in the first round.

TRIO MENTIONED AMONG WOODEN PRESEASON TOP 50

Senior William Buford along with sophomores Aaron Craft and Jared Sullinger are listed among the Top 50 preseason candidates for the prestigious John R. Wooden Award. Sullinger, the national freshman of the year in 2011, was a finalist for the Wooden Award a season ago.

2011-12 SCHEDULE AMONG BEST NATIONALLY

Several Ohio State non-conference games will garner national attention this season in addition to the always rugged Big Ten slate of 18 regular-season contests. Ohio State will face Florida and Duke at Value City Arena with key non-league games at Kansas and South Carolina. With the addition of Nebraska to the conference schedule, league teams will play seven foes twice and four teams once during regular-season play. Ohio State plays host to Penn State and Purdue and will travel to Iowa and Minnesota. The rest of the league will compete against the Buckeyes both home and away.

BUFORD SET FOR RECORD SEASON

William Buford is the lone senior on the Ohio State roster this season. In fact, he is just one of two upperclassmen and the only player with more than a year of experience in an Ohio State uniform. After transfer Evan Ravenel, who transferred to Ohio State from Boston College and sat out the 2010-11 campaign, there are 11 freshmen (5) and sophomores (6) on the Ohio State roster. Buford enters this year with 1,424 career points over 106 career games (13.4 ppg.). Dennis Hopson (1984-87) is the all-time leading scorer in Ohio State history with 2,096 points over 125 career games played (16.8 ppg.). Buford is currently No. 22 on the Ohio State all-time scoring list.

SULLINGER CLOSING ON 1,000 POINT CLUB

Jerry Lucas reached the 1,000 point total in just 38 games. It took Michael Redd 49 contests. Jared Sullinger has played in 37 games to date with 635 points to his credit for an average of 17.2 a game. Only six players in history have reached 1,000 career points in less than 60 games played. Sullinger needs to average just under 16 points a game over the first 23 games of the 2011-12 season to become the seventh Buckeye to accomplish the feat.

Two-year OSU 1,000+ scorers

Player	Career Pts.	2-Yr. Total	Gms to 1,000
Jerry Lucas	1,990	1,381	38
Michael Redd	1,171	1,171	49
Dave Sorenson	1,622	1,041	52
Herb Williams	2,011	1,069	54
Brad Sellers	1,122	1,122	58
Jim Jackson	1,785	1,067	59

TITLES MOUNTING FOR MATTA, BUCKEYES

Thad Matta's teams have won four Big Ten regular-season titles and three league tournament crowns during his seven-year tenure at Ohio State. Ohio State has won each of the last two regular-season and tournament titles. The Buckeyes have not posted three-consecutive Big Ten Conference crowns since winning a conference record five-consecutive titles from 1960-64 under the direction of head coach Fred Taylor. Taylor led Ohio State to seven league championships from 1959-76. Harold G. Olson won five Big Ten titles as coach between 1923-46.

BUCKEYES RETURN PLENTY

Despite the loss of three senior starters, the Buckeyes return the majority of the offensive production from a year ago. Seven 2010-11 letterwinners return nearly 63 percent of the team's points (1,783 of 2,854), rebounds (805 of 1,277), assists 370 of 587 and steals (169 of 263) entering this season. Five incoming freshmen along with increased roles of the returning Buckeyes will attempt to make up for the losses of David Lighty (12.1 ppg.), Jon Diebler (12.6 ppg.) and Dallas Lauderdale (4.2 ppg, 54 total blocks). Four of the top six offensive players return in Jared Sullinger (17.2 ppg.), William Buford (14.4 ppg.), Deshaun Thomas (7.5 ppg.) and Aaron Craft (6.9 ppg.). Sullinger added 10.2 rebounds a game while Buford tallied 61 3-pointers while making 84 percent of his foul shots (59-70). Craft led the team in assists (177) and steals (73). Thomas was solid off the bench a year ago and is expected to have an increased role both offensively and defensively this year.

SCOTT, WILLIAMS ADD TO OHIO STATE'S 17-PLAYER McDONALD'S LIST

Ohio State incoming freshmen Shannon Scott and Amir Williams were selected Feb. 10, 2011 to represent the East (Scott) and West (Williams) teams in the 2011 McDonald's All-America game. The game was played March 30 at the United Center in Chicago. Scott led both teams with five steals. The East won the

OHIO STATE STREAKS ENTERING 2011-12

- 2 Consecutive NCAA Sweet 16 Appearances (2010, 2011)
Consecutive Years with First Team All-American
(2010, E. Turner; 2011, J. Sullinger)
- 3 Consecutive Years in Big Ten Tournament Title Game (2009-11)
- 6 Consecutive wins in Big Ten Tournament (3-2010, 3-2011)
Consecutive years with at least 10 wins in Big Ten Reg. Season
- 7 Consecutive 20-win seasons (all under Thad Matta)
Consecutive wins vs. Big Ten Opponents
Consecutive Seasons with 10+ Non-conference wins (all under Matta)
Consecutive seasons with 15 or more home wins (all under Matta)
- 9 Consecutive games opponent held under 67 points (8-1)
- 22 Consecutive home wins (last 2 in 2010, 20 in 2010-11)
- 27 Consecutive weeks in AP Top 25 Poll (last 9 2010, 18 in 2011)

MATTA CLOSING ON 300 WINS, 200 AT OHIO STATE

Thad Matta is eight wins shy of career victory No. 300 entering the 2011-12 season. Now in his eighth season at Ohio State, Matta has a record of 292-88 over 11 years as a head coach, which includes three seasons at Xavier (2002-04) and one year at his alma mater, Butler (2000-01). Matta is 10 wins shy of 200 at Ohio State (190-57). During his tenure with the Buckeyes, Matta has won four Big Ten regular season crowns, three league postseason titles, an National Invitational Tournament crown and has made five appearances in the NCAA tournament, which includes three "Sweet 16" appearances and one run to the title game (2007).

MATTA'S ALL-BIG TEN HONOREES

Big Ten Player of the Year

2006 Terence Dials
2010 Evan Turner

First Team All-Big Ten

2006 Terence Dials
2007 Greg Oden,
Mike Conley, Jr.
2008 Jamar Butler
2009 Evan Turner
2010 Evan Turner
2011 Jared Sullinger

Big Ten Freshman of the Year

2007 Greg Oden
2009 William Buford
2011 Jared Sullinger

Big Ten Defensive POY

2007 Greg Oden

Big Ten 6th Man of the Year

2007 Daequan Cook
2009 B.J. Mullens
2011 Aaron Craft

Big Ten Coach of the Year

2006 Thad Matta
2007 Thad Matta
2010 Thad Matta

All-Americans

2007 Greg Oden, 1st team AP
2nd team, USBWA, NABC,
Sporting News
2009 Evan Turner, Hon. Mention AP
2010 Evan Turner, 1st Team AP,
USBWA, NABC, Sporting News
2011 Jared Sullinger, USBWA

NBA Draft Picks

2007	Greg Oden	2007
	Portland Trail Blazers	1 (1)
	Mike Conley Jr.	2007
	Memphis Grizzlies	1 (4)
	Daequan Cook	2007
	Philadelphia 76ers	1 (21)
2008	Kosta Koufos	2008
	Utah Jazz	1 (23)
2009	B.J. Mullens	2009
	Dallas Mavericks (traded to Oklahoma City Thunder)	1 (24)
2010	Evan Turner	2008-10
	Philadelphia 76ers	1 (2)
2011	Jon Diebler	2008-11
	Portland Trailblazers	2

BY THE NUMBERS DURING THE MATTA ERA

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- Losses at home during the 2006-07 (18-0), 2010-11 (20-0) seasons; previous best was in 1990-91 (15-0)

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- National Player of the Year – Evan Turner (2010)
- National Freshman of the Year – Jared Sullinger (2011)
- Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year – Greg Oden (2007)
- NCAA Final Four appearance (2007)
- National Championship game appearance (2007)
- National Invitation Tournament title (2008)
- Reached No. 1 in the AP Ranking for the first time (3/3/07) since 1962
- Illinois' AP ranking when the Buckeyes won, 65-64 (3/6/05), a win vs. No. 1 for the first time since 1993 (Indiana 2/23/93, 81-77)

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- Big Ten Players of the Year – Terence Dials (2006), Evan Turner (2010)
- Wins vs. (AP) No. 1-ranked teams (2-2 record)

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- Big Ten Tournament titles (2007, 2010, 2011)
- Big Ten Freshmen of the Year – Greg Oden (2007); William Buford (2009), Jared Sullinger (2011)
- Ohio State record number of players drafted in the 2007 NBA Draft (Oden, Conley, Cook). All were true freshmen and all were taken in the first round.

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- All-Americans
Greg Oden (2007); Evan Turner (2009, 2010), Jared Sullinger (2011)
- Big Ten titles (2006, 2007, 2010, 2011)

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- Big Ten Tournament title games (2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011)
- NCAA Tournament appearances (2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011)

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- Players drafted in the first round of the NBA Draft (Oden, Conley, Cook, Koufos, Mullens, Turner) and another taken in Round 2 (Diebler in 2011)

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- First Team All-Big Ten selections
- 20-win seasons

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- Length of win streak vs. Big Ten opponents (2007 & 2008); 10 of those wins were on the road or in the Big Ten tournament

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- School record wins (35-4 in 2007). Posted a 34-3 record in 2010-11.

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- Has the best winning percentage among all Ohio State coaches with 3 or more years on the job (76.9)
- Has the best winning percentage among all Ohio State coaches in Big Ten play (70.8)
- Has a winning percentage at home of 92.2 (119-10)
- Has an overall record of 190-57 (76.9)
- Has a Big Ten Record of 85-35 (70.8)



THE OHIO STATE BUCKEYES

BY CLASS

Seniors (1)

William Buford

Juniors (2)

Alex Rogers
Evan Ravenel

Sophomores (6)

Aaron Craft
Jordan Sibert
Lenzelle Smith, Jr.
Jared Sullinger
Deshaun Thomas
J.D. Weatherspoon

Freshmen (4)

Trey McDonald
Shannon Scott
Sam Thompson
Amir Williams

BY STATE

Ohio (6)

William Buford
Aaron Craft
Alex Rogers
Jordan Sibert
Jared Sullinger
J.D. Weatherspoon

Florida (1)

Evan Ravenel

Georgia (1)

Shannon Scott

Illinois (2)

Lenzelle Smith, Jr.
Sam Thompson

Indiana (1)

Deshaun Thomas

Michigan (2)

Trey McDonald
Amir Williams

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	H.S./Last School
0	Jared Sullinger*	F	6-9	265	So.	Columbus, Ohio	Northland
1	Deshaun Thomas*	F	6-7	225	So.	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	Bishop Luers
2	Jordan Sibert*	G	6-4	185	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio	Princeton
3	Shannon Scott	G	6-1	180	Fr.	Alpharetta, Ga.	Milton
4	Aaron Craft*	G	6-2	190	So.	Findlay, Ohio	Liberty Benton
12	Sam Thompson	F	6-7	190	Fr.	Chicago	Whitney Young
14	Alex Rogers@	G	6-2	195	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio	Oak Hills/Christian Bros. Univ.
15	J.D. Weatherspoon*	F	6-6	215	So.	Columbus, Ohio	Northland
23	Amir Williams	C	6-11	220	Fr.	Birmingham, Mich.	Detroit County Day
30	Evan Ravenel	F	6-8	260	Jr.	Tampa, Fla.	Brandon
32	Lenzelle Smith, Jr. *	G	6-4	205	So.	Zion, Ill.	Zion-Benton
44	William Buford***	G	6-6	220	Sr.	Toledo, Ohio	Libbey
55	Trey McDonald	C	6-8	225	Fr.	Battle Creek, Mich.	Battle Creek Central

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	H.S./Last School
44	William Buford***	G	6-6	220	Sr.	Toledo, Ohio	Libbey
4	Aaron Craft*	G	6-2	190	So.	Findlay, Ohio	Liberty Benton
55	Trey McDonald	C	6-8	225	Fr.	Battle Creek, Mich.	Battle Creek Central
30	Evan Ravenel	F	6-8	260	Jr.	Tampa, Fla.	Brandon
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* indicates letters won @Eligibly in 2012-13

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Players

Evan Ravenel	RAV-en-el
Jordan Sibert	SIGH-bert
Lenzelle Smith	LEN-zell
Deshaun Thomas	De-SHAWN
Amir Williams	Ah-MEER

Coaches

Thad Matta	MAH-tuh
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MAJORS

William Buford	African American & African Studies
Aaron Craft	Exploration
Trey McDonald	Exploration
Alex Rogers	Exploration
Evan Ravenel	Consumer and Family Financial Services
Shannon Scott	Pre Communication
Jordan Sibert	Exploration
Lenzelle Smith, Jr.	Exploration
Jared Sullinger	Exploration
Deshaun Thomas	Exploration
Sam Thompson	Pre Business
J.D. Weatherspoon	Exploration
Amir Williams	Exploration

PLAYERS BY HEIGHT

Amir Williams	6-11
Jared Sullinger	6-9
Evan Ravenel	6-8
Trey McDonald	6-7
Deshaun Thomas	6-7
Sam Thompson	6-7
J.D. Weatherspoon	6-6
William Buford	6-6
Jordan Sibert	6-4
Lenzelle Smith, Jr.	6-4
Aaron Craft	6-2
Alex Rogers	6-2
Shannon Scott	6-1



2011-12 OHIO STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	TV	SERIES
NOVEMBER				
6 (Sun)	WALSH (Exh.)	2 p.m.	BTN.com	
11 (Fri)	1-WRIGHT STATE	9 p.m.	BTN	2-0
15 (Tue)	1-FLORIDA&	8 p.m.	ESPN2	5-4
18 (Fri)	1-JACKSON STATE	9 p.m.	BTN	0-0
21 (Mon)	1-NORTH FLORIDA	8:30 p.m.	BTN	0-0
23 (Wed)	VIRGINIA MILITARY INS.	7 p.m.	BTN	2-0
25 (Fri)	VALPARAISO	6:30 p.m.	BTN	1-0
29 (Tue)	2-DUKE&	9:30 p.m.	ESPN	2-3
DECEMBER				
3 (Sat)	TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN	Noon	BTN.com	0-0
10 (Sat)	at Kansas&	3:15 p.m.	ESPN	3-4
14 (Wed)	S. CAROLINA-UPSTATE	7:30 p.m.	BTN	0-0
17 (Sat)	at South Carolina	Noon	ESPN	2-1
20 (Tue)	LAMAR	8:30 p.m.	BTN	0-0
22 (Thur)	3-MIAMI (OHIO)	8:30 p.m.	BTN	4-1
28 (Wed)	NORTHWESTERN%	5:30 p.m.	BTN	109-45
31 (Sat)	at Indiana	6 p.m.	ESPN2	74-99
JANUARY				
3 (Tue)	NEBRASKA%	6:30 p.m.	BTN	4-2
7 (Sat)	at Iowa	3 p.m.	BTN	69-73
10 (Tue)	at Illinois&	9 p.m.	ESPN	64-99
15 (Sun)	INDIANA	1:30/4:30 p.m.	CBS	
21 (Sat)	at Nebraska%	8 p.m.	BTN	
25 (Wed)	PENN STATE&	6:30 p.m.	BTN	27-12
29 (Sun)	MICHIGAN&	1 p.m.	CBS	90-71
FEBRUARY				
4 (Sat)	at Wisconsin&	2 p.m.	ESPN/2	82-65
7 (Tue)	PURDUE&	9 p.m.	ESPN	76-83
11 (Sat)	MICHIGAN STATE&	6 p.m.	ESPN	51-58
14 (Tue)	at Minnesota	9 p.m.	ESPN	78-55
18 (Sat)	at Michigan&	9 p.m.	ESPN	
21 (Tue)	ILLINOIS&	7 p.m.	ESPN	
25 (Sat)	WISCONSIN&	6 p.m.	BTN	
OR				
26 (Sun)	WISCONSIN	4 or 1 p.m.	CBS or ESPN/2	
29 (Wed)	at Northwestern%	8:30 p.m.	BTN	
MARCH				
4 (Sun)	at Michigan State&	TBA	CBS/ESPN/BTN	
8-11 (Th-Su)	4-Big Ten Tournament	TBA	TBA	

Home games in **BOLD CAPS** // All Times Eastern and subject to change

1-Global Sports Shootout, Columbus

2-Big Ten/ACC Challenge, Columbus

3-Nationwide Arena, Downtown Columbus

4-Indianapolis

(&) 2011 NCAA Tournament Participant

(%) 2011 (Postseason) NIT Participant

2010-11 STATISTICS

Overall record: 34-3 Conf: 16-2 Home: 20-0 Away: 9-2 Neutral: 5-1

#	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									
0	Sullinger, Jared	37-37	1172	31.7	222-410	.541	3-12	.250	188-267	.704	131	246	377	10.2	90	1	43	59	20	37	635	17.2
44	Buford, William	36-36	1167	32.4	200-433	.462	61-138	.442	59-70	.843	35	106	141	3.9	78	1	106	66	11	29	520	14.4
33	Diebler, Jon	37-37	1320	35.7	145-286	.507	114-227	.502	64-79	.810	14	84	98	2.6	37	0	88	35	5	36	468	12.6
23	Lighty, David	37-37	1186	32.1	153-327	.468	51-119	.429	89-142	.627	49	99	148	4.0	72	1	122	58	17	55	446	12.1
01	Thomas, Deshaun	37-0	518	14.0	105-219	.479	21-64	.328	47-59	.797	62	69	131	3.5	41	0	17	30	6	14	278	7.5
04	Craft, Aaron	37-1	1096	29.6	83-180	.461	26-69	.377	64-88	.727	20	87	107	2.9	101	2	177	79	4	73	256	6.9
52	Lauderdale, Dallas	37-37	595	16.1	74-101	.733	0-0	.000	8-26	.308	38	82	120	3.2	66	0	6	24	54	3	156	4.2
02	Sibert, Jordan	25-0	208	8.3	18-62	.290	8-32	.250	8-15	.533	8	17	25	1.0	22	0	14	13	1	10	52	2.1
32	Smith Jr., Lenzelle	20-0	91	4.6	9-20	.450	1-8	.125	5-6	.833	8	8	16	0.8	7	0	9	8	0	5	24	1.2
15	Weatherspoon, J.D.	10-0	54	5.4	8-16	.500	0-4	.000	2-9	.222	2	6	8	0.8	2	0	4	2	0	1	18	1.8
10	Days, Eddie	9-0	17	1.9	0-5	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0	0	0	0.0	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.1
Team											52	54	106				1					
Total.....		37	7424		1017-2059	.494	285-674	.423	535-763	.701	419	858	1277	34.5	519	5	587	375	118	263	2854	77.1
Opponents.....		37	7426		838-1976	.424	232-683	.340	300-407	.737	341	755	1096	29.6	697	20	424	552	119	150	2208	59.7

TEAM STATISTICS

	OSU	OPP
SCORING	2854	2208
Points per game	77.1	59.7
Scoring margin	+17.5	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	1017-2059	838-1976
Field goal pct	.494	.424
3 POINT FG-ATT	285-674	232-683
3-point FG pct	.423	.340
3-pt FG made per game	7.7	6.3
FREE THROWS-ATT	535-763	300-407
Free throw pct	.701	.737
F-Throws made per game	14.5	8.1
REBOUNDS	1277	1096
Rebounds per game	34.5	29.6
Rebounding margin	+4.9	-
ASSISTS	587	424
Assists per game	15.9	11.5
TURNOVERS	375	552
Turnovers per game	10.1	14.9
Turnover margin	+4.8	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.6	0.8
STEALS	263	150
Steals per game	7.1	4.1
BLOCKS	118	119
Blocks per game	3.2	3.2
ATTENDANCE	302498	256167
Home games-Avg/Game	20-15125	11-13215
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	6-18466

Score by Periods

	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
Buckeyes	1368	1471	15	2854
Opponents	977	1222	9	2208

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
11/12/10	NORTH CAROLINA A&T	w 102-61	13302
11/16/10	at University of Florida	w 93-75	12110
11/20/10	UNC WILMINGTON	w 81-41	11882
11/23/10	MOREHEAD STATE	w 64-45	12305
11/26/10	MIAMI REDHAWKS	w 66-45	15935
11/30/10	at Florida State	w 58-44	10457
12/09/10	IUPUI	w 75-64	11410
12/12/10	WESTERN CAROLINA	w 85-60	6905
12/15/10	FLORIDA GULF COAST	w 83-55	12613
12/18/10	SOUTH CAROLINA	w 79-57	15497
12/21/10	UNC ASHEVILLE	w 96-49	12658
12/23/10	OAKLAND	w 92-63	13459
12/27/10	UT MARTIN	w 100-40	15133
* 12/31/10	at Indiana	w 85-67	14883
* 01/04/11	at Iowa	w 73-68	9810
* 01/09/11	MINNESOTA	w 67-64	17392
* 01/12/11	at Michigan	w 68-64	11994
* 01/15/11	PENN STATE	w 69-66	18809
* 01/19/11	IOWA	w 70-48	14321
* 01/22/11	at Illinois	w 73-68	16618
* 01/25/11	PURDUE	w 87-64	17556
* 01/29/11	at Northwestern	w 58-57	8117
* 02/03/11	MICHIGAN	w 62-53	18809
* 02/06/11	at Minnesota	w 82-69	14625
* 02/12/11	at Wisconsin	L 67-71	17230
* 02/15/11	MICHIGAN STATE	w 71-61	18809
* 02/20/11	at Purdue	L 63-76	14123
* 02/22/11	ILLINOIS	w 89-70	18085
* 02/27/11	INDIANA	w 82-61	18809
* 3/1/11	at Penn State	w 82-61	15403
* 03/06/11	WISCONSIN	w 93-65	18809
03/11/11	vs Northwestern	Wot 67-61	17975
03/12/11	vs Michigan	w 68-61	18381
03/13/11	vs Penn State	w 71-60	15770
3/18/11	vs UTSA	w 75-46	20164
3/20/11	vs George Mason	w 98-66	20164
3/25/11	vs Kentucky	L 60-62	18343

* = Conference game