

## # 16 BUCKNELL BISON 17-14 (10-2 PL)

vs.

**#1 Wisconsin Badgers 28-3 (18-2 Big Ten)**  
1st Round - MidEast Region - NCAA Tournament  
Friday, December 1, 2000  
7:00 p.m.  
Madison, Wisc. (at Univ. of Wisconsin)



### 2000 Bucknell Volleyball Roster

#### NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	POS.	HT.	Cl.	Hometown	Secondary School
1	Breean Trapasso	S	5-7	Fr.	N. Tonawanda, N.Y.	North Tonawanda
2	** Whitney Williams	S	5-7	Jr.	LaJolla, Calif.	LaJolla
3	** Shannon Walker	MH/MB	5-11	Jr.	Fairfield, Conn.	Fairfield
4	** Melanie Gray	MH/MB	6-3	Jr.	Richmond, Va.	Collegiate School
5	Brandi Trapasso	OH/DS	5-7	Fr.	N. Tonawanda, N.Y.	North Tonawanda
6	*** Nicole LaMothe	RS	5-10	Sr.	Meriden, Conn.	Orville H. Platt
7	* Melanie Ghiz	MH/MB	6-1	So.	New Canaan, Conn.	New Canaan
8	* Jennifer Wrigley	OH	5-8	So.	Benicia, Calif.	Benicia
9	Jacqueline Gallo	OH	5-7	Fr.	N. Branford, Conn.	North Branford
10	** Angela Gano	DS	5-9	Jr.	Silver Spring, Md.	Bethesda-Chevy Chase
11	** Kerri Bishop	RS/DS	5-11	Jr.	Glen Allen, Va.	Hermitage
12	*** Brooke Bader	OH/MH	5-11	Sr.	Elyria, Ohio	Elyria
14	Deirdre Witte	RS	5-10	Fr.	Portland, Ore.	Jesuit
15	** Shamree Landis	OH	5-10	Jr.	Loveland, Colo.	Thompson Valley

**Head Coach:** Cindy Opalski (Southern Connecticut '77), 11th season

**Assistant:** Stephanie O'Brien

**Captains:** Brooke Bader, Nicole LaMothe

\* Letters won

**ABOUT TODAY'S GAME:** The Bucknell volleyball team enters the first round of the NCAA Tournament after earning the Patriot League automatic bid. The Orange and Blue defeated conference rivals, Lehigh and Colgate, in the conference tournament to advance to this point.

A Bison team which finished 17-14 overall and 10-2 in the Patriot League is playing in the NCAA Tournament for the second time in a three-year span. In 1998, Bucknell squared off against the first seed in the Central bracket, Penn State. The volleyball team fell to an undefeated Nittany Lion squad, 3-0, but it was a strong first appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

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#### 2000 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

##### September

Fri.-Sat.	1-2	at Buffalo Univ. Invitational	
		BU vs. Buffalo	L, 3-2
		BU vs. Providence	L, 3-0
		BU vs. Canisius	W, 3-1
Wed.	6	at Penn State	L, 3-0
Fri.-Sat.	8-9	at Youngstown Tournament	
		BU vs. Youngstown St.	L, 3-0
		BU vs. UNC-Asheville	L, 3-1
		BU vs. Drexel	L, 3-0
Fri.-Sat.	15-16	<b>BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY</b>	
		BU vs. Manhattan	L, 3-1
		BU vs. VCU	L, 3-1
		BU vs. St. Francis	W, 3-0
		BU vs. Stony Brook	L, 3-1
Wed.	20	at Loyola	L, 3-1
Fri.-Sat.	22-23	<b>BUCKNELL SUBWAY CLASSIC</b>	
		BU vs. Marist	W, 3-0
		BU vs. Canisius	W, 3-0
		BU vs. Villanova	L, 3-1
Fri.	29	*NAVY	W, 3-0

##### October

Tues.	3	at Colgate *	W, 3-1
Fri.	6	at Army *	W, 3-2
Sat.	7	at Holy Cross *	W, 3-2
Mon.	9	at Central Connecticut	W, 3-0
Thurs.	12	<b>LEHIGH *</b>	L, 3-1
Sat.	14	<b>LAFAYETTE *</b>	W, 3-0
Fri.	20	<b>FORDHAM</b>	L, 3-0
Sat.	21	at Navy *	W, 3-0
Fri.	27	<b>HOLY CROSS *</b>	W, 3-2
Sat.	28	<b>ARMY *</b>	W, 3-1

##### November

Fri.	3	at Lafayette *	W, 3-0
Sat.	4	at Lehigh *	L, 3-0
Sat.	11	<b>COLGATE *</b>	W, 3-1
Sat.-Sun.	17-18	at Patriot League Championship	
		#1 BU vs. #4 Lehigh	W, 3-1
		#2 Colgate vs. #3 Army	W, 3-0

##### December

Fri.	1	at #1 Wisconsin (NCAA's)	7:00 p.m.
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Home Matches in BOLD CAPS

\* Denotes a Patriot League contest

## 2000 BUCKNELL SEASON STATISTICS

### Attacking

Player	Games	Kills/game	PCT.
Shannon Walker	109	3.69	.297
Melanie Gray	70	1.51	.288
Brooke Bader	113	3.03	.284
Whitney Williams	113	0.23	.148
Brandi Trapasso	105	1.95	.120
Jen Wrigley	104	2.75	.117

### Setting & Defense

Player	Games	Assists/game	Digs/game
Brandi Trapasso	105	0.06	3.96
Jen Wrigley	104	0.06	3.49
Brooke Bader	113	0.10	2.93
Whitney Williams	113	10.35	2.38
Nicole LaMothe	111	0.62	1.86

**THE NEMESIS IN 2000:** The Bison entered the first round of the Patriot League tournament with only two conference losses, both to the same team. Those two defeats were to the Lehigh Mountain Hawks. Lehigh dominated the Bison in both outings this season, winning one in four sets and the other in three. However, the Orange and Blue got the best of Lehigh in the tournament and proved that a good team will win when it is all on the line. The victory over Lehigh propelled Bucknell into the finals and gave them the necessary confidence to bring home the Patriot League crown.

**BISON LED BY DUO OF CAPTAINS:** Coach Opalski's team has been led all season by the experience of co-captains Nicole LaMothe and Brooke Bader. These two individuals have been looked upon as the backbone of a very young team.

The two also serve as the only two seniors on the roster for Coach Opalski. These two will be sorely missed by Bison fans, but they have used their experience and maturity to teach a young team how to win.

Bader has had an excellent senior season at Bucknell in 2000. As one of two middle hitters on the front line, she has averaged 2.92 kills per game. She has also showed how well rounded of a game she possesses by averaging 2.95 digs/game.

LaMothe, the more vocal and energetic of the two captains, will also cap off a solid career at Bucknell. She is one of those players that every coach dreams of... she will do whatever is asked of her for the good of the team.

These two individuals have had a major part in the success of this year's volleyball team.

the Patriot League Tournament in Davis Gymnasium... her team ended up in the NCAA Tournament. The Bison did that back in 1998 and they did it again in 2000 with a 3-0 victory over Colgate.

At the beginning of the 2000 season the Orange and Blue set themselves a lofty goal of reaching the NCAA Tournament. The team has achieved that goal and now they are at the next level.

Bucknell's last appearance in the NCAA's was in 1998 and the team squared off against local college powerhouse, Penn State. Even though the match lasted only straight sets, the juniors and seniors that were on that team have never forgotten the experience.

**COACH OPALSKI WINS PL COACH OF THE YEAR:** Coach Opalski brings home the Patriot League Coach of the Year award for the second time in her career at Bucknell. She won the award back in 1995 when the Bison finished the season with an overall record of 26-7 and a perfect conference record. Opalski brings the Bison back to the Patriot League Tournament in 2000 after a one-year absence from postseason action.

**BISON GARNER SEVEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORS IN 2000 AND SWEEP PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS:** Walker led the Bison parade with three Offensive Player of the Week honors in 2000. Close behind Walker was Trapasso snagging two Defensive Player of the Week awards.

Walker and Trapasso followed up their POW's with supreme honors at the Patriot League Championship Banquet. Winning the Offensive Player of the Year Award was Walker while Trapasso won an unprecedented two awards, Defensive Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year.

## 2000 Patriot League Final Standings

Team	Patriot League			Overall		
	W-L	PCT.	GP	W-L	PCT.	GP
<b>Bucknell</b>	<b>10-2</b>	<b>.833</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>17-14</b>	<b>.548</b>	<b>113</b>
Colgate	8-4	.667	41	11-20	.355	102
Army	7-5	.583	44	19-11	.633	109
Lehigh	7-5	.583	39	15-15	.500	101
Holy Cross	6-6	.500	44	12-16	.429	97
Navy	4-8	.333	41	12-17	.414	105
Lafayette	0-12	.000	37	1-26	.037	84

### **BUCKNELL IN THE PATRIOT LEAGUE TOURNAMENT:**

The past two times that Coach Opalski's team was hosting

Sophomore Jen Wrigley earned a Defensive POW after tying her career-high for digs in a match with 28 against Holy Cross. Also garnering the weekly honor was junior Whitney Williams in only the second week of conference play was honored as the Offensive Player of the Week for her efforts in the Subway Classic at Bucknell.

**CHECK OUT THE NEW WEBSITE:** The official Internet site for Bucknell University's Department of Athletics and Recreation has moved to FANOnly, the largest supplier of Internet sites for intercollegiate athletics programs, according to John Hardt, Bucknell's Director of Athletics & Recreation. The new state-of-the-art athletics web-site was launched at BucknellBison.com this past Thursday, October 26.

Bucknell's new athletics site can be accessed at BucknellBison.com. The site, which is also accessible through FANOnly's home page, fansonly.com, includes information on all 28 Bison intercollegiate sport programs, as well as information regarding the Bison Club, the University's official support group for Bison athletics.

**RECORD SETTING SEASON FOR BISON:** In 2000, the volleyball team has broken two team records and three individual records. The Bison broke the single-season record for kills in the season with 1452. The previous record had been 1407. The Orange and Blue also broke the season record for assists with 1256, seven more than the previous record of 1249.

Three individual records were also broken: most assists/match (Williams - 61), most assists/season (Williams - 1069), and most digs/match (Trapasso - 32).

**HEAR THE GAME ON THE INTERNET:** The first-round contest for the volleyball team will have a world-wide audience over the internet at [www.BucknellBison.com](http://www.BucknellBison.com). To listen to the Bison live action, users will need streaming software (RealPlayer), which is available free-of-charge on [www.broadcast.com](http://www.broadcast.com).

## **PROBABLE STARTERS FOR BUCKNELL vs. Wisconsin**

- #2 Whitney Williams - setter**  
- 10.35 assists per game, 2.38 digs per game
- #3 Shannon Walker - middle hitter**  
- 3.69 kills per game
- #5 Brandi Trapasso - outside hitter/defensive spec.**  
- 3.96 digs per game
- #6 Nicole LaMothe - right side**  
- 1.86 digs per game
- #8 Jen Wrigley - outside hitter**  
- 3.49 digs per game
- #12 Brooke Bader - middle hitter**  
- 3.03 kills per game, 2.93 digs per game

### **COACH OPALSKI BRINGS IN ANOTHER STRONG**

**RECRUITING CLASS:** Coach Opalski fields yet another young Bison team with four members representing the Class of 2004. However, these four athletes have had a lot to do with Bucknell's return to the Patriot League Championship tournament after a brief absence from the post-season.

Trapasso became the first individual in league history to win two Player of the Year awards in the same season. In only her first year of collegiate volleyball, Trapasso has used her quickness and competitive spirit to lock herself a spot in the starting six. She was named Defensive Player of the Week twice during the season and finishes as the number one defensive player in the league, averaging 4.60 digs per game in conference action. When the Bison hosted Holy Cross on October 27, Trapasso broke Bucknell's single-game record by finishing the contest with a total of 32 defensive digs. The previous record had been a paltry 26 set during the 1998 campaign by Emily Pomeroy ('98).

In addition to Brandi is her older twin sister Breean, Jackie Gallo and Deirdre Witte. The older Trapasso, a setter, has had to wait in the ranks as junior Whitney Williams has a stronghold on the setter position. Both Gallo and Witte have showed promise of what is to come as the season has progressed.

The Class of 2004 has had much to do with Bucknell's success this season and will be an important part of the team at the Patriot League Championship.

**VOLLEYBALL ON THE AIRWAVES ... AGAIN:** This season, Doug Birdsong, Bucknell's radio and TV coordinator, teamed up with color commentator, Chad Mancini '01, to cover the volleyball contest at home versus Lehigh on October 12.

Even though the Bison eventually lost the contest, 3-0, the game had historical significance since it was the first volleyball game broadcast over the radio in the programs 23-year history.

Well, Doug Birdsong is making the trip to Madison, Wisc. to do a live broadcast of the volleyball team's tournament appearance. Staying at home in Lewisburg will be Mancini, but not with nothing to do. Mancini will be doing the play-by-play coverage of the Bucknell men's basketball game at Iona College on Saturday, December 2.

Birdsong, who's not afraid to fly solo on the airwaves, will in fact have some company in the broadcast booth at Wisconsin. Taking over the color duties for the Bison Sports Network will be former Bucknell volleyball coach and present Associate Athletic Director for Business and Team Services, Terrie Grieb. Grieb is no stranger to Bucknell volleyball and will be a welcome partner for Birdsong.

## **The Possibilities**

If Bucknell defeats Wisconsin in the first round, following is the series information on the two teams that the Bison would possibly face. The Orange and Blue would play the winner of the #8 Northern Iowa/#9 Western Michigan game, being contested earlier in the afternoon.

### **Northern Iowa Series Information:**

**All-Time vs. Bucknell:** Never Met  
**Nickname:** Panthers  
**Overall Record in '00:** 28-4  
**Conference:** Missouri Valley  
**Head Coach:** Dr. Iradge Ahrabi-Fard



### **Western Michigan Series Information:**

**All-Time vs. Bucknell:** Never Met  
**Nickname:** Broncos  
**Overall Record in '00:** 25-5  
**Conference:** Mid-American  
**Head Coach:** Cathy George



Grieb was the first volleyball coach at Bucknell and was at the helm for seven years, 1978-84, accumulating a 68-96 record.

Bucknell's first-round competition in the NCAA Tournament versus the Wisconsin badgers will be broadcast at 6:45 p.m. on WMLP. 1380 AM. WMLP is based out of Lewisburg, Pa.

**NOTES ON COACH OPALSKI:** The resurgence of Bucknell's volleyball program can be traced directly to Cindy Opalski's arrival in 1990. Granted the turnaround didn't come over night, but after a couple of years of growing pains, and some energetic recruiting efforts, Opalski has transformed the Bison program from one struggling for respect to an NCAA Tournament bid in 1998.

Under Opalski the Bison were recognized as the most improved team in the nation by *Volleyball Monthly* in 1993, recorded the best record in school history in 1995 at 26-7, and won the first-ever Patriot League automatic bid to the 1998 NCAA Tournament. Bucknell has won three of the last four Patriot League regular season titles under Opalski who was named the Patriot League Coach-of-the-Year in 1997.

Now in her 15th season as a collegiate head coach, Opalski wrote essentially the same script at Clarion University. In her four years there (1986-1989), Opalski led Clarion to a record of 92-46, and the school's first-ever conference title in 1988. She was selected as the AVCA (American Volleyball Coaches Association) Coach-of-the-Year in the Atlantic Region, and Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Coach-of-the-Year during her tenure there.

Opalski graduated from Southern Connecticut State in 1977 and earned a Master of Science degree from that school in 1984. From 1979 through 1985 as head coach at Maloney High School in her native Meriden, CT, Opalski led that school to two state titles. Her resume there included six undefeated regular seasons and an impressive overall record of 147-11.

Opalski worked with the U.S. Volleyball Junior Olympic Program in the 80's, coaching the Connecticut team at numerous national qualifiers. For five years she coached and trained some of the top players that have ever come out of the Nutmeg State.

In 2000, Opalski has added another NCAA Tournament appearance and Patriot League Coach of the Year to her resume.

**TEAM TRENDS**

**Bucknell is ...**

10-6 .....	at home
6-5 .....	on the road
1-3 .....	at neutral sites
9-6 .....	in 3-game matches
5-7 .....	in 4-game matches
3-1 .....	in 5-game matches
9-6 .....	on Saturdays
1-0 .....	on Sundays
1-0 .....	on Mondays
1-0 .....	on Tuesdays
0-2 .....	on Wednesdays
0-1 .....	on Thursdays
5-5 .....	on Fridays
5-11 .....	in September
8-2 .....	in October
4-1 .....	in November
0-0 .....	in December

**TICKET INFORMATION:** Reserved seats (two-day package) cost \$12, while general admission two-day tickets cost \$10. Per NCAA rules, single-day tickets cannot be sold until the first day of the tournament and those will be \$7. Call 1-800-GO-BADGERS or the Bucknell ticket office at 570-577-3301 for ticket information. Wisconsin ranked third nationally with an average of 2,856 fans per game this year, but the UW Field House seats 10,600 and had a top crowd of 5,392 this year.

**WHERE'S HARTZELL??:** For those of the Bison faithful who remember Rick Hartzell, Bucknell's athletic director from 1988-99, he is presently the Athletic Director at Northern Iowa. The Panthers of Northern Iowa will be playing in the other first round contest taking place at Wisconsin this weekend.

**BUCKNELL DOMINATES CONFERENCE IN MAJOR STATISTICAL CATEGORIES:**

This past season, the volleyball team dominated every Patriot League competitor except for Lehigh University. Lehigh was the only squad that managed to get the best of the Bison.

The Orange and Blue finished with the best hitting percentage in the league at .183. Coach Opalski's squad hit 1582 kills in 4549 attempts while only committing 748 errors. The 1582 kills set a school record for kills in a single season.

Keeping in stride with the hitting theme, the Bison also let the Patriot League in kills per game as a team, averaging 14.00 per set. The nearest school to this mark was Lehigh at 12.86 kills per game.

Behind the precision setting of junior Whitney Williams and the occasional stranger, Bucknell ranked first in the league with 12.06 assists per game. As a team, Bucknell has recorded 1363 assists on the season, another school record.

One way to score some quick points in

volleyball is to simply keep the other team from returning the serve. The Bison did exactly that during the regular season by striking a total of 210 service aces in 113 games. This is tops in the conference for total aces, but is only 1.86 aces per game, just a hair behind Lehigh's mark of 2.00 aces per game.

And in keeping with the saying, "The best offense is a good defense", the Bison led the Patriot League with 17.99 digs per game. The Orange and Blue were head-and-shoulders above the rest of the competition by one entire point (Holy Cross 16.90 dpg).

**BUCKNELL GETS THREE ON ALL-LEAGUE TEAM AND SWEEPS MAJOR AWARDS:**

Shannon Walker, Brandi Trapasso, and Cindy Opalski walked away from the Patriot League Volleyball Awards banquet with all four major awards in their arms. Walker with the Offensive Player of the Year honor, Coach Opalski with the Coach of the Year award, and Trapasso with both the Defensive and Rookie of the Year Award.

In addition to the major awards, Bucknell also garnered three all-league selections:

**FIRST TEAM**

- Brooke Bader Sr. Bucknell
- Rochelle Healea So. Lehigh
- Caitlin Machon Fr. Army
- Laura Rohrbacher Sr. Colgate
- Amanda Routman So. Colgate
- Shannon Walker Jr. Bucknell

**SECOND TEAM**

- Beth Bellingier Jr. Army
- Kira Bosak Jr. Lehigh
- Michelle Calvo Sr. Lafayette
- Katie Lynch Sr. Holy Cross
- Jessica Ostlund So. Holy Cross
- Leah Shubin So. Army
- Whitney Williams Jr. Bucknell

Bucknell finished as regular season and tournament champions for the second time in three years.

**BUCKNELL VOLLEYBALL ALUM NAMED TO PATRIOT LEAGUE ALL-DECADE SQUAD:**

This season the Patriot League celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary by having Executive Director Carolyn Schlie Femovich announce the League's Women's Volleyball All-Decade Team. The team was composed of 10 student-athletes, which included Bucknell graduate and middle blocker, **Katie Steele (Valparaiso, Ind./Bethlehem Catholic).**

Steele, a 1996 graduate of Bucknell, played at the middle blocker position for the Orange and Blue and is one of the greatest players to have ever donned the

Bison uniform. She was a member of the '95 squad, which posted a 26-7 overall record and 6-0 conference record finishing first in the Patriot League. This team still holds the record for most wins in a season and best winning percentage. Individually, Steele garnered first team All-Patriot League honors all four years and ranks second all-time in several statistical categories at Bucknell. Over four years she recorded 192 service aces, a career hitting percentage of .322, 258 solo blocks, 239 block assists, and 497 total blocks.

During her four years at Bucknell, the volleyball team finished first in the Patriot League once and compiled a 67-59 overall four-year record. This is particularly impressive considering her first year with the team the Orange and Blue finished with a dismal 4-24 record. Steele is elected to the All-Decade team with nine other individuals from the Patriot League.

**The All-Decade Women's Volleyball roster:**

- Autumn McKenzie '97 Colgate
- Katie Schullian '95 Navy
- Becca Galves '94 Colgate
- Judy Culhane '00 Colgate
- Vicky Chun '91 Colgate
- Jen Williams '00 Navy
- Julie Civardi '97 Colgate
- Rachel Shropa '00 Navy
- Deann Machlan '96 Army
- Katie Steele '96 Bucknell

**BADER NAMED PATRIOT LEAGUE TOURNAMENT MVP:**

Senior co-captain Brooke Bader was named the Patriot League Tournament Most Valuable Player at the conclusion of the league championship.

Bader had a solid tournament for the Bison as one of the most consistent players on the hard court. In the Lehigh contest, Bader recorded 13 kills and 12 digs for one of three Bucknell double-double's in the contest.

She solidified the decision with an 18 kill performance in the championship match versus Colgate. Her 18 kills were achieved on 29 total attempts while only committing one error for a .586 hitting percentage. Bader will graduate this season as one of the most consistent middle hitters to ever come through the volleyball program at Bucknell.

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**2000 20 Kill-20 Dig Club**

**#8 Jen Wrigley (1)**

at Holy Cross ..... 20 kills, 28 digs

**2000 Double-Doubles**

**#2 Whitney Williams (12)**

at Buffalo ..... 42 assists, 10 digs  
vs. Canisius ..... 22 assists, 13 digs  
VCU ..... 21 assists, 13 digs  
St. Francis ..... 28 assists, 10 digs  
Stony Brook ..... 40 assists, 13 digs  
Canisius ..... 31 assists, 10 digs  
Villanova ..... 36 assists, 25 digs  
at Holy Cross ..... 57 assists, 13 digs  
Holy Cross ..... 59 assists, 18 digs  
Army ..... 41 assists, 12 digs  
at Lehigh ..... 51 assists, 13 digs  
Lehigh ..... 54 assists, 15 digs

**#5 Brandi Trapasso (8)**

Manhattan ..... 11 kills, 18 digs  
Stony Brook ..... 12 kills, 15 digs  
Navy ..... 11 kills, 12 digs  
at Holy Cross ..... 13 kills, 24 digs  
Lehigh ..... 12 kills, 14 digs  
Holy Cross ..... 14 kills, 32 digs  
Lehigh ..... 11 kills, 32 digs  
Colgate ..... 11 kills, 14 digs

**#8 Jen Wrigley (11)**

at Buffalo ..... 13 kills, 10 digs  
vs. UNC-Asheville ..... 18 kills, 18 digs  
Manhattan ..... 17 kills, 21 digs  
Stony Brook ..... 11 kills, 14 digs  
at Loyola ..... 12 kills, 14 digs  
Villanova ..... 15 kills, 16 digs  
at Colgate ..... 14 kills, 20 digs  
at Holy Cross ..... 20 kills, 28 digs  
Holy Cross ..... 16 kills, 24 digs  
Army ..... 11 kills, 17 digs  
Lehigh ..... 13 kills, 21 digs

**#12 Brooke Bader (12)**

vs. UNC-Asheville ..... 13 kills, 12 digs  
Manhattan ..... 14 kills, 18 digs  
VCU ..... 10 kills, 12 digs  
Stony Brook ..... 11 kills, 20 digs  
at Loyola ..... 13 kills, 10 digs  
at Colgate ..... 20 kills, 14 digs  
Lehigh ..... 12 kills, 13 digs  
Holy Cross ..... 14 kills, 22 digs  
Army ..... 16 kills, 22 digs  
at Lehigh ..... 21 kills, 17 digs  
Colgate ..... 16 kills, 12 digs  
Lehigh ..... 15 kills, 12 digs

**2000 Individual Honors & Awards**

**#2 Whitney Williams**

Buffalo Invitational All-Tournament Team  
Subway Classic All-Tournament Team  
PL Offensive Player-of-the-Week, 9/24/00  
2000 Patriot League Second Team

**#3 Shannon Walker**

Subway Athlete-of-the-Month, Oct. '00  
YSU All-Tournament Team  
PL Offensive Player-of-the-Week, 10/9/00  
PL Offensive Player-of-the-Week, 10/30/00  
PL Offensive Player-of-the-Week, 11/12/00  
2000 PL Offensive Player of the Year  
2000 Patriot League First Team

**#5 Brandi Trapasso**

PL Defensive Player-of-the-Week, 9/18/00  
BU Invitational All-Tournament Team  
PL Defensive Player-of-the-Week, 10/30/00  
2000 PL Defensive Player of the Year  
2000 PL Rookie of the Year

**#6 Nicole LaMothe**

Subway Athlete-of-the-Month, Aug. '00

**#8 Jen Wrigley**

PL Defensive Player-of-the-Week, 10/9/00

**#12 Brooke Bader**

Subway Classic All-Tournament Team  
Subway Athlete-of-the-Month, Sept. '00  
2000 Patriot League First Team  
2000 Patriot League Tournament MVP

**2000 Team/Individual Season Highs  
TEAM HIGHS**

**Kills**

3 gm 61 vs. Colgate, 11/19  
4 gm 69 at UNC-Asheville, 9/9  
5 gm 79 at Holy Cross, 10/7

**Attacks**

3gm 179 at Lehigh, 11/4  
4gm 194 vs. Manhattan, 9/15  
5gm 234 vs. Holy Cross, 10/27

**Hitting Percentage**

3 gm .395 at Lafayette, 11/3  
4 gm .265 vs. Canisius, 9/2  
5 gm .285, at Army, 10/6

**Hitting Errors**

3 gm 35, at Lehigh, 11/4  
4 gm 39, at Loyola, 9/20  
5 gm 40, at Holy Cross, 10/7

**Assists**

3 gm 52, at Lehigh, 11/4  
4 gm 66, at UNC-Asheville, 9/9  
5 gm 71, at Holy Cross, 10/7

**Service Aces**

3 gm 12, at Colgate, 10/3  
4 gm 12, vs Marist, 9/22  
5 gm 9, at Buffalo, 9/1

**Service Errors**

3 gm 13, at Youngstown State, 9/8  
4 gm 19, at Colgate, 10/3  
5 gm 14, at Buffalo, 9/1

**Digs**

3 gm 82, at Lehigh, 11/4  
4 gm 108, vs. Army, 10/28  
5 gm 134, vs. Holy Cross, 10/27

**Solo Blocks**

3 gm 6, vs. Providence, 9/2  
4 gm 6, vs. Manhattan, 9/15  
5 gm 4, twice, last vs. Holy Cross, 10/27

**Block Assists**

3 gm 19, at Youngstown State, 9/8  
4 gm 17, vs. Stony Brook, 9/16  
5 gm 20, at Buffalo, 9/1

**Total Blocks**

3 gm 11.5, at Youngstown State, 9/8  
4 gm 10.5, vs. Stony Brook, 9/16  
5 gm 11.0, at Buffalo, 9/1

**INDIVIDUAL HIGHS**

**Kills**

24 S. Walker vs. Holy Cross, 10/27  
23 S. Walker vs. Colgate, 11/11  
23 S. Walker vs. Army, 10/28

**Total Attacks**

60 J. Wrigley vs. Manhattan, 9/15  
58 S. Walker vs. Holy Cross, 10/27  
58 J. Wrigley at Holy Cross, 10/7

**Hitting Percentage (min. 12 kills)**

.586 B. Bader vs. Colgate, 11/19  
.542 S. Walker vs. Canisius, 9/2  
.487 S. Walker at Army, 10/6

**Assists**

61 W. Williams at Colgate, 10/3  
59 W. Williams vs. Holy Cross, 10/27  
59 W. Williams at UNC-Asheville, 9/9

**Aces**

7 W. Williams at Lafayette, 11/3  
5 N. LaMothe vs. Stony Brook, 9/16  
5 W. Williams vs. Canisius, 9/2

**Digs**

32 B. Trapasso vs. Holy Cross, 10/27  
32 B. Trapasso vs. Lehigh, 11/18  
28 J. Wrigley at Holy Cross, 10/7

**BISON-IN-THE-BOOKS**

**Career Assists**

1. Amy Turnshek (1994-97) 3071  
2. Whitney Williams (1998-) 1980

**Season Best - Assists**

1. Whitney Williams (2000) 1170

**Single Best Match - Assists**

1. Whitney Williams (2000) 61

**Single Best Match - Digs**

1. Brandi Trapasso 32 (twice)