# #22 OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY **POLAR BEARS** VS. (17-7, 6-1 OAC)

OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY

CARDINALS

(19-6, 7-0 OAC)

## RIKE CENTER - WESTERVILLE, OHIO - Oct. 23

#### **2018 SCHEDULE** 8/31 **HANOVER** W 3-2 L 3-0 8/31 **#4 WITTENBERG** 9/1 vs. Wash. & Jefferson W 3-0 9/1 W 3-1 vs. Washington & Lee 9/7 L 3-2 vs. Tufts 9/7 at #8 Emory L 3-0 9/8 W 3-1 vs. Whitworth 9/8 vs. Transylvania L 3-0 9/14 vs. Franklin W 3-0 9/14 vs. Trine W 3-0 9/15 at Ohio Wesleyan W 3-1 9/15 vs. Grove City W 3-0 9/18 at Mount Vernon Nazarene W 3-1 9/22 W 3-0 vs. Mount St. Joseph vs. Case Western 9/22 W 3-0 9/27 at Kenyon W 3-0 9/29 at Mount Union \* W 3-0 10/2 at Marietta \* W 3-0 **BALDWIN WALLACE \*** 10/6 W 3-1 10/10 JOHN CARROLL \* W 3-1 10/13 at Heidelberg \* W 3-2 10/13 vs. Albion L 3-0 10/16 at Wilmington \* W 3-0 10/20 MUSKINGUM \* W 3-1 10/20 #5 THOMAS MORE L 3-1 10/23 OHIO NORTHERN \* 7 p.m. 10/26 at Capital \* 7 p.m. 10/27 at Wittenberg \* 11 a.m.

#### **HOME GAMES IN BOLD**

vs. = neutral matches

\* denotes Ohio Athletic Conference match

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#### MATCH PREVIEW:

Otterbein and Ohio Northern take center stage to help decide the OAC regular-season leader and potential champion. A win for the Cardinals, the league's only unbeaten team at the moment, would clinch an outright championship while a victory for ONU would square things up with one more match to finish the week.

The schools met three times throughout last season with different results. Otterbein won a five-set contest in Ada during the regular-season and then swept the Polar Bears, 3-0, in the OAC Tournament title match in Westerville. Northern then defeated Otterbein, 3-0, during the NCAA second round inside the Rike Center. The Cards played the latter contest without OAC Player of the Year and first team All-American Morgan Lowenkamp, who suffered an injury between the first and second rounds of the regional and was not cleared.

Setter Andrea Miller and outside hitter Hadley Sterett rank near the top of the country in assists and kills per set, respectively, but the offense continues getting nice help from a variety of contributors. On Saturday, it was youngsters Emily Shuk and Julia Vermilion that each ripped off 13 kills to help take down Muskingum.

ONU uncharaterisctically dropped three-straight matches recently before rebounding with victories over Heidelberg (3-2) and Capital (3-0) last week. Madi Ellis was voted OAC Player of the Week after hitting .688 on a combined total of 24-2-32. She also had five blocks.

Chelsea Huppert ranks top three in the OAC at 3.35 kills/set and a .336 hitting percentage. Katie Wade is dishing out 10.4 assists per set but the Polar Bears have employed a two-setter approach recently with the implementation of freshman Kiki Carle.

#### **OAC STANDINGS**

	Conference	Overall
OTTERBEIN	7-0	19-6
Ohio Northern	6-1	17-7
Muskingum	5-2	21-5
Baldwin Wallace	5-2	25-3
Mount Union	4-3	21-4
Heidelberg	4-3	18-8
John Carroll	2-5	15-11
Marietta	2-5	11-16
Wilmington	0-7	7-19
Capital	0-7	0-23

## **OTTERBEIN (19-6, 7-0 OAC)**

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown / High School
1	Hadley Sterett	Sr.	ОН	6-0	Huron / Huron
2	Hillary Sterett	So.	DS	5-4	Huron / Huron
3	Andrea Miller	Sr.	S	5-5	Grove City / Grove City
4	Emily Shuk	So.	MB	6-1	Harrison Township, Mich. / Tippecanoe
6	Alana King-Mendenhall	Sr.	MH	5-11	Columbus / North International
7	Bethany Eippert	Jr.	ОН	5-9	Milford / Milford
8	Tate Eppard	So.	MH	5-11	Greenwood Village, Colo. / Cherry Creek
9	Dana Wynkoop	Fr.	S	5-5	Troy / Troy
10	Emma Linehan	Fr.	MH	6-2	Powell / Worthington Christian
11	Kate Fisher	Fr.	OH/DS	5-9	Plainfield, Ind. / Plainfield
14	Dasha Bruyako	So.	ОН	5-9	Gahanna / Lincoln
15	Taylor Belcher	So.	S/OH	5-6	Marengo / Highland
16	Avery Haley	Jr.	ОН	5-9	West Jefferson / West Jefferson
17	Julia Vermilion	Fr.	ОН	5-10	Pickerington / North
18	Ashlyn Leon	Jr.	Lib.	5-5	Dublin / Scioto
22	Julianne Hodge	Fr.	DS	5-8	Massillon / Jackson
23	Kalyn Schroer	Sr.	DS	5-3	New Knoxville / New Knoxville
24	Olivia Harris	Sr.	OH/DS	5-7	Athens / Athens
30	Morgan Meyers	Fr.	DS	5-8	Johnstown / Johnstown-Monroe



#### **COACHING STAFF**

**Head Coach:** Monica Wright (12th season)

**Assistant Coaches:** Megan Mills

## OHIO NORTHERN (17-7, 6-1 OAC)



<b>No.</b> 2	<b>Name</b> Taylor Emery	<b>Pos.</b> DS	<b>Yr.</b> Sr.	<b>Ht.</b> 5-1	Hometown / High School
3		_	-	-	Holland / Springfield
_	Katie Wade	S	So.	5-7	Battle Creek, Mich. / Harper Creek
4	Jordyn Heitbrink	ОН	So.	5-10	Minster / Minster
5	Anne Davidson	DS	Fr.	5-1	Norwalk / Norwalk
6	Michaela Sharlow	DS	Sr.	5-5	Tiffin / Columbian
7	Josie Andres	ОН	Sr.	6-0	Sunman, Ind. / East Central
8	Hope Williamson	MH	So.	5-11	Noblesville, Ind. / Heritage Christian
9	Madison Broering	DS/L	Jr.	5-10	Saint Henry / Saint Henry
11	Sydney Bapst	OH	Jr.	5-10	Grove City / Grove City
12	Kristin Langston	DS/L	Jr.	5-5	Versailles / Versailles
13	Chelsea Huppert	MH	Jr.	6-0	Bremen, Ind. / Bremen
14	Madi Ellis	MH/OH	Fr.	6-0	Delphos / St. John's
15	Kiki Carle	S	Fr.	5-7	Cincinnati / Mother of Mercy
16	Ava Lam	DS/L	Fr.	5-5	Carmel, Ind. / Carmel
17	Christen Ware	MH	So.	5-11	Jackson Center / Jackson Center
19	Hannah Irmer	DS/L	Fr.	5-6	Indianapolis, Ind. / Roncalli
22	Paige Hartings	MH	So.	5-11	Coldwater / Coldwater
26	McKenna Jordan	OH	Jr.	5-9	Toledo / St. Ursula
30	McKenna Hostetler	DS/L	Jr.	5-5	Plain City / Alder

### **COACHING STAFF**

**Head Coach:** Kate Witte (28th Season)

Assistant Coaches: Brian Hofman, Katie Kuhn