

2022 OAC VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

**#2 JOHN CARROLL UNIV.
BLUE STREAKS**



(21-7, 6-3 OAC)

VS.

**#1 OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY
CARDINALS**



(22-5, 8-1 OAC)

RIKE CENTER - WESTERVILLE, OHIO (November 5 , 2022)

CHAMPIONSHIP PREVIEW:

An automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Championships is on the line for both schools, each having to work hard in its respective semifinal contest just to get here...

The Cardinals outlasted Marietta in a marathon four-set slugfest that saw lengthy rallies and narrow scores by the end of each frame. JCU held on to eliminate Muskingum in five sets after a 15-11 score in the winner-take-all showdown.

Otterbein is looking for its fourth OAC Tournament crown over the last ten years after winning this bracket in 2012, 2017 and the 2020-21 CoVID season. John Carroll has not won the league's postseason event since way back in 1993, but did make the championship match in 2014 before falling to Mount Union.

The Cards have won eight-straight matches through a balanced effort, which included Amber Greeley exploding for a career-high 21 kills in Thursday's semifinal. Fellow senior Carlie Craycraft needs just 19 assists to become Otterbein's all-time leader in the category.

John Carroll was picked to finish eighth in the OAC preseason poll, but has vastly exceeded those expectations behind a pair of fifth-year graduate players and solid supporting cast. The Blue Streaks have won five in a row and hit 20 wins for just the second time since 2000.

JCU outside hitter Cassi Calamunci was voted OAC Player of the Year this past week after leading the league in kills per set (3.64) while also ranking 12th in most digs. Setter Ally Bartolone, also a grad student, and Maddie Maziarz have admirably shared the duties up front in running the show.

Otterbein won the regular-season matchup between these sides in four sets, overcoming a tough opener to prevail by final scores of 17-25, 25-20, 25-21, 25-21 here in the Rike Center. The Cards have also taken 10-straight matchups in this series after John Carroll had won three consecutive from 2014-16.

The NCAA Selection Show is scheduled to take place (on NCAA.com) Monday at 1 p.m.

OTTERBEIN Roster



No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown / High School
2	Alex VanHorssen	So.	DS	5-5	Blacklick / Gahanna Lincoln
3	Carlie Craycraft	Sr.	S	5-7	Marion / Pleasant
4	Kristen Scherger	So.	MH	5-11	Findlay / Findlay
5	Aubrey Geis	So.	MB	5-10	Clearwater, Fla. / Central Catholic
6	Maddie Mergen	Fr.	OH	6-0	Sylvania / Notre Dame Academy
8	Kennedy Hoffman	So.	OH	5-11	Seymour, Ind. / Trinity Lutheran
9	Annie Casper	Fr.	MB	5-11	Morrow / Little Miami
10	Brooke Barb	Fr.	OH	5-10	Johnstown / Johnstown-Monroe
11	Emily Skelley	Fr.	OH	5-8	Urbana / Urbana
12	Olivia Vitaz	Fr.	S / RS	5-10	Milan / Edison
13	Kayla Lechnir	Fr.	OH	5-11	Dayton / Carroll
14	Madison McCoy	Jr.	MH	5-11	Wooster / Wooster
15	Kailey Mishler	Jr.	S	5-8	Columbus / Gahanna Lincoln
16	Grace Ganz	Fr.	DS	5-5	Powell / Olentangy Liberty
17	Claire Shank	Fr.	S	5-9	Johnstown / Northridge
18	Olivia Jurcevic	Fr.	DS	5-6	Chardon / Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin
21	Amber Greeley	Sr.	RS	6-3	Lima / Shawnee
22	Anna Cecil	Jr.	OH	5-11	Lewis Center / Olentangy
24	Amanda Troyer	So.	DS	5-5	Berlin / Hiland
30	Morgan Hartman	Jr.	OH	5-10	Lancaster / Fairfield Union

COACHING STAFF:

Head Coach: Monica Wright (16th season)

Assistant Coaches: Heather Bailes, Max Miller, Megan Mills, Tasia Lauth

JOHN CARROLL Roster



No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown / High School
1	Marissa Lynch	OH	5-10	So.	Chicago, IL / Wilmette Loyola Academy
2	Maddie Maziarz	S	5-8	Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA / Bishop Canevin
3	Cindy Woo	DS	5-0	Sr.	Olmsted Township, OH / Olmsted Falls
4	Lexi MacDonald	DS	5-6	Jr.	Clarence, NY / Clarence
5	Abigail Kirk	OH	5-10	Jr.	Avon Lake, OH / Avon Lake
8	Morgan Wieczenski	OH	5-9	So.	Pittsburgh, PA / Upper St. Clair
9	Stephanie Laraway	OH	5-11	So.	Bay Village, OH / Bay
10	Kendra Dziubinski	MH	5-11	Fr.	Saint Charles IL / St. Charles East
11	Steph Conley	RS	6-0	So.	Medina OH / Archbishop Hoban
12	Jillian Kellick	MH	5-11	So.	Colorado Springs, CO / Saint Mary's
13	Deja Whitten	MH	5-9	Fr.	Elyria, OH / Elyria
14	Cassi Calamunci	RS	5-9	Gr.	Sylvania, OH / Toledo Notre Dame Academy
17	Jessica Liddle	MH	5-10	So.	Barberton, OH / Barberton
19	Payton Miozzi	DS	5-1	Jr.	Dayton, OH / Franklin Bishop Fenwick
21	Ally Bartolone	S	5-8	Gr.	Gilbert, AZ / Chandler Basha
22	Emma Shupp	S	5-10	Fr.	North Ridgeville, OH / North Ridgeville
23	Jennifer Follmer	RS	6-0	Jr.	Cleveland, OH / St. Joseph Academy
24	Haley Nicholson	S/RS	5-10	Fr.	Oakdale, PA / South Fayette

COACHING STAFF:

Head Coach: Michele Benoit (7th Season)

Assistant Coaches: Brooke Turner, Khaliah Watts, Kit Mladenovic