

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM

MARIETTA COLLEGE PIONEERS



(12-10, 6-1 OAC)

VS.

OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY CARDINALS



(18-7, 7-0 OAC)

RIKE CENTER - WESTERVILLE, OHIO (October 25, 2023)

MATCH PREVIEW:

Otterbein and Marietta square up with perhaps the OAC regular-season title on the line, as these teams stand first and second respectively in the standings at the moment.

Last year, Otterbein worked hard to get the better of the Pioneers in both matchups. The Cards won in four sets each time, the first coming late in the regular season and then another absolute back-and-forth grinder in the OAC semis.

Otterbein is currently riding an 11-match winning streak after working through some challenging opponents in September. Morgan Hartman and Amanda Troyer both corralled another OAC Player of the Week honor Monday.

The Pioneers also took some lumps through a handful of nationally-ranked opponents in the non-conference slate, but have gotten things rolling against the league yet again. Marietta's only blemish is a 3-1 loss to JCU.

Three of the top-four hitters in the OAC will be on display with Hartman, Jillian Fellers and Kennedy Hoffman all swinging around the net. They all average well above three kills per set.

Marietta will have a familiar face to Otterbein folks on the bench in assistant coach Hadley (Sterett) Florence, a former All-American and OAC Player of the Year for the Cards.

Otterbein has taken the past 16 meetings in this series.

2023 Schedule

9/1	vs. St. Olaf	L 3-1
9/1	at #14 Wash U	L 3-0
9/2	vs. #6 Hope	L 3-2
9/2	vs. North Central (Ill.)	L 3-0
9/8	HANOVER	W 3-1
9/9	vs. Bethany	W 3-0
9/9	vs. Earlham	W 3-1
9/10	at Ohio Wesleyan	L 3-1
9/10	vs. Birmingham-Southern	W 3-1
9/13	vs. Millikin	W 3-1
9/16	vs. #14 Berry (Ga.)	L 3-0
9/17	at Centre	W 3-1
9/19	at Wittenberg	W 3-1
9/22	#17 TRANSYLVANIA	L 3-0
9/22	#19 MOUNT ST. JOSEPH	W 3-2
9/27	at Muskingum	W 3-1
9/29	CAPITAL	W 3-0
9/30	vs. DePauw	W 3-2
9/30	at Wooster	W 3-0
10/4	at #24 Ohio Northern	W 3-0
10/11	WILMINGTON	W 3-0
10/14	Heidelberg / Kenyon	W 3-0, 3-0
10/18	at John Carroll	W 3-1
10/21	at Baldwin Wallace	W 3-0
10/25	MARIETTA	7 p.m.
10/27	MOUNT UNION	7 p.m.
10/28	at Case Western Reserve	5 p.m.
11/1	at Denison	7 p.m.

OTTERBEIN Roster

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown / High School
1	Rylee Ritzhaupt	Fr.	OH	5-9	Bucyrus / Colonel Crawford
2	Emma Steiger	Fr.	OH	5-7	Bucyrus / Wynford
3	Kira Appeman	So.	DS	5-8	Milan / Edison
4	Kristen Scherger	Jr.	MH	5-11	Findlay / Findlay
5	Aubrey Geis	Jr.	MB	5-10	Clearwater, Fla. / Central Catholic
6	Maddie Mergen	So.	OH	6-0	Sylvania / Notre Dame Academy
7	Olivia Krill	Fr.	MH	6-0	Whitelake, Mich. / Lakeland
8	Kennedy Hoffman	Jr.	OH	5-11	Seymour, Ind. / Trinity Lutheran
9	Annie Casper	So.	MB	5-11	Morrow / Little Miami
10	Brooke Barb	So.	OH	5-10	Johnstown / Johnstown-Monroe
11	Emily Skelley	So.	DS	5-8	Urbana / Urbana
12	Olivia Vitaz	So.	S/RS	5-10	Milan / Edison
13	Kayla Lechnir	So.	OH	5-11	Dayton / Carroll
14	Madison McCoy	Sr.	MH	5-11	Wooster / Wooster
15	Kailey Mishler	Sr.	S	5-8	Columbus / Gahanna Lincoln
16	Grace Ganz	So.	DS	5-5	Powell / Olentangy Liberty
17	Amanda Troyer	Jr.	DS	5-5	Berlin / Hiland
18	Olivia Jurcevic	So.	DS	5-6	Chardon / Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin
19	Lexi Scott	Fr.	OH	5-11	Chillicothe / Zane Trace
20	Bailee Toadvine	Fr.	DS	5-2	Athens / Athens
21	Makenzie Schellenberger	Fr.	OH	5-9	Medina / Medina
22	Anna Cecil	Sr.	OH	5-11	Lewis Center / Olentangy
23	Hope Cuppett	Jr.	OH	6-2	Cuyahoga Falls / Cuyahoga Falls
30	Morgan Hartman	Sr.	OH	5-10	Lancaster / Fairfield Union



COACHING STAFF:

Head Coach: Monica Wright (17th season)

Assistant Coaches: Heather Bailes, Leslie Davenport, Max Miller, Tasia Lauth

MARIETTA Roster

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown / High School
1	Sophie Evans	So.	OH	5-10	Marietta / Marietta
2	Emily Grant	Fr.	OH	5-10	Dennison / Claymont
4	Jayden Austermler	Fr.	S	5-8	Peyton, Colo. / Springs Studio
5	Mia Silva	Jr.	OH	6-0	Barberton / Barberton
6	Ella Boyer	Jr.	RS	6-0	Bay Village / Saint Joseph Academy
7	Keira Shannon	So.	OH	5-7	Roscoe, Ill. / Hononegah Community
8	Sydney McWhorter	So.	DS	5-4	Zanesville / West Muskingum
9	Alayna Ricker	Jr.	DS	5-9	Columbus Grove / Columbus Grove
10	Emma Weiseman	Fr.	DS	5-3	Monroe / Monroe
11	Emory Spitler	So.	S	5-6	Lebanon / Lebanon
14	Jillian Fellers	So.	OH	5-10	Alliance / Marlinton
15	Maggie Fellers	Sr.	MB	5-9	Alliance / Marlinton
17	McKenzie Heil	Fr.	MB	6-2	Huron / Huron
18	Annabelle Hacker	Fr.	MB	6-2	Centerville / Alter
19	Kendyl Cannon	Fr.	OH	5-10	Senecaville / Meadowbrook
20	Halee Williams	So.	MB	6-0	Belpre / Belpre
24	Hallie Habermehl	So.	S	5-6	Vermilion / Vermilion
26	Riley Hohman	Jr.	DS	5-8	Copley / Copley



COACHING STAFF:

Head Coach: Kristy Newman (5th Season)

Assistant Coaches: Hadley Florence, Kaitlyn McClead