



THE REBOUNDERS CLUB

The Club for Supporters of Ohio State University Women's Basketball

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A group of over 140 Rebounders and guests, our largest dinner crowd in several years, welcomed Coach Jim Foster for his annual talk about the prospects for the women's basketball team. The large crowd reflects the excitement that the Rebounders have about the upcoming season, and Coach Foster reinforced that feeling with his remarks.

He discussed each of the returning players briefly and said that each of them has improved from last year, mainly in the areas of shooting and defense. "Surprisingly", he said, "Jantel Lavender is now one of the best 3-point shooters on the team". "Knock on wood", he said as he tapped his head, "all the returning players are healthy including Amber Stokes", who took a redshirt last year while rehabbing a shoulder injury.

Coach Foster also spoke highly of the incoming freshman players. He said that Tayler Hill, sister of P.J. from the men's basketball team, is playing well and has a chance to start. Emilee Harmon and Aleksandra Dobranic are expected to provide solid back-up on the inside. He said that Brianna Sanders, who missed most of her last two years of high school because of knee surgeries, will redshirt this year to allow her to hone her skills and adjust to the college game.

Since our meeting was on the first day that high school seniors could sign national letters of intent for college, Coach Foster was able to discuss his new signees. He said that they are long and athletic and include 6'0" Amy Scullion from Salem, 6'2" Darryce Moore from Youngstown, 6'2" Martina Ellerbe from Teaneck,

NJ and 6'5" Ashley Adams from Siloam Springs, AR.

Coach Foster also mentioned some future opponents. The Buckeyes will play Oklahoma at home in 2010 and at Oklahoma in 2011 in the new Big Ten/Big 12 Challenge. He also said that the Buckeyes are tentatively scheduled to play Connecticut in Madison Square Garden in December 2010.

The Rebounders presented Coach Foster with a check for \$10,500, \$7500 from the proceeds of the golf outing and \$3000 for the last installment on our pledge for the locker room improvements. We collected \$500 from those in attendance and added \$250 from the Club for a total of \$750, that we contributed to the memorial fund for Jackie Moore, the assistant coach for Eastern Illinois University who passed away unexpectedly last week. We presented a check to the EIU coaches at our game against them on November 13.

Lastly we agreed to contribute up to \$500 per game for the first two WNIT games so that up to 100 OSU students per game can attend free of charge. OSU is admitting students to women's basketball games free of charge this season, but they don't control the ticket prices for WNIT games and asked the Rebounders to help.

The season is here, and *I hope to see all of you at our games. GO BUCKS!*

Jim McCarthy, President



Frank Moskowitz

DECEMBER 2nd SPEAKER

Our December speaker will be Frank Moskowitz, founder and publisher of the *Buckeye Sports Bulletin*. The *Buckeye Sports Bulletin* is a newspaper devoted to Ohio State University sports. The paper is in its 22nd year of publication and has a circulation of 28,000 with subscribers in all 50 states and several foreign countries

Mimi Mudrak, President-Elect



DINNER RESERVATIONS

Plan to join us on Wednesday, December 2nd, at the University Plaza Hotel, 3110 Olentangy River Road. Doors will open at 6:00 PM for social time, and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. The menu will be market salad, crispy fried chicken with black pepper gravy, homemade macaroni & cheese with peas and corn, and ice cream for dessert. (*A vegetarian meal or a gluten free meal is available upon request. Just let me know when you RSVP.*) Drinks include water, coffee, decaf, tea & iced tea. Soft drinks & alcoholic beverages may be purchased at the hotel bar. Dinner is \$16 per person, payable at the door. Remember, you are always welcome to bring a guest to dinner, introduce them to our club and invite them to join! Just let me know when you make your reservation who will be joining you.

Reservation deadline is **9:00 PM, Thursday, November 26th** (yes, that's Thanksgiving!). Please call 614-475-5872 (I'll call you back to confirm) or email jgrimm4@columbus.rr.com (reservations will be confirmed by email) and leave a message with your name, number of reservations and a confirmation phone number. I do confirm all reservations, so if you haven't heard from me within 48 hours, contact me again. I don't want to miss anyone!

If you miss the reservation deadline your name will go on a waiting list and if I get any cancellations you will be called on a first come first served basis.

If you are unable to attend, please call or email me so I can try to fill your spot from the waiting list. Remember that you are obligated to pay if I am unable to get someone. So let me know ASAP and I'll do my best!

Judy Grimm, Treasurer



MEMBERSHIP

I am happy to report that we now have 303 members in the club. Now is the time that we need to begin telling those who sit near us, at the games, about The Rebounders Club. When the season starts, we find we have more contact and can work on promoting the club.

We have a fantastic newsletter, great bus trips, and always interesting dinner meetings. I'm sure that the women will go far, and once the Big Ten season begins, we again can meet in the Fred Taylor Room after the game for a chance to talk to team members on a more personal level. Our membership also gives us a 10% discount at The Official Team Shop in the Schottenstein Center. Go Bucks!

Martha Peck, Membership Co-Chair



DUKE BUS TRIP

Two buses of Rebounders will be bound for Duke on December 3 and there is now a waiting list if more hotel rooms become available at the Thomas Center on November 17. Contact June Allen at 614-488-8296 or buckeyejune@yahoo.com ASAP if you are interested in going to Duke. The bus trips are open to all fans, so tell a friend and join us for a fun trip to Durham, NC. There is plenty of room on the buses.

BIG-TEN Road Trips

The Rebounder bus will be making four trips to Big Ten games in January 2010. Each road trip will cost \$50/person, game ticket not included. On December 15th, I plan to order reserved tickets for the January 9th MSU game, so please sign up by that date if you want to be included in the group. If 25 people order tickets, the price per ticket is \$3. Otherwise they are \$14. All the other games are general admission and tickets may be purchased at the door. Sign-up at the Rebounder table at home games or call/email me. (614-488-8296 or buckeyejune@yahoo.com)

<u>Game</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>Game-time</u>
MSU	Sat. Jan. 9	8:00 am	2:00 pm
Michigan	Thurs., Jan 21	1:00pm	7:00pm
Purdue	Mon., Jan 25	12:00pm	7:00pm
Indiana	Sun., Jan 31	7:00am	12:00pm

(We will eat **after** the Indiana game)

Let me know if you are interested in an over-night trip to Penn State on Saturday, February 6 for the game on Sunday, February 7 at 1:00pm. Cost for bus transportation is \$90 per person. We will need 25 passengers to sign-up by January 6, 2010 to make this trip a reality.

June Allen, Events Chair

RECRUITING REBOUNDERS MEMBERS

We all know how important recruiting is to a basketball program. Recruiting never stops or takes a break. A good coach is always looking forward. He/she may have a very good team

today but, if a coach wants continued success, he/she must recruit, always looking for new and better talent.

Recruiting is very important to our Rebounder's Club. We have assembled a very talented team but, if we want continued success, we must always be looking to recruit new members. New members equal fresh ideas and new commitments to promoting and supporting The Ohio State University's Women's Basketball Program. New members will equal fresh ideas on how to fill the seats at games, to increase the awareness of the program on the local, state and national level. New members will bring fresh ideas on how to raise monies through dues and fund raisers to support the program when and where needed.

In 1986, this club was formed by seven motivated Ohio State Basketball fans. They did a very good job recruiting; today we are nearly 300 strong. Our president has charged us with the vision of 400 members by next May. I say why take so long? Let's recruit new members and let them enjoy this club and a lot of good women's basketball games now.

I am issuing a "Recruiting Challenge" to each current member that each of us bring in one new member this year. Can you imagine what a positive effect that would have on our club? All of us have our own little groups of friends, breakfast clubs, card clubs, work associates and etc. Is one new member an impossible task? I think not! Do your friends know what you like to do, what your interests are? Have you told them what an exciting season the Women's Program is going to have this year? **Give this challenge a Buckeye effort!**

I am currently organizing a Recruiting Committee. I am looking for 8 - 10 individuals that would like to meet with me to put together some strategies to aggressively go after new members. If you have an interest in helping, please contact me at 740-258-7373 or larry_har@yahoo.com. I prefer e-mails! Let's Go Bucks!

Larry L. Harmon, Recruiting Chair



REBOUNDERS CLUB YAHOO GROUP

As many of you know, we have a yahoo group exclusive to our club. Created in the spring of 2005, the purpose of the site is to facilitate communication among the members of our club. We use the site to send out reminders of upcoming meetings and events, dinner reservation deadlines, bus trip information, pertinent women's basketball program news, inquiries of interest or availability of tickets to Big Ten Tournament or NCAA tournaments. Members may post a message to the group; however, the content of all messages should be related to basketball and/or The Rebounders Club. This is not a venue for members to promote their own personal agendas/businesses.

Some of you are already members and that won't change. Some of you were members but have since changed your email address and are no longer receiving the emails. Over the next month, I will email those of you who are not currently yahoo members with an invitation to join this yahoo group. In order to join, you will need to click on the "join this group" button in the email and then establish a user name and password to gain access to our group's page. We are hoping that all of you with an email address will join because this will make it much easier to communicate with the entire club. I will be using the email address that you provided on your membership form. If you do not receive an invitation to join the group and would like to do so, please email me at jgrimm4@columbus.rr.com

By using the Yahoo group format, all information posted is kept confidential within the group. Personal information such as phone numbers and email addresses cannot be obtained by anyone outside the group.

The email address for the group is Reboundersclub@yahoo.com.

The home page address is <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Reboundersclub>

If you have any questions please call Judy Grimm at 475-5872 or email her at jgrimm4@columbus.rr.com



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NAME BADGES FOR REBOUNDERS

"Who is that Rebounder member sitting next to me? Gosh, I remember his/her face but I can't remember his/her name."

Thanks to **Paul Willer**, that no longer has to be a problem. Paul has researched and found someone who will make our plastic name badges for 20% of what they cost last year (\$14-\$16).

Students at the Ohio School for the Blind will make magnetic name badges in the rectangular shape (sample shown above) for \$3.00 each and the State of Ohio shaped badges for \$5.00. And, the students who make the badges keep the money.

If you are interested in purchasing a name badge, please contact **Mimi Mudrak** at mimimudrak@msn.com and tell her the shape of the badge that you want, how many, and the exact name that you want on the badge. (Payment is requested when you place your order)

INVITATION TO JOIN FACEBOOK

For those of you who are members of the social network group, Facebook, I have set up a support group for the OSU Women Basketball team and you may join and be able to add your comments to our site. Probably the easiest way to do this is to go to www.facebook.com & open up a free account. Be sure to record and remember your sign in name & password code. When you get on Facebook, you can search for friends. So in "search", type in my name, **Mimi Mudrak**, and ask to be my friend. Then you can go to my profile

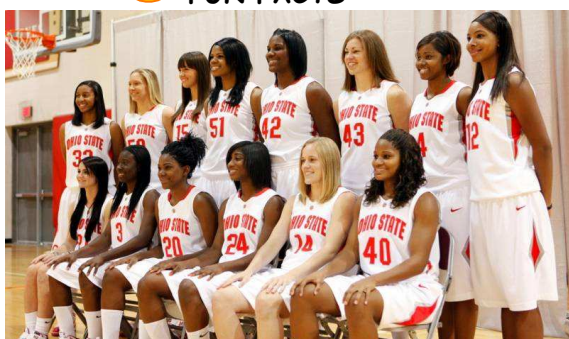
and you will see listed the link to join the **Buckeye Women Basketball Supporters**.

We have 136 members at the time of this writing. I have had a great time being friends with a lot of current and former men and women basketball players. It is fun to follow them all. If you have any further questions, feel free to email me at mimimudrak@msn.com.

Mimi Mudrak, President Elect



FUN FACTS



The Ohio State Women's Basketball Team is getting a lot of national attention this year. Three national ranking groups, **Lindy's.com**, **Athlon.com**, and the **USA Today ESPN Division 1 Coaches' Poll** have the Buckeyes ranked as high as third. Also, the Big Ten Coaches and media, in their preseason polls, have suggested that the buckeyes could, once again, finish first in the Big Ten Conference.

Coach Foster, when asked about the high rankings, stated, *"It means nothing. I always say it takes two weeks into the season to see where we are and where we need to go. Really, the only ranking that means anything is at the end of the year"*.

A lot of this preseason hype has to do with the way the Buckeyes finished the 2008-2009 tournament season. However, it appears that most of the respect centers around the team personnel. The Big Ten coaches and media have listed both **Jantel Lavender** and **Samantha Prahalis** as favorites to make the Big Ten first

team with a lot of attention being given to Shavelle Little, Brittany Johnson and Sarah Shultze. They have also predicted that Jantel will be this year's Big Ten Player of the Year.

Jantel has been named to the **Associated Press All-American Preseason Basketball Team** and Samantha also received a lot of support for the same honor.

Coaches around the NCAA have considerable respect for the depth on the buckeye squad. Returning players **Shavelle Little**, **Brittany Johnson**, **Maria Moeller**, **Allison Jackson**, **Andrea Walker**, **Sarah Shultze** and **Cherise Daniel** have proven that they are very capable basketball players. Amber Stokes and the four freshmen players all have great potential that has been recognized by both the media and coaches.

The Editorial Staff



THE FOUR FRESHMEN

Aleksandra Dobranic, Brianna Sanders, Taylor Hill & Emilee Harmon



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for receiving news articles for the next newsletter is **Wednesday, December 2**. If you have an article to submit or if you have suggestions that may improve the newsletter, we would like to hear from you. We may be reached at pljrl@aol.com.

Pat and J. R. Logsdon, Editors

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