



OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY BASEBALL
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MEET THE TEAM MEDIA DAY

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS POPULAR EVENT

Date:	Saturday, February 19, 2004
Time:	Registration 10:30 A.M.- 11:30 A.M. Luncheon 11:45 A.M.
Program:	12:30 P.M. - 1:15 P.M.
Location:	Holiday Inn on the Lane BE 328 W. Lane Ave. THERE !!
Dress:	Casual
Cost:	\$20.00 per person

Meet the 2005 Baseball Buckeyes and listen to Coach Bob Todd discuss this year's campaign to the Big Ten Title and the NCAA Tournament.

The Holiday Inn on the Lane is located on West Lane Avenue directly across from St. John Arena. There is a three level parking garage on the east side of the Holiday Inn that can be reached off Lane Avenue. Plenty of free parking will be available in the Holiday Inn garage, but it may be necessary to tell the parking lot attendant at the Holiday Inn that you are there for the Diamond Club luncheon. Since the OSU Basketball team is not playing at home that day, parking will not be a problem.

There will be a limited number of rooms available in the Holiday Inn for \$89.00 per night for up to four people. To make reservations, call the Holiday Inn at 614-294-4848 by February 5, and MENTION THE DIAMOND CLUB LUNCHEON.

We are delighted to be able to host the Meet the Team Media event again this year at the Holiday Inn. The assistance of Lupa Istocki, the Holiday Inn's Banquet Sales Manager, and her associates has been greatly appreciated. Your support of this, as well as our other events, is essential to the success of the Diamond Club and its assistance of the Ohio State Baseball program. We ask those planning to attend to notify either the Diamond Club office at 614-760-7701, (Fax 614-760-7755} or the OSU Baseball office at 614-292-1075 before February 14. We are looking forward to a large turnout and an excellent program.

2005 Membership Campaign

The Diamond Club is now conducting our membership campaign for 2005. For all of our Regular members, dues application forms are enclosed for you to fill out and send in with your \$35.00 dues for 2005.

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A recent interpretation of the NCAA regulations has made it necessary for members of booster groups such as the Diamond Club to sign a Certification of Compliance once every five years. This is the fifth year. All members, Honorary and Charter as well as Regular, will find a copy of the Certification of Compliance form included in this year's membership materials. This Certification of Compliance form MUST be signed and returned to the Diamond Club office. For Regular members, the Compliance form is attached to your dues and membership form. For the others, it is a separate sheet. A stamped envelope is included in your newsletter to return your Compliance form and, if applicable, your dues and membership form. This applies to all members, even those who signed the Compliance form last year. We are beginning a new five year cycle and it will be necessary for all members to cooperate. Failure to do so may result in your membership being revoked.

We also thank those Regular Members who have already sent in their 2005 dues. As in previous years, any dues received after October 1, 2004 are credited toward your 2005 membership. Charter members need not send in dues although an envelope has been enclosed for any contribution that you might care to make and for your Compliance form. The Diamond Club is raising money to build an enclosed batting cage and office complex down the third base line north of the grandstand. Much of the money for this project has already been raised but it is necessary for the Diamond Club to raise the remainder of the money. Contributions toward this project are very much needed and will be greatly appreciated. Construction should be completed before the start of the baseball season.

We are always attempting to recruit new members. If you have friends or relatives interested in Ohio State baseball, please encourage them to join the Diamond Club. Membership forms are always available from the Diamond Club officers at any Diamond Club function or at any OSU home baseball game. They may also be obtained by contacting the Diamond Club office at 614-760-7701 or the OSU Baseball office at 614-292-1075.

Every year the Diamond Club loses track of a few members because they move and don't tell us. It is very important that if you change your address you notify the Diamond Club so that we may keep our mailing list up to date and not lose contact with any of our members. You may do this by writing to the Diamond Club at the address on our letterhead or by indicating the new address on your membership application and marking it (NEW ADDRESS).

Diamond Club Elects New Officers

The Diamond Club has elected two new officers for 2005. Frank Fraas, who has been the Voice of Buckeye Baseball on WOSU for many years, will become the new president of the Diamond Club. He has been a fan of the Buckeyes as well as a broadcaster for a long time and has emceed our Meet-the-Team Luncheons in recent years.

The new treasurer will be Jim Durham. Jim, a banker and the president of the Columbus Men's Senior Baseball League, has been a member of the Diamond Club for many years and is a close friend of most of the officers and board members.

Jim Townsend, the outgoing president, and Dale Busby, the outgoing treasurer, will remain on the board and expect to continue to be active in the Diamond Club.

2005 Diamond Club Calendar of Events

Saturday	February 19	11:45 A.M.	Holiday Inn on the Lane	Meet The Team Media Day
Saturday	April 30	3:30 P.M.	Bill Davis Stadium	Cookout at the Game
Saturday	May 21	11:00 A.M.	To be announced	Captains' Lunch
Saturday	May 21	2:00 P.M.	Bill Davis Stadium	Alumni Game with Cookout to follow

The annual Diamond Club Golf Outing will be held at a date and place to be determined. We hope to be able to return to the York Country Club again this year.

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Buckeye Bits

The goal of Bob Todd's Buckeyes is always simple and always the same. Just play baseball. Fundamentals and education are the key to the success of any organization whether it be a corporate setting, a workroom floor or a ball club. Ohio State has proven to be the dominant team of the Big Ten and a national contender every season.

The Ohio State baseball team has announced its 2005 schedule. It features 19 home dates at Bill Davis Stadium, a total of four weekends at home and four trips to warm weather locations in February and March. Big Ten home opponents include Purdue, Michigan State, Indiana and the season finale against Minnesota.

"Our team loves playing in Bill Davis Stadium," head coach Bob Todd said. "Not only do we have one of the finest facilities in the country, we have the fans and atmosphere to back it up. There is nothing our team enjoys more than playing hard and winning games in front of our home crowd.

"This spring our schedule will certainly be challenging. But this should speak volumes of the confidence we have in our team this year. We are excited about the work our players have done in the offseason and the freshmen we've brought in. Our fans will continue to see us play at the high level they have been accustomed to seeing over the years."

The Buckeyes open the season later than last year, but they will still have little or no chance to see the playing field before opening the season February 25-27 at the Wiregrass Classic in Dothan, AL. The Buckeyes will then travel to Greenville, NC for the Keith LeClair Invitational at East Carolina University on March 4-6. The next weekend they go to Jacksonville, FL March 11-12. Spring Break will be in Bradenton, FL on March 18-26 before returning home for the Big Ten season. OSU also will play host to four Big Ten weekend series in April and May.

The entire 2005 schedule is on the other side of this page.

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2005 Ohio State Baseball Schedule

February				
25	Fri.	vs. Middle Tennessee ¹	Dothan, Ala.	3 p.m.
26	Sat.	vs. Troy ¹	Dothan, Ala.	7 p.m.
27	Sun.	vs. Iowa ¹	Dothan, Ala.	11 a.m.
March				
4	Fri.	vs. Georgia ²	Greenville, N.C.	2 p.m.
5	Sat.	vs. North Carolina ²	Greenville, N.C.	2 p.m.
6	Sun.	vs. Arizona State ²	Greenville, N.C.	10 a.m.
11	Fri.	at North Florida	Jacksonville, Fla.	1 p.m.
12	Sat.	vs. Bradley ³	Jacksonville, Fla.	3 p.m.
12	Sat.	vs. Rider ³	Jacksonville, Fla.	7 p.m.
18	Fri.	vs. Northern Iowa ⁴	Bradenton, Fla.	1 p.m.
19	Sat.	vs. Bucknell ⁵	Bradenton, Fla.	2:30 p.m.
20	Sun.	vs. Dartmouth ⁵	Bradenton, Fla.	2:30 p.m.
21	Mon.	vs. Illinois-Chicago ⁵	Bradenton, Fla.	2:30 p.m.
23	Wed.	vs. Vermont ⁵	Bradenton, Fla.	2:30 p.m.
24	Thurs.	vs. Cornell ⁵	Bradenton, Fla.	2:30 p.m.
25	Fri.	vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee ⁵	Bradenton, Fla.	3 p.m.
26	Sat.	vs. Dartmouth ⁵	Bradenton, Fla.	3 p.m.
30	Wed.	Toledo	Columbus, Ohio	2:05 p.m.
April				
1	Fri.	at Illinois *	Champaign, Ill.	7:35 p.m.
2	Sat.	at Illinois * (DH)	Champaign, Ill.	5:05 p.m.
3	Sun.	at Illinois *	Champaign, Ill.	2:05 p.m.
6	Wed.	Oakland	Columbus, Ohio	6:35 p.m.
8	Fri.	Purdue *	Columbus, Ohio	6:35 p.m.
9	Sat.	Purdue * (DH)	Columbus, Ohio	1:05 p.m.
10	Sun.	Purdue *	Columbus, Ohio	1:05 p.m.
13	Wed.	Malone	Columbus, Ohio	1:05 p.m.
15	Fri.	Michigan State *	Columbus, Ohio	6:35 p.m.
16	Sat.	Michigan State * (DH)	Columbus, Ohio	1:05 p.m.
17	Sun.	Michigan State *	Columbus, Ohio	1:05 p.m.
20	Wed.	Bowling Green	Columbus, Ohio	6:35 p.m.
22	Fri.	at Michigan *	Ann Arbor, Mich.	6:35 p.m.
23	Sat.	at Michigan * (DH)	Ann Arbor, Mich.	4:05 p.m.
24	Sun.	at Michigan *	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1:05 p.m.
27	Wed.	Eastern Michigan	Columbus, Ohio	6:35 p.m.
29	Fri.	Indiana *	Columbus, Ohio	6:35 p.m.
30	Sat.	Indiana * (DH)	Columbus, Ohio	4:05 p.m.
May				
1	Sun.	Indiana *	Columbus, Ohio	1:05 p.m.
4	Wed.	Cleveland State	Columbus, Ohio	12:05 p.m.
7	Sat.	at Penn State *	State College, Pa.	1:05 p.m.
8	Sun.	at Penn State * (DH)	State College, Pa.	1:05 p.m.
9	Mon.	at Penn State *	State College, Pa.	3:05 p.m.
11	Wed.	Miami (Ohio)	Columbus, Ohio	6:35 p.m.
13	Fri.	at Northwestern *	Evanston, Ill.	4:05 p.m.
14	Sat.	at Northwestern * (DH)	Evanston, Ill.	2:05 p.m.
15	Sun.	at Northwestern *	Evanston, Ill.	2:05 p.m.
20	Fri.	Minnesota *	Columbus, Ohio	6:35 p.m.
21	Sat.	Minnesota * (DH)	Columbus, Ohio	4:05 p.m.
22	Sun.	Minnesota *	Columbus, Ohio	1:05 p.m.
25-29	Wed.-Sat.	Big Ten Tournament ⁶		
June				
3-6	Fri.-Mon.	NCAA Regional	Site TBD	
10-13	Fri.-Mon.	NCAA Super Regional	Site TBD	
17-27	Fri.-Mon.	College World Series	Omaha, Neb.	

Schedule as of 12/21/04 and subject to change.

All times EST/EDT; All home games (bold) played at Bill Davis Stadium (ninth season; capacity 4,450)

1-Wiregrass Classic, Northcutt Baseball Field, Dothan, Ala.

2-Keith LaClair Invitational, East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C.

3-Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Fla.

4-McKechnie Field, Bradenton, Fla.

5-Academy Park, IMG Baseball Academy, Bradenton, Fla.

6-Big Ten Tournament at site of regular season champion