



# PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

## SEVEN-TIME NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

34 NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES | 16 BIG TEN TITLES

### 2015 SCHEDULE & RECORD

**Overall:** 3-0 (Home: 3-0, Away: 0-0, Neutral: 0-0)

**Big Ten:** 0-0 (Home: 0-0, Away: 0-0)

#### AUGUST

Penn State Classic

28	vs. BUFFALO	W, 3-0
29	vs. STONY BROOK	W, 3-0
29	vs. VILLANOVA	W, 3-0

#### SEPTEMBER

Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge		
4	vs. COLORADO#	7:30 p.m.
5	vs. STANFORD	8 p.m.

Golden Dome Invitational		
11	vs. Eastern Kentucky	4:30 p.m.
12	vs. Mississippi State	10 a.m.
12	at Notre Dame	7 p.m.

South Florida Invitational		
18	vs. Auburn	6 p.m.
19	vs. St. John's	1 p.m.
19	at South Florida	7:30 p.m.
23	vs. WISCONSIN*#	7 p.m.
26	vs. MINNESOTA*	7 p.m.

#### OCTOBER

2	vs. NEBRASKA*#	7 p.m.
3	vs. IOWA*	7 p.m.
9	at Northwestern*	8 p.m.
10	at Illinois*#	8 p.m.
16	vs. INDIANA*	7 p.m.
17	vs. PURDUE*	7 p.m.
21	at Michigan*#	7 p.m.
24	at Michigan State*	7 p.m.
28	at Ohio State*#	5 p.m.
30	vs. OHIO STATE*	7 p.m.

#### NOVEMBER

5	at Maryland*	7 p.m.
6	at Rutgers*	7 p.m.
11	at Iowa*	8 p.m.
14	at Minnesota*	8 p.m.
18	vs. MICHIGAN*	7 p.m.
21	vs. MARYLAND*	7 p.m.
25	vs. NORTHWESTERN*	7 p.m.
28	at Nebraska*	8 p.m.

#### DECEMBER

4-6	NCAA First/Second Rounds	TBA
11-12 NCAA Regionals (Austin, Des Moines, Lexington, San Diego)		
17-19	NCAA Championship	Omaha, Neb.

Home matches played at Rec Hall in CAPS • All times EST and subject to change • \* Indicates Big Ten match • # indicates match will be aired on TV •

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## WEEK 2: BIG TEN/PAC-12 CHALLENGE

Friday, Sept. 4 - Saturday, Sept. 5 | Rec Hall

### #1 PENN STATE BIG TEN/PAC-12 CHALLENGE OPPONENTS

**PENN STATE**  
NITTANY LIONS



**Record:** 3-0  
**Big Ten:** 0-0

**National Rank:** #1  
**Head coach:** Russ Rose  
**Career Record/Yrs:** 1,164 - 180/37

**STANFORD**  
CARDINAL



**Record:** 2-0  
**Pac-12:** 0-0

**National Rank:** #2  
**Last Outing:** 12/18/14  
**Head coach:** John Dunning

**COLORADO**  
BUFFS



**Record:** 2-1  
**Pac-12:** 0-0

**National Rank:** #21  
**Last Outing:** 8/29/03  
**Head coach:** Liz Kritza

### FIRST SERVE

» Penn State is set to begin the second year of a four-year series in the Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge this weekend. The Nittany Lions take on challenge newcomer No. 21 Colorado Friday, Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m. before square off against No. 2 Stanford Saturday, Sept. 5 at 8 p.m. in Rec Hall.

» The Nittany Lions went 3-0 last weekend, claiming the Penn State Classic title with wins against Buffalo, Stony Brook and Villanova. With the consecutive victories, Penn State has now won its last 23 straight matches, dating back to Oct. 11, 2014.

» Senior Megan Courtney earned Penn State Classic Most Outstanding player honors, while redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney and sophomore Ali Frantti joined her on the all-tournament team.

» Penn State's 3-0 start in 2015 marks the fourth consecutive year the Nittany Lions have opened a new year with three wins in the first week of the season.

» Averaging 3.83 blocks per set on the week, Penn State commanded a 34.5 - 9.0 advantage in the blocking margin against its opponents. Four different Nittany Lions totaled double digit blocks this past weekend, led by 19 from sophomore Heidi Thelen, who had a career-high nine blocks against Stony Brook.

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» Including Penn State, more than half of the Big Ten teams in the conference are featured in this week's AVCA Top 25 poll, including seven in the top 25 and one receiving votes.

» The last time Penn State and Stanford met in the 2014 Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge the Cardinal came away with a close 3-2 victory on the road at Stanford. Just a few months later, No. 1 Stanford and No. 5 Penn State met in the 2014 NCAA national semifinals, with the Nittany Lions capturing a 3-1 win to advance to the NCAA title match.

» Penn State and Colorado have not met since 2003, when PSU topped the Buffs in four sets in the Maine "Sea Sun" Invitational. Having won the last four consecutive matches in the series, Penn State and Colorado will meet at home for the first time since 1991.

» Penn State was voted No. 1 overall in the 2015 AVCA Preseason Coaches Poll, earning 54 of a possible 62 first-place votes.

» The Nittany Lions were voted No. 1 in the Big Ten Preseason Coaches' Poll for the 10th time in the last 11 years. Four Nittany Lions earned preseason All-Big Ten honors.

» Penn State improved to 32-7-1 all-time in season-openers, after sweeping Buffalo. The win against the Bulls marks the Nittany Lions' fourth consecutive season-opening victory.

### ITS A WRAP: PENN STATE CLASSIC IN REVIEW

The Nittany Lions swept past Buffalo, Stony Brook and Villanova in the 2015 opening weekend to capture the Penn State Classic title. Senior Megan Courtney highlighted the week with Penn State Classic Most Outstanding Player honors, while redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney and sophomore Ali Frantti joined her on the all-tournament team.

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Courtney fueled the offense with 3.89 kills per set during the undefeated weekend, helped out by back-to-back double figure kills against Stony Brook and Villanova. She logged a double-double against the Wildcats with 16 kills and 13 digs.



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## PENN STATE AT A GLANCE

### THE UNIVERSITY

Location: ..... University Park, Pa. 16802  
 Founded: ..... 1855  
 Enrollment: ..... 46,068  
 Colors: ..... Blue & White  
 Nickname: ..... Nittany Lions  
 Conference: ..... Big Ten  
 President: ..... Dr. Eric Barron  
 Director of Athletics: ..... Sandy Barbour  
 Assoc. AD/SWA: ..... Charmelle Green  
 Facility (capacity): ..... Rec Hall (5,812)

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL STAFF

Head Coach: ..... Russ Rose (37th season)  
 Alma Mater: ..... George Williams, 1975  
 Overall Record (Yrs/Pct): ..... 1,161-180 (36/.866)  
 School Record: ..... same  
 Associate Head Coach: ..... Salima Rockwell  
 Assistant Coach: ..... Stevie Mussie  
 Director of Operations: ..... Jesse Tupac  
 Volunteer Assistant ..... Shawn Sangrey  
 Office Phone: ..... (814) 863-7474  
 Office Fax: ..... (814) 865-1746  
 Office Address: ..... 235 Rec Hall

### 2014 IN REVIEW

2014 Record: ..... 36-3  
 Home: ..... 18-1  
 Away: ..... 10-2  
 Neutral: ..... 8-0  
 Big Ten record (finish): ..... 18-2 (2nd)  
 Final AVCA Ranking: ..... No. 1  
 Postseason: ..... NCAA national champions  
 First round: ..... defeated Siena, 3-0  
 Second round: ..... defeated Dayton, 3-0  
 Regional semifinal: ..... defeated UCLA, 3-0  
 Regional final: ..... defeated Wisconsin, 3-1  
 National semifinal: ..... defeated Stanford, 3-1  
 National final: ..... defeated BYU, 3-0

### NITTANY LION HISTORY

First Year of Volleyball: ..... 1976  
 All-Time Record (Years): ..... 1,212-223-4 (39)  
 All-Time Big Ten Record: ..... 425-55  
 Years/Win Pct.: ..... 24/.885  
 Big Ten Titles: ..... 16  
 ('92, '93, '96, '97, '98, '99, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '12, '13)  
 NCAA Tournament Appearances: ..... 34  
 NCAA Tournament Record: ..... 90-27  
 NCAA National Championships: ..... 7  
 (1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014)

## 2015 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	SP	K/S	%	A/S	SA/S	D/S	B/S
2	Lara Caraway	DS	5-4	Sr.	2	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Kendall Pierce	DS	5-5	Sr.	7	0.00	.000	0.43	0.14	1.14	0.00
4	Wilma Rivera	S	5-8	Fr.	5	0.00	.000	2.60	0.00	1.40	0.00
5	Ali Frantti	OH	6-2	So.	9	2.00	.262	0.22	0.00	2.33	0.44
6	Nia Reed	OH	6-2	RS-Fr.	2	0.00	-.250	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Lainy Pierce	DS	5-6	So.	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	Carley Muller	DS	5-8	So.	1	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	Tori Gorrell	MB	6-2	Fr.	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Keeton Holcomb	DS	5-6	Fr.	8	0.00	.000	0.62	0.25	2.88	0.00
13	Taylor Krause	DS	5-5	Jr.	8	0.00	.000	0.12	0.38	1.62	0.00
14	Aiyana Whitney	OH	6-3	RS-Sr.	9	3.44	.375	0.00	0.00	0.33	1.11
15	Haleigh Washington	MB	6-3	So.	9	2.22	.475	0.00	0.11	0.56	1.67
16	Jelena Novaković	RS	6-2	Fr.	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	Megan Courtney	OH	6-1	Sr.	9	3.89	0.353	0.22	0.33	2.89	1.11
19	Heidi Thelen	MB	6-2	So.	9	0.44	.182	0.11	0.00	0.33	2.11
21	Bryanna Weiskircher	S	6-0	RS-Fr.	9	0.67	.385	9.44	0.22	1.44	0.44
22	Simone Lee	OH	6-0	So.	5	0.20	-.143	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24	Laura Broerman	DS	5-3	So.	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

### PENN STATE

**9 13.22 .325 12.44 1.33 13.56 3.83**

### OPPONENTS

**9 11.00 .089 10.78 1.00 13.44 1.00**

### Head Coach:

Russ Rose (George Williams, 1975), 37th year

### Associate Head Coach:

Salima Rockwell (Penn State, 1994)

### Assistant Coach:

Stevie Mussie (Washington, 2008)

### Director of Operations:

Jesse Tupac (UCLA)

### Volunteer Assistant:

Shawn Sangrey (Ohio State)

## ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School (College)
24	Laura Broerman	Jr.	DS	5-3	Colorado Springs, Colo./St. Mary's
2	Lara Caraway	Sr.	DS	5-4	Evans City, Pa./Home Schooled
17	Megan Courtney	Sr.	OH	6-1	Dayton, Ohio/Archbishop Alter
5	Ali Frantti	So.	OH	6-2	Spring Grove, Ill./Richmond Burton
11	Tori Gorrell	Fr.	MB	6-2	Oakville, Ontario/Abbey Park
12	Keeton Holcomb	Fr.	DS	5-6	Belville, Texas/Belville
13	Taylor Krause	Jr.	DS	5-5	Allentown, Pa./Parkland High
22	Simone Lee	So.	OH	6-0	Menomonee Falls, Wis./Menomonee
10	Carley Muller	Jr.	DS	5-8	Manhattan Beach, Calif./Mira Costa
16	Jelena Novaković	Fr.	RS	6-2	Belgrade, Serbia/Tourism High School
3	Kendall Pierce	Sr.	DS	5-5	Eden, N.Y./Eden
8	Lainy Pierce	So.	DS	5-6	Eden, N.Y./Eden
6	Nia Reed	RS-Fr.	OH	6-2	Fort Lee, N.J./Immaculate Heart Academy
4	Wilma Rivera	Fr.	S	5-8	Carolina, Puerto Rico/Saint Francis School
19	Heidi Thelen	So.	MB	6-2	Edgewood, Ky./Notre Dame Academy
15	Haleigh Washington	So.	MB	6-3	Colorado Springs, Colo./Doherty High School
21	Bryanna Weiskircher	RS-Fr.	S	6-0	Loves Park, Ill./Boylan Catholic
14	Aiyana Whitney	RS-Sr.	OH	6-3	Norwood, N.J./Northern Valley Regional

## PRONUNCIATIONS

Aiyana	I-YAH-nuh	Broerman	Bro-er-man
Jelena	Yell-AYE-nuh	Muller	MULL-ler
Novaković	Nova-CO-vick	Thelen	Th-EE-len
Keeton	KEY-ton	Frantti	Fran-TEE
Holcomb	HOLE-comb	Bryanna	Bree-yah-nuh
Lara	Lar-uh	Weiskircher	Weis-KIR-Cher

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## AROUND THE BIG TEN

### 2015 PRESEASON BIG TEN POLL

#### 1. PENN STATE

2. Nebraska
3. Illinois
4. Wisconsin
5. Minnesota
6. Michigan State
7. Purdue
8. Ohio State
9. Michigan
10. Northwestern
11. Iowa
12. Indiana
13. Maryland
14. Rutgers

### 2015 BIG TEN STANDINGS

Team	Overall		Big Ten	
	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.
Maryland	0-0	.000	4-0	1.000
Illinois	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000
Michigan	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000
Nebraska	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000
Northwestern	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000
<b>PENN STATE</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>1.000</b>
Purdue	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000
Indiana	0-0	.000	2-1	.667
Iowa	0-0	.000	2-1	.667
Michigan State	0-0	.000	2-1	.667
Ohio State	0-0	.000	2-1	.667
Wisconsin	0-0	.000	2-1	.667
Rutgers	0-0	.000	1-2	.333
Minnesota	0-0	.000	0-2	.000

### ALL-TIME RECORDS vs. 2015 OPPONENTS

#### NON-CONFERENCE

Team	W-L	Last
Buffalo	4-0	PSU, 3-0 (8/28/15)
Stony Brook	1-0	PSU, 3-0 (8/29/15)
Villanova	15-0	PSU, 3-0 (8/29/15)
Colorado	5-1	PSU, 3-1 (8/29/03)
Stanford	9-8	PSU, 3-1 (12/18/14)
Eastern Kentucky	6-1	PSU, 3-0 (9/21/12)
Mississippi State	0-0	First Meeting
Notre Dame	8-1	PSU, 3-1 (9/13/96)
Auburn	0-0	First Meeting
St. John's	2-0	PSU, 3-0 (9/7/96)
South Florida	2-0	PSU, 2-0 (9/8/88)

#### BIG TEN

Team	W-L	Last
Wisconsin	45-7	PSU, 3-1 (12/31/14)
Minnesota	44-8	PSU, 3-0 (11/15/14)
Nebraska	10-14	PSU, 3-0 (11/29/14)
Iowa	47-0	PSU, 3-0 (11/12/14)
Northwestern	48-8	PSU, 3-0 (11/26/14)
Illinois	41-10	ILL, 3-1 (10/11/14)
Purdue	51-6	PSU, 3-2 (10/17/14)
Indiana	48-1	PSU, 3-0 (10/18/14)
Michigan	46-3	PSU, 3-0 (11/19/14)
Michigan St.	40-7	PSU, 3-0 (10/25/14)
Ohio St.	44-14	PSU, 3-0 (11/27/14)
Rutgers	26-9	PSU, 3-0 (11/7/14)
Maryland	20-5	PSU, 3-0 (11/22/14)

## WEEK 2: AVCA TOP 25 COACHES' POLL UPDATE

Penn State remained atop the AVCA Top 25 Coaches' Poll for the second consecutive week, earning 54 of a possible 62 first place votes. Including PSU, this week's poll features more than half of the Big Ten conference teams with seven in the top 25 and one receiving votes. This weekend's opponents are also represented in the poll, with Colorado rising to No. 21 and Stanford remaining at No. 2.

## THREE EARN PENN STATE CLASS ALL-TOURNAMENT HONORS

Following back-to-back double-digit kill performances in the same day, senior Megan Courtney earned Penn State Classic Most Outstanding Player honors. Redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney and sophomore Ali Frantti each earned spots on the All-Tournament team.

Courtney led the team with 11 kills on .647 hitting against Stony Brook before returning later in the evening to lead the team with a double-double (16 kills, 13 digs) against Villanova. Whitney finished the week ranked second on the team with 3.44 kills per set, having posted 11 kills on .400 hitting vs. Buffalo and 14 kills on 429 hitting against Villanova. Frantti was third on the team with 2.44 kills per set last week and third with 2.33 digs per set. She had 10 kills against Stony Brook and a career-high 12 digs against Villanova.

## ROOKIE DEBUT

Four Nittany Lions made their collegiate debuts for Penn State last weekend including, Bryanna Weiskircher, Keeton Holcomb, Wilma Rivera and Nia Reed. Weiskircher and Rivera each made their debuts at the setting position, while Holcomb earned a pair of starting libero spots against Stony Brook and Villanova. Reed made an appearance against Stony Brook.

## PENN STATE TOPS AVCA PRESEASON POLL RANKINGS

Penn State women's volleyball earned the No. 1 overall ranking in the 2015 AVCA Preseason Coaches' Poll for the second consecutive season. Penn State is among six Big Ten schools to be ranked within the AVCA Top 25 and one of four conference programs to be voted within the top 10. Penn State received 54 of a possible 62 votes in the preseason poll.

Tied at No. 5, Nebraska and Wisconsin join the Nittany Lions in the top five, while Illinois rounds out the top 10 at No. 8. Ohio State is slated No. 14 and Michigan State is slotted No. 19. Purdue, Minnesota and Michigan also represent the league in the poll, as all three are receiving votes. Since 2007, Penn State has been ranked within the top three of every AVCA preseason poll, having also been voted No. 1 a total of six times (2008-11, 2014-15).

## NITTANY LIONS NAMED BIG TEN PRESEASON FAVORITE

Penn State earned the No. 1 ranking in the 2015 Big Ten Preseason Coaches' Poll, marking the 10th time in the last 11 years the Nittany Lions have been picked to win the league. The Big Ten Preseason poll is selected by votes from all 14 conference head coaches.

## PRESEASON ALL-BIG TEN NITTANY LIONS

Penn State is well represented on the Big Ten Preseason All-Big Ten team, with more selections than any other conference program this year. 2015 Big Ten Freshman of the Year Haleigh Washington highlights Penn State's four preseason All-Big Ten honorees as a unanimous selection. Redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney, senior Megan Courtney and sophomore Ali Frantti round out the group of honorees.

## YEAR 37 ATOP THE NCAA ALL-TIME WINS LIST

With an all-time record of 1,164-180, few have come close to matching head coach Russ Rose's impressive win total. Following a 4-0 weekend in the Penn State Classic, Penn State head coach Russ Rose moved into first place on the active DI NCAA career wins list with 1,136 victories, ahead of Hawaii head coach Dave Shoji. The two went back and forth throughout the season, but Penn State's run to its seventh NCAA national championship in 2014 vaulted Rose 11 wins ahead of Shoji, placing him firmly atop the active division I career standings at the conclusion of the season with 1,161 wins.

Prior to topping the list of DI winningest active coaches by victories, his .866 career winning clip has ranked first on the percentage chart for the last several years. Now at the top of both lists, he's one of just two active NCAA DI coaches to amass more than 1,100 career wins and one of four active coaches across all three divisions to join the 1,000 victories club. On the list of winningest coaches of all time, Rose's 1,164-180 tally is unmatched at first place. Along with Shoji and former UCLA head coach Andy Banachowski, the three are the only DI coaches in NCAA women's volleyball coaching history to total 1,100 or more victories.

## WHITNEY JOINS BIG TEN FOREIGN TOUR

Redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney joined the inaugural Big Ten Women's Volleyball Foreign Tour this summer. For the first time in conference history, Big Ten volleyball student-athletes from all 14 schools traveled overseas to both compete, and participate in community services initiatives. Whitney and the Big Ten Volleyball Foreign Tour Team traveled to Slovenia, Croatia and Italy this summer, opening the trip in Maribor, Slovenia. Northwestern's Keylor Chan served as the team's head coach.

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## AVCA TOP 25 COACHES' POLL

Poll #2 • Aug. 31, 2015

NO.	SCHOOL	PTS.	REC.	LW
1	<b>PENN STATE (54)</b>	<b>1565</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>1</b>
2	<i>Stanford (8)</i>	1520	2-0	2
3	<i>Texas (1)</i>	1448	3-0	3
T-4	<i>Florida</i>	1366	2-0	4
T-4	<i>Nebraska (1)</i>	1366	3-0	5
6	<i>Illinois</i>	1250	3-0	8
7	<i>Washington</i>	1172	3-0	10
8	<i>USC</i>	987	3-0	22
9	<i>Colorado State</i>	966	3-0	12
10	<i>Kentucky</i>	895	3-0	15
11	<i>Oregon</i>	885	3-0	13
12	<i>BYU</i>	854	2-1	11
13	<i>Wisconsin</i>	834	2-1	5
14	<i>Florida State</i>	743	2-1	9
15	<i>Arizona State</i>	730	3-0	16
16	<i>Arizona</i>	658	3-0	17
17	<i>Hawai'i</i>	648	3-0	18
18	<i>North Carolina</i>	609	1-2	7
19	<i>Michigan State</i>	349	2-1	19
20	<i>Western Kentucky</i>	341	3-0	NR
21	<i>Colorado</i>	334	2-1	24
22	<i>Ohio State</i>	242	2-1	14
23	<i>San Diego</i>	202	2-1	NR
24	<i>Purdue</i>	171	3-0	NR
25	<i>UCLA</i>	88	1-1	20

**RECEIVING VOTES:** Long Beach State 79; Texas A&M 69; Marquette 64; Iowa State 59; Kansas 59; Duke 49; *Michigan* 42; Utah 30; Miami (FL) 22; Loyola Marymount 20; Lipscomb 18; Wyoming 13; Wichita State 12; Oklahoma 11; Oregon State 4

\*2015 opponents in italics

## PENN STATE PRESENCE IN THE COACHES' POLL

Aug. 12: #1

Aug. 31: #1

## 2015 HONORS & ACCOLADES

### ALI FRANTTI

- Preseason All-Big Ten
- Penn State Classic All-Tournament Team

### MEGAN COURTNEY

- Preseason All-Big Ten
- Penn State Classic Most Outstanding Player

### HALEIGH WASHINGTON

- Unanimous Preseason All-Big Ten
- Penn State Classic All-Tournament Team

### AIYANA WHITNEY

- Preseason All-Big Ten
- Penn State Classic All-Tournament Team

## WHO'S BACK

The Nittany Lions return plenty of potential when it comes to finding new ways to win. This year's senior group features experienced hitters in Megan Courtney and Aiyana Whitney as well as defensive specialists Kendall Pierce and Lara Caraway. From last year's top-ranked freshman recruiting class, All-American and DI National Freshman of the Year Ali Frantti and Big Ten Freshman of the Year Haleigh Washington highlight the large class that has already gained the taste of a national title.

Returning second team AVCA All-Americans Aiyana Whitney and Frantti are among an experienced group of top attackers. Courtney started all 39 matches for the Nittany Lions during the 2014 season, finishing third on the team with 2.44 kills per set and second on the squad with 2.34 digs per set. She highlighted the year with a clutch career-high performance in the NCAA national semifinals before going on to earn 2014 NCAA Championship MVP honors.

The Nittany Lions also return options at the middle position as well. Sophomore Haleigh Washington has emerged as one of the top returners in group. Washington burst on to the scene in September after an injury sidelined her for the opening portion of the season. In 25 appearances on the court, she finished first on the team with a .463 hitting percentage, while also tallying 96 blocks. With the ability to play multiple positions in the front row, redshirt senior All-American Aiyana Whitney could also be an option at the middle position this year, along with sophomore Heidi Thelen.

## EXPERIENCED SENIOR CORE

Comprised of four, this year's senior class features Lara Caraway, Megan Courtney, Kendall Pierce and Aiyana Whitney. Playing all together at the same time, the four have a combined record of 103-8 in three years, as well as a 56-4 mark in Big Ten matches. Along with back-to-back Big Ten titles in 2012 and 2013, the veteran class also boasts back-to-back NCAA national titles from 2013-14. Having made it to the final four in the last three consecutive seasons, the four have an NCAA tournament record of 16-1.

## SPOTS TO FILL

This year, the Nittany Lions enter the season with some sizable question marks, tasked with replacing a core group of senior leadership. First there's three-time All-American and 2014 AVCA DI National Player of the Year Micha Hancock, who set the Nittany Lions to both championship crowns in 2013-14, while also impressing from the end line with her clutch serve. Then there's three-year starting libero Dominique Gonzalez, and defensive specialist Lacey Fuller who commanded the backrow. Lastly, there's two-time All-American Nia Grant, who frequently led the nation in hitting efficiency in 2014.

Perhaps one of Penn State's top priorities this season will be at the setting position, replacing Hancock, who ended her career atop both the NCAA and Big Ten career aces lists. Departures from Dominique Gonzalez and Lacey Fuller present another top priority for the Nittany Lions heading into the 2015 season. Gonzalez closed out her collegiate career ranked fourth all-time in the Penn State record book with 1,474 digs.

## WHO'S NEW

Penn State's 2015 freshman class features a little bit of everything, including setter Wilma Rivera (Carolina, Puerto Rico), defensive specialist Keeton Holcomb (Belville, Texas), middle blocker Tori Gorrell (Ontario, Canada) and right side Jelena Novaković (Belgrade, Serbia).

**Tori Gorrell** » Gorrell attended Abbey Park High School in Oakville, Ontario, helping Abbey Park to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association AAA volleyball championship. In addition to helping the team to an undefeated season, she also led the squad to Halton Tier I and Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference AA titles.

**Keeton Holcomb** » A four-year letterwinner and team MVP at Belville, she earned AAA First Team All-State honors in 2013-14, as well as Texas Sports Writers Association All-State honors in 2013. Holcomb is a MaxPreps Second Team All-American, having also been named to the 2014 Under Armour All-American watch list. Played club with Houston Juniors.

**Jelena Novaković** » Novaković helped Red Star to a National Cup title in 2014 and a silver medal at the 2014 Championship, while also earning MVP honors at the U17 Belgrade Tournament. She earned gold at the European Championship with the U19 Serbian Junior National Team in 2014, as well as another gold medal at the Balkan Championship in Subotica, Serbia.

**Wilma Rivera** » Rivera was a four-year team captain and senior MVP at Saint Francis School. She helped her high school squad to the 2014 Puerto Rico Lopa El Nuevo Dia Championships, while also earning LACC All-State Best Setter and MVP honors in the same year. Rivera also competed on the Puerto Rican Junior National Team.



## RUSS ROSE AT A GLANCE ...

It's been nearly four decades since Russ Rose arrived on campus. Entering his 37th season, the AVCA Hall of Fame head coaches' record-setting seven NCCA national titles and 16 Big Ten championships speak directly to the confidence and character he's passed along throughout his career.

As each year passes, his list of accomplishments continue to swell, but a quick snapshot of his legendary tenure might read something like this: The leader of a women's volleyball powerhouse who's kept his program among the nation's elite for nearly 40 years, guiding his teams to a record-setting seven NCAA national titles, including an unprecedented four consecutive championships from 2007-10. Along with 16 Big Ten titles, his program is one of only two women's volleyball schools to compete in all 34 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball National Championship events. He's produced four AVCA National Players of the Year, 13 Big Ten conference Players of the Year and at least one AVCA All-American in 35 of 36 seasons. His student-athletes excel in the classroom as well, with an outstanding 140 Academic All-Big Ten selections and five Academic All-Americans.

## CAREER COUNTDOWN!

### KILLS

MILESTONE	NAME	# TO GO
200 kills	Simone Lee	64
300 kills	Haleigh Washington	72
600 kills	Aiyana Whitney	42
	Ali Frantti	187
900 kills	Megan Courtney	18

### BLOCKS

MILESTONE	NAME	# TO GO
200 blocks	Aiyana Whitney	80
	Haleigh Washington	89
300 blocks	Megan Courtney	6

## CAREER RECORD BOOK WATCH

### KILLS PER SET

#	RECORD	NAME
10.	3.37	Laura Cook, 1991-94
11.	3.33	Ashley Pederson, 2001-04
12.	3.31	Leanne Kling, 1989-92
13.	3.30	Deja McClendon, 2010-13
<b>14.</b>	<b>3.15</b>	<b>Ali Frantti, 2014-Pres.</b>
15.	3.08	JoAnn Elwell, 1987-90
16.	2.97	Marcia Leap, 1982-85
17.	2.96	Noelle Zientara, 1987-90

### HITTING PERCENTAGE

#	RECORD	NAME
<b>10.</b>	<b>.351</b>	<b>Aiyana Whitney, 2011-Pres.</b>
11.	.350	Blair Brown, 2007-10
12.	.340	Cassy Salyer, 2003-06
13.	.336	Alisha Glass, 2006-09
14.	.326	Nicole Fawcett, 2005-08
15.	.325	Noelle Zientara, 1987-90
16.	.324	Elizabeth Ramirez, 1986-89
17.	.321	Leanne Kling, 1989-92
18.	.319	Megan Hodge, 2006-09
<b>19.</b>	<b>.307</b>	<b>Ali Frantti, 2014-Pres.</b>

## NITTANY LIONS ON TV

There's no need to worry this year if you can't follow Penn State on the road or make it to every home match. As one of the nation's top volleyball programs, Penn State has earned regional and national exposure. This year, the Nittany Lions will be on television at least six times between the Big Ten Network and ESPNU. All other matches will be streamed live on GoPSUsports.com or on BTN Plus.

## PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TV MATCH SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Network
Sept. 5	vs. Stanford	BTN - live
Sept. 23	vs. Wisconsin	BTN - live
Oct. 2	vs. Nebraska	BTN - live
Oct. 9	at Illinois	BTN - live
Oct. 21	at Michigan	BTN - live
Oct. 30	at Ohio State	ESPNU - live

Penn State will also live stream every home match on BTN Plus, which is available for fans to purchase via an online subscription. Each participating Big Ten school will also air the PSU remaining conference road matches available also online via BTN Plus.

## PENN STATE ANNOUNCES LIVE AUDIO IN 2015

Beginning in 2015, Penn State fans worldwide will be able to tune into a live audio broadcast. The audio broadcast will be available exclusively on GoPSUsports.com and offered to all fans free of charge. This weekend's matches will feature current Penn State's Jack Milewski on play-by-play, joined by PSU junior defensive specialist Laura Broerman.

## PENN STATE IN SEASON-OPENERS

Penn State improved to 32-7-1 all-time in season-openers after sweeping Buffalo in the first match of the 2015 season. The win against the Bulls marks the Nittany Lions' fourth consecutive season-opening victory.

## WHITNEY JOINS BIG TEN FOREIGN TOUR

Redshirt senior Aiyana Whitney joined the inaugural Big Ten Women's Volleyball Foreign Tour this summer. For the first time in conference history, Big Ten volleyball student-athletes from all 14 schools traveled overseas to both compete, and participate in community services initiatives. Whitney and the Big Ten Volleyball Foreign Tour Team traveled to Slovenia, Croatia and Italy this summer, opening the trip in Maribor, Slovenia. Northwestern's Keylor Chan served as the team's head coach, while Indiana's Paul Koncir and Rutgers' Phuong Louong traveled as assistant coaches.

## NITTANY LION ALUM AT THE 2015 ESPY AWARDS

Penn State alum Micha Hancock was nominated for an ESPN ESPY for the second consecutive season. Nominated for Best Female Collegiate Athlete, her nomination marked the fourth time a PSU women's volleyball student-athlete was up for an ESPY. Megan Hodge earned a nomination in 2010, following the '09 season, while Blair Brown was selected in 2011 following the '10 season. Hancock is the first in program history to receive back-to-back nominations.

## STREAKING!

Penn State holds the top three winning streaks in Big Ten history. Penn State's most recent streak of 65 consecutive matches began on Nov. 11, 2006 and ended on Sept. 24, 2010 at Illinois. It is the longest streak in league history. Penn State's other two conference winning streaks were 49 matches and 41. Illinois owns the fourth (40) and fifth (25) longest conference winning streaks.

Penn State holds the top three Big Ten winning streaks in league history. Presently, The Lions are on a 20-match winning streak, which dates back to Oct. 17, 2015 when PSU started the streak with a 3-2 win at Purdue. The stretch marks the second season Penn State has entered the year with 20 or more wins in a row.

## TOP FIVE BIG TEN STREAKS

65 - Penn State (11/11/06 - 9/18/10)	- snapped at Illinois (9/24/10)
49 - Penn State (11/1/97 - 11/27/99)	- snapped at Wisconsin (9/22/00)
41 - Penn State (10/22/04 - 10/21/06)	- snapped at Wisconsin (10/27/06)
40 - Illinois (11/15/85 - 11/20/87)	- snapped at Purdue (11/27/87)
25 - Illinois (10/2/92 - 10/9/93)	- snapped vs. Penn State (10/15/93)

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## SCOUTING THE OPPONENTS

### PENN STATE VS. COLORADO

Series: Penn State leads, 5-1

#### Last Three

Date	Site	Result
8/29/2003	N	PSU, 3-1
12/9/1993	N	PSU, 3-2
12/7/1991	N	PSU, 3-0

#### By the Numbers

at PSU ..... PSU leads, 2-0  
 at Colorado ..... N/A  
 at neutral sites ..... PSU leads, 3-1  
 Current streak ..... PSU, W5

#### Tale of the Tape

PSU	Stat	Colorado
3-0	2015 Record	2-1
13.22	K/S	12.50
.325	Hitting %	.240
13.56	D/S	9.50
3.83	B/S	1.86

### PENN STATE VS. STANFORD

Series: Penn State leads, 9-8

#### Last Three

Date	Site	Result
12/18/2014	N	PSU, 3-1
9/5/2014	A	STAN, 3-2
12/14/2013	N	PSU, 3-2

#### By the Numbers

at PSU ..... Tied, 1-1  
 at Stanford ..... Tied, 2-2  
 at neutral sites ..... PSU leads, 6-5  
 Current streak ..... PSU, W1

#### Tale of the Tape

PSU	Stat	Stanford
3-0	2015 Record	2-0
13.22	K/S	13.00
.325	Hitting %	.286
13.56	D/S	13.50
3.83	B/S	4.33

## NOTABLE MATCHES FROM THE SERIES

### STANFORD

**12/18/14:** The Nittany Lions sent Stanford packing in the NCAA tournament for the second consecutive year, topping the Cardinal in a 3-1 win to advance to the 2014 NCAA national title match.

**9/5/14:** The Cardinal came up victorious in a close 3-2 win in the first meeting between the two teams in the Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge at Stanford.

**12/14/13:** PSU knocked off the Cardinal in a thrilling 3-2 win in the 2013 Lexington NCAA regional finals to advance to the NCAA national championship.

### COLORADO

**8/29/03:** In the most recent meeting between the two teams, Penn State pushed past the Buffs in four sets in the Maine "Sea Sun" Invitational on the road in first week of the 2003 season.

**12/13/91:** PSU has not played Colorado at home since the 1991 NCAA Sub-Regional, where Penn State defeated the Buffs 15-8, 15-10, 15-11 to advance to the NCAA regionals in Lincoln, Neb.

## NITTANY LIONS MONTH - BY-MONTH

Penn State is 43-5 (.896) all-time during the month of August, after notching a trio of victories against Buffalo, Stony Brook and Villanova in the first week of 2015.

Penn State is 369-57-4 (.866) all-time during the month of September. The Lions are 194-18 (.915) during September dating back to the 1995 season and 52-9 (.852) within the last six years.

PSU is 394-69 (.851) all-time during the month of October. Penn State has posted a 93-13 (.877) mark in October across the last 10 seasons, and a record of 58-5 (.921) in the last five years, without losing a match during the month from 2007 to 2010.

Penn State is 294-57 (.838) all-time during the month of November, including a 97-8 (.924) mark across the last 10 seasons. The Nittany Lions posted a six-year streak from 1995-2000 where they did not lose a match in the month, and in the last five seasons, Penn State has a 53-3 (.946) mark in November.

## QUICK SETS

From Oct. 16, 1996 to Nov. 9, 2001, Penn State won 139 consecutive matches when taking a 2-0 lead. Since joining the Big Ten in 1991, Penn State has played in 804 total matches, winning 745. Across the last seven years, Penn State has earned 182 of its 233 victories in three sets (78%), including 37-of-38 (98%) in 2008 and 32-of-38 in 2009 (84%).

In the last 15 years, the Lions have only lost 61 matches. And of those 22 teams that defeated the Lions - BYU, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Long Beach State, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Nebraska, Northwestern, Ohio State, Oregon, Oregon State, Purdue, USC, Stanford, Temple, Tennessee, Texas, UCLA, Washington and Wisconsin - only nine of these teams (Nebraska, Stanford, Ohio State, Illinois, Wisconsin, UCLA, Minnesota, Michigan State and Florida) have been able to beat Penn State three times. The Lions have compiled a 291-61 mark in the last 15 years versus these teams.

vs. Michigan	29-2	vs. Stanford	6-6
vs. Northwestern	30-2	vs. MSU	27-3
vs. Wisconsin	26-6	vs. Ohio State	27-5
vs. Florida	4-3	vs. UCLA	5-3
vs. Nebraska	6-5	vs. Minnesota	27-6
vs. LBSU	0-1	vs. USC	2-1
vs. Illinois	26-6	vs. Temple	2-1
vs. BYU	4-1	vs. Tennessee	0-1
vs. Purdue	32-1	vs. Indiana	31-1
vs. Washington	0-1	vs. Texas	9-2
		vs. Oregon	0-2
		vs. Oregon State	0-1

## PENN STATE BY THE NUMBERS

- 6 Number of NCAA national championships PSU has won in the last eight years
- 7 Number of NCAA national championships (1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014)  
» Penn State's seven titles are the most of any women's volleyball program in history
- 16 Number of Big Ten titles in 23 seasons in the league  
» Penn State has captured Big Ten championships in nine of the last 11 years
- 21 Number of all-time conference player of the year selections
- 34 Number of NCAA Tournaments PSU has participated in, one of two to play in all 34
- 38 Number of consecutive 20-win seasons
- 39 Seasons of Penn State women's volleyball, which started in 1976 under Tom Tait
- 65 Longest Big Ten winning streak recorded by Penn State from 11/11/06 to 9/24/10
- 80 Number of polls in which Penn State was ranked No. 1
- 94 Number of consecutive home match wins from 9/1/06 to 12/11/10
- 109 Number of consecutive matches wins between 9/21/07 to 9/11/10
- 165 Number of Academic All-Big Ten honorees in 24 years
- 1,161 Number of wins by head coach Russ Rose prior to entering his 37th season  
» Rose ranks first on the NCAA DI all-time list
- 1,212 Number of wins in Penn State 39 years of Penn State women's volleyball history

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## NCAA RPI TOP 30

Updated: Dec. 22, 2014 (Final)

NO.	SCHOOL	CONF.	REC.	RD.	NEU.	HOME
1	Stanford	Pac-12	33-2	12-1	4-1	17-0
2	Texas	Big 12	27-3	11-0	4-1	12-2
3	Florida St.	ACC	30-3	12-2	1-1	17-0
4	Washington	Pac-12	31-3	10-2	4-0	17-1
5	Wisconsin	Big Ten	31-3	12-1	5-1	14-1
<b>6</b>	<b>PENN ST.</b>	<b>BIG TEN</b>	<b>36-3</b>	<b>10-2</b>	<b>8-0</b>	<b>18-1</b>
7	UNC	ACC	29-3	10-2	3-1	16-0
8	Florida	SEC	28-4	11-1	2-1	15-2
9	BYU	W. Coast	30-5	12-2	6-2	12-1
10	Illinois	Big Ten	26-8	9-4	3-3	14-1
11	Nebraska	Big Ten	23-10	8-4	2-1	13-5
12	Oregon	Pac-12	23-10	6-6	2-1	15-3
13	Colorado St.	M. West	31-3	12-1	3-1	16-1
14	UCLA	Pac-12	22-12	6-6	7-2	9-4
15	Kansas	Big 12	22-9	6-4	4-1	12-4
16	Kentucky	SEC	27-6	9-2	2-0	16-4
17	Iowa St.	Big 12	19-10	5-7	3-0	11-3
18	Arizona	Pac-12	24-10	7-5	4-0	13-5
19	USC	Pac-12	16-16	6-8	6-1	4-7
20	Ohio St.	Big Ten	23-12	7-7	5-3	11-2
21	Duke	ACC	22-8	8-5	1-1	13-2
22	Texas A&M	SEC	21-9	8-3	3-1	10-5
23	Oregon St.	Pac-12	21-13	6-7	8-1	7-5
24	Colorado	Pac-12	20-14	6-7	2-3	12-4
25	Illinois St.	Miz Valley	27-6	11-3	6-3	10-0
26	Oklahoma	Big 12	20-11	5-8	4-1	11-2
27	Miami (FL)	ACC	22-9	6-6	3-2	13-1
28	LBSU	Big West	27-5	9-2	3-2	15-1
29	UALR	Sun Belt	30-5	12-2	7-3	11-0
30	Kansas St.	Big 12	22-9	8-3	5-2	9-4

## PENN STATE'S RECORD WHEN ...

Playing at home.....	3-0
Playing on the road.....	0-0
Playing at a neutral site.....	0-0
Current winning streak.....	W23
Big Ten matches.....	0-0
Non-conference matches.....	3-0
In three-set matches.....	3-0
In four-set matches.....	0-0
In five-set matches.....	0-0
When winning the first set.....	3-0
When losing the first set.....	0-0
Hitting .300 +.....	2-0
Hitting .200 -.299.....	1-0
When winning the second set.....	3-0
When losing the second set.....	0-0
Out-hitting a team.....	3-0
Out-hit by a team.....	0-0
Playing a ranked team.....	0-0
Playing an unranked team.....	3-0
On TV.....	0-0
In August.....	3-0
In September.....	0-0
In October.....	0-0
In November.....	0-0

## THE LAST TIME A NITTANY LION ...

Had 30 or more kills.....	31 - Nicole Fawcett vs. Cal Poly (8/31/07)
Had 10 or more blocks.....	10 - Katie Slay vs. Stanford (12/14/13)
Had eight or more aces.....	8 - Micha Hancock at Maryland (11/22/14)
Had 30 or more digs.....	35 - Alyssa D'Errico at Minnesota (11/27/10)
Had 80 or more assists.....	82 - Samantha Spink vs. Illinois (11/24/95)
Hit .800 or better (min. 12 kills).....	.929 (13-0-14) A. Wilson vs. St. Francis (9/19/09)

## THE LAST TIME PENN STATE ...

### VS. NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS (REGULAR-SEASON MATCHES)

Won a match.....	vs. Villanova, 8/29/15 (25-20, 25-23, 25-21)
Lost a match.....	at Stanford, 9/5/14 (25-18, 23-25, 22-25, 25-16, 10-15)
Won at home.....	vs. Villanova, 8/29/15 (25-20, 25-23, 25-21)
Lost at home.....	vs. Oregon, 8/26/11 (25-16, 25-21, 25-20, 25-22)
Won 3-0 at home.....	vs. Villanova, 8/29/15 (25-20, 25-23, 25-21)
Lost 3-0 at home.....	vs. UC-Santa Barbara, 9/18/86 (1-15, 7-15, 13-15)
Won 3-0 on the road.....	vs. Kansas, 9/13/13 (25-10, 27-25, 25-23)
Lost 3-0 on the road.....	vs. Stanford, 9/11/10 (26-28, 12-25, 18-25)

### VS. BIG TEN OPPONENTS (REGULAR-SEASON MATCHES)

Won a match.....	vs. Nebraska, 11/29/14 (25-21, 25-15, 25-16)
Lost a match.....	vs. Illinois, 10/11/14 (24-26, 25-16, 23-25, 22-25)
Won at home.....	vs. Nebraska, 11/29/14 (25-21, 25-15, 25-16)
Lost at home.....	vs. Illinois, 10/11/14 (24-26, 25-16, 23-25, 22-25)
Won 3-0 at home.....	vs. Nebraska, 11/29/14 (25-21, 25-15, 25-16)
Lost 3-0 at home.....	vs. Minnesota, 10/18/03 (26-30, 18-30, 21-30)
Won 3-0 on the road.....	at Northwestern, 11/26/14 (25-20, 25-23, 25-23)
Lost 3-0 on the road.....	at Illinois, 11/11/11 (21-25, 23-25, 26-28)

### ALL MATCHES

Won a match.....	vs. Villanova, 8/29/15 (25-20, 25-23, 25-21)
Lost a match.....	vs. Illinois, 10/11/14 (24-26, 25-16, 23-25, 22-25)
Won at home.....	vs. Villanova, 8/29/15 (25-20, 25-23, 25-21)
Lost at home.....	vs. Illinois, 10/11/14 (24-26, 25-16, 23-25, 22-25)
Won 3-0 at home.....	vs. Villanova, 8/29/15 (25-20, 25-23, 25-21)
Lost 3-0 at home.....	vs. Minnesota, 10/18/03 (26-30, 18-30, 21-30)
Won 3-0 on the road.....	vs. UCLA, 12/12/14 (28-26, 25-16, 25-19)
Lost 3-0 on the road.....	at Illinois, 11/11/11 (21-25, 23-25, 26-28)

## PACKING REC HALL ONCE AGAIN

Penn State was among the national leaders in attendance in 2014, ranking top 10 in the country with an average of 2,999 fans per match on the year along with other Big Ten schools, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois. (Figures provided by the NCAA.) Penn State boasted four matches with crowds larger than 4,500 in 2014, including two standing-room only matches with more than 5,300 fans in attendance.

SCHOOL	TOTAL ATTEN.	AVG. ATTEN.	HOME DATES	SCHOOL	TOTAL ATTEN.	AVG. ATTEN.	HOME DATES
1 Nebraska	145,493	8,083	18	16 Kansas St.	30,759	2,366	13
2 Hawaii	120,776	6,357	19	17 Stanford	36,136	2,126	17
3 Wisconsin	73,999	4,933	15	18 Louisville	26,352	2,027	13
4 Washington	60,829	3,379	18	19 UNC	31,939	1,996	16
5 Minnesota	50,149	3,343	15	20 Ohio	23,783	1,982	12
6 Colorado St.	54,926	3,231	17	21 Missouri	26,505	1,893	14
7 UNI	40,537	3,118	13	22 Ohio St.	23,544	1,811	13
8 Wichita St.	27,706	3,078	9	23 Oregon	31,475	1,749	18
9 Illinois	45,410	3,027	15	24 BYU	20,649	1,588	13
<b>10 PENN STATE</b>	<b>56,977</b>	<b>2,999</b>	<b>19</b>	25 Maryland	15,387	1,539	10
11 Michigan St.	43,918	2,928	15	26 Kentucky	30,453	1,523	20
12 Texas	40,378	2,884	14	27 Arizona	27,266	1,515	18
13 Purdue	40,230	2,514	16	28 Arizona St.	22,373	1,398	16
14 Iowa St.	34,172	2,441	14	29 Iowa	13,752	1,375	10
15 Florida	40,833	2,402	17	30 Duke	19,943	1,330	15

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## 2015 PENN STATE SUPERLATIVES

THREE SETS.....	INDIVIDUAL .....	TEAM .....
Kills: .....	16 - Megan Courtney vs. Villanova (8/29) .....	47 - vs. Villanova (8/29)
Attacks: .....	42 - Megan Courtney vs. Villanova (8/29) .....	121 - vs. Villanova (8/29)
Attack Percentage*:	647 - (11-0-17) - Megan Courtney vs. Stony Brook (8/29) .....	.398 (39-6-83) - vs. Stony Brook (8/29)
Assists: .....	37- Bryanna Weiskircher vs. Villanova (8/29) .....	43 - vs. Villanova (8/29)
Aces: .....	1, 11x - Several .....	4, 3x last - vs. Villanova (8/29)
Digs: .....	12 - Ali Frantti vs. Villanova (8/29) .....	55 - vs. Villanova (8/29)
Solo Blocks: .....	2 - Heidi Thelen vs. Buffalo (8/28) .....	3 - vs. Buffalo (8/28)
Block Assists: .....	8 - Heidi Thelen vs. Stony Brook (8/29) .....	25 - vs. Stony Brook (8/29)
Total Blocks: .....	9 - Heidi Thelen vs. Stony Brook (8/29) .....	13.5 - vs. Stony Brook (8/29)

*2014 FOUR SETS .....	INDIVIDUAL .....	TEAM .....
Kills: .....	23 - Megan Courtney vs. Stanford (12/18) .....	67 - vs. Illinois (10/11)
Attacks: .....	56 - Megan Courtney vs. Stanford (12/18) .....	165 - vs. Stanford (12/18)
Attack Percentage*:	571 (10-2-14) - Nia Grant vs. American (9/12) .....	.310 (67-18-158) - vs. Illinois (10/11)
Assists: .....	55 - Micha Hancock vs. Stanford (12/18) .....	61 - vs. Stanford (12/18)
Aces: .....	8 - Micha Hancock vs. American (9/12) .....	14 - vs. American (9/12)
Digs: .....	26 - Dominique Gonzalez at Minnesota (9/27) .....	70 - vs. Stanford (12/18)
Solo Blocks: .....	2, 2x last - Megan Courtney vs. Illinois (10/11) .....	4 - vs. Illinois (10/11)
Block Assists: .....	6, 3x last - Haleigh Washington vs. Stanford (12/18) .....	25 - at Minnesota (9/27)
Total Blocks: .....	8 - Nia Grant at Minnesota (9/27) .....	15.5 - at Minnesota (9/27)

*2014 FIVE SETS .....	INDIVIDUAL .....	TEAM .....
Kills: .....	22 - Ali Frantti at Stanford (9/5) .....	71 - at Stanford (9/5)
Attacks: .....	48 - Ali Frantti at Purdue (10/17) .....	173 - at Stanford (9/5)
Attack Percentage*:	429 (12-3-21) - Nia Grant at Purdue (10/17) .....	.243 (71-29-173) - at Stanford (9/5)
Assists: .....	58 - Micha Hancock at Purdue (10/17) .....	69 - at Stanford (9/5)
Aces: .....	6 - Micha Hancock at Purdue (10/17) .....	11 - at Purdue (10/17)
Digs: .....	20 - Dominique Gonzalez at Stanford (9/5) .....	73 - at Stanford (9/5)
Solo Blocks: .....	1 - Simone Lee & Ali Frantti at Stanford (9/5) .....	2 - at Stanford (9/5)
Block Assists: .....	8 - Haleigh Washington at Purdue (10/17) .....	23 - at Purdue (10/17)
Total Blocks: .....	8 - Haleigh Washington at Purdue (10/17) .....	14 - at Stanford (9/5)

## 2014 OPPONENT SUPERLATIVES

THREE SETS.....	INDIVIDUAL .....	TEAM .....
Kills: .....	13 - Kathy Fletcher, Stony Brook (8/29) .....	47 - Villanova (8/29)
Attacks: .....	34 - Kathy Fletcher, Stony Brook (8/29) .....	121 - Villanova (8/29)
Attack Percentage*:	231 (10-4-26) - Lauren Carpenter, Villanova (8/29) .....	.210 (44-18-124) - Villanova (8/29)
Assists: .....	39 - Emma Pettit, Villanova (8/29) .....	44 - Villanova (8/29)
Aces: .....	3 - Amber Hatchett, Buffalo (8/28) .....	3, 3x last - Villanova (8/29)
Digs: .....	18 - Michelle Adams, Villanova (8/29) .....	58 - Villanova (8/29)
Solo Blocks: .....	N/A .....	N/A
Block Assists: .....	3 - Gabby Pethokoukis, Villanova (8/29) .....	8 - Villanova (8/29)
Total Blocks: .....	3 - Gabby Pethokoukis, Villanova (8/29) .....	4.0 - Villanova (8/29)

*2014 FOUR SETS .....	INDIVIDUAL .....	TEAM .....
Kills: .....	19 - Jocelynn Birks, Illinois (10/11) .....	61 - Illinois (10/11)
Attacks: .....	45 - Sarah Wilhite, Minnesota (9/27) .....	150 - Stanford (12/18)
Attack Percentage*:	472 (19-2-36) - Jocelynn Birks, Illinois (10/11) .....	.315 (61-16-143) - Illinois (10/11)
Assists: .....	47, 2x last - Madi Bugg, Stanford (12/18) .....	58 - Illinois (10/11)
Aces: .....	3 - Brandi Donnelly, Illinois (10/11) .....	4, 2x last - Illinois (10/11)
Digs: .....	20 - Annika Albrecht, Nebraska (10/3) .....	69 - Stanford (12/18)
Solo Blocks: .....	2 - Meghan Haggerty, Nebraska (10/3) .....	2 - Nebraska (10/3)
Block Assists: .....	9 - Haleigh Nelson, Wisconsin (12/13) .....	28 - Wisconsin (12/13)
Total Blocks: .....	9 - Haleigh Nelson, Wisconsin (12/13) .....	14.0 - Wisconsin (12/13)

*2014 FIVE SETS .....	INDIVIDUAL .....	TEAM .....
Kills: .....	23 - Annie Drews, Purdue (10/17) .....	65 - Purdue (10/17)
Attacks: .....	66 - Annie Drews, Purdue (10/17) .....	165 - Purdue (10/17)
Attack Percentage*:	385 (14-4-26) - Inky Ajanaku, Stanford (9/5) .....	.242 (65-25-165) - Purdue (10/17)
Assists: .....	53 - Val Nichol, Purdue (10/17) .....	61 - Purdue (10/17)
Aces: .....	1, 3x last - Ashley Evans & Annie Drews, Purdue (10/17) .....	2, 2x last - Purdue (10/17)
Digs: .....	19, 2x last - Amanda Neill, Purdue (10/17) .....	64 - Purdue (10/17)
Solo Blocks: .....	1 - Danielle Cuttino, Purdue (10/17) .....	1 - Purdue (10/17)
Block Assists: .....	7 - Danielle Cuttino, Purdue (10/17) .....	20, 2x last - Purdue (10/17)
Total Blocks: .....	8 - Danielle Cuttino, Purdue (10/17) .....	11.0 - Purdue (10/17)





## AIYANA WHITNEY

REDSHIRT SENIOR | OH  
NORWOOD, N.J.

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	11	3	20	.400	0	0	1	3
Stony Brook	6	2	16	.250	0	0	1	5
Villanova	14	2	28	.429	0	0	1	2

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Opened the year with 11 kills on .400 hitting against Buffalo (8/28) ... Had 14 kills on .429 hitting vs. Villanova (8/29).

**2015 HONORS** » Preseason All-Big Ten ... Penn State Classic All-Tournament.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Put down eight kills and three blocks in the season-opener against TCU (8/29) ... Tallied nine kills on nine perfect swings against the Tribe (8/30) ... Had seven kills on .583 hitting without any attack errors against UCLA (9/6) ... Put down double-digit kills in two matches at the Villanova Classic, highlighting the event with a season-high 13 kills and a career-high six blocks against Kansas (9/13) ... Served up a career-high two aces against DePaul (9/19) ... Led the team with 13 kills on 18 errorless swings against UIC (9/20) ... Tallied eight kills at No. 5 Wisconsin (9/24), while also matching a career-high mark with a team-high six blocks ... Notched double-digit kills (12) and six blocks at No. 17 Minnesota (9/27) ... Set a career-high mark with seven blocks against No. 24 Northwestern (10/8), adding a team-high 12 kills on .500 hitting ... Led the team with a season-high 15 kills against No. 15 Illinois (10/11) ... Led the team with 12 kills on .362 hitting against Michigan State (10/25) ... Posted a match-high 16 kills on .714 hitting against Iowa (11/12).. Recorded 17 kills on .682 hitting against Minnesota (11/15) ... Had seven blocks at Maryland (11/22) ... Tallied 13 kills on .571 hitting in the NCAA regional semifinals against UCLA (12/13) ... Notched 16 kills against Wisconsin in the NCAA regional finals (12/13) ... Put down 10 kills in the NCAA national semifinals against Stanford (12/18) ... Tied for first on the team with 11 kills in the NCAA national finals against BYU (12/20).

**2014 HONORS** » AVCA Second Team All-America ... AVCA All-Northeast Region ... Louisville Regional All-Tournament ... All-Big Ten honorable mention .. Big Ten Player of the Week (11/17) ... Villanova Classic All-Tournament Team ... Penn State Alumni Classic MVP.

**PERSONAL** » Born Aiyana Tremayne Abukusumo-Whitney on April 6, 1993 in New York, N.Y. ... Parents are Alvin and Vanessa Whitney ... has one brother, Khalil and one sister Anissa ... Uncle Ubusuku Abukusumo played soccer for the Columbus Crew from 1997-2000, competed on the USA U-20 Youth National Team/Olympic Pool Team in 1998-99 ... Majoring in broadcast journalism.

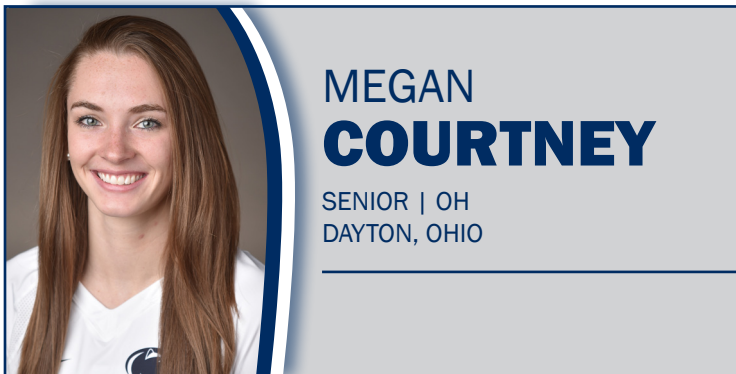
**QUOTING COACH ROSE** » "Aiyana had a great trip to Europe with the Big Ten Foreign Tour team this summer. As a player who can fill a couple of positions at both middle and outside, she has the potential to take over a match and our success will be linked to her performance."

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
14 vs. Villanova (8/29)	Kills	18 vs. Purdue 10/17/14
28 vs. Villanova (8/29)	Attacks	44 at Purdue (10/17/14)
.429 (14-2-28) vs. Villanova (8/29)	Hitting Percentage	1.000 (9-0-9) vs. William & Mary (8/30/14)
N/A	Assists	2 at Minnesota (9/27/14)
N/A	Aces	2 vs. DePaul (9/19/14)
1, 3x last vs. Villanova (8/29)	Digs	4 vs. UIC (9/20/14)
5 vs. Stony Brook (8/29)	Blocks	7 vs. Northwestern (10/8/14)

### WHITNEY'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2012	REDSHIRT YEAR															
2013	32-21	42	1.31	12	95	.316	1	0.03	0	0.00	8	0.25	0	12	12	0.38
2014	126-39	372	2.95	109	745	.353	5	0.04	3	0.02	42	0.33	4	94	98	0.78
2015	9-3	31	3.44	7	64	.375	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.33	0	10	10	1.11
CAREER	167-63	445	2.66	128	904	.351	6	0.04	3	0.02	53	0.32	4	116	120	0.72

# 2015 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



## MEGAN COURTNEY

SENIOR | OH  
DAYTON, OHIO

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	8	2	25	.240	0	1	4	4
Stony Brook	11	0	17	.647	0	1	9	4
Villanova	16	3	43	.302	2	1	13	4

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Posted a team-high 11 kills on .647 hitting with nine digs and four blocks against Stony Brook (8/29) ... Recorded a double-double with a match-high 16 kills and 13 digs against Villanova (8/29).

**2015 HONORS** » Preseason All-Big Ten ... Penn State Classic MVP.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Finished third on the team with 2.44 kills per set ... Ranked second on the team in digs per set (2.34), having led the team in the category seven times ... Earned NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player honors ... Opened the season with double-digit (12) kills against TCU (8/29) ... Notched at least eight kills against Iona (8/30) and William & Mary (8/30) on .400 or better hitting ... Had 18 kills at No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Led the team with 14 kills at Villanova (9/12) ... Highlighted the Penn State Alumni Classic with 10 kills against East Carolina (9/20) ... Finished second on the team with 14 digs at No. 5 Wisconsin (9/24) ... Registered double-digit kills at No. 17 Minnesota (9/27) and at No. 8 Nebraska (10/3) ... Tallied a team-high 11 kills on 18 perfect swings at Iowa (10/4), adding a season-high two aces ... Led the team with 13 digs against No. 15 Illinois (10/11) ... Led the team with nine digs against Michigan (10/24) ... Put down 10 kills on 25 errorless swings at Michigan (11/19), while also adding 10 digs and five blocks for a double-double ... Had 11 kills in the NCAA second round match against Dayton (12/6) ... Picked up 13 digs in the NCAA regional final match against Wisconsin (12/13) ... Recorded a double-double with a career-high 23 kills and 16 digs in the NCAA national semifinals against Stanford (12/18), adding five blocks ... Totaled 11 kills, 14 digs and five blocks, including two solo stuffs in the NCAA national title match against BYU (12/20).

**2014 HONORS** » 2014 NCAA Championship Most Outstanding Player ... Penn State Classic All Tournament Team ... Preseason All-Big Ten.

**PERSONAL** » Born Megan Eileen Courtney on Oct. 27, 1993 in Kettering, Ohio ... Parents are Rob and Sharon Courtney ... Has one brother, Robbie (24), who played volleyball at Quincy ... Majoring in kinesiology.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE** » "Megan is coming off a season where she didn't receive recognition from the conference, yet she was the most outstanding player at the final four. She's been a terrific player for us since she came as a freshman. We haven't had that many players who have started all four years and she'll be starting her senior year as a person who can be added to that list. Her leadership will be critical to our success this season."

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
16 vs. Villanova (8/29)	Kills	23 vs. Stanford (12/18/14)
43 vs. Villanova (8/29)	Attacks	56 vs. Stanford (12/18/14)
.647 (11-0-17) vs. Villanova (8/29)	Hitting Percentage	.750 (15-0-20) vs. Indiana (10/3/13)
2 vs. Villanova (8/29)	Assists	7 vs. Wisconsin (9/24/14)
1, 3x last vs. Villanova (8/29)	Aces	2, 4x last at Iowa (10/4/14)
13 vs. Villanova (8/29)	Digs	22 vs. Minnesota (10/9/13)
4, 3x last vs. Villanova (8/29)	Blocks	8 at Michigan (10/20/12)

### COURTNEY'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2012	120-36	240	2.00	88	632	.241	33	0.28	13	0.11	237	1.98	32	69	101	0.84
2013	120-35	297	2.47	96	740	.272	32	0.27	1	0.01	301	2.51	28	59	87	0.73
2014	127-39	310	2.44	85	794	.283	66	0.52	11	0.09	297	2.34	16	78	94	0.74
2015	9-3	35	3.89	5	85	.353	2	0.22	3	0.33	26	2.89	0	12	12	1.33
CAREER	376-113	882	2.35	274	2251	.270	133	0.35	28	0.07	861	2.29	76	218	294	0.78



## LARA CARAWAY

SENIOR | DS  
EVANS CITY, Pa.

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Stony Brook	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Made appearances on the court against Buffalo and Stony Brook in the Penn State Classic.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Saw action in 11 matches this season, making five appearances in Big Ten conference matches ... Played in all three matches during a 3-0 opening week, matching a career high mark with two digs against Iona (8/30) ... Tallied one ace against American (9/12) at the Villanova Classic ... Matched a season-high mark with two digs against Yale (9/13) ... Had one dig against Michigan (10/24) and one at Minnesota (11/15).

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS** » Played in 21 matches during the 2013 season ... Totaled seven digs during the season, including two at Florida Gulf Coast University (9/14) and against Yale (9/21) ... Played in both of the NCAA tournament first and second round matches against LIU Brooklyn (12/5) and Utah (12/7) ... Also saw action in the NCAA regional semifinal match against Michigan State (12/13), as well as the NCAA national final match against No. 3 Washington (12/19).

**PERSONAL** » Born Lara Elizabeth Caraway on Feb. 22, 1994 in Lincoln, Neb. ... Parents are Jimmy and Tami Caraway ... Has one brother, John ... Majoring in kinesiology ... Plans to pursue a career as a coach or athletic performance trainer.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE** » "Lara has not played a lot, but she has always played hard and she's been a good student-athlete. She has always placed Penn State volleyball as one of her priorities and her behavior exemplifies that."

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	N/A
N/A	Attacks	1 vs. Marquette (9/13)
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
N/A	Assists	2, last at FGCU (9/14/13)
N/A	Aces	1, 5x, last vs. American (9/12/14)
N/A	Digs	2, 3x last vs. Albany (9/20/13)
N/A	Blocks	N/A

### CARAWAY'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2012	24-16	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.04	3	0.12	5	0.21	0	0	0	0.00
2013	24-21	0	0.00	0	1	.000	1	0.04	1	0.04	6	0.25	0	0	0	0.00
2014	16-13	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.06	1	0.06	7	0.44	0	0	0	0.00
2015	2-2	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
CAREER	66-52	0	0.00	0	1	.000	3	0.05	5	0.08	18	0.27	0	0	0	0.00

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## KENDALL PIERCE

SENIOR | DS  
EDEN, N.Y.

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	2	0	2	0
Stony Brook	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Villanova	0	0	0	.000	1	1	5	0

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Had two digs in her first collegiate start at libero against Buffalo (8/28) ... Had one ace and five digs against Villanova (8/29).

**2015 HONORS** » Co-president of Athletes Take Action, an anti-bullying program for middle school students.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Saw action in 37 of the team's 39 matches, totaling 47 digs and four aces ... Played in all three matches in a 3-0 opening weekend, highlighting the weekend with two digs against William & Mary (8/30) ... Had two digs against UCLA (9/6) ... Set a new season-high mark with three digs against Yale (9/13) ... Notched one kill and one ace at No. 16 Minnesota (9/27) ... Had two digs at No. 14 Purdue (10/17), at Indiana (10/18) and at Northwestern (11/26) ... Posted two aces and three digs in the NCAA second round match against Dayton (12/6) ... Logged three digs in the NCAA regional final match against Wisconsin (12/13) ... Had a career-high five digs in the NCAA national semifinal match against Stanford (12/18) ... Recorded two digs in the NCAA national title match against BYU (12/20).

**2014 HONORS** » 2014-15 Big Ten Distinguished Scholar ... Academic All-Big Ten. ... Student Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB) Treasurer.

**PERSONAL** » Born Kendall Adair Pierce on March 21, 1994 in Glarus, Switzerland ... Parents are Robert and Kiernan Pierce ... Has one sister, Lainy and one brother, Declan ... Father, Robert, played volleyball at Penn State from 1985-89 ... Mother, Kiernan, was a member of the PSU track & field team from 1984-89 ... Sister, Lainy is a sophomore on the team ... Majoring in health policy and administration with a minor in communication and sciences.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE** » "Kendall does a variety of things for us. She's one of our captains this year and I know she cares a lot about the program. She's improved each year, as far as what role she's capable of playing and contributed and she'll certainly be in the mix at the libero spot.

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	1 at Minnesota (9/27/14)
N/A	Attacks	1, 2x last vs. UCLA (12/12/14)
N/A	Hitting Percentage	1.000 (1-0-1) at Minnesota (9/27/14)
2 vs. Buffalo (8/28)	Assists	1, 3x, last at Purdue (10/17/14)
1 vs. Villanova (8/29)	Aces	1, 8x last vs. Villanova (8/29/15)
5 vs. Villanova (8/29)	Digs	5 vs. Villanova (8/29/15)
N/A	Blocks	N/A

### PIERCE'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2012	29-18	0	0.00	0	0	.000	2	0.07	9	0.31	7	0.24	0	0	0	0.00
2013	83-34	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.01	7	0.08	21	0.25	0	0	0	0.00
2014	79-37	1	0.01	0	2	.500	2	0.03	4	0.05	47	0.59	0	0	0	0.00
2015	7-3	0	0.00	0	0	.000	3	0.43	1	0.14	8	1.14	0	0	0	0.00
CAREER	198-92	1	0.01	0	2	.500	8	0.04	21	0.11	83	0.42	0	0	0	0.00



## LAURA BROERMAN

JUNIOR | DS  
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Will miss the 2015 season due to an injury.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Saw action on the court against TCU (8/29), Iona (8/30) and William & Mary (8/30), posting one dig against the Horned Frogs ... Played in three matches at the Villanova Classic, recording one dig against Yale (9/13) ... Had one

ace against DePaul (9/19) ... Played at No. 17 Minnesota (9/27) ... Posted an ace at No. 8 Nebraska (10/3) ... Saw action against No. 15 Illinois (10/11) and at No. 14 Purdue (10/17) ... Had one ace against Michigan (10/24) ... Played against Ohio State (10/28).

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS** » Saw action in five matches during the 2013 season ... Made her collegiate debut for the Nittany Lions against Syracuse (8/31), tallying one dig ... Saw action at FGCU (9/14) ... Totaled one dig against Albany (9/20) ... Played against Iowa (10/26) ... Recorded her first collegiate ace against Indiana (11/9).

**QUOTING COACH ROSE** » "Laura plays hard and fast and gives great energy to the team."

**PERSONAL** » Born Laura Lynn Broerman on January 18, 1995 ... Parents are Chuck and Vickie Broerman ... Has three sisters ... Sister, Sarah, played volleyball at UCCS from 2005-09 and Rachel was a member of volleyball team at University of Dayton from 2007-11 ... Plans to major in Biology and become a physician's assistant.

### BROERMAN'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2013	5-5	0	0	0	.000	0	1	2	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.40	0.00
2014	15-17	0	0	0	.000	0	2	3	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.18	0.00
CAREER	20-22	0	0	0	.000	0	3	5	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.23	0.00



## TAYLOR KRAUSE

JUNIOR | DS  
ALLENTOWN, Pa.

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Had five digs and one ace against Stony Brook (8/29) ... Posted a career-high seven digs against Villanova (8/29).

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Had one dig against UCLA (9/6) ... Posted two digs at Villanova (9/12) ... Matched a season-high mark with two digs at No. 17 Minnesota (9/27) ... Recorded her first collegiate ace at No. 8 Nebraska (10/3) ... Played in the NCAA title match vs. BYU (2/20).

**QUOTING COACH ROSE** » "Taylor has a terrific volleyball IQ and has been making good plays in a limited role for a couple of years. She's tough and needs to make plays."

**PERSONAL** » Born Taylor Krause on Aug. 21, 1995 in Allentown, Pa. ... Parents are Michael and Jill Krause ... Has one sister, Kristin (14) ... Mother, Jill, attended Penn State ... Plans to major in elementary education and become a kindergarten teacher.

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Stony Brook	0	0	0	.000	1	1	5	0
Villanova	0	0	0	.000	0	1	7	0

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	1, vs. American (9/12/14)
N/A	Attacks	1, vs. American (9/12/14)
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
1 vs. Stony Brook (8/29)	Assists	1 vs. Stony Brook (8/29/15)
1, 3x last vs. Villanova (8/29)	Aces	1, 4x last vs. Villanova (8/29/15)
7 vs. Villanova (8/29)	Digs	7 vs. Villanova (8/29/15)

### KRAUSE'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2013	10-10	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	0.50	0	0	0	0.00
2014	29-20	1	0.03	0	1	1.000	0	0.00	1	0.03	8	0.28	0	0	0	0.00
2015	8-3	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.12	3	0.38	13	1.62	0	0	0	0.00
CAREER	47-33	1	0.02	0	1	1.000	1	0.02	4	0.09	26	0.55	0	0	0	0.00

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## CARLEY MULLER

JUNIOR | DS  
MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIF.

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Stony Brook	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Made her 2015 debut against Stony Brook (8/29).

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » A 2014-15 Big Ten Distinguished Scholar ... Saw action against Iona (8/30) and William & Mary (8/30) ... Played against American (9/12) and Yale (9/13) ... Tallied one dig against DePaul (9/19) ... Posted her first collegiate ace against East Carolina (9/20) ... Played at Iowa (10/4), vs. Northwestern (10/8), against No. 15 Illinois (10/11) and at Indiana (10/18) ... Played against Michigan (10/24) ... Made her NCAA tournament debut against Siena (12/5).

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS** » Played in seven matches during her rookie campaign ... Made her collegiate debut on the court against Syracuse (8/31) ... Also saw action in three Big Ten conference matches against No. 11 Minnesota (10/9), Iowa (10/26) and Indiana (11/9) ... Made her NCAA Tournament debut against Siena (12/5).

**PERSONAL** » Born Carley Muller on April 7, 1995 ... Parents are Mike and Kristin Muller ... Has one sister, Ashley and one brother, Jay ... Plans to major in communications and work in television production after graduation.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE** » "Carley has really improved and plays hard. She has not played as much to date, but I felt she had a really good spring."

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	N/A
N/A	Attacks	N/A
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
N/A	Assists	N/A
N/A	Aces	1 vs. East Carolina (9/20/14)
N/A	Digs	1, 2x last vs. Rutgers (11/7/14)

### MULLER'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2013	7-7	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0.00	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
2014	14-14	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0.07	2	2	0.14	0	0	0	0.00
2015	1-1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
CAREER	22-22	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0.05	3	2	0.09	0	0	0	0.00



## HEIDI THELEN

SOPHOMORE | MB  
EDGEWOOD, KY.

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	1	2	4	.250	0	0	1	7
Stony Brook	3	0	5	.600	0	0	0	9
Villanova	0	0	2	.000	1	0	2	4

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Made her 2015 debut against Buffalo (8/28) with seven blocks ... Posted three kills and a career-high nine total blocks against Stony Brook (8/29) ... Recorded two digs and four blocks against Villanova (8/29).

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Made her collegiate debut against Iona (8/30), tallying six kills on .364 hitting, adding three blocks ... Notched two kills and two blocks against William & Mary (8/30) ... Highlighted the Villanova Classic with one kill against American (9/12) ... Made her NCAA tournament debut with a solo stuff against Siena to clinch the match (12/5).

**PERSONAL** » Born Heidi Ellen Thelen on Sept. 5, 1996 ... Parents are Ashley and Jon ... Has two brothers, Jake and Nick and two sisters, Hannah and Grace ... Names "Grey's Anatomy" as favorite TV show, pizza as her favorite food, Angelina Jolie and Ryan Gosling as favorite actress and actor ... Majoring in behavioral health..

**QUOTING COACH ROSE** » "Heidi has made positive strides in her game. Hopefully this year she'll come out and be a little stronger at the middle blocking position."

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
3, vs. Stony Brook (8/29)	Kills	3, vs. Stony Brook (8/29/15)
5, vs. Stony Brook (8/29)	Attacks	5, vs. Stony Brook (8/29/15)
.600 (3-0-5) - vs. Stony Brook (8/29)	Hitting Percentage	.600 (3-0-5) - vs. Stony Brook (8/29/15)
1, vs. Villanova (8/29)	Assists	1, vs. Villanova (8/29/15)
N/A	Aces	N/A
2, vs. Villanova (8/29)	Digs	2, vs. Villanova (8/29/15)
9, vs. Stony Brook (8/29)	Blocks	9, vs. Stony Brook (8/29/15)

### THELEN'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2014	9-6	10	1.11	2	22	.364	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.11	1	6	7	0.78
2015	9-3	4	0.44	2	11	.182	1	0.11	0	0.00	3	0.33	3	16	19	2.11
CAREER	18-9	14	0.78	4	33	.303	1	0.06	0	0.00	4	0.22	4	22	26	1.44

# 2015 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



## ALI FRANTTI

SOPHOMORE | OH  
SPRING GROVE, ILL.

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	3	3	13	.000	1	0	6	2
Stony Brook	10	1	24	.375	1	0	3	2
Villanova	9	2	24	.292	0	0	12	0

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Led the team with 10 kills against Stony Brook (8/29)

**2015 HONORS** » Preseason All-Big Ten ... Penn State Classic All-Tournament Team

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Led the team with 3.20 kills per set on .310 hitting during her rookie season in the Blue and White ... Her 391 kills closed out the year ranked ninth in the Big Ten final standings ... Made her collegiate debut against TCU (8/29) with a team-high 13 kills on .500 hitting, while also leading the team in blocks (4) ... Posted her second consecutive double-digit kill performance against Iona (8/30) ... Recorded her first collegiate double-double at No. 2 Stanford with a match-high 22 kills and 11 digs ... Led the team with 14 kills on .619 hitting against UCLA (9/6) ... Highlighted the Villanova Classic with 12 kills against American (9/12) ... Recorded 11 kills on a season-high .647 hitting clip vs. Yale (9/13) ... Led the team with 10 kills against ECU (9/19) ... Ranked first on the team with a match-high 19 kills at No. 8 Nebraska (10/3) ... Posted 10 kills, six digs and a matched a season-high mark with two aces at Iowa (10/4) ... Ranked second on the team with 13 kills against No. 15 Illinois (10/11), adding a season-high three aces ... Posted double-digit kills at No. 14 Purdue (10/17), adding seven digs ... Led the team with 15 kills against Michigan (10/24) on .429 hitting ... Put down 17 kills on .536 hitting in the regular season finale against Nebraska (12/29) ... Made her NCAA Tournament debut with nine kills and four digs against Siena (12/5) ... Finished second on the team with 16 kills and two aces in the NCAA national semifinals against top-ranked Stanford (12/18) ... Posted six kills and six digs in the NCAA title match against BYU (12/20).

**2014 HONORS** » AVCA DI National Freshman of the Year ... Second Team AVCA All-America ... AVCA All-Northeast Region & Freshman of the Year ... All-Big Ten honorable mention ... All-Big Ten Freshman team (unanimous) ... Big Ten Freshman of the Week (9/1, 9/8, 10/27) ... Penn State Classic Most Outstanding Player ... Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge All-Tournament Team.

**PERSONAL** » Born Alexandra Annelise Frantti on March 3, 1996 in Highland Park, Ill. ... Parents are Kelly and Dan Frantti ... Has three brothers, Connor, Peyton and Chase ... Names "Cake Boss" as favorite TV show, "Miracle" as favorite movie, Emma Stone and Ryan Reynolds as favorite actress and actor.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE** » "Ali is coming off being recognized as the nation's Freshman of the Year. It's a great award, but so much of that is team generated and she'll need to elevate her game and ability to carry a heavier load to justify last year's selection. She is a terrific attacker and has a hitters mentality."

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
10, vs. Stony Brook (8/29)	Kills	22, at Stanford (9/5/14)
24, 2x last - vs. Villanova (8/29)	Attacks	48, at Purdue (10/17/14)
.375 (10-1-24) vs. Stony Brook (8/29)	Hitting Percentage	.647 (11-0-17) - vs. Yale (9/13/14)
1, (2x) - last vs. Stony Brook (8/29)	Assists	3, vs. Eastern Illinois (9/19/14)
N/A	Aces	3, vs. Illinois (10/11/14)
12 - vs. Villanova (8/29)	Digs	12, vs Villanova (8/29/15)
2, (2x) last - vs. Stony Brook (8/29)	Blocks	5, at Ohio State (10/31/14)

### FRANTTI'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2014	122-39	391	3.20	113	898	.310	21	0.17	0.23	41	159	1.30	10	48	58	0.48
2015	9-3	22	2.44	6	61	.262	2	0.22	0.00	2	21	2.33	0	4	4	0.44
CAREER	131-42	413	3.15	119	959	.307	23	0.18	0.21	43	180	1.37	10	52	62	0.47





## SIMONE LEE

SOPHOMORE | OH  
MENOMONEE FALLS, WIS.

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	1	0	1	1.00	0	0	0	0
Stony Brook	0	1	4	.250	0	0	0	0
Villanova	0	1	2	.500	0	0	0	0

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Made appearances on the court in all three Penn State Classic matches, posting one kill against Buffalo (8/28).

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Totaled 135 kills in her first season in the Blue and White ... Made 26 appearances on the court, including two starts ... Recorded double figure kills a total of five times during the year, while also leading the team in the category in three matches ... Tallied 25 total blocks on the year, including five solo stuffs ... Made her collegiate debut against TCU (8/29) with six kills ... Led the team with double digit kills (10) on .412 hitting against William & Mary (8/30), adding four digs and a solo stuff ... Finished third on the team with double digit kills (11) at No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Highlighted the Villanova Classic with nine kills against the Wildcats (9/12) ... Led the team with double digit kills (10) against Eastern Illinois (9/19) ... Ranked first on the team with 12 kills in the Big Ten opener at No. 5 Wisconsin (9/24) ... Came off the bench with four kills in the final set at Northwestern (11/26) ... Made her NCAA debut with six kills vs. Siena (12/6) ... Came off the bench with 12 kills in the NCAA regional finals vs. Wisconsin (12/13).

**PERSONAL** » Born Simone Alexandra Lee on Oct. 7, 1996 in Milwaukee, Wis. ... Parents are Karen and Arthur Lee ... Mother was a student-athletes at Drake ... Has one sister, who plays volleyball at Eastern Illinois .... Names "Modern Family" as her favorite TV show, pizza as her favorite food, Meryl Streep as favorite actress and reading and listening to music as hobbies ... Marjoring in broadcast journalism.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE** » "This spring, I thought Simone was our most improved player. She really picked up her confidence and was at times one of our best attackers. Her blocking is exceptional and she plays physical at the net."

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
1, vs. Buffalo (8/28).....	Kills .....	12, (2x) last - vs. Wisconsin (12/13/14)
4, vs. Stony Brook (8/28).....	Attacks.....	34 - at Wisconsin (9/24/14)
1.000 (1-0-1) - vs. Buffalo (8/28) .....	Hitting Percentage.....	.583, (7-0-12) vs. UIC (9/20/14)
N/A .....	Assists .....	1 - vs. Northwestern (10/8)
N/A .....	Aces .....	N/A
N/A .....	Digs .....	4 - vs. William & Mary (8/30/14)
N/A .....	Blocks.....	3, (2x) - last vs. Eastern Illinois (9/19)

### LEE'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2014	64-26	135	2.11	53	350	.234	1	0.02	0	0.00	28	0.44	5	20	25	0.39
2015	5-3	1	0.20	2	7	-.143	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
CAREER	69-29	136	1.97	55	357	.227	1	0.01	0	0.00	28	0.41	5	20	25	0.36



## LAINY PIERCE

SOPHOMORE | DS  
EDEN, N.Y

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Has not played in any matches this season.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Played in 30 of the team's 39 total matches during her first season in the Blue and White ... Totaled 11 service aces and 19 digs ... Made her collegiate debut in the season-opener against TCU (8/29) ... Played against both Iona (8/30) and William & Mary (8/30), recording her first collegiate ace against the Gaels and two digs against the Tribe ... Recorded one ace at No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Made her Big Ten debut against No. 15 Illinois (10/11) ... Had three digs against Iowa (11/12) ... Posted one ace against Minnesota (11/15) ... Set a career-high mark with two aces and one dig against Maryland (11/8) ... Matched a career-high with two aces against Nebraska (11/29) ... Saw action on the court in all six matches during the NCAA Tournament ... Made her NCAA Tournament debut vs. Siena (12/5) ... Recorded two digs in the NCAA second round match against Dayton (12/6) ... Totaled a career-high three digs in the NCAA national title match against BYU (12/20).

**PERSONAL** » Born Lainy Teal Pierce on Oct. 30, 1995 in Buffalo, N.Y. ... Parents are Robert and Kiernan Pierce ... Has one sister, Kendall, and one brother, Declan ... Father, Robert, played volleyball at Penn State from 1985-89 ... Mother, Kiernan, was a member of the Penn State track & field team from 1984-89 ... Sister, Kendall is a senior on the Nittany Lion women's volleyball team ... Names "Modern Family" as favorite TV show, Sarah Hyland and Jonah Hill as favorite actors and pizza as favorite food ... Plans to major in public relations and minor in human development and family studies.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE** » "Lainy continues to do what I thought she was good at last year. She has a very good serve and she's not afraid to come into the game and take a good swing a the ball. Her defense continues to improve and we need her to play well."

### PIERCE'S CAREER STATS

2014	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
	30-61	0	0	1	.000	4	11	19	0	0	0	0.00	0.07	0.18	0.31	0.00



## HALEIGH WASHINGTON

SOPHOMORE | MB  
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	7	0	10	.700	0	1	0	5
Stony Brook	7	1	9	.667	0	0	1	4
Villanova	6	3	16	.188	0	0	4	6

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Posted seven kills on .700 hitting with five blocks against Buffalo (8/29) ... Recorded seven kills and four blocks against Stony Brook (8/29) ... Logged six kills and six blocks against Villanova (8/29).

**2015 HONORS** » Preseason All-Big Ten.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Made 25 appearances on the court in her rookie season ... Her .463 hitting clip finished first on the team, while her 2.63 kills per set ranked third ... Totaled 96 blocks ... Made her collegiate debut against Yale (9/12), posting six kills on .545 hitting with zero attack errors ... Had five kills on eight errorless swings against DePaul (9/19) ... Hit .700 with seven kills on 10 swings against UIC (9/20) ... Finished second on the team with a season-high 14 kills on a squad-best .538 hitting clip against No. 15 Illinois (10/11), while also leading the team with seven blocks ... Recorded nine kills and eight blocks at No. 14 Purdue (10/17) ... Tallied 10 kills on .421 hitting against Michigan (10/24) ... Led the team with seven blocks, including three solo stuffs against No. 17 Ohio State (10/28) ... Set a career-high mark with nine total blocks at No. 17 Ohio State (10/31) ... Earned Big Ten Player of the Week honors for her performances against the Buckeyes ... Had back-to-back double-digit kill performances against Rutgers (11/7) and Maryland (11/8) to earn Big Ten Freshman of the Week honors ... Notched double digit kills against Iowa (11/12) ... Led the team with nine kills and six blocks in her NCAA Tournament debut v. Siena (12/5) ... Had 12 kills on .526 hitting with five blocks in the NCAA regional semifinals against UCLA (12/12) ... Put down 10 kills and five blocks in the NCAA regional finals against Wisconsin (12/13) ... Posted four blocks in the NCAA national finals against BYU (12/20).

**2014 HONORS** » Big Ten Freshman of the Year ... Louisville Regional All-Tournament ... Big Ten Player of the Week (11/3) ... Big Ten Freshman of the Week (11/10, 11/17) ... All-Big Ten ... Big Ten Freshman of the Year ... All-Big Ten Freshman team (unanimous).

**PERSONAL** » Born Haleigh Meridian Washington on Sept. 22, 1995 in Denver, Colo. ... Parents are Danielle and Alecs ... Has one brother, Kayden and one sister, Leilani ... Names "Orange is the New Black" as favorite TV show, the "Frashington Omelet" as favorite food, Robin Williams as favorite actor, "Eat Pray Love" as her favorite book and reading, drawing and writing as hobbies ... Plans to major in Philosophy.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE** » "Haleigh is an exceptional offensive talent. She has picked up her game both offensively and blocking-wise and I think both she and Ali [Frantti], benefited from their experience with the national team when they trained there last spring. Haleigh is very smart and has a natural personality that makes others willing to follow her."

2015 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
10, (2x) - last vs. Stony Brook (8/29)	Kills	14 - at Illinois (10/11/14)
16 - vs. Villanova (8/29)	Attacks	26 - vs. Illinois (10/11/14)
.700 (7-0-10) - vs. Villanova (8/29)	Hitting Percentage	.900 (9-0-10) - vs. Siena (12/5/14)
N/A	Assists	3, vs. Eastern Illinois (9/19/14)
N/A	Aces	N/A
4 - vs. Stony Brook (8/29)	Digs	3 - vs. Stanford (12/18/14)
6 - vs. Villanova (8/29)	Blocks	9 - at Ohio State (10/31/14)

### WASHINGTON'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
2014	80-27	208	2.60	37	369	.463	5	0.06	0	0.00	23	0.29	17	79	96	1.20
2015	9-3	20	2.22	4	35	.457	0	0.00	1	0.11	5	0.56	2	13	15	1.67
CAREER	89-30	228	2.56	41	404	.463	5	0.06	1	0.01	28	0.31	19	92	111	1.25



## NIA REED

REDSHIRT FRESHMAN | OH  
FORT LEE, N.J.

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Stony Brook	0	1	4	-.250	0	0	0	0

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Made her collegiate debut against Stony Brook (8/29).

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Redshirt season.

**HIGH SCHOOL** » A four-year starter at Immaculate Heart Academy ... Led her team to four consecutive non-public state championship titles, picking up Bergen Record Player of the Year honors in 2012 and 2013 and Star Ledger Player of the Year honors in 2011, 2012 and 2013 ... Also picked up Big North Conference All-State honors from 2010-2013 ... In addition to playing with her club team, "Digs," she also played on the USAV Girls' Youth A2 Team in 2012, serving as an alternate on the national team in 2013 ... Selected as a 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-American ... Earned New Jersey Volleyball Gatorade Player of the Year honors in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

**PERSONAL** » Born Nia Kai Reed on June 27, 1996 in Cleveland, Ohio ... Parents are JoMoree and William ... Has one older brother and five younger sisters ... Names "Scandal" and "Game of Thrones" as favorite TV shows, Mexican as favorite food, Kerry Washington as favorite actress, and sleeping and interior decorating as favorite hobbies ... Majoring in Communications.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE** » "I think it will take some time for Nia to get her game ready to play again. But I would expect, as I thought when we elected to redshirt her, that there are going to be times when she makes a real contribution to the team with her front row play. She hits the ball high and she is an exceptional blocker. Always smiling and caring for the team are two of Nia's greatest contributions."

### REED'S CAREER STATS

2015	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
	2-1	0	0.00	1	4	-.250	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00



## BRYANNA WEISKIRCHER

REDSHIRT FRESHMAN | S  
ROCKFORD, ILL.

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	2	0	3	.667	18	1	3	0
Stony Brook	2	0	4	.500	30	1	3	2
Villanova	2	1	6	.167	37	1	7	2

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Made her collegiate debut against Buffalo (8/28), dishing out 18 assists to go along with three digs ... Had 30 assists and three digs against Stony Brook (8/29) ... Logged her third match with at least one ace against Villanova (8/29), adding a career-high 37 assists.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS** » Redshirt season.

**HIGH SCHOOL** » Three-year captain and three-time team MVP at Boylan Catholic ... Earned All-State honorable mention honors in both her sophomore and junior seasons, achieving NIC 10 All-Conference MVP honors in her sophomore, junior and senior seasons ... Helped guide her club team, Club Fusion, to two AAU championships as the squad's setter ... 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-American ... 2013 Mizuno Honorable Mention All-American.

**PERSONAL** » Born Bryanna Malia'okalani Weiskircher on May 25, 1996 in Rockford, Ill. ... Parents are Renita and Philip ... Has two brothers, Torey and Trevor and one sister, Natalie ... Names "Criminal Minds" as favorite TV show, steak as favorite food and hanging out with friends and family or watching the Blackhawks as hobbies ... Plans to major in Criminology.

**QUOTING ROSE ROSE** » "Bryanna made some good progress during the spring season. There's always a learning curve for new players and I would expect her to have some challenges, but she has been setting for a long time and isn't afraid to compete."

### WEISKIRCHER'S CAREER STATS

2015	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
	9-3	6	0.67	1	13	.385	85	9.44	2	0.22	13	1.44	0	4	4	0.44



## TORI GORRELL

FRESHMAN | MB  
OAKVILLE, ONTARIO

### Personal

Born Victoria Leigh McGregor Gorrell on March 11, 1997 in Hamilton, Ontario (Canada) ... Parents are Suzanne and Miles Gorrell ... Has one older sister ... Majoring in parks, tourism and recreation management ... Names "Scooby Doo" as favorite TV show, "The Notebook" as favorite book ... "Titanic" as favorite movie ... Blake Lively as favorite actress ... Calgary styled beef as favorite food and paddle boarding as favorite hobby.

### High School

Attended Abbey Park High School ... Helped Abbey Park win the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association AAA volleyball championship ... Led the team to an undefeated season as well as the Halton Tier I and Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference AAA titles ... Played club volleyball with Toronto's Leaside, where she earned Ontario Volleyball Association (OVA) U17 All-Star honors in 2013-14 and Preseason Humber Tournament All-Star honors in 2014.

### Why Penn State?

"I chose Penn state because of it's amazing atmosphere. The people in the stands and the people you pass by on campus make this university unique. The coaching staff and supporting staff are the best a program could have. Not to mention the respected academic side of things that will give me an amazing education. Every time I step foot on campus a smile never leaves my face."



## JELENA NOVAKOVIĆ

FRESHMAN | RS  
BELGRADE, SERBIA

### Personal

Born Jelena Novakovic on August 2, 1996 in Belgrade, Serbia ... Parents are Vesna and Vladimir Novakovic ... Father, Vladimir was a member of the Yugoslavian national handball team, earning silver at the World Cup in Stockholm and gold at the Mediterranean games in Greece in 1991 ... Has two brothers, Nikola and Marko ... Names "Friends" as favorite TV show, "Twilight" as favorite book, four cheese chicken as favorite food and watching movies and hanging out with friends as hobbies.

### High School

Played club with Red Star Belgrade, helping the team to the National Cup in 2014 and a silver medal at the 2014 championship ... Named MVP of U17 International Belgrade Tournament ... Made back-to-back appearances in the European Champions League in 2013-14 with Red Star ... Earned gold medals at the European Championship with the U19 Serbian National team in 2014, as well as gold at the Balkan Championship in Subotica, Serbia.

### Why Penn State?

"The decision to leave Europe and come to the United States was one of the biggest and most important decisions in my life. The main reason why I chose Penn State was because of the possibility to play volleyball at the highest level and get the best education. It is a program that will help me in my development as a person and player, making me better every day."



## WILMA RIVERA

FRESHMAN | S  
CAROLINA, PUERTO RICO

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS** » Made her collegiate debut against Buffalo.

### Personal

Born Wilmarie Rivera Roldan on February 14, 1997 in San Juan, Puerto Rico ... Parents are Esmeralda and Wilmar Rivera ... Has two brothers, Wilmar and William ... Plans to major in biology or business.

### High School

A four-year team captain and MVP at Saint Francis School ... Helped her team to the 2014 Puerto Rico Lopa El Nuevo Dia Championship ... Earned LACC All-State Best Setter and MVP honors in 2014 ... Also lettered in track and field and softball, helping her softball team to an LACC championship in 2014 ... Member of the Puerto Rican National Team ... Named Best Setter at Copa Pan Americana U18 in 2013, while also earning silver with her team ... Earned the bronze medal at the NORCECA U18 games in 2013.

### Why Penn State?

"I chose Penn State because it is the best school and the best volleyball program. Penn State has an excellent academic program. It is a program that will help me in my development as a person and player, making me better every day."

## 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	8	0	4	0
Stony Brook	0	0	0	.000	5	0	3	0

## RIVERA'S CAREER STATS

2015	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
	5-2	0	0.00	0	0	.000	13	2.60	0	0.00	7	1.40	0	0	0	0.00



## KEETON HOLCOMB

FRESHMAN | DS  
BELVILLE, TEXAS

### 2015 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	3	0	10	0
Stony Brook	0	0	0	.000	0	1	9	0
Villanova	0	0	0	.000	2	1	4	0

**2015 HIGHLIGHTS »** Made her collegiate debut against Buffalo (8/29), posting a career-high 10 digs ... Earned two starts at the libero position against Stony Brook (8/29) and Villanova (8/29), recording nine digs against the Seawolves.

#### Personal

Born Keeton Laurence Holcomb on March 4, 1997 in Bryan, Texas ... Parents are Stacy and Tom Holcomb ... Has two younger siblings, brother Harrison and sister, Jolie ... Names "The Office" as favorite TV show, "Looking for Alaska" as favorite book ... Reading and hiking as hobbies and her grandma's chicken and dumplings as her favorite food ... Undecided on a major.

#### High School

A four-year letterwinner and team MVP at Bellville High School in Bellville, Texas ... Team captain in 2014 ... Earned AAA First Team All-State honors in 2013-14, in addition to Texas Sports Writers Association and Texas Girls Coaching Association first team All-State awards in 2013 ... Named District Defensive MVP in 2011-12, while also earning first team All-District honors in 2014 ... A MaxPreps Second Team Volleyball All-American ... Named to 2014 Under Armour All-American Watch List ... Played club with Houston Juniors, earning 2012 All-Texas Team honorable mention honors ... Four-time Academic All-District and member of the National Honor Society.

#### Why Penn State?

"On top of the fact that Penn State's volleyball program is one of the best in the country, it has been a childhood dream of mine to attend and represent this University's jersey through volleyball. Also, I was drawn to the high academic reputation."

### HOLCOMB'S CAREER STATS

2015	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S
	8-3	0	0.00	0	0	.000	5	0.62	2	0.25	23	2.88	0	0	0	0.00