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**PENN STATE  
NITTANY LIONS**



**ROBERT MORRIS  
COLONIALS**

Wednesday, March 25, 2015 @ 5 p.m. & 7 p.m. (DH) // Nittany Lion Softball Park & Beard Field // University Park, Pa.

**GAMEDAY CENTRAL**

PSU	BY THE NUMBERS	RMU
94	RUNS	87
127	RUNS ALLOWED	92
88	RUNS BATTED IN	78
18	HOME RUNS	10
.258	BATTING AVG.	.291
.389	SLUGGING PCT.	.417
.338	ON-BASE PCT.	.338
52	EXTRA BASE HITS	50
67	WALKS	45
7	STEALS	13
.963	FIELDING PCT.	.957
30	ERRORS	28
4.08	ERA	2.48
.281	BATTING AVG. AGAINST	.229
101	STRIKEOUTS	178
106	WALKS ALLOWED	61

**SERIES HISTORY vs. ROBERT MORRIS**

These two intrastate rivals will be meeting up for the ninth time in each program's history but ironically enough for only the third time in the Commonwealth. To date the Lions and Colonials have played eight times with each school claiming four wins in the series. The last meeting between the two occurred Mar. 22, 2003 at a tournament in Charlottesville, Va., where PSU came out on top by way of an 8-0 score. The first meeting took place back on Apr. 15, 1990 in University Park, a 4-3 Penn State victory. The Nittany Lions are currently riding a two game win streak over RMU into Wednesday's double dip. It will mark the first time since Mar. 29, 1991 that the pair has actually played in the Keystone State.

**SCOUTING THE COLONIALS**

Robert Morris comes to Happy Valley sporting a 12-11 overall record, having yet to play a Northeast Conference game. The Colonials have won three in-a-row and four of their last five following a four game losing skid. RMU was most recently scheduled to play Niagara at home but the series was cancelled due to snow.

Sophomore catcher/infielder Jordan Gurganus boasts RMU's highest batting average (.423) and on base percentage (.438) She also is the team leader in hits (33), runs scored (15) and stolen bases (5). Supplying the power to the Colonial offense is the trio of Kristen Gabelt, Ashley Gerhart and Olivia Lorusso who each have two home runs apiece. Gabelt also boasts the team's highest slugging percentage at .537.

In the circle RMU is led by the arm of senior Nicole Sleith who is the reigning NEC Pitcher of the Week, her fourth such honor of the season. Sleith is tops on the Colonial staff in wins (9), ERA (1.56), strikeouts (150) and innings pitched (103.0). She has compiled a 9-7 record thus far, starting in 14 games and appearing in 14.

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**QUICK HITS**

- Penn State will look to snap its three game losing skid by extending its two game win streak against Robert Morris, dating back to the 1998 season.
- The last time PSU hosted RMU was Mar. 29, 1991, which resulted in a 1-0 PSU win.
- Junior Lexi Knief has been red hot this home stand, going 7-15 (.467) with a double, a triple and four runs scored through its first four games. She has had multi-hit games in three of her first four games playing at Beard Field this season.
- Freshman catcher/DP Alyssa VanDerveer has smacked two home runs in as many games coming into Wednesday's doubleheader and she is currently tied for the team lead in long balls with teammates Macy Jones and Kristina Brackpool (5).
- Jones and Brackpool remain the only two Penn State players to start and play in every one of the 28 games this season. Mollie Sorenson is the next closest with 27 games played and 25 of them when she got the starting nod.

**Penn State Softball Facts // Did You Know...??**

Penn State and Robert Morris have actually played in the state of Florida the most times (3), while squaring off in NC and PA twice and VA just once.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

PSU	OFFENSIVE LEADERS	RMU
Knief .368	BA	Gurganus, .423
Knief, 28	HITS	Gurganus, 33
Jones, 13	RUNS	Gurganus, 15
Brackpool, 18	RBI	Apke, 14
Jones, .557	SLG	Gabelt, .537
Knief, .435	OBP	Gurganus, .438
Three tied, 5	HR	Thee tied, 2
Jones, 10	BB	Gerhart, 11
Pond, 3	STEALS	Gurganus, 5

PSU	PITCHING LEADERS	RMU
Laubach, 7	WINS	Sleith, 9
Jones, 2.00	ERA	Sleith, 1.56
Jones, .238	BAA	Sleith, .176
Laubach, 37	K	Sleith, 150
Laubach, 74.0	IP	Sleith, 103.0
Laubach, 16	APP	Sleith, 18

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## 2015 SOFTBALL



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### PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS (13-15, 0-3 B1G)

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	B/T	Hometown/High School/High School
1	Jessica Cummings	P	Fr.	5-8	L/R	Owings, Md./Northern
2	Erin Pond	UTL	Jr.	5-2	R/R	Lagrange, Ohio/Keystone
3	Macy Jones	OF/P	Jr.	5-4	L/L	Ashburn, Va./Briar Woods
4	Marissa Diescher	P	Sr.	5-10	R/R	Livingston Manor, N.Y./Livingston Manor Central
5	Christy Von Pusch	P	Jr.	5-10	R/R	Bryn Mawr, Pa./Radnor
7	Marlaina Laubach	P	So.	5-10	R/R	Northampton, Pa./Northampton
8	Reina Furuya	INF	Jr.	5-7	R/R	Waipahu, Hawaii/Punahou
10	Lexi Knief	OF	Jr.	5-6	L/R	Ramsey, N.J./Ramsey
11	Sam Shanahan	INF	So.	5-5	R/R	Seattle, Wash./Bishop Blanchet
12	Megan Tupinio	INF/OF	Jr.	5-4	L/R	Wahiawa, Hawaii/Leilehua
13	Mia Monpoli	C	R-Fr.	5-4	R/R	San Francisco, Calif./Acalanes
15	Rebecca Ziegler	OF	Fr.	5-5	L/R	Tucson, Ariz./Canyon del Oro
18	Alicia Walker	OF	Sr.	5-6	R/R	Los Alamitos, Calif./Los Alamitos
21	Gianna Arrizurieta	INF	Fr.	5-6	R/R	Pembroke Pines, Fla./American Heritage
22	Mollie Sorenson	INF	Fr.	5-5	L/R	Stevenson Ranch, Calif./West Ranch
24	Mary Ward	OF	So.	5-3	L/L	Greencastle, Pa./Greencastle-Antrim
25	Meghan Bradley	OF	Sr.	5-7	L/L	Santa Monica, Calif./Santa Monica
28	Shannon Good	OF	Jr.	5-7	R/R	Horseheads, N.Y./Horseheads
41	Alyssa VanDerveer	C	Fr.	5-5	R/R	Hillsborough, N.J./Hillsborough
52	Kristina Brackpool	INF	So.	5-8	R/R	Valencia, Calif./Valencia
77	Shelby Miller	INF	So.	5-8	L/R	Sugar Land, Texas/Kempner

**Head Coach:** Amanda Lehotak (2nd season; Nebraska-Omaha '03)  
**Assistant Coaches:** Megan Gibson (2nd season; Texas A&M '08), Joe Guthrie (2nd season; Alabama '01)

### ROBERT MORRIS COLONIALS (12-11, 0-0 NEC)

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	B/T	Hometown/High School
2	Kecia Sharp	OF/IF	Fr.	L/R	Moore, Okla./Mount Saint Mary
3	Nichollette Maderitz	P	Fr.	R/R	Girard, Ohio/Girard
4	Jordan Gurganus	IF/C	So	L/R	Chesapeake Va./Hickory
5	Kristen Gabelt	OF	Jr.	R/R	Ligonier, Pa./Ligonier Valley
8	Olivia Lorusso	3B	Fr.	R/R	Eighty Four, Pa./Canon-McMillan
9	Tess Apke	OF	Sr.	R/R	Mt. Lebanon, Pa./Mt. Lebanon
11	Haileigh Stocks	P/IF	Jr.	R/R	Jamison, Pa./Central Bucks South
12	Ashley Gerhart	OF	Jr.	L/R	Imperial, Pa./West Allegheny
15	Stacey Capp	SS	So.	R/R	McKees Rocks, Pa./Montour
16	Mary Funderlich	UT	Fr.	R/R	Wexford, Pa./North Allegheny
20	Kristen Pray	OF	Fr.	L/R	Port Royal, Pa./Juniata
21	Lauren Hackett	C/3B	Jr.	R/R	Glenshaw, Pa./Shaler Area
23	Nicole Sleith	P	Sr.	L/L	Smithton, Pa./Yough
24	Samantha Santillo	C	Sr.	R/R	Ellwood City, Pa./Lincoln
27	Alexis Schwartzmiller	2B	Sr.	R/R	Carnegie, Pa./Chartiers Valley

**Head Coach:** Craig Coleman (25th season; Penn, '79)  
**Assistant Coaches:** Keri Meyer (1st season), Erica List (1st season)  
**Volunteer Assistant:** Rich Holsinger (3rd season)

### PENN STATE PRONUNCIATIONS

Gianna Arrizurieta	UH-rizz-UH-ree-ET-uh
Marissa Diescher	DEE-sheer
Reina Furuya	RAIN-uh fa-ROO-yah
Lexi Knief	kuh-NEEF
Marlaina Laubach	LAW-bok
Amanda Lehotak	leh-HOE-tack
Maegan Tupinio	two-PEEN-ee-yo
Christy Von Pusch	von POOSH
Rebecca Ziegler	ZEE-Glur

### SERIES HISTORY vs. ROBERT MORRIS

<b>All-Time Series</b>	Series tied at 4-4 (.500)
PSU Streak	W2
First Meeting	4/15/90, W 4-3
Last Meeting	3/22/03, W 8-0
Last PSU Win	3/22/03, W 8-0

### Previous Five Meetings

3/22/03	N	W	8-0
3/13/98	N	W	3-0
2/25/95	N	L	5-7
3/11/94	N	L	0-3
2/26/94	N	L	1-12

### 2015 SCHEDULE

#### FEBRUARY

Fri. 6	! vs. Arkansas	W, 6-4
Sat. 7	! vs. LIU Brooklyn	W, 9-1 (5)
Sat. 7	! vs. Georgia Tech	W, 3-2
Sun. 8	! vs. Kansas	L, 0-8 (5)
Sun. 8	! at Florida Atlantic	L, 0-7
Fri. 13	# vs. Missouri State	W, 4-3
Fri. 13	# at #22 Texas A&M	L, 0-8 (5)
Sat. 14	# vs. Missouri State	W, 6-1
Sat. 14	# at #22 Texas A&M	W, 4-3 (8)
Sun. 15	# vs. Eastern Michigan	L, 1-2
Sat. 21	at Mississippi State	L, 3-9
Sat. 21	at Mississippi State	L, 5-10 (6)
Sun. 22	at Mississippi State	L, 2-10 (5)
Fri. 27	^ vs. Fordham	W, 6-1
Fri. 27	^ vs. Missouri	L, 7-11 (8)

#### MARCH

Sun. 1	^ vs. Western Illinois	W, 6-2
Sun. 1	^ vs. James Madison	L, 1-2 (8)
Tue. 10	at Pacific	L, 1-2
Tue. 10	at Pacific	W, 2-1
Thu. 12	% vs. Grand Canyon	L, 1-4
Thu. 12	% at Sacramento State	L, 1-6
Fri. 13	% vs. Loyola Marymount	W, 1-0
Sat. 14	% at Sacramento State	W, 9-1 (6)
Sat. 14	% vs. Loyola Marymount	W, 4-0
Wed. 18	PITTSBURGH	W, 3-1
Sat. 21	* NORTHWESTERN	L, 0-10 (5)
Sat. 21	* NORTHWESTERN	L, 5-13
Sun. 22	* NORTHWESTERN	L, 4-5 (8)
Wed. 25	ROBERT MORRIS (DH)	5:00 p.m.
Fri. 27	* at Michigan State	4:00 p.m.
Sat. 28	* at Michigan State	1:00 p.m.
Sun. 29	* at Michigan State	1:00 p.m.

#### APRIL

Wed. 1	BUCKNELL (DH)	5:00 p.m.
Fri. 3	* at Wisconsin (DH)	4:00 p.m.
Sat. 4	* at Wisconsin	12:00 p.m.
Tue. 7	* OHIO STATE (DH)	5:30 p.m.
Fri. 10	* INDIANA	6:00 p.m.
Sat. 11	* INDIANA	3:00 p.m.
Sun. 12	* INDIANA	1:00 p.m.
Wed. 15	at Pittsburgh	6:00 p.m.
Fri. 17	* at Maryland	6:00 p.m.
Sat. 18	* at Maryland	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 19	* at Maryland	1:00 p.m.
Wed. 22	ST. FRANCIS (Pa.) (DH)	5:00 p.m.
Fri. 24	* RUTGERS	6:00 p.m.
Sat. 25	* RUTGERS	3:00 p.m.
Sat. 26	* RUTGERS	1:00 p.m.

#### MAY

Fri. 1	* at Michigan	6:00 p.m.
Sat. 2	* at Michigan	2:00 p.m.
Sun. 3	* at Michigan	1:00 p.m.
Thu. 7	~ B1G Tournament	Opening Round
Fri. 8	~ B1G Tournament	Quarterfinals
Sat. 9	~ B1G Tournament	Championship

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