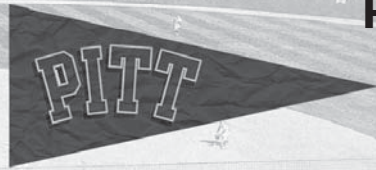


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**PENN STATE
NITTANY LIONS**



**PITTSBURGH
PANTHERS**

Wednesday, March 18, 2015 @ 6 p.m. // Nittany Lion Softball Park & Beard Field // University Park, Pa.

GAMEDAY CENTRAL

PSU	BY THE NUMBERS	PITT
82	RUNS	165
98	RUNS ALLOWED	73
76	RUNS BATTED IN	148
15	HOME RUNS	22
.260	BATTING AVG.	.318
.387	SLUGGING PCT.	.473
.334	ON-BASE PCT.	.392
43	EXTRA BASE HITS	74
54	WALKS	75
5	STEALS	16
.963	FIELDING PCT.	.971
26	ERRORS	25
3.57	ERA	2.39
.262	BATTING AVG. AGAINST	.237
83	STRIKEOUTS	94
88	WALKS ALLOWED	60

SERIES HISTORY vs. PITTSBURGH

The Lions hold a 12-6 advantage over their intrastate rivals all-time dating back to the two's first meeting during the 2000 season. The Panthers have taken three of the last five meetings with Penn State, but PSU most recently took won two straight against from its ACC foe stretching from the 2012 season to 2013. The last Keystone State matchup took place in 2014 when the two met up in the FAU Invitational in Boca Raton, Fla., which also marked the first time since their initial meeting that both schools did not play in either University Park or the Steel City. 2015 will also usher in some change in the rivalry as it marks the first time Penn State and Pittsburgh will play in a single game home and home series. In the previous 17 meetings before 2014, the pair had either played one or two games at one campus site or the other.

SCOUTING THE PANTHERS

Pittsburgh enters the contest at 22-5 overall and 4-5 in ACC play, having won three of its last four. It most recently took two of three against Georgia Tech in Atlanta this past weekend following a 4-3 tour at the Florida Gulf Coast Tournament in Fort Myers (Mar. 6-10).

Junior infielder/catcher Shelby Pickett leads the Panthers in a number of different offensive categories including batting average (.427), hits (41), runs (26) and slugging percentage (.656). When it comes to power, freshman infielder McKayla Taylor has the bases covered with a team leading six home runs, she also has patience at the plate with a team high 13 walks.

In the circle Pitt is led by the efforts of senior Savannah King who leads her squad in all major pitching categories including wins (13), earned run average (1.72), strikeouts (41) and innings pitched (89.1).

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QUICK HITS

- Penn State opens up its 2015 home slate with a 12-12 record, last year before its first game at Beard Field, PSU stood at 6-15 overall.
- Junior Erin Pond is coming off a productive weekend at the plate during the Capital Classic in Sacramento, where she went 4-4 with a double and walk-off home run in a 9-1 win against the host Hornets
- Sophomore Kristina Brackpool walloped her fifth long ball of the season vs. Sacramento State (Mar. 14), she hit just two last season and is on pace for 11 in 2015
- Both Marlaina Laubach and Jessica Cummings picked up the first complete game shutouts of their respective careers this past weekend in Northern California. Laubach's came in a 1-0 win over Loyola Marymount (Mar. 13) and Cummings earned hers in a 4-0 victory over LMU the very next day.

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

The Nittany Lions are 32-16 (.667) all-time in home openers, not having played any games in University Park during the 1967-68 seasons.

BY THE NUMBERS

PSU	OFFENSIVE LEADERS	PITT
Brackpool, .358	BA	Pickett, .427
Brackpool, 24	HITS	Pickett, 41
Jones, 12	RUNS	Pickett, 26
Brackpool, 17	RBI	Taylor, 25
Brackpool, .612	SLG	Pickett, .656
Brackpool, .436	OBP	Pickett, .491
Brackpool, 5	HR	Taylor, 6
Brackpool, 9	BB	Taylor, 13
Pond, 2	STEALS	Sills, 5

PSU	PITCHING LEADERS	PITT
Laubach, 6	WINS	King, 13
Laubach, 1.11	ERA	King, 1.72
Laubach, .222	BAA	King, .228
Cummings, 28	K	King, 41
Laubach, 63.0	IP	King, 89.1



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PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS (12-12, 0-0 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)

PITTSBURGH PANTHERS (22-5, 4-5 ACC)

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	B/T	Hometown/High School
1	Jordan Fannin	OF	Sr.	L/R	Katy, Texas/Pope John XXIII
2	Kaitlin Manuel	INF/OF	So.	L/L	San Diego, Calif./Del Norte
3	Ashlee Sills	OF	Jr.	L/R	Napa, Calif./Napa
5	Morgan Choe	OF/UTL	Jr.	L/R	Kirtland, Ohio/Kirtland
7	Kaila Balatgek	INF	Sr.	R/R	Reading, Pa./UMBC
9	Erin Hershman	OF	Fr.	L/R	Mars, Pa./Mars
10	Shelby Pickett	C/INF	R-Jr.	R/R	Temecula, Calif./Ohio State
11	Maggie Sevilla	INF	R-Jr.	R/R	San Diego, Calif./Scripps Ranch
12	Savannah King	P/INF	Sr.	R/R	Orange County, Calif./Orange Lutheran
14	Carissa Throckmorton	INF	Sr.	R/R	Hanover, Pa./South Western
15	McKayla Taylor	INF	Fr.	R/R	Cypress, Calif./John F. Kennedy
16	Yasmin Kotar	OF	So.	R/R	Cecil, Pa./Canon MacMillon
21	Katherine Kramer	C/INF	So	R/R	The Dalles, Ore./The Dalles Wahtonka
23	Kathryn Duran	C	Jr.	R/R	Poway, Calif./Poway
27	Kayla Harris	P	Fr.	R/R	Chesapeake, Va./Greenbriar Academy
29	Carly Thea	OF	Sr.	L/L	Merrick, N.Y./JFK
31	Carmelena Moffa	INF	Jr.	R/R	Greensburg, Pa./Latrobe
33	Jenna Modic	P/INF	Jr.	L/R	Youngstown, Ohio/Miami University
34	Giorgiana Zeremenko	C/INF	Fr.	R/R	Canonsburgh, Pa./Canon MacMillon
88	Alexa Larkin	P	Sr.	R/L	Greensburg, Pa./Latrobe

Head Coach: Holly Aprile (Seventh season; UMass-Amherst, '92)
Assistant Coach: Gina Fuchs (11th season), Lauren Cognigni (First 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. PITTSBURGH

All-Time Series	PSU leads 12-6 (.667)
PSU Streak	L1
First Meeting	3/25/95, W 6-2
Last Meeting	2/22/14, L 1-3
Last PSU Win	4/10/13, 11-7

Previous Five Meetings			
2/22/14	N	L	1-3
4/10/13	A	W	11-7
4/3/12	H	W	4-0
4/3/12	H	L	2-7
3/29/11	A	L	1-2

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	6:00 p.m.
Fri. 20	* NORTHWESTERN	6:00 p.m.
Sat. 21	* NORTHWESTERN	3:00 p.m.
Sun. 22	* NORTHWESTERN	1:00 p.m.
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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