2011 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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No. 8 Penn State (23-7, 16-4 Big Ten)



Liberty Flames (20-12) Rec Hall • University Park, Pa. 7:30 p.m. ET



Tournament Schedule Friday, Dec. 2 5 p.m. American vs. Delaware 7:30 p.m. Penn State vs. Liberty

> Saturday, Dec. 3 7:30 p.m. Friday Winners

2011 Schedule

<u>Augu</u> 26-27	ist 7 AVCA Showcase								
	vs. Oregon#	L, 3-1							
	vs. No. 2 USC#	W, 3-2							
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<u>September</u>									
	Iniversity of Pittsburgh Invitational								
2	vs. Miami (Ohio)	W, 3-0							
2	at Pittsburgh	W, 3-0							
3	vs. New Hampshire	W, 3-0							
	Nike Big Four Volleyball Classic								
9	at No. 3 Stanford	L, 3-1							
10	vs. No. 10 Texas	L, 3-2							
	7 Penn State Classic								
16	vs. Long Island	W, 3-0							
17	vs. Rutgers vs. Florida Gulf Coast	W, 3-0							
		W, 3-1							
21	at No. 10 Nebraska*# at Iowa*	L, 3-2							
		W, 3-0							
30	vs. Wisconsin*	W, 3-0							
<u>Octo</u>	ber								
1		W, 3-0							
5	vs. Northwestern*#	W, 3-2							
8	vs. No. 1 Illinois*#	L, 3-2							
14	at No. 11 Purdue*	W, 3-1							
15	at Indiana*	W, 3-0							
	vs. No. 23 Ohio State*	W, 3-0							
	vs. No. 21 Michigan*#	W, 3-0							
	vs. Iowa*	W, 3-1							
29	vs. No. 1 Nebraska*#	W, 3-1							
Nove	mber								
4	at No. 15 Minnesota*#	W, 3-2							
6	at Wisconsin*	L, 3-2							
	at No. 7 Illinois*	L, 3-0							
	at Northwestern*	W, 3-0							
	vs. Indiana*	W, 3-0							
	vs. No. 8 Purdue*	W, 3-1							
	at Ohio State*	W, 3-1							
	at Michigan State*	W, 3-1							
	winder vs. Liberty	7.20 n m							
2	Teams TBA	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.							
	NCAA Begional Semis	7.50 p.m. TRA							

- 9 NCAA Regional Semis TBA
- 10 NCAA Regional Championships TBA
- 15 NCAA Nat'l Semifinals San Antonio, Texas
- 17 NCAA Nat'l Final San Antonio, Texas

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

Nittany Lion Preview

The four-time defending national champion Penn State women's volleyball team begins its quest for yet another this weekend when it hosts the First and Second Rounds for the 22nd consecutive season. The Nittany Lions host Liberty in a First Round match on Friday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. American and Delaware play in the earlier match at 5 p.m. The winners of each match are schedule to play on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

The Nittany Lions closed out the regular season with a 23-7 overall record and a 16-4 record in the Big Ten, good enough to tie for second place in the team standings. Penn State defeated Ohio State on Nov. 23, 3-1 (23-25, 25-22, 25-23, 25-13) before beating the Spartans on Nov. 26 in four sets (27-25, 16-25, 25-16, 25-15). Sophomore Ariel Scott (Ridgewood, N.J.) led the team for the week with a combined 27 kills, while both sophomores Maddie Martin (Tampa, Fla.) and Deja McClendon (Louisville, Ky.) posted 23 kills each. Freshman Micha Hancock (Edmond, Okla.) dished out 89 assists and was third on the team with 15 digs. Sophomore Ali Longo (Littleton, Colo.) posted a team-high 35 digs and McClendon was second on the squad with 25. Sophomore Katie Slay led the team at the net with eight total blocks.

For the week, Penn State hit .257 as a team and averaged 14.12 kills per set, 12.50 assists per set, 1.62 aces per set, 13.88 digs per set and 2.25 blocks per set.

Penn State vs. Liberty

The Nittany Lions are 2-0 all-time versus the Flames. Penn State first met Liberty on Oct. 28, 1989, winning 3-0 (15-2, 15-9, 15-1) and saw the Flames a second time on Nov. 3, 1990 earning a 3-0 (15-5, 15-7, 15-4) victory.

Scouting the Flames

Liberty closed out the regular season with a 20-12 record. The Flames earned its recordsetting sixth conference tournament title, sweeping Radford, 3-0, on Nov. 20 in the Big South Championship. This season was also the fifth straight 20-win season for the program. Liberty is in search of its first NCAA Tournament victory. This will be their sixth NCAA Tournament appearance.

The Series vs. Possible Second Round Opponents

Penn State vs. Delaware

Penn State owns a 2-0 record against Delaware. The Lions and Blue Hens first met on Oct. 20, 1979 with Penn State winning, 2-0 (15-3, 15-12). The last meeting between the two squads took place on Oct. 9, 1981 with Penn State earning the victory, 2-0 (15-6, 15-7). The Blue Hens knocked off Virginia Commonwealth, 3-2, on Nov. 20 for their fourth CAA championship in five years. This is Delaware's fourth NCAA Tournament appearance since 2007.

Penn State vs. American

The Nittany Lions lead the series with American, 6-0. The squads last met on Dec. 3, 2004 in the First Round of the NCAA Tournament. Penn State won, 3-0 (30-18, 30-18, 35-33). The Eagles claimed their 10th Patriot League Championship on Nov. 20 with a 3-1 win against Army. This is American's 12th NCAA Tournament appearance in the last 15 years.

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Quick Facts

The University

Location:	University Park, Pa. 16802
Founded:	
Enrollment:	
Colors:	Blue & White
Nickname:	Nittany Lions
Conference:	Big Ten
President:	Dr. Rodney Erickson
Director of Athletics:	Tim Curley
Acting Director of Athletics:.	Dave Joyner
Assoc. A.D./SWA	Charmelle Green
Facility (capacity):	Rec Hall (5,812)

Volleyball Staff

Head Coach:Russ Rose (33rd season)
Alma Mater:George Williams, 1975
Overall Record (Yrs/Pct):1,033-164 (32/.863)
School Record: same
Asst. Coaches: Dennis Hohenshelt (6th season)
Kaleena Davidson (3rd season)
Dir. of VB Operations: Adam Hughes (2nd season)
Office Phone:
Office Fax:
Office Address: 235 Rec Hall

Season in Review

2010 Record:	
Home: 20-0	Away: 8-5
Neutral: 4-1	
Big Ten record (finish):	16-4 (1st)
Home: 10-0	Away: 6-4
Final AVCA Ranking:	No. 1
Postseason Play:	NCAA National Champions
First Round:	def. Niagara, 3-0
Second Round:	def. Virginia Tech, 3-0
Regional Semifinal:	def. Oklahoma, 3-0
Regional Final:	def. Duke, 3-1
National Semifinal:	def. Texas, 3-0
National Final:	def. California, 3-0

The History

First Year of Volleyball:	5
All-Time Record (Years):1,084-207-4 (35)
All-Time Big Ten Record:	7
Years/Win Pct.:	3
Big Ten Titles:(14) '92, '93, '96, '97, '98, '99, '03	,
)
NCAA Tournament Appearances:)
NCAA Tournament Record:73-25	5
NCAA National Championships:1999, 2007	7
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2011 Penn State Roster

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Name	<u>Yr.</u>	Pos.	<u>Ht.</u>	Hometown/High School
Ariel Scott	So.	OH	6-4	Ridgewood, N.J./Immaculate Heart
Katie Kabbes	Sr.	OH	6-4	Raleigh, N.C./Cardinal Gibbons
Dominique Gonzalez	Fr.	DS	5-6	San Antonio, Texas/Sandra Day O'Connor
Kristin Carpenter	Jr.	S/DS	5-6	Mechanicsville, Va./Hanover
Maddie Martin	So.	OH	6-2	Tampa, Fla./H.B. Plant
Nia Grant	Fr.	OH	6-2	Warren, Ohio/Howland
Erica Denney	RS-Fr.	MH	6-3	Aurora, Colo./Grandview
Marika Racibarskas	Jr.	S	6-0	Chatham, N.J./Chatham
Darcy Dorton	RS-So	. OH	6-2	Muncie, Ind./Delta
Micha Hancock	S	Fr.	5-11	Edmond, Okla./Edmond Memorial
Megan Shifflett	Sr.	DS/S	5-6	Falls Church, Va./Langley
Aiyana Whitney	Fr.	OH	6-4	Norwood, N.J./Northern Valley Regional
Maggie Harding	RS-Fr.	DS	5-6	State College, Pa./State College Area
Katie Slay	So.	MH	6-6	Raleigh, N.C./Wakefield
Deja McClendon	So.	OH	6-1	Louisville, Ky./DuPont Manuel Magnet
Ali Longo	So.	DS	5-6	Littleton, Colo./Chatfield
Lacey Fuller	Fr.	DS	5-6	San Diego, Calif./Torrey Pines

 Head Coach: Russ Rose (George Williams, 1975), 33rd year
 Assistant Coaches: Dennis Hohenshelt (Juniata, 1993), 6th year Kaleena Davidson (Penn State, 2006), 3rd year
 Director of VB Opps: Adam Hughes (Penn State, 2006), 2nd year
 Trainer: Kelly Saxton (East Carolina, 2006), 3rd year
 Vol. Assistant Coach: Adam Jarrett

11	Pronunciations				
	Aiyana	. I-yahn-uh	MarikaMa-F	REE-ka	
	Ariel		MeganM	ee-gan	
	Hohenshelt		MichaN	1ike-uh	
5	Kabbes	. CAB-es	Nia I	Nee-uh	
	Kaleena	. KA-lee-na	Racibarskas Rass-i-ba	ars-kus	
:)	Lacey	. Lace-ee	Shifflett S	hiff-lett	

Penn State Recap

The Nittany Lions are now 23-7 overall and closed out the Big Ten regular season tied for second place in the conference with a 16-4 record. Penn State defeated both Ohio State and Michigan State, 3-1, to finish up league play. Sophomore Ariel Scott led the team with 3.38 kills per set. Freshman Micha Hancock paced the offense with 11.12 assists per set and was third on the team with 1.88 digs per set. Sophomore Ali Longo led the team defensively with 4.38 digs per set, while sophomore Deja McClendon had 3.12 digs per set. Sophomore Katie Slay was a wall at the net with 1.00 blocks per set.

What's Next?

Should the Nittany Lions defeat Liberty on Friday, Dec. 2, Penn State will face the winner of the Delaware/American match on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Rec Hall. If the Nittany Lions advance, they will travel to the Lexington, Ky. Regional to play on Dec. 9-10.

The Statistical Story

Here are this week's numbers for Penn State in comparison to the other three teams in attendance this weekend.

	Penn State	Liberty	Delaware	American
Hitting %	.262	.189	.218	.262
Kills per set	13.63	11.76	12.68	13.04
Assists per set	12.58	10.93	11.91	11.86
Aces per set	1.72	1.27	1.20	1.50
Digs per set	14.09	14.84	17.19	13.19
Blocks per set	2.70	2.46	2.31	2.06

2011 Big Ten Standings (Through 11/27/11)						
Conf. Overall						
Team	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Nebraska	17	3	.850	24	4	.857
Purdue	16	4	.800	27	4	.871
Illinois	16	4	.800	27	4	.871
Penn State	16	4	.800	23	7	.767
Minnesota	11	9	.550	18	11	.621
Michigan St.	10	10	.500	21	11	.656
Ohio State	9	11	.450	19	14	.576
Michigan	8	12	.400	10	12	.625
Wisconsin	8	12	.400	16	16	.500
Northwestern	7	13	.350	16	15	.516
Iowa	1	19	.050	11	22	.333
Indiana	1	19	.050	9	23	.281

Big Ten Players of the Week (POW/DPOW)

Aug. 29S. Holthus, NU/J. Chin, NU Sept. 5M. Bartsch, ILL/J. Granquist, MINN Sept. 12.. M. Hole, OSU/ C. Cox, IND & S. Mignin, OSU Sept. 19...A. Wittman, MINN/S. Mignin, OSU & K. Slay, PSU Sept. 26...M. Bartsch, ILL/G. Mancuso, NEB/E. Johnson, ILL Oct. 3A. Turner, PUR/K. Slay, PSU Oct. 10.....A. Turner, PUR/K. Slay, PSU Oct. 17...H. Werth, NEB/K. Dutchman, NU & K. Jones, PUR Oct. 24...G. Mancuso, NEB/K. Moster, MSU & K. Dutchman, NU Oct. 31.....A. Turner, PUR/K. Dutchman, NU Nov. 7A. Wittman, MINN & A. Turner, PUR/M. Booth, OSU & K. Jones, PUR Nov. 14D. McClendon, PSU/ R. Davis, PUR Nov. 21H. Werth, NEB/A. Longo, PSU Nov. 28A. Turner, PUR/A. Luhrsen, ILL

Big Ten Freshman of the Week

Aug. 29	K. Jones, PUR
Sept. 5	L. Dannemller, MICH
Sept. 12	L. Dannemiller, MICH
Sept. 19	T. Sherwin, OSU
Sept. 26	M. Moster, MSU
Oct. 3	L. Dannemiller, MICH
Oct. 10	A. Dorn, ILL
Oct. 17 K. Du	utchman, NU & K. Jones, PUR
Oct. 24 K. D	utchman, NU/K. Moster, MSU
Oct. 31	Katie Dutchman, NU
Nov. 7	K. Jones, PUR
Nov. 14 M Hancoc	k, PSU & L. Dannemiller, MICH
Nov. 21 M. Ha	ncock, PSU & K. Moster, MSU
Nov. 28 M. I	Hancock, PSU & Y. Akanbi, NU

This Weekend in the Big Ten

Dec. 1

Ohio State vs. Middle Tennessee (4:30 pm) Jackson State vs. Nebraska (8 pm)

<u>Dec. 2</u>

Central Michigan vs. Illinois (8 pm) Baylor vs. Michigan (7:30 pm) Arizona vs. Michigan State (5:30 pm) North Dakota St. vs. Minnesota (8:30 pm) Morehead St. vs. Purdue (7:30 pm)

Penn State and the NCAAs

Penn State is one of just two teams, the other being Stanford, to be selected to every NCA postseason event since its inception in 1981. The Nittany Lions have an overall record of 72-25 in NCAA Tournament play, including nine trips to the National Semifinals ('93, '94, '97, '98, '99, '07, '08, '09, '10), seven berth in the NCAA title match ('93, '97, '98, '99, '07, '08, '09, '10) and five National championships (1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010).

Five Lions Earn Postseason Conference Awards

Penn State now has 65 First Team All-Big Ten selections after the conference released the 2011 list on Nov. 29. Four Nittany Lions earned All-Big Ten status, with three first team honorees. Sophomores Katie Slay, Ariel Scott and Deja McClendon all earned First Team accolades, while freshman Micha Hancock was a unanimous selection to the Big Ten All-Freshman Team. Redshirt freshman Maggie Harding was Penn State's Big Ten Sportsmanship honoree.

Hancock Picked as Big Ten Freshman of the Year

Freshman Micha Hancock was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Year on Nov. 29. The award is the 10th in program history and the ninth in the last 10 years. Hancock is the third Freshman of the Year honoree on this year's squad as redshirt sophomore Darcy Dorton was selected in 2009 and McClendon was picked in 2010. Hancock is a three-time Freshman of the week selection and has been the starting setting in 29 of 30 matches.

Slay Earns Defensive Player of the Year Accolades

Sophomore Katie Slay was named the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year on Nov. 29. The award is the second in program history, as current assistant coach Kaleena Davidson earned the award in 2005. Slay led the conference with 1.44 blocks per set, ranking 10th nationally. Slay leads the team with 163 blocks and is third on the team in kills with 240.

Hancock Named Co-Big Ten Freshman of the Week

Freshman Micha Hancock was named the Co-Big Ten Freshman of the Week on Nov. 28. It was her third honor of the season. She shared the honor with Northwestern's Yewande Akanbi. Hancock was integral in Penn State's two victories to close out the regular season last week. The Nittany Lions defeated Ohio State, 3-1, on Nov. 23 before beating Michigan State, 3-1, on Nov. 26. For the week, Hancock paced the Nittany Lion offense to a .271 attack percentage while tallying 89 assists, averaging 11.12 assists per set. Hancock also posted nine kills, two aces, 15 digs and three blocks.

Longo and Hancock Garner Big Ten Weekly Accolades

Sophomore Ali Longo was named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week and freshman Micha Hancock was named Co-Freshman of the Week on Nov. 21. Hancock shared the honor with MSU's Kori Moster. It was the first honor of Longo's career and the second for Hancock.

For the weekend Longo average 5.3 digs and 6.1 service receptions per set. Against Indiana, Longo had 11 digs and 18 successful reception in 19 attempts to help Penn State hit .385 against the Hoosiers. Longo went on to total a career-high 26 digs against Purdue and converted on 22 of 24 reception attempts. Hancock posted 12.1 assists and 2.1 digs per set for the weekend. On Friday versus the Hoosiers, Hancock dished out 38 assists and added three aces and eight digs. She followed the performance up with 47 assists, seven digs and two aces against the Boilermakers on Saturday. Hancock guided the Nittany Lions to a .385 hitting percentage against the Hoosiers and a .285 hitting percentage against Purdue.

20 Wins and Counting

With a win vs. Indiana on Nov. 18, the Nittany Lions reached 20 wins in a season for the 35th time in program history. The Nittany Lions have recorded at least 20 wins every season under head coach Russ Rose.

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AVCA Top 25 Poll #13 • Nov. 21, 2011

<u>No.</u>	School	Pts.	Rec.
1	USC (53)	1488	24-4
2	Nebraska (2)	1424	23-3
3	Hawaii (5)	1289	26-1
4	UCLA	1229	24-5
5	Texas	1215	20-4
6	Stanford	1180	21-6
7	Illinois	1062	25-4
8	Purdue	1041	25-4
9	Penn State	1023	21-7
10	California	987	25-6
11	Washington	934	21-7
12	Northern Iowa	878	30-1
13	Oregon	807	20-8
14	Iowa State	763	22-4
15	Tennessee	686	26-3
16	Kentucky	560	26-4
17	Florida	541	23-5
18	Pepperdine	519	21-6
19	Minnesota	364	16-11
20	San Diego	328	27-4
21	Florida State	297	24-5
22	Michigan	201	19-11
23	LBSU	174	20-6
24	Western Kentucky	108	31-3
25	Miami	75	24-4

Receiving Votes: Colorado State 58; Texas A&M 52; Ohio State 42; Dayton 29; Michigan State 29; Tulsa 29; Arizona 24; Northern Illinois 15; Duke 13; Cincinnati 11; Kansas State 11; Oregon State 5

Penn State in the poll:

Aug. 16: #1 Aug. 29: #2 Sept. 5 :#2 Sept. 12: #5 Sept. 19: #5 Sept. 26: #9 Oct. 3: #8 Oct. 10: #9 Oct. 17: #9 Oct. 24: #8 Oct. 31: #6 Nov. 7: #9 Nov. 14: #12 Nov. 21: #9 Next Poll: Dec. 20

McClendon & Hancock Pick Up Big Ten Weekly Awards

Sophomore Deja McClendon was named Big Ten Player of the Week and freshman Mic Hancock earned Co-Freshman of the Week laurels on Nov. 14. Hancock shared the honor with Michigan's Lexi Dannemiller. It was the first player of the week award for McClendon and the first weekly honor of Hancock's career.

McClendon averaged 6.2 kills per set and 2.2 digs per set on .395 hitting after a 3-0 setback to Illinois and a 3-0 sweep of Northwestern. McClendon pounded 17 kills on .350 hitting with three digs, an ace and a block against the Illini. She went on to tally a double-double against the Wildcats with 20 kills on .439 hitting with 20 digs. Hancock averaged 12.8 assists, 1.5 digs and 0.8 aces per set against the Illini and Wildcats. Against Illinois, Hancock notched 35 assists and three aces before helping the Nittany Lions to a .346 attack percentage with 42 assists and eight digs at Northwestern.

Hancock Breaks Penn State Single Season Aces Record

Freshman Micha Hancock broke the Penn State single season aces record on Nov. 4 at Minnesota. The setter, who has a left-handed jump serve, had 70 going into the match with the Gophers. She finished the match with three aces to break the record. She now holds the single season record for aces with 87. She currently ranks seventh in Big Ten single season records.

16 17	Name, Year	<u>Aces</u>
18	Micha Hancock, 2011*	87
19	Noelle Zientara, 1988	72
20	Ellen Hensler, 1983	67
21	Michelle Jaworski, 1988	63
23	Alyssa D'Errico, 2009*	62
24	 rally-scoring era 	

Penn State Upends No. 1 Nebraska

After defeating lowa, 3-1, on Oct. 28, the Nittany Lions continued to improve their conference record with a 3-1 (25-17, 25-15, 17-25, 25-17) win against then No.1 Nebraska. It was Nebraska's second visit to Rec Hall and its first as a member of the Big Ten. The win improved Penn State's record against Nebraska to 7-13 overall and 1-1 on the Nittany Lions home court. The Nittany Lions out-hit, out-dug,, out-served and out-blocked the Huskers. Sophomore Deja McClendon had a match-high 18 kills, freshman Micha Hancock had a match-best six aces, sophomore Ali Longo led all players with 17 digs and sophomore Katie Slay put up eight total blocks.

Big Ten Home Streak

The Nittany Lions final historic streak came to an end on Oct. 8, 2011. Penn State won a record 68 consecutive Big Ten matches on their home court in Rec Hall leading up to their Oct. 8 match with top-ranked Illinois. The streak began on Oct. 29, 2004 with a 3-0 win against Indiana. Since that date, the Nittany Lions have won seven of their 14 Big Ten titles and own a conference record of 131-8. The program also went undefeated in league play four times.

Big Ten in the Poll

The Big Ten leads the nation with six teams ranked in the AVCA Top 25 Coaches Poll. Nebraska leads the conference at No. 2, Illinois is sitting at No. 7, Purdue is eighth and Penn State is ranked No. 9. Minnesota checks in at No. 19, while Michigan follows at No. 22. Michigan State and Ohio State are receiving votes in the latest poll.

Slay Picks Up Big Ten Weekly Award

Sophomore middle hitter Katie Slay picked up the second weekly honor of the season as this week's Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week. Slay was an integral part of Penn State's victories against Wisconsin on Sept. 30 and No. 10 Minnesota on Oct. 1.

In Penn State's 3-0 sweep of Wisconsin, Slay had eight kills in nine swings and had a matchhigh five total blocks, including two solo stuffs. She followed up that performance with nine kills in 12 attempts against the Gophers. Slay was a wall at the net with a match-best seven total blocks, including two solo. For the weekend, Slay was second on the team with 17 kills on a team-high .714 attack percentage. She also led the Nittany Lions with 12 total blocks. Slay averaged 2.83 kills per set and 2.00 blocks per set.

Scott Posts Career-High at Nebraska

Sophomore Ariel Scott had a strong night offensively on Sept. 21 in Penn State's Big Ten opener at Nebraska. Scott posted a career-best 23 kills on .360 hitting, while also tallying five digs and four blocks. She followed up that performance with a match-high 18 kills on Sept. 24 vs. lowa.

By The Numbers...

Penn State's record is...

verall	
At home	
On the road	
On a neutral court	2-1
Non-conference matches	7-3
Big Ten matches	
Against ranked opponents	
Against unranked opponents	
When at home with PSU football	2-1
In front of 2,000 or more people	

By Individual Sets...

Three sets 1	3-1
Four sets	7-2
Five sets	3-4
Sets over 25 points	7-3
Fifth sets over 15 points	0-0

When...

When winning 1-0	19-3
Winning 2-0	15-0
Losing 1-0	4-3
Losing 2-0	
On television	
On radio	23-7

By Kills...

Leading in kills	
Trailing in kills	0-2
Tied in kills	0-0

By Digs...

Leading in digs	17-2
Trailing in digs	5-5
Tied in digs	

By Hitting Percentage...

Leading/tied in hitting pct	
Trailing in hitting pct.	0-4
Hitting .400 or above	1-0
Hitting .300 to .399	10-1
Hitting .200 to .299	
Hitting .100 to .199	
Hitting below .100	
Holding opponents below .200	
Holding opponents to .100 or below	

By Blocks...

Leading in blocks	. 19-4
Trailing in blocks	3-3
Tied in blocks	1-0

By Day of the Week...

Wednesday/Thursday	3-1
Friday	8-3
Saturday/Sunday	12-3

By the Players...

Two or more with double-digit kills	6
Two or more with double-digit digs9-	6
Team has 10 or more blocks 14-	3

Slay Named Co-Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week

Sophomore middle blocker Katie Slay (Raleigh, N.C.) was named Big Ten Co-Defensive Plays of the Week on Sept. 19. This is the second honor of Slay's career. She shares the honor with Ohio State's Sarah Mignin. The Hampton Inn Classic MVP, Slay averaged 1.90 blocks per set in three matches over the weekend as the Nittany Lions defeated Long Island, Rutgers and Florida Gulf Coast. Slay totaled 19 blocks for the weekend, including tying her personal best with 10 vs. FGCU. She also finished second on the team with 27 kills, averaging 2.70 kills per set on a team-best .561 hitting.

Ace!

The Nittany Lions rank eighth nationally and first in the Big Ten with 1.72 aces per set. Freshman Micha Hancock leads the Big Ten and ranks second in the nation with 0.78 aces per set. Against FGCU, the Nittany Lions totaled a program-best 11 aces (rally scoring-era only) including three from Hancock and two each from Kristin Carpenter, Ali Longo and Lacey Fuller.

Hampton Inn Classic All-Tournament Selections

Slay was named the Hampton Inn Classic MVP, while sophomores Ali Longo and Ariel Scott were named to the Hampton Inn Classic All-Tournament Team. Joining the trio on the all-tournament team was Brittany Bozzini of Rutgers, FGCU's Jill Hopper and Kaitlin Holm and Long Island's Hanna Gibeau.

Nike Big Four Volleyball Classic All-Tournament Accolades

Sophomore Deja McClendon was named to the Nike Big Four Volleyball Classic All-Tournament Team. McClendon led the team with 42 kills during the weekend, including tying her career-high with 25 vs. Texas. Joining McClendon was Stanford' Carly Wopat, Rachel Williams and Karissa Cook, Florida's Kelly Murphy and Kristy Jaeckel and Texas' Hayley Eckerman.

Pittsburgh Invitational All-Tournament Team

Junior libero Kristin Carpenter, sophomore outside Deja McClendon and freshman setter Micha Hancock were all named to the University of Pittsburgh Invitational All-Tournament Team. For the weekend, McClendon led the team with 30 kills on .333 hitting, while Carpenter had a team-best 31 digs (3.44 digs per set). Hancock was the starting setter in all three matches and totaled 89 assists (9.89 assists per set), a team-high 10 aces, including six vs. New Hampshire and was second on the team with 20 digs (2.22 digs per set). Joining the trio on the all-tournament team were Miami's Jenn Caylor, New Hampshire's Amy Keding and Pittsburgh's Jasmine Dittrich and Lindsey Zitzke.

AVCA Showcase All-Tournament Honors

Sophomore Deja McClendon and freshman Micha Hancock each earned a spot on the AVCA Showcase All-Tournament team. McClendon combined for 40 kills, averaging 4.44 kills per set, on .341 hitting. Hancock was the starting setter against USC. For the weekend she guided the Nittany Lions to a .303 attack percentage, had eight kills in nine errorless swings, and tallied 56 assists. She also had six aces against the Trojans. Joining the pair on the all-tournament team were Minnesota's Ashley Wittman and Jessica Granquist, Oregon's Alaina Bergsma and USC's Alex Jupiter.

Season Opening Record

Under head coach Russ Rose, the Nittany Lions are 27-6 in season openers. Penn State's Aug. 26 loss to Oregon was the Lions' first season-opening loss since 2005 when the Nittany Lions suffered a 3-2 setback to Stanford, also in the AVCA Showcase. All six times the Nittany Lions have lost their season opener, they have rallied to win their second match. Penn State has never opened the season 0-2.

Freshmen Debuts

Four Nittany Lions newcomers made their collegiate debuts in the AVCA Showcase on Aug. 26-27. Freshmen Dominique Gonzalez, Micha Hancock and Lacey Fuller all subbed in during Penn State's match with Oregon on Aug. 26. In addition, Hancock and Nia Grant both made their first starts on Aug. 27 vs. USC.

Nittany Lions Debut Atop AVCA Coaches Poll

The four-time defending national champion Penn State women's volleyball team heads into the 2011 season as the preseason favorite in the AVCA Division I Coaches Top 25 Poll. The eight-time defending Big Ten Champions earned 1,486 total points and 54 of 60 first place votes.

USC is ranked second heading into 2011 having garnered 1,424 points and five first place votes. Following the Trojans is California (No. 3), who Penn State defeated in the 2010 National Championship match, Texas (No. 4) and Nebraska (No. 5).

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No. School

- USC 1
- 2 Nebraska
- 3 Texas
- 4 Hawaii 5
- UCLA
- 6 Purdue
- 7 Penn State
- 8 Illinois
- 9 California
- 10 Stanford
- 11 Northern Iowa
- 12 Washington
- 13 Iowa State
- 14 Tennessee
- 15 Oregon
- 16 Florida
- 17 Pepperdine
- 18 Minnesota
- 19 Kentucky
- 20 Florida State
- 21 San Diego
- 22 Michgian State
- 23 Arizona
- 24 **Ohio State**
- 25 LBSU
- 26 Texas A&M
- 27 Michigan
- 28 Miami
- 29 Dayton
- Colorado State 30

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Receiving Votes: Florida State, Texas A&M, LBSU, Cincinnati

Penn State Chosen as Preseason Favorite

For the seventh consecutive season and the eighth since 2001, the Nittany Lions have topp the preseason list as the favorite to win the Big Ten. Illinois and Nebraska tied for second in the preseason poll and Purdue was slated fourth. Minnesota was picked to finish fifth and Michigan State rounded out the poll at sixth.

Big Ten Dominance

With a 3-0 victory against Iowa on Nov. 26, 2010, the Nittany Lions clinched their eighth straight and 14th overall Big Ten title since joining the league for the 1991 season. The streak is unprecedented in the league in women's volleyball. The squad earned the conference title in 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. Evert senior class at Penn State since 1992 has claimed at least on conference championship and the last five graduating classes have earned a conference title each year of their career.

Since 1985 when double round-robin play was instituted, only nine times has the conference champion gone undefeated, including Illinois in 1986 and 1988 with 18-0 records, Ohio State in 1991 with a 20-0 record and Penn State in 1998, 1999, 2005, 2007, 2008 and 2009 with 20-0 marks.

Three Nittany Lions Earn Big Ten Preseason Honors

A trio of Nittany Lions has earned Preseason All-Big Ten honors from the coaches. Junior Kristin Carpenter and sophomores Deja McClendon and Katie Slay all picked up preseason accolades. McClendon was a unanimous selection and the awards were the first career honors for all three squad members.

The Rec Hall Advantage

Between Sept. 1, 2006 and Dec. 10, 2010 the Penn State women's volleyball team won a record-setting 94 consecutive home court matches. Penn State's 94-match home court winning streak ranks as one of the longest streaks in any D1 NCAA sport. In NCAA team sports of record, only a trio of men's basketball streaks (Kentucky, 1943-55 [129]; St. Bonaventure, 1948-61 [99]; UCLA, 1970-76 [98]) outranks the Nittany Lions' home court run. The women's volleyball program owns two of the top home court winning streaks having won 87 consecutive matches between Nov. 25, 1995 and Sept. 16, 2000. Nebraska's 91-match home court winning streak ranks second all-time.

Leading Lions

The team captains for the 2011-12 season are senior Katie Kabbes, junior Kristin Carpenter and redshirt sophomore Darcy Dorton.

Streaks

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.

Top Five Consecutive Big Ten Win 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)

NCAA Notes

The Nittany Lions made history in 2010 winning their fourth straight NCAA title. It was the fifth overall for the program and for head coach Russ Rose, the most national championships ever for a Division I volleyball head coach. Penn State's four consecutive NCAA women's volleyball titles are the most consecutive national titles ever for a Division I volleyball squad. The program's five titles (1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010) ranks second all-time behind Stanford's six.

Since 1981, only 10 teams have won an NCAA title in Division I women's volleyball, which currently totals 328 programs. The schools include, USC (3), Hawaii (3), UCLA (3), Pacific (2), Texas (1), LBSU (3), Stanford (6), Nebraska (3), Penn State (5) and Washington (1). Only four other teams have made an appearance in the NCAA National Championship, including Wisconsin, Florida, Minnesota and California. In addition, only 10 other teams besides the ones previously listed have earned a spot in the NCAA National Semifinals. These programs include, San Diego State, San Jose State, Illinois, UT-Arlington, LSU, Ohio State, Michigan State, Arizona, Santa Clara and Tennessee.

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Penn State in Recent Big Ten Standings

<u>2007</u>			
<u>No.</u>	Team	Rec.	Big Ten
1	Penn State	33-2	20-0
2	Wisconsin	26-5	17-3
3	Minnesota	18-13	11-9
	Purdue	19-14	11-9
5	Michigan	24-11	10-10
	Michigan State	21-14	10-10
7	Northwestern	18-13	9-11
8	Illinois	16-14	8-12
9	Ohio State	13-16	7-13
10	Indiana	15-17	6-14
11	lowa	9-22	1-19
<u>2008</u>			
<u>No.</u>	<u>Team</u>	Rec.	<u>Big Ten</u>
1	Penn State	38-0	20-0
2	Minnesota	27-7	16-4
3	Illinois	26-8	15-5
4	Purdue	26-9	13-7
5	Michigan	26-9	12-8
6	Indiana	17-15	9-11
7	Wisconsin	17-15	7-13
	Michigan State	15-16	7-13
9	lowa	14-18	6-14
10	Ohio State	12-20	3-17
11	Northwestern	8-23	2-18
2009			
No.	Team	Rec.	Big Ten
1	Penn State	36-0	20-0
2	Illinois	26-5	16-4
3	Minnesota	28-8	15-5
4	Michigan	27-10	12-8
	Ohio State	25-10	12-8
6	Northwestern	16-16	7-13
7	Indiana	17-17	6-14
	Purdue	14-17	6-14
	Wisconsin	11-18	6-14
10	Michigan State	17-16	5-15
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<u>2010</u>

lowa

<u>No.</u>	<u>Team</u>	Rec.	Big Ten
1	Penn State	32-5	16-4
2	Minnesota	26-9	14-6
	Illinois	24-9	14-6
4	Michigan	23-10	12-8
	Purdue	24-11	12-8
6	Ohio State	24-12	10-10
7	Indiana	23-12	9-11
	Northwestern	20-13	9-11
9	Michigan State	15-16	7-13
10	Wisconsin	16-15	5-15
11	lowa	7-22	2-18
	Wisconsin	16-16	8-12

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Penn State in the top 10 Big Ten Stats (as of Nov. 27, 2011)

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Category		Rank (leader)		
		2nd (NEB262)		
Katie Slay	390	2nd	371	2nd
Opp. Hitting Pct	172	4th (NEB143)		3rd (NEB158)
Assists Per Set	12.58	7th (OSU - 13.39)	12.91	2nd (OSU - 13.04)
Micha Hancock	10.37	6th	10.88	4th
Kills Per Set	13.63	7th (OSU - 14.29)	13.89	1st
Deja McClendon	3.59	8th	3.54	9th
Ariel Scott	3.48	10th	3.88	4th
Blocks Per Set	2.70	2nd (PUR - 2.78)	2.73	2nd (PUR - 2.74)
Katie Slay	1.44	1st	1.50	1st
Service Aces Per Se	t1.72	1st	1.64	1st
Micha Hancock	0.78	1st	0.76	1st
Ali Longo	0.28	8th	0.29	6th
Digs Per Set	14.09	10th (NU - 15.92)	14.97	9th (MINN - 16.40)
Ali Longo	3.31	N/A	4.04	9th

Penn State in the top 50 National Stats (as of Nov. 28, 2011)

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Category	All Matches	Rank	<u>Leader</u>	Stats
			Florida	
Katie Slay		16th	L. Hutchinson	437
Assists Per Set	12.58	N/A	N. Illinois	14.01
Kills Per Set	13.63	N/A	N. Illinois	15.05
Blocks Per Set	2.70	18th	Washington	3.18
Katie Slay	1.44	10th	M. Plourde, Colo. St	1.68
Service Aces Per Set		8th	South Carolina St	2.10
Micha Hancock	0.78	2nd	J. Myer, Belmont	0.79
Digs Per Set	14.09	N/A	Southern Miss	18.75

Volleyball Links	;
Penn State Athletics	www.goPSUsports.com
• Rich Kern	www.RichKern.com
PSU WVB Booster Club	www.psuwvbc.net
Big Ten Conference	www.BigTen.org
Big Ten Network	www.BigTenNetwork.com
• NCAA	www.ncaa.com
• AVCA	www.avca.org
• USA Volleyball (USAV)	www.usav.org

Career Milestones

Several Nittany Lions are nearing career milestones in 2011:

Kristin Carpenter

- Has 1,444 assists. Needs 556 to reach 2,000.
- Has 477 digs. Needs 23 to reach 500.

Darcy Dorton

• Has 295 kills. Needs 205 to reach 500.

Katie Kabbes

• Has 192 kills. Needs 8 to reach 200.

Deja McClendon

- Has 824 kills. Needs 176 to reach 1,000.
- Has 140 blocks. Needs 60 to reach 200.
- Has 459 digs. Needs 41 to reach 500.

Ariel Scott

• Has 522 kills. Needs 478 to reach 1,000.

Katie Slay

- Has 294 kills. Needs 6 to reach 300.
- Has 246 blocks. Needs 54 to reach 300.

Career Leaders

Below are the career leaders in each statistical category:

Kills

2,282 Lori Barberich, 1981-84 2,142 Megan Hodge, 2006-09

Hitting Percentage

.468 Arielle Wilson, 2007-10 .433 Christa Harmotto, 2005-08

Digs

1,957 Kaleena Walters, 2002-05 1,685 Kim Kumfer, 1989-92

Total Blocks

767 Lauren Cacciamani, 1996-99 736 Terri Zemaitis, 1994-97

Assists

6,596 Michelle Jaworski, 1987-90 6,087 Sam Tortorello, 2002-05

Aces

235 Ellen Hensler, 1983-86 183 Vida Kernich, 1983-86

Match-By-Match	Starting	Lineups
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Date	<u>Opp</u> .	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Setter</u>	<u>Opp</u> .	<u>OH</u>	OH/DS	MB	MB	Ŀ
8/26	Oregon	L	3-1	Carpenter	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Kabbes	Longo
8/27	USC	W	3-2	Hancock	Kabbes	McClendon	Scott	Slay	Grant	Carpenter
9/2	Miami	W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Carpenter
9/2	Pittsburg	hW	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Carpenter
9/3	UNH	W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Carpenter
9/9	Stanford	I L	3-1	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Carpenter
9/10	Texas	L	3-2	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Carpenter
9/16	LIU	W	3-0	Hancock	Kabbes	McClendon	Scott	Slay	Grant	Carpenter
9/17	Rutgers	W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
9/17	FGCU	W	3-1	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
9/21	Nebrask	a L	3-2	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
9/24	lowa	W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Whitney	Slay	Grant	Longo
9/30	Wisconsi	nW	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
10/1	Minnesot	a W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
10/5	NU	W	3-2	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
10/8	Illinois	L	3-2	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Gonz.	Slay	Grant	Longo
10/14	4 Purdue	W	3-1	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Gonz.	Slay	Grant	Longo
10/1	5 Indiana	W	3-0	Hancock	McClendo		Carp.	Slay	Grant	Longo
10/19	9 Ohio St.	W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Gonz.	Slay	Grant	Longo
10/22	2 Michiga	n W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
10/28	3 Iowa	W	3-1	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
10/29	9 Nebrask	aW	3-1	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
11/4	Minnesot	аW	3-2	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Gonz.	Slay	Grant	Longo
11/6	Wisconsi	n L	3-2	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Gonz.	Slay	Grant	Longo
11/1	1 Illinois	L	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Gonz.	Slay	Grant	Longo
11/12	2 NU	W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
11/18	3 Indiana	W	3-0	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
	9 Purdue	W	3-1	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
11/23	3 Ohio St.	W	3-1	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo
11/26	6 MSU	W	3-1	Hancock	Scott	McClendon	Martin	Slay	Grant	Longo

2011 Honors

Kristin Carpenter

Preseason All-Big Ten Pittsburgh Invitational All-Tournament Team

Deja McClendon

Unanimous Preseason All-Big Ten AVCA Showcase All-Tournament Team Pittsburgh Invitational All-Tournament Team Nike Big Four VB Classic All-Tournament Team Big Ten Player of the Week (11/14) First Team All-Big Ten

Katie Slay

Preseason All-Big Ten Hampton Inn Classic MVP Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week (9/19, 10/3) First Team All-Big Ten Co-Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year

Micha Hancock

AVCA Showcase All-Tournament Team Pittsburgh Invitational MVP Big Ten Co-Freshman of the Week (11/14, 11/21 & 11/28) Big Ten Freshman of the Year Unanimous Big Ten All-Freshman Team Selection

Ariel Scott

Hampton Inn Classic All-Tournament Team Unanimous First Team All-Big Ten

Ali Longo

Hampton Inn Classic All-Tournament Team Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week (11/21)

Nittany Lions By Month

Penn State is 35-5 (.875) all-time during the month of August. Its first two losses came during the inaugural NACWAA in 1995 when Nebraska swept the Lions, and in the 1999 NACWAA when Florida outlasted Penn State 3-2 in the opening round. The Lions lost to UCLA in the first round of the NACWAA in 2000 and fell to defending national champion Stanford in the first round of the AVCA/NACWAA Showcase in 2005, hosted by the Qwest Center in Omaha, Neb. Penn State's most recent August loss came to Oregon in the AVCA Showcase on Aug. 26, 2011.

Penn State is 349-54-4 (.862) all-time during the month of September. Amazingly, the Lions are 170-15 (.919) during September dating back to the 1995 season and 58-7 (.892) over the last five years.

The Lions are 376-67 (.849) all-time during the month of October. Penn State has posted a 83-13 (.864) mark in October over the last 10 seasons, a record of 47-4 (.922) in the last five years and did not lose a match during the month from 2007 to 2010 .

Penn State is 273-57 (.827) all-time during the month of November, including a 81-10 (.890) mark over the last 10 seasons. The Lions had a six-year streak from 1995-2000 where they did not lose a match in the month, and over the last eight seasons, Penn State has a 69-4 (.945) mark in November.

Quick Sets

• During a period from Oct. 16, 1996 to Nov. 9, 2001, Penn State had won 139 consecutive matches when taking a 2-0 lead. Since joining the Big Ten for the 1991 season, Penn State has played in 698 total matches, winning 621. Amazingly, 497 of those 621 wins, or 80%, have been three-game sweeps. Over the last five years, Penn State has won 149 of its 174 victories in three games (86%), including 37 out of 38 (98%) in 2008 and 32 out of 38 in 2009 (84%).

• Over the last 15 years, the Lions have lost only 57 matches. And of those 20 teams that defeated the Lions – Brigham Young, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Long Beach State, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Nebraska, Northwestern, Ohio State, Oregon, Purdue, USC, Stanford, Temple, Tennessee, UCLA, Washington and Wisconsin – only nine of these teams (Nebraska, Stanford, Ohio State, Illinois, Wisconsin, UCLA, Minnesota, Florida and Michigan State,) have been able to beat Penn State a third time. The Lions have compiled a 278-58 (83%) mark in the last 15 years versus these teams.

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vs. Michigan	30-2	vs. Stanford	6-7
vs. Northwestern	30-2	vs. Michigan State	27-3
vs. Wisconsin	26-7	vs. Ohio State	26-6
vs. Florida	4-3	vs. UCLA	3-3
vs. Nebraska	5-4	vs. Minnesota	27-6
vs. LBSU	0-1	vs. USC	2-1
vs. Illinois	28-5	vs. Temple	2-1
vs. Brigham Young	5-1	vs. Tennessee	0-1
vs. Purdue	32-1	vs. Indiana	30-1
vs. Washington	0-1	vs. Oregon	1-1

Penn State by the Numbers

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- 5 Number of NCAA National Championships (1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010)
- 10 Number of "Fab 50" selections on the 2010 squad
- 14 Number of Big Ten titles in 20 seasons in the league
- 20 Number of Conference Players of the Year
- 30 Number of NCAA Tournaments Penn State has participated in, one of two schools to play in all 30.
- 34 Number of consecutive 20-win seasons
- 36 Seasons of Penn State women's volleyball, which started in 1976 under the direction of Tom Tait
- 68 Number of polls in which Penn State was ranked No. 1
 - Number of Big Ten home match wins between Oct. 10/29/04 and 10/8/11
- 65 Longest Big Ten winning streak recorded by the Nittany Lions from 11/11/06 to 9/24/10
- 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
- 134 Number of Academic All-Big Ten honorees in 20 years
- 223 Number of home match wins at Rec Hall in last 10 years
- 1,056 Number of wins by head coach Russ Rose in his 33rd season
- 1,107 Number of wins in Penn State women's volleyball history

Double-Doubles

Kristin Carpenter (10 career)

- at Florida, 9/10/10 (41 assists, 12 digs)
- vs. GWU, 9/17/10 (31 assists, 10 digs)
- at Illinois, 9/24/10 (53 assists, 10 digs)
- at Indiana, 10/9/10 (50 assists, 13 digs)
- vs. Iowa, 10/16/10 (34 assists, 10 digs)
- vs. Indiana, 10/29/10 (37 assists, 10 digs)
- at Michigan, 11/5/10 (26 assists, 11 digs)
- at Iowa, 11/26/10 (42 assists, 11 digs)
- at Minnesota, 11/27/10 (70 assists, 15 digs)
- vs. Duke, 12/11/10 (45 assists, 13 digs)

Deja McClendon (6 season, 11 career)

- at Ohio State, 11/23/11 (15 kills, 16 digs)
- at Nebraska, 9/21/11 (16 kills, 13 digs)
- vs. Illinois, 10/8/11 (12 kills, 11 digs)
- at Minnesota, 11/4/11 (23 kills, 10 digs)
- at Wisconsin, 11/6/11 (17 kills, 16 digs)
- at Northwestern, 11/12/11 (20 kills, 10 digs)
- at Wisconsin, 9/26/10 (12 kills, 16 digs)
- vs. Michigan, 10/2/10 (14 kills, 10 digs)
- at Purdue, 10/8/10 (20 kills, 11 digs)
- vs. Purdue, 10/30/10 (16 kills, 15 digs)
- vs. Duke, 12/11/10 (20 kills, 10 digs)

Ariel Scott (1 season, 1 career)

vs. Northwestern, 10/5/11 (13 kills, 13 digs)

Maddie Martin (1 season, 1 career)

• vs. lowa, 10/28/11 (10 kills, 14 digs)

Micha Hancock (9 season)

- at Pitt, 9/2/11 (27 assists, 11 digs)
- at Stanford, 9/9/11 (45 assists, 11 digs)
- vs. Texas, 9/10/11 (52 assists, 12 digs)
- vs. FGCU, 9/17/11 (36 assists, 13 digs)
- at Nebraska, 9/21/11 (53 assists, 12 digs)
- vs. Illinois, 10/8/11 (45 assists, 19 digs)
- vs. lowa, 10/28/11 (47 assists, 16 digs)
- at Minnesota, 11/4/11 (58 assists, 18 digs)
- at Wisconsin, 11/6/11 (60 assists, 13 digs)

The Last Time a Lion...

Had 30 or more kills	. 31 - Nicole Fawcett vs. Cal Poly (8/31/07)
Had 10 or more blocks	10 - Katie Slay vs. FGCU (9/17/11)
Had five or more aces	7 - Micha Hancock vs. Illiniois (10/8/11)
Had 25 or more digs35	5 - Alyssa D'Errico at Minnesota (11/27/10)
Had 80 or more assists	82 - Samatha 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. FGCU, 9/17/11 (20-25, 25-11, 25-17, 25-11)
Lost a match	vs. Texas, 9/10/11 (23-25, 20-25, 25-19, 25-14, 10-15)
Won a match	vs. FGCU, 9/17/11 (20-25, 25-11, 25-17, 25-11)
Lost at home	vs. Oregon, 8/26/11 (25-16, 25-21, 25-20, 25-22)
Won 3-0 at home	vs. Rutgers, 9/17/11 (25-12, 25-17, 25-14)
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. New Hampshire, 9/3/11 (25-14, 25-11, 25-11)
Lost 3-0 on the road	vs. Stanford, 9/11/10 (26-28, 12-25, 18-25)

vs. Big Ten Opponents (regular-season matches)

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Won a match	at Michigan State, 11/26/11 (27-25, 16-25, 25-16, 25-15)
Lost a match	at Illinois, 11/11/11 (21-25, 23-25, 26-28)
Won at home	vs. Purdue, 11/19/11 (22-25, 25-18, 25-15, 25-18)
Lost at home	vs. Illinois, 10/8/11 (25-21, 21-25, 25-23, 21-25, 12-15)
Won 3-0 at home	vs. Indiana, 11/18/11 (25-14, 25-23, 25-12)
Lost 3-0 at home	vs. Minnesota, 10/18/03 (26-30, 18-30, 21-30)
Won 3-0 on the road	at Northwestern, 11/12/11 (25-19, 25-14, 25-17)
Lost 3-0 on the road	at Illinois, 11/11/11 (21-25, 23-25, 26-28)

All Matches

Won a match	at Michigan State, 11/26/11 (27-25, 16-25, 25-16, 25-15)
Lost a match	at Illinois, 11/11/11 (21-25, 23-25, 26-28)
Won at home	vs. Purdue, 11/19/11 (22-25, 25-18, 25-15, 25-18)
Lost at home	vs. Illinois, 10/8/11 (25-21, 21-25, 25-23, 21-25, 12-15)
Won 3-0 at home	vs. Indiana, 11/18/11 (25-14, 25-23, 25-12)
Lost 3-0 at home	vs. Indiana, 10/29/10 (25-17, 25-18, 25-22)
Won 3-0 on the road	at Northwestern, 11/12/11 (25-19, 25-14, 25-17)
Lost 3-0 on the road	at Illinois, 11/11/11 (21-25, 23-25, 26-28)

Packing Rec Hall Once Again

As usual, Penn State is among the national leaders in attendance in 2011. The Nittany Lions rank fifth in the country averaing 3,360 fans per match so far this season. Hawaii sits in first place, while Nebraska ranks second, Minnesota sits at third and Wisconsin is fourth.

	School	Average Attend.	Total Attend.	Home Dates		School	Average Attend.	Total Attend.	Home Dates
1.	Hawaii	6,497	129,940	20	16.	New Mexico	2,184	26,211	12
2.	Nebraska	4,572	64,002	14	17.	Colorado St.	2,151	25,815	12
3.	Minnesota	4,173	41,726	10	18.	Michigan St.	2,008	30,120	15
4.	Wisconsin	3,754	45,049	12	19.	TCU	1,734	20,806	12
5.	Penn State	3,301	49,515	15	20.	Oregon	1,599	20,788	13
6.	Texas	2,700	32,404	12	21.	Louisville	1,588	17,466	11
7.	Illinois	2,646	34,395	13	22.	N. Mex. St.	1,573	18,878	12
8.	Florida	2,624	41,990	16	23.	USC	1,548	17,033	11
9.	Wichita St.	2,527	27,797	11	24.	Texas A&M	1,525	16,780	11
10.	Washington	2,509	30,111	12	25.	Kansas St.	1,495	17,941	12
11.	Purdue	2,418	38,686	16	26.	Duke	1,436	21,541	15
12.	Stanford	2,326	32,560	14	27.	Ohio	1,436	15,792	11
13.	UNI	2,319	34,787	15	28.	UNC	1,371	20,566	15
14.	Missouri	2,298	25,729	11	29.	lowa	1,352	20,285	15
15.	Iowa State	2,270	22,700	10	30.	BYU	1,281	16,651	13

Head Coach Russ Rose

Penn State head coach Russ Rose is in his 33rd season at the helm of the Nittany Lion program with an overall record of 1,033-164. Rose joins just two other coaches who have passes the 1,000-win plateau during their careers with the win on Dec. 17, 2009.

(All numbers current as of Dec. 18, 2010)

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1,04	5 Dave Shoji, Hawaii (36 yrs)
1,03	3 Russ Rose, Penn State (32 yrs)
892	Mike Hebert, Minnesota (ret.) (35 yrs)
886	Elaine Michaelis, BYU (ret.) (33 yrs)
847	Kathy Gregory, UCSB (36 yrs)
834	Shelton Collier, Wingate (30 yrs)
828	Debby Colberg, Sacramento St. (ret.) (32 yrs)
809	Marilyn Nolen, Sul Ross St. (ret.) (32 yrs)

Rose also currently ranks first in the nation in terms of winngest active coaches by percentage.

.863	Russ Rose, Penn State (32 years)
.853	1,033-164 career record Dave Shoji, Hawaii (36 years)
.000	1,045-179 career record
.844	Mary Wise, Florida (24 years)
	713-132 career record
.830	John Cook, Nebraska (18 years)
	497-102 career record
.828	John Dunning, Stanford (26 years)
	726-151 career record

Rose at a Glance

 1999, 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2010 NCAA National Champions

• 2007 inductee into the AVCA Hall of Fame

• 2005 USA Volleyball All-Time Great Coach

2000 USOC Volleyball Coach of the Year

• 1997, '99, 2007 & '08 AVCA National Coach of the Year

• 12-time Big Ten Coach of the Year ('92, '93, '96, '97 (co), '98, '03 (co), '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10)

• 14 Big Ten Conference Championships ('92, '93, '96, '97, '98, '99, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10)

• 31 All-Americans earning 68 honors

• Has led Penn State to 30 consecutive NCAA Tournaments (one of two schools to do so)

• 2010 National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame inductee

• 2010 USAV Leader in Volleyball

• Eight straight Atlantic 10 titles

Nittany Lion Airtime

Can't follow your Nittany Lions 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 nine times between the Big Ten Network and ESPN. All other matches will be streamed live on GoPSUsports.com via All-Access or on BigTenNetwork.com. All schools will provide live scoring via the web, as well.

Nittany Lion Television Sche	dule
<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Air Time</u>
Oregon	BTN - live
USC	BTN - live
Nebraska	BTN - live
Minnesota	BTN - live
Northwestern	BTN - live
Illinois	BTN - tape delay until Oct. 10
Michigan	ESPN2 - tape delay until Oct. 23
Nebraska	BTN - live
Minnesota	BTN - live
	Oregon USC Nebraska Minnesota Northwestern Illinois Michigan Nebraska

Preseason Conference Poll and All-Big Ten Selections

The Big Ten head women's volleyball coaches voted Penn State as the preseason favorite for the seventh consecutive year. Penn State was one of nine schools with student-athletes selected to the Preseason All-Big Ten team and one of five schools with multiple student-athletes chosen.

2011 Preseason All-	Big Te	<u>en</u>
Name, School	Yr.	Pos.
*Michelle Bartsch, Illinois	Sr.	OH
*Colleen Ward, Illinois	Sr.	OH
*Alex Hunt, Michigan	Sr.	OH
Jenilee Rathje	Sr.	OH/MB
Tori Dixon, Minnesota	So.	MB
Ashley Wittman, Minnesota	So.	OH
Lauren Cook, Nebraska	Jr.	S
*Brooke Delano, Nebraska	Sr.	MB
Hannah Werth, Nebraska	Jr.	OH
Stephanie Holthus, NU	So.	OH
Kristin Carpenter, Penn State	Jr.	S
*Deja McClendon, Penn State	e So.	ОН
Katie Slay, Penn State	So.	MH
Carly Cramer, Purdue	Jr.	DS
Tiffany Fisher, Purdue	Sr.	MB
Ariel Turner, Purdue	Jr.	OH
Alexis Mitchell, Wisconsin	Jr.	MB

* - unanimous selection

2011 Big Ten Preseason Coaches Poll 1. Penn State

- 2. Illinois
- Nebraska
- 4. Purdue
- 5. Minnesota
 6. Michigan State

2011 Schedule and Results

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1999, 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2010 NCAA Champions								
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Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Set Scores	Site	Att.	Record	Time
Aug. 26	Oregon	L	3-1	25-16, 21-25, 20-25, 22-25	University Park, Pa.	3,710	0-1	2:04
Aug. 27	No. 2 USC	W	3-2	21-25, 21-25, 25-20, 25-22, 15-8	University Park, Pa.	6,165	1-1	2:29
Sept. 2	Miami (Ohio)	W	3-0	25-20, 25-18, 25-21	Pittsburgh, Pa.		2-1	1:36
Sept. 2	Pittsburgh	W	3-0	25-13, 25-12, 25-18	Pittsburgh, Pa.	2,138	3-1	1:24
Sept. 3	New Hampshire	W	3-0	25-14, 25-11, 25-11	Pittsburgh, Pa.		4-1	1:08
Sept. 9	No. 3 Stanford	L	3-1	25-23, 19-25, 25-27, 18-25	Palo Alto, Calif.	3,021	4-2	2:07
Sept. 10	No. 10 Texas	L	3-2	23-25, 20-25, 25-19, 25-14, 10-15	Palo Alto, Calif.	2,188	4-3	2:20
Sept. 16	Long Island	W	3-0	29-27, 25-8, 25-13	University Park, Pa.	2,413	5-3	1:16
Sept. 17	Rutgers	W	3-0	25-12, 25-17, 25-14	University Park, Pa.		6-3	1:04
Sept. 17	Florida Gulf Coast	W	3-1	20-25, 25-11, 25-17, 25-11	University Park, Pa.	3,114	7-3	1:38
Sept. 21	No. 10 Nebraska	L	3-2	18-25, 16-25, 25-23, 25-19, 10-15	Lincoln, Neb.	4,186	7-4	2:30
Sept. 24	Iowa	W	3-0	25-23, 25-23, 25-14	Iowa City, Iowa	2,133	8-4	1:35
Sept. 30	Wisconsin	W	3-0	25-18, 25-20, 25-22	University Park, Pa.	3,327	9-4	1:28
Oct. 1	No. 10 Minnesota	W	3-0	25-15, 26-24, 25-15	University Park, Pa.	3,311	10-4	1:29
Oct. 5	Northwestern	W	3-2	19-25, 25-22, 18-25, 25-13, 11-15	University Park, Pa.	1,447	11-4	2:18
Oct. 8	No. 1 Illinois	L	3-2	25-21, 21-25, 25-23, 21-25, 12-15	University Park, Pa.	5,211	11-5	2:57
Oct. 14	No. 11 Purdue	W	3-1	32-30, 16-25, 25-19, 25-19	West Lafayette, Ind.	2,277	12-5	2:00
Oct. 15	Indiana	W	3-0	25-18, 25-16, 25-21	Bloomington, Ind.	1,133	13-5	1:25
Oct. 19	No. 23 Ohio State	W	3-0	28-26, 25-18, 25-15	University Park, Pa.	2,106	14-5	1:30
Oct. 22	No. 21 Michigan	W	3-0	25-22, 25-21, 25-23	University Park, Pa.	2.578	15-5	1:34
Oct. 28	Iowa	W	3-1	25-23, 18-25, 25-16, 25-20	University Park, Pa.	2,765	16-5	1:51
Oct. 29	No. 1 Nebraska	W	3-1	25-17, 25-15, 17-25, 25-17	University Park, Pa.	4,417	17-5	2:09
Nov. 4	No. 15 Minnesota	W	3-2	27-25, 25-17, 23-25, 23-25, 15-12	Minneapolis, Minn.	4,731	18-5	2:46
Nov. 6	Wisconsin	L	3-2	24-26, 19-25, 34-32, 25-14, 12-15	Madison, Wis.	4,391	18-6	2:37
Nov. 11	No. 7 Illinois	L	3-0	21-25, 23-25, 26-28	Champaign, Ill.	3,905	18-7	1:39
Nov. 12	Northwestern	W	3-0	25-19, 25-14, 25-17	Evanston, Ill.	1,750	19-7	1:21
Nov. 18	Indiana	W	3-0	25-14, 25-23, 25-12	University Park, Pa.	2,490	20-7	1:23
Nov. 19	No. 8 Purdue	W	3-1	22-25, 25-18, 25-15, 25-18	University Park, Pa.	3,693	21-7	2:02
Nov. 23	Ohio State	W	3-1	23-25, 25-22, 25-23, 25-13	Columbus, Ohio	3,235	22-7	1:55
Nov. 26	Michigan State	W	3-1	27-25, 16-25, 25-16, 25-15	East Lansing, Mich.	3,511	23-7	2:32

Individual Player Match-By-Match Highs

	2000, 2008	9 & 2010 N	CAA Char	npions	
	Individua	I Player Match	I-Bv-Match H	liahs	
ate Opponent	Kills	Attacks	Assists	Digs	Total Blocks
. 26 Oregon	15 - McClendon	45 - Scott	32 - Carpenter	9 - Gonzalez	5 - Kabbes
20 USC	25 - McClendon	53 - McClendon	45 - Hancock	20 - Carpenter	10 - Kabbes
. 2 Miami (Ohio)	14 - McClendon	34 - McClendon	32 - Hancock	10 - Carpenter	3 - Martin
			52 Hancock	10 Carpenter	3 - Grant
2 Pittsburgh	12 - Scott	29 - Scott	27 - Hancock	11 - Hancock	2 - Slay
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3 New Hampshire	6 - Whitney	16 - McClendon	30 - Hancock	10 - Carpenter	6 - Slay
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9 Stanford	17 - McClendon	50 - McClendon	45 - Hancock	16 - Carpenter	3 - Grant
		50 - McClendon	43 - Hancock 52 - Hancock		
10 Texas	25 - McClendon 9 - McClendon	19 - Scott	22 - Hancock 23 - Hancock	23 - Carpenter 8 - McClendon	8 - Slay 5 - Slay
16 Long Island					5 - Slay
17 Rutgers	10 - McClendon	22 - Scott	33 - Hancock 36 - Hancock	10 - McClendon	4 - Slay
17 Florida Gulf Coast	17 - Scott	31 - Scott	•	13 - Hancock	10 - Slay
21 Nebraska	23 - Scott	55 - McClendon	53 - Hancock	16 - Longo	5 - Grant
24 Iowa	18 - Scott	44 - Scott	37 - Hancock	17 - Longo	5 - Slay
30 Wisconsin	12 - Scott	29 - McClendon	29 - Hancock	11 - Longo	5 - Slay
l Minnesota	14 - Scott	38 - Scott	29 - Hancock	10 - Martin	7 - Slay
5 Northwestern	16 - McClendon	49 - Scott	43 - Hancock	18 - Longo	6 - Slay
3 Illinois	27 - Scott	74 - Scott	45 - Hancock	24 - Longo	7 - Slay
14 Purdue	14 - McClendon	39 - Scott	44 - Hancock	19 - Longo	4 - Slay
15 Indiana	13 - McClendon	24 - Scott	31 - Hancock	11 - Longo	5 - Slay
19 Ohio State	9 - Grant 9 - Slay	20 - Scott	32 - Hancock	9 - Longo	8 - Slay
22 Michigan	11 - Scott	27 - Scott	33 - Hancock	12 - Longo	3 - Grant
0	-			0	3 - Slay
28 Iowa	20 - Scott	50 - Scott	47 - Hancock	18 - Longo	6 - Slay
29 Nebraska	18 - McClendon	47 - McClendon	35 - Hancock	17 - Longo	8 - Slay
4 Minnesota	26 - Scott	56 - McClendon	58 - Hancock	18 - Longo	9 - Grant
6 Wisconsin	23 - Scott	57 - Scott	60 - Hancock	17 - Longo	6 - Grant
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11 Illinois	17- McClendon	40 - McClendon	35 - Hancock	17 - Longo	3 - Scott
12 Northwestern	20 - McClendon	41 - McClendon	42 - Hancock	12 - Longo	6 - Slay
18 Indiana	15 - Scott	30 - Scott	38 - Hancock	11 - Longo	7 - Slay
19 Purdue	19 - McClendon	45 - McClendon	47 - Hancock	26 - Longo	8 - Slay
23 Ohio State	15 - McClendon	37 - Scott	51 - Hancock	20 - Longo	3 - Slay
	15 - Scott	35 - Scott	38 - Hancock	-	5 - Slay
26 Michigan State	1) - 3000	<i>55 -</i> 500tt	Jo - I Idlicock	15 - Longo	5 - Slay 5 - Martin
s (including ties)	16 - McClendon	18 - Scott	29 - Hancock	19 - Longo	23 - Slay
, (including ties)				e	
	13 - Scott	12 - McClendon	1 - Carpenter	6 - Carpenter	6 - Grant
	1 - Whitney			2 - McClendon	2 - Kabbes
	1 - Grant			2 - Hancock	2 - Martin
	1 - Slay			1 - Gonzalez	1 - Scott

Team Match-By-Match State Comparison

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	Opponent	<u>Sets</u>	<u>Kills</u>	Hitting %	Aces	Digs	Total Team Blocks	Total Points Scored*
Aug. 26		4	48/62	.308/.277	5/4	43/53	8.5/5.5	61.5/71.5
Aug. 27		5	65/64	.298/.265	8/4	58/60	18.5/6.0	91.5/74.0
	Miami (Ohio)	3	40/29	.250/.153	5/3	32/27	6.0/6.5	51.0/38.5
	Pittsburgh	3	38/26	.348/.090	6/3	39/34	6.0/4.0	50.0/33.0
Sept. 3	New Hampshire	3	38/20	.397/.037	9/1	37/27	8.0/1.5	55.0/22.5
	Stanford	4	57/50	.142/.224	5/1	63/65	5.5/15.0	67.5/66.0
Sept. 10	Texas	5	61/50	.217/.152	10/9	69/62	13.5/13.0	84.5/72.0
Sept. 16	Long Island	3	38/22	.308/067	6/3	33/24	10.0/6.0	54.0/31.0
	Rutgers	3	45/22	.419/.048	4/2	35/25	8.0/2.0	57.0/26.0
	Florida Gulf Coast	4	54/32	.315/.094	11/3	45/34	14.0/10.0	79.0/45.0
Sept. 21	Nebraska	5	56/62	.182/.229	3/3	60/66	9.0/11.0	68.0/76.0
Sept. 24		3	45/37	.234/.158	5/2	50/56	6.0/1.0	56.0/40.0
	Wisconsin	3	39/32	.202/.105	10/4	34/42	11.5/7.5	60.5/43.5
	Minnesota	3	40/37	.344/.143	5/0	41/41	14.5/4.0	59.5/41.0
Oct. 5	Northwestern	5	59/52	.229/.180	4/10	74/61	11.0/9.0	74.0/71.0
Oct. 8	Illinois	5	68/55	.134/.184	9/8	99/93	12.5/17.0	89.5/80.0
Oct. 14	Purdue	4	59/57	.250/.250	10/3	65/64	7.5/8/0	76.5/68.0
Oct. 15	Indiana	3	37/27	.221/.023	4/2	32/26	10.0/9.0	51.0/38.0
Oct. 19	Ohio State	3	45/37	.389/.225	3/1	29/31	10.0/5.5	58.0/43.5
	Michigan	3	45/42	.330/.237	6/3	42/41	6.0/6.0	57.0/51.0
Oct. 28		4	58/50	.242/.191	9/5	81/78	11.0/6.0	78.0/61.0
	Nebraska	4	49/42	.194/.116	9/1	64/56	14.0/8.0	71.0/52.0
	Minnesota	5	72/69	.335/.246	7/8	68/83	17.5/0.0	96.5/77.0
Nov. 6	Wisconsin	5	77/59	.212/.173	4/2	79/86	15.0/14.0	96.0/75.0
Nov. 11	Illinois	3	45/42	.248/.340	9/6	45/50	5.0/3.0	59.0/51.0
	Northwestern	3	47/29	.346/.126	3/1	49/42	12.0/5.0	62.0/35.0
Nov. 18	Indiana	3	44/31	.385/.121	6/2	45/40	7.0/2.0	57.0/35.0
Nov. 19		4	58/49	.285/.169	6/4	70/67	10.0/4.0	74.0/57.0
	Ohio State	4	58/50	.245/.181	10/4	67/60	6.0/12.0	74.0/66.0
	Michigan State	4	55/47	.271/.142	3/3	44/55	12.0/7.0	70.0/57.0

* indicates total points scored by a team (kills, aces, blocks), not the cumulative total game scores, which also take into account opponent errors

2011 Penn State Superlatives

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Three setsIndi	vidual	<u>Team</u>
Kills:20 -	Deja McClendon at Northwestern (11/12)	
Attacks:44 -	Ariel Scott at Iowa (9/24)	124 - at Iowa (9/24)
Attack Percentage*:818	8 (9-0-11) - Nia Grant vs. Ohio State (10/19)	
Assists:42 -	Micha Hancock at Northwestern (11/12)	
Aces:6 - N	Vicha Hancock vs. New Hampshire (9/3)	10 - vs. Wisconsin (9/30)
Digs:17 -	2x, last, Ali Longo at Illinois (11/11)	50 - at Iowa (9/24)
	3x, last, Katie Slay at Northwestern (11/12)	
Block Assists:8 - k	Katie Slay vs. Ohio State (10/19)	
Total Blocks:8 - k	Katie Slay vs. Ohio State (10/19)	14.5 - vs. Minnesota (10/1)
Four sets Indi	vidual	Team
	Ariel Scott vs. Iowa (10/28)	
Attacks: 50 -	2x, last, A. Scott vs. Iowa (10/28)	169 - at Stanford (9/9)
	3 (12-1-15) - Katie Slay at Ohio State (11/23)	
	Micha Hancock at Ohio State (11/23)	
Aces: 6 - N	Vicha Hancock vs. Nebraska (10/29)	11 - vs FGCU (9/17)
	Ali Longo vs. Purdue (11/19)	
	Nia Grant vs. Iowa (10/28)	
Block Assists:	Katie Slay vs. FGCU (9/17)	
Total Blocks:	Katie Slay vs. FGCU (9/17)	
	<u>vidual</u>	
	Ariel Scott vs. Illinois (10/5)	
Attacks:74 -	Ariel Scott vs. Illinois (10/5)	
Attack Percentage*:647	7 (11-0-17) - Nia Grant vs. ÚSC (8/27)	
Assists:60 -	Micha Hancock at Wisconsin (11/6)	
Aces:	Micha Hancock vs. Illinois (10/8)	
	Ali Longo vs. Illinois (10/8)	
Solo Blocks:3 - [Deja McClendon at Wisconsin (11/6)	
	5x, last, A. Scott & N. Grant at Minnesota (11/4)	
Iotal Blocks:10 -	Katie Kabbes vs. USC (8/27)	

2011 Opponent Superlatives

Three sets	Individual	Team
	14 - Ashley Wittman, Minnesota (10/1)	
	41 - Ashley Wittman, Minnesota (10/1)	
Attack Percentage*:	643 (9-0-14) - Erin Johnson, Illinois (11/11)	
Assists:	36 - Lexi Dannemiller, Michigan (10/22)	
Aces:	3 - 2x, last, Annie Luhrsen, Illinois (11/11)	6 - Illinois (11/11)
Digs:	16 - Bethany Yeager, Iowa (9/24)	
Solo Blocks:	1 - 8x, last, Kathryn Chrystal, Northwestern (11/12)	2 - 2x, last, Minnesota (10/1)
	6 - Caitlin Cox, Indiana (10/15)	
Total Blocks:	6 - Caitlin Cox, Indiana (10/15)	9.0 - Indiana (10/15)
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	<u>Individual</u>	
	22 - Rachel Williams, Stanford (9/9)	
	67 - Ariel Turner, Purdue (11/19)	
Attack Percentage*:	615 (8-0-13) - Nikki Dailey, Iowa (10/28)	
Assists:	48 - Lauren Plum, Oregon (8/26)	
Aces:	3 - Emily Danks, Ohio State (11/23)	
Digs:	22 - Bethany Yeager, Iowa (10/28)	
	3 - Mari Hole, Ohio State (11/23)	
	6 - Kierra Jones, Purdue (10/14)	
Iotal Blocks:	7 - Carly Wopat, Stanford (9/9)	
	Individual	Team
<u>Five sets</u>	<u>Individual</u>	60 Minpopoto (11/4)
	68 - Colleen Ward, Illinois (10/8)	
Attack Parcontago*:	00 - Colleelt Ward, Illihols (10/0)	
Acciete:	538 (8-1-13) - Madelyn Hutson, Texas (9/10) 61 - Kellie McNeil, Minnesota (11/4)	$\begin{array}{c}$
	5 - Katie Dutchman, Northwestern (10/5)	
Dige:	25 - 2x, last, A. Hickey, Wisconsin (11/6)	03 Illipois (10/3)
Solo Blocks:		6 at Wisconsin (11/6)
	13 - Anna Dorn, Illinois (10/8)	
Total Placks:	13 - Anna Dom, Illinois (10/8) 13 - Anna Dorn, Illinois (10/8)	17.0 Illinois (10/8)
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Unanimous First Team All-Big Ten ... Hampton Inn Classic All-Tournament Team ... tallied a career-high 14 kills against Oregon (8/26) in season-opener ... had a team-high 12 kills vs. Pitt (9/2) ... totaled 13 kills at the Big Four Classic (9/9-10) ... totaled 34 kills on .319 hitting in the Hampton Inn Classic (9/16-17) ... totaled 23 kills on .360 hitting against Nebraska (9/21) ... had a match-high 18 kills at Iowa (9/24) ... had a match-high 12 kills vs. Wisconsin (9/30) ... posted a team-best 14 kills with a career-best six blocks against Minnesota (10/1) ... had a career-high 27 kills vs. Illnois (10/8) ... second on the team with 12 kills at Indiana (10/15) ... led the team with 11 kills vs. Michgian (10/22) ... led the team with 20 kills vs. Iowa (10/28) ... led the team with 26 kills and a career-high eight blocks at Minnesota (11/4) ... had a match-high 23 kills at Wisconsin (11/6) ... led the team with 15 kills vs. Indiana (11/19).



Had a team-best five blocks vs. Oregon (8/26) ... put up a careerhigh 10 blocks vs. USC (8/27) ... had six kills vs. New Hampshire (9/3) ... had five kills in eight errorless swings and three blocks vs. Minnesota (10/1).

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:	
Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:	419 (17-4-31) vs. FGCU (9/17)
Assists:	2, 3x, last vs. Illinois (10/8)
Aces:	2 at Illinois (11/11)
Digs:	
Blocks:	

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:	
Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:	
Assists:	
Aces:	2 at Illinois (11/11/11)
Blocks:	8 at Minnesota (11/4/11)

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:	5 vs. USC (8/27)
Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:	625 (5-0-8) vs. Minnesota (10/1)
Assists:	2 vs. USC (8/27)
Aces:	N/A
Digs:	
Blocks:	

Kills:	13 vs. Virginia Commonwealth (9/4/10)
Hitting Percentage:69	2 (9-0-13) vs. George Washington (9/17/10)
Assists:	
Aces:	1 vs. Robert Morris (9/9/09)
Digs:	6 vs. Princeton (9/18/10)
Blocks:	10 vs. USC (8/27/11)



Led the team with nine digs vs. Oregon (8/26) in collegiate debut ... started and tallied 14 digs vs. Illinois (10/8) ... started and tallied seven digs at Purdue (10/14) ... posted six digs at Indiana (10/15) ... had eight digs vs. Michigan (10/22) ... posted 11 digs vs. Nebraska (10/29) ... tallied seven digs at Minnesota (11/4) ... recorded eight digs at Wisconsin (11/6) ... tied for second on the team with 10 digs at Northwestern (11/12).



Kristin CARPENTER Junior Mechanicsville, Va.

Preseason All-Big Ten ... Pittsburgh Invitational All-Tournament Team ... was the starting setter in season opener against Oregon (8/26) and had 32 assists ... was the starting libero vs. USC and had a 20 digs ... led the team with 31 digs at Pitt Invitational (9/2-3) ... posted 16 digs vs. Stanford (9/9) ... had a career-high 23 digs vs. Texas (9/10) ... was second on the team with six digs vs. Wisconsin (9/30) ... had nine digs vs. Nebraska (10/29).

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:	N/A
Attacks:	1, 2x, last vs. Michigan (10/22)
Hitting Percentage:	N/Á
Assists:	
Aces:	1, 3x, last vs. Illinois (10/8)
Digs:	
Blocks:	N/Á

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:	N/A
Attacks:	1, 2x, last vs. Michigan (10/22/11)
Hitting Percentage:	N/Á
Aces:	1, 3x, last vs. Illinois (10/8/11)
	N/Á

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:	
	3, 2x, last at Wisconsin (11/6)
	N/Á
Assists:	
Aces:	2, 3x, last vs. Nebraska (10/29)
Blocks:	

Kills:	
Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:	1.000 (3-0-3), 3x, last vs. lowa (10/16/10)
Assists:	
Aces:	



Recorded a career-high eight kills vs. Miami (Ohio) (8/26) ... put down a career-best 12 kills and a personal-best nine digs vs. Stanford (9/9) ... pounded seven kills on .545 hitting with three blocks vs. FGCU (9/17) ... had a career-high 10 digs vs. Minnesota (10/1) ... put down eight kills at Purdue (10/14) ... had 10 kills, 14 digs and four blocks vs. Iowa (10/28) ... posted six kills and seven digs vs. Indiana (11/18) ... second on the team with 11 kills vs. Purdue (11/19).



Had 11 kills in 17 errorless swings and was second on the team with eight blocks in collegiate debut vs. USC (8/27) ... led the team with three blocks vs. Miami (Ohio) (9/2) ... had four blocks vs. Long Island (9/16) ... put up five blocks at Nebraska (9/21) ... combined for nine total blocks in matches vs. Wisconsin (9/30) and Minnesota (10/1) ... had 10 kills and four blocks vs. Illinois (10/8) ... second on the team with 10 kills at Purdue (10/14) ... tied for first on the team with five blocks at Indiana (10/15) ... posted nine kills in 11 errorless swings vs. Ohio State (10/19) ... had eight kills on.455 hitting vs. Michigan (10/22) ... was second on the team with five blocks, including three solo vs. Iowa (10/28) ... had five blocks at Minnesota (11/4) ... tallied nine kills and tied for first on the team with six blocks at Wisconsin (11/6).

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:	
Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:	545 (7-1-11) vs. FGCU (9/17)
	2, 4x, last vs. Michigan (10/22)
Aces:	2 vs. Iowa (10/28)
	14 vs. Iowa (10/28)
	4 vs. Iowa (10/28)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:	
	600 (6-0-10) at Indiana (10/9/10)
Assists:	
Aces:	
Blocks:	

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:	
Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:	
Assists:	
Aces:	
Digs:	
Blocks:	

Kills:	11 vs. USC (8/27/11)
Attacks:	. 18, 2x, last at Wisconsin (11/6/11)
Hitting Percentage:	647 (11-0-17) vs. USC (8/27/11)
Assists:	
Aces:	2, 4x, last at Wisconsin (11/6/11)
Digs:	5, 2x, last vs. Illinois (10/8/11)



Made collegiate debut vs. Rutgers (9/17) and tallied one kill.



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Had three kills and three blocks vs. New Hampshire (9/3).

2011 SEASON HIGHS	
Kills:	1 vs. Rutgers (9/17)
Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:	N/A
Assists:	N/A
Aces:	N/A
Digs:	N/A
Blocks:	N/A

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:	1 vs. Rutgers (9/17/11)
Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:	
Assists:	N/A
Aces:	N/A
Digs:	N/A
Blocks:	N/A

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:	
Attacks:	
	.600 (3-0-5) vs. New Hampshire (9/3)
Aces:	N/A
Digs:	

Kills:	
Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:	600 (3-0-5) vs. New Hampshire (9/3/11)
Assists:	
Aces:	1, 5x, last vs. Pennsylvania (12/4/09)
Digs:	
Blocks:	



Darcy DORTON Redshirt-Sophomore Muncie, Ind.

Returned to the court for the first time since 2009 against Oregon (8/26) ... had three kills in three attempts vs. New Hampshire (9/3) ... put down three kills vs. Rutgers (9/17) ... totaled five kills at lowa (9/24).



Micha HANCOCK Freshman Edmond, Okla.

SETTER

Big Ten Freshman of the Year ... Unanimous Big Ten All-Freshman Team ... AVCA Showcase All-Tournament Team ... Pittsburgh Invitational MVP ... Big Ten Co-Freshman of the Week (11/14, 11/21, 11/28) ... had seven kills in eight errorless swings, a match-high six aces and guided Penn State to a .298 hitting percentage vs. USC (8/27) ... had 27 assists and tied for first on the team with 11 digs vs. Pitt (9/2) ... had 30 assists and a team-best six aces vs. New Hampshire (9/3) ... totaled 97 assists and was second on the team with 23 digs at Big Four Classic (9/9-10) ... tallied 92 assists (9/20 assists per set), seven aces and a team-high 28 digs in the Hampton Inn Classic (9/16-17) ... totaled 53 assists and 12 digs against Nebraska (9/21) ... had 37 assists and seven digs at Iowa (9/24) ... paced the offense with 29 assists and had four kills in five attempts vs. Minnesota (10/1) ... had 45 assists, a career-high seven aces and 19 digs vs. Illinois (10/8) ... had 44 assists, four kills and four aces at Purdue (10/14) ... had 31 assists and three blocks at Indiana (10/15) ... tallied 33 assists and three aces vs. Michigan (10/22) ... dished out 47 assists, had four aces and 16 digs vs. Iowa (10/28) ... had 35 assists and six aces vs. Nebraska (10/29) ... had 58 assists and led the team with 18 digs at Minnesota (11/4) ... dished out 60 assists and had 13 digs at Wisconsin (11/6) ... had 35 assists and three aces at Illinois (11/11) ... had 42 assists and two aces at Northwestern (11/12) ... combined for 85 assists vs. Indiana and Purdue (11/18-19).

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:	
Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:	1.000 (3-0-3) vs. New Hampshire (9/3)
Assists:	Ň/Á
Aces:	N/A
Digs:	2, 2x, last at Iowa (9/24)
	1 vs. Northwestern (10/5)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:	
Attacks:	
Assists:	
Aces:	N/Á
Digs:	
Blocks:	

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:	7, 3x, last at Wisconsin (11/6)
Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:	
Assists:	
Aces:	
Digs:	
Blocks:	

Kills:	. 7, 3x, last at Wisconsin (11/6/11)
Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:	
Assists:	
Aces:	7 vs. Illinois (10/8/11)
Digs:	
Blocks:	5 vs. Texas (9/10/11)



Made 2011 debut vs. Oregon (8/26) ... had seven digs at Stanford (9/9) ... had a career-high eight digs and two aces vs. Texas (9/10) ... posted a dig vs. Michigan (10/22) ... had a dig vs. Indiana (11/18).



Made collegiate debut against New Hampshire (9/3) and had six kills and two blocks ... put down 15 kills vs. Texas (9/10) ... pounded six kills vs. Long Island (9/16) ... had seven kills and three blocks vs. Rutgers (9/17) ... had nine kills on .353 hitting against Nebraska (9/21) ... pounded nine kills and had three blocks at Minnesota (11/4) ... totaled six kills at Illinois (11/11).

2011 SEASON HIGHS	
Kills:	N/A
Attacks:	N/A
Hitting Percentage:	N/A
Assists:	1 at Stanford (9/9)
Aces:	
Digs:	
Blocks:	

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:	N/A
Attacks:	
	N/Á
Assists:	1, 6x, last at Stanford (9/9/11)
Aces:	2, 2x, last vs. Texas (9/10/11)
	8 vs. Texas (9/10/11)
Blocks:	N/Á

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:	
Hitting Percentage:	500 (6-1-10) vs. Long Island (9/16)
Assists:	N/A
Aces:	N/A
Digs:	
Blocks:	

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Kills:	
Attacks:	
	500 (6-1-10) vs. Long Island (9/16/11)
Assists:	Ň.Ń
Aces:	N/A
Digs:	5 at Wisconsin (11/6/11)



Maggie HARDING Redshirt-Freshman State College, Pa.

DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST

Big Ten Sportsmanship honoree ... made collegiate debut against New Hampshire (9/3).



SLAY Sophomore Raleigh, N.C.

MIDDLE HITTER

First Team All-Big Ten ... Co-Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year ... Preseason All-Big Ten ... Hampton Inn Classic MVP ... Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week (9/19, 10/3) ... had 11 kills vs. Oregon (8/26) ... pounded a career-high 12 kills vs. USC (8/27) ... had five kills and six blocks vs. New Hampshire (9/3) ... tallied 11 kills at Stanford (9/9) ... posted seven kills and had eight blocks vs. Texas (9/10) ... had 27 kills on .561 hitting and 19 blocks in the Hampton Inn Classic (9/16-17) ... had six kills and four blocks against Nebraska (9/21) ... led the team with five blocks at Iowa (9/24) ... totaled 12 blocks in matches vs. Wisconsin (9/30) and Minnesota (10/1) ... had 10 kills and a team-best seven blocks vs. Illinois (10/8) ... led the team with four blocks at Purdue (10/14) ... tied for first on the team with five blocks at Indiana (10/15) ... had nine kills in sixteen errorless swings vs. Michigan (10/22) ... had 10 kills and a team-best six blocks vs. Iowa (10/28) ... had a teambest eight blocks vs. Nebraska (10/29) ... posted seven blocks at Minnesota (11/4) ... had 16 kills and six blocks at Wisconsin (11/6) ... had six kills and six blocks at Northwestern (11/12) ... led the team with seven blocks vs. Indiana (11/18) ... had nine kills and a team-best eight blocks vs. Purdue (11/19).

2011 SEASON HIGHS	
Kills:	N/A
Attacks:	N/A
Hitting Percentage:	N/A
Assists:	N/A
Aces:	N/A
Digs:	N/A
Blocks:	N/A

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:	N/A
Attacks:	N/A
Hitting Percentage:	N/A
Assists:	
Aces:	
Digs:	
Blocks:	N/A

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:	
Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:	.769 (10-0-13) vs. Rutgers (9/17)
Assists:	
Aces:	
Digs:	
Blocks:	

Kills:	
Attacks:	
Hitting Percentage:	769 (10-0-13) vs. Rutgers (9/17/11)
Assists:	
Aces:	





First Team All-Big Ten ... Unanimous Preseason All-Big Ten ... AVCA Showcase All-Tournament Team ... Pittsburgh Invitational All-Tournament Team ... Nike Big Four Volleyball Classic All-Tournament Team ... Big Ten Player of the Week (11/14) ... led the team with 15 kills and was second on the team with four blocks vs. Oregon (8/26) ... tallied a career-high 25 kills vs. USC (8/27) ... led the team with 30 kills in the Pitt Invitational (9/2-3) ... had a team-high 42 kills at Big Four Classic (9/9-10) ... totaled 25 kills and was third on the team with 26 digs in the Hampton Inn Classic (9/16-17) ... had 16 kills at Nebraska (9/21) ... second on the team with 10 kills at Iowa (9/24) ... tied for second on the team with eight kills and had three aces vs. Wisconsin (9/30) ... had a team-high 14 kills at Purdue (10/14) ... led the team with 13 kills at Indiana (10/15) ... second on the team with 10 kills vs. Michigan (10/22) ... led the team with 18 kills vs. Nebraska (10/29) ... tallied 23 kills and 10 digs at Minnesota (11/4) ... posted 17 kills at five blocks at Wisconsin (11/6) ... totaled 17 kills on .350 hitting at Illinois (11/11) ... led the team with 20 kills on .439 hitting and 10 digs at Northwestern (11/12) ... had 13 kills on .464 hitting vs. Indiana (11/18) ... led the team with 18 kills and had nine digs and four blocks vs. Purdue (11/19).



Ali LONGO Sophomore Littleton, Colo.

DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST

Hampton Inn Classic All-Tournament Team ... recorded nine digs vs. USC (8/27) ... tallied three aces vs. Miami (Ohio) (9/2) ... second on the team with 27 digs in the Hampton Inn Classic (9/16-17) ... led team with 16 digs against Nebraska (9/21) ... posted 17 digs at Iowa (9/24) ... had a team-high 11 digs vs. Wisconsin (9/30) ... had 24 digs vs. Illinois (10/8) ... had a team-high 19 digs at Purdue (10/14) ... led the team with 11 digs at Indiana (10/15) ... had a team-best 12 digs vs. Michigan (10/22) ... posted 18 digs vs. Iowa ... had 17 digs vs. Nebraska (10/29) ... had 13 digs at Minnesota (11/4) ... had a team-high 17 digs at Wisconsin (11/6) ... totaled 17 digs at Illinois (11/11) ... had a team-best 12 digs at Northwestern (11/12) ... posted a career-high 26 digs vs. Purdue (11/19).

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:	
Attacks:	
	625 (10-0-16) at Pittsburgh (9/2)
Assists:	
Aces:	
	5 at Wisconsin (11/6)

CAREER HIGHS

Kills:	
Hitting Percentage:	
Assists:	
Aces:	
Digs:	16, 2x, last at Wisconsin (11/6/11)
Blocks:	

2011 SEASON HIGHS

Kills:	N/A
Attacks:	2, 2x, last at Wisconsin (11/6)
Hitting Percentage:	
Assists:	
Aces:	
Digs:	
Blocks:	

Kills:	N/A
Attacks:	. 2, 3x, last at Wisconsin (11/6/11)
Hitting Percentage:	N/Á
Assists:	
Aces:	3, 3x, last vs. Miami (Ohio) (9/2/11)
Digs:	
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Made her collegiate debut vs. Oregon (8/26) ... second on the team with 13 digs vs. Texas (9/10) ... posted nine digs vs. Illinois (10/8) ... tallied five digs vs. Iowa (10/28) ... had a dig vs. Purdue (11/19).

2011 SEASON HIGHS	
Kills:	N/A
Attacks:	N/A
	N/A
Aces:	
	N/A
CAREER HIGHS	
Kills:	N/A
Attacks:	N/A
	N/A
	1, 3x, last vs. Texas (9/10/11)
	N/A
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