



# PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

## SIX-TIME NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

### 33 NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES | 16 BIG TEN TITLES

#### 2014 SCHEDULE & RECORD

**Overall:** 18-3 (Home: 8-1, Away: 6-2, Neutral: 4-0)

**Big Ten:** 6-2 (Home: 1-1, Away: 5-1)

#### AUGUST

Penn State Classic

29	vs. TCU	W, 3-0
30	vs. IONA	W, 3-0
39	vs. WILLIAM & MARY	W, 3-0

#### SEPTEMBER

Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge

5	at Stanford#	L, 3-2
6	vs. UCLA	W, 3-0

Villanova Classic

12	vs. American	W, 3-1
12	at Villanova	W, 3-0
13	vs. Yale	W, 3-0
13	vs. Kansas	W, 3-0

Penn State Alumni Classic%

19	vs. EASTERN ILLINOIS	W, 3-0
19	vs. DEPAUL	W, 3-0
20	vs. UIC	W, 3-0
20	vs. EAST CAROLINA	W, 3-0
24	at Wisconsin*#	W, 3-0
27	at Minnesota*#	W, 3-1

#### OCTOBER

3	at Nebraska*#	L, 3-1
4	at Iowa*	W, 3-0
8	vs. NORTHWESTERN*#	W, 3-0
11	vs. ILLINOIS*	L, 3-1
17	at Purdue*#	W, 3-2
18	at Indiana*	W, 3-0
24	vs. MICHIGAN*#	7 p.m.
25	vs. MICHIGAN STATE*	5:30 p.m.
28	vs. OHIO STATE*#	8 p.m.
31	at Ohio State*	7 p.m.

#### NOVEMBER

7	vs. RUTGERS*	7 p.m.
8	vs. MARYLAND*	7 p.m.
12	vs. IOWA*	7 p.m.
15	vs. MINNESOTA*	7 p.m.
19	at Michigan*	7 p.m.
22	at Maryland*	7 p.m.
26	at Northwestern*	8 p.m.
29	vs. NEBRASKA*#	8:30 p.m.

#### DECEMBER

5-6	NCAA First/Second Rounds	TBA
12-13	NCAA Regionals	(Ames, Louisville, Seattle, Minneapolis)
18-20	NCAA Championship	Oklahoma City Okla.

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

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### WEEK 9: VS. MICHIGAN & MICHIGAN STATE

Friday, Oct. 24 2014 | University Park, Pa. - Rec Hall

Saturday, Oct. 25 2014 | University Park, Pa. - Rec Hall

#### #7 PENN STATE VS. THIS WEEKEND'S OPPONENTS

**NITTANY LIONS**



**Record:** 18-3  
**Big Ten:** 6-2  
**National Rank:** #7  
**Head coach:** Russ Rose  
**Overall Record:** 1,143 -180

**MICHIGAN WOLVERINES**



**Record:** 10-8  
**Big Ten:** 5-3  
**National Rank:** RV  
**Last Outing:** 11/1/13  
**Head coach:** Mark Rosen

**MICHIGAN STATE SPARTANS**



**Record:** 12-7  
**Big Ten:** 5-3  
**National Rank:** NR  
**Last Outing:** 12/13/13  
**Head coach:** Cathy George

#### FIRST SERVE

» Penn State returns home from the road this week to host a pair of Big Ten conference opponents. The Nittany Lions welcome RV Michigan Friday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. before hosting Michigan State Saturday, Oct. 25 at 5:30 p.m. in Rec Hall.

» Friday's matchup against the Wolverines will broadcast live on the Big Ten Network with Mike Wolf and Audrey Flaugh on the call.

» PSU went 2-0 on the road last weekend, topping then-No. 14 Purdue in a close five-setter to earn its fifth win of the 2014 season against a ranked opponent. Penn State then earned its 15th straight set victory of the season with a 3-0 win at Indiana. With the win against the Boilermakers, PSU improved to 5-3 against teams ranked in the AVCA Top 25 in 2014.

» Averaging 1.07 aces per set, senior Micha Hancock has once again secured herself as the nation's leader in the category for the sixth consecutive week. With more aces than anyone in the NCAA standings (76) in 2014, she's matched a season-high mark twice this year with eight aces against DePaul and East Carolina. Her 1.07 aces per set ranks first in the Big Ten.

» As a team, Penn State is averaging 1.97 aces per set, which ranks second nationally and leads the conference. Earlier this season, Penn State served up 15 aces in a straight set victory against DePaul to match a PSU program record. The Nittany Lions originally set the record for the most amount of aces in a three set match in 2002, posting 15 aces against Fairfield Sept. 7th

» Penn State's .346 hitting percentage leads the nation and ranks first in the Big Ten. Additionally, two PSU attackers are presently hitting .355 or higher, led by senior Nia Grant's .479 hitting percentage, which ranks second nationally and leads the Big Ten. Redshirt junior Aiyana Whitney's .355 clip rounds out the duo, ranked eighth in the Big Ten. As a team, Penn State is out-hitting its opponents .352-.153.

» In the Nittany Lions' second road trip of the season, Penn State collected a pair of wins to move to 5-1 on the road in Big Ten matches. Penn State topped then-No. 14 Purdue in a five-set thriller before sweeping past Indiana. Penn State opened the 2014 Big Ten slate with a challenging four-match road swing that featured matches against a trio of top-25 opponents. The Nittany Lions posted a 3-1 mark in the first two weeks of conference play

» Penn State remains No. 7 in the AVCA Top 25 Coaches Poll for the second straight week after spending one week ranked fifth. Prior to the No. 5 positioning the Nittany Lions spent four consecutive weeks ranked third.

» PSU has matched up or will soon square off against a total of nine teams represented in the AVCA Top 25 Coaches Poll, including eight matches against teams in the top 25 and one receiving votes.

» The Nittany Lions are among eight teams (Michigan -RV) from the Big Ten to be featured in the AVCA Top 25 Coaches Poll and one of three within the top 10.

» With 1,143 wins, head coach Russ Rose is presently in possession of first place on the DI NCAA all-time wins list ahead of current Hawaii head coach Dave Shoji (1,140). The two active head coaches have traded the top spot throughout the season. Both Rose and Shoji are the only two NCAA DI head coaches to have more than 1,000 career wins.

» Penn State was voted No. 1 in the Big Ten Preseason Coaches' Poll for the second consecutive year, with three Nittany Lions earning preseason All-Big Ten honors.

» In his 36th season at the helm of the program, five-time AVCA DI National Coach of the Year Russ Rose returns four starters and 11 letterwinners from last year's NCAA national championship squad.

» The Nittany Lions welcome a highly talented class of eight newcomers in 2014, featuring four state Gatorade Player of the Year honorees. PrepVolleyball.com tabbed PSU's incoming class No. 1 nationally.

# 2014 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

## PENN STATE AT A GLANCE

### THE UNIVERSITY

Location: ..... University Park, Pa. 16802  
 Founded: ..... 1855  
 Enrollment: ..... 44,112  
 Colors: ..... Blue & White  
 Nickname: ..... Nittany Lions  
 Conference: ..... Big Ten  
 President: ..... Dr. Eric J. Barron  
 Director of Athletics: ..... Sandy Barbour  
 Associate AD/SWA ..... Charmelle Greene  
 Facility (capacity): ..... Rec Hall (5,812)

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL STAFF

Head Coach: ..... Russ Rose (36th season)  
 Alma Mater: ..... George Williams, 1975  
 Overall Record (Yrs/Pct): ..... 1,125-177 (35/.864)  
 School Record: ..... same  
 Associate Head Coach: ..... Salima Rockwell  
 Assistant Coach: ..... Stevie Mussie  
 Director of Operations: ..... Kevin Burch  
 Volunteer Assistant ..... Jay Goddu  
 Office Phone: ..... (814) 863-7474  
 Office Fax: ..... (814) 865-1746  
 Office Address: ..... 235 Rec Hall

### 2013 IN REVIEW

2013 Record: ..... 34-2  
 Home: ..... 17-1  
 Away: ..... 11-1  
 Neutral: ..... 6-0  
 Big Ten record (finish): ..... 19-1 (1st)  
 Final AVCA Ranking: ..... No. 1  
 Postseason Play: ..... NCAA national champions  
 First round: ..... def. LIU-Brooklyn, 3-0  
 Second round: ..... def. Utah, 3-0  
 Regional semifinal: ..... def. Michigan State, 3-1  
 Regional final: ..... def. Stanford, 3-2  
 National semifinal: ..... def. Washington, 3-0  
 National final: ..... def. Wisconsin, 3-1

### NITTANY LION HISTORY

First Year of Volleyball: ..... 1976  
 All-Time Record (Years): ..... 1,176-220-4 (38)  
 All-Time Big Ten Record: ..... 407-53  
 Years/Win Pct.: ..... 23/.885  
 Big Ten Titles: ..... (16) '92, '93, '96, '97, '98, '99,  
 '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '12, '13)  
 NCAA Tournament Appearances: ..... 33  
 NCAA Tournament Record: ..... 84-27  
 NCAA National Championships: ..... 6  
 (1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013)

## 2014 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	SP	K/S	HIT %	A/S	SA/S	D/S	B/S
2	Lara Caraway	DS	5-4	Jr.	10	0.00	.000	0.00	0.10	0.50	0.00
3	Kendall Pierce	DS	5-6	Jr.	38	0.03	1.00	0.03	0.03	0.39	0.00
4	Dominique Gonzalez	L	5-6	Sr.	71	0.00	0.00	0.79	0.25	3.58	0.00
5	Ali Frantti	OH	6-1	Fr.	68	3.22	.302	0.15	0.21	1.50	0.49
6	Nia Reed	OH	5-9	Fr.	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Nia Grant	MH	6-2	Sr.	69	2.62	.479	0.07	0.14	0.65	0.93
8	Lainy Pierce	DS	6-2	Fr.	17	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.12	0.18	0.00
9	Skylar Dykstra	DS	5-8	Fr.	5	0.00	.000	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.00
10	Carley Muller	DS	5-9	So.	10	0.00	.000	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.00
12	Micha Hancock	S	5-11	Sr.	71	1.2	.402	11.39	1.07	1.92	0.55
13	Taylor Krause	DS	5-6	So.	26	0.04	1.00	0.00	0.04	0.31	0.00
14	Aiyana Whitney	OH	6-4	RS-Jr.	70	2.70	.355	0.03	0.04	0.27	0.83
15	Haleigh Washington	MB	6-3	Fr.	23	2.52	.472	0.04	0.00	0.17	1.00
17	Megan Courtney	OH	6-2	Jr.	71	2.61	.312	0.55	0.10	2.08	0.75
19	Heidi Thelen	MB	6-2	Fr.	8	1.25	.381	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.75
21	Bryanna Weiskircher	S	6-1	Fr.	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
22	Simone Lee	OH	6-1	Fr.	52	2.13	.241	0.02	0.00	0.37	0.38
23	Kelly Robertson	MH	6-0	So.	5	0.40	.250	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.40
24	Laura Broerman	DS	5-4	So.	15	0.00	.000	0.00	0.13	0.13	0.00
33	Lacey Fuller	DS	5-6	Sr.	71	0.00	.000	0.18	0.04	1.62	0.00
<b>PENN STATE</b>					<b>71</b>	<b>14.68</b>	<b>.346</b>	<b>13.23</b>	<b>1.97</b>	<b>12.35</b>	<b>2.32</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>					<b>71</b>	<b>9.97</b>	<b>.153</b>	<b>9.42</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>10.80</b>	<b>1.45</b>

### PENN STATE

### OPPONENTS

### Head Coach:

Russ Rose (George Williams, 1975), 36th year

### Associate Head Coach:

Salima Rockwell (Penn State, 1994)

### Assistant Coach:

Stevie Mussie (Washington, 2008)

### Director of Operations:

Kevin Burch (Ohio State, 2011)

### Volunteer Assistant:

Jay Goddu (Villanova, 2013)

## ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School (College)
24	Laura Broerman	So.	DS	5-4	Colorado Springs, Colo./St. Mary's
2	Lara Caraway	Jr.	DS	5-4	Evans City, Pa./Home Schooled
17	Megan Courtney	Jr.	OH	6-2	Dayton, Ohio/Archbishop Alter
9	Skylar Dykstra	Fr.	DS	5-9	Redondo Beach, Calif./Redondo (UCLA)
5	Ali Frantti	Fr.	OH	6-1	Spring Grove, Ill./Richmond Burton
33	Lacey Fuller	Sr.	DS	5-6	San Diego, Calif./Torrey Pine
4	Dominique Gonzalez	Sr.	L	5-6	San Antonio, Texas/Sandra Day O'Connor
7	Nia Grant	Sr.	OH	6-2	Warren, Ohio/Howland
12	Micha Hancock	Sr.	S	5-11	Edmond, Okla./Edmond Memorial
13	Taylor Krause	So.	DS	5-6	Allentown, Pa./Parkland High
22	Simone Lee	Fr.	OH	6-1	Menomonee Falls, Wis./Menomonee
10	Carley Muller	So.	DS	5-7	Manhattan Beach, Calif./Mira Costa
3	Kendall Pierce	Jr.	DS	5-6	Eden, N.Y./Eden
8	Lainy Pierce	Fr.	DS	5-8	Eden, N.Y./Eden
6	Nia Reed	Fr.	OH	6-2	Fort Lee, N.J./Immaculate Heart Academy
23	Kelly Robertson	So.	MH	6-0	Allentown, Pa./Parkland High
19	Heidi Thelen	Fr.	MB	6-2	Edgewood, Ky./Notre Dame Academy
15	Haleigh Washington	Fr.	MB	6-3	Colorado Springs, Colo./Doherty High School
21	Bryanna Weiskircher	Fr.	S	6-1	Loves Park, Ill./Boylan Catholic
14	Aiyana Whitney	RS-Jr.	OH	6-4	Norwood, N.J./Northern Valley Regional

## PRONUNCIATIONS

Aiyana	..... I-YAH-nuh	Broerman	..... BRO-er-man
Micha	..... MIKE-uh	Nia	..... NEE-uh
Muller	..... MULL-er	Thelen	..... Th-EE-len
Lacey	..... Lace-EE	Frantti	..... Fran-TEE
Lara	..... Lar-uh	Bryanna	..... Bree-yah-nuh
Dykstra	..... DIKE-STRAH	Weiskircher	..... Weis-KIR-Ch-er

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## AROUND THE BIG TEN

### BIG TEN STANDINGS

Team	Overall		Big Ten	
	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.
Wisconsin	16-2	.889	7-1	.875
Purdue	17-3	.850	7-1	.875
<b>PENN STATE</b>	<b>18-3</b>	<b>.857</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>.750</b>
Illinois	14-5	.737	6-2	.750
Ohio State	14-6	.700	5-3	.625
Nebraska	11-6	.647	5-3	.625
Michigan State	12-7	.632	5-3	.625
Michigan	10-8	.556	5-3	.625
Minnesota	13-6	.684	3-5	.375
Northwestern	13-6	.684	3-5	.375
Indiana	12-8	.600	3-5	.375
Iowa	9-10	.474	1-7	.125
Maryland	7-12	.368	0-8	.000
Rutgers	7-14	.333	0-8	.000

### 2014 PRESEASON BIG TEN POLL

#### 1. PENN STATE

- Nebraska
- Wisconsin
- Illinois
- Purdue
- Michigan State
- Minnesota
- Michigan
- Ohio State
- Northwestern
- Iowa
- Indiana
- Maryland
- Rutgers

### ALL-TIME RECORDS vs. 2014 OPPONENTS

#### NON-CONFERENCE

Team	W-L	Last
TCU	1-0	PSU, 3-0 (8/29/14)
Iona	1-0	PSU, 3-0 (8/30/14)
William & Mary	11-1	PSU, 3-0 (8/30/14)
Stanford	8-8	SU, 3-2 (9/5/14)
UCLA	5-7	PSU, 3-0 (9/6/14)
American	7-0	PSU, 3-1 (9/12/14)
Villanova	14-0	PSU, 3-0 (9/12/14)
Yale	9-0	PSU, 3-0 (9/13/14)
Kansas	1-0	PSU, 3-0 (9/13/14)
EIU	4-0	PSU, 3-0 (9/19/14)
DePaul	2-0	PSU, 3-0 (9/19/14)
UIC	7-0	PSU, 3-0 (9/20/14)
ECU	2-0	PSU, 3-0 (9/20/14)

#### BIG TEN

Team	W-L	Last
Wisconsin	44-7	PSU, 3-0 (9/24/14)
Minnesota	43-7	PSU, 3-1 (9/27/14)
Nebraska	9-14	NEB, 3-1 (10/3/14)
Iowa	46-0	PSU, 3-0 (10/4/14)
Northwestern	47-8	PSU, 3-0 (10/8/14)
Illinois	41-10	ILL, 3-1 (10/11/14)
Purdue	51-6	PSU, 3-2 (10/17/14)
Indiana	48-1	PSU, 3-0 (10/18/14)
Michigan	44-3	PSU, 3-1 (11/1/13)
Michigan State	39-7	PSU, 3-1 (12/13/13)
Ohio State	42-14	PSU, 3-0 (11/27/13)
Rutgers	25-9	PSU, 3-0 (9/17/11)
Maryland	18-5	PSU, 3-0 (12/4/04)

## HOT HITTING NITTANY LIONS

Senior setter Micha Hancock has paced the Nittany Lions to a .346 hitting clip, which ranks first in the nation, while also leading the Big Ten. Hancock's also paced two top Nittany Lion hitters to .355 or better efficiency, led by senior Nia Grant's .479 hitting clip, which ranks second nationally and first in the conference. Redshirt junior Aiyana Whitney rounds out the pair with a .355 hitting percentage, which is slotted eighth in the Big Ten standings.

## DEFENDING THE HOUSE

Including an 8-1 mark in 2014, Penn State owns a 554-33 (.944) all-time record at home in Rec Hall. Following a straight-set victory against No. 24 Northwestern, the Nittany Lions hold a 250-18 (.933) mark in Big Ten matches on the court in Rec Hall. Only one Big Ten team has defeated the Nittany Lions on their home court more than three times (Ohio State/5). Penn State has posted unblemished records in Big Ten play at home in seven of the last 10 years, winning 186 of 200 matches in the 10-year stretch. In the past five seasons, Penn State has captured 90 wins in 100 total conference tilts with fewer than five league losses in each year.

## DOM CAN DIG IT

Leading the team in digs in 17 of 21 matches this season, senior libero Dominique Gonzalez highlighted the Big Ten season opener with her third 20-dig performance of the season against then-No. 5 Wisconsin, before following with a season-high mark of 26 digs in a 3-1 win at No. 17 Minnesota. Having broke into the conference standings three weeks ago, she presently leads the squad with 3.58 digs per frame, which ranks 12th in the Big Ten.

## ROSE TOPS THE NCAA DI ALL-TIME WINS LIST

With 1,143 wins, head coach Russ Rose is atop the NCAA DI all-time wins record, with three more wins than current Hawaii head coach Dave Shoji (1,140). The two active head coaches have traded the top spot throughout the season. Both Rose and Shoji are the only two NCAA DI head coaches with more than 1,000 career wins. The two are each one of three active NCAA head coaches in all three divisions to have more than 1,100 career wins. Additionally, Rose owns the all-time record for NCAA DI career winning percentage, having posted a career clip of .864 in the past 35 seasons.

In 2013, head coach Russ Rose earned his 1,107th victory with a straight-set win at Northwestern, moving him into sole possession of second place on the NCAA DI career wins list. With the triumph, he passed former UCLA head coach Andy Banachowski, who previously owned the record.

## THE BEST SERVE IN THE NATION

After tallying 10 aces in a 2-0 weekend on the road, senior Micha Hancock is presently averaging 1.07 aces per set in 2014. Her mark ranks first nationally for the sixth consecutive week, while also ranking atop the Big Ten conference standings. Hancock closed out the last two weeks of the non-conference slate with back-to-back weeks featuring at least 21 aces.

Averaging 0.65 aces per set in 2013, Hancock finished last year ranked second nationally in aces per set. Her final tally also ranked first in the Big Ten. The impressive serving set a new program record. With four aces against Eastern Kentucky, she notched her 200th career service ace. Building on the mark throughout the season she moved into sole possession of first place on the Penn State all-time list with 254 aces to surpass Ellen Hensler, who previously set the record in 1986. With 76 aces in 2014, Hancock has improved her mark to 330 aces all-time to keep a firm hold on her all-time record.

## GONZALEZ, HANCOCK PICK UP BIG TEN WEEKLY HONORS

After opening the 2014 conference slate with wins against two top-20 teams, seniors Micha Hancock and Dominique Gonzalez both collected Big Ten weekly accolades. Hancock was selected as the Big Ten Setter of the Week while Gonzalez was tabbed the Defensive Player of the Week. Gonzalez earns her first career Big Ten Weekly honor while Hancock's is the 14th Setter of the Week nod of her career.

Gonzalez led the team with 6.71 digs per set in a 2-0 week on the road that featured wins against fifth-ranked Wisconsin and No. 17 Minnesota. She posted back-to-back 20-dig performances during the week. After logging 21 digs in a straight set win against the Badgers, she set a season-high mark with 26 digs in the victory against the Gophers, marking the fourth match of the season that she's recorded 20 or more digs.

Hancock guided the Nittany Lions to a .273 overall hitting clip during the week, averaging 12.57 assists per set. Individually, she hit .542 during the week without a single attack error. Hancock put down a career-high nine kills on 12 perfect swings for a .750 hitting clip against the Badgers, while also tallying a double-double with 38 assists and 10 digs.

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## AVCA TOP 25 COACHES' POLL

Poll #9 • Oct. 20, 2014

NO.	SCHOOL	PTS.	REC.	PW
1	<i>Stanford</i> (55)	1495	18-0	1
2	<i>Texas</i> (4)	1428	14-0	2
3	<i>Washington</i> (1)	1390	19-0	3
4	<i>Florida State</i>	1317	19-0	4
5	<i>Wisconsin</i>	1253	16-2	5
6	<i>Colorado State</i>	1163	20-1	6
<b>7</b>	<b>PENN STATE</b>	<b>1158</b>	<b>18-3</b>	<b>7</b>
8	<i>Florida</i>	1084	14-3	8
9	<i>North Carolina</i>	981	15-2	11
10	<i>Illinois</i>	904	14-5	15
11	<i>Oregon</i>	833	15-3	10
12	<i>BYU</i>	821	16-3	9
13	<i>Purdue</i>	788	17-3	14
14	<i>Nebraska</i>	723	11-6	13
15	<i>Arizona</i>	647	16-4	16
16	<i>Kentucky</i>	637	17-3	12
17	<i>UCLA</i>	570	14-5	19
18	<i>Arizona State</i>	480	14-6	17
19	<i>USC</i>	402	11-7	18
20	<i>Ohio State</i>	341	14-6	22
21	<i>Duke</i>	273	15-4	21
22	<i>Kansas State</i>	156	17-3	25
23	<i>Long Beach State</i>	138	16-4	NR
24	<i>Texas A&amp;M</i>	129	12-6	20
25	<i>Minnesota</i>	98	13-6	23

**RECEIVING VOTES:** Colorado 78; Loyola Marymount 62; Oklahoma 45; San Diego 26; Hawaii 16; UCF 16; Michigan 10; Marquette 8; Santa Clara 8; Pittsburgh 4; Western Kentucky 2

\*2014 opponents in italics

### PENN STATE PRESENCE IN THE COACHES' POLL

Aug. 11: #1 (preseason)

Sept. 1: #1

Sept. 8: #3

Sept. 15: #3

Sept. 22: #3

Sept. 29: #3

Oct. 6: #5

Oct. 13: #7

Oct. 20: #7

## HANCOCK EARNS AVCA NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARD

Following her third consecutive Big Ten Setter of the Week honor, senior setter Micha Hancock was selected as the AVCA DI National Player of the Week. Hancock's national recognition is the second of her career and the 10th time that a Penn State women's volleyball student-athlete has been selected as the AVCA DI National Player of the Week.

Hancock helped the Nittany Lions to wins against a pair of top-20 teams including victories on the road at No. 5 Wisconsin and No. 17 Minnesota. She directed the offense to a .273 hitting percentage on the week, while registering a .542 individual hitting clip.

## WEEK 9: AVCA TOP 25 COACHES POLL UPDATE

Following a 2-0 weekend at home, Penn State remains No. 7 for the second straight week in the latest AVCA Top 25 Coaches Poll, after spending one week ranked fifth. Prior to the No. 5 positioning, the Nittany Lions spent four consecutive weeks ranked third. PSU spent the first two consecutive weeks of the season ranked No. 1 overall.

## BUST OUT THE BROOMS

Penn State has earned 15 of its 18 (83%) victories this season in straight sets. Within those 15 sweeps, PSU has held five teams (Iona, William & Mary, Eastern Illinois, DePaul, East Carolina) to less than 40 total points scored in a single match. Last season, the Nittany Lions earned 23 of their 34 victories in 3-0 sweeps.

## NITTANY LIONS SERVE UP A PROGRAM RECORD

Penn State served up 15 aces in a straight set victory against DePaul last weekend to match a PSU program record. The Nittany Lions originally set the record for the most amount of aces in a three set match in 2002, posted 15 aces against Fairfield Sept. 7th. PSU's 1.98 aces per set on the year presently ranks second nationally and first in the Big Ten

## HANCOCK EARNS SECOND B1G SETTER OF THE WEEK HONOR

Following an undefeated weekend at home, senior Micha Hancock earned her second consecutive Big Ten Setter of the Week honor. Hancock shared her 13th career Setter of the Week award with Wisconsin's Lauren Carlini.

Hancock directed the Nittany Lion offense to a .490 overall team hitting percentage over the weekend as Penn State picked up wins against Eastern Illinois, DePaul, UIC and East Carolina to earn the Penn State Alumni Classic title. Totalling at least 21 aces for the second straight week, Hancock highlighted the weekend with two or more aces in every match this weekend. Averaging 1.83 aces per set with 22 aces on the week, she matched a season-high mark with eight aces against both DePaul and East Carolina.

## WHITNEY, GONZALEZ NAB PSU ALUMNI CLASSIC ALL-TOURNEY HONORS

Redshirt junior Aiyana Whitney and senior Dominique Gonzalez earned Penn State Alumni Classic all-tournament honors this weekend. Whitney was selected as the most outstanding player while Gonzalez earned a spot on the all-tournament team.

Whitney posted a team-high .600 hitting clip during the undefeated weekend, registering a career-high two aces against DePaul and a squad-best 13 kills on 18 errorless swings against UIC. Gonzalez continued her steady play from the backrow, averaging a team-high 2.50 digs per set across four matches. She highlighted the weekend with 10 digs against UIC.

## GRANT, HANCOCK COLLECT BIG TEN WEEKLY HONORS

After helping PSU claim the Villanova Classic title, senior Nia Grant was selected as the Big Ten Player of the Week, while senior Micha Hancock was tabbed Setter of the Week.

Grant powered the Penn State offense with a team-high .618 hitting percentage during the undefeated weekend on the road. She posted double-digit kills in three-of-four matches, recording errorless hitting performances in back-to-back matches against Villanova and Yale. In addition to Villanova Classic All Tournament team honors, Grant also set a career-high mark with an .846 hitting efficiency against the Bulldogs.

Hancock directed the Nittany Lions to a .351 team hitting clip during the week, averaging 11.60 assists per set. On her way to Villanova Classic Most Outstanding Player honors, she logged 21 service aces in the tournament, highlighting the event with a season-high eight aces against American. Averaging 1.62 aces per set for the week, she also tallied six aces against both Villanova and Kansas.

## DUO NAMED BIG TEN/PAC-12 CHALLENGE ALL-TOURNAMENT

Senior Dominique Gonzalez and freshman Ali Franti earned Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge All-Tournament team honors. Gonzalez highlighted the weekend with her fourth career 20+ dig match against the Cardinal, while Franti logged her first career double-double with 22 kills and 11 digs.

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## 2014 HONORS & ACCOLADES

### ALI FRANTTI

- Big Ten Freshman of the Week (9/1, 9/8)
- Penn State Classic Most Outstanding Player
- Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge All-Tournament Team

### MEGAN COURTNEY

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

### MICHA HANCOCK

- Preseason All-Big Ten
- AVCA DI National Player of the Week (9/30)
- Big Ten Setter of the Week (9/15, 9/22, 9/29)
- Penn State Classic All-Tournament Team
- Villanova Classic Most Outstanding Player

### NIA GRANT

- Preseason All-Big Ten
- Big Ten Player of the Week (9/15)
- Villanova Classic All-Tournament Team

### DOMINIQUE GONZALEZ

- Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge All-Tournament Team
- PSU Alumni Classic All-Tournament Team
- Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week (9/29)
- ESPNW Volleyball Player of the Week (9/29)

### AIYANA WHITNEY

- Villanova Classic All-Tournament Team
- PSU Alumni Classic Most Outstanding Player

## DOUBLE-DOUBLE TRACKER

### MICHA HANCOCK (30 CAREER)

- at Stanford, 9/5/14 (57 assists, 13 digs)
- vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/19/14 (30 assists, 10 digs)
- at Wisconsin, 9/24/14 (38 assists, 10 digs)
- at Purdue, 10/17/14 (58 assists, 10 digs)

### ALI FRANTTI (1 CAREER)

- at Stanford, 9/5/14 (22 kills, 11 digs)

## DEFENSE ON DEFENSE ON DEFENSE

Penn State has limited its opponents to .153 hitting this season, which ranks first in the Big Ten. PSU has held 15 teams to less than .200 hitting this in 2014 and five between .200-.245. Only one team (Illinois/.315) has posted a .300 or better hitting clip.

The Nittany Lions held their first five consecutive Big Ten opponents to less than .200 hitting, limiting Minnesota to a Big Ten-match low .090 attacking percentage.

Additionally, PSU has improved its blocking average to 2.32 blocks per frame, which ranks sixth in the Big Ten standings.

## FORCE OF THE FROSH

Six freshman have made their collegiate debuts for Penn State in the last eight weeks, including Ali Frantti, Heidi Thelen, Simone Lee, Lainy Pierce, Haleigh Washington and Skylar Dykstra.

All ranked within PrepVolleyball.com's top 10, Frantti, Lee and Washington have established themselves as solid contributors this season. Averaging a team-high 3.22 kills per set on .302 hitting, Frantti has started every match for the Nittany Lions in 2014. Lee ranks fifth on the squad with 111 kills on the year, averaging 2.13 per set on .241 hitting. Frantti and Lee have each recorded more than 100 kills in their rookie campaigns. Despite missing the first two weeks of the season, Washington's averaging 2.52 kills per set on .472 hitting.

Frantti's highlight of the season came with a double-double performance at then-No. 2 Stanford with 22 kills and 11 digs. Lee capped off a productive weekend in Palo Alto, Calif. as well with her second double-digit kill performance of the season with 11 kills against UCLA. Lee followed that with a team-high 12 kills in the Big Ten opener against Wisconsin. Washington recently posted a career-high performance with 14 kills on .583 hitting, while also tallying a team-high seven blocks against then-No. 15 Illinois. She also notched a career-high eight blocks on the road in a win at then-No. 14 Purdue.

Pierce saw time on the court during key points of the match against the Cardinal, tallying her first collegiate ace. Washington made her rookie debut in the Villanova Classic, finishing third on the team with six kills on .545 hitting against Yale, adding a solo stuff. She made her Big Ten debut on the road last weekend at Iowa, registering a pair of kills and a solo block.

## NITTANY LIONS ON TV

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, ESPN and Pac-12 networks. All other matches will be streamed live on GoPSUsports.com via All-Access or on BigTenNetwork.com.

### REMAINING PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TV MATCH SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Network
Oct. 24	vs. Michigan	BTN - live
Oct. 28	vs. Ohio State	BTN - live
Oct. 29	vs. Nebraska	BTN - live

## PACKING REC HALL ONCE AGAIN

Penn State was among the national leaders in attendance in 2013, ranking sixth in the country with an average of 2,952 fans per match on the year behind Nebraska, Hawaii, Missouri, Minnesota and Wisconsin. (Figures provided by the NCAA.)

	SCHOOL	TOTAL ATTEN.	AVG. ATTEN.	HOME DATES		SCHOOL	TOTAL ATTEN.	AVG. ATTEN.	HOME DATES
1.	Nebraska	155,324	8,175	19	11.	Michigan St.	43,368	2,891	15
2.	Hawaii	144,235	7,591	19	12.	UNI	42,470	3,267	13
3.	Missouri	62,717	3,301	19	13.	Purdue	40,510	2,532	16
4.	Minnesota	59,130	3,942	15	14.	Washington	40,174	2,678	15
5.	Wisconsin	52,685	3,512	15	15.	Wichita St.	38,657	2,577	15
6.	PENN STATE	50,187	2,952	17	16.	UNC	34,856	2,324	15
7.	Illinois	49,871	3,117	16	17.	Duke	29,723	1,748	17
8.	Colorado St.	49,240	3,283	15	18.	Iowa St.	29,703	2,700	11
9.	Texas	49,137	3,780	13	19.	Stanford	28,925	1,928	15
10.	Florida	45,843	2,547	18	20.	Ohio St.	26,816	2,063	13

## HANCOCK HIGHLIGHTS VILLANOVA CLASSIC TOURNAMENT SQUAD

Penn State dominated the Villanova Classic All-Tournament team as senior Micha Hancock highlighted a trio of honorees with MVP honors. Senior Nia Grant and redshirt junior Aiyana Whitney each earned All-Tournament team laurels. Hancock led the way from the service line, notching 21 aces on the weekend, while Grant powered the Penn State offense with a team-high .618 hitting percentage during the undefeated road test. Whitney highlighted the weekend with a season-high 13 kills and a career-high six blocks vs. No. 24 Kansas (9/13).

## TRIO EARNS PENN STATE CLASSIC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM HONORS

Following back-to-back double-digit kill performances in her first two collegiate matches, freshman Ali Frantti earned Penn State Classic Most Outstanding Player honors. Senior Micha Hancock and junior Megan Courtney each earned spots on the All-Tournament team for their performances during an undefeated opening weekend at home.

Hancock directed the Nittany Lions to a conference-high .436 hitting clip during the week, while also pacing Frantti (.482) and Courtney (.500) to a pair of Big Ten top-five hitting clips. Hancock's 11.33 assists per set ranks third in the league.

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## RICKKERN.COM TOP 30

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NO.	SCHOOL	POINTS
1	Stanford	660
2	Texas	634
3	Washington	619
4	Florida State	583
5	Wisconsin	576
<b>6</b>	<b>PENN STATE</b>	<b>550</b>
7	Colorado State	529
8	Florida	501
9	North Carolina	456
10	Oregon	428
11	BYU	426
12	Purdue	426
13	Illinois	423
14	Nebraska	388
15	Arizona	352
16	UCLA	318
17	Kentucky	307
18	Arizona State	297
19	USC	254
20	Duke	184
21	Texas A&M	179
22	San Diego	176
23	Minnesota	164
24	Ohio State	139
25	Oregon State	122
26	Loyola Marymount	116
27	Kansas State	80
28	Colorado	73
29	Northwestern	71
30	Marquette	52

**Receiving Votes:** Long Beach State, Michigan State, Oklahoma, Hawaii, Michigan, Cal State Northridge, Utah, Pacific, Ohio, Santa Clara

## PENN STATE'S RECORD WHEN ...

Playing at home.....	8-1
Playing on the road .....	6-2
Playing at a neutral site .....	4-0
Current winning streak .....	W2
Big Ten matches.....	6-2
Non-conference matches .....	12-1
In three-set matches.....	15-0
In four-set matches .....	2-2
In five-set matches.....	1-1
When winning the first set.....	16-2
When losing the first set.....	2-1
Hitting .300 + .....	14-1
Hitting .200 -.299 .....	4-1
When winning the second set.....	17-1
When losing the second set.....	1-2
Out-hitting a team .....	17-1
Out-hit by a team.....	1-2
Playing a ranked team .....	5-3
Playing an unranked team.....	14-0
On TV.....	4-2
In August.....	3-0
In September.....	11-1
In October .....	4-2
In November .....	0-0

## NITTANY LIONS MONTH - BY- MONTH

Penn State is 40-5 (.889) all-time during the month of August, after notching a trio of victories against TCU, Iona and William & Mary last weekend. The Nittany Lions' first two losses came during the inaugural NACWAA in 1995 when Nebraska swept PSU, and in the 1999 NACWAA when Florida outlasted Penn State, 3-2, in the opening round. The Nittany Lions have not dropped a season opening match since losing to Oregon in 2011.

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

PSU is 390-69 (.850) all-time during the month of October. Penn State has posted an 90-13 (.874) mark in October across the last 10 seasons, and a record of 54 -5 (.915) in the last five years, without losing a match during the month from 2007 to 2010.

Penn State is 285-57 (.833) all-time during the month of November, including a 87-8 (.916) mark across the last 10 seasons. The Nittany Lions posted a six-year streak from 1995-2000 where they did not lose a match in the month, and in the last five seasons, Penn State has a 45-3 (.938) mark in November.

In 2013, the Nittany posted unblemished records in three months, going 2-0 in August, 8-0 in October and 10-0 in November.

## QUICK SETS

From Oct. 16, 1996 to Nov. 9, 2001, Penn State won 139 consecutive matches when taking a 2-0 lead. Since joining the Big Ten in 1991, Penn State has played in 788 total matches, winning 729. Across the last seven years, Penn State has earned 167 of its 218 victories in three sets (76%), including 37-of-38 (98%) in 2008 and 32-of-38 in 2009 (84%).

In the last 15 years, the Lions have only lost 61 matches. And of those 22 teams that defeated the Lions – BYU, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Long Beach State, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Nebraska, Northwestern, Ohio State, Oregon, Oregon State, Purdue, USC, Stanford, Temple, Tennessee, Texas, UCLA, Washington and Wisconsin – only nine of these teams (Nebraska, Stanford, Ohio State, Illinois, Wisconsin, UCLA, Minnesota, Michigan State and Florida) have been able to beat Penn State a third time. The Lions have compiled a 278-61 mark in the last 15 years versus these teams.

vs. Michigan	28-2	vs. Stanford	5-6
vs. Northwestern	28-2	vs. MSU	26-3
vs. Wisconsin	25-6	vs. Ohio State	25-5
vs. Florida	4-3	vs. UCLA	4-3
vs. Nebraska	5-5	vs. Minnesota	26-6
vs. LBSU	0-1	vs. USC	2-1
vs. Illinois	26-6	vs. Temple	2-1
vs. BYU	3-1	vs. Tennessee	0-1
vs. Purdue	31-1	vs. Indiana	30-1
vs. Washington	0-1	vs. Texas	9-2
		vs. Oregon	0-2
		vs. Oregon State	0-1

## PENN STATE BY THE NUMBERS

5	Number of NCAA national championships PSU has won in the last seven years
6	Number of total NCAA national championships (1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013) » Penn State's six national titles ties Stanford for the most in history
16	Number of Big Ten titles in 22 seasons in the league » Penn State has captured Big Ten championships in nine of the last 10 years.
21	Number of all-time conference player of the year selections
33	Number of NCAA Tournaments PSU has participated in, one of two to play in all 33
37	Number of consecutive 20-win seasons
38	Seasons of Penn State women's volleyball, which started in 1976 under Tom Tait
65	Longest Big Ten winning streak recorded by Penn State from 11/11/06 to 9/24/10
80	Number of polls in which Penn State was ranked No. 1
94	Number of consecutive home match wins from 9/1/06 to 12/11/10
109	Number of consecutive matches wins between 9/21/07 to 9/11/10
159	Number of Academic All-Big Ten honorees in 21 years
1,143	Number of wins by head coach Russ Rose in his 36th season at the helm of the program » Rose is presently atop the NCAA DI all-time wins list, with one more victory than current Hawaii head coach Dave Shoji.

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## SCOUTING THE OPPONENTS

### PENN STATE VS. MICHIGAN

Series: Penn State leads, 44-3

#### Last Five

Date	Site	Result
11/1/13	A PSU, 3-1 (16-25, 25-22, 25-20, 25-16)	
9/28/13	H PSU 3-1 (25-16, 20-25, 25-19, 25-17)	
10/20/12	A PSU 3-2 (25-19, 25-18, 21-25, 22-25, 15-10)	
10/22/11	H PSU, 3-0 (25-22, 25-21, 25-23)	
11/5/10	A PSU, 3-0 (25-17, 25-22, 25-21)	

#### By the Numbers

at PSU ..... Penn State leads, 24-0  
at U-M..... Penn State leads, 19-3  
at neutral sites ..... Penn State leads, 1-0  
Streak..... PSU, W21

#### Tale of the Tape

PSU	Stat	MICH
18-3.....	Record .....	10-8
14.68 .....	K/S .....	13.62
.346.....	Hitting %.....	.239
13.23 .....	A/S .....	12.85
12.37 .....	D/S .....	14.81
2.32.....	B/S .....	2.01
1.97.....	SA/S.....	0.96

### PENN STATE VS. MICHIGAN STATE

Series: Penn State leads, 39-7

#### Last Five

Date	Site	Result
12/13/13	N PSU, 3-1 (22-25, 25-17, 25-17, 25-23)	
11/2/13	A PSU, 3-0 (25-14, 25-18, 25-20)	
9/27/13	H MSU, 3-2 (25-23, 26-24, 19-25, 19-25, 9-15)	
11/24/12	H PSU, 3-0 (25-13 25-21, 25-15)	
11/26/11	A PSU, 3-1 (27-25, 16-25, 25-16, 25-15)	

#### By the Numbers

at PSU ..... Penn State leads, 20-3  
at MSU ..... Penn State leads, 18-4  
at neutral sites ..... Penn State leads, 1-0  
Streak..... PSU, W2

#### Tale of the Tape

PSU	Stat	MSU
18-3.....	Record .....	12-7
14.68 .....	K/S .....	13.71
.346.....	Hitting %.....	.215
13.23 .....	A/S .....	12.32
12.37 .....	D/S .....	14.00
2.32.....	B/S .....	2.56
1.97.....	SA/S.....	1.42

## KEY MATCHES FROM THE SERIES

**Sept. 27, 2013 - (23-25, 24-26, 25-19, 25-19, 9-15)**  
**MSU 3, PSU 2 - University Park, Pa. - Rec Hall**

Despite double-double performances from Micha Hancock and Megan Courtney, then-No. 15 Michigan State edged then-No. 1 PSU at home in Rec Hall for the first time since 2003. In the 2013 Big Ten opener, Courtney finished second on the team with 14 kills and 13 digs, while Hancock set a career-high mark with nine kills.

**Sept. 28, 2013 - (25-16, 20-25, 25-19, 25-17)**  
**PSU 3, U-M 1 - University Park, Pa. - Rec Hall**

Penn State captured a 3-1 win against Michigan in the most recent outing between the two teams at home to improve to 24-0 all-time against the Wolverines in Rec Hall. Megan Courtney rounded out a trio of double-digit hitters with 11 kills, adding eight digs and four blocks, including two solo stuffs.

## ROAD WARRIORS

Penn State opened the 2014 Big Ten slate with a challenging four-match road swing that featured matches against a trio of top-25 opponents. The Nittany Lions posted a 3-1 mark in the first two weeks of conference play picking up wins against No. 5 Wisconsin, No. 17 Minnesota and Iowa, despite a four-set loss to No. 8 Nebraska.

In the Nittany Lions' third road trip of the season, Penn State collected a pair of wins to move to 5-1 on the road in Big Ten matches. Penn State topped then-No. 14 Purdue in a five-set thriller before sweeping past Indiana.

## MORE BIG TEN WEEKLY HONORS FOR FRANTTI

Following a weekend of team-high performances in Palo Alto, Calif., freshman Ali Frantti was tabbed the Big Ten's Freshman of the Week for the second consecutive week. She opened the weekend with her first collegiate double-double against then-No. 2 Stanford, posting a match-high 22 kills on .405 hitting, adding 11 digs and two blocks. The next evening, she returned to the court to lead the offense with her fourth double-digit kill performance of the season, putting down 14 kills on .619 hitting, adding five digs in a straight set victory against UCLA.

## WELCOME BACK!

In conjunction with Penn State's 50 years of Women in Sport celebration, all four opposing head coaches in the Penn State Alumni Classic were former Nittany Lions, including Eastern Illinois' Kate Price (2008), DePaul's Nadia Edwards (2001), University of Illinois-Chicago's Katie Shumacher-Cawley (2002) and East Carolina's Julie Torbett (1990).

## PENN STATE TABBED BIG TEN PRESEASON FAVORITE

Penn State earned the No. 1 ranking in the 2014 Big Ten Preseason Coaches' Poll, which is decided by the league's 14 head coaches. The top-ranking marks the ninth time in the last 10 years that the 16-time defending Big Ten champion Nittany Lions have been voted No. 1 the preseason standings.

## PRESEASON ALL-BIG TEN NITTANY LIONS

PSU is well represented on the All-Big Ten Preseason Team, with more honorees than any other conference team in the league for the second consecutive year. Senior setter Micha Hancock highlights a trio of 2014 honorees as a unanimous selection. She's joined by senior middle Nia Grant and junior outside Megan Courtney. The nod is the second consecutive for both Hancock and Courtney and the first career for Grant.

## HANCOCK NOMINATED FOR 2014 ESPY AWARD

Penn State's Micha Hancock was one of two PSU student-athletes to be nominated for a 2014 ESPY Award, presented by ESPN. Hancock was nominated for Best Female Collegiate Athlete. Hancock's nomination marks the third time a PSU women's volleyball student-athlete has been up for an ESPY. Megan Hodge earned a nomination in 2010, following the '09 season, while Blair Brown was selected in 2011 following the '10 season.

## I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, ICE CREAM!

Earlier this summer Penn State's renowned Berkey Creamery unveiled a new "hall of fame" ice cream flavor named after legendary Nittany Lion women's volleyball head coach, Russ Rose. For the first time in more than 20 years, the flavor, Russ "digs" Roseberry, joins the creamery's lineup of "hall of fame" permanent flavors. The ice cream variety is made with black raspberry puree, red raspberry sauce and pure Wilbur's chocolate in a strawberry base.

## NITTANY LIONS EARN TOP RANKING IN AVCA PRESEASON POLL

Penn State women's volleyball earned the No. 1 overall ranking in the 2014 AVCA Preseason Coaches' Poll. This year's poll features more Big Ten teams than any other conference, with the Nittany Lions among seven other league teams to be ranked within the top 25 and one of four to be within the top 10. Since 2004, Penn State has been ranked within the top five in every AVCA preseason poll, having earned a top-ranking five times (2008-11 & 2014).

Earning 32 of a possible 60 first-place votes, PSU claimed the top spot ahead of No. 2 Texas, No. 3 Stanford, No. 4 Washington and No. 5 USC. The Big Ten is also well represented in the lower half of the top 10 rankings with Wisconsin, Nebraska and Purdue in spots six through eight, consecutively. BYU and Florida rounded out the last spots at No. 9 and No. 10.

## LEADING LIONS

Seniors Nia Grant and Dominique Gonzalez have been selected as 2014 team captains. Senior Micha Hancock will also serve as the 2014 floor captain.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Penn State meets Big Ten conference opponent, Ohio State twice next week. The Nittany Lions host the Buckeyes Tuesday, Oct. 28 before traveling out to Columbus, Oct. 31.

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## CAREER COUNTDOWN!

### KILLS

MILESTONE	NAME	# TO GO
200 kills	Simone Lee	32
300 kills	Aiyana Whitney	81
	Ali Frantti	81
500 kills	Micha Hancock	51
800 kills	Nia Grant	62
	Megan Courtney	69

### DIGS

MILESTONE	NAME	# TO GO
100 digs	Aiyana Whitney	59
200 digs	Nia Grant	31
500 digs	Lacey Fuller	16
1,000 digs	Megan Courtney	314
1,500 digs	Dominique Gonzalez	276
	Micha Hancock	498

### ASSISTS

MILESTONE	NAME	# TO GO
5,000 assists	Micah Hancock	88

### BLOCKS

MILESTONE	NAME	# TO GO
100 blocks	Aiyana Whitney	30
300 blocks	Micha Hancock	52
	Megan Courtney	59
400 blocks	Nia Grant	12

## CAREER RECORD BOOK WATCH

### ASSISTS

#	RECORD	NAME
1.	6,596	Michelle Jaworski, 1987-90
2.	6,087	Sam Tortorello, 2002-05
3.	5,911	Bonnie Bremner, 1996-99
4.	5,800	Alisha Glass, 2006-09
5.	5,455	Salima Davidson, 1991-94
6.	<b>4,912</b>	<b>Micha Hancock, 2011-Pres.</b>
7.	4,774	Ellen Hensler, 1983-86

### ACES

#	RECORD	NAME
1.	<b>330</b>	<b>Micha Hancock, 2011-Pres.</b>
2.	235	Ellen Hensler, 1983-86
3.	183	Vida Kernich, 1983-86
4.	175	Lori Barberich, 1981-84
5.	163	Michelle Jaworski, 1987-90
6.	155	Noelle Zientara, 1987-90
7.	151	Elizabeth Ramirez, 1986-89
8.	146	Alyssa D'Errico, 2007-10
9.	134	Roberta Holehouse, 2005-08
10.	127	Nicole Fawcett, 2005-08
11.	126	Zeynep Ton, 1992-95
12.	118	Sam Tortorello, 2002-05
13.	107	Jennifer Schuller, 1988-91
		Megan Hodge, 2006-09
15.	105	Kim Kumfer, 1989-92

## WHO'S BACK

Two-time first team AVCA All-American Micha Hancock leads a solid group of four starters from last year's NCAA national championship squad. Hancock directed the Nittany Lion offense to a .305 hitting clip in 2013, which concluded the season ranked fifth nationally.

AVCA Honorable Mention All-America Nia Grant and starting outside Megan Courtney are two of Hancock's top attackers who return to the court. Having ranked within the top of the Big Ten and national standings throughout the season, Grant's .350 hitting clip closed out the year ranked second best on the team and fifth in the final conference standings. Courtney, who picked up 2014 Preseason All-Big Ten honors, finished the year with 297 kills, averaging 2.47 per set on .272 hitting. Her 2.51 digs per frame and 0.73 blocks per set ranked third on the squad.

Defensively, the Nittany Lions also return two-year starting libero Dominique Gonzalez, who has proved to be a steady leader in the back row. Averaging 3.28 digs per set in 2014, she amassed 416 digs on the year, posting double-digit digs in 23-of-36 matches in 2013.

## EXPERIENCED SENIOR CORE

Comprised of four, this year's senior class features Lacey Fuller, Dominique Gonzalez, Nia Grant and Micha Hancock. Together, the four have a combined record of 105-15 (.875), and a 56-7 mark in Big Ten matches. Along with back-to-back Big Ten titles in 2012 and 2013, the veteran class holds a 12-2 (.857) mark in post season play, with two consecutive NCAA national semifinal appearances in 2012-13 as well as the 2013 NCAA national title.

## SPOTS TO FILL

Penn State has entered the 2014 season without a trio of standout student-athletes who were instrumental in the Nittany Lions' fifth national crown in the last seven years. 2013 Graduating seniors Deja McClendon, Katie Slay and Ariel Scott combined for 10 AVCA All-America honors during their four-year careers on the court, guiding both the 2010 and 2013 teams to a pair of NCAA national titles.

McClendon highlighted the 2013 All-America class as the only player to be honored as a four-time All-American. A true multi-faceted student-athlete, The Nittany Lions will have to replace McClendon's ability to pass, block, defend and attack. PSU will also need to replace Scott, a three-time AVCA All-American opposite who consistently served as the Nittany Lions' go-to hitter. Defensively, Slay departs Penn State as one of the most prolific blockers in program history, having earned three consecutive All-America honors to go along with her 627 career blocks, which ranks sixth all-time.

## FRESHMAN INFLUENCE

Regarded by PrepVolleyball.com as "a class that rivals the best ever," Penn State's incoming freshman class features eight newcomers who will all be competing for spots on the court in 2014. Along with four state Gatorade Player of the Year honorees, five Nittany Lion newcomers were ranked within PrepVolleyball's top 15 in the nation, while three ranked among the top three.

**Skylar Dykstra** » Transferred from UCLA after redshirting her freshman indoor season.

**Ali Frantti** » Ranked PrepVolleyball's No. 2 recruit in the nation ... 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-America ... Helped club team (Fusion) to back-to-back AAU titles, collecting MVP honors in 202 ... Led Richmond Burton (HS) to 2013 Illinois state title ... Illinois Gatorade Player of the Year.

**Simone Lee** » Ranked PrepVolleyball's No. 8 recruit in the nation ... Played on the same club team as Frantti (Fusion) ... 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-America ... Guided Menomonee (HS) to Wisconsin state title in 2013 ... Wisconsin Gatorade Player of the Year.

**Lainy Pierce** » Led Eden (HS) to New York state title in 2013.

**Nia Reed** » Ranked PrepVolleyball's No. 12 recruit in the nation ... Helped Immaculate Heart (HS) to four straight non-public state titles ... 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-America ... New Jersey Gatorade Player of the Year from 2011-13.

**Heidi Thelen** » Ranked PrepVolleyball's No. 61 recruit in the nation ... 2013-14 Under Armour Honorable Mention All-America.

**Haleigh Washington** » Ranked PrepVolleyball's No. 1 recruit in the nation ... 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-America ... Two-time Colorado Gatorade Player of the Year (2012-13) ... Led Doherty (HS) to 2012 Colorado state title ... 2013 VB Magazine Player of the Year.

**Bryanna Weiskircher** » Ranked PrepVolleyball's No. 13 recruit in the nation ... Played on the same club team as Frantti and Lee (Fusion) as the starting setter ... 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-America.



## RUSS ROSE AT A GLANCE ...

- 2007 AVCA Hall of Fame Inductee
- 2005 USA Volleyball All-Time Great Coach Honoree
- 2000 US Olympic Committee Coach of the Year
- Five-time AVCA Coach of the Year  
1997, 1999, 2007, 2008, 2013
- Six-time AVCA Mid-east Region Coach of the Year  
1996, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012
- Three-time Volleyball Monthly Coach of the Year  
1990, 1993, 1999
- Seven-time Mid-east Region Coach of the Year  
1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 2007, 2008, 2012
- 14-time Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year  
1992, 1993, 1996, 1997 (co), 1998, 2003 (co),  
2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013
- 1996 District II Coach of the Year
- Six-Time Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year
- Five-time Northeast Region Coach of the Year
- National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame
- 2010 USAV Leader in Volleyball

## BY THE NUMBERS ...

### 1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 & 2013

NCAA National Championships

### NO. 1

All-Time Winning Percentage (.864) among active DI coaches

### 1,143

Career wins in 36 seasons, the highest win total ever for a Penn State head coach

### 3

Number of active coaches in NCAA Division I history with 1,000 career wins

### 33

Straight NCAA Tournament appearances

### 16

Big Ten titles in 23 years

### 8

Consecutive Atlantic 10 titles

### 159

Academic All-Big Ten selections in 23 years

### 21

Conference Players of the Year in last 28 years

At least **1** All-American in 34-of-35 seasons

## NEW YEAR, NEW STAFF

Fresh faces on the court are not the only new additions this year, as a new staff joins Rose for the 2014 season. Following the departure of five-year assistant coach Kaleena Davidson, Stevie Mussie joins Penn State as an assistant coach after serving as in the same role at the University of Virginia.

Penn State women's volleyball gained more momentum shortly after Mussie's hiring as former All-American and Nittany Lion assistant coach Salima Rockwell re-joined the staff as associate head coach after spending five seasons at Texas.

## SUCCESS IN THE SEASON OPENER

Penn State improved to 30-6 all-time in season-openers after sweeping TCU in the first match of the Penn State Classic. The win against the Horned Frogs marked the Nittany Lions' third consecutive season-opening victory.

## THE LAST TIME A NITTANY LION ...

Had 30 or more kills .....31 - Nicole Fawcett vs. Cal Poly (8/31/07)  
Had 10 or more blocks ..... 10 - Katie Slay vs. Stanford (12/14/13)  
Had eight or more aces .....8 - Micha Hancock vs. East Carolina (9/20/14)  
Had 30 or more digs ..... 35 - Alyssa D'Errico at Minnesota (11/27/10)  
Had 80 or more assists .....82 - Samantha Spink vs. Illinois (11/24/95)  
Hit .800 or better (min. 12 kills) ..... .929 (13-0-14) A. Wilson vs. St. Francis (9/19/09)

## THE LAST TIME PENN STATE ...

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

Won a match .....vs. East Carolina, 9/20/14 (25-11, 25-17, 25-10)  
Lost a match..... at Stanford, 9/5/14 (25-18, 23-25, 22-25, 25-16, 10-15)  
Won at home .....vs. East Carolina, 9/20/14 (25-11, 25-17, 25-10)  
Lost at home ..... vs. Oregon, 8/26/11 (25-16, 25-21, 25-20, 25-22)  
Won 3-0 at home.....vs. East Carolina, 9/20/14 (25-11, 25-17, 25-10)  
Lost 3-0 at home.....vs. UC-Santa Barbara, 9/18/86 (1-15, 7-15, 13-15)  
Won 3-0 on the road .....vs. Kansas, 9/13/13 (25-10, 27-25, 25-23)  
Lost 3-0 on the road .....vs. Stanford, 9/11/10 (26-28, 12-25, 18-25)

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

Won a match .....at Indiana, 10/18/14, (25-11,25-19,25-15)  
Lost a match.....vs. Illinois, 10/11/14 (24-26, 25-16, 23-25, 22-25)  
Won at home .....vs. Northwestern, 10/8/14, (25-20, 25-17, 25-17)  
Lost at home .....vs. Illinois, 10/11/14 (24-26, 25-16, 23-25, 22-25)  
Won 3-0 at home.....vs. Northwestern, 10/8/14, (25-20, 25-17, 25-17)  
Lost 3-0 at home.....vs. Minnesota, 10/18/03 (26-30, 18-30, 21-30)  
Won 3-0 on the road .....at Indiana, 10/18/14, (25-11,25-19,25-15)  
Lost 3-0 on the road ..... at Illinois, 11/11/11 (21-25, 23-25, 26-28)

## ALL MATCHES

Won a match .....at Indiana, 10/18/14, (25-11,25-19,25-15)  
Lost a match.....vs. Illinois, 10/11/14 (24-26, 25-16, 23-25, 22-25)  
Won at home .....vs. Northwestern, 10/8/14, (25-20, 25-17, 25-17)  
Lost at home .....vs. Illinois, 10/11/14 (24-26, 25-16, 23-25, 22-25)  
Won 3-0 at home.....vs. Northwestern, 10/8/14, (25-20, 25-17, 25-17)  
Lost 3-0 at home.....vs. Minnesota, 10/18/03 (26-30, 18-30, 21-30)  
Won 3-0 on the road .....at Indiana, 10/18/14, (25-11,25-19,25-15)  
Lost 3-0 on the road ..... at Illinois, 11/11/11 (21-25, 23-25, 26-28)

## STREAKING!

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

## TOP FIVE BIG TEN STREAKS

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

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## 2014 PENN STATE SUPERLATIVES

THREE SETS.....	INDIVIDUAL .....	TEAM .....
Kills: .....	14 - Ali Frannti vs. UCLA (9/6).....	54 - vs. Villanova (9/12)
Attacks: .....	26, 2x - Ali Frannti vs. Northwestern (10/9) .....	125 - vs. Wisconsin (9/24)
Attack Percentage*:	846 (11-0-13) - Nia Grant vs. Yale (9/13).....	.586 (38-4-58) - vs. DePaul (9/19)
Assists:.....	47- Micha Hancock vs. Villanova (9/13) .....	52 - vs. Villanova (9/12)
Aces:.....	8 - Micha Hancock vs. East Carolina (9/20).....	15 - vs. DePaul (9/19)
Digs: .....	21 - Dominique Gonzalez vs. Wisconsin (9/24).....	59 vs. Wisconsin (9/24)
Solo Blocks:.....	1, 8 x last - Nia Grant (9/24).....	3, 2x last - vs. DePaul (9/19)
Block Assists:.....	7 - Aiyana Whitney vs. Northwestern (10/9) .....	18, 2x last - vs. Kansas (9/13)
Total Blocks: .....	7, 2x last - Aiyana Whitney vs. Northwestern (10/9) .....	19 - vs. UCLA (9/6)

FOUR SETS .....	INDIVIDUAL .....	TEAM .....
Kills: .....	19 - Ali Frannti at Nebraska (10/3) .....	67 - vs. Illinois (10/11)
Attacks: .....	45 - Megan Courtney at Nebraska (10/3).....	158 - vs. Illinois (10/11)
Attack Percentage*:	571 (10-2-14) - Nia Grant vs. American (9/12) .....	.310 (67-18-158) - vs. Illinois (10/11)
Assists:.....	53 - Micha Hancock vs. Illinois (10/11) .....	56, 2x last - vs. Illinois (10/11)
Aces:.....	8 - Micha Hancock vs. American (9/12).....	14 - vs. American (9/12)
Digs: .....	26 - Dominique Gonzalez at Minnesota (9/27) .....	59, 2x last - at Nebraska (10/3)
Solo Blocks:.....	2, 2x last - Megan Courtney vs. Illinois (10/11).....	4 - vs. Illinois (10/11)
Block Assists:.....	6, 2x last - Haleigh Washington vs. Illinois (10/11).....	25 - at Minnesota (9/27)
Total Blocks: .....	8 - Nia Grant at Minnesota (9/27).....	15.5 - at Minnesota (9/27)

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

## 2014 OPPONENT SUPERLATIVES

THREE SETS.....	INDIVIDUAL .....	TEAM .....
Kills: .....	20 - Karsta Lowe, UCLA (9/6) .....	42 - UCLA (9/6)
Attacks: .....	42 - Karsta Lowe, UCLA (9/6) .....	122 - Wisconsin (9/24)
Attack Percentage*:	560 (14-0-25) - Stephenee Yancy, UIC (9/20).....	.217 (32-14-83) - UIC (9/20)
Assists:.....	34 - Julie Consani, UCLA (9/6).....	41 - UCLA (9/6)
Aces:.....	2 - Madison Rigdon, Kansas (9/13) .....	6 - UCLA (9/6)
Digs: .....	14 - Stephanie Wallace, Eastern Illinois (9/19).....	47 - Wisconsin (9/24)
Solo Blocks:.....	1, 4x last - Katie Dutchman, Northwestern (10/8).....	1, 4x last - Northwestern (10/8)
Block Assists:.....	4, 4x last - Maddie Slater, Northwestern (10/8).....	14 - Wisconsin (9/24)
Total Team Blocks: .....	4, 4x last - Maddie Slater, Northwestern (10/8).....	7.0, 2x last - Northwestern (10/8)

FOUR SETS .....	INDIVIDUAL .....	TEAM .....
Kills: .....	19 - Jocelynn Birks, Illinois (10/11).....	61 - Illinois (10/11)
Attacks: .....	45 - Sarah Wilhite, Minnesota (9/27).....	143, 2x last - Illinois (10/11)
Attack Percentage*:	472 (19-2-36) - Jocelynn Birks, Illinois (10/11).....	.315 (61-16-143) - Illinois (10/11)
Assists:.....	47 - Alexis Viliunas, Illinois (10/11) .....	58 - Illinois (10/11)
Aces:.....	3 - Brandi Donnelly, Illinois (10/11).....	4, 2x last - Illinois (10/11)
Digs: .....	20 - Annika Albrecht, Nebraska (10/3).....	64 - Nebraska (10/3)
Solo Blocks:.....	2 - Meghan Haggerty, Nebraska (10/3) .....	2 - Nebraska (10/3)
Block Assists:.....	6 - Hannah Tapp, Minnesota (9/27).....	18 - Minnesota (9/27)
Total Blocks: .....	7 - Meghan Haggerty, Nebraska (10/3) .....	9.0, 2x last - Nebraska (10/3)

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

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## INDIVIDUAL PLAYER MATCH-BY-MATCH HIGHS

DATE	OPPONENT	KILLS	ATTACKS	ASSISTS	DIGS	TOTAL BLOCKS
Aug. 29	TCU	Frantti - 13	Frantti -24	Hancock - 37	Frantti - 7 Hancock - 7 Gonzalez - 7	Frantti - 4
Aug. 30	Iona	Frantti - 11	Frantti - 20 Whitney - 20	Hancock - 30	Gonzalez - 11	Thelen - 3
Aug. 30	William & Mary	Lee - 10	Lee - 17	Hancock - 35	Courtney - 7	Courtney - 4 Frantti - 4
Sept. 5	Stanford	Frantti - 22	Courtney - 43	Hancock - 57	Gonzalez - 20	Courtney - 5
Sept. 6	UCLA	Frantti - 14	Frantti - 21	Hancock - 37	Gonzalez - 7	Grant - 7
Sept. 12	American	Frantti - 12	Frantti - 39	Hancock - 35	Gonzalez - 21	Grant - 5 Whitney - 5
Sept. 12	Villanova	Courtney - 14	Frantti - 26	Hancock - 47	Gonzalez - 10	Grant - 2
Sept. 13	Yale	Frantti - 11 Grant - 11	Courtney - 20	Hancock - 35	Gonzalez - 19	Grant - 2 Hancock - 2
Sept. 13	Kansas	Whitney - 13	Whitney - 21	Hancock - 34	Gonzalez - 12	Whitney - 6
Sept. 19	Eastern Illinois	Grant - 10 Lee - 10	Courtney - 19	Hancock - 30	Hancock - 10 Courtney - 10	Grant - 5
Sept. 19	DePaul	Frantti - 9	Frantti - 14	Hancock - 27	Hancock - 6 Gonzalez - 6	Whitney - 3
Sept. 20	UIC	Whitney - 13	Courtney - 19	Hancock - 38	Gonzalez - 10	Hancock - 1 Grant - 1
Sept. 20	East Carolina	Frantti - 10 Courtney - 10	Courtney -17	Hancock 33	Gonzalez - 5	Grant - 2 Hancock - 2
Sept. 24	Wisconsin	Lee - 13	Courtney - 25	Hancock - 38	Gonzalez - 21	Whitney - 6
Sept. 27	Minnesota	Grant - 14	Lee - 33	Hancock - 50	Gonzalez - 26	Grant - 8
Oct. 3	Nebraska	Frantti - 19	Courtney - 45	Hancock - 40	Gonzalez - 17	Grant - 5
Oct. 4	Iowa	Grant - 11 Courtney - 11	Frantti - 22	Hancock - 33	Gonzalez - 8	Washington - 1 Whitney - 1
Oct. 9	Northwestern	Whitney - 12	Frantti -26	Hancock - 30	Gonzalez - 10	Whitney - 7
Oct. 11	Illinois	Whitney - 15	Frantti - 34	Hancock - 53	Courtney -13	Washington -7
Oct. 17	Purdue	Whitney - 18	Whitney -44	Hancock - 58	Gonzalez - 16	Washington - 8
Oct. 18	Indiana	Courtney - 9	Frantti - 16	Hancock - 32	Hancock - 5	Grant - 5
<b>TOTALS (INCLUDING TIES)</b>		Frantti - 9 Lee - 3 Courtney - 4 Grant - 4 Whitney - 5	Frantti - 10 Lee - 2 Whitney - 3 Courtney - 7	Hancock - 21	Frantti - 1 Gonzalez - 17 Hancock - 4 Courtney - 3	Frantti - 2 Courtney - 2 Thelen - 1 Grant - 10 Whitney - 6 Hancock - 3 Washington - 3

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## 2014 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	SET SCORES	SITE	ATT.	RECORD	TIME
Aug. 29	TCU	W	3-0	25-10, 25-17, 25-17	University Park, Pa.	2,809	1-0	1:22
Aug. 30	Iona	W	3-0	25-13, 25-14, 25-11	University Park, Pa.	3,354	2-0	1:02
Aug. 30	William & Mary	W	3-0	25-13, 25-12, 25-9	University Park, Pa.	3,354	3-0	1:10
Sept. 5	Stanford	L	3-2	25-18, 23-25, 22-25, 25-16, 10-15	Palo Alto, Calif.	3,685	3-1	2:32
Sept. 6	UCLA	W	3-0	25-19, 27-25, 25-17	Palo Alto, Calif.	412	4-1	1:37
Sept. 12	American	W	3-1	24-26, 25-8, 25-14, 25-16	Villanova, Pa.	387	5-1	1:37
Sept. 12	Villanova	W	3-0	25-19, 25-12, 25-15	Villanova, Pa.	1,239	6-1	1:24
Sept. 13	Yale	W	3-0	25-14, 25-15, 25-15	Villanova, Pa.	673	7-1	1:14
Sept. 13	# 24 Kansas	W	3-0	25-10, 27-25, 25-23	Villanova, Pa.	933	8-1	1:27
Sept. 19	Eastern Illinois	W	3-0	25-10, 25-9, 25-17	University Park, Pa.	2,467	9-1	1:03
Sept. 19	DePaul	W	3-0	25-8, 25-10, 25-13	University Park, Pa.	2,467	10-1	1:04
Sept. 20	UIC	W	3-0	25-18, 25-13, 25-16	University Park, Pa.	3,337	11-1	:59
Sept. 20	East Carolina	W	3-0	25-11, 25-17, 25-10	University Park, Pa.	3,337	12-1	1:05
Sept. 24	# 5 Wisconsin	W	3-0	25-17, 25-21, 25-22	Madison, Wis.	6,012	13-1	1:40
Sept. 27	#17 Minnesota	W	3-1	27-29, 25-13, 25-15, 25-22	Minneapolis, Minn.	5,028	14-1	2:05
Oct. 3	#8 Nebraska	L	3-1	25-12, 22-25, 20-25, 23-25	Lincoln, Neb.	8,585	14-2	2:15
Oct. 4	Iowa	W	3-0	25-15, 25-14, 25-11	Iowa City, Iowa	1,738	15-2	1:17
Oct. 9	Northwestern	W	3-0	25-20, 25-17, 25-17	University Park, Pa.	1,663	16-2	1:39
Oct. 11	Illinois	L	3-1	24-26, 25-16, 23-25, 22-25	University Park, Pa.	3,594	16-3	2:07
Oct. 17	Purdue	W	3-2	26-24, 23-25, 22-25, 25-23, 15-9	West Lafayette, Ind.	2,415	17-3	2:40
Oct. 18	Indiana	W	3-0	25-11, 25-19, 25-15	Bloomington, Ind.	1,236	18-3	1:20

## TEAM MATCH-BY-MATCH STAT COMPARISON

DATE	OPPONENT	SETS	KILLS	HITTING %	ACES	DIGS	TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS	TOTAL PTS SCORED*
Aug. 29	TCU/PSU	3	29/48	.125/.429	0/2	27/35	4.0/8.0	33.0/58.0
Aug. 30	Iona/PSU	3	12/40	-.075/.329	1/4	22/35	3.0/5.5	16.0/49.5
Aug. 30	W&M/PSU	3	17/45	-.056/.576	0/4	13/30	3.0/8.5	20.0/57.5
Sept. 5	Stanford/PSU	5	54/71	.237/.243	2/4	62/73	10.0/8.0	66.0/83.0
Sept. 6	UCLA/PSU	3	42/43	.183/.442	6/5	33/34	1.0/10.0	49.0/58.0
Sept. 12	American/PSU	4	33/49	.105/.269	4/14	46/53	4.0/11.0	41.0/74.0
Sept. 12	Nova/PSU	3	27/54	.200/.416	0/7	30/38	1.0/4.0	28.0/65.0
Sept. 13	Yale/PSU	3	26/45	.108/.419	2/3	36/43	1.0/4.0	29.0/52.0
Sept. 13	Kansas/PSU	3	32/43	.134/.319	4/6	35/34	6.0/9.0	42.0/58.0
Sept. 19	EIU/PSU	3	28/46	.138/.440	0/6	34/43	3.0/7.5	31.0/59.5
Sept. 19	DePaul/PSU	3	19/38	.069/.586	0/15	12/22	2.0/6.0	21.0/59.0
Sept. 20	UIC/PSU	3	32/51	.217/.500	1/6	27/32	1.0/3.0	34.0/60.0
Sept. 20	ECU/PSU	3	17/45	.034/.466	1/12	15/23	5.0/5.0	23.0/62.0
Sept. 24	Wisconsin/PSU	3	35/53	.148/.288	0/2	47/59	7.0/9.0	42.0/64.0
Sept. 27	Minnesota/PSU	4	59/42	.090/.261	2/7	63/59	9.0/15.5	53.0/81.5
Oct. 3	Nebraska/PSU	4	53/53	.196/.191	1/5	64/56	9.0/9.0	63.0/66.0
Oct. 4	Iowa/PSU	3	20/44	.134/.376	0/11	19/34	5.0/1.0	25.0/56.0
Oct. 9	Northwestern/PSU	3	33/42	.110/.340	2/4	37/40	7.0/8.0	42.0/54.0
Oct. 11	Illinois/PSU	4	61/67	.315/.310	4/6	63/54	8.0/13.0	73.0/86.0
Oct. 17	Purdue/PSU	5	65/65	.242/.216	2/11	64/59	11.0/11.5	78.0/87.5
Oct. 18	Indiana/PSU	3	31/42	.208/.500	2/6	18/21	3.0/8.0	36.0/56.0

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



## LACEY FULLER

SENIOR | DS  
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Has started 18 matches this season in the back row ... Highlighted the Penn State Classic with four digs against TCU (8/29) and one ace against William & Mary (8/30) ... Posted her first double-digit dig performance of the season with 10 at No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Posted at least two digs in every match at the Villanova Classic, highlighting the event with eight digs in a four-set victory against American (9/12) ... Recorded at least three digs in all three matches of the Penn State Alumni Classic, highlighting the weekend with six digs against Eastern Illinois (9/19) ... Posted five digs in the Big Ten opener at No. 5 Wisconsin (9/24) ... Notched her third double-digit dig performance of the season, matching a career-high mark with 13 digs at No. 8 Nebraska (10/3) ... Recorded double-digit digs against No. 15 Illinois (10/11).

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in all 36 matches, seeing action in 118 sets ... Closed out the 2013 season ranked fifth on the team in digs with 141, averaging 1.19 per set ... Posted eight digs in back-to-back NCAA tournament matches against Utah (12/7) and Michigan State (12/13) ... Recorded a season-high nine digs in the NCAA regional final match against Stanford (12/14) .. Had one dig and one ace in the NCAA national semifinal match against third-seeded Washington (12/19) ... Totaled five digs in the NCAA national championship match against No. 12 Wisconsin (12/21).

**PERSONAL »** Born Lacey Fuller on Aug. 26, 1992 in San Diego, Calif. ... parents are Donald and Mary Ann Fuller ... has one brother, Blake and two sisters, Loni and Kim.

### 2014 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
TCU	0	0	0	.000	0	0	4	0
Iona	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0
William & Mary	0	0	0	.000	1	1	2	0
Stanford	0	0	0	.000	1	0	10	0
UCLA	0	0	0	.000	1	0	5	0
American	0	0	0	.000	2	1	8	0
Villanova	0	0	0	.000	0	0	5	0
Yale	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0
Kansas	0	0	0	.000	0	0	6	0
Eastern Illinois	0	0	0	.000	1	0	6	0
DePaul	0	0	0	.000	3	0	5	0
UIC	0	0	0	.000	0	0	4	0
East Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	.000	0	0	5	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	3	0	8	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	.000	0	0	13	0
Iowa	0	0	0	.000	0	1	5	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	.000	0	0	4	0
Illinois	0	0	0	.000	0	0	10	0
Purdue	0	0	0	.000	1	0	6	0
Indiana	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0

2014 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	N/A
N/A	Attacks	1, 34x, last vs. Minnesota (12/8/12)
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
3 vs. DePaul (9/19)	Assists	3 vs. DePaul (9/19/14)
1, 3x last at Iowa (10/4)	Aces	2, 4x, last vs. Bowling Green (12/1/12)
13 at Nebraska (10/4)	Digs	13, 2x st Nebraska (10/4/14)
N/A	Blocks	N/A

### FULLER'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2011	30-67	0	0	0	.000	4	6	56	0	0	0	0.00	0.06	0.10	0.88	0.00
2012	36-119	0	2	4	-.500	16	22	192	0	0	0	0.00	0.13	0.16	1.42	0.00
2013	36-118	0	0	0	.000	9	12	141	0	0	0	0.00	0.08	0.10	1.19	0.00
2014	21-71	0	0	0	.000	13	3	115	0	0	0	0.00	0.18	0.04	1.62	0.00
CAREER	123-375	0	2	4	-.500	41	41	484	0	0	0	0.00	0.11	0.11	1.29	0.00

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## DOMINIQUE GONZALEZ

JUNIOR | DS  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Her 3.58 digs per set ranks first on the squad and 12th in the Big Ten ... Highlighted the Penn State Classic with double-digit kills against Iona (8/30), posting a team-high 11 ... Notched her fourth career 20+ dig performance with a match-high 20 digs at No. 2 Stanford (9/6) ... Led the team with seven digs against UCLA (9/6) ... Posted double-digit digs in four consecutive matches at the Villanova Classic ... Recorded her second 20+ dig performance with a season-high 21 digs against American (9/12), while also tallying a career-high three aces ... Matched a career-high mark with three aces against DePaul (9/19) and UIC (9/20), while also notching double-digit digs against the Flames (10) ... Totaled 21 digs at No. 5 Wisconsin (9/24) for her third match of the season with more than 20 kills ... Set a season-high mark with a match-high 26 digs against No. 17 Minnesota (9/27).

**2014 HONORS »** Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week (9/29) ... Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge All-Tournament Team (9/6) ... Penn State Alumni Classic All-Tournament Team (9/20).

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Started all 36 matches at libero ... Concluded the season ranked first on the team in digs (416), averaging a squad-best 3.28 per set ... Posted double-digit digs in 23-of-36 matches, including three matches with 20 or more digs ... Matched a career-high mark with two aces against Yale (9/22) ... Totaled a season-high 24 digs against Northwestern (11/22) ... Registered four consecutive double-digit dig matches during the 2013 NCAA tournament with 18 against Michigan State (12/13), 15 against Stanford (12/15), 13 against No. 3 Washington (12/19) and 20 in the national championship match against No. 12 Wisconsin (12/21).

**2013 HONORS »** Penn State Classic All-Tournament Team (9/21)

**PERSONAL »** Born Dominique Shavawn Gonzalez on July 11, 1993 in San Antonio, Texas ... Parents are Roger and Debra Gonzalez ... Has two sisters, Jaci Gonzalez Barrientes and Nicki ... Sister, Jaci, played volleyball and softball at the University of Houston and sister, Nicki, played volleyball at UT Brownsville ... majoring in kinesiology.

### 2014 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
TCU	0	0	0	.000	3	0	7	0
Iona	0	0	0	.000	3	0	11	0
William & Mary	0	0	0	.000	2	0	3	0
Stanford	0	0	0	.000	4	1	20	0
UCLA	0	0	0	.000	1	1	7	0
American	0	0	0	.000	1	3	21	0
Villanova	0	0	0	.000	4	0	10	0
Yale	0	0	1	.000	2	0	19	0
Kansas	0	0	0	.000	1	0	12	0
Eastern Illinois	0	0	0	.000	6	0	9	0
DePaul	0	0	0	.000	4	3	6	0
UIC	0	0	0	.000	4	3	10	0
East Carolina	0	0	0	.000	2	2	5	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	.000	4	0	21	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0	26	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	.000	4	0	17	0
Iowa	0	0	0	.000	4	2	9	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	.000	3	0	10	0
Illinois	0	0	0	.000	2	0	12	0
Purdue	0	0	0	.000	1	2	16	0
Indiana	0	0	0	.000	1	1	4	0

2014 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	1, 6x last vs. Minnesota (10/9/13)
N/A	Attacks	2, 2x, last vs. DePaul (9/8/12)
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
4 vs. Stanford (9/5)	Assists	7, 2x last vs. Texas (9/7/13)
3, 3x - last vs. UIC (9/20)	Aces	3, 3x last vs. UIC (9/20/14)
26 at Minnesota (9/27)	Digs	29 at Nebraska (10/29/12)
NA	Blocks	N/A

### GONZALEZ'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2011	29-84	0	0	4	.000	18	4	117	0	0	0	0.00	0.23	0.10	1.46	0.00
2012	36-125	5	1	14	.286	110	29	503	0	0	0	0.04	0.77	0.21	3.66	0.00
2013	34-129	1	2	8	-.125	93	18	422	0	0	0	0.01	0.73	0.13	3.19	0.00
2014	21-71	0	0	2	.000	56	18	254	0	0	0	0.00	0.79	0.25	3.58	0.00
CAREER	122-407	6	3	28	.107	262	70	1,250	0	0	0	0.02	0.64	0.17	3.07	0.00



## NIA GRANT

SENIOR | MH  
WARREN, OHIO

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Her .479 hitting percentage ranks first in the Big Ten and second nationally ... Totaled seven kills on 13 errorless swings, adding two aces, two digs and two blocks in her senior season debut against TCU (8/29) .. Had nine kills on .467 hitting against UCLA (9/6), tallying a match-high seven blocks and two aces ... Posted double-digit kills in three-of-four matches at the Villanova Classic, setting a career-high mark with an .846 hitting clip against Yale (9/13) ... Registered a team-high 10 digs on 16 errorless swings against Eastern Illinois (9/19) ... Tallied seven kills at No. 5 Wisconsin (9/24), while also ranking second on the team with three blocks ... Led the team in kills (14) and blocks (8) at No. 17 Minnesota (9/27), setting two season-high mark ... Tied for first on the team with 11 kills on .625 hitting at Iowa (10/4).

**2014 HONORS »** Preseason All-Big Ten ... Big Ten Player of the Week (9/15) ... Villanova Classic All-Tournament Team.

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Selected to the AVCA All-Northeast Region team and earned AVCA All-America honorable mention honors ... Played in 35 games this season, starting 33 matches ... Finished fifth on the team with 208 kills ... Her .350 hitting percentage ranked second on the team and fifth in the Big Ten ... Tallied 23 aces in 2013, which ranked second on the team ... Served up a season-high three aces at Texas (9/7) ... Recorded back-to-back double-digit kill matches at Illinois (10) and Northwestern (11) ... Logged a team-high six blocks against No. 24 Ohio State (10/23) ... Matched a career-high mark with 11 kills against Northwestern (11/22) ... Had six kills, one ace, two digs and four blocks in the NCAA national semifinal match against No. 3 Washington (12/19) ... Posted four kills and four blocks in the national title match against No. 12 Wisconsin (12/21).

**2013 HONORS »** AVCA All-America Honorable Mention ... AVCA All-Northeast Region team honoree.

**PERSONAL »** Born Nia Nicole Grant on May 8, 1993 in Warren, Ohio ... parents are African and Stacey Grant ... Has one brother, A.J. Grant (18), and one sister, Faith (15) ... Father played football for the Miami Dolphins ... majoring in communications.

### 2014 MATCH-BY-MATCH

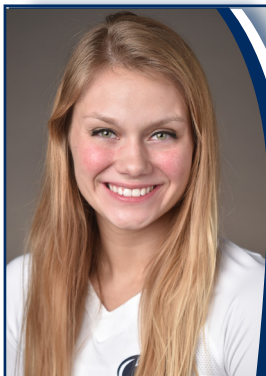
OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
TCU	7	0	13	.538	1	2	2	2
Iona	4	1	7	.429	0	0	1	0
William & Mary	4	2	6	.333	4	0	0	3
Stanford	9	3	19	.316	0	0	5	2
UCLA	9	2	15	.467	1	2	2	7
American	10	2	14	.571	0	1	5	5
Villanova	8	0	13	.615	0	0	1	2
Yale	11	0	13	.846	0	0	2	2
Kansas	10	3	15	.467	0	0	2	3
Eastern Illinois	10	0	16	.625	0	0	3	5
DePaul	4	0	4	1.00	0	0	0	2
UIC	7	2	13	.385	0	0	2	1
East Carolina	7	2	10	.500	1	0	1	2
Wisconsin	7	4	16	.188	1	0	2	3
Minnesota	14	2	28	.429	0	1	2	8
Nebraska	9	2	18	.389	0	1	0	5
Iowa	11	1	16	.625	1	0	4	0
Northwestern	7	1	12	.500	0	0	5	3
Illinois	13	5	25	.320	0	0	3	3
Purdue	12	3	21	.429	0	2	2	3
Indiana	8	1	9	.778	0	1	1	5

2014 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
14 at Minnesota (9/27)	Kills	14 at Minnesota (9/27/14)
25 vs. Illinois (10/11)	Attacks	25 vs. Illinois(10/11/14)
.846 (11-0-13) vs. Yale (9/13)	Hitting Percentage	.846 (11-0-13) vs. Yale (9/13/14)
4 vs. William & Mary (8/30)	Assists	4 vs. William & Mary (8/30/14)
2, 2x last vs. Purdue (10/17)	Aces	3 vs. Texas (9/7/13)
5, 2x last vs. Northwestern (10/8)	Digs	7 vs. Illinois (11/23/13)
8 at Minnesota (9/27)	Blocks	9 at Minnesota (11/4/11)

### GRANT'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2011	32-108	151	44	309	.346	7	13	45	11	91	102	1.29	0.06	0.11	0.37	0.91
2012	36-139	205	52	407	.376	5	0	15	9	124	133	1.65	0.04	0.00	0.10	0.97
2013	35-121	208	64	411	.350	10	23	69	12	85	97	1.76	0.08	0.19	0.58	0.82
2014	21-69	181	36	303	.479	5	10	45	8	56	64	2.62	0.07	0.14	0.65	0.93
CAREER	124-428	745	196	1,430	.384	27	46	169	42	346	388	1.74	0.06	0.11	0.39	0.91

# 2014 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



## MICHA HANCOCK

SENIOR | S  
EDMOND, OKLA.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Ranked first nationally in aces per set (1.07), with at least one ace in all but one match this season ... Averaging 11.39 assists per set, she's paced the team to a .346 hitting clip, which leads the nation ... Recorded her first double-double of the season at No. 2 Stanford (9/5) with (57A, 13D) ... Totaled 21 aces in the Villanova Classic, highlighting the event with a season-high eight against American (9/12) ... Totaled 22 aces in the Penn State Alumni Classic with eight against DePaul (9/19) and ECU (9/20) ... Posted a double-double (38A, 10D) at No. 5 Wisconsin (9/24), matching a career-high mark with nine kills on .750 hitting ... Registered three aces at No. 17 Minnesota (9/27).

**2014 HONORS »** Preseason All-Big Ten ... AVCA DI National Player of the Week (9/30) ... PSU Classic All-Tournament ... Big Ten Setter of the Week (9/15, 9/22, 9/29) ... Villanova Classic MVP

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Ranked second nationally and first in the Big Ten in aces per set, averaging 0.65 per frame ... With 254 career aces she is currently the all-time career leader in the category ... Paced the team to a .305 hitting percentage, ranked fifth in the nation and first in the conference ... Recorded seven double-doubles, while also tallying eight matches with more than 10 digs ... Set a season-high mark with eight aces against Louisville (8/31) and Iowa (10/26) ... Posted five kills on .625 hitting in the NCAA national semifinal match against No. 3 Washington (12/19) ... Set the Lions to a national championship title with 16 digs, 48 assists & three aces in the national finals against No. 12 Wisconsin (12/21).

**2013 HONORS »** 2013 NCAA Tournament MVP ... Two-time AVCA First Team All-America (2012-13) ... 2013 AVCA All-Northeast Region ... 2013 Volleyball Magazine Second Team All-America ... Lexington Regional All-Tournament ... Two-time Big Ten Setter of the Year ... 2013 All-Big Ten ... Five-time Big Ten Setter of the Week (10/7, 10/14, 11/4, 11/25, 12/2).

**PERSONAL »** Born Micha Danielle Hancock on Nov. 10, 1992 in McAlester, Okla. ... Parents are Michael and Kelly ... Has one sister, Kelsey ... Sister, Kelsey, played volleyball at Tulsa ... Mother, Kelly, played basketball at Oklahoma State ... Father, Michael, was a professional boxer.

### 2014 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
TCU	2	0	5	.400	37	0	7	2
Iona	2	1	5	.200	30	1	8	1
William & Mary	5	0	7	.714	35	2	5	0
Stanford	4	3	13	.077	57	1	13	0
UCLA	4	1	9	.333	37	2	5	4
American	5	1	9	.444	35	8	4	2
Villanova	3	1	6	.333	47	6	6	1
Yale	3	0	5	.600	35	1	5	2
Kansas	4	2	9	.222	34	6	1	2
Eastern Illinois	6	0	10	.625	30	4	10	2
DePaul	2	1	3	.333	27	8	5	1
UIC	5	1	8	.500	38	2	3	1
East Carolina	3	0	3	1.00	33	8	4	2
Wisconsin	9	0	12	.750	38	2	10	2
Minnesota	4	0	12	.333	50	3	5	4
Nebraska	2	3	10	-.100	40	1	9	2
Iowa	5	0	8	.625	33	4	5	0
Northwestern	2	0	4	.500	30	4	7	3
Illinois	8	0	17	.471	53	3	8	4
Purdue	2	2	8	.000	58	6	10	3
Indiana	5	1	6	.667	32	4	5	1

2014 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
9 at Minnesota (9/27)	Kills	9, 2x last at Minnesota (9/27/14)
17 vs. Illinois (10/11)	Attacks	17 vs. Illinois (10/11/14)
.750 (9-0-12) vs. Wisconsin (9/24)	Hitting Percentage	.875 (7-0-8) vs. USC (8/27/11)
58 vs. Purdue (10/17)	Assists	67 vs. Minnesota (10/9/13)
8, 3x last vs. East Carolina (9/20)	Aces	10 vs. Binghamton (11/30/12)
13 vs. Stanford (9/5)	Digs	23 vs. Stanford (8/31/12)
4, 3x last vs. Illinois (10/11)	Blocks	8 at Nebraska (10/28/12)

### HANCOCK'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2011	33-121	110	28	226	.309	1,275	91	279	5	54	59	0.91	10.54	0.75	2.31	0.49
2012	36-125	125	34	293	.358	1,403	81	298	8	68	76	1.00	11.22	0.65	2.38	0.61
2013	36-127	129	36	283	.331	1,425	82	289	5	69	74	0.99	11.15	0.63	2.23	0.60
2014	21-71	85	17	169	.402	809	76	136	4	35	39	1.20	11.39	1.07	1.92	0.55
CAREER	126-444	444	119	956	.345	4,912	330	1002	22	226	248	1.01	11.06	0.74	2.26	0.56





## AIYANA WHITNEY

REDSHIRT JUNIOR | OH  
NORWOOD, N.J.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Has played in every match this season ... Her .355 hitting percentage ranks eighth in the Big Ten ... Put down eight kills and three blocks against TCU (8/29) ... Tallied nine kills on nine perfect swings against the Tribe (8/30) ... Had seven kills on .583 hitting without any attack errors against UCLA (9/6) ... Put down double-digit kills in two matches at the Villanova Classic, highlighting the event with a season-high 13 kills and a career-high six blocks against Kansas (9/13) ... Served up a career-high two aces against DePaul (9/19) ... Led the team with 13 kills on 18 errorless swings against UIC (9/20) ... Tallied eight kills at No. 5 Wisconsin (9/24), while also matching a career-high mark with a team-high six blocks ... Notched double-digit kills (12) and six blocks at No. 17 Minnesota (9/27) ... Set a career-high mark with seven blocks against No. 24 Northwestern (10/8), adding a team-high 12 kills on .500 hitting ... Led the team for the second consecutive outing with 15 a season-high 15 kills against No. 15 Illinois (10/11).

**2014 HONORS »** Villanova Classic All-Tournament Team ... Penn State Alumni Classic MVP.

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in 21 matches during the season ... Tied for second on the team with six kills against Syracuse (8/31), on .455 hitting, recording three digs and two blocks ... Put down a season-high seven kills on .667 hitting against Albany (9/20), while also matching a career-high mark with four blocks ... Posted five kills on .444 efficiency against Iowa (10/26) ... Tallied two kills and one block in the NCAA tournament first round match against LIU Brooklyn (12/6) ... Notched two kills in the NCAA regional finals against Stanford (12/14).

**PERSONAL »** Born Aiyana Tremayne Abukusumo-Whitney on April 6, 1993 in New York, N.Y. ... Parents are Alvin and Vanessa Whitney ... has one brother, Khalil and one sister Anissa ... Uncle Ubusuku Abukusumo played soccer for the Columbus Crew from 1997-2000, competed on the USA U-20 Youth National Team/Olympic Pool Team in 1998-99 and the CONCACAF World Cup Qualifying Team in 1996 ... Majoring in broadcast journalism.

### 2014 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
TCU	8	2	14	.429	0	0	1	3
Iona	8	6	20	.100	0	0	2	1
William & Mary	9	0	9	1.00	0	0	1	2
Stanford	7	4	23	.130	0	0	1	4
UCLA	7	0	12	.583	0	0	1	2
American	8	3	20	.250	0	0	0	5
Villanova	10	2	14	.571	0	0	1	1
Yale	5	2	15	.200	0	0	0	1
Kansas	13	1	21	.571	0	0	0	6
Eastern Illinois	7	1	9	.667	0	0	0	1
DePaul	6	0	9	.667	0	2	1	3
UIC	13	0	18	.722	0	1	4	0
East Carolina	7	2	14	.357	0	0	2	1
Wisconsin	8	2	17	.353	1	0	0	6
Minnesota	12	4	32	.250	2	0	1	6
Nebraska	4	4	15	.000	0	0	0	4
Iowa	5	4	15	.067	0	0	1	0
Northwestern	12	2	20	.500	0	0	1	7
Illinois	15	7	30	.267	0	0	0	0
Purdue	18	9	44	.205	0	0	2	3
Indiana	7	1	15	.400	0	0	0	2

2014 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
18 vs. Purdue (10/17)	Kills	18 vs. Purdue 10/17/14
44 at Purdue (10/17)	Attacks	44 at Purdue (10/17/14)
1.000 vs. William & Mary (8/30)	Hitting Percentage	1.000 (9-0-9) vs. William & Mary (8/30/14)
2 at Minnesota (9/27)	Assists	2 at Minnesota (9/27/14)
2 vs. DePaul (9/19)	Aces	2 vs. DePaul (9/19/14)
4 vs. UIC (9/20)	Digs	4 vs. UIC (9/20/14)
7, vs. Northwestern (10/8)	Blocks	7, vs. Northwestern (10/8/14)

### WHITNEY'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2011	24-65	113	44	257	.194	0	0	11	3	22	24	1.74	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.38
2012	Redshirt season.															
2013	21-32	42	12	95	.316	1	0	8	0	12	12	1.29	0.03	0.00	0.26	0.39
2014	21-70	189	55	377	.355	2	3	19	3	55	58	2.70	0.03	0.04	0.27	0.83
CAREER	66-167	344	118	792	.285	3	3	41	6	89	70	2.06	0.02	0.02	0.25	0.57

# 2014 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



## MEGAN COURTNEY

JUNIOR | OH  
DAYTON, OHIO

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Her .312 hitting percentage ranks 13th in the Big Ten standings ... Opened the season with double-digit (12) kills on .556 hitting against TCU (8/29), adding five digs ... Notched at least eight kills against Iona (8/30) and William & Mary (8/30) on .400 or better hitting ... Set a season-high mark with 18 kills at No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Led the team with 14 kills at Villanova (9/12) ... Highlighted the Penn State Alumni Classic with her fourth double-digit kill performance, tallying 10 kills against East Carolina (9/20) ... Finished second on the team with 14 digs at No. 5 Wisconsin (9/24), adding eight kills ... Registered double-digit kills at No. 17 Minnesota (9/27) and at No. 8 Nebraska (10/3) ... Tallied a team-high 11 kills on 18 perfect swings at Iowa (10/4), adding a season-high two aces ... Led the team with 13 digs against No. 15 Illinois (10/11).

**2014 HONORS »** Penn State Classic All Tournament Team.

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in 35 matches, starting 34 contests ... Posted seven double-doubles, while also tallying double-digit kills in 13 matches ... Led the team in kills in eight contests ... Notched double figure digs in 12 matches ... Registered four consecutive double-digit kill performances against Yale (11), Michigan State (15), Michigan (11) and Indiana (15) from 9/21-10/3 ... Led the team with a double-double at No. 14 Wisconsin (11/15), posting 14 kills and 11 digs ... Led the team with a career-high 10 kills on .474 (10-1-19) hitting against Northwestern (11/22) ... Led the team with 17 kills in the NCAA tournament second round match against Utah (12/7) ... Notched a double-double (10 kills, 14 digs) in the NCAA regional semifinals against Michigan State (12/13) ... Highlighted the NCAA national title match with five kills and a team-high five blocks against No. 12 Wisconsin (12/21), while also tying for team-best with 20 digs.

**2013 HONORS »** Hilton Garden Inn Homewood Suites All-Tournament team ... 2013 Preseason All-Big Ten.

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

### 2014 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
TCU	12	2	18	.556	1	0	5	2
Iona	8	2	15	.400	1	0	8	1
William & Mary	8	1	13	.538	2	0	7	4
Stanford	18	6	43	.279	4	1	9	5
UCLA	1	1	11	.000	1	0	5	3
American	7	2	23	.217	4	0	11	4
Villanova	14	1	22	.591	1	0	8	0
Yale	8	2	20	.300	2	0	2	0
Kansas	4	2	13	.154	1	0	7	5
Eastern Illinois	7	1	19	.316	1	0	19	1
DePaul	6	1	9	.556	1	0	1	0
UIC	9	0	19	.474	4	0	6	1
East Carolina	10	1	17	.529	1	0	4	0
Wisconsin	8	4	25	.160	7	0	14	2
Minnesota	12	4	32	.250	2	1	4	7
Nebraska	11	4	45	.156	1	1	7	3
Iowa	11	0	18	.611	0	2	4	0
Northwestern	10	2	20	.400	1	0	1	2
Northwestern	10	1	19	.474	1	0	7	0
Illinois	4	4	26	.000	1	0	13	4
Purdue	8	4	24	.167	0	0	14	5
Indiana	9	2	14	.500	4	0	4	3

2014 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
18 vs. Stanford (9/5)	Kills	21 vs. Northwestern (11/22/13)
45 at Nebraska (10/3)	Attacks	47 at Michigan (10/20/12)
.611 (11-0-18) at Iowa (10/4)	Hitting Percentage	.750 (15-0-20) vs. Indiana (10/3/13)
7 vs. Wisconsin (9/24)	Assists	7 vs. Wisconsin (9/24/14)
2 vs. Iowa (10/11)	Aces	2, 4x last at Iowa (10/4/14)
14, 2x last at Purdue (10/17)	Digs	22 vs. Minnesota (10/9/13)
7 at Minnesota (9/27)	Blocks	8 at Michigan (10/20/12)

### COURTNEY'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2012	36-120	240	88	632	.241	34	13	237	32	69	101	2.00	0.28	0.11	1.98	0.84
2013	35-120	297	96	740	.272	32	1	301	28	59	87	2.48	0.27	0.01	2.51	0.73
2014	21-71	185	46	446	.312	39	7	148	5	48	53	2.61	0.55	0.10	2.08	0.75
Career	92-311	722	230	1,818	.271	104	21	686	65	176	241	2.32	0.33	0.07	2.21	0.77



## LARA CARAWAY

JUNIOR | DS  
EVANS CITY, Pa.

### 2014 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
TCU	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Iona	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0
William & Mary	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
American	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0
Eastern Illinois	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
DePaul	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in all three matches during a 3-0 week, matching a career high mark with two digs against Iona (8/30) ... Tallied one ace against American (9/12) ... Matched a season-high mark with two digs against Yale (9/13).

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

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

2014 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	N/A
N/A	Attacks	1 vs. Marquette (9/13)
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
N/A	Assists	2, 2x last at FGCU (9/14/13)
1, vs. American (9/12)	Aces	1, 5x, last vs. American (9/12/14)
2 vs. Iona (8/30)	Digs	2, 3x last vs. Albany (9/20/13)
N/A	Blocks	N/A

### CARAWAY'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2012	16-24	0	0	0	.000	1	3	5	0	0	0	0.00	0.04	0.13	0.21	0.00
2013	21-24	0	0	1	.000	1	1	6	0	0	0	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.32	0.00
2014	8-10	0	0	0	.000	0	1	5	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.50	0.00
CAREER	45-58	0	0	1	.000	2	5	16	0	0	0	0.00	0.03	0.09	0.28	0.00

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## KENDALL PIERCE

JUNIOR | DS  
EDEN, N.Y.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in all three matches in a 3-0 opening weekend, highlighting the weekend with two digs against William & Mary (8/30) ... Matched a season-high mark with two digs against UCLA (9/6) ... Set a new season-high mark with three digs against Yale (9/13) ... Notched one kill and one ace at No. 16 Minnesota (9/27) ... Had two digs at No. 14 Purdue (10/17) and Indiana (10/18).

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in 35 matches during the 2013 season, recording seven aces and 21 digs ... Registered seven aces and 21 digs on the year ... Posted a season-high three digs against Yale (9/21) ... Matched the mark again during the regular season with three digs against Ohio State (11/27) ... Totaled three digs in the NCAA tournament first round match against LIU Brooklyn (12/6) ... Saw action in four more NCAA tournament matches including the NCAA regional final match against Stanford (12/14) and the national title match against Wisconsin (12/21).

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

### 2014 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
TCU	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Iona	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
William & Mary	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0
Stanford	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
UCLA	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0
American	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Villanova	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Yale	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0
Kansas	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Eastern Illinois	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
DePaul	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
UIC	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
East Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0
Minnesota	1	0	1	1.00	0	1	0	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Iowa	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Purdue	0	0	0	.000	1	0	2	0
Indiana	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0

2014 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
1 at Minnesota (9/27)	Kills	1 at Minnesota (9/27/14)
1 at Minnesota (9/27)	Attacks	1 at Minnesota (9/27/14)
1.000 (1-0-1) at Minnesota (9/27)	Hitting Percentage	1.000 (1-0-1) at Minnesota (9/27/14)
1 at Purdue (10/17)	Assists	1, 3x, last at Purdue (10/17/14)
1 at Minnesota (9/27)	Aces	1, 7x last vs. Minnesota (9/27/14)
3 vs. Yale (9/13)	Digs	3, 2x last vs. Yale (9/13/14)
N/A	Blocks	N/A

### PIERCE'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2012	18-29	0	0	0	.000	2	9	7	0	0	0	0.00	0.07	0.31	0.24	0.00
2013	34-83	0	0	0	.000	1	7	21	0	0	0	0.00	0.01	0.08	0.24	0.00
2014	19-38	1	0	1	1.00	1	1	15	0	0	0	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.39	0.00
CAREER	71-150	1	0	1	1.00	4	17	43	0	0	0	0.01	0.03	0.11	0.29	0.00



## LAURA BROERMAN

SOPHOMORE | DS  
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.

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

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

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

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

2013 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	N/A
N/A	Attacks	N/A
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
N/A	Assists	N/A
1 vs. DePaul (9/19)	Aces	1, 2x last vs. DePaul (9/19/14)
1, 2x last vs. Yale (9/13)	Digs	1, 2x last vs. Yale (9/13/14)
N/A	Blocks	N/A

### BROERMAN'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2013	5-5	0	0	0	.000	0	1	2	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.40	0.00
2014	13-15	0	0	0	.000	0	2	2	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.13	0.00
CAREER	18-20	0	0	0	.000	0	3	4	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.20	0.00



## TAYLOR KRAUSE

SOPHOMORE | DS  
ALLENTOWN, Pa.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Saw action against Iona (8/30) and William & Mary (8/30), recording one dig against the Gaels ... Had one dig against UCLA (9/6) ... Played in all four matches at the Villanova Classic, highlighting the weekend with two digs against Villanova (9/12) ...

... Matched a season-high mark with two digs at No. 17 Minnesota (9/27) ... Recorded her first collegiate ace at No. 8 Nebraska (10/3) ... Played at Iowa (10/4), against No. 15 Illinois (10/11) and at No. 14 Purdue (10/17).

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in 10 matches during her rookie season ... Made her collegiate debut for Penn State against Syracuse (8/31), notching one dig ... Made her NCAA Tournament debut against LIU Brooklyn (12/6).

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

2014 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
1, vs. American (9/12)	Kills	1, vs. American (9/12/14)
1, vs. American (9/12)	Attacks	1, vs. American (9/12/14)
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
N/A	Assists	N/A
1 at Nebraska (10/3)	Aces	1 at Nebraska (10/3/14)
2x last at Minnesota (9/27)	Digs	2, 3x last at Minnesota (9/27/14)

### KRAUSE'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2013	10-10	0	0	0	.000	0	0	5	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00
2014	17-26	1	0	1	1.000	0	1	8	0	0	0	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.31	0.00
CAREER	27-36	1	0	1	1.000	0	1	13	0	0	0	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.36	0.00

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## CARLEY MULLER

SOPHOMORE | DS  
MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif.

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

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

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Saw action against Iona (8/30) and William & Mary (8/30) ... Played against American (9/12) and Yale (9/13) ... Tallied one dig against DePaul (9/19) ... Posted her first collegiate ace against East Carolina (9/20) ... Played at Iowa (10/4), vs. Northwestern (10/8), against No. 15 Illinois (10/11) and at Indiana (10/18).

2014 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	N/A
N/A	Attacks	N/A
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
N/A	Assists	N/A
1 vs. East Carolina (9/20)	Aces	1 vs. East Carolina (9/20/14)
1 vs. DePaul (9/19)	Digs	1 vs. DePaul (9/19/14)

### MULLER'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2013	7-7	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2014	10-10	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.00
CAREER	17-17	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.06	0.00



## KELLY ROBERTSON

SOPHOMORE | MH  
ALLEN TOWN, Pa.

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Made three appearances on the court during her rookie season ... Made her collegiate debut for Penn State against Albany (9/20) notching three kills and two blocks ... Matched a career-high mark with three kills against Iowa (10/26) ... Equaled her personal best mark with two blocks against Indiana (11/9).

**PERSONAL »** Born Kelly Marie Robertson on Jan. 8, 1995 in Allentown, Pa. ... Parents are William and Robin Robertson ... Has one sister, Brooke (17) ... Plans to major in elementary education.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Saw action on the court against Iona (8/29) and William & Mary (8/30), registering one kill and two blocks against the Gaels ... Played against Villanova (9/12) and Yale (9/13) ... Had one kill against DePaul (9/19).

2014 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
1, 2x last vs. DePaul (9/19)	Kills	3 2x, last vs. Iowa (10/26/13)
3 vs. DePaul (9/19)	Attacks	5 vs. Albany (9/20/13)
1.00 (1-0-1) vs. Iona (8/30)	Hitting Percentage	1.00 (3-0-3) vs. Iowa (10/26/13)
1 vs. DePaul (9/19)	Assists	1 vs. DePaul (9/19)
N/A	Aces	N/A
N/A	Digs	N/A
2 vs. Iona (8/30)	Blocks	2, 3x last vs. Iona (8/30/14)

### ROBERTSON'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2013	3-3	6	1	9	.556	0	0	0	0	4	4	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.33
2014	5-5	2	1	4	.250	1	0	0	0	2	2	0.40	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.40
CAREER	8-8	8	2	13	.462	1	0	0	0	6	6	1.00	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.75



## SKYLAR DYKSTRA

FRESHMAN | DS  
REDONDO BEACH, CALIF. (UCLA)

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Tallied on ace against Eastern Illinois (9/19) ... Saw action on the court against DePaul (9/19) and against No. 15 Illinois (10/11).

**HIGH SCHOOL »** A four-year starter at Redondo Union High School ... Earned First Team All-CIF honors during her senior season ... Named Player of the Year by the Daily Breeze and Volleyball Now ... Honored as the California Gatorade Player of the Year ... Helped the Sea Hawks to a 1-AA CIF Runner-Up finish and a third-place showing at State in 2012 ... A two-time team captain for RUHS ... Also named All-CIF her other three seasons ... A Prep Volleyball Senior Ace.

**PERSONAL »** Born Skylar Jade Dykstra on Nov. 27, 1994 in Santa Monica, Calif. ... Parents are Lisa and Jerry Joe ... Father played basketball at Western Illinois and holds the NCAA consecutive free throws record, also drafted by the Phoenix Suns ... Has three older sisters, Jenna, who volleyball at Davidson, Devon, who played one season at both Colorado and UCLA, and Lara, who has played at Nebraska and is currently at Pepperdine ... Older brother, Joey, played at USC and is a professional beach player ... Plans to major in communications.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE »** "What I like about Skylar was that when I followed her in club she was a well skilled, strong player who played hard all the time. I thought she was loud in her court presence and she was involved in the welfare of her team, not just playing the game."



## ALI FRANTTI

FRESHMAN | OH  
SPRING GROVE, ILL.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Her .319 hitting percentage ranks 15th in the Big Ten ... Made her collegiate debut against TCU (8/29) with a team-high 13 kills on .500 hitting, while also leading the team in blocks (4) ... Posted her second consecutive double-digit kill performance against Iona (8/30) ... Recorded her first collegiate double-double at No. 2 Stanford with a match-high 22 kills and 11 digs ... Led the team for the fourth time with 14 kills on .619 hitting against UCLA (9/6) ... Highlighted the Villanova Classic with 12 kills against American (9/12) ... Recorded 11 kills on a season-high .647 hitting clip vs. Yale (9/13) ... Led the team with 10 kills against ECU (9/19) ... Ranked first on the team with a match-high 19 kills at No. 8 Nebraska (10/3) ... Posted 10 kills, six digs and a matched a season-high mark with two aces at Iowa (10/4) ... Ranked second on the team with 13 kills against No. 15 Illinois (10/11), adding a season-high three aces ... Posted double-digit kills at No. 14 Purdue (10/17), adding seven digs.

**2014 HONORS »** Big Ten Freshman of the Week (9/1, 9/8) ... Penn State Classic Most Outstanding Player ... Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge All-Tournament Team

**HIGH SCHOOL »** Led her high school team, Richmond Burton, to a state title in 2013 ... Garnered First Team All-State honors and Chicago Sun-Times All Area honors in 2012 ... A three-time team MVP and two-year captain ... With her club team, Club Fusion, she helped guide the squad to back-to-back AAU titles, collecting MVP honors in 2012 and all-tournament honors in 2013 ... Also earned 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-America honors.

**PERSONAL »** Born Alexandra Annelise Frantti on March 3, 1996 in Highland Park, Ill. ... Parents are Kelly and Dan Frantti ... Has three brothers, Connor (19), Peyton (16) and Chase (13).

**QUOTING COACH ROSE »** "I think Ali has the potential to be an All-America college volleyball player. She has a good arm, great range, and she hits from a high contact point. She is also refreshingly focused on being a good volleyball player. She also sent me a letter in seventh grade saying she wanted to be a Penn State volleyball player."

### 2014 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
TCU	13	1	24	.500	0	0	7	3
Iona	11	2	20	.450	1	2	2	2
William & Mary	7	1	12	.500	1	1	4	4
Stanford	22	5	42	.405	2	0	11	2
UCLA	14	1	21	.619	0	0	5	0
American	12	8	39	.103	0	0	3	2
Villanova	10	6	26	.154	0	1	4	1
Yale	11	0	17	.647	1	1	5	0
Kansas	7	3	18	.222	0	0	3	1
Eastern Illinois	5	3	15	.125	3	1	4	1
DePaul	9	1	14	.571	0	1	1	0
UIC	3	3	10	.000	0	0	3	0
East Carolina	10	2	15	.533	2	1	3	1
Wisconsin	9	4	21	.238	0	0	5	3
Minnesota	7	4	24	.125	0	1	8	2
Nebraska	19	2	35	.486	0	0	9	2
Iowa	10	6	22	.182	0	2	6	0
Northwestern	6	5	26	.038	0	0	4	1
Illinois	13	2	34	.324	0	3	7	4
Purdue	16	8	48	.167	0	1	7	1
Indiana	5	1	16	.250	0	0	2	2



## SIMONE LEE

FRESHMAN | OH  
MENOMONEE FALLS, WIS.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Made her collegiate debut against TCU (8/29) with six kills ... Led the team with double digit kills (10) on .412 hitting against William & Mary (8/30), adding four digs and a solo stuff ... Finished third on the team with double digit kills (11) at No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Highlighted the Villanova Classic with nine kills against the Wildcats (9/12) ... Led the team with double digit kills (10) against Eastern Illinois (9/19) ... Ranked first on the team with 12 kills in the Big Ten opener at No. 5 Wisconsin (9/24)

**HIGH SCHOOL »** Four-year letter winner and two-year captain at Menomonee ... Helped guide the Indians to a WIAA State Championship title in 2013 ... Picked up All-State honors following her sophomore and junior year ... With her club team, Club Fusion, she earned four AAU all-tournament team honors ... A member of the 2012 and 2013 USA Girls' Youth National Team ... Helped the U18 squad to a first place finish in the NORCECA Continental Championships in 2012 and a second place finish at the FIVB U18 World Championships in 2013 ... A 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-American.

**PERSONAL »** Born Simone Alexandra Lee on Oct. 7, 1996 in Milwaukee, Wis. ... Parents are Karen and Arthur Lee ... Mother and father were both student-athletes at Drake ... Has one sister, who plays volleyball at Eastern Illinois ... Plans to major in psychology.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE »** "Simone is physically strong and she's a terrific natural blocker. I think that both her and Ali have loads of experience as primary passers and attackers, and I know it takes a special talent and skill set to have the potential to be able to do that."

### 2014 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
TCU	6	4	17	.118	0	0	0	0
William & Mary	10	3	17	.412	0	0	4	1
Stanford	11	8	33	.091	0	0	3	1
UCLA	8	0	18	.444	0	0	1	3
American	5	1	10	.400	0	0	0	2
Villanova	9	2	20	.350	0	0	1	1
Yale	1	2	11	.091	0	0	1	0
Kansas	5	2	18	.167	0	0	3	1
Eastern Illinois	10	1	15	.562	0	0	1	3
DePaul	5	0	8	.625	0	0	0	2
UIC	7	0	12	.583	0	0	0	11
East Carolina	1	1	2	.000	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	12	3	34	.265	0	0	0	1
Minnesota	9	6	33	.091	0	0	3	1
Nebraska	7	8	29	-.034	0	0	1	1
Northwestern	5	0	11	.455	1	0	1	2
Illinois	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Purdue	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0



## LAINY PIERCE

FRESHMAN | DS  
EDEN, N.Y.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Has seen action in all five matches this season .. Played against TCU (8/29), Iona (8/30) and William & Mary (8/30), recording one ace against the Gaels and two digs against the Tribe ... Posted her first collegiate ace at No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Saw action on the court in two matches at the Villanova Classic, playing against American (9/12) and Yale (9/13) ... Played in three of four matches during the Penn State Alumni Classic, seeing action against Eastern Illinois (9/19), DePaul (9/19) and East Carolina (9/20) ... Made her Big Ten debut against No. 15 Illinois (10/11).

**HIGH SCHOOL »** Four-year letterwinner at Eden Junior-Senior ... Helped her high school squad to its fifth state championship as the team captain, picking up MVP honors in 2013 ... 2012 New York Volleyball Gatorade Player of the Year finalist ... Earned First-Team All ECIC and WYN honors in 2012 and 2013 ... Also helped guide her club team, Niagara Frontier, to WEVA Regional Championships from 2008- 2013.

**PERSONAL »** Born Lainy Teal Pierce on Oct. 30, 1995 in Buffalo, N.Y. ... Parents are Robert and Kiernan Pierce ... Has one sister, Kendall, and one brother, Declan ... Father, Robert, played volleyball at Penn State from 1985-89 ... Mother, Kiernan, was a member of the PSU track & field team from 1984-89 ... Sister, Kendall is a junior on the team ... Plans to major in human development and family studies.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE »** "What I like about Lainy is that she led her high school to a state championship from the setting position, but I've also seen her play club ball at the libero position and I know that she's also previously played at outside hitter. She has a full array of various skills and an understanding of the different positions so hopefully we can find the spot where she can give us the best chance for success."





## NIA REED

FRESHMAN | OH  
FORT LEE, N.J.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Has not played in any matches this season.

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

**PERSONAL »** Born Nia Kai Reed on June 27, 1996 in Cleveland, Ohio ... Parents are JoMoree and William ... Has one older brother and five younger sisters ... Undecided on a major.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE »** "Nia is athletically off the charts in some areas. She touches close to 11 feet and she is naturally strong and so much of her ability to perform at this level will be based on how she transitions to playing with better players, the speed of the college game and higher expectations."



## HEIDI THELEN

FRESHMAN | MB  
EDGEWOOD, KY.

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

**HIGH SCHOOL »** A four-year letter winner at Notre Dame Academy ... A two-time Best Offensive Player selection ... Earned Class AAA All-State accolades in 2013, while also picking up All-State honors by the Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association in 2013 ... Earned all-tournament team honors at AAU Nationals in 2012 and 2013 with her club team, Tri-State Elite, garnering AAU All-America honors in 2011 ... Selected as a 2013-14 Under Armour Honorable Mention All-American.

**PERSONAL »** Born Heidi Ellen Thelen on Sept. 5, 1996 ... Parents are Ashley and Jon ... Has two brothers, Jake (21) and Nick (13) and two sisters, Hannah (18) and Grace (15) ... Undecided on a major.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE »** "Heidi is a player who we have had in camp for a number of years. She's played most of her game as a middle. I think her strength is her blocking and I know she plays hard and has a very even keel emotionally on the floor."

### 2014 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Iona	6	2	11	.364	0	0	5	2
William & Mary	2	0	2	1.00	0	0	0	2
American	1	0	3	.333	0	0	0	0
Villanova	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Eastern Illinois	1	0	5	.200	0	0	0	1



## HALEIGH WASHINGTON

FRESHMAN | MB  
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Made her collegiate debut against Yale (9/12), posting six kills on .545 hitting with zero attack errors ... Had five kills on eight errorless swings against DePaul (9/19) ... Hit .700 with seven kills on 10 swings against UIC (9/20) ... Finished second on the team with a season-high 14 kills on a squad-best .538 hitting clip against No. 15 Illinois (10/11), while also leading the team with seven blocks ... Recorded nine kills and a career-high eight blocks at No. 14 Purdue (10/17).

**HIGH SCHOOL »** Holds a Colorado state record after putting down 48 kills in a match with her high school team, Doherty ... Earned 2012 Colorado Volleyball Player of the Year honors as well as team MVP accolades in 2012 and 2013 as the Rockets' team captain for two consecutive seasons ... Also guided Doherty to a state championship title in 2012 ... Two-time Colorado Gatorade Player of the Year from 2012-13 ... Earned Class 5A First Team All-Conference and First Team All-State honors from 2010-13 ... Also earned Class 5A MVP honors ... A 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-American ... 2013 Mizuno First Team All-American ... 2013 Volleyball Magazine Player of the Year.

**PERSONAL »** Born Haleigh Meridian Washington on Sept. 22, 1995 in Denver, Colo. ... Parents are Danielle and Aleks ... Has one brother, Kaden (15) and one sister, Leilani (13) ... Plans to major in communications.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE »** "Haleigh has a great vibrant personality and she will be able to hit some great balls as a freshman and also learn how good college blocking is. She will be able to help us in a number of ways and laughing will be one of them."

### 2014 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Yale	6	0	11	.545	0	0	0	1
DePaul	5	0	8	.625	0	0	1	1
UIC	7	0	10	.700	0	0	0	0
East Carolina	7	3	12	.333	0	0	1	2
Iowa	2	1	6	.167	0	0	1	1
Illinois	14	0	26	.538	0	0	1	7
Purdue	9	2	25	.280	0	0	0	8
Indiana	8	1	10	.700	0	0	1	3



## BRYANNA WEISKIRCHER

FRESHMAN | S  
LOVES PARK, ILL.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Has not played in any matches this season.

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

**PERSONAL »** Born Bryanna Mailao'kalani Weiskircher on May 25, 1996 in Rockford, Ill. ... Parents are Renita and Philip ... Has two brothers, Torey (24) and Trevor (19) and one sister, Natalie (27) ... Plans to major in forensic science.

**QUOTING ROSE ROSE »** "Bryanna is a confident, trained setter who does some things really well. I know she will have a bright career at Penn State, she has great hands good control of the ball and she's been setting for a long time."