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Cuba Trip Notes

DATE	2015-16 Scl OPPONENT		TIME/RES.	PE Su
Oct. 2	Lock Haven		W, 5-0	50
Nov. 22 25	at Industriales vs. Ciego de Ávila ^	Telerebelde Telerebelde	2:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.	
27	at Mayabeque		2:00 p.m.	We
28	at Matanzas		11:00 a.m.	
Feb. 19 20	vs. Monmouth ¹ vs. Army West Point ¹		2:00 p.m.	Fri
20	vs. Army West Point ¹		1:00 p.m.	
21	vs. Bryant University 1		10:00 a.m.	
26	at South Carolina		4:00 p.m.	Sa
27 28	at South Carolina at South Carolina		2:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	
Mar. 5	at UNC-Wilmington		2:00 p.m.	Up
6	at UNC-Wilmington		4:00 p.m.	
7 9	at UNC-Wilmington at Duke		4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	will
11	vs. NYIT ²		4.00 p.m. TBA	Sta fou
12	vs. Princeton ²		10:00 a.m.	Nat
13	at Richmond ²		2:00 p.m.	No
18 19	NIAGARA NIAGARA		5:30 P.M. 2:00 P.M.	Sta
20	NIAGARA		12:00 P.M.	•
22	WEST VIRGINIA		6:30 P.M.	
23	RHODE ISLAND		6:30 P.M.	
25 26	at Illinois * at Illinois *		7:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	
20	at Illinois *		TBA	•
29	YOUNGSTOWN STAT	E	6:30 P.M.	
30	BINGHAMTON		6:30 P.M.	
Apr. 1 2	PURDUE * PURDUE *		6:30 P.M. 2:00 P.M.	
3	PURDUE *		1:00 P.M.	
5	PITTSBURGH		6:30 P.M.	•
6 8	at Lafayette MICHIGAN STATE *		6:30 p.m. 6:30 P.M.	
9	MICHIGAN STATE *		2:00 P.M.	
10	MICHIGAN STATE *		1:00 P.M.	•
13	BUCKNELL		6:30 P.M.	
15 16	at Northwestern * at Northwestern *		4:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Ab
17	at Northwestern *		2:00 p.m.	•
19	BUCKNELL		6:30 P.M.	•
20	at Kent State		TBA	
22 23	at Rutgers * at Rutgers *		3:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	
24	at Rutgers *		1:00 p.m.	
27	KENT STATE		6:30 P.M.	•
29 30	MARYLAND * MARYLAND *		6:30 P.M. 2:00 P.M.	•
May 1	MARYLAND *		1:00 P.M.	
6	TCU		6:30 P.M.	55
7	TCU		2:00 P.M.	
8 11	TCU at Pittsburgh		1:00 P.M. 6:00 p.m.	1.
13	at Nebraska *		7:35 p.m.	2.
14	at Nebraska *		3:05 p.m.	3.
15	at Nebraska *		2:05 p.m.	4. 5.
17 19	at Villanova IOWA *		TBA 6:30 P.M.	6.
20	IOWA *		6:30 P.M.	7.
21	IOWA *		1:00 P.M.	8.
25-29	Big Ten Tournament ³		TBA	9. 10.
	All times Eastern and su	biect to cha	nae	11.
HON	IE GAMES Exhibition G			12.
	^ Latin American Stadiun	n (Havana, C	uba)	13.
	A Baseball Complex Tou			14. 15 .

² University of Richmond Tournament (Richmond, Va.) ³ TD Ameritrade Park (Omaha, Neb.)

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RES. (, 5-0 p.m.					a	t INDU	ENDSHIP TOURNAMENT STRIALES BLUE LIONS n Stadium - Havana, Cuba
a.m. p.m. a.m.	Wec	Inesday, Nov. 25	5 - 10 a.	m			IEGO DE ÁVILA TIGERS n Stadium - Havana, Cuba
p.m. p.m.							ABEQUE HURRICANES s Lajas, Mayabeque, Cuba
a.m. p.m.		urday, Nov. 28 -					TANZAS CROCODILES
p.m. p.m.	out	1009, 1007. 20		/ictoria d	e Girón St		Matanzas, Matanzas, Cuba
p.m.	Up to	Bat					OPPONENTS
p.m. p.m. p.m. TBA a.m. p.m. P.M.	will tal State's four g Natior Nov. 2	e Penn State baseball te ke part in multiple lectur s partner institution in (ames against teams fro al Series. The Nittany I 21 and return to State C	es and culti Cuba, the (m Cuba's p Lions will de	ural experier Center for M remier base epart for Ha	nces arrangeo larti Studies, ball league, ti vana, Cuba,	d by Penn and play he Cuban	
P.M. P.M. P.M.	•	ng Pitching Rotation Sophomore LHP Tayle in the tournament ope Lehman ranked second	ner Sunday	against Ind	ustriales. Las	st season,	INDUSTRIALES
P.M. p.m.		eventual Big Ten cha	mpion Illing	ois to an u			Location: Havana Stadium: Estadio Latinamericano
p.m.	•	innings in his best outi Lehman is the only I			at has starte	ed at the	Capacity: 55,000
тва Р.М.		collegiate level. Sopho	more RHP	Sal Biasi (H	azelton Towr	nship, Pa.)	Championships (Last): 12 (2009-10)
P.M. P.M. P.M.		will start Wednesday a the bullpen leader in st with more than five inn second amongst reliev	rikeouts (31 iings pitche) and in ERA d. He saved	A (2.62) amor three games	ngst those	
P.M. P.M. p.m. P.M.	•	Penn State will go wit rotation. RHP Eli Nal Nabholz threw a no-h (Pa.) to a 1-0 victory in	h a pair of bholz will g itter as a hi	freshmen o get the ball gh school s	n the back e Friday at Ma enior to lead	ayabeque. Pottsville	A CONTRACT OF CONTRACT.
P.M. P.M. P.M.	•	The finale Saturday at Justin Hagenman (Ve	t Matanzas orhees, N.J	will be star			CIEGO DE ÁVILA Location: Ciego de Ávila Stadium: Estadio José Ramón Cepero
p.m. p.m.	Abou	t Penn State Baseball Penn State competes		onal Collegia	te Athletic As	ssociation	Capacity: 13,000
p.m.		(NCAA).					Championships (Last): 2 (2014-15)
P.M. TBA	•	The NCAA is split in Division III. Penn State					
p.m.		300 other schools. Wi	thin Divisior	n I, Penn Sta	te plays in th	ne Big Ten	A MA
p.m. p.m.		Conference, a group o competitive conference				the most	
P.M.	•	Baseball is Penn Stat 1875. The school open			, being esta	blished in	
P.M. P.M.	•	Penn State has advan			ld Series five	times.	TURACUNE
P.M.							MAYABEQUE
P.M. P.M.	55T	H NATIONAL SI	ERIES S	STANDI	NGS (201	15-16)	Location: San José de las Lajas
P.M.		TEAM	W	L	%	GB	Stadium: Estadio Nelson Fernández Capacity: 8,000
p.m.	1. 2.	Ciego de Avila Industriales	30 30	12 14	.715 .682	1	Championships (Last): None
p.m. p.m.	3.	Granma	28	16	.637	3	A
p.m.	4.	Pinar del Rio	23	15	.606	5	IL.
TBA	5. 6.	Las Tunas Holquin	25 26	17 19	.596 .578	5 5.5	
P.M. P.M.	7.	Matanzas	20 25	19	.578 .569	6	
P.M.	8.	Isla de la Juventud	25	20	.556	6.5	
TBA	9.	Guantanamo	24	20	.546	7	
	10. 11.	Villa Clara Santi Spiritus	22 22	23 23	.489 .489	9.5 9.5	MATANZAS
ne	12.	Cienfuegos	19	23	.453	9.5 11	Location: Matanzas
	13.	Santiago de Cuba	15	30	.334	16.5	Stadium: Estadio Victoria de Girón
.)	14.	Artemisa	12	30	.286	18	Capacity: 30,000
/a.)	15.	Mayabeque	11	33	.250	20	Championships (Last): None

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QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	University Park, Pa.
Founded	1855
Enrollment	46,848
Colors	Blue and White
Fight Song	Fight On State
Conference	Big Ten
Nickname	Nittany Lions
President	Eric J. Barron
Director of Athletics	Sandy Barbour

TEAM INFORMATION

2015 Record18-30
2014 Big Ten Record/Finish 6-16/12th
Postseason None
Letterwinners Returning/Lost 21/11
Starters (Batting) Returning/Lost5/4
Starters (Pitching) Returning/Lost
Pitchers Returning Lost13/5
Newcomers 12
All-Time Record (Years) . 1,968-1,365-21 (127)
All-Time Big Ten Record (Years) 299-354 (24)
NCAA Tournament Appearances 19
NCAA Tournament Record 25-24
NCAA Super Regional Appearances 1
College World Series Appearances 5
Best CWS Finish Second (1957)
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance 2000

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Rob Coope
PSU Record (Years)	33-62 (2
Career Record (Years) .	319-292 (11
Assistant Coaches E	rian Anderson (Pitching
Ro	ss Oeder (Hitting/Infield
Volunteer Asst. Coach	Andre Butler (Outfield

STADIUM INFORMATION

Home Stadium Medlar Field a	at Lubrano Park
First Season	2007
Capacity	5,406
Dimensions	325-399-320
Press Box Phone	(814) 865-2552

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Tournament Rules

- Games will be scheduled to go nine innings and will be a maximum of nine innings.
 Wood bats and the designated hitter will be in
- wood bats and the designated nitter will be in use.

Center for Marti Studies

Penn State and the Center for Marti Studies in Havana have a previously signed official memorandum of understanding. Led by Cuban task force chair Dr. John S. Nichols, Penn State has long held an official policy of engaging Cuba on educational fronts.

Second Cuba Trip for Penn State Athletics

PSU is believed to be the first NCAA school to send two different teams to Cuba in the post-revolutionary era, as its volleyball team was the first DI team to compete there in March 2000, taking on various national squads.

History in the Making

Penn Štate is poised to set several historical milestones with its trip:

- First NCAA Division I team to compete against a Cuban National Series team.
- First U.S. team (any level) to play multiple Cuban National Series teams.
- First U.S. baseball team to play in Cuba since restoration of diplomatic ties with Cuba.
- Second NCAA team to play in Cuba since restoration of diplomatic ties (Coastal Carolina men's basketball, August 2015).
- Third U.S. collegiate team to visit Cuba this year. The Princeton track and field team traveled to Cuba in June, while the Coastal Carolina men's basketball squad visited in August. Additionally, a group of Vanderbilt student-athletes and staff visited in July, but did not compete.
- Fifth NCAA Division I baseball team to compete in post-revolutionary Cuba

NCAA Teams in Cuba

PSU baseball will be one of the few NCAA teams to compete in post-revolutionary Cuba. Johns Hopkins baseball is believed to be the first NCAA team to compete in the post-revolutionary era in 1986, and then St. Thomas (Minn.) challenged the University of Havana in Cuba in Jan. 2000. Division I baseball programs to visit Cuba include Washington (Dec. 2000), Tennessee (Dec. 2002), Southern California (Jan. 2004) and Alabama (Dec. 2008). Division II Grand Valley State (Jan. 2012) and University of Tampa (Jan. 2014) were the most recent NCAA baseball teams to compete in Cuba. Princeton track and field (Jun. 2015) and Coastal Carolina men's basketball (Aug. 2015) were the most recent NCAA teams to travel to Cuba. U.S. schools previously competing in Cuba have typically faced teams in the Cuban national program or developmental leagues.

Education

Despite playing on their first full day in Cuba, the educational slate begins before the Nittany Lions take the field. The team will meet with representatives of the Cuban Federation of Baseball Sunday morning and learn about Cuba's system of development for baseball. Throughout the week, student-athletes will also attend lectures by leading Cuban scholars, visit important historical and cultural sites, attend cultural events, and travel in the countryside and get a glimpse of real Cuban life outside the tourist centers of Havana. Thanksgiving Day will feature a lesson on the history of sport in Cuba with special guest Yosvany Aragón, a former star on the Cuban national baseball team.

How It Started

Several months ago, Penn State head baseball coach Rob Cooper was in a routine fundraising meeting when he suggested he would like to raise a fund for an international trip. Director of the Varsity 'S' Club Kirk Diehl asked if he had an interest in going to Cuba. Cooper initially thought Diehl was joking, but Diehl informed him of Penn State's relationship with the Center for Marti Studies in Cuba and introduced him to Dr. John S. Nichols, Penn State professor emeritus of communications and international affairs.

How It Happened

Much of the planning for the trip has been handled by Kate Manni, assistant director for embedded programs at Penn State and Dr. John S. Nichols professor emeritus of communications and international affairs at Penn State. Manni's responsibilities typically include helping Penn State students with study abroad programs, but she has led the trip planning with her expertise on Cuba and will be traveling with the team.

Dr. Nichols will also be traveling with the team. He retired from Penn State University in 2010 after more than 33 years as a faculty member and administrator. His teaching and research focus was international communications and comparative media systems, and he long specialized in communications issues in Cuba and other countries in the Caribbean Basin. In retirement, he continues to lead Penn State's initiative to establish collaborative educational programs with Cuba. Nichols previously organized and led a U.S. congressional delegation to Cuba and was a consultant to ABC News on Cuban coverage. He also was a frequent witness before congressional committees and analyst on network television and radio, primarily on Cuban issues.

Cuban Baseball

- Cuba's current national baseball system has been in place since 1961-62.
- The "Serie Nacional" (National Series) is the closest equivalent to Major League Baseball in Cuba. There are 16 teams located in the country's 14 provinces, but players are assigned to a team based on location.
- There is a "Super Liga" that runs from May to June comprised of the top National Series players on five teams. The Cuban National Team is selected from this group.
- There are also developmental leagues.

Scouting Industriales

Industriales is widely considered the "New York Yankees of Cuban Baseball." The team has won a leaguehigh 12 championships and draws one of the largest followings in Cuba. Industriales is second in the National Series with a 30-14 record.

Scouting Ciego de Ávila

Ciego de Ávila has been one of the most successful teams recently in the National Series, winning two titles (2012, 2015) since Industriales' last title in 2010. The defending champs currently lead the league this season with a 30-12 record.

Scouting Mayabeque

Mayabeque began play in 2011 after the Cuban government divided the province of Habana into two, Mayabeque and Artemisa. Mayabeque replaced the former La Habana team and plays in its ballpark. The Hurricanes are currently 15th with an 11-33 record.

Scouting Matanzas

Matanzas has never won a league title, but came close in 2013-14, finishing as the runner-up to Pinar del Rio. The Crocodiles are 25-19 to sit seventh in the National Series.

Beyond the Baseball Team

The trip will afford educational opportunities beyond the student-athletes on the Penn State baseball team. Eight undergraduate students from the John Curley Center for Sports Journalism at Penn State will cover the trip providing content for media outlets across the state as part of a partnership with the Pennsylvania News Media Association. The Curley Center students focus on storytelling through broadcast, multimedia and print journalism options.

Cooper Familiar with International Game

Shortly after Penn State head coach Rob Cooper accepted the PSU head coaching position in 2014, he traveled to Taichung, Taiwan to serve as the head coach of USA Baseball's 18U National Team at the IBAF U18 World Cup. Cooper steered Team USA to an 8-1 record, in World Cup play, including seven consecutive victories (defeating Cuba, 6-5, in one contest) to win the gold medal. Cooper received one of the highest honors bestowed in the profession, as he was announced as the Rod Dedeaux USA Baseball Coach of the Year.

Cooper was also a member of the coaching staff for the 2007 and 2009 USA College National teams. The 2007 team earned a silver medal at the Pan Am Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, falling to Cuba in the gold medal game. Fourteen of the 20 players on the 2007 team reached the Major Leagues, including 2013 All-Star Pedro Alvarez. Fourteen of the 22 members of the 2009 team have also reached the Major Leagues, including 2015 All-Stars Gerrit Cole and Yasmani Grandall.



RETURNING PLAYER NOTES

#5 Nick Graham - C

Started 24 of 32 games played as a freshman.

#7 Nick Distasio - RHP

Made nine starts and two relief appearances as a freshman ... Ranked fourth on the team with 38 innings pitched.

#8 Christian Helsel - IF

Started 36 of 38 games played at three different infield positions and designated hitter in first season at Penn State ... Despite missed time due to injury, led the team with 21 walks ... Ranked second with a .376 on-base percentage ... Batted .258 with first career home run and 12 RBIs ... Spent freshman season in 2013 at Ole Miss ... Played in 39 games and started in 23 for the Rebels, primarily at second base ... Tallied 15 hits, including three doubles ... Got experience playing in the SEC Tournament as well as an NCAA regional game.

#12 Nick Riotto - OF

Earned a .361 on-base percentage and batted .265 with a home run and 17 RBIs in 26 starts with a total of 41 appearances last season ... Primarily saw action at designated hitter early in the season before seeing more time in the outfield.

#14 James Coates - OF

Overcarne early-season injuries to start 30 of 33 games played last season ... Started all 38 games he played in 2014 before season cut short due to injury ... Ranked second on the team of players with 26 or more appearances with a .277 batting average ... Started 49 and played in all 50 games for the Nittany Lions during his first season ... Unanimous selection to the All-Big Ten Freshman team ... Tied for the team lead in batting with an average of .295 ... Led Penn State in runs scored with 27 ... Posted an on-base percentage of .392, the highest mark on the team.

#17 Alex Malinsky - C

Made 24 starts in 30 games played last season... Started in 21 games and played in 26 in 2013.

#18 Tom Mullin - RHP

Led the team with a 4-0 record last season, tying with Jack Anderson for most wins on the staff ... 4.26 ERA ranked third on the team amongst pitchers with 30 or more innings pitched ... Made 15 appearances, including three starts, totaling 31 2/3 innings pitched with 19 strikeouts ... Made 10 appearances as a freshman.

#19 Jared Fagnano - RHP

Tied for second on pitching staff with 18 appearances along with Marko Boricich and Sal Biasi ... Struck out 14 batters in 21 1/3 innings pitched, posting a 1-2 record

#20 Nick Hedge - LHP

Led off weekend pitching rotation last season and tied for team lead with 13 starts ... Also led team with 75 innings pitched and 42 strikeouts ... Averaged a team-low 0.253 walks per inning amongst pitchers with 20-plus innings pitched ... Posted a 3-7 record and 5.28 ERA ... In 2014, ranked second on the team with nine starts and totaled 12 appearances.

#21 Schuyler Bates - RHP

Pitched five innings over three appearances, yielding a run on three hits and two walks.

#24 Tim Scholly - RHP

Did not make an appearance last season due to injury ... Made two appearances in 2014 throwing 1.1 innings combined and not surrendering a run.

#25 Jake Pilewicz - RHP

Did not allow a run in 3 1/3 innings over three appearances in 2015.

#26 Marko Boricich - LHP

Served as a key left-handed reliever as a rookie, tying for second on the team with 18 relief appearances with Sal Biasi and Jared Fagnano ... Had the most appearances on the team without a loss, posting a 2-0 record ... Pitched 23 1/3 total innings with a 5.79 ERA and 17 strikeouts ... Posted a 3.68 ERA in eight Big Ten appearances (7.1 IP).

#27 Jack Anderson - RHP

Reliever was the Nittany Lions' top pitcher in 2015, leading the team with a career-best 2.98 ERA overall and a 2.70 ERA in Big Ten games ... Led the pitching staff with

29 appearances in 48 games (60 percent), totaling the third-most innings on the team with 54 1/3 ... Held same team rankings in Big Ten games, appearing in 14 out of 22 games (64 percent) and totaling 26 2/3 innings ... Held opponents to a staff-low .222 batting average ... Posted a 4-5 record to tie for the team lead in wins, and converted five saves, three of which came in Big Ten games ... Finished 16 games (33 percent of games played) for the Lions ... Continued streak of not allowing a home run in college ... Tied for third on the team with 31 strikeouts.

#29 Greg Guers - OF

Enjoyed a career season in 2015 with eight home runs, 38 RBIs, 13 doubles, 14 stolen bases on 15 attempts, 101 total bases and a .495 slugging percentage to lead team in all categories ... Only player to start and play in all 48 games during the season ... Batted .284 overall (third on team) and .305 in Big Ten games (second) Total of 20 RBIs in B1G contests was double the next highest total on the team ... Ranked second on the team with 58 hits (career high), three triples (tying career high) and 34 runs scored ... Lone caught stealing was on a rundown play that allowed a runner to score from third at West Virginia (4/14) ... Primarily played in the outfield with early season starts at designated hitter ... Saw time in 48 games in 2014, making 47 starts ... Led the team with nine doubles, three triples and 27 RBIs, while being tied for the team lead with two home runs ... Finished second on the squad with 179 at-bats and 25 runs scored

#30 Dakota Forsyth - P

Made 16 appearances in 2015 to rank fifth on the team in the category, including three starts late in the season ... Posted a 4.97 ERA and 1-2 record ... Career-high 41 2/3 innings pitched ranked fourth on the team ... Made 17 appearances in 2014, including two starts ... Compiled a 4.14 ERA, third-best on the team of players with five or more appearances ...

#32 Tyler Kendall - IF

Batted .301 in 113 at-bats over a career-high 39 games with 26 starts as a corner infielder and DH last season ... Batted .320 in 17 Big Ten games (12 starts) ... Ranked fifth on the team in total hits with a career-high 34.

#38 Jim Haley - IF

Led Penn State in Big Ten games in batting (.333), onbase percentage (.396), runs (15), triples (3), doubles (9) in 22 games with 21 starts ... Appeared in 47 games overall with 46 starts – all at shortstop ... Among team leaders with four triples (1st), 35 runs (1st), seven hit by pitches (1st), 11 doubles (t-2nd), 56 hits (3rd) and 25 RBIs (3rd) ... Started 42 games as a rookie in 2014 and saw action in 44 as a shortstop.

2016 ROSTER

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	B/T
2	Conlin Hughes	IF	Fr.	5-10	180	R/R
4	Connor Klemann	IF	Fr.	5-10	185	R/R
5	Nick Graham	С	So.	6-1	180	R/R
6	Sal Biasi	RHP	So.	6-0	190	R/R
7	Nick Distasio	RHP	So.	5-11	195	R/R
8	Christian Helsel	IF	Jr.	6-0	201	R/R
9	Austin Riggins	OF	Fr.	6-0	170	R/R
10	Taylor Lehman	LHP	So.	6-8	225	L/L
11	Ryan Sloniger	С	Fr.	5-11	190	L/R
12	Nick Riotto	OF	Jr.	6-0	187	L/L
13	Jordan Bowersox	OF	Fr.	5-10	170	R/R
14	James Coates	OF	Sr.	5-8	185	L/L
15	Eric Mock	RHP	Fr.	6-2	195	R/R
17	Alex Malinsky	С	Jr.	6-2	186	R/R
18	Tom Mullin	RHP	Jr.	6-4	205	R/R
19	Jared Fagnano	RHP	Sr.	5-11	190	R/R
20	Nick Hedge	LHP	Sr.	6-2	210	L/L
21	Schuyler Bates	RHP	So.	6-4	210	R/R
22	Keith Leavitt	OF	Fr.	6-0	180	L/R
23	Jordan Donmoyer	LHP	Sr.	6-4	190	R/L
24	Tim Scholly	RHP	Jr.	6-3	190	R/R
25	Jake Pilewicz	RHP	So.	6-2	215	R/R
26	Marko Boricich	LHP	So.	6-3	195	L/L
27	Jack Anderson	RHP	Sr.	6-3	210	R/R
28	Willie Burger	IF	Fr.	6-0	200	R/R
29	Greg Guers	OF	Sr.	6-3	205	L/L
30	Dakota Forsyth	RHP	Jr.	5-10	185	R/R
31	Justin Hagenman	RHP	Fr.	6-3	193	R/R
32	Tyler Kendall	IF	Sr.	6-0	215	R/R
34	Eli Nabholz	RHP	Fr.	6-6	245	R/R
36	Brian George	LHP	Fr.	6-3	196	R/L
38	Jim Haley	IF	Jr.	6-2	195	R/R
41	Blake Hodgens	LHP	Fr.	6-1	180	L/L

Coaches

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Hometown/High School/Last College	21
Holly Springs, N.C./Holly Springs	6
Royersford, Pa./Spring-Ford	26
Chambersburg, Pa./Chambersburg	13
Hazleton Township, Pa./Hazleton	28
Oley, Pa./Oley Valley	14
Altoona, Pa./Altoona/Mississippi	7
Greer, S.C./Riverside	23
Pittsburgh, Pa./Keystone Oaks	19
Punxsutawney, Pa./Punxsutawney Area	30
Washington, Pa./Trinity	36 5
Winter Springs, Fla./Winter Springs	5 29
Girard, Ohio/Warren John F. Kennedy	31
Shillington, Pa./Governor Mifflin	38
Apex, N.C./Panther Creek	20
Springfield, Pa./St. Joseph's Prep	8
Williamsport, Pa./Williamsport	41
Winnetka, III./New Trier	2
Ossining, N.Y./Kennedy Catholic	32
Manchester, Mass./St. John's Prep	4
Lititz, Pa./Warwick	22
State College, Pa./State College	10
Sewickley, Pa./Quaker Valley	17
Chicago, III./Mount Carmel	15 18
Evanston, III./Evanston Township	34
Lancaster, Pa./Lancaster Catholic	25
Langhorne, Pa./Germantown Academy/USC Upstate	9
Bethel Park, Pa./Bethel Park	12
Voorhees, N.J./Bishop Eustace	24
Boynton Beach, Fla./Park Vista	11
Pottsville, Pa./Pottsville Area	
Petersburg, W. Va./Petersburg	
Upper Darby, Pa./Bonner-Prendie	
Tampa, Fla./Gaither	

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

- 27 Jack Anderson21 Schuyler Bates
- 6 Sal Biasi
- 26 Marko Boricich
- 13 Jordan Bowersox
- 28 Willie Burger
- 14 James Coates
- 7 Nick Distasio
- 23 Jordan Donmoyer
- 19 Jared Fagnano
- 30 Dakota Forsyth36 Brian George
- 5 Nick Graham
- 29 Greg Guers
- 31 Justin Hagenman
- 38 Jim Haley
- 20 Nick Hedge
 - 8 Christian Helsel
- 41 Blake Hodgens2 Conlin Hughes
- 32 Tyler Kendall
 - 4 Connor Klemann
- 22 Keith Leavitt
- 10 Taylor Lehman
- 17 Alex Malinsky
- 15 Eric Mock
- 18 Tom Mullin
- 34 Eli Nabholz
- 5 Jake Pilewicz
- Austin RigginsNick Riotto
- 24 Tim Scholly
- 1 Ryan Sloniger

ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY CLASS

Freshmen - 12

Sophomores - 7

Juniors - 7

Seniors - 7

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Third Season Third Season Third Season First Season

ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY STATE/PROVINCES

Florida - 3 Illinois - 3 Massachusetts - 1 New Jersey - 1 New York - 1 North Carolina - 2 Ohio - 1 Pennsylvania - 19 South Carolina - 1 West Virginia - 1

ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY POSITION

Infielders - 6 Outfielders - 6 Pitchers - 18 Catchers - 3

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ROB COOPER

HEAD COACH / THIRD YEAR AT PSU

THE COOPER FILE

B.A. Miami University In Third Season as Penn State's Head Coach In 12th Season as a Head Coach at the Collegiate Level Three NCAA Tournament Appearances Four Horizon League Championships One Gold Medal with USA Baseball Rod Dedeaux USA Baseball Coach of the Year

School	Year	Overall	Win%	Conference	Win%
Wright State	2005	26-33	.441	11-9 Horizon	.550
Wright State	2006	32-27	.593	17-13 Horizon	.567
Wright State	2007	36-22	.621	21-9 Horizon	.700
Wright State	2008	30-23	.566	16-6 Horizon	.727
Wright State	2009	33-30	.524	14-12 Horizon	.538
Wright State	2010	31-25	.554	17-6 Horizon	.739
Wright State	2011	36-19	.655	16-7 Horizon	.696
Wright State	2012	37-21	.638	20-10 Horizon	.667
Wright State	2013	25-30	.455	9-12 Horizon	.429
Penn State	2014	18-32	.360	5-18 Big Ten	.217
Penn State	2015	18-30	.375	6-16 Big Ten	.375
Penn State Career	2 Seasons 11 Seasons	36-62 322-292	.367 .524	11-34 Big Ten 152-118	.244 .563

Rob Cooper enters his third season at the helm of the Nittany Lion baseball program in 2016. He was selected as the 14th head baseball coach in Penn State history on August 9, 2013 after a successful nine-year stint as the head coach at Wright State.

Cooper brought an accomplished resume to Penn State that included three NCAA tournament appearances as a head coach and five more as an assistant coach, including two trips to the College World Series with Miami (Florida). As a head coach, seven of the players he coached were drafted, including eventual Major Leaguer Joe Smith, and 12 more signed professional free agent contracts. He was twice named the Horizon League Coach of the Year and guided Wright State to three league tournament championships and two regular season championships after the team suffered six losing seasons in the seven years before his arrival.

Not shy about stating his goal of building a Nittany Lion program that will compete in Omaha in June, Cooper has made tremendous progress in just two seasons in Happy Valley. The Lions totaled 18 wins against a schedule ranking in the bottom third nationally during his inaugural campaign, but rose to the challenge under his leadership in 2015, matching the previous season's 18 wins despite playing a schedule that ranked in the upper third in difficulty and involved 10 games against top-25 opponents.

A major part of Cooper's scheduling philosophy involves getting the Lions in "NCAA regional environments" to prepare them for success beyond Memorial Day. The Lions certainly did that in 2015, travelling to traditional powers Texas A&M and South Carolina. Five 2015 opponents ultimately advanced to the NCAA Regionals and two advanced to the Super Regionals.

The early season tests paid off in Big Ten play, as the Nittany Lions rallied from a 7-0 deficit against No. 21 Indiana for their first win over a ranked opponent in three seasons and gave eighth-ranked Illinois its biggest scare during its record winning streak, battling for 15 innings. Penn State ultimately won one more conference game than the year before, despite the Big Ten enjoying arguably its most competitive season to date with a league-record five teams earning NCAA tournament bids.

Penn State's improvement on the field could be traced to the development of its returners and the ability for freshmen from Cooper's first recruiting class to step up in vital roles. Senior Aaron Novak and redshirt junior Greg Guers both enjoyed career seasons, as the duo combined for 12 of Penn State's 16 home runs on the season after the team hit just five the year before. The 220 percent increase dramatically outpaced the national average of 44 percent credited to lowered seams on the game ball. Talented sophomore shortstop Jim Haley also became an offensive force, leading PSU in batting in Big Ten games with a .333 average.

On the mound, juniors Nick Hedge and Jack Anderson enjoyed their finest seasons to date, while newcomers accounted for nearly half of the team's inning pitched. Freshmen Taylor Lehman and Nick Distasio drew weekend starts, while Sal Biasi tallied three saves as a key reliever.

Although Cooper has proven himself to be a great head coach on the field, his strong belief in the first part of the term "student-athlete" is perhaps the top reason he has proven to be an excellent fit at PSU. Even with state-of-the-art facilities, the chance to take on elite competition and a program history that includes five trips to the College World Series, Cooper cites the value of a Penn State degree as one of the top reasons to join his program. The last message to the team before departing the bus upon return from a road trip – no matter the hour – is often a stern reminder to be in class on time and take care of school work.

In two years at PSU, 23 of Cooper's student-athletes have earned Academic All-Big Ten honors. As a military history buff, his speeches to the team often include historical references. He even arranged to have the team visit the headquarters of the Navy SEAL Team VI headquarters and speak with a pair of Navy SEALs – one a Penn State alum – during a travel

day on the team's 2015 spring break trip.

Shortly after Cooper accepted the PSU head coaching position in 2014, the California native traveled to Taichung, Taiwan to serve as the head coach of USA Baseball's 18U National Team at the IBAF U18 World Cup. Cooper steered Team USA to an 8-1 record in World Cup play, including seven consecutive victories to win the gold medal.

Not long after the triumph in Taiwan, Cooper received one of the highest honors bestowed in the profession, as he was announced as the Rod Dedeaux USA Baseball Coach of the Year. With the honor, Cooper became just the 16th individual in the award's history to receive the accolade, joining the likes of Scott Brosius, Davey Johnson and Tommy Lasorda.

Cooper was also a member of the coaching staff for the 2007 and 2009 USA College National teams. The 2007 team earned a silver medal at the Pan Am Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Fourteen of the 20 players on the 2007 team reached the Major Leagues, including 2013 All-Star Pedro Alvarez. Fourteen of the 22 members of the 2009 team have also reached the Major Leagues, including 2015 All-Stars Gerrit Cole and Yasmani Grandall.

Cooper methodically built Wright State into a perennial contender in the Horizon League with seven 30-win seasons, two Horizon League regular-season titles, three Horizon League Tournament crowns and six Horizon League Championship game appearances. In nine seasons starting in 2005, Cooper accumulated a 286-230 record, including a pair of wins over No. 1-ranked opponents Virginia (3/5/10) and Georgia (3/24/09).

Cooper saw 47 players earn all-conference accolades and 18 garner all-newcomer honors. He also produced five Horizon League Players of the Year, one Pitcher of the Year, three Relief Pitchers of the Year and two Newcomers of the Year.

Before going to WSU, Cooper served as the hitting coach, recruiting coordinator and bench coach at Oral Roberts University. A perennial power of the Mid-Continent Conference (now Summit League), ORU advanced to the finals of the NCAA Austin Regional in 2004, beating TCU twice and losing to top-seeded Texas 7-3, and 7-5. The Golden Eagles, who finished with an overall mark of 50-11 in 2004, also boasted regular-season wins over national powers Arkansas, Arizona State (twice), Creighton (three times) and Wichita State. Oral Roberts also had five players selected in the Major League Baseball draft, two honored as All-Americans by the ABCA and three named All-Americans by the College Baseball Insiders website.

Cooper began his coaching career at national power Miami (Fla.), spending two seasons (1994-95) as a student/graduate assistant on the Hurricanes' staff. While at Miami, Cooper helped lead the Hurricanes to College World Series berths in 1994 and 1995.

Cooper spent the 1996 season as an assistant and team academic coordinator at Wake Forest, then moved on to Tulane for the next two seasons, serving as the Green Wave's hitting coach. During his tenure as an assistant coach at Miami and Tulane, his teams advanced to NCAA Tournaments in 1994-95 (Miami) and 1998 (Tulane). In 1997, the Green Wave won the Conference USA regular-season crown.

Cooper left Tulane following the 1998 season and returned to Sacramento City College, where he starred in the early 1990's before lettering at Miami in 1993. In his first season at Sac City, Cooper helped guide SCC to the California Community College State Tournament championship. Sac City was then the runner-up in 2002.

Along with his college coaching experience, Cooper also was an associate scout for the Los Angeles Dodgers from 1990-92 and has been selected to four coaching stints with USA Baseball in 2000, 2007, 2009 and 2013.

Cooper earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Miami in 1994 and a master's in sports sciences/administration from Miami in 1996. He is married to his wife, Maureen, and has two sons, Jake and Tyson.



18-30 OVERALL • 6-16 BIG TEN • 13-7 HOME • 5-22 AWAY • 0-1 NEUTRAL

Date	Opponent	Result	Record	Big Ten	Decision	Attend.	Time
Feb. 13	at Elon	L, 15-16	0-1	0-0	Forsyth (0-1)	311	4:03
Feb. 14	at Elon	L, 2-7	0-2	0-0	Distasio (0-1)	-	2:52
Feb. 14	at Elon	L, 6-11	0-3	0-0	Lehman (0-1)	382	3:29
Feb. 20	at No. 23 Texas A&M	L, 3-9	0-4	0-0	Hedge (0-1)	4,003	2:44
Feb. 21	at No. 23 Texas A&M	L, 2-15	0-5	0-0	Distasio (0-2)	4,291	2:52
Feb. 22	at No. 23 Texas A&M	L, 2-5	0-6	0-0	Lehman (0-2)	2,790	3:12
Mar. 6	at Charleston Souther	m L, 0-2	0-7	0-0	Hedge (0-2)	133	2:20
Mar. 7	at Charleston Souther	rn L, 5-7	0-8	0-0	Anderson (0-1)	233	3:10
Mar. 8	at Charleston Souther	rn W, 18-6	1-8	0-0	Boricich (1-0)	158	3:30
Mar. 10	at No. 7 South Carolir	na L, 0-3	1-9	0-0	Boylston (0-1)	6,947	2:13
Mar. 11	at No. 7 South Carolir	na L, 3-13	1-10	0-0	Donmoyer (0-1)	6,566	2:45
<u>Mar. 13</u>	vs. Western Carolina	L, 2-4	1-11	0-0	Hedge (L 0-3)	858	2:34
Mar. 14	at Liberty	L, 6-7	1-12	0-0	Anderson (L 0-2)	1062	3:16
Mar. 15	at Liberty	L, 2-3	1-13	0-0	Biasi (L 0-1)	1148	2:49
Mar. 17	at Pittsburgh	W, 6-1 (12)	2-13	0-0	Anderson (1-2)	257	4:05
Mar. 18	CANISIUS	W, 11-1	3-13	0-0	Boylston (1-1)	269	2:36
Mar. 22	No. 21 INDIANA *	L, 4-5 (12)	3-14	0-1	Distasio (0-3)	_	4:04
Mar. 22	No. 21 INDIANA *	W, 13-7	4-14	1-1	Mullin (1-0)	452	3:43
Mar. 25	VILLANOVA	W, 5-2	5-14	1-1	Anderson (2-2)	514	3:15
Mar. 27	CCSU	W, 5-2	6-14	1-1	Anderson (3-2)	577	2:48
Mar. 29	CCSU	W, 4-1	7-14	1-1	Lehman (1-2)	-	2:25
Mar. 29	CCSU	W, 13-3	8-14	1-1	Distasio (1-3)	686	2:51
Apr. 1	KENT STATE	L, 7-9	8-15	1-1	Fagnano (0-1)	565	3:06
Apr. 4	at Ohio State *	L, 1-7	8-16	1-2	Hedge (0-4)	993	2:11
Apr. 5	at Ohio State *	L, 6-7	8-17	1-3	Anderson (3-3)	1,011	3:08
Apr. 6	at Ohio State *	L, 7-8	8-18	1-4	Biasi (0-2)	667	2:53
Apr. 7	BUCKNELL	W, 4-2	9-18	1-4	Mullin (2-0)	565	3:02
Apr. 10	MICHIGAN *	W. 11-1	10-18	2-4	Hedge (1-4)	806	2:55
Apr. 11	MICHIGAN *	L, 3-5	10-19	2-5	Lehman (1-3)	1,254	3:16
Apr. 12	MICHIGAN *	L, 3-8	10-20	2-6	Distasio (1-4)	1,273	2:50
Apr. 14	at West Virginia	W, 5-3	11-20	2-6	Boricich (2-0)	1,377	2:43
Apr. 15	BUCKNELL	W, 11-2	12-20	2-6	Mullin (3-0)	820	2:45
Apr 17	at Minnesota *	L, 1-6	12-21	2-7	Hedge (L 1-5)	593	2:29
Apr 18	at Minnesota *	L. 1-8	12-22	2-8	Lehman (L 1-4)	823	2:42
Apr 19	at Minnesota *	L. 5-9	12-23	2-9	Distasio (L 1-5)	303	3:00
Apr. 21	at Kent State	W, 15-5	13-23	2-9	Forsyth (W 1-1)	127	2:51
Apr 24	No. 8 ILLINOIS *	L, 1-10	13-24	2-10	Hedge (L 1-6)	1,304	2:26
Apr 25	No. 8 ILLINOIS *	L, 2-4 (15)	13-25	2-11	Fagnano (L 0-2)	1,458	4:12
Apr 26	No. 8 ILLINOIS *	L, 3-6	13-26	2-12	Distasio (L 1-6)	1,059	2:53
Apr 29	PITTSBURGH	W, 8-7	14-26	2-12	Fagnano (W, 1-2)	1,089	3:04
May 1	RUTGERS *	W, 8-1	15-26	3-12	Hedge (W 2-6)	752	2:50
May 2	RUTGERS *	W, 12-10	16-26	4-12	Mullin (W 4-0)	1,321	3:05
May 3	RUTGERS *	W, 8-5	7-26	5-12	Anderson (W 4-3)	1,224	3:17
May 8	at Michigan State *	W 5-3	18-26	6-12	Hedge (W 3-6)	480	2:28
May 9	at Michigan State *	L 4-5	18-27	6-13	Anderson (L 4-4)	810	3:01
<u>May 10</u>	at Michigan State *	L 1-3	18-28	6-14	Forsyth (L 1-2)	610	2:09
<u>May 10</u> May 14	at Purdue *	L 2-8	18-29	6-15	Hedge (L 3-7)	819	2:49
May 14 May 16	at Purdue *	L 3-7	18-30	6-16	Anderson (L 4-5)	323	3:00
		L 0-1	10-00	0-10		020	5.00



2015 SEASON STATS

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	ро	а	е	fld%
8 Novak, Aaron	.326	47-45	181	31	59	11	1	4	27	84	.464	17	6	49	4	.398	2	1	7-8	84	5	7	.927
38 Haley, Jim	.301	47-46	186	35	56	11	4	0	25	75	.403	12	7	35	5	.364	1	4	11-14	75	152	19	.923
29 Guers, Greg	.284	48-48	204	34	58	13	3	8	38	101	.495	13	2	30	0	.329	3	8	14-15	80	3	0	1.000
28 Helsel, Christian	.258	38-36	124	17	32	8	0	1	12	43	.347	21	3	35	2	.376	1	6	5-9	93	43	10	.932
5 Skerpon, Taylor	.254	47-46	177	32	45	7	2	0	14	56	.316	19	2	34	2	.328	3	9	11-11	114	168	6	.979
32 Kendall, Tyler	.301	39-26	113	13	34	7	0	1	11	44	.389	6	1	19	1	.339	1	1	2-4	114	24	3	.979
12 Riotto, Nick	.265	41-26	102	16	27	3	0	1	17	33	.324	10	6	19	1	.361	1	4	2-4	31	0	0	1.000
11 Smith, Ryky	.255	33-22	98	8	25	5	0	0	22	30	.306	5	0	18	2	.288	1	4	3-3	29	40	7	.908
24 White, J.J.	.255	40-29	110	19	28	8	0	0	19	36	.327	17	5	20	3	.379	0	5	4-5	240	14	0	1.000
2 Richter, Ryan	.254	41-30	118	19	30	4	1	1	12	39	.331	13	1	23	1	.333	0	5	4-5	73	3	5	.938
17 Malinsky, Alex	.218	30-24	78	11	17	3	0	0	5	20	.256	3	4	19	0	.282	0	3	1-2	157	20	2	.989
14 Coates, James	.211	33-30	114	18	24	5	1	0	9	31	.272	16	3	18	2	.323	0	1	3-3	32	1	1	.971
4 Graham, Nick	.197	32-24	76	11	15	2	0	0	11	17	.224	13	0	24	0	.311	1	1	0-0	127	15	6	.959
34 Pilewicz, Jake	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	.268	48	1681	264	450	87	12	16	222	609	.362	165	40	343	23	.345	14	52	67-83	1272	546	73	.961
Opponents	.285	48	1626	279	463	84	15	29	249	664	.408	189	70	268	37	.377	32	27	70-97	1294	522	84	.956

Record: 18-30 Home: 13-7 Away: 5-22 Neutral: 0-1 Big Ten: 6-16

LOB - Team (395), Opp (394). DPs turned - Team (53), Opp (32). CI - Team (1), Graham 1, Opp (1). IBB - Team (4), Novak 4, Opp (10). Picked off - Kendall 1, Richter 1, Helsel 1.

Player	era	w-l	app gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk s	fas	sha
27 Anderson, Jack	2.98	4-5	29 0	0	0/0	5	54.1	42	23	18	27	31	8	1	0	.222	3	11	2	1	7
20 Hedge, Nick	5.28	3-7	13 13	0	0/0	0	75.0	93	51	44	19	42	13	3	5	.313	4	10	01	.1	3
10 Lehman, Taylor	6.40	1-4	13 13	0	0/0	0	57.2	73	46	41	31	41	14	1	6	.309	3	10	3	1	2
34 Pilewicz, Jake	0.00	0-0	3 0	0	0/0	0	3.1	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	.200	1	0	0	0	0
9 Frazier, Reid	0.00	0-0	1 0	0	0/0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
21 Bates, Schuyler	1.80	0-0	3 0	0	0/0	0	5.0	3	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	.188	1	1	0	0	0
31 Boylston, Geoff	2.04	1-1	53	0	0/0	0	17.2	18	6	4	2	18	4	0	0	.269	0	1	0	0	2
6 Biasi, Sal	2.62	0-2	18 0	0	0/0	3	34.1	27	13	10	25	31	8	2	0	.229	3	7	0	6	2
18 Mullin, Tom	4.26	4-0	15 3	0	0/0	0	31.2	29	16	15	10	19	6	1	6	.246	3	2	0	2	0
23 Donmoyer, Jordan	4.91	0-1	54	0	0/0	0	14.2	15	10	8	6	4	2	1	0	.268	1	3	0	2	0
30 Forsyth, Dakota	4.97	1-2	16 3	0	0/0	0	41.2	46	24	23	12	23	3	2	5	.289	0	2	1	2	3
26 Boricich, Marko	5.79	2-0	18 0	0	0/0	0	23.1	20	17	15	20	17	5	1	4	.241	1	8	1	1	2
7 Distasio, Nick	6.63	1-6	11 9	0	0/0	0	38.0	55	38	28	15	21	13	2	1	.342	5	9	1	4	3
19 Fagnano, Jared	6.75	1-2	18 0	0	0/0	0	21.1	23	21	16	11	14	4	1	0	.277	3	4	0	2	3
33 McMonagle, Austin	10.80	0-0	3 0	0	0/0	0	3.1	7	4	4	3	3	2	0	0	.438	2	1	0	0	0
25 Harper, Ryan	34.71	0-0	4 0	0	0/0	0	2.1	10	9	9	5	1	1	0	1	.625	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	5.01	18-30	48 48	0	0/0	8	424.0	463	279	236	189	268	84	15	29	.285	30	70	8	32	27
Opponents	4.05	30-18	48 48	0	2/2	13	431.1	450	264	194	165	343	87	12	16	.268	50	40	4	14	52

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

PB - Team (9), Graham 6, Malinsky 3, Opp (9). Pickoffs - Team (9), Lehman 4, Malinsky 1, Anderson 1, Boylston 1, Forsyth 1, Graham 1, Opp (3). SBA/ATT - Malinsky (37-52), Graham (30-38), Hedge (20-24), Lehman (8-15), Biasi (9-10), Distasio (8-10), Forsyth (6-8), Anderson (6-8), Boylston (5-7), Mullin (2-5), Fagnano (2-3), Donmoyer (2-2), Boricich (1-2), Bates (0-1), Harper (1-1), McMonagle (0-1).